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**A BILL**

To amend sections 101.15, 101.34, 101.70, 101.71, 1  
101.72, 101.73, 101.74, 101.75, 101.76, 101.78, 2  
101.90, 101.91, 101.92, 101.93, 101.95, 101.96, 3  
101.98, 102.01, 102.02, 102.022, 102.03, 4  
102.031, 102.06, 102.07, 102.08, 102.99, 109.54, 5  
121.60, 121.61, 121.62, 121.63, 121.65, 121.66, 6  
121.68, 122.651, 184.01, 184.03, 187.03, 7  
2701.11, 2925.01, 2925.38, 3781.343, 4503.033, 8  
4705.021, 4901.021, and 4901.99; to enact 9  
sections 101.741, 101.941, 102.10, 121.641, and 10  
4901.022; and to repeal section 102.021 of the 11  
Revised Code to enact the Ethics and Financial 12  
Disclosure Reform Act to revise the law 13  
governing ethics and lobbying. 14

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

**Section 1.** That sections 101.15, 101.34, 101.70, 101.71, 15  
101.72, 101.73, 101.74, 101.75, 101.76, 101.78, 101.90, 101.91, 16  
101.92, 101.93, 101.95, 101.96, 101.98, 102.01, 102.02, 102.022, 17  
102.03, 102.031, 102.06, 102.07, 102.08, 102.99, 109.54, 121.60, 18  
121.61, 121.62, 121.63, 121.65, 121.66, 121.68, 122.651, 184.01, 19  
184.03, 187.03, 2701.11, 2925.01, 2925.38, 3781.343, 4503.033, 20

4705.021, 4901.021, and 4901.99 be amended and sections 101.741, 21  
101.941, 102.10, 121.641, and 4901.022 of the Revised Code be 22  
enacted to read as follows: 23

**Sec. 101.15.** (A) As used in this section: 24

(1) "Caucus" means all of the members of either house of 25  
the general assembly who are members of the same political 26  
party. 27

(2) "Committee" means any committee of either house of the 28  
general assembly, a joint committee of both houses of the 29  
general assembly, including a committee of conference, or a 30  
subcommittee of any committee listed in division (A)(2) of this 31  
section. 32

(3) "Meeting" means any prearranged discussion of the 33  
public business of a committee by a majority of its members. 34

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) of this 35  
section, all meetings of any committee are declared to be public 36  
meetings open to the public at all times. The secretary assigned 37  
to the chairperson of the committee shall prepare, file, and 38  
maintain the minutes of every regular or special meeting of a 39  
committee. The committee, at its next regular or special 40  
meeting, shall approve the minutes prepared, filed, and 41  
maintained by the secretary, or, if the minutes prepared, filed, 42  
and maintained by the secretary require correction before their 43  
approval, the committee shall correct and approve the minutes at 44  
the next following regular or special meeting. The committee 45  
shall make the minutes available for public inspection not later 46  
than seven days after the meeting the minutes reflect or not 47  
later than the committee's next regular or special meeting, 48  
whichever occurs first. 49

(C) Each committee shall establish a reasonable method 50  
whereby any person may determine the time and place of all 51  
regularly scheduled meetings and the time, place, and purpose of 52  
all special meetings. No committee shall hold a regular or 53  
special meeting unless it gives at least twenty-four hours' 54  
advance notice to the news media that have requested 55  
notification. 56

The method established by each committee shall provide 57  
that, upon request and payment of a reasonable fee, any person 58  
may obtain reasonable advance notification of all meetings at 59  
which any specific type of public business will be discussed. 60  
Provisions for advance notification may include, but are not 61  
limited to, mailing the agenda of meetings to all subscribers on 62  
a mailing list or mailing notices in self-addressed stamped 63  
envelopes provided by the person who desires advance 64  
notification. 65

(D) Any action of a committee relating to a bill or 66  
resolution, or any other formal action of a committee, is 67  
invalid unless taken in an open meeting of the committee. Any 68  
action of a committee relating to a bill or resolution, or any 69  
other formal action of a committee, taken in an open meeting is 70  
invalid if it results from deliberations in a meeting not open 71  
to the public. 72

(E) (1) Any person may bring an action to enforce this 73  
section. An action under this division shall be brought within 74  
two years after the date of the alleged violation or threatened 75  
violation. Upon proof of a violation or threatened violation of 76  
this section in an action brought by any person, the court of 77  
common pleas shall issue an injunction to compel the members of 78  
the committee to comply with its provisions. 79

(2) (a) If the court of common pleas issues an injunction 80  
under division (E) (1) of this section, the court shall order the 81  
committee that it enjoins to pay a civil forfeiture of five 82  
hundred dollars to the party that sought the injunction and 83  
shall award to that party all court costs and, subject to 84  
reduction as described in this division, reasonable attorney's 85  
fees. The court, in its discretion, may reduce an award of 86  
attorney's fees to the party that sought the injunction or not 87  
award attorney's fees to that party if the court determines both 88  
of the following: 89

(i) That, based on the ordinary application of statutory 90  
law and case law as it existed at the time of the violation or 91  
threatened violation that was the basis of the injunction, a 92  
well-informed committee reasonably would believe that the 93  
committee was not violating or threatening to violate this 94  
section; 95

(ii) That a well-informed committee reasonably would 96  
believe that the conduct or threatened conduct that was the 97  
basis of the injunction would serve the public policy that 98  
underlies the authority that is asserted as permitting that 99  
conduct or threatened conduct. 100

(b) If the court of common pleas does not issue an 101  
injunction under division (E) (1) of this section and the court 102  
determines at that time that the bringing of the action was 103  
frivolous conduct as defined in division (A) of section 2323.51 104  
of the Revised Code, the court shall award to the committee all 105  
court costs and reasonable attorney's fees, as determined by the 106  
court. 107

(3) Irreparable harm and prejudice to the party that 108  
sought the injunction shall be conclusively and irrebuttably 109

presumed upon proof of a violation or threatened violation of 110  
this section. 111

(4) A member of a committee who knowingly violates an 112  
injunction issued under division (E)(1) of this section may be 113  
removed from office by an action brought in the court of common 114  
pleas for that purpose by the prosecuting attorney of Franklin 115  
county or by the attorney general. 116

(5) The remedies described in divisions (E)(1) to (4) of 117  
this section shall be the exclusive remedies for a violation of 118  
this section. 119

(F) This section does not apply to or affect either of the 120  
following: 121

(1) All meetings of the joint legislative ethics committee 122  
created under section 101.34 of the Revised Code other than a 123  
meeting that is held for any of the following purposes: 124

(a) To consider the adoption, amendment, or rescission of 125  
any rule that the joint legislative ethics committee is 126  
authorized to adopt pursuant to division (B)(11) of section 127  
101.34, division (E) of section 101.78, division ~~(B)~~(D) of 128  
section 102.02, or division ~~(E)~~(D) of section 121.68 of the 129  
Revised Code; 130

(b) To discuss and consider changes to any administrative 131  
operation of the joint legislative ethics committee other than 132  
any matter described in division (G) of section 121.22 of the 133  
Revised Code; 134

(c) To discuss pending or proposed legislation. 135

(2) Meetings of a caucus. 136

(G) For purposes of division (F)(1)(a) of this section, an 137

advisory opinion, written opinion, or decision relative to a 138  
complaint is not a rule. 139

**Sec. 101.34.** (A) There is hereby created a joint 140  
legislative ethics committee to serve the general assembly. The 141  
committee shall be composed of twelve members, six each from the 142  
two major political parties, and each member shall serve on the 143  
committee during the member's term as a member of that general 144  
assembly. Six members of the committee shall be members of the 145  
house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house 146  
of representatives, not more than three from the same political 147  
party, and six members of the committee shall be members of the 148  
senate appointed by the president of the senate, not more than 149  
three from the same political party. A vacancy in the committee 150  
shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as an 151  
original appointment. The members of the committee shall be 152  
appointed within fifteen days after the first day of the first 153  
regular session of each general assembly and the committee shall 154  
meet and proceed to recommend an ethics code not later than 155  
thirty days after the first day of the first regular session of 156  
each general assembly. 157

In the first regular session of each general assembly, the 158  
speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint the 159  
chairperson of the committee from among the house members of the 160  
committee, and the president of the senate shall appoint the 161  
vice-chairperson of the committee from among the senate members 162  
of the committee. In the second regular session of each general 163  
assembly, the president of the senate shall appoint the 164  
chairperson of the committee from among the senate members of 165  
the committee, and the speaker of the house of representatives 166  
shall appoint the vice-chairperson of the committee from among 167  
the house members of the committee. The chairperson, vice- 168

chairperson, and members of the committee shall serve until 169  
their respective successors are appointed or until they are no 170  
longer members of the general assembly. 171

The committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson or 172  
upon the written request of seven members of the committee. 173

(B) The joint legislative ethics committee: 174

(1) Shall recommend a code of ethics that is consistent 175  
with law to govern all members and employees of each house of 176  
the general assembly and all candidates for the office of member 177  
of each house; 178

(2) May receive and hear any complaint that alleges a 179  
breach of any privilege of either house, or misconduct of any 180  
member, employee, or candidate, or any violation of the 181  
appropriate code of ethics; 182

(3) May obtain information with respect to any complaint 183  
filed pursuant to this section and to that end may enforce the 184  
attendance and testimony of witnesses, and the production of 185  
books and papers; 186

(4) May recommend whatever sanction is appropriate with 187  
respect to a particular member, employee, or candidate as will 188  
best maintain in the minds of the public a good opinion of the 189  
conduct and character of members and employees of the general 190  
assembly; 191

(5) May recommend legislation to the general assembly 192  
relating to the conduct and ethics of members and employees of 193  
and candidates for the general assembly; 194

(6) Shall employ an executive director for the committee 195  
and may employ other staff as the committee determines necessary 196

to assist it in exercising its powers and duties. The executive 197  
director and staff of the committee shall be known as the office 198  
of legislative inspector general. At least one member of the 199  
staff of the committee shall be an attorney at law licensed to 200  
practice law in this state. The appointment and removal of the 201  
executive director shall require the approval of at least eight 202  
members of the committee. 203

(7) May employ a special counsel to assist the committee 204  
in exercising its powers and duties. The appointment and removal 205  
of a special counsel shall require the approval of at least 206  
eight members of the committee. 207

(8) Shall act as an advisory body to the general assembly 208  
and to individual members, candidates, and employees on 209  
questions relating to ethics, possible conflicts of interest, 210  
and financial disclosure; 211

(9) Shall provide for the proper forms on which a 212  
statement required or permitted pursuant to section 102.02 ~~or~~ 213  
~~102.021~~ of the Revised Code shall be filed and instructions as 214  
to the filing of the statement; 215

(10) Exercise the powers and duties prescribed under 216  
sections 101.70 to 101.79, sections 101.90 to 101.98, Chapter 217  
102., and sections 121.60 to 121.69 of the Revised Code; 218

(11) Adopt, in accordance with section 111.15 of the 219  
Revised Code, any rules that are necessary to implement and 220  
clarify Chapter 102. and sections 2921.42 and 2921.43 of the 221  
Revised Code. 222

(C) There is hereby created in the state treasury the 223  
joint legislative ethics committee fund. All money collected 224  
from registration fees and late filing fees prescribed under 225



sections 101.72, 101.92, and 121.62 of the Revised Code shall be 226  
deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the fund. 227  
Money credited to the fund and any interest and earnings from 228  
the fund shall be used solely for the operation of the joint 229  
legislative ethics committee and the office of legislative 230  
inspector general and for the purchase of data storage and 231  
computerization facilities for the statements filed with the 232  
committee under sections 101.73, 101.74, 101.741, 101.93, 233  
101.94, 101.941, 121.63, ~~and 121.64~~, and 121.641 of the Revised 234  
Code. 235

(D) The chairperson of the joint legislative ethics 236  
committee shall issue a written report, not later than the 237  
thirty-first day of January of each year, to the speaker and 238  
minority leader of the house of representatives and to the 239  
president and minority leader of the senate that lists the 240  
number of committee meetings and investigations the committee 241  
conducted during the immediately preceding calendar year and the 242  
number of advisory opinions it issued during the immediately 243  
preceding calendar year. 244

(E) Any investigative report that contains facts and 245  
findings regarding a complaint filed with the joint legislative 246  
ethics committee and that is prepared by the staff of the 247  
committee or a special counsel to the committee shall become a 248  
public record upon its acceptance by a vote of the majority of 249  
the members of the committee, except for any names of specific 250  
individuals and entities contained in the report. If the 251  
committee recommends disciplinary action or reports its findings 252  
to the appropriate prosecuting authority for proceedings in 253  
prosecution of the violations alleged in the complaint, the 254  
investigatory report regarding the complaint shall become a 255  
public record in its entirety. 256

(F) (1) Any file obtained by or in the possession of the 257  
former house ethics committee or former senate ethics committee 258  
shall become the property of the joint legislative ethics 259  
committee. Any such file is confidential if either of the 260  
following applies: 261

(a) It is confidential under section 102.06 of the Revised 262  
Code or the legislative code of ethics. 263

(b) If the file was obtained from the former house ethics 264  
committee or from the former senate ethics committee, it was 265  
confidential under any statute or any provision of a code of 266  
ethics that governed the file. 267

(2) As used in this division, "file" includes, but is not 268  
limited to, evidence, documentation, or any other tangible 269  
thing. 270

(G) There is hereby created in the state treasury the 271  
joint legislative ethics committee investigative and financial 272  
disclosure fund. Investment earnings of the fund shall be 273  
credited to the fund. All moneys credited to the fund shall be 274  
used solely for expenses related to the investigative and 275  
financial disclosure functions of the committee. 276

**Sec. 101.70.** As used in sections 101.70 to 101.79 and 277  
101.99 of the Revised Code: 278

(A) "Person" means any individual, partnership, trust, 279  
estate, business trust, association, or corporation; any labor 280  
organization or manufacturer association; any department, 281  
commission, board, publicly supported college or university, 282  
division, institution, bureau, or other instrumentality of the 283  
state; or any county, township, municipal corporation, school 284  
district, or other political subdivision of the state. "Person" 285

includes the Ohio casino control commission, a member of the 286  
commission, the executive director of the commission, an 287  
employee of the commission, and an agent of the commission. 288

(B) "Legislation" means bills, resolutions, amendments, 289  
nominations, and any other matter pending before the general 290  
assembly, any matter pending before the controlling board, or 291  
the executive approval or veto of any bill acted upon by the 292  
general assembly. 293

(C) "Compensation" means a salary, gift, payment, benefit, 294  
subscription, loan, advance, reimbursement, or deposit of money 295  
or anything of value; or a contract, promise, or agreement, 296  
whether or not legally enforceable, to make compensation. 297

(D) "Expenditure" means any of the following that is made 298  
to, at the request of, for the benefit of, or on behalf of any 299  
~~member of the general assembly, any member of the controlling~~ 300  
~~board, the governor, the director of a department created under~~ 301  
~~section 121.02 of the Revised Code, or any member of the staff~~ 302  
~~of any public officer or employee listed in this~~ 303  
~~division~~official: 304

(1) A payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, 305  
reimbursement, or gift of money, real estate, or anything of 306  
value, including, but not limited to, food and beverages, 307  
entertainment, lodging, or transportation; 308

(2) A contract, promise, or agreement to make an 309  
expenditure, whether or not legally enforceable; 310

(3) The purchase, sale, or gift of services or any other 311  
thing of value. 312

"Expenditure" does not include a contribution, gift, or grant to 313  
a foundation or other charitable organization that is exempt 314

from federal income taxation under subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. "Expenditure" does not include the purchase, sale, or gift of services or any other thing of value that is available to the general public on the same terms as it is available to the persons listed in this division, or an offer or sale of securities to any person listed in this division that is governed by regulation D, 17 C.F.R. 230.501 to 230.508, adopted under the authority of the "Securities Act of 1933," 48 Stat. 74, 15 U.S.C.A. and following, or that is governed by a comparable provision under state law.

(E) "Actively advocate" means to promote, advocate, or oppose the passage, modification, defeat, or executive approval or veto of any legislation by direct communication with any ~~member of the general assembly, any member of the controlling board, the governor, the director of any department listed in section 121.02 of the Revised Code, or any member of the staff of any public officer or employee listed in this division~~ official. "Actively advocate" does not include the action of any person not engaged by an employer who has a direct interest in legislation if the person, acting under Section 3 of Article I, Ohio Constitution, assembles together with other persons to consult for their common good, instructs a public ~~officer or employee who is listed in this division~~ official, or petitions that public ~~officer or employee~~ official for the redress of grievances.

(F) "Legislative agent" means any individual, except a member of the general assembly, a member of the staff of the general assembly, the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, treasurer of state, or auditor of state, ~~who is engaged during at least a portion of the individual's time to actively advocate as one of the~~

~~individual's main purposes. An individual engaged by the Ohio-~~ 346  
~~casino control commission, a member of the commission, the~~ 347  
~~executive director of the commission, or an employee or agent of~~ 348  
~~the commission to actively advocate is a "legislative agent"~~ 349  
~~even if the individual does not during at least a portion of the~~ 350  
~~individual's time actively advocate as one of the individual's~~ 351  
main purposes whose direct communication with any public official 352  
for the purpose of actively advocating constitutes at least five 353  
per cent of the total performance time for which the individual 354  
is compensated by a specific employer. 355

(G) "Employer" means any person who, directly or 356  
indirectly, engages a legislative agent. 357

(H) "Engage" means to make any arrangement, and 358  
"engagement" means any arrangement, whereby an individual is 359  
employed or retained for compensation to act for or on behalf of 360  
an employer to actively advocate. 361

(I) "Financial transaction" means a transaction or 362  
activity that is conducted or undertaken for profit and arises 363  
from the joint ownership or the ownership or part ownership in 364  
common of any real or personal property or any commercial or 365  
business enterprise of whatever form or nature between the 366  
following: 367

(1) A legislative agent, an employer of a legislative 368  
agent, or a member of the immediate family of the legislative 369  
agent or a legislative agent's employer; and 370

(2) Any ~~member of the general assembly, any member of the~~ 371  
~~controlling board, the governor, the director of a department~~ 372  
~~created under section 121.02 of the Revised Code, or any member~~ 373  
~~of the staff of a public officer or employee listed in division~~ 374

~~(I) (2) of this section~~official. 375

"Financial transaction" does not include any transaction 376  
or activity described in division (I) of this section if it is 377  
available to the general public on the same terms, or if it is 378  
an offer or sale of securities to any person listed in division 379  
(I) (2) of this section that is governed by regulation D, 17 380  
C.F.R. 230.501 to 230.508, adopted under the authority of the 381  
"Securities Act of 1933," 48 Stat. 74, 15 U.S.C.A. and 382  
following, or that is governed by a comparable provision under 383  
state law. 384

(J) "Public official" means a member of the general 385  
assembly, a member of the controlling board, the governor, the 386  
director of a department created under section 121.02 of the 387  
Revised Code, or any member of the staff of a public official 388  
listed in this division. 389

(K) "Staff" means any state employee whose official duties 390  
are to formulate policy and who exercises administrative or 391  
supervisory authority or who authorizes the expenditure of state 392  
funds. 393

**Sec. 101.71.** (A) No legislative agent or employer shall 394  
knowingly fail to register as required under section 101.72 of 395  
the Revised Code. 396

(B) No legislative agent or employer shall knowingly fail 397  
to keep a receipt or maintain a record that section 101.73 of 398  
the Revised Code requires the person to keep or maintain. 399

(C) No person shall knowingly fail to file a statement 400  
that section 101.73 ~~or, 101.74, or 101.741~~ of the Revised Code 401  
requires the person to file. 402

(D) No person shall knowingly file a false statement that 403

section 101.73~~or~~, 101.74, or 101.741 of the Revised Code 404  
requires the person to file. 405

**Sec. 101.72.** (A) Each legislative agent and employer, 406  
within ten days following an engagement of a legislative agent, 407  
shall file with the joint legislative ethics committee an 408  
initial registration statement showing all of the following: 409

(1) The name, business address, and occupation of the 410  
legislative agent; 411

(2) The name and business address of the employer and the 412  
real party in interest on whose behalf the legislative agent is 413  
actively advocating, if it is different from the employer. For 414  
the purposes of division (A) of this section, where a trade 415  
association or other charitable or fraternal organization that 416  
is exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(c) 417  
of the federal Internal Revenue Code is the employer, the 418  
statement need not list the names and addresses of each member 419  
of the association or organization, so long as the association 420  
or organization itself is listed. 421

(3) A brief description of the type of legislation to 422  
which the engagement relates. 423

(B) In addition to the initial registration statement 424  
required by division (A) of this section, each legislative agent 425  
and employer shall file with the joint committee, not later than 426  
the last day of January, May, and September of each year, an 427  
updated registration statement that ~~confirms~~ includes all of the 428  
following for the period covered by the updated statement: 429

(1) Confirmation of the continuing existence of each 430  
engagement described in an initial registration statement~~and~~ 431  
~~that lists;~~ 432

(2) A list of the specific bills or resolutions on which 433  
the agent actively advocated under that engagement ~~during the~~ 434  
~~period covered by the updated statement, and with it any;~~ 435

(3) Any statement of expenditures required to be filed by 436  
section 101.73 of the Revised Code ~~and any;~~ 437

(4) Any details of financial transactions required to be 438  
filed by section 101.74 of the Revised Code; 439

(5) Any statement of legislative agent compensation 440  
required to be filed by section 101.741 of the Revised Code. 441

(C) If a legislative agent is engaged by more than one 442  
employer, the agent shall file a separate initial and updated 443  
registration statement for each engagement. If an employer 444  
engages more than one legislative agent, the employer need file 445  
only one updated registration statement under division (B) of 446  
this section, which shall contain the information required by 447  
division (B) of this section regarding all of the legislative 448  
agents engaged by the employer. 449

(D) (1) A change in any information required by division 450  
(A) (1), (2), or (B) of this section shall be reflected in the 451  
next updated registration statement filed under division (B) of 452  
this section. 453

(2) Within thirty days after the termination of an 454  
engagement, the legislative agent who was employed under the 455  
engagement shall send written notification of the termination to 456  
the joint committee. 457

(E) A registration fee of twenty-five dollars shall be 458  
charged for filing an initial registration statement. The state 459  
agency of an officer or employee who actively advocates in a 460  
fiduciary capacity as a representative of that state agency 461



shall pay the registration fee required under this division. All 462  
money collected from registration fees under this division and 463  
late filing fees under division (G) of this section shall be 464  
deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the joint 465  
legislative ethics committee fund created under section 101.34 466  
of the Revised Code. 467

An officer or employee of a state agency who actively 468  
advocates in a fiduciary capacity as a representative of that 469  
state agency need not file expenditure statements under section 470  
101.73 of the Revised Code. As used in this division, "state 471  
agency" does not include a state institution of higher education 472  
as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code. 473

(F) Upon registration pursuant to division (A) of this 474  
section, the legislative agent shall be issued a card by the 475  
joint committee showing that the legislative agent is 476  
registered. The registration card and the legislative agent's 477  
registration shall be valid from the date of their issuance 478  
until the next thirty-first day of December of an even-numbered 479  
year. 480

(G) The executive director of the joint committee shall be 481  
responsible for reviewing each registration statement filed with 482  
the joint committee under this section and for determining 483  
whether the statement contains all of the information required 484  
by this section. If the joint committee determines that the 485  
registration statement does not contain all of the required 486  
information or that a legislative agent or employer has failed 487  
to file a registration statement, the joint committee shall send 488  
written notification by certified mail to the person who filed 489  
the registration statement regarding the deficiency in the 490  
statement or to the person who failed to file the registration 491

statement regarding the failure. Any person so notified by the 492  
joint committee shall, not later than fifteen days after 493  
receiving the notice, file a registration statement or an 494  
amended registration statement that does contain all of the 495  
information required by this section. If any person who receives 496  
a notice under this division fails to file a registration 497  
statement or such an amended registration statement within this 498  
fifteen-day period, the joint committee shall assess a late 499  
filing fee equal to twelve dollars and fifty cents per day, up 500  
to a maximum of one hundred dollars, upon that person. The joint 501  
committee may waive the late filing fee for good cause shown. 502

(H) On or before the fifteenth day of March of each year, 503  
the joint committee shall, in the manner and form that it 504  
determines, publish a report containing statistical information 505  
on the registration statements filed with it under this section 506  
during the preceding year. 507

**Sec. 101.73.** (A) Each legislative agent and each employer 508  
shall file in the office of the joint legislative ethics 509  
committee, with the updated registration statement required by 510  
division (B) of section 101.72 of the Revised Code, a statement 511  
of expenditures as specified in divisions (B) and (C) of this 512  
section. A legislative agent shall file a separate statement of 513  
expenditures under this section for each employer engaging the 514  
legislative agent. 515

(B) (1) In addition to the information required by 516  
divisions (B) (2) and (3) of this section, a statement filed by a 517  
legislative agent shall show the total amount of expenditures 518  
made by the legislative agent during the reporting period 519  
covered by the statement. 520

(2) If, during a reporting period covered by a statement, 521

an employer or any legislative agent the employer engaged made, 522  
either separately or in combination with each other, either 523  
directly or indirectly, expenditures to, at the request of, for 524  
the benefit of, or on behalf of ~~any particular member of the~~ 525  
~~general assembly, any particular member of the controlling~~ 526  
~~board, the governor, the director of a department created under~~ 527  
~~section 121.02 of the Revised Code, or any particular member of~~ 528  
~~the staff of any of the public officers or employees listed in~~ 529  
~~division (B) (2) of this section~~official, then the employer or 530  
legislative agent shall ~~also~~ state all of the following 531  
regarding those expenditures: 532

(a) The name of the public ~~officer or employee~~ official to 533  
whom, at whose request, for whose benefit, or on whose behalf 534  
the expenditures were made; 535

(b) The total amount of the expenditures made; 536

(c) A brief description of the expenditures made; 537

(d) The approximate date the expenditures were made; 538

(e) The specific items of legislation, if any, for which 539  
the expenditures were made and the identity of the client on 540  
whose behalf each expenditure was made. 541

As used in division (B) (2) of this section, "expenditures" 542  
does not include expenditures made by a legislative agent as 543  
payment for meals and other food and beverages. 544

(3) If, during a reporting period covered by a statement, 545  
a legislative agent made expenditures as payment for meals and 546  
other food and beverages, other than for meals and other food 547  
and beverages provided to a member of the general assembly at, 548  
and intended for consumption at, a meeting at which the member 549  
participated in a panel, seminar, or speaking engagement or 550

provided to a member of the general assembly at, and intended 551  
for consumption at, a meeting or convention of a national 552  
organization to which any state agency, including, but not 553  
limited to, any legislative agency or state institution of 554  
higher education as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised 555  
Code, pays membership dues, that, when added to the amount of 556  
previous payments made for meals and other food and beverages by 557  
that legislative agent during that same calendar year, exceeded 558  
a total of fifty dollars to, at the request of, for the benefit 559  
of, or on behalf of ~~any particular member of the general~~ 560  
~~assembly, any particular member of the controlling board, the~~ 561  
~~governor, the director of a department created under section~~ 562  
~~121.02 of the Revised Code, or any particular member of the~~ 563  
~~staff of any of the public officers or employees listed in~~ 564  
~~division (B) (3) of this section~~ official, then the legislative 565  
agent shall also state all of the following regarding those 566  
expenditures: 567

(a) The name of the public ~~officer or employee~~ official to 568  
whom, at whose request, for whose benefit, or on whose behalf 569  
the expenditures were made; 570

(b) The total amount of the expenditures made; 571

(c) A brief description of the expenditures made; 572

(d) The approximate date the expenditures were made; 573

(e) The specific items of legislation, if any, for which 574  
the expenditures were made and the identity of the client on 575  
whose behalf each expenditure was made. 576

(C) In addition to the information required by divisions 577  
(B) (2) and (3) of this section, a statement ~~filed by an employer~~ 578  
shall show the total amount of expenditures made by the employer 579

or legislative agent filing the statement during the period 580  
covered by the statement. ~~As used in this section,~~ 581  
~~"expenditures" does not include the expenses of maintaining~~ 582  
~~office facilities or the compensation paid to legislative agents~~ 583  
~~engaged by an employer.~~A statement filed by a legislative agent 584  
shall show all legislation regarding which the legislative agent 585  
has advocated on behalf of the employer during the period 586  
covered by the statement. A statement filed by an employer shall 587  
show all legislation regarding which the employer has advocated 588  
during the period covered by the statement. 589

No employer ~~is~~ shall be required to show any expenditure 590  
or legislation on a statement filed under this division if the 591  
expenditure or legislation is reported on a statement filed 592  
under division (B) of this section by a legislative agent 593  
engaged by the employer. No legislative agent shall be required 594  
to show any expenditure on a statement filed under this division 595  
if the expenditure is reported on a statement filed under 596  
division (B) of this section by the legislative agent's 597  
employer. 598

(D) Any statement required to be filed under this section 599  
shall be filed at the times specified in section 101.72 of the 600  
Revised Code. Each statement shall cover expenditures made 601  
during the four-calendar-month period that ended on the last day 602  
of the month immediately preceding the month in which the 603  
statement is required to be filed. 604

(E) No portion of the amount of an expenditure for meals 605  
or beverages provided at, and intended for consumption at, a 606  
dinner, party, or other function sponsored by an employer or 607  
legislative agent need be attributed to, or counted toward the 608  
amount for, a reporting period specified in division (B) (2) or 609

(3) of this section if the sponsor has invited to the function 610  
all the members of either of the following: 611

(1) The general assembly; 612

(2) Either house of the general assembly. 613

However, the amount spent for such function and its date 614  
and purpose shall be reported separately on the statement 615  
required to be filed under this section and the amount spent for 616  
the function shall be added with other expenditures for the 617  
purpose of determining the total amount of expenditures reported 618  
in the statement under division (B) (1) or (C) of this section. 619

(F) No portion of the amount of an expenditure made as 620  
payment for meals and other food and beverages provided at, and 621  
intended for consumption at, a meeting at which the public 622  
official participated in a panel, seminar, or speaking 623  
engagement or provided to a public official at a meeting or 624  
convention of a national organization to which any state agency, 625  
including any legislative agency or state institution of higher 626  
education as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, 627  
pays membership dues need be attributed to, or counted toward 628  
the amount for, a reporting period specified in division (B) of 629  
this section. 630

However, the total amount spent for such meals and 631  
beverages shall be reported separately on the statement required 632  
to be filed under this section and the amount spent for the 633  
function shall be added with other expenditures for the purpose 634  
of determining the total amount of expenditures reported in the 635  
statement under division (C) of this section. 636

(G) If it is impractical or impossible for a legislative 637  
agent or employer to determine exact dollar amounts or values of 638

expenditures, reporting of good faith estimates, based upon 639  
reasonable accounting procedures, constitutes compliance with 640  
this section. 641

~~(E)~~ (H) All legislative agents and employers shall retain 642  
receipts or maintain records for all expenditures that are 643  
required to be reported pursuant to this section. These receipts 644  
or records shall be maintained for a period ending on the 645  
thirty-first day of December of the second calendar year after 646  
the year in which the expenditure was made. 647

