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**A BILL**

To amend sections 9.02, 109.08, 109.081, 109.43, 1  
109.521, 109.57, 109.572, 109.578, 109.60, 2  
1331.01, 1331.04, 1331.99, 1345.02, 1345.03, 3  
1345.031, 1345.07, 1345.21, 1345.23, 1345.24, 4  
1345.43, 1345.44, 1349.43, 1716.02, 1716.05, 5  
1716.07, 2329.07, 2743.191, 2743.56, 2743.68, 6  
2743.71, 2746.02, 2901.01, 2953.32, 2981.13, and 7  
5302.221, to enact sections 9.28, 177.05, 8  
1331.17, and 2945.63, and to repeal section 9  
1331.05 of the Revised Code to make various 10  
changes to the laws governing the duties and 11  
functions of the Attorney General and to modify 12  
judgment dormancy law. 13

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

**Section 1.** That sections 9.02, 109.08, 109.081, 109.43, 14  
109.521, 109.57, 109.572, 109.578, 109.60, 1331.01, 1331.04, 15  
1331.99, 1345.02, 1345.03, 1345.031, 1345.07, 1345.21, 1345.23, 16  
1345.24, 1345.43, 1345.44, 1349.43, 1716.02, 1716.05, 1716.07, 17  
2329.07, 2743.191, 2743.56, 2743.68, 2743.71, 2746.02, 2901.01, 18

2953.32, 2981.13, and 5302.221 be amended and sections 9.28, 19  
177.05, 1331.17, and 2945.63 of the Revised Code be enacted to 20  
read as follows: 21

**Sec. 9.02.** (A) As used in this section: 22

(1) "Customer" means any person or authorized 23  
representative of that person who has maintained or is 24  
maintaining an account or deposit of any type, or has utilized 25  
or is utilizing any service of a financial institution, or for 26  
whom a financial institution has acted or is acting as a 27  
fiduciary in relation to an account or deposit maintained in the 28  
person's name. 29

(2) "Governmental authority" includes the state, any 30  
political subdivision, district, or court, and any agency, 31  
department, officer, or authorized employee of any of those 32  
entities. 33

(3) "Financial institution" means any bank, building and 34  
loan association, trust company, credit union, licensee as 35  
defined in section 1321.01, or registrant as defined in section 36  
1321.51 of the Revised Code. 37

(4) "Financial record" means any record, including 38  
statements or receipts, and checks, drafts, or similar 39  
instruments, or information derived from such record, that is 40  
maintained by a financial institution and that pertains to a 41  
deposit or account of a customer, a service of the financial 42  
institution utilized by a customer, or any other relationship 43  
between a customer and the financial institution. 44

(5) "Supervisory review" means any examination of or other 45  
supervisory action with respect to a financial institution, 46  
where such examination or action is conducted or taken pursuant 47

to authority granted under the Revised Code, or rules 48  
promulgated pursuant thereto by the agency having regulatory 49  
jurisdiction over such institution. 50

(B) Any party, including a governmental authority, that 51  
requires or requests a financial institution to assemble or 52  
provide a customer's financial records in connection with any 53  
investigation, action, or proceeding shall pay the financial 54  
institution for all actual and necessary costs directly incurred 55  
in searching for, reproducing, or transporting these records, if 56  
the financial institution is not a party to the investigation, 57  
action, or proceeding, is not a subject of supervisory review in 58  
the investigation, action, or proceeding, or is a party to the 59  
investigation, action, or proceeding solely by reason of its 60  
holding of assets of another party defendant, with no cause of 61  
action alleged against the financial institution. This payment 62  
shall be made to the financial institution promptly, whether or 63  
not the financial records are entered into evidence. If the 64  
records are produced pursuant to a court order or subpoena duces 65  
tecum, the party requesting the order or subpoena is responsible 66  
for making the payment. With respect to any judicial or 67  
administrative proceeding for which the records are requested, 68  
payment of these costs shall be in addition to any witness fees. 69