~~(F) (1)~~ (I) (1) An employer or legislative agent who is 648  
required to file an expenditure statement under division (B) or 649  
(C) of this section shall deliver a copy of the statement, or of 650  
the portion showing the expenditure, to the public ~~officer or~~ 651  
~~employee official~~ who is listed in the statement as having 652  
received the expenditure or on whose behalf it was made, at 653  
least ten days before the date on which the statement is filed. 654

(2) If, during a reporting period covered by an 655  
expenditure statement filed under division (B) (2) of this 656  
section, an employer or any legislative agent the employer 657  
engaged made, either separately or in combination with each 658  
other, either directly or indirectly, expenditures for 659  
transportation, lodging, or food and beverages purchased for 660  
consumption on the premises in which the food and beverages were 661  
sold to, at the request of, for the benefit of, or on behalf of 662  
any ~~of the public officers or employees described in division~~ 663  
~~(B) (2) of this section~~ official, the employer or legislative 664  
agent shall deliver to the public ~~officer or employee official~~ a 665  
statement that contains all of the nondisputed information 666  
prescribed in division (B) (2) (a) through (e) of this section 667  
with respect to the expenditures described in division ~~(F) (2)~~ 668

(I) (2) of this section. The statement of expenditures made under 669  
division ~~(F) (2)~~ (I) (2) of this section shall be delivered to the 670  
public ~~officer or employee~~ official to whom, at whose request, 671  
for whose benefit, or on whose behalf those expenditures were 672  
made on the same day in which a copy of the expenditure 673  
statement or of a portion showing the expenditure is delivered 674  
to the public ~~officer or employee~~ official under division ~~(F) (1)~~ 675  
(I) (1) of this section. An employer is not required to show any 676  
expenditure on a statement delivered under division ~~(F) (2)~~ (I) 677  
(2) of this section if the expenditure is shown on a statement 678  
delivered under division ~~(F) (2)~~ (I) (2) of this section by a 679  
legislative agent engaged by the employer. A legislative agent 680  
is not required to show any expenditure on a statement delivered 681  
under division (I) (2) of this section if the expenditure is 682  
shown on a statement delivered under division (I) (2) of this 683  
section by the legislative agent's employer. 684

(J) As used in this section, "expenditure" does not 685  
include the expenses of maintaining office facilities or the 686  
compensation paid to a legislative agent engaged by an employer. 687

**Sec. 101.74.** (A) Any legislative agent who has had any 688  
financial transaction with or for the benefit of any ~~member of~~ 689  
~~the general assembly, any member of the controlling board, the~~ 690  
~~governor, the director of a department created under section~~ 691  
~~121.02 of the Revised Code, or any member of the staff of any~~ 692  
~~public officer or employee listed in this division~~ official 693  
shall describe the details of the transaction, including the 694  
name of the public ~~officer or employee~~ official, the purpose and 695  
nature of the transaction, and the date it was made or entered 696  
into, in a statement filed with the joint legislative ethics 697  
committee with the updated registration statement required by 698  
division (B) of section 101.72 of the Revised Code. The 699



statement shall be filed at the times specified in section 700  
101.72 of the Revised Code. Each statement shall describe each 701  
financial transaction that occurred during the four-calendar- 702  
month period that ended on the last day of the month immediately 703  
preceding the month in which the statement is required to be 704  
filed. 705

(B) Except as provided in division (D) of this section, 706  
any employer who has had any financial transaction with or for 707  
the benefit of any ~~member of the general assembly, any member of~~ 708  
~~the controlling board, the governor, the director of a~~ 709  
~~department created under section 121.02 of the Revised Code, or~~ 710  
~~any member of the staff of any public officer or employee listed~~ 711  
~~in this division~~ official shall describe the details of the 712  
transaction, including the name of the public ~~officer or~~ 713  
~~employee~~ official, the purpose and nature of the transaction, and 714  
the date it was made or entered into, in a statement filed with 715  
the joint committee with the updated registration statement 716  
required by division (B) of section 101.72 of the Revised Code. 717  
The statement shall be filed at the times specified in section 718  
101.72 of the Revised Code. Each statement shall describe each 719  
financial transaction that occurred during the four-calendar- 720  
month period that ended on the last day of the month immediately 721  
preceding the month in which the statement is required to be 722  
filed. 723

(C) An employer or legislative agent who is required to 724  
file a statement describing a financial transaction under this 725  
section shall deliver a copy of the statement to the public 726  
~~officer or employee~~ official with whom or for whose benefit the 727  
transaction was made at least ten days before the date on which 728  
the statement is filed. 729

(D) No employer shall be required to file any statement 730  
under this section or to deliver a copy of the statement to a 731  
public ~~officer or employee official~~ with whom or for whose 732  
benefit the transaction was made if the financial transaction to 733  
which the statement pertains is reported by a legislative agent 734  
engaged by the employer. 735

**Sec. 101.741.** (A) As used in this section: 736

(1) "Lobbying firm" means a group of two or more 737  
legislative agents that is engaged by an employer to actively 738  
advocate on behalf of the employer. 739

(2) "In-house legislative agent" means a legislative agent 740  
who acts as a legislative agent for only one employer and who is 741  
not part of a lobbying firm. 742

(B) (1) An employer shall include with each updated 743  
registration statement a statement of legislative agent 744  
compensation. The statement of legislative agent compensation 745  
shall include the total amount the employer paid to all 746  
legislative agents during the period covered by the statement as 747  
compensation for acting as such on behalf of the employer and as 748  
reimbursement for expenses incurred while acting as such on 749  
behalf of the employer. 750

(2) If the employer employs an in-house legislative agent 751  
who does not actively advocate for the entire performance time 752  
for which the employer compensates the in-house legislative 753  
agent, the employer shall calculate the in-house legislative 754  
agent's compensation, for purposes of reporting under division 755  
(B) (1) of this section, by multiplying the in-house legislative 756  
agent's total compensation by the percentage of the in-house 757  
legislative agent's total performance time during which the in- 758

house legislative agent actively advocates on behalf of the 759  
employer. 760

(C) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) of 761  
this section, a legislative agent shall include with each 762  
updated registration statement a statement of legislative agent 763  
compensation. The statement of legislative agent compensation 764  
shall include the total amount the legislative agent received 765  
from the employer during the period covered by the statement as 766  
compensation for acting as such on behalf of the employer and as 767  
reimbursement for expenses incurred while acting as such on 768  
behalf of the employer. 769

(2) (a) A lobbying firm shall submit a joint statement of 770  
legislative agent compensation on behalf of all legislative 771  
agents the lobbying firm compensated for acting as such on 772  
behalf of an employer. The joint statement shall include the 773  
total amount the lobbying firm received from the employer during 774  
the period covered by the statement and the name of each member 775  
of the lobbying firm who acted as a legislative agent on behalf 776  
of the employer during that period. A legislative agent who is a 777  
member of a lobbying firm is not required to submit a separate 778  
statement of legislative agent compensation with respect to any 779  
amounts included in the joint statement. 780

(b) If a lobbying firm fails to submit a joint statement 781  
of legislative agent compensation, each legislative agent who is 782  
a member of the lobbying firm shall submit a statement of 783  
legislative agent compensation that includes the total amount 784  
the legislative agent or the lobbying firm received from the 785  
employer during the period covered by the statement, including 786  
compensation and reimbursement for expenses. 787

(3) An in-house legislative agent is not required to 788

submit a statement of legislative agent compensation if the in- 789  
house legislative agent's employer submits a properly completed 790  
statement under division (B) of this section for that period. 791

**Sec. 101.75.** If a dispute arises between any member of the 792  
general assembly, any member of the controlling board, or a 793  
member of the staff of the general assembly or controlling board 794  
and an employer or legislative agent with respect to an 795  
expenditure or financial transaction alleged in any statement to 796  
be filed under section 101.73 or 101.74 of the Revised Code, the 797  
member, employer, or legislative agent may file a complaint with 798  
the joint legislative ethics committee. The committee shall 799  
proceed to investigate the complaint as provided for other 800  
complaints in section 101.34 of the Revised Code. 801

The complaint shall be filed at least three days prior to 802  
the time the statement is required to be filed with the joint 803  
legislative ethics committee. The time for filing a ~~disputed-~~ 804  
~~expenditure or financial transaction in any statement of~~ 805  
expenditures or the details of a financial transaction that 806  
contains a disputed expenditure or financial transaction shall 807  
be extended pending the final decision of the joint committee. 808  
~~This extension does not extend the time for filing the-~~ 809  
~~nondisputed portions of an expenditure statement or of the-~~ 810  
~~details of a financial transaction.~~ The joint committee shall 811  
notify the parties of its final decision by certified mail. If 812  
the committee decides that the disputed expenditure or financial 813  
transaction should be reported, the employer or legislative 814  
agent shall include the matter in ~~an amended the statement and .~~ 815  
The employer or legislative agent shall file the amended- 816  
statement not later than ten days after the employer or agent 817  
receives notice of the decision of the committee by certified 818  
mail. 819

An employer or legislative agent who files a false 820  
statement of expenditures or details of a financial transaction 821  
is liable in a civil action to any public officer or employee 822  
who sustains damage as a result of the filing or publication of 823  
the statement. 824

**Sec. 101.76.** (A) Sections 101.72~~and~~, 101.73, and 101.741 825  
of the Revised Code do not apply to efforts to actively advocate 826  
by any of the following: 827

(1) Appearances before public hearings of the controlling 828  
board or committees of the general assembly; 829

(2) News, editorial, and advertising statements published 830  
in bona fide newspapers, journals, or magazines, or broadcast 831  
over radio or television; 832

(3) The gathering and furnishing of information and news 833  
by bona fide reporters, correspondents, or news bureaus to news 834  
media described in division (A) (2) of this section; 835

(4) Publications primarily designed for and distributed to 836  
members of bona fide associations or charitable or fraternal 837  
nonprofit corporations. 838

(B) Sections 101.70 to 101.79 of the Revised Code do not 839  
affect professional services in drafting bills or resolutions, 840  
preparing arguments thereon, or in advising clients and 841  
rendering opinions as to the construction and the effect of 842  
proposed or pending legislation, if the services are not 843  
otherwise connected with actions to actively advocate. 844

(C) Nothing in sections 101.70 to 101.79 of the Revised 845  
Code shall require the reporting of, or prohibit a member of the 846  
general assembly or the governor from soliciting or accepting, a 847  
contribution from or expenditure by any person if the 848

contribution or expenditure is reported in accordance with 849  
Chapter 3517. of the Revised Code. 850

**Sec. 101.78.** ~~(A)~~ (A) (1) The joint legislative ethics 851  
committee shall keep on file the statements required by sections 852  
101.72, 101.73, ~~and 101.74,~~ and 101.741 of the Revised Code. 853  
Those statements are public records and open to public 854  
inspection, and the joint committee shall ~~computerize~~ publish 855  
them ~~so that the information contained in and make them is~~ 856  
~~readily accessible~~ available to the general public on its 857  
official web site. The joint committee shall provide copies of 858  
the statements to the general public upon request and may charge 859  
a reasonable fee not to exceed the cost of copying and 860  
delivering each statement. 861

(2) Beginning January 1, 2025, the information in 862  
statements that are described in division (A) (1) of this section 863  
and are published on the official web site of the joint 864  
committee shall include a link to the official web site of the 865  
office of the secretary of state that contains the information 866  
in statements of contributions and expenditures and monthly 867  
statements and statements of independent expenditures described 868  
in division (B) (1) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code that 869  
is made available online through the internet under division (I) 870  
of that section. 871

(B) The joint committee shall prescribe and make available 872  
an appropriate form for filing the information required by 873  
sections 101.72, 101.73, ~~and 101.74,~~ and 101.741 of the Revised 874  
Code. The form shall contain the following notice in boldface 875  
type: "ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY FILES A FALSE STATEMENT IS 876  
GUILTY OF FALSIFICATION UNDER SECTION 2921.13 OF THE REVISED 877  
CODE, WHICH IS A MISDEMEANOR OF THE FIRST DEGREE." 878

(C) The joint committee shall publish a handbook that 879  
explains in clear and concise language sections 101.70 to 101.79 880  
and 101.99 of the Revised Code and make it available free of 881  
charge to members of the general assembly, legislative agents, 882  
employers, and any other interested persons. 883

(D) Not later than the last day of February and October of 884  
each year, the joint committee shall compile from registration 885  
statements filed with it a complete and updated list of 886  
registered legislative agents and their employers ~~and distribute~~ 887  
~~the list to each member of the general assembly, each member of~~ 888  
~~the controlling board who is not a member of the general~~ 889  
~~assembly, and the governor.~~ The joint committee shall provide 890  
copies of the list to the general public upon request and may 891  
charge a reasonable fee not to exceed the cost of copying and 892  
delivering the list. 893

(E) The joint committee may adopt rules as necessary to 894  
implement sections 101.70 to 101.79 of the Revised Code, and any 895  
such rules it adopts shall be adopted in accordance with section 896  
111.15 of the Revised Code. 897

**Sec. 101.90.** As used in sections 101.90 to 101.99 of the 898  
Revised Code: 899

(A) "Person" and "compensation" have the same meanings as 900  
in section 101.70 of the Revised Code. 901

(B) "Expenditure" means any of the following that is made 902  
to, at the request of, for the benefit of, or on behalf of a 903  
state retirement system, a member of the board of a state 904  
retirement system, a state retirement system investment 905  
official, or an employee of a state retirement system whose 906  
position involves substantial and material exercise of 907

discretion in the investment of retirement system funds: 908

(1) A payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, 909  
reimbursement, or gift of money, real estate, or anything of 910  
value, including, but not limited to food and beverages and 911  
entertainment; 912

(2) A contract, promise, or agreement to make an 913  
expenditure, whether or not legally enforceable; 914

(3) The purchase, sale, or gift of services or any other 915  
thing of value. "Expenditure" does not include a contribution, 916  
gift, or grant to a foundation or other charitable organization 917  
that is exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 918  
501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. "Expenditure" does not 919  
include the purchase, sale, or gift of services or any other 920  
thing of value that is available to the general public on the 921  
same terms as it is available to the persons listed in this 922  
division, or an offer or sale of securities to any person listed 923  
in this division that is governed by regulation D, 17 C.F.R. 924  
~~2301.501~~ 230.501 to ~~2301.508~~ 230.508, adopted under the 925  
authority of the "Securities Act of 1933," 48 Stat. 74, 15 926  
U.S.C.A. and following, or that is governed by a comparable 927  
provision under state law. 928

(C) "Employer" means any person who, directly or 929  
indirectly, engages a retirement system lobbyist. 930

(D) "Engage" means to make any arrangement, and 931  
"engagement" means arrangement, whereby an individual is 932  
employed or retained for compensation to act for or on behalf of 933  
an employer to influence retirement system decisions or to 934  
conduct any retirement system lobbying activity. 935

(E) "Financial transaction" means a transaction or 936



activity that is conducted or undertaken for profit and arises 937  
from the joint ownership or the ownership or part ownership in 938  
common of any real or personal property or any commercial or 939  
business enterprise of whatever form or nature between the 940  
following: 941

(1) A retirement system lobbyist, the retirement system 942  
lobbyist's employer, or a member of the immediate family of the 943  
retirement system lobbyist or the retirement system lobbyist's 944  
employer; and 945

(2) A state retirement system, a member of a board of a 946  
state retirement system, a state retirement system investment 947  
official, or an employee of a state retirement system whose 948  
position involves substantial and material exercise of 949  
discretion in the investment of retirement system funds. 950

"Financial transaction" does not include any transaction 951  
or activity described in division (E) of this section if it is 952  
available to the general public on the same terms, or if it is 953  
an offer or sale of securities to any person listed in division 954  
(E) (2) of this section that is governed by regulation D, 17 955  
C.F.R. ~~2301.501~~ 230.501 to ~~2301.508~~ 230.508, adopted under the 956  
authority of the "Securities Act of 1933," 48 Stat. 74, 15 957  
U.S.C.A. and following, or that is governed by a comparable 958  
provision under state law. 959

(F) "Retirement system" means the public employees 960  
retirement system, Ohio police and fire pension fund, state 961  
teachers retirement system, school employees retirement system, 962  
and state highway patrol retirement system. 963

(G) "Retirement system decision" means a decision of a 964  
retirement system regarding the investment of retirement system 965

funds. "Retirement system decision" includes the decision by a 966  
board of a retirement system to award a contract to an agent or 967  
an investment manager. 968

(H) "Retirement system lobbyist" means any person ~~engaged-~~ 969  
~~to influence whose direct communication with retirement system~~ 970  
~~officials or employees for the purpose of influencing retirement~~ 971  
system decisions or ~~to conduct~~ conducting retirement system 972  
lobbying activity ~~as one of the person's main purposes on a~~ 973  
~~regular and substantial basis~~ constitutes at least twenty-five 974  
per cent of the total performance time for which the person is 975  
compensated by a specific employer. "Retirement system lobbyist" 976  
does not include an elected or appointed officer or employee of 977  
a federal or state agency, or political subdivision who attempts 978  
to influence or affect executive agency decisions in a fiduciary 979  
capacity as a representative of the officer's or employee's 980  
agency or political subdivision. 981

(I) "Retirement system lobbying activity" means contacts 982  
made to promote, oppose, reward, or otherwise influence the 983  
outcome of a retirement system decision by direct communication 984  
with a member of a board of a state retirement system, a state 985  
retirement system investment official, or an employee of a state 986  
retirement system whose position involves substantial and 987  
material exercise of discretion in the investment of retirement 988  
system funds. "Lobbying activity" does not include any of the 989  
following: 990

(1) The action of any person having a direct interest in 991  
retirement system decisions who, under Section 3 of Article I, 992  
Ohio Constitution, assembles together with other persons to 993  
consult for their common good, instructs a person listed in the 994  
first paragraph of division (I) of this section, or petitions 995

such a person for the redress of grievances; 996

(2) Contacts made for the sole purpose of gathering 997  
information contained in a public record; 998

(3) Appearances before a retirement system to give 999  
testimony. 1000

(J) "Retirement system official" means an officer or 1001  
employee of a retirement system whose principal duties are to 1002  
formulate policy or to participate directly or indirectly in the 1003  
preparation, review, or award of financial arrangements with a 1004  
retirement system. 1005

(K) "Aggrieved party" means a party entitled to resort to 1006  
a remedy. 1007

(L) "Staff" means an employee of a retirement system whose 1008  
position involves substantial and material exercise of 1009  
discretion in the investment of retirement system funds and who 1010  
is required under section 102.02 of the Revised Code to file a 1011  
disclosure statement with the Ohio ethics commission. 1012

**Sec. 101.91.** (A) No person shall knowingly fail to 1013  
register as required under section 101.92 of the Revised Code. 1014

(B) No person shall knowingly fail to keep a receipt or 1015  
maintain a record that section 101.93 of the Revised Code 1016  
requires the person to keep or maintain. 1017

(C) No person shall knowingly fail to file a statement 1018  
that section 101.93 ~~or,~~ 101.94, or 101.941 of the Revised Code 1019  
requires the person to file. 1020

(D) No person shall knowingly file a false statement that 1021  
section 101.93 ~~or,~~ 101.94, or 101.941 of the Revised Code 1022  
requires the person to file. 1023

**Sec. 101.92.** (A) Each retirement system lobbyist and each 1024  
employer shall file with the joint legislative ethics committee, 1025  
within ten days following the engagement of a retirement system 1026  
lobbyist, an initial registration statement showing all of the 1027  
following: 1028

(1) The name, business address, and occupation of the 1029  
retirement system lobbyist; 1030

(2) The name and business address of the employer or of 1031  
the real party in interest on whose behalf the retirement system 1032  
lobbyist is acting, if it is different from the employer. For 1033  
the purposes of division (A) of this section, where a trade 1034  
association or other charitable or fraternal organization that 1035  
is exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(c) 1036  
of the federal Internal Revenue Code is the employer, the 1037  
statement need not list the names and addresses of every member 1038  
of the association or organization, so long as the association 1039  
or organization itself is listed. 1040

(3) A brief description of the retirement system decision 1041  
to which the engagement relates; 1042

(4) The name of the retirement system or systems to which 1043  
the engagement relates. 1044

(B) In addition to the initial registration statement 1045  
required by division (A) of this section, each retirement system 1046  
lobbyist and employer shall file with the joint committee, not 1047  
later than the last day of January, May, and September of each 1048  
year, an updated registration statement that ~~confirms~~ includes 1049  
all of the following for the period covered by the updated 1050  
statement: 1051

(1) Confirmation of the continuing existence of each 1052

engagement described in an initial registration statement~~and~~ 1053  
~~that lists;~~ 1054

(2) A list of the specific retirement system decisions 1055  
that the lobbyist sought to influence under the engagement 1056  
during the period covered by the updated statement,~~and with it~~ 1057  
~~any;~~ 1058

(3) Any statement of expenditures required to be filed by 1059  
section 101.93 of the Revised Code~~and any;~~ 1060

(4) Any details of financial transactions required to be 1061  
filed by section 101.94 of the Revised Code; 1062

(5) Any statement of retirement system lobbyist 1063  
compensation required to be filed by section 101.941 of the 1064  
Revised Code. 1065

(C) If a retirement system lobbyist is engaged by more 1066  
than one employer, the lobbyist shall file a separate initial 1067  
and updated registration statement for each engagement. If an 1068  
employer engages more than one retirement system lobbyist, the 1069  
employer need file only one updated registration statement under 1070  
division (B) of this section, which shall contain the 1071  
information required by division (B) of this section regarding 1072  
all of the retirement system lobbyists engaged by the employer. 1073

(D) (1) A change in any information required by division 1074  
(A) (1), (2), or (B) of this section shall be reflected in the 1075  
next updated registration statement filed under division (B) of 1076  
this section. 1077

(2) Within thirty days following the termination of an 1078  
engagement, the retirement system lobbyist who was employed 1079  
under the engagement shall send written notification of the 1080  
termination to the joint committee. 1081

(E) A registration fee of twenty-five dollars shall be 1082  
charged for filing an initial registration statement. All money 1083  
collected from registration fees under this division and late 1084  
filing fees under division (G) of this section shall be 1085  
deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the joint 1086  
legislative ethics committee fund created under section 101.34 1087  
of the Revised Code. 1088

(F) Upon registration pursuant to this section, a 1089  
retirement system lobbyist shall be issued a card by the joint 1090  
committee showing that the lobbyist is registered. The 1091  
registration card and the retirement system lobbyist's 1092  
registration shall be valid from the date of their issuance 1093  
until the next thirty-first day of ~~January-December of the an~~ 1094  
~~even-numbered year following the year in which the initial~~ 1095  
~~registration was filed.~~ 1096

(G) The executive director of the joint committee shall be 1097  
responsible for reviewing each registration statement filed with 1098  
the joint committee under this section and for determining 1099  
whether the statement contains all of the required information. 1100  
If the joint committee determines that the registration 1101  
statement does not contain all of the required information or 1102  
that a retirement system lobbyist or employer has failed to file 1103  
a registration statement, the joint committee shall send written 1104  
notification by certified mail to the person who filed the 1105  
registration statement regarding the deficiency in the statement 1106  
or to the person who failed to file the registration statement 1107  
regarding the failure. Any person so notified by the joint 1108  
committee shall, not later than fifteen days after receiving the 1109  
notice, file a registration statement or an amended registration 1110  
statement that contains all of the required information. If any 1111  
person who receives a notice under this division fails to file a 1112

registration statement or such an amended registration statement 1113  
within this fifteen-day period, the joint committee shall assess 1114  
a late filing fee equal to twelve dollars and fifty cents per 1115  
day, up to a maximum fee of one hundred dollars, upon that 1116  
person. The joint committee may waive the late filing fee for 1117  
good cause shown. 1118

(H) On or before the fifteenth day of March of each year, 1119  
the joint committee shall, in the manner and form that it 1120  
determines, publish a report containing statistical information 1121  
on the registration statements filed with it under this section 1122  
during the preceding year. 1123

(I) If an employer who engages a retirement system 1124  
lobbyist is the recipient of a contract, grant, lease, or other 1125  
financial arrangement pursuant to which funds of the state or of 1126  
a retirement system are distributed or allocated, the retirement 1127  
system may consider the failure of the employer or the 1128  
retirement system lobbyist to comply with this section as a 1129  
breach of a material condition of the contract, grant, lease, or 1130  
other financial arrangement. 1131

(J) Retirement system officials may require certification 1132  
from any person seeking the award of a contract, grant, lease, 1133  
or financial arrangement that the person and the person's 1134  
employer are in compliance with this section. 1135

**Sec. 101.93.** (A) Each retirement system lobbyist and each 1136  
employer shall file with the joint legislative ethics committee, 1137  
with the updated registration statement required by division (B) 1138  
of section 101.92 of the Revised Code, a statement of 1139  
expenditures as specified in divisions (B) and (C) of this 1140  
section. A retirement system lobbyist shall file a separate 1141  
statement of expenditures under this section for each employer 1142

that engages the retirement system lobbyist. 1143

(B) (1) In addition to the information required by 1144  
divisions (B) (2) and (3) of this section, a statement filed by a 1145  
retirement system lobbyist shall show the total amount of 1146  
expenditures made during the reporting period covered by the 1147  
statement by the retirement system lobbyist. 1148

(2) If, during a reporting period covered by a statement, 1149  
an employer or any retirement system lobbyist the employer 1150  
engaged made, either separately or in combination with each 1151  
other, expenditures to, at the request of, for the benefit of, 1152  
or on behalf of a member of a board of a state retirement 1153  
system, a state retirement system investment official, or an 1154  
employee of a state retirement system whose position involves 1155  
substantial and material exercise of discretion in the 1156  
investment of retirement system funds the employer or retirement 1157  
system lobbyist also shall state the name of the member, 1158  
official, or employee to whom, at whose request, for whose 1159  
benefit, or on whose behalf the expenditures were made, the 1160  
total amount of the expenditures made, a brief description of 1161  
the expenditures made, the approximate date the expenditures 1162  
were made, the retirement system decision, if any, sought to be 1163  
influenced, and the identity of the client on whose behalf the 1164  
expenditure was made. 1165

As used in division (B) (2) of this section, "expenditures" 1166  
does not include expenditures made by a retirement system 1167  
lobbyist as payment for meals and other food and beverages. 1168

(3) If, during a reporting period covered by a statement, 1169  
a retirement system lobbyist made expenditures as payment for 1170  
meals and other food and beverages, that, when added to the 1171  
amount of previous payments made for meals and other food and 1172



beverages by that retirement system lobbyist during that same 1173  
calendar year, exceeded a total of fifty dollars to, at the 1174  
request of, for the benefit of, or on behalf of a member of a 1175  
board of a state retirement system, a state retirement system 1176  
investment official, or an employee of a state retirement system 1177  
whose position involves substantial and material exercise of 1178  
discretion in the investment of retirement system funds, the 1179  
retirement system lobbyist shall also state regarding those 1180  
expenditures the name of the member, official, or employee to 1181  
whom, at whose request, for whose benefit, or on whose behalf 1182  
the expenditures were made, the total amount of the expenditures 1183  
made, a brief description of the expenditures made, the 1184  
approximate date the expenditures were made, the retirement 1185  
system decision, if any, sought to be influenced, and the 1186  
identity of the client on whose behalf the expenditure was made. 1187

(C) In addition to the information required by divisions 1188  
(B) (2) and (3) of this section, a statement ~~filed by an employer~~ 1189  
shall show the total amount of expenditures made by the employer 1190  
or retirement system lobbyist filing the statement during the 1191  
period covered by the statement. As used in this section, 1192  
~~"expenditures" does not include the expenses of maintaining~~ 1193  
~~office facilities, or the compensation paid to retirement system~~ 1194  
~~lobbyists engaged to influence retirement system decisions or~~ 1195  
~~conduct retirement system lobbying activity.~~  
A statement filed by 1196  
a retirement system lobbyist shall show all retirement system 1197  
decisions the retirement system lobbyist has been engaged to 1198  
influence on behalf of the employer during the period covered by 1199  
the statement. A statement filed by an employer shall show all 1200  
retirement system decisions the employer has engaged the 1201  
retirement system lobbyist to influence during the period 1202  
covered by the statement. 1203

No employer shall be required to show any expenditure or 1204  
retirement system decision on a statement filed under this 1205  
division if the expenditure or retirement system decision is 1206  
reported on a statement filed under division (B) (1), (2), or (3) 1207  
of this section by a retirement system lobbyist engaged by the 1208  
employer. No retirement system lobbyist shall be required to 1209  
show any expenditure on a statement filed under this division if 1210  
the expenditure is reported on a statement filed under division 1211  
(B) (1), (2), or (3) of this section by the retirement system 1212  
lobbyist's employer. 1213

(D) Any statement required to be filed under this section 1214  
shall be filed at the times specified in section 101.92 of the 1215  
Revised Code. Each statement shall cover expenditures made 1216  
during the four-calendar-month period that ended on the last day 1217  
of the month immediately preceding the month in which the 1218  
statement is required to be filed. 1219

(E) If it is impractical or impossible for a retirement 1220  
system lobbyist or employer to determine exact dollar amounts or 1221  
values of expenditures, reporting of good faith estimates, based 1222  
on reasonable accounting procedures, constitutes compliance with 1223  
this division. 1224

(F) Retirement system lobbyists and employers shall retain 1225  
receipts or maintain records for all expenditures that are 1226  
required to be reported pursuant to this section. These receipts 1227  
or records shall be maintained for a period ending on the 1228  
thirty-first day of December of the second calendar year after 1229  
the year in which the expenditure was made. 1230

(G) (1) At least ten days before the date on which the 1231  
statement is filed, each employer or retirement system lobbyist 1232  
who is required to file an expenditure statement under division 1233

(B) (2) or (3) of this section shall deliver a copy of the 1234  
statement, or the portion showing the expenditure, to the 1235  
member, official, or employee who is listed in the statement as 1236  
having received the expenditure or on whose behalf it was made. 1237

(2) If, during a reporting period covered by an 1238  
expenditure statement filed under division (B) (2) of this 1239  
section, an employer or any retirement system lobbyist the 1240  
employer engaged made, either separately or in combination with 1241  
each other, either directly or indirectly, expenditures for food 1242  
and beverages purchased for consumption on the premises in which 1243  
the food and beverages were sold to, at the request of, for the 1244  
benefit of, or on behalf of any of the members, officials, or 1245  
employees described in division (B) (2) of this section, the 1246  
employer or retirement system lobbyist shall deliver to the 1247  
member, official, or employee a statement that contains all of 1248  
the nondisputed information prescribed in division (B) (2) of 1249  
this section with respect to the expenditures described in 1250  
division (G) (2) of this section. The statement of expenditures 1251  
made under division (G) (2) of this section shall be delivered to 1252  
the member, official, or employee to whom, at whose request, for 1253  
whose benefit, or on whose behalf those expenditures were made 1254  
on the same day in which a copy of the expenditure statement or 1255  
of a portion showing the expenditure is delivered to the member, 1256  
official, or employee under division (G) (1) of this section. An 1257  
employer is not required to show any expenditure on a statement 1258  
delivered under division (G) (2) of this section if the 1259  
expenditure is shown on a statement delivered under division (G) 1260  
(2) of this section by a retirement system lobbyist engaged by 1261  
the employer. A retirement system lobbyist is not required to 1262  
show any expenditure on a statement delivered under division (G) 1263  
(2) of this section if the expenditure is shown on a statement 1264

delivered under division (G) (2) of this section by the 1265  
retirement system lobbyist's employer. 1266

(H) As used in this section, "expenditure" does not 1267  
include the expenses of maintaining office facilities or the 1268  
compensation paid to retirement system lobbyists engaged to 1269  
influence retirement system decisions or to conduct retirement 1270  
system lobbying activity. 1271

**Sec. 101.941.** (A) As used in this section: 1272

(1) "Lobbying firm" means a group of two or more 1273  
retirement system lobbyists that is engaged by an employer to 1274  
act as retirement system lobbyists on behalf of the employer. 1275

(2) "In-house retirement system lobbyist" means a 1276  
retirement system lobbyist who acts as a retirement system 1277  
lobbyist for only one employer and who is not part of a lobbying 1278  
firm. 1279

(B) (1) An employer shall include with each updated 1280  
registration statement a statement of retirement system lobbyist 1281  
compensation. The statement of retirement system lobbyist 1282  
compensation shall include the total amount the employer paid to 1283  
all retirement system lobbyists during the period covered by the 1284  
statement as compensation for acting as such on behalf of the 1285  
employer and as reimbursement for expenses incurred while acting 1286  
as such on behalf of the employer. 1287

(2) If the employer employs an in-house retirement system 1288  
lobbyist who does not act as such for the entire performance 1289  
time for which the employer compensates the in-house retirement 1290  
system lobbyist, the employer shall calculate the in-house 1291  
retirement system lobbyist's compensation, for purposes of 1292  
reporting under division (B) (1) of this section, by multiplying 1293

the in-house retirement system lobbyist's total compensation by 1294  
the percentage of the in-house retirement system lobbyist's 1295  
total performance time during which the in-house retirement 1296  
system lobbyist acts as such on behalf of the employer. 1297

(C) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) of 1298  
this section, a retirement system lobbyist shall include with 1299  
each updated registration statement a statement of retirement 1300  
system lobbyist compensation. The statement of retirement system 1301  
lobbyist compensation shall include the total amount the 1302  
retirement system lobbyist received from the employer during the 1303  
period covered by the statement as compensation for acting as 1304  
such on behalf of the employer and as reimbursement for expenses 1305  
incurred while acting as such on behalf of the employer. 1306

(2) (a) A lobbying firm shall submit a joint statement of 1307  
retirement system lobbyist compensation on behalf of all 1308  
retirement system lobbyists the lobbying firm compensated for 1309  
acting as such on behalf of an employer. The joint statement 1310  
shall include the total amount the lobbying firm received from 1311  
the employer during the period covered by the statement and the 1312  
name of each member of the lobbying firm who acted as a 1313  
retirement system lobbyist on behalf of the employer during that 1314  
period. A retirement system lobbyist who is a member of a 1315  
lobbying firm is not required to submit a separate statement of 1316  
retirement system lobbyist compensation with respect to any 1317  
amounts included in the joint statement. 1318

(b) If a lobbying firm fails to submit a joint statement 1319  
of retirement system lobbyist compensation, each retirement 1320  
system lobbyist who is a member of the lobbying firm shall 1321  
submit a statement of retirement system lobbyist compensation 1322  
that includes the total amount the retirement system lobbyist or 1323

the lobbying firm received from the employer during the period 1324  
covered by the statement, including compensation and 1325  
reimbursement for expenses. 1326

(3) An in-house retirement system lobbyist is not required 1327  
to submit a statement of retirement system lobbyist compensation 1328  
if the in-house retirement system lobbyist's employer submits a 1329  
properly completed statement under division (B) of this section 1330  
for that period. 1331

**Sec. 101.95.** If a dispute arises between a member of a 1332  
board of a state retirement system, a state retirement system 1333  
investment official, or an employee of a state retirement system 1334  
whose position involves substantial and material exercise of 1335  
discretion in the investment of retirement system funds and an 1336  
employer or retirement system lobbyist with respect to an 1337  
expenditure or financial transaction alleged in a statement to 1338  
be filed under section 101.93 or 101.94 of the Revised Code, the 1339  
member, official, or employee, employer, or retirement system 1340  
lobbyist may file a complaint with the Ohio ethics commission. 1341  
The commission shall proceed to investigate the complaint as 1342  
though it were filed under section 102.06 of the Revised Code. 1343

The complaint shall be filed at least three days prior to 1344  
the time the statement is required to be filed with the joint 1345  
legislative ethics committee. The time for filing a ~~disputed~~ 1346  
~~expenditure or financial transaction in any~~ statement of 1347  
expenditures or the details of a financial transaction that 1348  
contains a disputed expenditure or financial transaction shall 1349  
be extended pending the final decision of the commission. ~~This~~ 1350  
~~extension does not extend the time for filing the nondisputed~~ 1351  
~~portions of either type of statement.~~ The commission shall 1352  
notify the parties of its final decision by certified mail. If 1353

the commission decides that the disputed expenditure or 1354  
financial transaction should be reported, the employer or 1355  
retirement system lobbyist shall include the matter in ~~an~~ 1356  
~~amended~~ the statement and. The employer or retirement system 1357  
lobbyist shall file the ~~amended~~ statement not later than ten 1358  
days after receiving notice of the decision of the commission by 1359  
certified mail. 1360

An employer or retirement system lobbyist who files a 1361  
false statement of expenditures or details of a financial 1362  
transaction is liable in a civil action to any member, official, 1363  
or employee who sustains damage as a result of the filing or 1364  
publication of the statement. 1365

**Sec. 101.96.** (A) Sections 101.92 ~~and~~, 101.93, and 101.941 1366  
of the Revised Code do not apply to efforts to influence 1367  
retirement system decisions or conduct retirement system 1368  
lobbying activity by any of the following: 1369

(1) Appearances at public hearings of a retirement system 1370  
or at other public meetings; 1371

(2) News, editorial, and advertising statements published 1372  
in bona fide newspapers, journals, or magazines, or broadcast 1373  
over radio or television; 1374

(3) The gathering and furnishing of information and news 1375  
by bona fide reporters, correspondents, or news bureaus to news 1376  
media described in division (A) (2) of this section; 1377

(4) Publications primarily designed for and distributed to 1378  
members of bona fide associations or charitable or fraternal 1379  
nonprofit corporations. 1380

(B) Nothing in sections 101.90 to 101.98 of the Revised 1381  
Code requires the reporting of, or prohibits a retirement system 1382

board member from soliciting or accepting, a contribution from 1383  
or an expenditure by any person if the contribution or 1384  
expenditure is reported in accordance with Chapter 3517. of the 1385  
Revised Code. 1386

**Sec. 101.98.** ~~(A)(A)(1)~~ The joint legislative ethics 1387  
committee shall keep on file the statements required by sections 1388  
101.92, 101.93, ~~and 101.94, and 101.941~~ of the Revised Code. 1389  
These statements are public records and open to public 1390  
inspection, and the joint committee shall ~~computerize~~ publish 1391  
~~them so that the information contained in and make them is~~ 1392  
~~readily accessible~~ available to the general public on its 1393  
official web site. The joint committee shall provide copies of 1394  
the statements to the general public on request and may charge a 1395  
reasonable fee not to exceed the cost of copying and delivering 1396  
the statement. 1397

(2) Beginning January 1, 2025, the information in 1398  
statements that are described in division (A)(1) of this section 1399  
and are published on the official web site of the joint 1400  
committee shall include a link to the official web site of the 1401  
office of the secretary of state that contains the information 1402  
in statements of contributions and expenditures and monthly 1403  
statements and statements of independent expenditures described 1404  
in division (B)(1) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code that 1405  
is made available online through the internet under division (I) 1406  
of that section. 1407

(B) Not later than the last day of February and October of 1408  
each year, the joint committee shall compile from the 1409  
registration statements filed with it a complete and updated 1410  
list of registered retirement system lobbyists and their 1411  
employers, ~~and distribute the list to each member of the general~~ 1412



~~assembly, elected executive official, and the director of each~~ 1413  
~~retirement system, who shall distribute the list to the~~ 1414  
~~appropriate personnel under the director's jurisdiction.~~ The 1415  
joint committee shall provide copies of the list to the general 1416  
public on request and may charge a reasonable fee not to exceed 1417  
the cost of copying and delivering the list. 1418

(C) The joint committee shall prescribe and make available 1419  
an appropriate form for the filings required by sections 101.92, 1420  
101.93, ~~and 101.94,~~ and 101.941 of the Revised Code. The form 1421  
shall contain the following notice in boldface type: "ANY PERSON 1422  
WHO KNOWINGLY FILES A FALSE STATEMENT IS GUILTY OF FALSIFICATION 1423  
UNDER SECTION 2921.13 OF THE REVISED CODE, WHICH IS A 1424  
MISDEMEANOR OF THE FIRST DEGREE." 1425

(D) The joint committee may adopt rules as necessary to 1426  
implement sections 101.90 to 101.98 of the Revised Code. The 1427  
rules shall be adopted in accordance with section 111.15 of the 1428  
Revised Code. 1429

(E) The joint committee shall publish a handbook that 1430  
explains in clear and concise language the provisions of 1431  
sections 101.90 to 101.98 of the Revised Code and make it 1432  
available free of charge to retirement system lobbyists, 1433  
employers, and any other interested persons. 1434

**Sec. 102.01.** As used in this chapter: 1435

(A) "Compensation" means money, thing of value, or 1436  
financial benefit. "Compensation" does not include reimbursement 1437  
for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of 1438  
official duties. 1439

(B) "Public official or employee" means any person who is 1440  
elected or appointed to an office or is an employee of any 1441

public agency. "Public official or employee" does not include a 1442  
person elected or appointed to the office of precinct, ward, or 1443  
district committee member under section 3517.03 of the Revised 1444  
Code, any presidential elector, or any delegate to a national 1445  
convention. "Public official or employee" does not include a 1446  
person who is a teacher, instructor, professor, or other kind of 1447  
educator whose position does not involve the performance of, or 1448  
authority to perform, administrative or supervisory functions. 1449

(C) (1) "Public agency" means the general assembly, all 1450  
courts, any department, division, institution, board, 1451  
commission, authority, bureau or other instrumentality of the 1452  
state, a county, city, village, or township, the five state 1453  
retirement systems, or any other governmental entity. 1454

(2) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of division (C) 1455  
(3) (a) of this section, "public agency" includes a regional 1456  
council of governments established under Chapter 167. of the 1457  
Revised Code. 1458

(3) "Public agency" does not include either of the 1459  
following: 1460

(a) A department, division, institution, board, 1461  
commission, authority, or other instrumentality of the state or 1462  
a county, municipal corporation, township, or other governmental 1463  
entity that functions exclusively for cultural, educational, 1464  
historical, humanitarian, advisory, or research purposes; that 1465  
does not expend more than ten thousand dollars per calendar 1466  
year, excluding salaries and wages of employees; and whose 1467  
members are uncompensated; 1468

(b) The nonprofit corporation formed under section 187.01 1469  
of the Revised Code. 1470

(D) "Immediate family" means a spouse residing in the 1471  
person's household and any dependent child. 1472

(E) "Income" includes gross income as defined and used in 1473  
the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C. 1474  
1, as amended, interest and dividends on obligations or 1475  
securities of any state or of any political subdivision or 1476  
authority of any state or political subdivision, and interest or 1477  
dividends on obligations of any authority, commission, or 1478  
instrumentality of the United States. 1479

(F) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) of 1480  
section 102.08 of the Revised Code, "appropriate ethics 1481  
commission" means: 1482

(1) For matters relating to members of the general 1483  
assembly, employees of the general assembly, employees of the 1484  
legislative service commission, and candidates for the office of 1485  
member of the general assembly, the joint legislative ethics 1486  
committee; 1487

(2) For matters relating to judicial officers and 1488  
employees, and candidates for judicial office, the board of 1489  
~~commissioners on grievances and discipline~~ professional conduct 1490  
of the supreme court; 1491

(3) For matters relating to all other persons, the Ohio 1492  
ethics commission. 1493

(G) "Anything of value" has the same meaning as provided 1494  
in section 1.03 of the Revised Code and includes, but is not 1495  
limited to, a contribution as defined in section 3517.01 of the 1496  
Revised Code. 1497

(H) "Honorarium" means any payment made in consideration 1498  
for any speech given, article published, or attendance at any 1499

public or private conference, convention, meeting, social event, 1500  
meal, or similar gathering. "Honorarium" does not include 1501  
ceremonial gifts or awards that have insignificant monetary 1502  
value; unsolicited gifts of nominal value or trivial items of 1503  
informational value; or earned income from any person, other 1504  
than a legislative agent, for personal services that are 1505  
customarily provided in connection with the practice of a bona 1506  
fide business, if that business initially began before the 1507  
public official or employee conducting that business was elected 1508  
or appointed to the public official's or employee's office or 1509  
position of employment. 1510

(I) "Employer" means any person who, directly or 1511  
indirectly, engages an executive agency lobbyist or legislative 1512  
agent. 1513

(J) "Executive agency decision," "executive agency 1514  
lobbyist," and "executive agency lobbying activity" have the 1515  
same meanings as in section 121.60 of the Revised Code. 1516

(K) "Legislation," "legislative agent," "financial 1517  
transaction," and "actively advocate" have the same meanings as 1518  
in section 101.70 of the Revised Code. 1519

~~(L) "Expenditure" has the same meaning as in section 1520  
101.70 of the Revised Code when used in relation to activities 1521  
of a legislative agent, and the same meaning as in section 1522  
121.60 of the Revised Code when used in relation to activities 1523  
of an executive agency lobbyist. 1524~~

**Sec. 102.02.** ~~(A)(1)~~ (A) Except as otherwise provided in 1525  
division ~~(H)~~ (K) of this section, all of the following shall 1526  
file with the appropriate ethics commission the disclosure 1527  
statement described in this division on a form prescribed by the 1528

appropriate commission: ~~every~~ 1529

(1) Every person who is elected to or is a candidate for a 1530  
state, county, or city office and every person who is appointed 1531  
to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term in such an elective 1532  
office; ~~all~~ 1533

(2) All members of the state board of education; ~~the~~ 1534

(3) The director, assistant directors, deputy directors, 1535  
division chiefs, or persons of equivalent rank of any 1536  
administrative department of the state; ~~the~~ 1537

(4) The president or other chief administrative officer of 1538  
every state institution of higher education as defined in 1539  
section 3345.011 of the Revised Code; ~~the~~ 1540

(5) The executive director and the members of the capitol 1541  
square review and advisory board appointed or employed pursuant 1542  
to section 105.41 of the Revised Code; ~~all~~ 1543

(6) All members of the Ohio casino control commission, the 1544  
executive director of the commission, all professional employees 1545  
of the commission, and all technical employees of the commission 1546  
who perform an internal audit function; ~~the~~ 1547

(7) The individuals set forth in division (B) (2) of 1548  
section 187.03 of the Revised Code; ~~the~~ 1549

(8) The chief executive officer and the members of the 1550  
board of each state retirement system, ~~and~~ and each employee of a 1551  
state retirement board who is a state retirement system 1552  
investment officer licensed pursuant to section 1707.163 of the 1553  
Revised Code; ~~the~~ 1554

(9) The members of the Ohio retirement study council 1555  
appointed pursuant to division (C) of section 171.01 of the 1556

Revised Code~~+~~ and employees of the Ohio retirement study 1557  
council, other than employees who perform purely administrative 1558  
or clerical functions; ~~the~~ 1559

(10) The administrator of workers' compensation and each 1560  
member of the bureau of workers' compensation board of 1561  
directors~~+~~, the bureau of workers' compensation director of 1562  
investments~~+~~, and the chief investment officer of the bureau of 1563  
workers' compensation; ~~all~~ 1564

(11) All members of the board of ~~commissioners on~~ 1565  
~~grievances and discipline professional conduct~~ of the supreme 1566  
court and the ethics commission created under section 102.05 of 1567  
the Revised Code; ~~every~~ 1568

(12) Every business manager, treasurer, or superintendent 1569  
of a city, local, exempted village, joint vocational, or 1570  
cooperative education school district or an educational service 1571  
center; ~~every~~ 1572

(13) Every person who is elected to or is a candidate for 1573  
the office of member of a board of education of a city, local, 1574  
exempted village, joint vocational, or cooperative education 1575  
school district or of a governing board of an educational 1576  
service center that has a total student count of twelve thousand 1577  
or more as most recently determined by the department of 1578  
education pursuant to section 3317.03 of the Revised Code; ~~every~~ 1579

(14) Every person who is appointed to the board of 1580  
education of a municipal school district pursuant to division 1581  
(B) or (F) of section 3311.71 of the Revised Code; ~~all~~ 1582

(15) All members of the board of directors of a sanitary 1583  
district that is established under Chapter 6115. of the Revised 1584  
Code and organized wholly for the purpose of providing a water 1585

supply for domestic, municipal, and public use, and that 1586  
includes two municipal corporations in two counties; ~~every~~ 1587

(16) Every public official or employee who is paid a 1588  
salary or wage in accordance with schedule C of section 124.15 1589  
or schedule E-2 of section 124.152 of the Revised Code; ~~all~~ 1590

(17) All members appointed to the Ohio livestock care 1591  
standards board under section 904.02 of the Revised Code; ~~all~~ 1592

(18) All entrepreneurs in residence assigned by the 1593  
LeanOhio office in the department of administrative services 1594  
under section 125.65 of the Revised Code ~~and every~~; 1595

(19) All members of the clean Ohio council created under 1596  
section 122.651 of the Revised Code; 1597

(20) All members of the state audit committee created 1598  
under section 126.46 of the Revised Code; 1599

(21) All members of the third frontier commission created 1600  
under section 184.01 of the Revised Code and all members of the 1601  
third frontier advisory board created under section 184.03 of 1602  
the Revised Code; 1603

(22) All of the individuals described in division (A) (2) 1604  
of section 2301.55 of the Revised Code, in accordance with that 1605  
section; 1606

(23) Every other public official or employee who is 1607  
designated by the appropriate ethics commission pursuant to 1608  
division ~~(B)~~ (D) of this section. 1609

~~(2)~~ (B) The disclosure statement shall include all of the 1610  
following: 1611

~~(a)~~ (1) (a) The name of the person filing the statement, the 1612

filer's spouse, and each member dependent child of the person's- 1613  
immediate family filer who is eighteen years of age or older and 1614  
all who resides in the filer's household; 1615

(b) All names under which the person filer, the filer's 1616  
spouse, or members of the person's immediate family do the 1617  
filer's dependent child who is eighteen years of age or older 1618  
and who resides in the filer's household do business; 1619

~~(b) (i) Subject to divisions (A) (2) (b) (ii) and (iii) of~~ 1620  
~~this section and except (2) (a) Except as otherwise provided in~~ 1621  
~~division (B) (2) of this section and in section 102.022 of the~~ 1622  
~~Revised Code, identification of all of the following concerning~~ 1623  
~~every source of income, other than income from a legislative~~ 1624  
~~agent identified in division (A) (2) (b) (ii) of this section, the~~ 1625  
~~filer received during the preceding calendar year, in the~~ 1626  
~~person's filer's own name or by any other person for the~~ 1627  
~~person's filer's use or benefit, by the person filing the~~ 1628  
~~statement, and a:~~ 1629

(i) Identification of the source of the income. Except as 1630  
otherwise provided in division (B) (2) (a) (v) of this section, a 1631  
filer who derives income from a business or profession is not 1632  
required to disclose the individual items of income that 1633  
constitute the gross income of that business or profession. If 1634  
the income is rental income from residential property the filer 1635  
owns, the statement may identify the source of the income by 1636  
providing the address of the property, the name of the tenant, 1637  
or both. 1638

(ii) A brief description of the nature of the services for 1639  
which the income was received. If or, if the income is from a 1640  
business, the nature of the business; 1641



(iii) If the person filing the statement-filer is a member 1642  
of the general assembly, ~~the statement shall identify~~ the amount 1643  
of every source of income received in accordance with the 1644  
following ranges of amounts: zero or more, but less than one 1645  
thousand dollars; one thousand dollars or more, but less than 1646  
ten thousand dollars; ten thousand dollars or more, but less 1647  
than twenty-five thousand dollars; twenty-five thousand dollars 1648  
or more, but less than fifty thousand dollars; fifty thousand 1649  
dollars or more, but less than one hundred thousand dollars; ~~and~~ 1650  
one hundred thousand dollars or more, but less than two hundred 1651  
fifty thousand dollars; and two hundred fifty thousand dollars 1652  
or more. ~~Division (A) (2) (b) (i) of this section shall not be~~ 1653  
~~construed to require a person filing the statement who derives~~ 1654  
~~income from a business or profession to disclose the individual~~ 1655  
~~items of income that constitute the gross income of that~~ 1656  
~~business or profession, except for those individual items of~~ 1657  
~~income that are attributable to the person's or, if the income~~ 1658  
~~is shared with the person, the partner's, solicitation of~~ 1659  
~~services or goods or performance, arrangement, or facilitation~~ 1660  
~~of services or provision of goods on behalf of the business or~~ 1661  
~~profession of clients, including corporate clients, who are~~ 1662  
~~legislative agents. A person who files the statement under this~~ 1663  
~~section shall disclose~~ 1664

(iv) A separate disclosure of the identity of and the 1665  
amount of income received from a person who the ~~public official-~~ 1666  
~~or employee-filer~~ knows or has reason to know is doing or 1667  
seeking to do business of any kind with the ~~public official's or~~ 1668  
~~employee's-filer's~~ agency. 1669

~~(ii)-;~~ 1670

(v) If the person filing the statement-filer is a member 1671

of the general assembly, ~~the statement shall identify a separate~~ 1672  
disclosure of every source of income and the amount of that 1673  
income ~~that was the filer~~ received from a legislative agent 1674  
during the preceding calendar year, in the ~~person's~~ filer's own 1675  
name or by any other person for the ~~person's~~ filer's use or 1676  
benefit, ~~by the person filing the statement,~~ and a brief 1677  
description of the nature of the services for which the income 1678  
was received or, if the income is from a business, the nature of 1679  
the business. ~~Division (A) (2) (b) (ii) of this section This~~ 1680  
division requires the disclosure of clients of attorneys or 1681  
persons licensed under section 4732.12 of the Revised Code, or 1682  
patients of persons licensed under section 4731.14 of the 1683  
Revised Code, if those clients or patients are legislative 1684  
agents. ~~Division (A) (2) (b) (ii) of this section requires a person~~ 1685  
~~filing the statement who derives income from a business or~~ 1686  
~~profession to disclose,~~ and requires the disclosure of those 1687  
individual items of income that constitute the gross income of 1688  
~~that the filer's~~ business or profession that are received from 1689  
legislative agents. 1690

~~(iii)-(vi)~~ (vi) If the filer is the governor, lieutenant 1691  
governor, attorney general, auditor of state, treasurer of 1692  
state, or secretary of state or the chief justice or a justice 1693  
of the supreme court, and the filer receives compensation or 1694  
other payment for serving on the board of directors of a 1695  
corporation as described in section 102.10 of the Revised Code, 1696  
a separate disclosure of the name of the corporation, the amount 1697  
of compensation or other payment the filer received for that 1698  
service during the preceding calendar year, the date the filer 1699  
began serving on the board, the nature of the filer's ownership 1700  
interest in the corporation, if any, and the date the filer 1701  
acquired that ownership interest. 1702

(b) Division (B) (2) (a) of this section does not require a 1703  
filer to disclose income derived by and received in the name of 1704  
the filer's spouse that is not clearly designated for the use 1705  
and benefit of the filer. 1706

(c) Except as otherwise provided in division ~~(A) (2) (b)~~ 1707  
~~(iii)~~ (B) (2) (a) (v) of this section, division ~~(A) (2) (b) (i)~~ (B) (2) 1708  
(a) of this section ~~applies to~~ does not require either of the 1709  
following from filers who are attorneys, physicians, ~~and or~~ 1710  
other persons who engage in the practice of a profession and 1711  
who, pursuant to a section of the Revised Code, the common law 1712  
of this state, a code of ethics applicable to the profession, or 1713  
otherwise, generally are required not to reveal, disclose, or 1714  
use confidences of clients, patients, or other recipients of 1715  
professional services except under specified circumstances or 1716  
generally are required to maintain those types of confidences as 1717  
privileged communications except under specified circumstances. 1718  
~~Division (A) (2) (b) (i) of this section does not require an~~ 1719  
~~attorney, physician, or other professional subject to a~~ 1720  
~~confidentiality requirement as described in division (A) (2) (b)~~ 1721  
~~(iii) of this section to disclose.~~ 1722

(i) Disclosure of the name, other identity, or address of 1723  
a client, patient, or other recipient of professional services 1724  
if the disclosure would threaten the client, patient, or other 1725  
recipient of professional services, would reveal details of the 1726  
subject matter for which legal, medical, or professional advice 1727  
or other services were sought, or would reveal an otherwise 1728  
privileged communication involving the client, patient, or other 1729  
recipient of professional services. ~~Division (A) (2) (b) (i) of~~ 1730  
~~this section does not require an attorney, physician, or other~~ 1731  
~~professional subject to a confidentiality requirement as~~ 1732  
~~described in division (A) (2) (b) (iii) of this section to disclose~~ 1733

~~in the brief description of the nature of services required by~~ 1734  
~~division (A) (2) (b) (i) of this section;~~ 1735

(ii) Disclosure of any information pertaining to specific 1736  
professional services rendered for a client, patient, or other 1737  
recipient of professional services that would reveal details of 1738  
the subject matter for which legal, medical, or professional 1739  
advice was sought or would reveal an otherwise privileged 1740  
communication involving the client, patient, or other recipient 1741  
of professional services. 1742

~~(e) (3)~~ The name of every corporation on file with the 1743  
secretary of state that is incorporated in this state or holds a 1744  
certificate of compliance authorizing it to do business in this 1745  
state, trust, business trust, partnership, or association that 1746  
transacts business in this state in which the ~~person filing the~~ 1747  
~~statement filer~~ or any other person for the ~~person's filer's~~ use 1748  
and benefit had during the preceding calendar year an investment 1749  
of over one thousand dollars at fair market value as of the 1750  
thirty-first day of December of the preceding calendar year, or 1751  
the date of disposition, whichever is earlier, or in which the 1752  
~~person filer~~ holds any office or has a fiduciary relationship, 1753  
and a description of the nature of the investment, office, or 1754  
relationship. ~~Division (A) (2) (c) of this section~~ This division 1755  
does not require disclosure of the name of any bank, savings and 1756  
loan association, credit union, or building and loan association 1757  
with which the person filing the statement has a deposit or a 1758  
withdrawable share account. 1759

~~(d) (4)~~ All fee simple and leasehold interests to which 1760  
the ~~person filing the statement filer~~ holds legal title ~~to~~ or a 1761  
beneficial interest in real property located within the state, 1762  
excluding the ~~person's filer's~~ residence and property used 1763

primarily for personal recreation; 1764

~~(e) (5)~~ The names of all persons residing or transacting 1765  
business in the state to whom the ~~person filing the statement~~ 1766  
~~owes~~ filer owed during the preceding calendar year, in the 1767  
~~person's-filer's~~ own name or in the name of any other person, 1768  
more than one thousand dollars, if the debt was not paid in full 1769  
within sixty days after the debt was incurred. ~~Division (A) (2)~~ 1770  
~~(e) of this section~~ This division shall not be construed to 1771  
require the disclosure of debts owed by the ~~person-filer~~ 1772  
resulting from the ordinary conduct of a business or profession 1773  
or debts on the ~~person's-filer's~~ residence or real property used 1774  
primarily for personal recreation, except that the 1775  
superintendent of financial institutions and any deputy 1776  
superintendent of banks shall disclose the names of all state- 1777  
chartered banks and all bank subsidiary corporations subject to 1778  
regulation under section 1109.44 of the Revised Code to whom the 1779  
superintendent or deputy superintendent owes any money. 1780

~~(f) (6)~~ The names of all persons residing or transacting 1781  
business in the state, other than a ~~depository excluded under~~ 1782  
~~division (A) (2) (e) of this section~~ bank, savings and loan 1783  
association, credit union, or building and loan association with 1784  
which the filer has a deposit or a withdrawable share account, 1785  
who ~~owe~~ owed during the preceding calendar year more than one 1786  
thousand dollars to the ~~person filing the statement~~ filer, 1787  
either in the ~~person's-filer's~~ own name or to any person for the 1788  
~~person's-filer's~~ use or benefit, if the debt was not paid in 1789  
full within sixty days after the debt was incurred. ~~Division (A)~~ 1790  
~~(2) (f) of this section~~ This division shall not be construed to 1791  
require the disclosure of ~~clients~~ any of the following: 1792

(a) Clients of attorneys or persons licensed under section 1793

4732.12 of the Revised Code, ~~or patients;~~ 1794

(b) Patients of persons licensed under section 4731.14 of 1795  
the Revised Code, ~~nor the disclosure of debts;~~ 1796

(c) Debts owed to the ~~person-filer~~ resulting from the 1797  
ordinary conduct of a business or profession. 1798

~~(g)~~ (7) (a) Except as otherwise provided in section 102.022 1799  
of the Revised Code, the source of each gift of over seventy- 1800  
five dollars, or of each gift of over twenty-five dollars 1801  
received by a member of the general assembly from a legislative 1802  
agent, received by the ~~person-filer~~ in the ~~person's-filer's~~ own 1803  
name or by any other person for the ~~person's-filer's~~ use or 1804  
benefit during the preceding calendar year, ~~except gifts.~~ 1805

(b) As used in this section, "gift" means any of the 1806  
following that is made to, at the request of, for the benefit 1807  
of, or on behalf of the filer: 1808

(i) A payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, 1809  
reimbursement, or gift of money, real estate, or anything of 1810  
value, including food and beverages, entertainment, lodging, 1811  
transportation, or honorariums; 1812

(ii) A contract, promise, or agreement to make an 1813  
expenditure, whether or not legally enforceable; 1814

(iii) The purchase, sale, or gift of services or any other 1815  
thing of value. 1816

(c) As used in this section, "gift" does not include any 1817  
of the following: 1818

(i) Payment of expenses incurred for travel in connection 1819  
with the filer's official duties, as described in division (B) 1820  
(8) of this section; 1821

(ii) Payment of expenses for meals and other food and 1822  
beverages incurred in connection with the filer's official 1823  
duties, as described in division (B)(9) of this section; 1824

(iii) Gifts received by will or by virtue of section 1825  
2105.06 of the Revised Code, or received from spouses, parents, 1826  
grandparents, children, grandchildren, siblings, nephews, 1827  
nieces, uncles, aunts, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, sons-in- 1828  
law, daughters-in-law, fathers-in-law, mothers-in-law, or any 1829  
person to whom the ~~person filing the statement~~ filer stands in 1830  
loco parentis, or received by way of distribution from any inter 1831  
vivos or testamentary trust established by a spouse or by an 1832  
ancestor; 1833

~~(h)~~ (iv) A contribution, gift, or grant to a foundation or 1834  
other charitable organization that is exempt from federal income 1835  
taxation under subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue 1836  
Code; 1837

(v) The purchase, sale, or gift of services or any other 1838  
thing of value that is available to the general public on the 1839  
same terms as it is available to the filer; 1840

(vi) An offer or sale of securities to the filer that is 1841  
governed by regulation D, 17 C.F.R. 230.501 to 230.508, adopted 1842  
under the authority of the "Securities Act of 1933," 15 U.S.C. 1843  
77a and following, or governed by a comparable provision under 1844  
state law. 1845

(8) Except as otherwise provided in section 102.022 of the 1846  
Revised Code, identification of the source and amount of every 1847  
payment of expenses incurred for travel to destinations inside 1848  
or outside this state that is received by the ~~person~~ filer in 1849  
the ~~person's~~ filer's own name or by any other person for the 1850

~~person's-filer's~~ use or benefit and that is incurred in 1851  
connection with the ~~person's-filer's~~ official duties, ~~except for~~ 1852  
. This division does not require the disclosure of the source 1853  
and amount of payment of expenses for travel to meetings or 1854  
conventions of a national or state organization to which any 1855  
state agency, including, but not limited to, any legislative 1856  
agency or state institution of higher education as defined in 1857  
section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, pays membership dues, or 1858  
any political subdivision or any office or agency of a political 1859  
subdivision pays membership dues; 1860

~~(i)~~. 1861

(9) Except as otherwise provided in section 102.022 of the 1862  
Revised Code, identification of the source of payment of 1863  
expenses for meals and other food and beverages, ~~other than that~~ 1864  
are incurred in connection with the filer's official duties and 1865  
that exceed one hundred dollars aggregated per calendar year. 1866  
This division does not require the disclosure of the source of 1867  
payment of expenses for meals and other food and beverages 1868  
provided at, and intended for consumption at, a meeting at which 1869  
the ~~person-filer~~ participated in a panel, seminar, or speaking 1870  
engagement or at a meeting or convention of a national or state 1871  
organization to which any state agency, including, but not 1872  
limited to, any legislative agency or state institution of 1873  
higher education as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised 1874  
Code, pays membership dues, or any political subdivision or any 1875  
office or agency of a political subdivision pays membership 1876  
dues, ~~that are incurred in connection with the person's official~~ 1877  
~~duties and that exceed one hundred dollars aggregated per~~ 1878  
~~calendar year;~~ 1879

~~(j) If the disclosure statement is filed by a public~~ 1880



~~official or employee described in division (B) (2) of section 101.73 of the Revised Code or division (B) (2) of section 121.63 of the Revised Code who receives a statement from a legislative agent, executive agency lobbyist, or employer that contains the information described in division (F) (2) of section 101.73 of the Revised Code or division (G) (2) of section 121.63 of the Revised Code, all of the nondisputed information contained in the statement delivered to that public official or employee by the legislative agent, executive agency lobbyist, or employer under division (F) (2) of section 101.73 or (G) (2) of section 121.63 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(3)~~ (C) (1) A person may file a statement required by this section in person, by mail, or by electronic means.