(C) The rates and conditions for making payments required 70  
by division (B) of this section shall be established by rule by 71  
the superintendent of financial institutions. To the extent that 72  
they are applicable, such respective rules shall be 73  
substantially like those adopted by the board of governors of 74  
the federal reserve system to regulate similar fees required by 75  
the "Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978," 92 Stat. 3708, 12 76  
U.S.C.A. 3415. 77

(D) (1) This section is not intended to expand, limit, or 78  
otherwise affect any authority granted under federal law or the 79  
law of this state to any party, including a governmental 80  
authority, to procure, request, or require a customer's 81  
financial records. This section does not apply to investigations 82  
or examinations conducted under authority granted by Chapter 83  
169., 1707., 3737., or 4735. of the Revised Code. 84

(2) Division (B) of this section does not apply to 85  
financial records required to be assembled or provided pursuant 86  
to a subpoena, demand for production, request for records, or 87  
demand for inspection issued by or on motion of the attorney 88  
general or the organized crime investigations commission, to a 89  
subpoena issued by or on motion of a prosecuting attorney who 90  
has probable cause to believe that a crime has been committed, 91  
or to a subpoena issued by a grand jury, if all of the following 92  
apply: 93

(a) The financial records or copies of the financial 94  
records are subpoenaed for purposes of a criminal investigation 95  
or prosecution; 96

(b) The subpoena is delivered to the financial institution 97  
at least ten days before the records are to be provided; 98

(c) The subpoena identifies individual items to be 99  
provided or is for statements of the customer's account for a 100  
specified period of time but only as is relevant to the possible 101  
crime being investigated. 102

If any financial record assembled or provided by a 103  
financial institution pursuant to such a subpoena or any 104  
information derived from the financial record is introduced as 105  
evidence in any criminal trial and if any nonindigent defendant 106

is convicted of an offense at that trial, the trial court shall 107  
charge against the defendant, as a cost of prosecution, all 108  
actual and necessary costs directly incurred by the financial 109  
institution in searching for, reproducing, or transporting the 110  
financial records provided the financial institution is not a 111  
defendant at the trial. A defendant against whom costs are 112  
charged pursuant to this division shall pay the costs to the 113  
court which shall forward the payment to the financial 114  
institution. For purposes of this division, the trial court 115  
shall determine whether a defendant is indigent. The rates of 116  
payment established by rule pursuant to division (C) of this 117  
section shall be used by the trial court in charging costs under 118  
this division. 119

(E) Notwithstanding division (D) of this section, in any 120  
proceeding, action, or investigation that involves an alleged 121  
violation of section 2921.02, 2921.41, 2921.42, or 2921.43 of 122  
the Revised Code, that either involves a property interest of 123  
the state or occurred within the scope of state employment or 124  
during the performance of a state public official's or state 125  
public servant's duties, and in which a financial institution is 126  
required or requested to assemble or provide financial records, 127  
the financial institution has a right of reimbursement from the 128  
state treasury for all actual and necessary costs incurred in 129  
searching for, reproducing, or transporting the financial 130  
records, at the rates established by rule under division (C) of 131  
this section. The reimbursement shall be made only if the 132  
financial institution is not a party to, or subject of the 133  
investigation, action, or proceeding, or is a party to the 134  
investigation, action, or proceeding solely by reason of its 135  
holding assets of another party defendant, with no cause of 136  
action alleged against the financial institution, and only if 137

the financial institution has not acted negligently in the 138  
management of the deposit, account, service, or other 139  
relationship to which those financial records pertain. The 140  
reimbursement shall be made promptly, whether or not the 141  
financial records are entered into evidence. As used in this 142  
division, "state" means only the state of Ohio and does not 143  
include any political subdivision. 144

Sec. 9.28. (A) As used in this section: 145

(1) "Competitive solicitation" means a request for 146  
proposal or any other solicitation or announcement by a public 147  
office requiring bids or proposals for the provision of goods or 148  
services to that office. 149

(2) "Public office" includes any state agency, public 150  
institution, political subdivision, or other organized body, 151  
office, agency, institution, or entity established by the laws 152  
of this state for the exercise of any function of government. 153  
"Public office" does not include the nonprofit corporation 154  
formed under section 187.01 of the Revised Code. 155