~~(4)~~ (2) A person who is required to file a statement under this section shall file that statement according to the following deadlines, as applicable:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in divisions ~~(A) (4) (b)~~, (C) (2) (b), (c), and (d) of this section, the person shall file the statement not later than the fifteenth day of May of each year.

(b) A person who is a candidate for elective office shall file the statement no later than the thirtieth day before the primary, special, or general election at which the candidacy is to be voted on, whichever election occurs soonest, except that a person who is a write-in candidate shall file the statement no later than the twentieth day before the earliest election at which the person's candidacy is to be voted on.

(c) A person who is appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term in an elective office shall file the statement

within fifteen days after the person qualifies for office. 1910

(d) A person who is appointed or employed after the 1911  
fifteenth day of May, other than a person described in division 1912  
~~(A) (4) (e) (C) (2) (c)~~ of this section, shall file an annual 1913  
statement within ninety days after appointment or employment. 1914

~~(5) (3)~~ No person shall be required to file with the 1915  
appropriate ethics commission more than one statement or pay 1916  
more than one filing fee for any one calendar year. 1917

~~(6) (4)~~ The appropriate ethics commission, for good cause, 1918  
may extend for a reasonable time the deadline for filing a 1919  
statement under this section. 1920

~~(7) A statement filed under this section is subject to~~ 1921  
~~public inspection at locations designated by the appropriate~~ 1922  
~~ethics commission except as otherwise provided in this section.~~ 1923

~~(B) (D)~~ The Ohio ethics commission, the joint legislative 1924  
ethics committee, and the board of ~~commissioners on grievances~~ 1925  
~~and discipline professional conduct~~ of the supreme court, using 1926  
the rule-making procedures of Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, 1927  
may require any class of public officials or employees under its 1928  
jurisdiction and not specifically excluded by this section whose 1929  
positions involve a substantial and material exercise of 1930  
administrative discretion in the formulation of public policy, 1931  
expenditure of public funds, enforcement of laws and rules of 1932  
the state or a county or city, or the execution of other public 1933  
trusts, to file an annual statement under ~~division (A) of this~~ 1934  
section. The appropriate ethics commission shall send the public 1935  
officials or employees written notice of the requirement not 1936  
less than thirty days before the applicable filing deadline 1937  
unless the public official or employee is appointed after that 1938

date, in which case the notice shall be sent within thirty days 1939  
after appointment, and the filing shall be made not later than 1940  
ninety days after appointment. 1941

~~Disclosure statements filed under this division with the 1942~~  
~~Ohio ethics commission by members of boards, commissions, or 1943~~  
~~bureaus of the state for which no compensation is received other 1944~~  
~~than reasonable and necessary expenses shall be kept 1945~~  
~~confidential. Disclosure statements filed with the Ohio ethics 1946~~  
~~commission under division (A) of this section by business 1947~~  
~~managers, treasurers, and superintendents of city, local, 1948~~  
~~exempted village, joint vocational, or cooperative education 1949~~  
~~school districts or educational service centers shall be kept 1950~~  
~~confidential, except that any person conducting an audit of any 1951~~  
~~such school district or educational service center pursuant to 1952~~  
~~Chapter 117. of the Revised Code may examine the disclosure 1953~~  
~~statement of any business manager, treasurer, or superintendent 1954~~  
~~of that school district or educational service center. 1955~~  
~~Disclosure statements filed with the Ohio ethics commission 1956~~  
~~under division (A) of this section by the individuals set forth 1957~~  
~~in division (B) (2) of section 187.03 of the Revised Code shall 1958~~  
~~be kept confidential. The Ohio ethics commission shall examine 1959~~  
~~each disclosure statement required to be kept confidential to 1960~~  
~~determine whether a potential conflict of interest exists for 1961~~  
~~the person who filed the disclosure statement. A potential 1962~~  
~~conflict of interest exists if the private interests of the 1963~~  
~~person, as indicated by the person's disclosure statement, might 1964~~  
~~interfere with the public interests the person is required to 1965~~  
~~serve in the exercise of the person's authority and duties in 1966~~  
~~the person's office or position of employment. If the commission 1967~~  
~~determines that a potential conflict of interest exists, it 1968~~  
~~shall notify the person who filed the disclosure statement and 1969~~

~~shall make the portions of the disclosure statement that~~ 1970  
~~indicate a potential conflict of interest subject to public~~ 1971  
~~inspection in the same manner as is provided for other~~ 1972  
~~disclosure statements. Any portion of the disclosure statement~~ 1973  
~~that the commission determines does not indicate a potential~~ 1974  
~~conflict of interest shall be kept confidential by the~~ 1975  
~~commission and shall not be made subject to public inspection,~~ 1976  
~~except as is necessary for the enforcement of Chapters 102. and~~ 1977  
~~2921. of the Revised Code and except as otherwise provided in~~ 1978  
~~this division.~~ 1979

~~(C)~~ (E) No person shall knowingly fail to file, on or 1980  
before the applicable filing deadline established under this 1981  
section, a statement that is required by this section. 1982

~~(D)~~ (F) No person shall knowingly file a false statement 1983  
that is required to be filed under this section. 1984

~~(E)(1)~~ (G)(1) A person may file an amended disclosure 1985  
statement under this section not more than sixty days after the 1986  
original statement was required to be filed. Upon receiving an 1987  
amended statement filed under this division, the appropriate 1988  
ethics commission shall acknowledge receipt of the amended 1989  
statement and, except as provided in division (G)(4) of this 1990  
section, shall accept and retain it in the same manner as the 1991  
original statement. 1992

(2) A person may file an amended disclosure statement 1993  
under this section more than sixty days after the original 1994  
statement was required to be filed only in order to correct an 1995  
error made in good faith. Upon receiving an amended statement 1996  
filed under this division, the appropriate ethics commission 1997  
shall acknowledge receipt of the amended statement. The 1998  
appropriate ethics commission may accept and retain an amended 1999

statement filed under this division in the same manner as the 2000  
original statement, unless the commission determines that the 2001  
person filing the amended statement: 2002

(a) Did not make an error in good faith; 2003

(b) Knowingly failed to provide the information required 2004  
by this section or by section 102.022 of the Revised Code; or 2005

(c) Knowingly filed a false statement under this section. 2006

(3) A person who files an amended disclosure statement 2007  
under division (G) (1) or (2) of this section shall file with the 2008  
amended statement a written explanation of the information the 2009  
person has amended and the reason for the amendment. 2010

(4) The appropriate ethics commission may reject an 2011  
amended statement filed under division (G) (1) or (2) of this 2012  
section if any of the additional information submitted in the 2013  
statement is material to a complaint, charge, or inquiry. 2014

(H) (1) Except as provided in divisions ~~(E) (2)~~ (H) (2) and 2015  
(3) of this section, the statement required by division (A) or 2016  
~~(B)~~ (D) of this section shall be accompanied by a filing fee of 2017  
sixty dollars. 2018

(2) The statement required by division (A) of this section 2019  
shall be accompanied by the following filing fee to be paid by 2020  
the person who is elected or appointed to, or is a candidate 2021  
for, any of the following offices: 2022

2023

	education	
B	For office of member of general assembly	\$40
C	For county office	\$60
D	For city office	\$35
E	For office of member of the state board of education	\$35
F	For office of member of a city, local, exempted village, or cooperative education board of education or educational service center governing board	\$30
G	For position of business manager, treasurer, or superintendent of a city, local, exempted village, joint vocational, or cooperative education school district or educational service center	\$30
	(3) No judge of a court of record or candidate for judge of a court of record, and no referee or magistrate serving a court of record, shall be required to pay the fee required under division <del>(E) (1)</del> <u>(H) (1)</u> or (2) or <del>(F) (I)</del> of this section.	2024 2025 2026 2027
	(4) For any public official who is appointed to a nonelective office of the state and for any employee who holds a nonelective position in a public agency of the state, the state agency that is the primary employer of the state official or employee shall pay the fee required under division <del>(E) (1)</del> <u>(H) (1)</u> or <del>(F) (I)</del> of this section.	2028 2029 2030 2031 2032 2033
	<del>(F) (I)</del> If a statement required to be filed under this section is not filed by the date on which it is required to be filed, the appropriate ethics commission shall assess the person	2034 2035 2036

required to file the statement a late filing fee of ten dollars 2037  
for each day the statement is not filed, except that the total 2038  
amount of the late filing fee shall not exceed two hundred fifty 2039  
dollars. 2040

~~(G)(1)~~ (J)(1) The appropriate ethics commission other than 2041  
the Ohio ethics commission and the joint legislative ethics 2042  
committee shall deposit all fees it receives under divisions ~~(E)~~ 2043  
(H) and ~~(F)~~ (I) of this section into the general revenue fund of 2044  
the state. 2045

(2) The Ohio ethics commission shall deposit all receipts, 2046  
including, but not limited to, fees it receives under divisions 2047  
~~(E)~~ (H) and ~~(F)~~ (I) of this section, investigative or other 2048  
fees, costs, or other funds it receives as a result of court 2049  
orders, and all moneys it receives from finances or settlements 2050  
under division ~~(G)~~ (C)(1)(b) or (H) of section 102.06 of the 2051  
Revised Code, into the Ohio ethics commission fund, which is 2052  
hereby created in the state treasury. All moneys credited to the 2053  
fund shall be used solely for expenses related to the operation 2054  
and statutory functions of the commission. 2055

(3) The joint legislative ethics committee shall deposit 2056  
all receipts it receives from the payment of financial 2057  
disclosure statement filing fees under divisions ~~(E)~~ (H) and ~~(F)~~ 2058  
(I) of this section into the joint legislative ethics committee 2059  
investigative and financial disclosure fund. 2060

~~(H)~~ (K) Division (A) of this section does not apply to a 2061  
person elected or appointed to the office of precinct, ward, or 2062  
district committee member under Chapter 3517. of the Revised 2063  
Code; a presidential elector; a delegate to a national 2064  
convention; village or township officials and employees; any 2065  
physician or psychiatrist who is paid a salary or wage in 2066

accordance with schedule C of section 124.15 or schedule E-2 of 2067  
section 124.152 of the Revised Code and whose primary duties do 2068  
not require the exercise of administrative discretion; or any 2069  
member of a board, commission, or bureau of any county or city 2070  
who receives less than one thousand dollars per year for serving 2071  
in that position. 2072

**Sec. 102.022.** (A) The following persons who are required 2073  
to file statements under section 102.02 of the Revised Code 2074  
shall file those statements in accordance with divisions (B) and 2075  
(C) of this section: 2076

(1) Each person who is an officer or employee of a 2077  
political subdivision, and who receives compensation of less 2078  
than sixteen thousand dollars a year for holding an office or 2079  
position of employment with that political subdivision, ~~and who~~ 2080  
~~is required to file a statement under section 102.02 of the~~ 2081  
~~Revised Code; each~~ 2082

(2) Each member of the board of trustees of a state 2083  
institution of higher education as defined in section 3345.011 2084  
of the Revised Code ~~who is required to file a statement under~~ 2085  
~~section 102.02 of the Revised Code; and each~~ 2086

(3) Each individual set forth in division (B) (2) of 2087  
section 187.03 of the Revised Code ~~who is required to file a~~ 2088  
~~statement under section 102.02 of the Revised Code, shall~~ 2089  
~~include in that statement, in place of the information required~~ 2090  
~~by divisions (A) (2) (b), (g), (h), and (i) of that section, the~~ 2091  
~~following information:~~ 2092

~~(A) Exclusive.~~ 2093

(B) Instead of the information required by division (B) (2) 2094  
of section 102.02 of the Revised Code, the statement shall 2095



include, exclusive of reasonable expenses, identification of 2096  
every source of income over five hundred dollars the filer 2097  
received during the preceding calendar year, in the ~~officer's or~~ 2098  
~~employee's~~ filer's own name or by any other person for the 2099  
~~officer's or employee's~~ filer's use or benefit, ~~by the person~~ 2100  
~~filing the statement,~~ and a brief description of the nature of 2101  
the services for which the income was received or, if the income 2102  
is from a business, the nature of the business. This division 2103  
shall not be construed to require the disclosure of ~~clients of~~ 2104  
~~attorneys or persons licensed under section 4732.12 of the~~ 2105  
~~Revised Code or patients of persons licensed under section~~ 2106  
~~4731.14 of the Revised Code. This division shall not be~~ 2107  
~~construed to require a person filing the statement who derives~~ 2108  
~~income from a business or profession to disclose the individual~~ 2109  
~~items of income that constitute the gross income of the business~~ 2110  
~~or profession~~ any information that, under division (B)(2) of 2111  
section 102.02 of the Revised Code, is not required to be 2112  
disclosed. 2113

~~(B) The~~ (C) Instead of the information required by 2114  
divisions (B)(7), (8), and (9) of section 102.02 of the Revised 2115  
Code, the statement shall include the source of each gift of 2116  
over five hundred dollars received by the ~~person~~ filer in the 2117  
~~officer's or employee's~~ filer's own name or by any other person 2118  
for the ~~officer's or employee's~~ filer's use or benefit during 2119  
the preceding calendar year, ~~except gifts received by will or by~~ 2120  
~~virtue of section 2105.06 of the Revised Code, received from~~ 2121  
~~parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, siblings,~~ 2122  
~~nephews, nieces, uncles, aunts, brothers in law, sisters in law,~~ 2123  
~~sons in law, daughters in law, fathers in law, mothers in law,~~ 2124  
~~or any person to whom the person filing the statement stands in~~ 2125  
~~loco parentis, or received by way of distribution from any inter~~ 2126

~~vivos or testamentary trust established by a spouse or by an~~ 2127  
~~ancestor. As used in this section, "gift" has the same meaning~~ 2128  
~~as in section 102.02 of the Revised Code, but includes the~~ 2129  
~~payment of expenses incurred for travel, meals, and other food~~ 2130  
~~and beverages incurred in connection with the filer's official~~ 2131  
~~duties.~~ 2132

**Sec. 102.03.** (A) (1) No present or former public official 2133  
or employee shall, during public employment or service or for 2134  
twelve months thereafter, represent a client or act in a 2135  
representative capacity for any person on any matter in which 2136  
the public official or employee personally participated as a 2137  
public official or employee through decision, approval, 2138  
disapproval, recommendation, the rendering of advice, 2139  
investigation, or other substantial exercise of administrative 2140  
discretion. 2141

(2) For twenty-four months after the conclusion of 2142  
service, no former commissioner or attorney examiner of the 2143  
public utilities commission shall represent a public utility, as 2144  
defined in section 4905.02 of the Revised Code, or act in a 2145  
representative capacity on behalf of such a utility before any 2146  
state board, commission, or agency. 2147

(3) For twenty-four months after the conclusion of 2148  
employment or service, no former public official or employee who 2149  
personally participated as a public official or employee through 2150  
decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, the rendering 2151  
of advice, the development or adoption of solid waste management 2152  
plans, investigation, inspection, or other substantial exercise 2153  
of administrative discretion under Chapter 343. or 3734. of the 2154  
Revised Code shall represent a person who is the owner or 2155  
operator of a facility, as defined in section 3734.01 of the 2156

Revised Code, or who is an applicant for a permit or license for 2157  
a facility under that chapter, on any matter in which the public 2158  
official or employee personally participated as a public 2159  
official or employee. 2160

~~(4) For a period of one year after the conclusion of 2161  
employment or service as a member or employee of the general 2162  
assembly, no former member or employee of the general assembly 2163  
shall represent, or act in a representative capacity for, any 2164  
person on any matter before the general assembly, any committee 2165  
of the general assembly, or the controlling board. Division (A) 2166  
(4) of this section does not apply to or affect a person who 2167  
separates from service with the general assembly on or before 2168  
December 31, 1995. As used in division (A) (4) of this section 2169  
"person" does not include any state agency or political 2170  
subdivision of the state. 2171~~

~~(5) As used in divisions (A) (1), (2), and (3) of this 2172  
section, "matter" includes any case, proceeding, application, 2173  
determination, issue, or question, but does not include the 2174  
proposal, consideration, or enactment of statutes, rules, 2175  
ordinances, resolutions, or charter or constitutional 2176  
amendments. As used in division (A) (4) of this section, "matter" 2177  
includes the proposal, consideration, or enactment of statutes, 2178  
resolutions, or constitutional amendments. As used in division 2179  
(A) of this section, "represent" includes any formal or informal 2180  
appearance before, or any written or oral communication with, 2181  
any public agency on behalf of any person. 2182~~

~~(6) (5) Nothing contained in division (A) of this section 2183  
shall prohibit, during such period, a former public official or 2184  
employee from being retained or employed to represent, assist, 2185  
or act in a representative capacity for the public agency by 2186~~

which the public official or employee was employed or on which 2187  
the public official or employee served. 2188

~~(7)~~ (6) Division (A) of this section shall not be 2189  
construed to prohibit the performance of ministerial functions, 2190  
including, but not limited to, the filing or amendment of tax 2191  
returns, applications for permits and licenses, incorporation 2192  
papers, and other similar documents. 2193

~~(8)~~ (7) Division (A) of this section does not prohibit a 2194  
nonelected public official or employee of a state agency, as 2195  
defined in section 1.60 of the Revised Code, from becoming a 2196  
public official or employee of another state agency. Division 2197  
(A) of this section does not prohibit such an official or 2198  
employee from representing or acting in a representative 2199  
capacity for the official's or employee's new state agency on 2200  
any matter in which the public official or employee personally 2201  
participated as a public official or employee at the official's 2202  
or employee's former state agency. However, no public official 2203  
or employee of a state agency shall, during public employment or 2204  
for twelve months thereafter, represent or act in a 2205  
representative capacity for the official's or employee's new 2206  
state agency on any audit or investigation pertaining to the 2207  
official's or employee's new state agency in which the public 2208  
official or employee personally participated at the official's 2209  
or employee's former state agency through decision, approval, 2210  
disapproval, recommendation, the rendering of advice, 2211  
investigation, or other substantial exercise of administrative 2212  
discretion. 2213

~~(9)~~ (8) Division (A) of this section does not prohibit a 2214  
nonelected public official or employee of a political 2215  
subdivision from becoming a public official or employee of a 2216

different department, division, agency, office, or unit of the 2217  
same political subdivision. Division (A) of this section does 2218  
not prohibit such an official or employee from representing or 2219  
acting in a representative capacity for the official's or 2220  
employee's new department, division, agency, office, or unit on 2221  
any matter in which the public official or employee personally 2222  
participated as a public official or employee at the official's 2223  
or employee's former department, division, agency, office, or 2224  
unit of the same political subdivision. As used in this 2225  
division, "political subdivision" means a county, township, 2226  
municipal corporation, or any other body corporate and politic 2227  
that is responsible for government activities in a geographic 2228  
area smaller than that of the state. 2229

~~(10)~~ (9) No present or former Ohio casino control 2230  
commission official shall, during public service or for two 2231  
years thereafter, represent a client, be employed or compensated 2232  
by a person regulated by the commission, or act in a 2233  
representative capacity for any person on any matter before or 2234  
concerning the commission. 2235

No present or former commission employee shall, during 2236  
public employment or for two years thereafter, represent a 2237  
client or act in a representative capacity on any matter in 2238  
which the employee personally participated as a commission 2239  
employee through decision, approval, disapproval, 2240  
recommendation, the rendering of advice, investigation, or other 2241  
substantial exercise of administrative discretion. 2242

(B) No present or former public official or employee shall 2243  
disclose or use, without appropriate authorization, any 2244  
information acquired by the public official or employee in the 2245  
course of the public official's or employee's official duties 2246

that is confidential because of statutory provisions, or that 2247  
has been clearly designated to the public official or employee 2248  
as confidential when that confidential designation is warranted 2249  
because of the status of the proceedings or the circumstances 2250  
under which the information was received and preserving its 2251  
confidentiality is necessary to the proper conduct of government 2252  
business. 2253

(C) No public official or employee shall participate 2254  
within the scope of duties as a public official or employee, 2255  
except through ministerial functions as defined in division (A) 2256  
of this section, in any license or rate-making proceeding that 2257  
directly affects the license or rates of any person, 2258  
partnership, trust, business trust, corporation, or association 2259  
in which the public official or employee or immediate family 2260  
owns or controls more than five per cent. No public official or 2261  
employee shall participate within the scope of duties as a 2262  
public official or employee, except through ministerial 2263  
functions as defined in division (A) of this section, in any 2264  
license or rate-making proceeding that directly affects the 2265  
license or rates of any person to whom the public official or 2266  
employee or immediate family, or a partnership, trust, business 2267  
trust, corporation, or association of which the public official 2268  
or employee or the public official's or employee's immediate 2269  
family owns or controls more than five per cent, has sold goods 2270  
or services totaling more than one thousand dollars during the 2271  
preceding year, unless the public official or employee has filed 2272  
a written statement acknowledging that sale with the clerk or 2273  
secretary of the public agency and the statement is entered in 2274  
any public record of the agency's proceedings. This division 2275  
shall not be construed to require the disclosure of clients of 2276  
attorneys or persons licensed under section 4732.12 of the 2277

Revised Code, or patients of persons licensed under section 2278  
4731.14 of the Revised Code. 2279

(D) No public official or employee shall use or authorize 2280  
the use of the authority or influence of office or employment to 2281  
secure anything of value or the promise or offer of anything of 2282  
value that is of such a character as to manifest a substantial 2283  
and improper influence upon the public official or employee with 2284  
respect to that person's duties. 2285

(E) No public official or employee shall solicit or accept 2286  
anything of value that is of such a character as to manifest a 2287  
substantial and improper influence upon the public official or 2288  
employee with respect to that person's duties. 2289

(F) No person shall promise or give to a public official 2290  
or employee anything of value that is of such a character as to 2291  
manifest a substantial and improper influence upon the public 2292  
official or employee with respect to that person's duties. 2293

(G) In the absence of bribery or another offense under the 2294  
Revised Code or a purpose to defraud, contributions made to a 2295  
campaign committee, political party, legislative campaign fund, 2296  
political action committee, or political contributing entity on 2297  
behalf of an elected public officer or other public official or 2298  
employee who seeks elective office shall be considered to accrue 2299  
ordinarily to the public official or employee for the purposes 2300  
of divisions (D), (E), and (F) of this section. 2301

As used in this division, "contributions," "campaign 2302  
committee," "political party," "legislative campaign fund," 2303  
"political action committee," and "political contributing 2304  
entity" have the same meanings as in section 3517.01 of the 2305  
Revised Code. 2306

(H) (1) No public official or employee, except for the 2307  
president or other chief administrative officer of or a member 2308  
of a board of trustees of a state institution of higher 2309  
education as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, 2310  
who is required to file a financial disclosure statement under 2311  
section 102.02 of the Revised Code shall solicit or accept, and 2312  
no person shall give to that public official or employee, an 2313  
honorarium. Except as provided in division (H) (2) of this 2314  
section, this division and divisions (D), (E), and (F) of this 2315  
section do not prohibit a public official or employee who is 2316  
required to file a financial disclosure statement under section 2317  
102.02 of the Revised Code from accepting and do not prohibit a 2318  
person from giving to that public official or employee the 2319  
payment of actual travel expenses, including any expenses 2320  
incurred in connection with the travel for lodging, and meals, 2321  
food, and beverages provided to the public official or employee 2322  
at a meeting at which the public official or employee 2323  
participates in a panel, seminar, or speaking engagement or 2324  
provided to the public official or employee at a meeting or 2325  
convention of a national organization to which any state agency, 2326  
including, but not limited to, any state legislative agency or 2327  
state institution of higher education as defined in section 2328  
3345.011 of the Revised Code, pays membership dues. Except as 2329  
provided in division (H) (2) of this section, this division and 2330  
divisions (D), (E), and (F) of this section do not prohibit a 2331  
public official or employee who is not required to file a 2332  
financial disclosure statement under section 102.02 of the 2333  
Revised Code from accepting and do not prohibit a person from 2334  
promising or giving to that public official or employee an 2335  
honorarium or the payment of travel, meal, and lodging expenses 2336  
if the honorarium, expenses, or both were paid in recognition of 2337  
demonstrable business, professional, or esthetic interests of 2338



the public official or employee that exist apart from public 2339  
office or employment, including, but not limited to, such a 2340  
demonstrable interest in public speaking and were not paid by 2341  
any person or other entity, or by any representative or 2342  
association of those persons or entities, that is regulated by, 2343  
doing business with, or seeking to do business with the 2344  
department, division, institution, board, commission, authority, 2345  
bureau, or other instrumentality of the governmental entity with 2346  
which the public official or employee serves. 2347

(2) No person who is a member of the board of a state 2348  
retirement system, a state retirement system investment officer, 2349  
or an employee of a state retirement system whose position 2350  
involves substantial and material exercise of discretion in the 2351  
investment of retirement system funds shall solicit or accept, 2352  
and no person shall give to that board member, officer, or 2353  
employee, payment of actual travel expenses, including expenses 2354  
incurred with the travel for lodging, meals, food, and 2355  
beverages. 2356

(I) A public official or employee may accept travel, 2357  
meals, and lodging or expenses or reimbursement of expenses for 2358  
travel, meals, and lodging in connection with conferences, 2359  
seminars, and similar events related to official duties if the 2360  
travel, meals, and lodging, expenses, or reimbursement is not of 2361  
such a character as to manifest a substantial and improper 2362  
influence upon the public official or employee with respect to 2363  
that person's duties. The house of representatives and senate, 2364  
in their code of ethics, and the Ohio ethics commission, under 2365  
section 111.15 of the Revised Code, may adopt rules setting 2366  
standards and conditions for the furnishing and acceptance of 2367  
such travel, meals, and lodging, expenses, or reimbursement. 2368

A person who acts in compliance with this division and any  
applicable rules adopted under it, or any applicable, similar  
rules adopted by the supreme court governing judicial officers  
and employees, does not violate division (D), (E), or (F) of  
this section. This division does not preclude any person from  
seeking an advisory opinion from the appropriate ethics  
commission under section 102.08 of the Revised Code.

(J) For purposes of divisions (D), (E), and (F) of this  
section, the membership of a public official or employee in an  
organization shall not be considered, in and of itself, to be of  
such a character as to manifest a substantial and improper  
influence on the public official or employee with respect to  
that person's duties. As used in this division, "organization"  
means a church or a religious, benevolent, fraternal, or  
professional organization that is tax exempt under subsection  
501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3), (4), (8), (10), or  
(19) of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986." This division does  
not apply to a public official or employee who is an employee of  
an organization, serves as a trustee, director, or officer of an  
organization, or otherwise holds a fiduciary relationship with  
an organization. This division does not allow a public official  
or employee who is a member of an organization to participate,  
formally or informally, in deliberations, discussions, or voting  
on a matter or to use the public official's or employee's  
official position with regard to the interests of the  
organization on the matter if the public official or employee  
has assumed a particular responsibility in the organization with  
respect to the matter or if the matter would affect that  
person's personal, pecuniary interests.

(K) It is not a violation of this section for a  
prosecuting attorney to appoint assistants and employees in

accordance with division (B) of section 309.06 and section 2400  
2921.421 of the Revised Code, for a chief legal officer of a 2401  
municipal corporation or an official designated as prosecutor in 2402  
a municipal corporation to appoint assistants and employees in 2403  
accordance with sections 733.621 and 2921.421 of the Revised 2404  
Code, for a township law director appointed under section 504.15 2405  
of the Revised Code to appoint assistants and employees in 2406  
accordance with sections 504.151 and 2921.421 of the Revised 2407  
Code, or for a coroner to appoint assistants and employees in 2408  
accordance with division (B) of section 313.05 of the Revised 2409  
Code. 2410

As used in this division, "chief legal officer" has the 2411  
same meaning as in section 733.621 of the Revised Code. 2412

(L) No present public official or employee with a casino 2413  
gaming regulatory function shall indirectly invest, by way of an 2414  
entity the public official or employee has an ownership interest 2415  
or control in, or directly invest in a casino operator, 2416  
management company, holding company, casino facility, or gaming- 2417  
related vendor. No present public official or employee with a 2418  
casino gaming regulatory function shall directly or indirectly 2419  
have a financial interest in, have an ownership interest in, be 2420  
the creditor or hold a debt instrument issued by, or have an 2421  
interest in a contractual or service relationship with a casino 2422  
operator, management company, holding company, casino facility, 2423  
or gaming-related vendor. This section does not prohibit or 2424  
limit permitted passive investing by the public official or 2425  
employee. 2426

As used in this division, "passive investing" means 2427  
investment by the public official or employee by means of a 2428  
mutual fund in which the public official or employee has no 2429

control of the investments or investment decisions. "Casino 2430  
operator," "holding company," "management company," "casino 2431  
facility," and "gaming-related vendor" have the same meanings as 2432  
in section 3772.01 of the Revised Code. 2433

(M) A member of the Ohio casino control commission, the 2434  
executive director of the commission, or an employee of the 2435  
commission shall not: 2436

(1) Accept anything of value, including but not limited to 2437  
a gift, gratuity, emolument, or employment from a casino 2438  
operator, management company, or other person subject to the 2439  
jurisdiction of the commission, or from an officer, attorney, 2440  
agent, or employee of a casino operator, management company, or 2441  
other person subject to the jurisdiction of the commission; 2442

(2) Solicit, suggest, request, or recommend, directly or 2443  
indirectly, to a casino operator, management company, or other 2444  
person subject to the jurisdiction of the commission, or to an 2445  
officer, attorney, agent, or employee of a casino operator, 2446  
management company, or other person subject to the jurisdiction 2447  
of the commission, the appointment of a person to an office, 2448  
place, position, or employment; 2449

(3) Participate in casino gaming or any other amusement or 2450  
activity at a casino facility in this state or at an affiliate 2451  
gaming facility of a licensed casino operator, wherever located. 2452

In addition to the penalty provided in section 102.99 of 2453  
the Revised Code, whoever violates division (M) (1), (2), or (3) 2454  
of this section forfeits the individual's office or employment. 2455

**Sec. 102.031.** (A) As used in this section: 2456

(1) "Business associate" means a person with whom a member 2457  
of the general assembly is conducting or undertaking a financial 2458

transaction. 2459

(2) "Contribution" has the same meaning as in section 2460  
3517.01 of the Revised Code. 2461

(3) "Employee" does not include a member of the general 2462  
assembly whose nonlegislative position of employment does not 2463  
involve the performance of or the authority to perform 2464  
administrative or supervisory functions; or whose nonlegislative 2465  
position of employment, if the member is a public employee, does 2466  
not involve a substantial and material exercise of 2467  
administrative discretion in the formulation of public policy, 2468  
expenditure of public funds, enforcement of laws and rules of 2469  
the state or a county or city, or execution of other public 2470  
trusts. 2471

(B) No member of the general assembly shall vote on any 2472  
legislation that the member knows is then being actively 2473  
advocated if the member is one of the following with respect to 2474  
a legislative agent or employer that is then actively advocating 2475  
on that legislation: 2476

(1) An employee; 2477

(2) A business associate; 2478

(3) A person, other than an employee, who is hired under 2479  
contract to perform certain services, and that position involves 2480  
a substantial and material exercise of administrative discretion 2481  
in the formulation of public policy. 2482

(C) No member of the general assembly shall knowingly 2483  
accept any of the following from a legislative agent ~~or a person~~ 2484  
~~required to file a statement described in division (A) (2) of~~ 2485  
~~section 102.021 of the Revised Code:~~ 2486

(1) The payment of any expenses for travel or lodging 2487  
except as otherwise authorized by division (H) of section 102.03 2488  
of the Revised Code; 2489

(2) More than seventy-five dollars aggregated per calendar 2490  
year as payment for meals and other food and beverages, other 2491  
than for those meals and other food and beverages provided to 2492  
the member at, and intended for consumption at, a meeting at 2493  
which the member participates in a panel, seminar, or speaking 2494  
engagement, at a meeting or convention of a national 2495  
organization to which any state agency, including, but not 2496  
limited to, any legislative agency or state institution of 2497  
higher education as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised 2498  
Code, pays membership dues, or at a dinner, party, or function 2499  
to which all members of the general assembly or all members of 2500  
either house of the general assembly are invited; 2501

(3) A gift of any amount in the form of cash or the 2502  
equivalent of cash, or a gift of any other thing of value whose 2503  
value exceeds seventy-five dollars. As used in division (C) (3) 2504  
of this section, "gift" does not include any contribution or any 2505  
gifts of meals and other food and beverages or the payment of 2506  
expenses incurred for travel to destinations either inside or 2507  
outside this state that is received by a member of the general 2508  
assembly and that is incurred in connection with the member's 2509  
official duties. 2510

(D) It is not a violation of division (C) (2) of this 2511  
section if, within sixty days after receiving notice from a 2512  
legislative agent that the legislative agent has provided a 2513  
member of the general assembly with more than seventy-five 2514  
dollars aggregated in a calendar year as payment for meals and 2515  
other food and beverages, the member of the general assembly 2516

returns to that legislative agent the amount received that 2517  
exceeds seventy-five dollars. 2518

(E) The joint legislative ethics committee may impose a 2519  
fine of not more than one thousand dollars upon a member of the 2520  
general assembly who violates division (B) of this section. 2521

**Sec. 102.06.** (A) The appropriate ethics commission shall 2522  
receive and may initiate complaints against persons subject to 2523  
this chapter concerning conduct alleged to be in violation of 2524  
this chapter or section 2921.42~~or~~, 2921.43, or 4901.022 of the 2525  
Revised Code. All complaints except those by the commission 2526  
shall be by affidavit made on personal knowledge, subject to the 2527  
penalties of perjury. Complaints by the commission shall be by 2528  
affidavit, based upon reasonable cause to believe that a 2529  
violation has occurred. 2530

(B) The appropriate ethics commission shall investigate 2531  
complaints, may investigate charges presented to it, and may 2532  
request further information, including the specific amount of 2533  
income from a source, from any person filing with the commission 2534  
a statement required by section 102.02 or ~~102.021~~ 4901.022 of 2535  
the Revised Code, if the information sought is directly relevant 2536  
to a complaint or charges received by the commission pursuant to 2537  
this section. This information is confidential, except that the 2538  
commission, in its discretion, may share information gathered in 2539  
the course of any investigation with, or disclose the 2540  
information to, the inspector general, any appropriate 2541  
prosecuting authority, any law enforcement agency, or any other 2542  
appropriate ethics commission. If the accused person is a member 2543  
of the public employees retirement board, state teachers 2544  
retirement board, school employees retirement board, board of 2545  
trustees of the Ohio police and fire pension fund, or state 2546

highway patrol retirement board, or is a member of the bureau of 2547  
workers' compensation board of directors, the appropriate ethics 2548  
commission, in its discretion, also may share information 2549  
gathered in the course of an investigation with, or disclose the 2550  
information to, the attorney general and the auditor of state. 2551  
If the accused person has filed, or is required to file, a 2552  
statement under section 4901.022 of the Revised Code, the Ohio 2553  
ethics commission, in its discretion, also may share information 2554  
gathered in the course of an investigation with, or disclose the 2555  
information to, the governor or the public utilities commission 2556  
nominating council. The person so requested shall furnish the 2557  
information to the commission, unless within fifteen days from 2558  
the date of the request the person files an action for 2559  
declaratory judgment challenging the legitimacy of the request 2560  
in the court of common pleas of the county of the person's 2561  
residence, the person's place of employment, or Franklin county. 2562  
The requested information need not be furnished to the 2563  
commission during the pendency of the judicial proceedings. 2564  
Proceedings of the commission in connection with the declaratory 2565  
judgment action shall be kept confidential except as otherwise 2566  
provided by this section. Before the commission proceeds to take 2567  
any formal action against a person who is the subject of an 2568  
investigation based on charges presented to the commission, a 2569  
complaint shall be filed against the person. If the commission 2570  
finds that a complaint is not frivolous, and there is reasonable 2571  
cause to believe that the facts alleged in a complaint 2572  
constitute a violation of division (C) or (D) of section 102.07 2573  
or section 102.02, ~~102.021~~, 102.03, 102.04, ~~102.07~~, ~~102.10~~, 2574  
2921.42, ~~or~~ 2921.43, or 4901.022 of the Revised Code, it shall 2575  
hold a hearing. If the commission does not so find, it shall 2576  
dismiss the complaint and notify the accused person in writing 2577  
of the dismissal of the complaint. The commission shall not make 2578



a report of its finding unless the accused person requests a 2579  
report. Upon the request of the accused person, the commission 2580  
shall make a public report of its finding. The person against 2581  
whom the complaint is directed shall be given reasonable notice 2582  
by certified mail of the date, time, and place of the hearing 2583  
and a statement of the charges and the law directly involved and 2584  
shall be given the opportunity to be represented by counsel, to 2585  
have counsel appointed for the person if the person is unable to 2586  
afford counsel without undue hardship, to examine the evidence 2587  
against the person, to produce evidence and to call and subpoena 2588  
witnesses in the person's defense, to confront the person's 2589  
accusers, and to cross-examine witnesses. The commission shall 2590  
have a stenographic record made of the hearing. The hearing 2591  
shall be closed to the public. 2592

~~(C) (1) (a)~~ (C) (1) (a) (i) If, upon the basis of the hearing, 2593  
the appropriate ethics commission finds by a preponderance of 2594  
the evidence that the facts alleged in the complaint are true 2595  
and constitute a violation of division (C) or (D) of section 2596  
102.07 or section 102.02, ~~102.021, 102.03, 102.04, 102.07,~~ 2597  
2921.42, ~~or 2921.43,~~ or 4901.022 of the Revised Code, it shall 2598  
report its findings to the appropriate prosecuting authority for 2599  
proceedings in prosecution of the violation and to the 2600  
appointing or employing authority of the accused. If the accused 2601  
person is a member of the public employees retirement board, 2602  
state teachers retirement board, school employees retirement 2603  
board, board of trustees of the Ohio police and fire pension 2604  
fund, or state highway patrol retirement board, the commission 2605  
also shall report its findings to the Ohio retirement study 2606  
council. 2607

~~(b)~~ (ii) If the Ohio ethics commission reports its 2608  
findings to the appropriate prosecuting authority under division 2609

~~(C) (1) (a)~~ (C) (1) (a) (i) of this section and the prosecuting 2610  
authority has not initiated any official action on those 2611  
findings within ninety days after receiving the commission's 2612  
report of them, the commission may publicly comment that no 2613  
official action has been taken on its findings, except that the 2614  
commission shall make no comment in violation of the Rules of 2615  
Criminal Procedure or about any indictment that has been sealed 2616  
pursuant to any law or those rules. The commission shall make no 2617  
comment regarding the merits of its findings. As used in 2618  
division ~~(C) (1) (b)~~ (C) (1) (a) (ii) of this section, "official 2619  
action" means prosecution, closure after investigation, or grand 2620  
jury action resulting in a true bill of indictment or no true 2621  
bill of indictment. 2622

(b) If, upon the basis of the hearing, the appropriate 2623  
ethics commission finds by a preponderance of the evidence that 2624  
the facts alleged in the complaint are true and constitute a 2625  
violation of section 102.10 of the Revised Code, it shall impose 2626  
a fine upon the accused person in an amount equal to the amount 2627  
of compensation or other payment the person received in 2628  
violation of that section. 2629

(2) If the appropriate ethics commission does not find by 2630  
a preponderance of the evidence that the facts alleged in the 2631  
complaint are true and constitute a violation of division (C) or 2632  
(D) of section 102.07 or section 102.02, ~~102.021~~, 102.03, 2633  
102.04, ~~102.07~~, 102.10, 2921.42, ~~or~~ 2921.43, or 4901.022 of the 2634  
Revised Code or if the commission has not scheduled a hearing 2635  
within ninety days after the complaint is filed or has not 2636  
finally disposed of the complaint within six months after it has 2637  
been heard, it shall dismiss the complaint and notify the 2638  
accused person in writing of the dismissal of the complaint. The 2639  
commission shall not make a report of its finding unless the 2640

accused person requests a report. Upon the request of the 2641  
accused person, the commission shall make a public report of the 2642  
finding, but in this case all evidence and the record of the 2643  
hearing shall remain confidential unless the accused person also 2644  
requests that the evidence and record be made public. Upon 2645  
request by the accused person, the commission shall make the 2646  
evidence and the record available for public inspection. 2647

(D) The appropriate ethics commission, or a member of the 2648  
commission, may administer oaths, and the commission may issue 2649  
subpoenas to any person in the state compelling the attendance 2650  
of witnesses and the production of relevant papers, books, 2651  
accounts, and records. The commission shall issue subpoenas to 2652  
compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of 2653  
documents upon the request of an accused person. Section 101.42 2654  
of the Revised Code shall govern the issuance of these subpoenas 2655  
insofar as applicable. Upon the refusal of any person to obey a 2656  
subpoena or to be sworn or to answer as a witness, the 2657  
commission may apply to the court of common pleas of Franklin 2658  
county under section 2705.03 of the Revised Code. The court 2659  
shall hold proceedings in accordance with Chapter 2705. of the 2660  
Revised Code. The commission or the accused person may take the 2661  
depositions of witnesses residing within or without the state in 2662  
the same manner as prescribed by law for the taking of 2663  
depositions in civil actions in the court of common pleas. 2664

(E) At least once each year, the Ohio ethics commission 2665  
shall report on its activities of the immediately preceding year 2666  
to the majority and minority leaders of the senate and house of 2667  
representatives of the general assembly. The report shall 2668  
indicate the total number of complaints received, initiated, and 2669  
investigated by the commission, the total number of complaints 2670  
for which formal hearings were held, and the total number of 2671

complaints for which formal prosecution was recommended or 2672  
requested by the commission. The report also shall indicate the 2673  
nature of the inappropriate conduct alleged in each complaint 2674  
and the governmental entity with which any employee or official 2675  
that is the subject of a complaint was employed at the time of 2676  
the alleged inappropriate conduct. 2677

(F) The Ohio ethics commission shall maintain a list of 2678  
all executive agencies. The commission shall provide copies of 2679  
the list to the general public on request and may charge a 2680  
reasonable fee not to exceed the cost of copying and delivering 2681  
the document. 2682

(G) All papers, records, affidavits, and documents upon 2683  
any complaint, inquiry, or investigation relating to the 2684  
proceedings of the appropriate ethics commission shall be sealed 2685  
and are private and confidential, except as otherwise provided 2686  
in this section and section 102.07 of the Revised Code. 2687

~~(G)(1)~~ (H)(1) When a complaint or charge is before it, the 2688  
Ohio ethics commission or the appropriate prosecuting authority, 2689  
in consultation with the person filing the complaint or charge, 2690  
the accused, and any other person the commission or prosecuting 2691  
authority considers necessary, may compromise or settle the 2692  
complaint or charge with the agreement of the accused. The 2693  
compromise or settlement may include mediation, restitution, 2694  
rescission of affected contracts, forfeiture of any benefits 2695  
resulting from a violation or potential violation of law, 2696  
resignation of a public official or employee, or any other 2697  
relief that is agreed upon between the commission or prosecuting 2698  
authority and the accused. 2699

(2) Any settlement agreement entered into under division 2700  
~~(G)(1)~~ (H)(1) of this section shall be in writing and be 2701

accompanied by a statement of the findings of the commission or  
prosecuting authority and the reasons for entering into the  
agreement. The commission or prosecuting authority shall retain  
the agreement and statement in the commission's or prosecuting  
authority's office and, in the commission's or prosecuting  
authority's discretion, may make the agreement, the statement,  
and any supporting information public, unless the agreement  
provides otherwise.

(3) If a settlement agreement is breached by the accused,  
the commission or prosecuting authority, in the commission's or  
prosecuting authority's discretion, may rescind the agreement  
and reinstitute any investigation, hearing, or prosecution of  
the accused. No information obtained from the accused in  
reaching the settlement that is not otherwise discoverable from  
the accused shall be used in any proceeding before the  
commission or by the appropriate prosecuting authority in  
prosecuting the violation. Notwithstanding any other section of  
the Revised Code, if a settlement agreement is breached, any  
statute of limitations for a violation of this chapter or  
section 2921.42 ~~or 2921.43~~, or 4901.022 of the Revised Code is  
tolled from the date the complaint or charge is filed until the  
date the settlement agreement is breached.

**Sec. 102.07.** (A) (1) Except as otherwise provided in  
division (A) of this section, a statement filed under section  
102.02 or 4901.022 of the Revised Code is subject to public  
inspection at locations designated by the appropriate ethics  
commission.

(2) The following statements filed with the Ohio ethics  
commission shall be kept confidential:

(a) Statements filed under division (D) or (G) of section

102.02 of the Revised Code by members of boards, commissions, or 2732  
bureaus of the state for which no compensation is received other 2733  
than reasonable and necessary expenses; 2734

(b) Statements filed under division (A) or (G) of section 2735  
102.02 of the Revised Code by business managers, treasurers, and 2736  
superintendents of city, local, exempted village, joint 2737  
vocational, or cooperative education school districts or 2738  
educational service centers, except that any person conducting 2739  
an audit of any such school district or educational service 2740  
center pursuant to Chapter 117. of the Revised Code may examine 2741  
the disclosure statement of any business manager, treasurer, or 2742  
superintendent of that school district or educational service 2743  
center; 2744

(c) Statements filed under division (A) or (G) of section 2745  
102.02 of the Revised Code by the individuals set forth in 2746  
division (B) (2) of section 187.03 of the Revised Code. 2747

(3) The Ohio ethics commission shall examine each 2748  
statement required to be kept confidential to determine whether 2749  
a potential conflict of interest exists for the filer. A 2750  
potential conflict of interest exists if the private interests 2751  
of the filer, as indicated by the statement, might interfere 2752  
with the public interests the filer is required to serve in the 2753  
exercise of the filer's authority and duties in the filer's 2754  
office or position of employment. If the commission determines 2755  
that a potential conflict of interest exists, it shall notify 2756  
the filer and shall make the portions of the statement that 2757  
indicate a potential conflict of interest subject to public 2758  
inspection in the same manner as is provided for other 2759  
statements. Any portion of the statement that the commission 2760  
determines does not indicate a potential conflict of interest 2761

shall be kept confidential by the commission and shall not be 2762  
made subject to public inspection, except as is necessary for 2763  
the enforcement of Chapters 102. and 2921. of the Revised Code 2764  
and except as otherwise provided in this division. 2765

(B) (1) Beginning with disclosure statements required to be 2766  
filed for calendar year 2025, the Ohio ethics commission shall 2767  
publish and make available to the public on its official web 2768  
site each statement filed with the commission under section 2769  
102.02 of the Revised Code by a person who is elected to, a 2770  
candidate for, or appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired 2771  
term in any elective office listed in division (A) of that 2772  
section, except for statements that are required to be kept 2773  
confidential under division (A) of this section. 2774

(2) Beginning January 1, 2025, the information in 2775  
disclosure statements that are described in division (B) (1) of 2776  
this section and are published on the official web site of the 2777  
Ohio ethics commission shall include a link to the official web 2778  
site of the office of the secretary of state that contains the 2779  
information in statements of contributions and expenditures and 2780  
monthly statements and statements of independent expenditures 2781  
described in division (B) (1) of section 3517.106 of the Revised 2782  
Code that is made available online through the internet under 2783  
division (I) of that section. 2784

(C) No member, employee, or agent of the Ohio ethics 2785  
commission, board of ~~commissioners on grievances and discipline~~ 2786  
~~professional conduct~~ of the supreme court, or joint legislative 2787  
ethics committee shall divulge any information or any books, 2788  
papers, or documents presented to the commission, joint 2789  
legislative ethics committee, or board of ~~commissioners on~~ 2790  
~~grievances and discipline~~ professional conduct without the 2791

consent, in writing, of the appropriate ethics commission, 2792  
unless such books, papers, or documents were presented at a 2793  
public hearing, except as provided in section 102.06 of the 2794  
Revised Code. 2795

(D) No person shall divulge information that appears on a 2796  
disclosure statement and is required to be kept confidential 2797  
under division ~~(B)~~ (A) of this section ~~102.02 of the Revised~~ 2798  
~~Code.~~ 2799

**Sec. 102.08.** (A) (1) Subject to division (A) (2) of this 2800  
section, the board of ~~commissioners on grievances and discipline~~ 2801  
professional conduct of the supreme court and the joint 2802  
legislative ethics committee may recommend legislation relating 2803  
to ethics, conflicts of interest, and financial disclosure and 2804  
shall render advisory opinions with regard to questions 2805  
concerning these matters for persons for whom it is the 2806  
appropriate ethics commission. 2807

(2) The board of ~~commissioners on grievances and~~ 2808  
~~discipline of the supreme court~~ professional conduct shall issue 2809  
advisory opinions only in a manner consistent with Rule V of the 2810  
Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio. 2811

(B) When the board of ~~commissioners on grievances and~~ 2812  
~~discipline~~ professional conduct of the supreme court renders an 2813  
advisory opinion relating to a special set of circumstances 2814  
involving ethics, conflict of interest, or financial disclosure 2815  
under Chapter 102. or section 2921.42 or 2921.43 of the Revised 2816  
Code, the person to whom the opinion was directed or who was 2817  
similarly situated may reasonably rely upon the opinion and 2818  
shall be immune from criminal prosecutions, civil suits, or 2819  
actions for removal from ~~his~~ the person's office or position of 2820  
employment for a violation of Chapter 102. or section 2921.42 or 2821



2921.43 of the Revised Code based on facts and circumstances 2822  
covered by the opinion, if the opinion states there is no 2823  
violation of Chapter 102. or section 2921.42 or 2921.43 of the 2824  
Revised Code. Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (2) of 2825  
this section, the board of ~~commissioners on grievances and~~ 2826  
~~discipline professional conduct~~ of the supreme court shall 2827  
include in every advisory opinion it renders a statement as to 2828  
whether the set of circumstances described in the opinion 2829  
constitutes a violation of section 2921.42 or 2921.43 of the 2830  
Revised Code. 2831

(C) (1) When the joint legislative ethics committee renders 2832  
an advisory opinion that has been publicly sought and that 2833  
relates to a special set of circumstances involving ethics, 2834  
conflicts of interest, or financial disclosure under Chapter 2835  
102. or section 2921.42 or 2921.43 of the Revised Code, the 2836  
person to whom the opinion was directed or who was similarly 2837  
situated may reasonably rely upon such opinion and shall be 2838  
immune from criminal prosecutions, civil suits, or actions for 2839  
removal from ~~his~~ the person's office or position of employment 2840  
for a violation of Chapter 102. or section 2921.42 or 2921.43 of 2841  
the Revised Code based on the facts and circumstances covered by 2842  
the opinion, if the opinion states that there is no violation of 2843  
Chapter 102. or section 2921.42 or 2921.43 of the Revised Code. 2844  
The joint legislative ethics committee shall include in every 2845  
advisory opinion it renders a statement as to whether the set of 2846  
circumstances described in the opinion constitutes a violation 2847  
of section 2921.42 or 2921.43 of the Revised Code. When the 2848  
joint legislative ethics committee renders an advisory opinion 2849  
that has been publicly sought, the advisory opinion is a public 2850  
record available under section 149.43 of the Revised Code. 2851

(2) When the joint legislative ethics committee renders a 2852

written opinion that has been privately sought and that relates 2853  
to a special set of circumstances involving ethics, conflicts of 2854  
interest, or financial disclosure under Chapter 102. or section 2855  
2921.42 or 2921.43 of the Revised Code, the written opinion does 2856  
not have the legal effect of an advisory opinion issued under 2857  
division (C)(1) of this section. When the joint legislative 2858  
ethics committee renders a written opinion that has been 2859  
privately sought, the written opinion is not a public record 2860  
available under section 149.43 of the Revised Code. The 2861  
proceedings of the joint legislative ethics committee relating 2862  
to a written opinion that has been privately sought shall be 2863  
closed to the public and records relating to these proceedings 2864  
are not public records available under section 149.43 of the 2865  
Revised Code. 2866

The person to whom a written opinion is issued under 2867  
division (C)(2) of this section may request the committee to 2868  
issue the written opinion as an advisory opinion. Upon receiving 2869  
such a request and with the approval of a majority of the 2870  
members of the committee, the committee may issue the written 2871  
opinion as an advisory opinion. If the committee issues the 2872  
written opinion as an advisory opinion, the advisory opinion has 2873  
the same legal effect as an advisory opinion issued under 2874  
division (C)(1) of this section and is a public record available 2875  
under section 149.43 of the Revised Code. 2876

(3) The joint legislative ethics committee shall issue an 2877  
advisory opinion under division (C)(1) of this section or a 2878  
written opinion under division (C)(2) of this section, whether 2879  
it is publicly or privately sought, only at a meeting of the 2880  
committee and only with the approval of a majority of the 2881  
members of the committee. 2882

(D) The board of ~~commissioners on grievances and~~ 2883  
~~discipline professional conduct~~ of the supreme court and the 2884  
joint legislative ethics committee shall provide a continuing 2885  
program of education and information concerning the provisions 2886  
of Chapter 102. and sections 2921.42 and 2921.43 of the Revised 2887  
Code and other provisions of law pertaining to ethics, conflicts 2888  
of interest, and financial disclosure. 2889

(E) The Ohio ethics commission may recommend legislation 2890  
relating to ethics, conflicts of interest, and financial 2891  
disclosure and may render advice with regard to questions 2892  
concerning these matters for persons for whom it is the 2893  
appropriate ethics commission. When the Ohio ethics commission 2894  
renders a written formal or staff advisory opinion relating to a 2895  
special set of circumstances involving ethics, conflict of 2896  
interest, or financial disclosure under Chapter 102. or section 2897  
2921.42 or 2921.43 of the Revised Code, the person to whom the 2898  
opinion was directed or who was similarly situated may 2899  
reasonably rely upon the opinion and shall be immune from 2900  
criminal prosecutions, civil suits, or actions for removal from 2901  
~~his~~ the person's office or position of employment for a 2902  
violation of Chapter 102. or section 2921.42 or 2921.43 of the 2903  
Revised Code based on facts and circumstances covered by the 2904  
opinion, if the opinion states there is no violation of Chapter 2905  
102. or section 2921.42 or 2921.43 of the Revised Code. The 2906  
commission shall provide a continuing program of education and 2907  
information concerning the provisions of Chapter 102. and 2908  
sections 2921.42 and 2921.43 of the Revised Code and other 2909  
provisions of law pertaining to ethics, conflicts of interest, 2910  
and financial disclosure. 2911

Sec. 102.10. (A) The governor, lieutenant governor, 2912  
attorney general, auditor of state, treasurer of state, or 2913

secretary of state or the chief justice or a justice of the 2914  
supreme court shall not receive compensation or other payment 2915  
for serving on the board of directors of a corporation unless 2916  
one of the following applies: 2917

(1) The person is the sole shareholder of the corporation. 2918

(2) Both of the following are true: 2919

(a) The person was a member of the board of directors and 2920  
received compensation or other payment for the person's service 2921  
in that role before the person held any office listed in this 2922  
section. 2923

(b) The person had an ownership interest in the 2924  
corporation before the person held an office listed in this 2925  
section and continues to have such an ownership interest. 2926

(B) If, before the effective date of this section, a 2927  
person who is the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney 2928  
general, auditor of state, treasurer of state, or secretary of 2929  
state or the chief justice or a justice of the supreme court as 2930  
of the effective date of this section received compensation or 2931  
other payment for serving on the board of directors of a 2932  
corporation, this section does not prohibit the person from 2933  
receiving the same or a lesser amount of compensation or other 2934  
payment for serving on the board of directors of that 2935  
corporation while the person holds any of those offices. 2936

**Sec. 102.99.** (A) Whoever violates division ~~(C)~~ (E) of 2937  
section 102.02 or division (C) of section 102.031 of the Revised 2938  
Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. 2939

(B) Whoever violates division ~~(D)~~ (F) of section 102.02, 2940  
division (C) or (D) of section 102.07, or section 102.021, 2941  
102.03, or 102.04, or 102.07 of the Revised Code is guilty of a 2942

misdemeanor of the first degree. 2943

**Sec. 109.54.** (A) The bureau of criminal identification and 2944  
investigation may investigate any criminal activity in this 2945  
state that is of statewide or intercounty concern when requested 2946  
by local authorities and may aid federal authorities, when 2947  
requested, in their investigation of any criminal activity in 2948  
this state. The bureau may investigate any criminal activity in 2949  
this state related to the conduct of elections when requested by 2950  
the secretary of state. The bureau may assist the Ohio ethics 2951  
commission and the joint legislative ethics committee in 2952  
investigating violations of sections 102.02, 102.03, 102.031, 2953  
102.04, 102.07, 102.10, 2921.42, and 2921.43 of the Revised 2954  
Code, upon request by the agency having the appropriate 2955  
investigative jurisdiction. The bureau may investigate any 2956  
criminal activity in this state involving drug abuse or illegal 2957  
drug distribution prohibited under Chapter 3719. or 4729. of the 2958  
Revised Code or any violation of section 2915.02 of the Revised 2959  
Code. The superintendent and any agent of the bureau may 2960  
participate, as the director of an organized crime task force 2961  
established under section 177.02 of the Revised Code or as a 2962  
member of the investigatory staff of a task force established 2963  
under that section, in an investigation of organized criminal 2964  
activity anywhere within this state under sections 177.01 to 2965  
177.03 of the Revised Code. 2966

(B) The bureau may provide any trained investigative 2967  
personnel and specialized equipment that are requested by any 2968  
sheriff or chief of police, by the authorized designee of any 2969  
sheriff or chief of police, or by any other authorized law 2970  
enforcement officer to aid and assist the officer in the 2971  
investigation and solution of any crime or the control of any 2972  
criminal activity occurring within the officer's jurisdiction. 2973

This assistance shall be furnished by the bureau without 2974  
disturbing or impairing any of the existing law enforcement 2975  
authority or the prerogatives of local law enforcement 2976  
authorities or officers. Investigators provided pursuant to this 2977  
section, or engaged in an investigation pursuant to section 2978  
109.83 of the Revised Code, may go armed in the same manner as 2979  
sheriffs and regularly appointed police officers under section 2980  
2923.12 of the Revised Code. 2981

(C) (1) The bureau shall obtain recording equipment that 2982  
can be used to record depositions of the type described in 2983  
division (A) of section 2152.81 and division (A) of section 2984  
2945.481 of the Revised Code, or testimony of the type described 2985  
in division (D) of section 2152.81 and division (D) of section 2986  
2945.481 or in division (C) of section 2937.11 of the Revised 2987  
Code, shall obtain closed circuit equipment that can be used to 2988  
televisе testimony of the type described in division (C) or (D) 2989  
of section 2152.81 and division (C) of section 2945.481 or in 2990  
division (B) of section 2937.11 of the Revised Code, and shall 2991  
provide the equipment, upon request, to any court for use in 2992  
recording any deposition or testimony of one of those types or 2993  
in televising the testimony in accordance with the applicable 2994  
division. 2995

(2) The bureau shall obtain the names, addresses, and 2996  
telephone numbers of persons who are experienced in questioning 2997  
children in relation to an investigation of a violation of 2998  
section 2905.03, 2905.05, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2999  
2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.09, 2907.21, 2907.23, 2907.24, 2907.31, 3000  
2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, or 2919.22 of the Revised 3001  
Code or an offense of violence and shall maintain a list of 3002  
those names, addresses, and telephone numbers. The list shall 3003  
include a classification of the names, addresses, and telephone 3004

numbers by appellate district. Upon request, the bureau shall 3005  
provide any county sheriff, chief of police, prosecuting 3006  
attorney, village solicitor, city director of law, or similar 3007  
chief legal officer with the name, address, and telephone number 3008  
of any person contained in the list. 3009

**Sec. 121.60.** As used in sections 121.60 to 121.69 of the 3010  
Revised Code: 3011

(A) "Person" and "compensation" have the same meanings as 3012  
in section 101.70 of the Revised Code. 3013

(B) "Expenditure" means any of the following that is made 3014  
to, at the request of, for the benefit of, or on behalf of an 3015  
elected executive official, the director of a department created 3016  
under section 121.02 of the Revised Code, an executive agency 3017  
official, or a member of the staff of any public officer or 3018  
employee listed in this division: 3019

(1) A payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, 3020  
reimbursement, or gift of money, real estate, or anything of 3021  
value, including, but not limited to, food and beverages, 3022  
entertainment, lodging, transportation, or honorariums; 3023

(2) A contract, promise, or agreement to make an 3024  
expenditure, whether or not legally enforceable; 3025

(3) The purchase, sale, or gift of services or any other 3026  
thing of value. "Expenditure" does not include a contribution, 3027  
gift, or grant to a foundation or other charitable organization 3028  
that is exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 3029  
501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. "Expenditure" does not 3030  
include the purchase, sale, or gift of services or any other 3031  
thing of value that is available to the general public on the 3032  
same terms as it is available to the persons listed in this 3033

division, or an offer or sale of securities to any person listed 3034  
in this division that is governed by regulation D, 17 C.F.R. 3035  
230.501 to 230.508, adopted under the authority of the 3036  
"Securities Act of 1933," 48 Stat. 74, 15 U.S.C.A. and 3037  
following, or that is governed by a comparable provision under 3038  
state law. 3039

(C) "Employer" means any person who, directly or 3040  
indirectly, engages an executive agency lobbyist. 3041

(D) "Engage" means to make any arrangement, and 3042  
"engagement" means arrangement, whereby an individual is 3043  
employed or retained for compensation to act for or on behalf of 3044  
an employer to influence executive agency decisions or to 3045  
conduct any executive agency lobbying activity. 3046

(E) "Financial transaction" means a transaction or 3047  
activity that is conducted or undertaken for profit and arises 3048  
from the joint ownership or the ownership or part ownership in 3049  
common of any real or personal property or any commercial or 3050  
business enterprise of whatever form or nature between the 3051  
following: 3052

(1) An executive agency lobbyist, the executive agency 3053  
lobbyist's employer, or a member of the immediate family of the 3054  
executive agency lobbyist or the executive agency lobbyist's 3055  
employer; and 3056

(2) Any elected executive official, the director of a 3057  
department created under section 121.02 of the Revised Code, an 3058  
executive agency official, or any member of the staff of a 3059  
public officer or employee listed in division (E)(2) of this 3060  
section. 3061

"Financial transaction" does not include any transaction 3062



or activity described in division (E) of this section if it is 3063  
available to the general public on the same terms, or if it is 3064  
an offer or sale of securities to any person listed in division 3065  
(E) (2) of this section that is governed by regulation D, 17 3066  
C.F.R. 230.501 to 230.508, adopted under the authority of the 3067  
"Securities Act of 1933," 48 Stat. 74, 15 U.S.C.A. and 3068  
following, or that is governed by a comparable provision under 3069  
state law. 3070

(F) "Executive agency" means the office of an elected 3071  
executive official, a department created under section 121.02 of 3072  
the Revised Code, or any other state agency, department, board, 3073  
or commission controlled or directed by an elected executive 3074  
official or otherwise subject to an elected executive official's 3075  
authority. For the purposes of sections 121.60 to 121.69 of the 3076  
Revised Code only, "executive agency" includes the nonprofit 3077  
corporation formed under section 187.01 of the Revised Code. 3078  
"Executive agency" does not include any court, the general 3079  
assembly, or the controlling board. 3080

(G) "Executive agency decision" means a decision of an 3081  
executive agency regarding the expenditure of funds of the state 3082  
or of an executive agency with respect to the award of a 3083  
contract, grant, lease, or other financial arrangement under 3084  
which such funds are distributed or allocated, or a regulatory 3085  
decision of an executive agency or any board or commission of 3086  
the state. "Executive agency decision" does not include either 3087  
of the following: 3088

(1) A purchasing decision for which a vendor has filed a 3089  
statement certifying that the vendor has not made campaign 3090  
contributions in an amount such that section 3517.13 of the 3091  
Revised Code would invalidate the decision, if that vendor has 3092

not engaged an executive agency lobbyist; 3093

(2) The award of a competitively bid contract for which 3094  
bid specifications were prepared and for which at least three 3095  
eligible competitive bids were received by the executive agency. 3096

(H) "Executive agency lobbyist" means any person ~~engaged-~~ 3097  
~~to influence whose direct communication with executive agency~~ 3098  
~~officials or employees for the purpose of influencing executive~~ 3099  
~~agency decisions or to conduct~~ conducting executive agency 3100  
lobbying activity ~~as one of the person's main purposes on a~~ 3101  
~~regular and substantial basis~~ constitutes at least twenty-five 3102  
per cent of the total performance time for which the person is 3103  
compensated by a specific employer. "Executive agency lobbyist" 3104  
does not include an elected or appointed officer or employee of 3105  
a federal or state agency, state college, state university, or 3106  
political subdivision who attempts to influence or affect 3107  
executive agency decisions in a fiduciary capacity as a 3108  
representative of the officer's or employee's agency, college, 3109  
university, or political subdivision. 3110

(I) "Executive agency lobbying activity" means contacts 3111  
made to promote, oppose, or otherwise influence the outcome of 3112  
an executive agency decision by direct communication with any 3113  
person described in division (E) (2) of this section, or the Ohio 3114  
casino control commission. "Lobbying activity" does not include 3115  
any of the following: 3116

(1) The action of any person having a direct interest in 3117  
executive agency decisions who, under Section 3 of Article I, 3118  
Ohio Constitution, assembles together with other persons to 3119  
consult for their common good, instructs a person listed in the 3120  
first paragraph of division (I) of this section, or petitions 3121  
such a person for the redress of grievances; 3122

(2) Contacts made for the sole purpose of gathering 3123  
information contained in a public record; 3124

(3) Appearances before an executive agency to give 3125  
testimony. 3126

(J) "Executive agency official" means an officer or 3127  
employee of an executive agency whose principal duties are to 3128  
formulate policy or to participate directly or indirectly in the 3129  
preparation, review, or award of contracts, grants, leases, or 3130  
other financial arrangements with an executive agency. 3131

(K) "Aggrieved party" means a party entitled to resort to 3132  
a remedy. 3133

(L) "Elected executive official" means the governor, 3134  
lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of state, 3135  
treasurer of state, and the attorney general. 3136

(M) "Staff" means any officer or employee of an executive 3137  
agency whose official duties are to formulate policy and who 3138  
exercises administrative or supervisory authority or who 3139  
authorizes the expenditure of state funds. 3140

**Sec. 121.61.** (A) No person shall knowingly fail to 3141  
register as required under section 121.62 of the Revised Code. 3142

(B) No person shall knowingly fail to keep a receipt or 3143  
maintain a record that section 121.63 of the Revised Code 3144  
requires the person to keep or maintain. 3145

(C) No person shall knowingly fail to file a statement 3146  
that section 121.63~~-or, 121.64, or 121.641~~ of the Revised Code 3147  
requires the person to file. 3148

(D) No person shall knowingly file a false statement that 3149  
section 121.63~~-or, 121.64, or 121.641~~ of the Revised Code 3150

requires the person to file. 3151

**Sec. 121.62.** (A) Each executive agency lobbyist and each 3152  
employer shall file with the joint legislative ethics committee, 3153  
within ten days following the engagement of an executive agency 3154  
lobbyist, an initial registration statement showing all of the 3155  
following: 3156

(1) The name, business address, and occupation of the 3157  
executive agency lobbyist; 3158

(2) The name and business address of the employer or of 3159  
the real party in interest on whose behalf the executive agency 3160  
lobbyist is acting, if it is different from the employer. For 3161  
the purposes of division (A) of this section, where a trade 3162  
association or other charitable or fraternal organization that 3163  
is exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(c) 3164  
of the federal Internal Revenue Code is the employer, the 3165  
statement need not list the names and addresses of every member 3166  
of the association or organization, so long as the association 3167  
or organization itself is listed. 3168

(3) A brief description of the executive agency decision 3169  
to which the engagement relates; 3170

(4) The name of the executive agency or agencies to which 3171  
the engagement relates. 3172

(B) In addition to the initial registration statement 3173  
required by division (A) of this section, each executive agency 3174  
lobbyist and employer shall file with the joint committee, not 3175  
later than the last day of January, May, and September of each 3176  
year, an updated registration statement that ~~confirms~~ includes 3177  
all of the following for the period covered by the statement: 3178

(1) Confirmation of the continuing existence of each 3179

engagement described in an initial registration statement~~and~~ 3180  
~~that lists~~; 3181

(2) A list of the specific executive agency decisions that 3182  
the lobbyist sought to influence under the engagement~~during the~~ 3183  
~~period covered by the updated statement, and with it any~~; 3184

(3) Any statement of expenditures required to be filed by 3185  
section 121.63 of the Revised Code~~and any~~; 3186

(4) Any details of financial transactions required to be 3187  
filed by section 121.64 of the Revised Code; 3188

(5) Any statement of executive agency lobbyist 3189  
compensation required to be filed by section 121.641 of the 3190  
Revised Code. 3191

(C) If an executive agency lobbyist is engaged by more 3192  
than one employer, the lobbyist shall file a separate initial 3193  
and updated registration statement for each engagement. If an 3194  
employer engages more than one executive agency lobbyist, the 3195  
employer need file only one updated registration statement under 3196  
division (B) of this section, which shall contain the 3197  
information required by division (B) of this section regarding 3198  
all of the executive agency lobbyists engaged by the employer. 3199

(D) (1) A change in any information required by division 3200  
(A) (1), (2), or (B) of this section shall be reflected in the 3201  
next updated registration statement filed under division (B) of 3202  
this section. 3203

(2) Within thirty days following the termination of an 3204  
engagement, the executive agency lobbyist who was employed under 3205  
the engagement shall send written notification of the 3206  
termination to the joint committee. 3207

(E) A registration fee of twenty-five dollars shall be 3208  
charged for filing an initial registration statement. All money 3209  
collected from registration fees under this division and late 3210  
filing fees under division (G) of this section shall be 3211  
deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the joint 3212  
legislative ethics committee fund created under section 101.34 3213  
of the Revised Code. 3214

(F) Upon registration pursuant to this section, an 3215  
executive agency lobbyist shall be issued a card by the joint 3216  
committee showing that the lobbyist is registered. The 3217  
registration card and the executive agency lobbyist's 3218  
registration shall be valid from the date of their issuance 3219  
until the next thirty-first day of ~~January-December of the an~~ 3220  
~~even-numbered year following the year in which the initial~~ 3221  
~~registration was filed.~~ 3222

(G) The executive director of the joint committee shall be 3223  
responsible for reviewing each registration statement filed with 3224  
the joint committee under this section and for determining 3225  
whether the statement contains all of the required information. 3226  
If the joint committee determines that the registration 3227  
statement does not contain all of the required information or 3228  
that an executive agency lobbyist or employer has failed to file 3229  
a registration statement, the joint committee shall send written 3230  
notification by certified mail to the person who filed the 3231  
registration statement regarding the deficiency in the statement 3232  
or to the person who failed to file the registration statement 3233  
regarding the failure. Any person so notified by the joint 3234  
committee shall, not later than fifteen days after receiving the 3235  
notice, file a registration statement or an amended registration 3236  
statement that contains all of the required information. If any 3237  
person who receives a notice under this division fails to file a 3238

registration statement or such an amended registration statement 3239  
within this fifteen-day period, the joint committee shall assess 3240  
a late filing fee equal to twelve dollars and fifty cents per 3241  
day, up to a maximum fee of one hundred dollars, upon that 3242  
person. The joint committee may waive the late filing fee for 3243  
good cause shown. 3244

(H) On or before the fifteenth day of March of each year, 3245  
the joint committee shall, in the manner and form that it 3246  
determines, publish a report containing statistical information 3247  
on the registration statements filed with it under this section 3248  
during the preceding year. 3249

(I) If an employer who engages an executive agency 3250  
lobbyist is the recipient of a contract, grant, lease, or other 3251  
financial arrangement pursuant to which funds of the state or of 3252  
an executive agency are distributed or allocated, the executive 3253  
agency or any aggrieved party may consider the failure of the 3254  
employer or the executive agency lobbyist to comply with this 3255  
section as a breach of a material condition of the contract, 3256  
grant, lease, or other financial arrangement. 3257

(J) Executive agency officials may require certification 3258  
from any person seeking the award of a contract, grant, lease, 3259  
or financial arrangement that the person and the person's 3260  
employer are in compliance with this section. 3261

**Sec. 121.63.** (A) Each executive agency lobbyist and each 3262  
employer shall file with the joint legislative ethics committee, 3263  
with the updated registration statement required by division (B) 3264  
of section 121.62 of the Revised Code, a statement of 3265  
expenditures as specified in divisions (B) and (C) of this 3266  
section. An executive agency lobbyist shall file a separate 3267  
statement of expenditures under this section for each employer 3268

that engages the executive agency lobbyist. 3269

(B) (1) In addition to the information required by 3270  
divisions (B) (2) and (3) of this section, a statement filed by 3271  
an executive agency lobbyist shall show the total amount of 3272  
expenditures made during the reporting period covered by the 3273  
statement by the executive agency lobbyist. 3274

(2) If, during a reporting period covered by a statement, 3275  
an employer or any executive agency lobbyist the employer 3276  
engaged made, either separately or in combination with each 3277  
other, expenditures to, at the request of, for the benefit of, 3278  
or on behalf of a particular elected executive official, the 3279  
director of a department created under section 121.02 of the 3280  
Revised Code, a particular executive agency official, or a 3281  
particular member of the staff of any public officer listed in 3282  
division (B) (2) of this section, the employer or executive 3283  
agency lobbyist also shall state the name of the public officer 3284  
or employee to whom, at whose request, for whose benefit, or on 3285  
whose behalf the expenditures were made, the total amount of the 3286  
expenditures made, a brief description of the expenditures made, 3287  
the approximate date the expenditures were made, the executive 3288  
agency decision, if any, sought to be influenced, and the 3289  
identity of the client on whose behalf the expenditure was made. 3290

As used in division (B) (2) of this section, "expenditures" 3291  
does not include expenditures made by an executive agency 3292  
lobbyist as payment for meals and other food and beverages. 3293

(3) If, during a reporting period covered by a statement, 3294  
an executive agency lobbyist made expenditures as payment for 3295  
meals and other food and beverages, other than for meals and 3296  
other food and beverages provided at, and intended for 3297  
consumption at, a meeting at which the person participated in a 3298



panel, seminar, or speaking engagement or ~~at~~ a meeting or 3299  
convention of a national organization to which any state agency, 3300  
including, but not limited to, any legislative agency or state 3301  
institution of higher education as defined in section 3345.011 3302  
of the Revised Code, pays membership dues, that, when added to 3303  
the amount of previous payments made for meals and other food 3304  
and beverages by that executive agency lobbyist during that same 3305  
calendar year, exceeded a total of fifty dollars to, at the 3306  
request of, for the benefit of, or on behalf of a particular 3307  
elected executive official, the director of a department created 3308  
under section 121.02 of the Revised Code, a particular executive 3309  
agency official, or any particular member of the staff of any of 3310  
the public officers or employees listed in division (B) (3) of 3311  
this section, then the executive agency lobbyist shall also 3312  
state regarding those expenditures the name of the public 3313  
officer or employee to whom, at whose request, for whose 3314  
benefit, or on whose behalf the expenditures were made, the 3315  
total amount of the expenditures made, a brief description of 3316  
the expenditures made, the approximate date the expenditures 3317  
were made, the executive agency decision, if any, sought to be 3318  
influenced, and the identity of the client on whose behalf the 3319  
expenditure was made. 3320

(C) In addition to the information required by divisions 3321  
(B) (2) and (3) of this section, a statement ~~filed by an employer~~ 3322  
shall show the total amount of expenditures made by ~~the~~ an 3323  
employer or executive agency lobbyist filing the statement 3324  
during the period covered by the statement. ~~As used in this~~ 3325  
~~section, "expenditures" does not include the expenses of~~ 3326  
~~maintaining office facilities, or the compensation paid to~~ 3327  
~~executive agency lobbyists engaged to influence executive agency~~ 3328  
~~decisions or conduct executive agency lobbying activity~~A 3329

statement filed by an executive agency lobbyist shall show all 3330  
executive agency decisions that the executive agency lobbyist 3331  
has sought to influence on behalf of the employer during the 3332  
period covered by the statement. A statement filed by an 3333  
employer shall show all executive agency decisions that the 3334  
employer has sought to influence during the period covered by 3335  
the statement. 3336

No employer shall be required to show any expenditure or 3337  
executive agency decision on a statement filed under this 3338  
division if the expenditure or executive agency decision is 3339  
reported on a statement filed under division (B) (1), (2), or (3) 3340  
of this section by an executive agency lobbyist engaged by the 3341  
employer. No executive agency lobbyist shall be required to show 3342  
any expenditure on a statement filed under this division if the 3343  
expenditure is reported on a statement filed under division (B) 3344  
(1), (2), or (3) of this section by the executive agency 3345  
lobbyist's employer. 3346

(D) Any statement required to be filed under this section 3347  
shall be filed at the times specified in section 121.62 of the 3348  
Revised Code. Each statement shall cover expenditures made 3349  
during the four-calendar-month period that ended on the last day 3350  
of the month immediately preceding the month in which the 3351  
statement is required to be filed. 3352

(E) If it is impractical or impossible for an executive 3353  
agency lobbyist or employer to determine exact dollar amounts or 3354  
values of expenditures, reporting of good faith estimates, based 3355  
on reasonable accounting procedures, constitutes compliance with 3356  
this division. 3357

(F) Executive agency lobbyists and employers shall retain 3358  
receipts or maintain records for all expenditures that are 3359

required to be reported pursuant to this section. These receipts 3360  
or records shall be maintained for a period ending on the 3361  
thirty-first day of December of the second calendar year after 3362  
the year in which the expenditure was made. 3363

(G) (1) At least ten days before the date on which the 3364  
statement is filed, each employer or executive agency lobbyist 3365  
who is required to file an expenditure statement under division 3366  
(B) (2) or (3) of this section shall deliver a copy of the 3367  
statement, or the portion showing the expenditure, to the public 3368  
officer or employee who is listed in the statement as having 3369  
received the expenditure or on whose behalf it was made. 3370

(2) If, during a reporting period covered by an 3371  
expenditure statement filed under division (B) (2) of this 3372  
section, an employer or any executive agency lobbyist the 3373  
employer engaged made, either separately or in combination with 3374  
each other, either directly or indirectly, expenditures for an 3375  
honorarium or for transportation, lodging, or food and beverages 3376  
purchased for consumption on the premises in which the food and 3377  
beverages were sold to, at the request of, for the benefit or, 3378  
or on behalf of any of the public officers or employees 3379  
described in division (B) (2) of this section, the employer or 3380  
executive agency lobbyist shall deliver to the public officer or 3381  
employee a statement that contains all of the nondisputed 3382  
information prescribed in division (B) (2) of this section with 3383  
respect to the expenditures described in division (G) (2) of this 3384  
section. The statement of expenditures made under division (G) 3385  
(2) of this section shall be delivered to the public officer or 3386  
employee to whom, at whose request, for whose benefit, or on 3387  
whose behalf those expenditures were made on the same day in 3388  
which a copy of the expenditure statement or of a portion 3389  
showing the expenditure is delivered to the public officer or 3390

employee under division (G) (1) of this section. An employer is 3391  
not required to show any expenditure on a statement delivered 3392  
under division (G) (2) of this section if the expenditure is 3393  
shown on a statement delivered under division (G) (2) of this 3394  
section by ~~a legislative agent~~ an executive agency lobbyist 3395  
engaged by the employer. An executive agency lobbyist is not 3396  
required to show any expenditure on a statement delivered under 3397  
division (G) (2) of this section if the expenditure is shown on a 3398  
statement delivered under division (G) (2) of this section by the 3399  
executive agency lobbyist's employer. 3400

(H) As used in this section, "expenditure" does not 3401  
include the expenses of maintaining office facilities or the 3402  
compensation paid to executive agency lobbyists engaged to 3403  
influence executive agency decisions or to conduct executive 3404  
agency lobbying activity. 3405

**Sec. 121.641.** (A) As used in this section: 3406

(1) "Lobbying firm" means a group of two or more executive 3407  
agency lobbyists that is engaged by an employer to act as 3408  
executive agency lobbyists on behalf of the employer. 3409

(2) "In-house executive agency lobbyist" means an 3410  
executive agency lobbyist who acts as an executive agency 3411  
lobbyist for only one employer and who is not part of a lobbying 3412  
firm. 3413

(B) (1) An employer shall include with each updated 3414  
registration statement a statement of executive agency lobbyist 3415  
compensation. The statement of executive agency lobbyist 3416  
compensation shall include the total amount the employer paid to 3417  
all executive agency lobbyists during the period covered by the 3418  
statement as compensation for acting as such on behalf of the 3419

employer and as reimbursement for expenses incurred while acting 3420  
as such on behalf of the employer. 3421

(2) If the employer employs an in-house executive agency 3422  
lobbyist who does not act as such for the entire performance 3423  
time for which the employer compensates the in-house executive 3424  
agency lobbyist, the employer shall calculate the in-house 3425  
executive agency lobbyist's compensation, for purposes of 3426  
reporting under division (B)(1) of this section, by multiplying 3427  
the in-house executive agency lobbyist's total compensation by 3428  
the percentage of the in-house executive agency lobbyist's total 3429  
performance time during which the in-house executive agency 3430  
lobbyist acts as such on behalf of the employer. 3431

(C)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) of 3432  
this section, an executive agency lobbyist shall include with 3433  
each updated registration statement a statement of executive 3434  
agency lobbyist compensation. The statement of executive agency 3435  
lobbyist compensation shall include the total amount the 3436  
executive agency lobbyist received from the employer during the 3437  
period covered by the statement as compensation for acting as 3438  
such on behalf of the employer and as reimbursement for expenses 3439  
incurred while acting as such on behalf of the employer. 3440

(2)(a) A lobbying firm shall submit a joint statement of 3441  
executive agency lobbyist compensation on behalf of all 3442  
executive agency lobbyists the lobbying firm compensated for 3443  
acting as such on behalf of an employer. The joint statement 3444  
shall include the total amount the lobbying firm received from 3445  
the employer during the period covered by the statement and the 3446  
name of each member of the lobbying firm who acted as an 3447  
executive agency lobbyist on behalf of the employer during that 3448  
period. An executive agency lobbyist who is a member of a 3449

lobbying firm is not required to submit a separate statement of 3450  
executive agency lobbyist compensation with respect to any 3451  
amounts included in the joint statement. 3452

(b) If a lobbying firm fails to submit a joint statement 3453  
of executive agency lobbyist compensation, each executive agency 3454  
lobbyist who is a member of the lobbying firm shall submit a 3455  
statement of executive agency lobbyist compensation that 3456  
includes the total amount the executive agency lobbyist or the 3457  
lobbying firm received from the employer during the period 3458  
covered by the statement, including compensation and 3459  
reimbursement for expenses. 3460

(3) An in-house executive agency lobbyist is not required 3461  
to submit a statement of executive agency lobbyist compensation 3462  
if the in-house executive agency lobbyist's employer submits a 3463  
properly completed statement under division (B) of this section 3464  
for that period. 3465

**Sec. 121.65.** If a dispute arises between an elected 3466  
executive official, the director of a department created under 3467  
section 121.02 of the Revised Code, an executive agency 3468  
official, or any member of the staff of any public officer or 3469  
employee listed in this division and an employer or executive 3470  
agency lobbyist with respect to an expenditure or financial 3471  
transaction alleged in a statement to be filed under section 3472  
121.63 or 121.64 of the Revised Code, the public officer or 3473  
employee, employer, or executive agency lobbyist may file a 3474  
complaint with the Ohio ethics commission. The commission shall 3475  
proceed to investigate the complaint as though it were filed 3476  
under section 102.06 of the Revised Code. 3477

The complaint shall be filed at least three days prior to 3478  
the time the statement is required to be filed with the joint 3479

legislative ethics committee. The time for filing a ~~disputed-~~ 3480  
~~expenditure or financial transaction in any~~ statement of 3481  
expenditures or the details of a financial transaction that 3482  
contains a disputed expenditure or financial transaction shall 3483  
be extended pending the final decision of the commission. ~~This-~~ 3484  
~~extension does not extend the time for filing the nondisputed-~~ 3485  
~~portions of either type of statement.~~ The commission shall 3486  
notify the parties of its final decision by certified mail. If 3487  
the commission decides that the disputed expenditure or 3488  
financial transaction should be reported, the employer or 3489  
executive agency lobbyist shall include the matter in ~~an amended-~~ 3490  
the statement and. The employer or executive agency lobbyist 3491  
shall file the amended statement not later than ten days after 3492  
receiving notice of the decision of the commission by certified 3493  
mail. 3494

An employer or executive agency lobbyist who files a false 3495  
statement of expenditures or details of a financial transaction 3496  
is liable in a civil action to any public officer or employee 3497  
who sustains damage as a result of the filing or publication of 3498  
the statement. 3499

**Sec. 121.66.** (A) Sections 121.62 ~~and~~, 121.63, and 121.641 3500  
of the Revised Code do not apply to efforts to influence 3501  
executive agency decisions or conduct executive agency lobbying 3502  
activity by any of the following: 3503

(1) Appearances at public hearings of the committees of 3504  
the general assembly, at court proceedings, at rule-making or 3505  
adjudication proceedings, or at other public meetings; 3506

(2) News, editorial, and advertising statements published 3507  
in bona fide newspapers, journals, or magazines, or broadcast 3508  
over radio or television; 3509

(3) The gathering and furnishing of information and news 3510  
by bona fide reporters, correspondents, or news bureaus to news 3511  
media described in division (A) (2) of this section; 3512

(4) Publications primarily designed for and distributed to 3513  
members of bona fide associations or charitable or fraternal 3514  
nonprofit corporations. 3515

(B) Nothing in sections 121.60 to 121.69 of the Revised 3516  
Code requires the reporting of, or prohibits an elected 3517  
executive official from soliciting or accepting, a contribution 3518  
from or an expenditure by any person if the contribution or 3519  
expenditure is reported in accordance with Chapter 3517. of the 3520  
Revised Code. 3521

**Sec. 121.68.** ~~(A)~~ (A) (1) The joint legislative ethics 3522  
committee shall keep on file the statements required by sections 3523  
121.62, 121.63, ~~and 121.64,~~ and 121.641 of the Revised Code. 3524  
These statements are public records and open to public 3525  
inspection, and the joint committee shall ~~computerize~~ publish 3526  
them ~~so that the information contained in and make them is~~ 3527  
~~readily accessible~~ available to the general public on its 3528  
official web site. The joint committee shall provide copies of 3529  
the statements to the general public on request and may charge a 3530  
reasonable fee not to exceed the cost of copying and delivering 3531  
the statement. 3532

(2) Beginning January 1, 2025, the information in 3533  
statements that are described in division (A) (1) of this section 3534  
and are published on the official web site of the joint 3535  
committee shall include a link to the official web site of the 3536  
office of the secretary of state that contains the information 3537  
in statements of contributions and expenditures and monthly 3538  
statements and statements of independent expenditures described 3539



in division (B) (1) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code that 3540  
is made available online through the internet under division (I) 3541  
of that section. 3542

(B) Not later than the last day of February and October of 3543  
each year, the joint committee shall compile from the 3544  
registration statements filed with it a complete and updated 3545  
list of registered executive agency lobbyists and their 3546  
employers, ~~and distribute the list to each elected executive~~ 3547  
~~official and the director of each department created under~~ 3548  
~~section 121.02 of the Revised Code, who shall distribute the~~ 3549  
~~list to the appropriate personnel under his jurisdiction.~~ The 3550  
joint committee shall provide copies of the list to the general 3551  
public upon request and may charge a reasonable fee not to 3552  
exceed the cost of copying and delivering the list. 3553

~~(C) The joint committee shall maintain a list of all~~ 3554  
~~executive agencies. The joint committee shall provide copies of~~ 3555  
~~the list to the general public on request and may charge a~~ 3556  
~~reasonable fee not to exceed the cost of copying and delivering~~ 3557  
~~the document.~~ 3558

~~(D)~~ The joint committee shall prescribe and make available 3559  
an appropriate form for the filings required by sections 121.62, 3560  
121.63, ~~and 121.64,~~ and 121.641 of the Revised Code. The form 3561  
shall contain the following notice in boldface type: "ANY PERSON 3562  
WHO KNOWINGLY FILES A FALSE STATEMENT IS GUILTY OF FALSIFICATION 3563  
UNDER SECTION 2921.13 OF THE REVISED CODE, WHICH IS A 3564  
MISDEMEANOR OF THE FIRST DEGREE." 3565

~~(E)~~ (D) The joint committee may adopt rules as necessary 3566  
to implement sections 121.60 to 121.69 of the Revised Code, and 3567  
any such rules it adopts shall be adopted in accordance with 3568  
section 111.15 of the Revised Code. 3569

~~(F)~~ (E) The joint committee shall publish a handbook that 3570  
explains in clear and concise language the provisions of 3571  
sections 121.60 to 121.69 of the Revised Code and make it 3572  
available free of charge to executive agency lobbyists, 3573  
employers, and any other interested persons. 3574

**Sec. 122.651.** (A) There is hereby created the clean Ohio 3575  
council consisting of the director of development or the 3576  
director's designee, the director of environmental protection or 3577  
the director's designee, the lieutenant governor or the 3578  
lieutenant governor's designee, the director of the Ohio public 3579  
works commission as a nonvoting, ex officio member, one member 3580  
of the majority party of the senate and one member of the 3581  
minority party of the senate to be appointed by the president of 3582  
the senate, one member of the majority party of the house of 3583  
representatives and one member of the minority party of the 3584  
house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the 3585  
house of representatives, and seven members to be appointed by 3586  
the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. Of the 3587  
members appointed by the governor, one shall represent the 3588  
interests of counties, one shall represent the interests of 3589  
townships, one shall represent the interests of municipal 3590  
corporations, two shall represent the interests of business and 3591  
development, and two shall represent statewide environmental 3592  
advocacy organizations. The members appointed by the governor 3593  
shall reflect the demographic and economic diversity of the 3594  
population of the state. Additionally, the governor's 3595  
appointments shall represent all areas of the state. All 3596  
appointments to the council shall be made not later than one 3597  
hundred twenty days after July 26, 2001. 3598

(B) The members appointed by the president of the senate 3599  
and speaker of the house of representatives shall serve at the 3600

pleasure of their appointing authorities. Of the initial members 3601  
appointed by the governor to the clean Ohio council, four shall 3602  
be appointed for two years and three shall be appointed for one 3603  
year. Thereafter, terms of office for members appointed by the 3604  
governor shall be for two years, with each term ending on the 3605  
same day of the same month as did the term that it succeeds. 3606  
Each of those members shall hold office from the date of 3607  
appointment until the end of the term for which the member is 3608  
appointed. 3609

Members may be reappointed. Vacancies shall be filled in 3610  
the same manner as provided for original appointments. Any 3611  
member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the 3612  
expiration date of the term for which the member was appointed 3613  
shall hold office for the remainder of that term. A member shall 3614  
continue in office after the expiration date of the member's 3615  
term until the member's successor takes office or until a period 3616  
of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first. The governor 3617  
may remove a member appointed by the governor for misfeasance, 3618  
nonfeasance, or malfeasance in office. 3619

(C) The governor shall appoint a member of the clean Ohio 3620  
council to serve as the chairperson of the council. The director 3621  
of development shall serve as the vice-chairperson of the 3622  
council unless appointed chairperson. If the director is 3623  
appointed chairperson, the council annually shall select from 3624  
among its members a vice-chairperson to serve while the director 3625  
is chairperson. The council annually shall select from among its 3626  
members a secretary to keep a record of its proceedings. A 3627  
majority vote of a quorum of the members of the council is 3628  
necessary to take action on any matter. The council may adopt 3629  
bylaws governing its operation, including bylaws that establish 3630  
the frequency of meetings, procedures for reviewing eligible 3631

projects under sections 122.65 to 122.658 of the Revised Code 3632  
and policies and requirements established under section 122.657 3633  
of the Revised Code, and other necessary procedures. 3634

(D) Members of the clean Ohio council shall be deemed to 3635  
be public officials or officers only for the purposes of section 3636  
9.86 and Chapters 102. and 2921. of the Revised Code. Serving as 3637  
a member of the clean Ohio council does not constitute holding a 3638  
public office or position of employment so as to constitute 3639  
grounds for removal of public officers or employees serving as 3640  
members of the council from their offices or positions of 3641  
employment. Members of the council shall file with the Ohio 3642  
ethics commission the disclosure statement described in ~~division~~ 3643  
~~(A) of section 102.02 of the Revised Code on the form prescribed~~ 3644  
~~by the commission and be subject to divisions (C) and (D) of~~ 3645  
~~that section.~~ Members of the council shall serve without 3646  
compensation for attending council meetings, but shall receive 3647  
their actual and necessary traveling and other expenses incurred 3648  
in the performance of their official duties in accordance with 3649  
the rules of the office of budget and management. 3650

(E) Members appointed by the governor to represent the 3651  
interests of counties, townships, and municipal corporations do 3652  
not have a conflict of interest by virtue of their service in 3653  
the position. For the purposes of this division, "conflict of 3654  
interest" means the taking of any action as a member of the 3655  
council that affects a public agency the person serves as an 3656  
officer or employee. 3657

(F) The department of development shall provide office 3658  
space for the council. The council shall be assisted in its 3659  
duties by the staff of the department of development and the 3660  
environmental protection agency. 3661

(G) Sections 101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code do not 3662  
apply to the clean Ohio council. 3663

**Sec. 184.01.** (A) There is hereby created the third 3664  
frontier commission in the department of development. The 3665  
purpose of the commission is to coordinate and administer 3666  
science and technology programs to promote the welfare of the 3667  
people of the state and to maximize the economic growth of the 3668  
state through expansion of both of the following: 3669

(1) The state's high technology research and development 3670  
capabilities; 3671

(2) The state's product and process innovation and 3672  
commercialization. 3673

(B) (1) The commission shall consist of eleven members: the 3674  
director of development, the chancellor of higher education, the 3675  
governor's science and technology advisor, the chief investment 3676  
officer of the nonprofit corporation formed under section 187.01 3677  
of the Revised Code, and seven persons appointed by the governor 3678  
with the advice and consent of the senate. 3679

(2) Of the seven persons appointed by the governor, one 3680  
shall represent the central region, which is composed of the 3681  
counties of Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Hocking, 3682  
Knox, Licking, Logan, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Perry, Pickaway, 3683  
Ross, and Union; one shall represent the west central region, 3684  
which is composed of the counties of Champaign, Clark, Darke, 3685  
Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Shelby; one shall 3686  
represent the northeast region, which is composed of the 3687  
counties of Ashland, Ashtabula, Carroll, Crawford, Columbiana, 3688  
Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Holmes, Huron, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, 3689  
Medina, Portage, Richland, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, 3690

and Wayne; one shall represent the northwest region, which is 3691  
composed of the counties of Allen, Auglaize, Defiance, Fulton, 3692  
Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Lucas, Mercer, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, 3693  
Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood, and Wyandot; one 3694  
shall represent the southeast region, which shall represent the 3695  
counties of Adams, Athens, Belmont, Coshocton, Gallia, Guernsey, 3696  
Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, 3697  
Muskingum, Noble, Pike, Scioto, Vinton, and Washington; one 3698  
shall represent the southwest region, which is composed of the 3699  
counties of Butler, Brown, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, 3700  
Highland, and Warren; and one shall represent the public at 3701  
large. Of the initial appointments, two shall be for one year, 3702  
two shall be for two years, and two shall be for three years as 3703  
assigned by the governor. Thereafter, appointments shall be for 3704  
three-year terms. Members may be reappointed and vacancies shall 3705  
be filled in the same manner as appointments. A person must have 3706  
a background in business or research in order to be eligible for 3707  
appointment to the commission. 3708

(3) The governor shall select a chairperson from among the 3709  
members, who shall serve in that role at the pleasure of the 3710  
governor. Sections 101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code do not 3711  
apply to the commission. 3712

(C) The commission shall meet at least once during each 3713  
quarter of the calendar year or at the call of the chairperson. 3714  
A majority of all members of the commission constitutes a 3715  
quorum, and no action shall be taken without the concurrence of 3716  
a majority of the members. 3717

(D) The commission shall administer any money that may be 3718  
appropriated to it by the general assembly. The commission may 3719  
use such money for research and commercialization and for any 3720

other purposes that may be designated by the commission. 3721

(E) The department shall provide office space and 3722  
facilities for the commission. Administrative costs associated 3723  
with the operation of the commission or with any program or 3724  
activity administered by the commission shall be paid from 3725  
amounts appropriated to the commission or to the department for 3726  
such purposes. 3727

(F) The attorney general shall serve as the legal 3728  
representative for the commission and may appoint other counsel 3729  
as necessary for that purpose in accordance with section 109.07 3730  
of the Revised Code. 3731

(G) Members of the commission shall serve without 3732  
compensation, but shall receive their reasonable and necessary 3733  
expenses incurred in the conduct of commission business. 3734

(H) Members of the commission shall file financial 3735  
disclosure statements described in ~~division (B) of~~ section 3736  
102.02 of the Revised Code. 3737

**Sec. 184.03.** (A) There is hereby created the third 3738  
frontier advisory board that, upon request of the third frontier 3739  
commission, shall provide general advice to the commission on 3740  
various items including, but not limited to, the following: 3741

(1) Strategic planning for programs administered by the 3742  
commission; 3743

(2) Budget and funding priorities, funding processes, 3744  
request-for-proposal criteria, and other aspects of the 3745  
management and coordination of programs administered by the 3746  
commission; 3747

(3) Metrics and methods of measuring the progress and 3748

impact of programs administered by the commission; 3749

(4) Studies to be conducted to collect and analyze data 3750  
relevant to advancing the goals of programs administered by the 3751  
commission; 3752

(5) The commission's powers and duties under sections 3753  
184.10 to 184.20 of the Revised Code. 3754

(B) The board shall consist of sixteen members selected 3755  
for their knowledge of and experience in science and technology 3756  
matters that may affect the state in the near future. Of the 3757  
sixteen members, fourteen shall be appointed by the governor, 3758  
one shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of 3759  
representatives, and one shall be appointed by the president of 3760  
the senate. 3761

(1) Of the fourteen members appointed by the governor, 3762  
nine shall be representative of or have experience with business 3763  
matters that affect the state and five shall be representative 3764  
of or have experience with matters affecting universities or 3765  
nonprofit research institutions in the state. 3766

(2) Of the governor's initial appointees that are 3767  
representative of or have experience with business matters that 3768  
affect the state, three shall serve an initial term of one year, 3769  
three shall serve an initial term of two years, and three shall 3770  
serve an initial term of three years. All of the initial 3771  
appointees that are representative of or have experience with 3772  
matters affecting university or nonprofit research institutions 3773  
shall serve an initial term of three years. Thereafter, each 3774  
member appointed by the governor shall serve a three-year term. 3775

(3) All appointees to the board shall serve at the 3776  
pleasure of their appointing authorities. 3777



(4) Not more than nine members of the board shall be of 3778  
the same political party. 3779

(C) The governor shall appoint the chairperson of the 3780  
board from among its members, and the chairperson shall serve in 3781  
that role at the pleasure of the governor. 3782

(D) A majority of the members of the board constitutes a 3783  
quorum, and no action shall be taken without the affirmative 3784  
vote of a majority of the members. 3785

(E) Each member of the board shall hold office from the 3786  
date of appointment until the end of the term for which the 3787  
member was appointed. A member may be reappointed for an 3788  
unlimited number of terms. A member appointed to fill a vacancy 3789  
occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the 3790  
member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the 3791  
remainder of such term. A vacancy in an unexpired term shall be 3792  
filled in the same manner as the original appointment. A member 3793  
of the board shall continue in office subsequent to the 3794  
expiration date of the member's term until the member's 3795  
successor takes office, or until a period of sixty days has 3796  
elapsed, whichever occurs first. The governor may remove any 3797  
member of the board for malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance 3798  
after a hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised 3799  
Code. 3800

(F) Members of the board shall not act as representatives 3801  
of any specific disciplinary, regional, or organizational 3802  
interest. Members shall represent a wide variety of experience 3803  
valuable in technology research and development, product process 3804  
innovation and commercialization, and creating and managing 3805  
high-growth technology-based companies. 3806

(G) Members of the board shall file financial disclosure 3807  
statements described in ~~division (B) of~~ section 102.02 of the 3808  
Revised Code. 3809

(H) Members of the board shall serve without compensation 3810  
but shall receive their reasonable and necessary expenses 3811  
incurred in the conduct of board business. 3812

(I) Before entering upon duties as a member of the board, 3813  
each member shall take an oath as provided by Section 7 of 3814  
Article XV, Ohio Constitution. 3815

(J) The department of development shall provide office 3816  
space and facilities for the board. 3817

(K) Sections 101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code do not 3818  
apply to the board. 3819

**Sec. 187.03.** (A) JobsOhio may perform such functions as 3820  
permitted and shall perform such duties as prescribed by law and 3821  
as set forth in any contract entered into under section 187.04 3822  
of the Revised Code, but shall not be considered a state or 3823  
public department, agency, office, body, institution, or 3824  
instrumentality for purposes of section 1.60 or Chapter 102., 3825  
121., 125., or 149. of the Revised Code. JobsOhio and its board 3826  
of directors are not subject to the following sections of 3827  
Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code: sections 1702.03, 1702.08, 3828  
1702.09, 1702.21, 1702.24, 1702.26, 1702.27, 1702.28, 1702.29, 3829  
1702.301, 1702.33, 1702.34, 1702.37, 1702.38, 1702.40 to 3830  
1702.52, 1702.521, 1702.54, 1702.57, 1702.58, 1702.59, 1702.60, 3831  
1702.80, and 1702.99. Nothing in this division shall be 3832  
construed to impair the powers and duties of the Ohio ethics 3833  
commission described in section 102.06 of the Revised Code to 3834  
investigate and enforce section 102.02 of the Revised Code with 3835

regard to individuals required to file statements under division 3836  
(B) (2) of this section. 3837

(B) (1) Directors and employees of JobsOhio are not 3838  
employees or officials of the state and, except as provided in 3839  
division (B) (2) of this section, are not subject to Chapter 3840  
102., 124., 145., or 4117. of the Revised Code. 3841

(2) The chief investment officer, any other officer or 3842  
employee with significant administrative, supervisory, 3843  
contracting, or investment authority, and any director of 3844  
JobsOhio shall file, with the Ohio ethics commission, a 3845  
financial disclosure statement pursuant to ~~section~~ sections 3846  
102.02 and 102.022 of the Revised Code ~~that includes, in place~~ 3847  
~~of the information required by divisions (A) (2) (b), (g), (h),~~ 3848  
~~and (i) of that section, the information required by divisions~~ 3849  
~~(A) and (B) of section 102.022 of the Revised Code.~~ The governor 3850  
shall comply with all applicable requirements of section 102.02 3851  
of the Revised Code. 3852

(3) Actual or in-kind expenditures for the travel, meals, 3853  
or lodging of the governor or of any public official or employee 3854  
designated by the governor for the purpose of this division 3855  
shall not be considered a violation of section 102.03 of the 3856  
Revised Code if the expenditures are made by the corporation, or 3857  
on behalf of the corporation by any person, in connection with 3858  
the governor's performance of official duties related to 3859  
JobsOhio. The governor may designate any person, including a 3860  
person who is a public official or employee as defined in 3861  
section 102.01 of the Revised Code, for the purpose of this 3862  
division if such expenditures are made on behalf of the person 3863  
in connection with the governor's performance of official duties 3864  
related to JobsOhio. A public official or employee so designated 3865

by the governor shall comply with all applicable requirements of 3866  
section 102.02 of the Revised Code. 3867

At the times and frequency agreed to under division (B) (2) 3868  
(b) of section 187.04 of the Revised Code, beginning in 2012, 3869  
the corporation shall file with the department of development a 3870  
written report of all such expenditures paid or incurred during 3871  
the preceding calendar year. The report shall state the dollar 3872  
value and purpose of each expenditure, the date of each 3873  
expenditure, the name of the person that paid or incurred each 3874  
expenditure, and the location, if any, where services or 3875  
benefits of an expenditure were received, provided that any such 3876  
information that may disclose proprietary information as defined 3877  
in division (C) of this section shall not be included in the 3878  
report. 3879

(4) The prohibition applicable to former public officials 3880  
or employees in division (A) (1) of section 102.03 of the Revised 3881  
Code does not apply to any person appointed to be a director or 3882  
hired as an employee of JobsOhio. 3883

(5) Notwithstanding division (A) (2) of section 145.01 of 3884  
the Revised Code, any person who is a former state employee 3885  
shall no longer be considered a public employee for purposes of 3886  
Chapter 145. of the Revised Code upon commencement of employment 3887  
with JobsOhio. 3888

(6) Any director, officer, or employee of JobsOhio may 3889  
request an advisory opinion from the Ohio ethics commission with 3890  
regard to questions concerning the provisions of sections 102.02 3891  
and 102.022 of the Revised Code to which the person is subject. 3892

(C) Meetings of the board of directors at which a quorum 3893  
of the board is required to be physically present pursuant to 3894

division (F) of section 187.01 of the Revised Code shall be open 3895  
to the public except, by a majority vote of the directors 3896  
present at the meeting, such a meeting may be closed to the 3897  
public only for one or more of the following purposes: 3898

(1) To consider business strategy of the corporation; 3899

(2) To consider proprietary information belonging to 3900  
potential applicants or potential recipients of business 3901  
recruitment, retention, or creation incentives. For the purposes 3902  
of this division, "proprietary information" means marketing 3903  
plans, specific business strategy, production techniques and 3904  
trade secrets, financial projections, or personal financial 3905  
statements of applicants or members of the applicants' immediate 3906  
family, including, but not limited to, tax records or other 3907  
similar information not open to the public inspection. 3908

(3) To consider legal matters, including litigation, in 3909  
which the corporation is or may be involved; 3910

(4) To consider personnel matters related to an individual 3911  
employee of the corporation. 3912

(D) The board of directors shall establish a reasonable 3913  
method whereby any person may obtain the time and place of all 3914  
public meetings described in division (C) of this section. The 3915  
method shall provide that any person, upon request and payment 3916  
of a reasonable fee, may obtain reasonable advance notification 3917  
of all such meetings. 3918

(E) The board of directors shall promptly prepare, file, 3919  
and maintain minutes of all public meetings described in 3920  
division (C) of this section. 3921

(F) Not later than the first day of July of each year, the 3922  
chief investment officer of JobsOhio shall prepare and submit a 3923

report of the corporation's activities for the preceding year to 3924  
the governor, the speaker and minority leader of the house of 3925  
representatives, and the president and minority leader of the 3926  
senate. The annual report shall include the following: 3927

(1) An analysis of the state's economy; 3928

(2) A description of the structure, operation, and 3929  
financial status of the corporation; 3930

(3) A description of the corporation's strategy to improve 3931  
the state economy and the standards of measure used to evaluate 3932  
its progress; 3933

(4) An evaluation of the performance of current strategies 3934  
and major initiatives; 3935

(5) An analysis of any statutory or administrative 3936  
barriers to successful economic development, business 3937  
recruitment, and job growth in the state identified by JobsOhio 3938  
during the preceding year. 3939

**Sec. 2701.11.** Subject to rules implementing this section 3940  
and section 2701.12 of the Revised Code that shall be 3941  
promulgated by the supreme court, upon written and sworn 3942  
complaint setting forth the cause or causes and after reasonable 3943  
notice thereof and an opportunity to be heard, any judge may be 3944  
retired for disability, removed for cause, or suspended, without 3945  
pay, for cause by a commission composed of five judges of this 3946  
state, all of whom shall be appointed by the supreme court from 3947  
among judges of the courts of record located within the 3948  
territorial jurisdiction in each of any five of the appellate 3949  
districts, not including that within which the respondent judge 3950  
resides. 3951

Such a commission shall be appointed by the supreme court 3952

upon receipt of a report of its board of ~~commissioners on~~ 3953  
~~grievances and discipline~~ professional conduct that such board 3954  
has received a written and sworn complaint alleging that cause 3955  
exists for retirement, removal, or suspension of a judge under 3956  
section 2701.12 of the Revised Code, and that upon investigation 3957  
and a finding by at least two-thirds of the members of such 3958  
board that there is substantial credible evidence in support of 3959  
such complaint. Any judge so retired, removed, or suspended may 3960  
appeal, on the record made before the commission, from the 3961  
commission's action to the supreme court. The commission, the 3962  
court, or a judge of the court may stay execution of an order 3963  
pending disposition of an appeal. The court may affirm, reverse, 3964  
or modify the order of the commission. 3965

Members of the commission shall be reimbursed from the 3966  
state treasury for their actual and necessary expenses in 3967  
connection with their service on the commission. 3968

The administrative director of the supreme court shall be 3969  
the secretary of each commission appointed to consider 3970  
retirement, removal, or suspension of a judge. The secretary 3971  
shall certify each order of a commission which commands the 3972  
retirement, removal, or suspension of a judge to the governor, 3973  
the chief justice of the supreme court, and the officer required 3974  
by law to draw warrants for payment of the salary of such judge. 3975

Upon the request of any such commission, the attorney 3976  
general shall assist in the performance of its duties. 3977

**Sec. 2925.01.** As used in this chapter: 3978

(A) "Administer," "controlled substance," "controlled 3979  
substance analog," "dispense," "distribute," "hypodermic," 3980  
"manufacturer," "official written order," "person," 3981

"pharmacist," "pharmacy," "sale," "schedule I," "schedule II," 3982  
"schedule III," "schedule IV," "schedule V," and "wholesaler" 3983  
have the same meanings as in section 3719.01 of the Revised 3984  
Code. 3985

(B) "Drug dependent person" and "drug of abuse" have the 3986  
same meanings as in section 3719.011 of the Revised Code. 3987

(C) "Drug," "dangerous drug," "licensed health 3988  
professional authorized to prescribe drugs," and "prescription" 3989  
have the same meanings as in section 4729.01 of the Revised 3990  
Code. 3991

(D) "Bulk amount" of a controlled substance means any of 3992  
the following: 3993

(1) For any compound, mixture, preparation, or substance 3994  
included in schedule I, schedule II, or schedule III, with the 3995  
exception of any controlled substance analog, marihuana, 3996  
cocaine, L.S.D., heroin, any fentanyl-related compound, and 3997  
hashish and except as provided in division (D) (2), (5), or (6) 3998  
of this section, whichever of the following is applicable: 3999

(a) An amount equal to or exceeding ten grams or twenty- 4000  
five unit doses of a compound, mixture, preparation, or 4001  
substance that is or contains any amount of a schedule I opiate 4002  
or opium derivative; 4003

(b) An amount equal to or exceeding ten grams of a 4004  
compound, mixture, preparation, or substance that is or contains 4005  
any amount of raw or gum opium; 4006

(c) An amount equal to or exceeding thirty grams or ten 4007  
unit doses of a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance 4008  
that is or contains any amount of a schedule I hallucinogen 4009  
other than tetrahydrocannabinol or lysergic acid amide, or a 4010



schedule I stimulant or depressant; 4011

(d) An amount equal to or exceeding twenty grams or five 4012  
times the maximum daily dose in the usual dose range specified 4013  
in a standard pharmaceutical reference manual of a compound, 4014  
mixture, preparation, or substance that is or contains any 4015  
amount of a schedule II opiate or opium derivative; 4016

(e) An amount equal to or exceeding five grams or ten unit 4017  
doses of a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance that is 4018  
or contains any amount of phencyclidine; 4019

(f) An amount equal to or exceeding one hundred twenty 4020  
grams or thirty times the maximum daily dose in the usual dose 4021  
range specified in a standard pharmaceutical reference manual of 4022  
a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance that is or 4023  
contains any amount of a schedule II stimulant that is in a 4024  
final dosage form manufactured by a person authorized by the 4025  
"Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act," 52 Stat. 1040 (1938), 21 4026  
U.S.C.A. 301, as amended, and the federal drug abuse control 4027  
laws, as defined in section 3719.01 of the Revised Code, that is 4028  
or contains any amount of a schedule II depressant substance or 4029  
a schedule II hallucinogenic substance; 4030

(g) An amount equal to or exceeding three grams of a 4031  
compound, mixture, preparation, or substance that is or contains 4032  
any amount of a schedule II stimulant, or any of its salts or 4033  
isomers, that is not in a final dosage form manufactured by a 4034  
person authorized by the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act 4035  
and the federal drug abuse control laws. 4036

(2) An amount equal to or exceeding one hundred twenty 4037  
grams or thirty times the maximum daily dose in the usual dose 4038  
range specified in a standard pharmaceutical reference manual of 4039

a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance that is or 4040  
contains any amount of a schedule III or IV substance other than 4041  
an anabolic steroid or a schedule III opiate or opium 4042  
derivative; 4043

(3) An amount equal to or exceeding twenty grams or five 4044  
times the maximum daily dose in the usual dose range specified 4045  
in a standard pharmaceutical reference manual of a compound, 4046  
mixture, preparation, or substance that is or contains any 4047  
amount of a schedule III opiate or opium derivative; 4048

(4) An amount equal to or exceeding two hundred fifty 4049  
milliliters or two hundred fifty grams of a compound, mixture, 4050  
preparation, or substance that is or contains any amount of a 4051  
schedule V substance; 4052

(5) An amount equal to or exceeding two hundred solid 4053  
dosage units, sixteen grams, or sixteen milliliters of a 4054  
compound, mixture, preparation, or substance that is or contains 4055  
any amount of a schedule III anabolic steroid; 4056

(6) For any compound, mixture, preparation, or substance 4057  
that is a combination of a fentanyl-related compound and any 4058  
other compound, mixture, preparation, or substance included in 4059  
schedule III, schedule IV, or schedule V, if the defendant is 4060  
charged with a violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code 4061  
and the sentencing provisions set forth in divisions (C) (10) (b) 4062  
and (C) (11) of that section will not apply regarding the 4063  
defendant and the violation, the bulk amount of the controlled 4064  
substance for purposes of the violation is the amount specified 4065  
in division (D) (1), (2), (3), (4), or (5) of this section for 4066  
the other schedule III, IV, or V controlled substance that is 4067  
combined with the fentanyl-related compound. 4068

(E) "Unit dose" means an amount or unit of a compound, 4069  
mixture, or preparation containing a controlled substance that 4070  
is separately identifiable and in a form that indicates that it 4071  
is the amount or unit by which the controlled substance is 4072  
separately administered to or taken by an individual. 4073

(F) "Cultivate" includes planting, watering, fertilizing, 4074  
or tilling. 4075

(G) "Drug abuse offense" means any of the following: 4076

(1) A violation of division (A) of section 2913.02 that 4077  
constitutes theft of drugs, or a violation of section 2925.02, 4078  
2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.041, 2925.05, 2925.06, 2925.11, 2925.12, 4079  
2925.13, 2925.22, 2925.23, 2925.24, 2925.31, 2925.32, 2925.36, 4080  
or 2925.37 of the Revised Code; 4081

(2) A violation of an existing or former law of this or 4082  
any other state or of the United States that is substantially 4083  
equivalent to any section listed in division (G) (1) of this 4084  
section; 4085

(3) An offense under an existing or former law of this or 4086  
any other state, or of the United States, of which planting, 4087  
cultivating, harvesting, processing, making, manufacturing, 4088  
producing, shipping, transporting, delivering, acquiring, 4089  
possessing, storing, distributing, dispensing, selling, inducing 4090  
another to use, administering to another, using, or otherwise 4091  
dealing with a controlled substance is an element; 4092

(4) A conspiracy to commit, attempt to commit, or 4093  
complicity in committing or attempting to commit any offense 4094  
under division (G) (1), (2), or (3) of this section. 4095

(H) "Felony drug abuse offense" means any drug abuse 4096  
offense that would constitute a felony under the laws of this 4097

state, any other state, or the United States. 4098

(I) "Harmful intoxicant" does not include beer or 4099  
intoxicating liquor but means any of the following: 4100

(1) Any compound, mixture, preparation, or substance the 4101  
gas, fumes, or vapor of which when inhaled can induce 4102  
intoxication, excitement, giddiness, irrational behavior, 4103  
depression, stupefaction, paralysis, unconsciousness, 4104  
asphyxiation, or other harmful physiological effects, and 4105  
includes, but is not limited to, any of the following: 4106

(a) Any volatile organic solvent, plastic cement, model 4107  
cement, fingernail polish remover, lacquer thinner, cleaning 4108  
fluid, gasoline, or other preparation containing a volatile 4109  
organic solvent; 4110

(b) Any aerosol propellant; 4111

(c) Any fluorocarbon refrigerant; 4112

(d) Any anesthetic gas. 4113

(2) Gamma Butyrolactone; 4114

(3) 1,4 Butanediol. 4115

(J) "Manufacture" means to plant, cultivate, harvest, 4116  
process, make, prepare, or otherwise engage in any part of the 4117  
production of a drug, by propagation, extraction, chemical 4118  
synthesis, or compounding, or any combination of the same, and 4119  
includes packaging, repackaging, labeling, and other activities 4120  
incident to production. 4121

(K) "Possess" or "possession" means having control over a 4122  
thing or substance, but may not be inferred solely from mere 4123  
access to the thing or substance through ownership or occupation 4124

of the premises upon which the thing or substance is found. 4125

(L) "Sample drug" means a drug or pharmaceutical 4126  
preparation that would be hazardous to health or safety if used 4127  
without the supervision of a licensed health professional 4128  
authorized to prescribe drugs, or a drug of abuse, and that, at 4129  
one time, had been placed in a container plainly marked as a 4130  
sample by a manufacturer. 4131

(M) "Standard pharmaceutical reference manual" means the 4132  
current edition, with cumulative changes if any, of references 4133  
that are approved by the state board of pharmacy. 4134

(N) "Juvenile" means a person under eighteen years of age. 4135

(O) "Counterfeit controlled substance" means any of the 4136  
following: 4137

(1) Any drug that bears, or whose container or label 4138  
bears, a trademark, trade name, or other identifying mark used 4139  
without authorization of the owner of rights to that trademark, 4140  
trade name, or identifying mark; 4141

(2) Any unmarked or unlabeled substance that is 4142  
represented to be a controlled substance manufactured, 4143  
processed, packed, or distributed by a person other than the 4144  
person that manufactured, processed, packed, or distributed it; 4145

(3) Any substance that is represented to be a controlled 4146  
substance but is not a controlled substance or is a different 4147  
controlled substance; 4148

(4) Any substance other than a controlled substance that a 4149  
reasonable person would believe to be a controlled substance 4150  
because of its similarity in shape, size, and color, or its 4151  
markings, labeling, packaging, distribution, or the price for 4152

which it is sold or offered for sale. 4153

(P) An offense is "committed in the vicinity of a school" 4154  
if the offender commits the offense on school premises, in a 4155  
school building, or within one thousand feet of the boundaries 4156  
of any school premises, regardless of whether the offender knows 4157  
the offense is being committed on school premises, in a school 4158  
building, or within one thousand feet of the boundaries of any 4159  
school premises. 4160

(Q) "School" means any school operated by a board of 4161  
education, any community school established under Chapter 3314. 4162  
of the Revised Code, or any nonpublic school for which the state 4163  
board of education prescribes minimum standards under section 4164  
3301.07 of the Revised Code, whether or not any instruction, 4165  
extracurricular activities, or training provided by the school 4166  
is being conducted at the time a criminal offense is committed. 4167

(R) "School premises" means either of the following: 4168

(1) The parcel of real property on which any school is 4169  
situated, whether or not any instruction, extracurricular 4170  
activities, or training provided by the school is being 4171  
conducted on the premises at the time a criminal offense is 4172  
committed; 4173

(2) Any other parcel of real property that is owned or 4174  
leased by a board of education of a school, the governing 4175  
authority of a community school established under Chapter 3314. 4176  
of the Revised Code, or the governing body of a nonpublic school 4177  
for which the state board of education prescribes minimum 4178  
standards under section 3301.07 of the Revised Code and on which 4179  
some of the instruction, extracurricular activities, or training 4180  
of the school is conducted, whether or not any instruction, 4181

extracurricular activities, or training provided by the school 4182  
is being conducted on the parcel of real property at the time a 4183  
criminal offense is committed. 4184

(S) "School building" means any building in which any of 4185  
the instruction, extracurricular activities, or training 4186  
provided by a school is conducted, whether or not any 4187  
instruction, extracurricular activities, or training provided by 4188  
the school is being conducted in the school building at the time 4189  
a criminal offense is committed. 4190

(T) "Disciplinary counsel" means the disciplinary counsel 4191  
appointed by the board of ~~commissioners on grievances and~~ 4192  
~~discipline professional conduct~~ of the supreme court under the 4193  
Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio. 4194

(U) "Certified grievance committee" means a duly 4195  
constituted and organized committee of the Ohio state bar 4196  
association or of one or more local bar associations of the 4197  
state of Ohio that complies with the criteria set forth in Rule 4198  
V, section 6 of the Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio. 4199

(V) "Professional license" means any license, permit, 4200  
certificate, registration, qualification, admission, temporary 4201  
license, temporary permit, temporary certificate, or temporary 4202  
registration that is described in divisions (W)(1) to (37) of 4203  
this section and that qualifies a person as a professionally 4204  
licensed person. 4205

(W) "Professionally licensed person" means any of the 4206  
following: 4207

(1) A person who has received a certificate or temporary 4208  
certificate as a certified public accountant or who has 4209  
registered as a public accountant under Chapter 4701. of the 4210

Revised Code and who holds an Ohio permit issued under that chapter; 4211  
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(2) A person who holds a certificate of qualification to practice architecture issued or renewed and registered under Chapter 4703. of the Revised Code; 4213  
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(3) A person who is registered as a landscape architect under Chapter 4703. of the Revised Code or who holds a permit as a landscape architect issued under that chapter; 4216  
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(4) A person licensed under Chapter 4707. of the Revised Code; 4219  
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(5) A person who has been issued a certificate of registration as a registered barber under Chapter 4709. of the Revised Code; 4221  
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(6) A person licensed and regulated to engage in the business of a debt pooling company by a legislative authority, under authority of Chapter 4710. of the Revised Code; 4224  
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(7) A person who has been issued a cosmetologist's license, hair designer's license, manicurist's license, esthetician's license, natural hair stylist's license, advanced cosmetologist's license, advanced hair designer's license, advanced manicurist's license, advanced esthetician's license, advanced natural hair stylist's license, cosmetology instructor's license, hair design instructor's license, manicurist instructor's license, esthetics instructor's license, natural hair style instructor's license, independent contractor's license, or tanning facility permit under Chapter 4713. of the Revised Code; 4227  
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(8) A person who has been issued a license to practice dentistry, a general anesthesia permit, a conscious sedation 4238  
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permit, a limited resident's license, a limited teaching 4240  
license, a dental hygienist's license, or a dental hygienist's 4241  
teacher's certificate under Chapter 4715. of the Revised Code; 4242

(9) A person who has been issued an embalmer's license, a 4243  
funeral director's license, a funeral home license, or a 4244  
crematory license, or who has been registered for an embalmer's 4245  
or funeral director's apprenticeship under Chapter 4717. of the 4246  
Revised Code; 4247

(10) A person who has been licensed as a registered nurse 4248  
or practical nurse, or who has been issued a certificate for the 4249  
practice of nurse-midwifery under Chapter 4723. of the Revised 4250  
Code; 4251

(11) A person who has been licensed to practice optometry 4252  
or to engage in optical dispensing under Chapter 4725. of the 4253  
Revised Code; 4254

(12) A person licensed to act as a pawnbroker under 4255  
Chapter 4727. of the Revised Code; 4256

(13) A person licensed to act as a precious metals dealer 4257  
under Chapter 4728. of the Revised Code; 4258

(14) A person licensed under Chapter 4729. of the Revised 4259  
Code as a pharmacist or pharmacy intern or registered under that 4260  
chapter as a registered pharmacy technician, certified pharmacy 4261  
technician, or pharmacy technician trainee; 4262

(15) A person licensed under Chapter 4729. of the Revised 4263  
Code as a manufacturer of dangerous drugs, outsourcing facility, 4264  
third-party logistics provider, repackager of dangerous drugs, 4265  
wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs, or terminal 4266  
distributor of dangerous drugs; 4267

- (16) A person who is authorized to practice as a physician 4268  
assistant under Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code; 4269
- (17) A person who has been issued a license to practice 4270  
medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or 4271  
podiatric medicine and surgery under Chapter 4731. of the 4272  
Revised Code or has been issued a certificate to practice a 4273  
limited branch of medicine under that chapter; 4274
- (18) A person licensed as a psychologist or school 4275  
psychologist under Chapter 4732. of the Revised Code; 4276
- (19) A person registered to practice the profession of 4277  
engineering or surveying under Chapter 4733. of the Revised 4278  
Code; 4279
- (20) A person who has been issued a license to practice 4280  
chiropractic under Chapter 4734. of the Revised Code; 4281
- (21) A person licensed to act as a real estate broker or 4282  
real estate salesperson under Chapter 4735. of the Revised Code; 4283
- (22) A person registered as a registered environmental 4284  
health specialist under Chapter 4736. of the Revised Code; 4285
- (23) A person licensed to operate or maintain a junkyard 4286  
under Chapter 4737. of the Revised Code; 4287
- (24) A person who has been issued a motor vehicle salvage 4288  
dealer's license under Chapter 4738. of the Revised Code; 4289
- (25) A person who has been licensed to act as a steam 4290  
engineer under Chapter 4739. of the Revised Code; 4291
- (26) A person who has been issued a license or temporary 4292  
permit to practice veterinary medicine or any of its branches, 4293  
or who is registered as a graduate animal technician under 4294

Chapter 4741. of the Revised Code;	4295
(27) A person who has been issued a hearing aid dealer's	4296
or fitter's license or trainee permit under Chapter 4747. of the	4297
Revised Code;	4298
(28) A person who has been issued a class A, class B, or	4299
class C license or who has been registered as an investigator or	4300
security guard employee under Chapter 4749. of the Revised Code;	4301
(29) A person licensed to practice as a nursing home	4302
administrator under Chapter 4751. of the Revised Code;	4303
(30) A person licensed to practice as a speech-language	4304
pathologist or audiologist under Chapter 4753. of the Revised	4305
Code;	4306
(31) A person issued a license as an occupational	4307
therapist or physical therapist under Chapter 4755. of the	4308
Revised Code;	4309
(32) A person who is licensed as a licensed professional	4310
clinical counselor, licensed professional counselor, social	4311
worker, independent social worker, independent marriage and	4312
family therapist, or marriage and family therapist, or	4313
registered as a social work assistant under Chapter 4757. of the	4314
Revised Code;	4315
(33) A person issued a license to practice dietetics under	4316
Chapter 4759. of the Revised Code;	4317
(34) A person who has been issued a license or limited	4318
permit to practice respiratory therapy under Chapter 4761. of	4319
the Revised Code;	4320
(35) A person who has been issued a real estate appraiser	4321
certificate under Chapter 4763. of the Revised Code;	4322

(36) A person who has been issued a home inspector license 4323  
under Chapter 4764. of the Revised Code; 4324

(37) A person who has been admitted to the bar by order of 4325  
the supreme court in compliance with its prescribed and 4326  
published rules. 4327

(X) "Cocaine" means any of the following: 4328

(1) A cocaine salt, isomer, or derivative, a salt of a 4329  
cocaine isomer or derivative, or the base form of cocaine; 4330

(2) Coca leaves or a salt, compound, derivative, or 4331  
preparation of coca leaves, including ecgonine, a salt, isomer, 4332  
or derivative of ecgonine, or a salt of an isomer or derivative 4333  
of ecgonine; 4334

(3) A salt, compound, derivative, or preparation of a 4335  
substance identified in division (X)(1) or (2) of this section 4336  
that is chemically equivalent to or identical with any of those 4337  
substances, except that the substances shall not include 4338  
decocainized coca leaves or extraction of coca leaves if the 4339  
extractions do not contain cocaine or ecgonine. 4340

(Y) "L.S.D." means lysergic acid diethylamide. 4341

(Z) "Hashish" means a resin or a preparation of a resin to 4342  
which both of the following apply: 4343

(1) It is contained in or derived from any part of the 4344  
plant of the genus cannabis, whether in solid form or in a 4345  
liquid concentrate, liquid extract, or liquid distillate form. 4346

(2) It has a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of 4347  
more than three-tenths per cent. 4348

"Hashish" does not include a hemp byproduct in the 4349

possession of a licensed hemp processor under Chapter 928. of 4350  
the Revised Code, provided that the hemp byproduct is being 4351  
produced, stored, and disposed of in accordance with rules 4352  
adopted under section 928.03 of the Revised Code. 4353

(AA) "Marihuana" has the same meaning as in section 4354  
3719.01 of the Revised Code, except that it does not include 4355  
hashish. 4356

(BB) An offense is "committed in the vicinity of a 4357  
juvenile" if the offender commits the offense within one hundred 4358  
feet of a juvenile or within the view of a juvenile, regardless 4359  
of whether the offender knows the age of the juvenile, whether 4360  
the offender knows the offense is being committed within one 4361  
hundred feet of or within view of the juvenile, or whether the 4362  
juvenile actually views the commission of the offense. 4363

(CC) "Presumption for a prison term" or "presumption that 4364  
a prison term shall be imposed" means a presumption, as 4365  
described in division (D) of section 2929.13 of the Revised 4366  
Code, that a prison term is a necessary sanction for a felony in 4367  
order to comply with the purposes and principles of sentencing 4368  
under section 2929.11 of the Revised Code. 4369

(DD) "Major drug offender" has the same meaning as in 4370  
section 2929.01 of the Revised Code. 4371

(EE) "Minor drug possession offense" means either of the 4372  
following: 4373

(1) A violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code as 4374  
it existed prior to July 1, 1996; 4375

(2) A violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code as 4376  
it exists on and after July 1, 1996, that is a misdemeanor or a 4377  
felony of the fifth degree. 4378

(FF) "Mandatory prison term" has the same meaning as in 4379  
section 2929.01 of the Revised Code. 4380

(GG) "Adulterate" means to cause a drug to be adulterated 4381  
as described in section 3715.63 of the Revised Code. 4382

(HH) "Public premises" means any hotel, restaurant, 4383  
tavern, store, arena, hall, or other place of public 4384  
accommodation, business, amusement, or resort. 4385

(II) "Methamphetamine" means methamphetamine, any salt, 4386  
isomer, or salt of an isomer of methamphetamine, or any 4387  
compound, mixture, preparation, or substance containing 4388  
methamphetamine or any salt, isomer, or salt of an isomer of 4389  
methamphetamine. 4390

(JJ) "Deception" has the same meaning as in section 4391  
2913.01 of the Revised Code. 4392

(KK) "Fentanyl-related compound" means any of the 4393  
following: 4394

(1) Fentanyl; 4395

(2) Alpha-methylfentanyl (N-[1-(alpha-methyl-beta- 4396  
phenyl)ethyl-4- piperidyl]propionanilide; 1-(1-methyl-2- 4397  
phenylethyl)-4-(N-propanilido) piperidine); 4398

(3) Alpha-methylthiofentanyl (N-[1-methyl-2-(2- 4399  
thienyl)ethyl-4- piperidinyl]-N-phenylpropanamide); 4400

(4) Beta-hydroxyfentanyl (N-[1-(2-hydroxy-2-phenethyl-4- 4401  
piperidinyl] -N-phenylpropanamide); 4402

(5) Beta-hydroxy-3-methylfentanyl (other name: N-[1-(2- 4403  
hydroxy-2- phenethyl)-3-methyl-4-piperidinyl]-N- 4404  
phenylpropanamide); 4405

- (6) 3-methylfentanyl (N-[3-methyl-1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidyl]-N-phenylpropanamide); 4406  
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- (7) 3-methylthiofentanyl (N-[3-methyl-1-[2-(thienyl)ethyl]-4-piperidinyl]-N-phenylpropanamide); 4408  
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- (8) Para-fluorofentanyl (N-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-[1-(2-phenethyl)-4-piperidinyl]propanamide; 4410  
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- (9) Thiofentanyl (N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-thienyl)ethyl-4-piperidinyl]-propanamide; 4412  
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- (10) Alfentanil; 4414
- (11) Carfentanil; 4415
- (12) Remifentanil; 4416
- (13) Sufentanil; 4417
- (14) Acetyl-alpha-methylfentanyl (N-[1-(1-methyl-2-phenethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-N-phenylacetamide); and 4418  
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- (15) Any compound that meets all of the following fentanyl 4420  
pharmacophore requirements to bind at the mu receptor, as 4421  
identified by a report from an established forensic laboratory, 4422  
including acetylfentanyl, furanylfentanyl, valerylfentanyl, 4423  
butyrylfentanyl, isobutyrylfentanyl, 4-methoxybutyrylfentanyl, 4424  
para-fluorobutyrylfentanyl, acrylfentanyl, and ortho- 4425  
fluorofentanyl: 4426
- (a) A chemical scaffold consisting of both of the 4427  
following: 4428
- (i) A five, six, or seven member ring structure containing 4429  
a nitrogen, whether or not further substituted; 4430
- (ii) An attached nitrogen to the ring, whether or not that 4431  
nitrogen is enclosed in a ring structure, including an attached 4432

aromatic ring or other lipophilic group to that nitrogen. 4433

(b) A polar functional group attached to the chemical 4434  
scaffold, including but not limited to a hydroxyl, ketone, 4435  
amide, or ester; 4436

(c) An alkyl or aryl substitution off the ring nitrogen of 4437  
the chemical scaffold; and 4438

(d) The compound has not been approved for medical use by 4439  
the United States food and drug administration. 4440

(LL) "First degree felony mandatory prison term" means one 4441  
of the definite prison terms prescribed in division (A) (1) (b) of 4442  
section 2929.14 of the Revised Code for a felony of the first 4443  
degree, except that if the violation for which sentence is being 4444  
imposed is committed on or after March 22, 2019, it means one of 4445  
the minimum prison terms prescribed in division (A) (1) (a) of 4446  
that section for a felony of the first degree. 4447

(MM) "Second degree felony mandatory prison term" means 4448  
one of the definite prison terms prescribed in division (A) (2) 4449  
(b) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code for a felony of the 4450  
second degree, except that if the violation for which sentence 4451  
is being imposed is committed on or after March 22, 2019, it 4452  
means one of the minimum prison terms prescribed in division (A) 4453  
(2) (a) of that section for a felony of the second degree. 4454

(NN) "Maximum first degree felony mandatory prison term" 4455  
means the maximum definite prison term prescribed in division 4456  
(A) (1) (b) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code for a felony of 4457  
the first degree, except that if the violation for which 4458  
sentence is being imposed is committed on or after March 22, 4459  
2019, it means the longest minimum prison term prescribed in 4460  
division (A) (1) (a) of that section for a felony of the first 4461



degree. 4462

(OO) "Maximum second degree felony mandatory prison term" 4463  
means the maximum definite prison term prescribed in division 4464  
(A) (2) (b) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code for a felony of 4465  
the second degree, except that if the violation for which 4466  
sentence is being imposed is committed on or after March 22, 4467  
2019, it means the longest minimum prison term prescribed in 4468  
division (A) (2) (a) of that section for a felony of the second 4469  
degree. 4470

(PP) "Delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol" has the same meaning 4471  
as in section 928.01 of the Revised Code. 4472

(QQ) An offense is "committed in the vicinity of a 4473  
substance addiction services provider or a recovering addict" if 4474  
either of the following apply: 4475

(1) The offender commits the offense on the premises of a 4476  
substance addiction services provider's facility, including a 4477  
facility licensed prior to June 29, 2019, under section 5119.391 4478  
of the Revised Code to provide methadone treatment or an opioid 4479  
treatment program licensed on or after that date under section 4480  
5119.37 of the Revised Code, or within five hundred feet of the 4481  
premises of a substance addiction services provider's facility 4482  
and the offender knows or should know that the offense is being 4483  
committed within the vicinity of the substance addiction 4484  
services provider's facility. 4485

(2) The offender sells, offers to sell, delivers, or 4486  
distributes the controlled substance or controlled substance 4487  
analog to a person who is receiving treatment at the time of the 4488  
commission of the offense, or received treatment within thirty 4489  
days prior to the commission of the offense, from a substance 4490

addiction services provider and the offender knows that the 4491  
person is receiving or received that treatment. 4492

(RR) "Substance addiction services provider" means an 4493  
agency, association, corporation or other legal entity, 4494  
individual, or program that provides one or more of the 4495  
following at a facility: 4496

(1) Either alcohol addiction services, or drug addiction 4497  
services, or both such services that are certified by the 4498  
director of mental health and addiction services under section 4499  
5119.36 of the Revised Code; 4500

(2) Recovery supports that are related to either alcohol 4501  
addiction services, or drug addiction services, or both such 4502  
services and paid for with federal, state, or local funds 4503  
administered by the department of mental health and addiction 4504  
services or a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental 4505  
health services. 4506

(SS) "Premises of a substance addiction services 4507  
provider's facility" means the parcel of real property on which 4508  
any substance addiction service provider's facility is situated. 4509

(TT) "Alcohol and drug addiction services" has the same 4510  
meaning as in section 5119.01 of the Revised Code. 4511

**Sec. 2925.38.** If a person who is convicted of or pleads 4512  
guilty to a violation of section 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 4513  
2925.041, 2925.05, 2925.06, 2925.11, 2925.12, 2925.13, 2925.14, 4514  
2925.141, 2925.22, 2925.23, 2925.31, 2925.32, 2925.36, or 4515  
2925.37 of the Revised Code is a professionally licensed person, 4516  
in addition to any other sanctions imposed for the violation, 4517  
the court, except as otherwise provided in this section, 4518  
immediately shall transmit a certified copy of the judgment 4519

entry of conviction to the regulatory or licensing board or 4520  
agency that has the administrative authority to suspend or 4521  
revoke the offender's professional license. If the 4522  
professionally licensed person who is convicted of or pleads 4523  
guilty to a violation of any section listed in this section is a 4524  
person who has been admitted to the bar by order of the supreme 4525  
court in compliance with its prescribed and published rules, in 4526  
addition to any other sanctions imposed for the violation, the 4527  
court immediately shall transmit a certified copy of the 4528  
judgment entry of conviction to the secretary of the board of 4529  
~~commissioners on grievances and discipline professional conduct~~ 4530  
of the supreme court and to either the disciplinary counsel or 4531  
the president, secretary, and chairperson of each certified 4532  
grievance committee. 4533

**Sec. 3781.343.** A member of the underground technical 4534  
committee is not subject to the disclosure requirements of 4535  
~~sections section 102.02 and 102.021~~ of the Revised Code by 4536  
virtue of membership on the committee. 4537

**Sec. 4503.033.** (A) Annually, on or before the thirty-first 4538  
day of January, every deputy registrar shall file with the 4539  
registrar of motor vehicles on a form prescribed by the 4540  
registrar, a statement disclosing all of the following: 4541

(1) The name of the person filing the statement, and, if 4542  
applicable, of ~~his the person's~~ spouse and of members of ~~his the~~ 4543  
person's immediate family; 4544

(2) Any contribution made within the previous calendar 4545  
year by the person and, if applicable, by ~~his the person's~~ 4546  
spouse and by members of ~~his the person's~~ immediate family to 4547  
each of the following: 4548

- (a) Any political party; 4549
- (b) Any candidate for the office of governor, attorney 4550  
general, secretary of state, treasurer of state, auditor of 4551  
state, member of the senate or house of representatives of the 4552  
general assembly, or to the campaign committee of any such 4553  
candidate. 4554
- (3) The month, day, and year in which the contribution was 4555  
made; 4556
- (4) The full name and address of each person, political 4557  
party, or campaign committee to which a contribution was made; 4558
- (5) The value in dollars and cents of the contribution. 4559
- (B) No person shall knowingly fail to file, on or before 4560  
the filing deadline under this section, a statement that is 4561  
required by division (A) of this section. 4562
- (C) No person shall knowingly make a false statement in a 4563  
statement that is required to be filed under division (A) of 4564  
this section. 4565
- (D) On and after March 2, 1994, the statement required by 4566  
division (A) of this section shall be accompanied by a filing 4567  
fee of twenty-five dollars. If the statement required by 4568  
division (A) of this section is not filed by the date on which 4569  
it is required to be filed, the registrar of motor vehicles 4570  
shall assess a late filing fee as prescribed in division ~~(F)~~ (I) 4571  
of section 102.02 of the Revised Code. The registrar shall 4572  
deposit all fees ~~he~~ the registrar receives under this division 4573  
into the general revenue fund of the state. 4574
- (E) Not later than the date a deputy registrar is required 4575  
to file a statement under division (A) of this section, the 4576

deputy registrar shall file a copy of the statement with the 4577  
office of the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall 4578  
keep the copies of all statements filed with ~~his~~ the office of 4579  
the secretary of state under this division only for the purpose 4580  
of making them available for public inspection. 4581

(F) Whoever violates division (B) of this section shall be 4582  
fined one thousand dollars. Whoever violates division (C) of 4583  
this section shall be fined ten thousand dollars. 4584

**Sec. 4705.021.** (A) As used in this section: 4585

(1) "Disciplinary counsel" means the disciplinary counsel 4586  
appointed by the board of ~~commissioners on grievances and~~ 4587  
~~discipline~~ professional conduct of the supreme court under the 4588  
Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio. 4589

(2) "Certified grievance committee" means a duly 4590  
constituted and organized committee of the Ohio state bar 4591  
association or of one or more local bar associations of the 4592  
state that complies with the criteria set forth in rule V, 4593  
section 3 of the Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio. 4594

(3) "Child support order" has the same meaning as in 4595  
section 3119.01 of the Revised Code. 4596

(B) If an individual who has been admitted to the bar by 4597  
order of the supreme court in compliance with its published 4598  
rules is determined pursuant to sections 3123.01 to 3123.07 of 4599  
the Revised Code by a court or child support enforcement agency 4600  
to be in default under a support order being administered or 4601  
handled by a child support enforcement agency, that agency may 4602  
send a notice listing the name and social security number or 4603  
other identification number of the individual and a certified 4604  
copy of the court or agency determination that the individual is 4605

in default to the secretary of the board of ~~commissioners on~~ 4606  
~~grievances and discipline~~ professional conduct of the supreme 4607  
court and to either the disciplinary counsel or the president, 4608  
secretary, and chairperson of each certified grievance committee 4609  
if both of the following are the case: 4610

(1) At least ninety days have elapsed since the final and 4611  
enforceable determination of default; 4612

(2) In the preceding ninety days, the obligor has failed 4613  
to pay at least fifty per cent of the total monthly obligation 4614  
due through means other than those described in sections 3123.81 4615  
to 3123.85 of the Revised Code. 4616

**Sec. 4901.021.** (A) There is hereby created a public 4617  
utilities commission nominating council consisting of the 4618  
following: 4619

(1) The chairperson of the consumers' counsel governing 4620  
board; 4621

(2) The president of the accountancy board; 4622

(3) The chairperson of the state board of registration for 4623  
professional engineers and surveyors; 4624

(4) The president of the Ohio state bar association; 4625

(5) The president of the Ohio municipal league; 4626

(6) The director of development or the director's 4627  
department-employed designee; 4628

(7) A member of the public appointed by the speaker of the 4629  
house of representatives, to serve at the pleasure of the 4630  
speaker; 4631

(8) A member of the public appointed by the president of 4632

the senate, to serve at the pleasure of the president; 4633

(9) A representative of the regulated public utilities of 4634  
the state appointed by the governor, to serve at the pleasure of 4635  
the governor; 4636

(10) A representative of the business community appointed 4637  
by the governor, to serve at the pleasure of the governor; 4638

(11) A representative of organized labor appointed by the 4639  
governor, to serve at the pleasure of the governor; 4640

(12) A senior citizen sixty-five years of age or older 4641  
appointed by the director of aging, to serve at the pleasure of 4642  
the director. 4643

(B) At its first meeting each calendar year, the council 4644  
shall select from among its members a chairperson and secretary. 4645  
The council may adopt bylaws governing its proceedings. 4646

(C) The council shall keep a record of its proceedings. 4647  
Special meetings may be called by the chairperson, and shall be 4648  
called by the chairperson upon receipt of a written request for 4649  
a meeting signed by two or more members of the council. Written 4650  
notice of the time and place of each meeting shall be sent to 4651  
each member of the council. With the approval of the 4652  
association's or league's governing body, the president of the 4653  
Ohio state bar association or the president of the Ohio 4654  
municipal league, respectively, may designate an alternate to 4655  
represent the president at meetings of the council. With the 4656  
approval of the board, the president of the accountancy board or 4657  
the chairperson of the state board of registration for 4658  
professional engineers and surveyors may designate such an 4659  
alternate. Six members, or their alternates, constitute a 4660  
quorum. 4661

(D) The council shall: 4662

(1) Review and evaluate possible appointees for the office 4663  
of commissioner of the public utilities commission; 4664

(2) Consistent with division (D) of section 4901.02 of the 4665  
Revised Code, not more than eighty-five nor less than sixty days 4666  
prior to the expiration of the term of a public utilities 4667  
commissioner or not more than thirty days after the death of, 4668  
resignation of, or termination of service by, a public utilities 4669  
commissioner, provide the governor with a list of four 4670  
individuals who are, in the judgment of the council, the most 4671  
fully qualified to accede to the office of commissioner. The 4672  
list shall meet all of the following requirements: 4673

(a) The list shall not include the name of any individual 4674  
who has failed to file a complete and accurate disclosure 4675  
statement as required under section 4901.022 of the Revised 4676  
Code. 4677

(b) The council shall not include the name of an 4678  
individual upon the list, if the appointment of that individual 4679  
by the governor would result in more than three members of the 4680  
commission belonging to or being affiliated with the same 4681  
political party. ~~The~~ 4682

(c) The council shall include on the list only the names 4683  
of attorneys admitted to the practice of law in any state or the 4684  
District of Columbia if an attorney must be appointed to fulfill 4685  
the requirement of division (D) of section 4901.02 of the 4686  
Revised Code. ~~To~~ 4687

(d) To the extent possible, in its performance of this 4688  
duty, the council shall continually attempt to ensure that the 4689  
primary focus of the background of two commissioners is in 4690



energy and that the primary focus of the background of two 4691  
commissioners is in transportation or communications technology. 4692

(E) In reviewing and evaluating possible appointees for 4693  
the office of public utilities commissioner, the council may 4694  
accept comments from, cooperate with, and request information 4695  
from any person. The council may make recommendations to the 4696  
general assembly concerning changes in legislation to assist the 4697  
council in the performance of its duties. 4698

(F) Within thirty days of receipt of the council's 4699  
recommendations, the governor shall fill a vacancy occurring in 4700  
the office of commissioner by appointment of one of the persons 4701  
recommended by the council. Nothing in this section shall 4702  
prevent the governor in the governor's discretion from rejecting 4703  
all of the nominees of the council and reconvening the council 4704  
in order to select four additional nominees. However, when the 4705  
governor has reconvened the council and the council has provided 4706  
the governor with a second list of four names, the governor 4707  
shall make the appointment from one of the names on the first 4708  
list or the second list. Each appointment by the governor shall 4709  
be subject to the advice and consent of the senate. 4710

(G) Members of the council shall be compensated on a per 4711  
diem basis pursuant to the procedures set forth in section 4712  
124.14 of the Revised Code plus reasonable travel expenses. All 4713  
the expenses of the nominating council shall be paid from moneys 4714  
appropriated to the public utilities commission for that 4715  
purpose. 4716

Sec. 4901.022. (A) In order to be eligible to be submitted 4717  
to the governor as a possible appointee to the public utilities 4718  
commission under division (D) (2) of section 4901.021 of the 4719  
Revised Code, an individual shall have filed a complete and 4720

accurate statement under this section with the public utilities 4721  
commission nominating council and with the Ohio ethics 4722  
commission, on a form prescribed by the Ohio ethics commission, 4723  
not more than sixty days before being submitted to the governor 4724  
as a possible appointee. 4725

(B) The statement shall include all of the following 4726  
information: 4727

(1) (a) The name of the filer and all names under which the 4728  
filer does business or has done business; 4729

(b) The name of the filer's spouse and of each dependent 4730  
child of the filer who is eighteen years of age or older and who 4731  
resides in the filer's household and all names under which the 4732  
spouse and each such dependent child do business or have done 4733  
business; 4734

(c) The name of every corporation, trust, business trust, 4735  
partnership, or association in which the filer, the filer's 4736  
spouse, or the filer's dependent child who is eighteen years of 4737  
age or older and resides in the filer's household holds any 4738  
office or has held any office, or with which the filer, the 4739  
filer's spouse, or the filer's dependent child who is eighteen 4740  
years of age or older and resides in the filer's household has a 4741  
fiduciary relationship or has had a fiduciary relationship, and 4742  
a description of the nature of the office or relationship; 4743

(2) The name of every public utility, railroad, or other 4744  
entity regulated by the public utilities commission from which 4745  
the filer, any other person described in division (B) (1) of this 4746  
section, or any other person for the filer's use or benefit has 4747  
received income at any time, and the amount of that income. 4748

(3) The name of every public utility, railroad, or other 4749

entity regulated by the public utilities commission with which 4750  
the filer or any other person described in division (B) (1) of 4751  
this section has had a contractual relationship at any time, 4752  
other than a contract to receive services as a consumer on the 4753  
same terms available to other consumers, the amount of any money 4754  
or other things of value the person has received under that 4755  
contract, and the amount of any money or other things of value 4756  
the person is to receive in the future under that contract. 4757

(C) An individual may file a statement required by this 4758  
section in person, by mail, or by electronic means. 4759

(D) A statement filed under this section is a public 4760  
record and shall be made available to the public on the official 4761  
web sites of the public utilities commission and the Ohio ethics 4762  
commission not later than the date the council submits the 4763  
filer's name to the governor as a possible appointee to the 4764  
public utilities commission. 4765

(E) No person shall knowingly file a false statement under 4766  
this section. 4767

**Sec. 4901.99.** (A) Whoever violates section 4901.16 of the 4768  
Revised Code shall be fined not less than fifty nor more than 4769  
one hundred dollars. 4770

(B) Whoever violates division (E) of section 4901.022 of 4771  
the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 4772

**Section 2.** That existing sections 101.15, 101.34, 101.70, 4773  
101.71, 101.72, 101.73, 101.74, 101.75, 101.76, 101.78, 101.90, 4774  
101.91, 101.92, 101.93, 101.95, 101.96, 101.98, 102.01, 102.02, 4775  
102.022, 102.03, 102.031, 102.06, 102.07, 102.08, 102.99, 4776  
109.54, 121.60, 121.61, 121.62, 121.63, 121.65, 121.66, 121.68, 4777  
122.651, 184.01, 184.03, 187.03, 2701.11, 2925.01, 2925.38, 4778

3781.343, 4503.033, 4705.021, 4901.021, and 4901.99 of the 4779  
Revised Code are hereby repealed. 4780

**Section 3.** That section 102.021 of the Revised Code is 4781  
hereby repealed. 4782

**Section 4.** Sections 101.92 and 121.62 of the Revised Code, 4783  
as amended by this act, take effect January 1, 2024. 4784

**Section 5.** This act shall be known as the Ethics and 4785  
Financial Disclosure Reform Act. 4786

**Section 6.** The General Assembly, applying the principle 4787  
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 4788  
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 4789  
simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, 4790  
presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended 4791  
by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the 4792  
sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections 4793  
as presented in this act: 4794

Section 102.07 of the Revised Code as amended by both H.B. 4795  
285 and H.B. 492 of the 120th General Assembly. 4796

Section 102.08 of the Revised Code as amended by both H.B. 4797  
285 and H.B. 492 of the 120th General Assembly. 4798