(3) "State agency" includes every department, bureau, 156  
board, commission, office, or other organized body established 157  
by the constitution and laws of this state for the exercise of 158  
any function of state government, including any state-supported 159  
institution of higher education, the general assembly, any 160  
legislative agency, any court or judicial agency, or any 161  
political subdivision or agency of a political subdivision. 162  
"State agency" does not include the nonprofit corporation formed 163  
under section 187.01 of the Revised Code. 164

(B) Except as provided in division (C) of this section, 165  
materials submitted to a public office in response to a 166

competitive solicitation shall not be considered public records 167  
for purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code until the 168  
date the public office announces the award of a contract based 169  
on the competitive solicitation or the cancellation of the 170  
competitive solicitation. 171

(C) If a public office rejects all bids or proposals 172  
received in response to a competitive solicitation and, 173  
concurrently with the announcement of the rejection gives notice 174  
of its intent to reissue the solicitation, the materials 175  
submitted in response to the original competitive solicitation 176  
and the materials submitted in response to the reissued 177  
competitive solicitation shall not be considered public records 178  
for purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code until the 179  
date the public office announces the award of a contract based 180  
on the reissued competitive solicitation or the cancellation of 181  
the reissued competitive solicitation. 182

**Sec. 109.08.** The attorney general may appoint and 183  
authorize special counsel to represent the state and any 184  
political subdivision in connection with all claims of 185  
whatsoever nature which are certified to the attorney general 186  
for collection under any law or which the attorney general is 187  
authorized to collect. 188

Such special counsel shall be paid for their services from 189  
funds collected by them in an amount approved by the attorney 190  
general. In addition to the amount certified, the amounts paid 191  
to special counsel may be assessed as collection costs 192  
consistent with section 131.02 of the Revised Code and shall be 193  
fully recoverable from the party indebted. The amounts assessed 194  
as collection costs under this section are in addition to any 195  
amounts authorized under section 109.081 of the Revised Code. 196

The attorney general ~~shall~~ is authorized to provide to the 197  
special counsel ~~appointed to represent the state in connection~~ 198  
~~with claims arising out of Chapters 5733., 5739., 5741., and~~ 199  
~~5747. of the Revised Code~~ the official letterhead stationery of 200  
the attorney general. The attorney general may authorize the 201  
special counsel ~~shall~~ to use the letterhead stationery, but only 202  
in connection with the collection of such claims arising out of 203  
~~those taxes~~ amounts certified by the state and political 204  
subdivisions. 205

**Sec. 109.081.** Up to eleven per cent of all amounts 206  
collected by the attorney general, whether by employees or 207  
agents of the attorney general or by special counsel pursuant to 208  
section 109.08 of the Revised Code, on claims ~~due the state~~ 209  
certified in accordance with section 131.02 of the Revised Code, 210  
shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the 211  
attorney general claims fund, which is hereby created. The 212  
attorney general, after consultation with the director of budget 213  
and management, shall determine the exact percentage of those 214  
collected amounts that shall be paid into the state treasury to 215  
the credit of the fund. In addition to the amount certified, the 216  
amount shall be assessed as a collection cost consistent with 217  
section 131.02 of the Revised Code, and is fully recoverable 218  
from the party indebted. The amounts assessed as collection 219  
costs under this section are in addition to any amounts 220  
authorized under section 109.08 of the Revised Code. The 221  
attorney general claims fund shall be used for the payment of 222  
expenses incurred by the office of the attorney general. 223

**Sec. 109.43.** (A) As used in this section: 224

(1) "Designee" means a designee of the elected official in 225  
the public office if that elected official is the only elected 226



official in the public office involved or a designee of all of 227  
the elected officials in the public office if the public office 228  
involved includes more than one elected official. 229

(2) "Elected official" means an official elected to a 230  
local or statewide office. "Elected official" does not include 231  
the chief justice or a justice of the supreme court, a judge of 232  
a court of appeals, court of common pleas, municipal court, or 233  
county court, or a clerk of any of those courts. 234

(3) "Public office" has the same meaning as in section 235  
149.011 of the Revised Code. 236

(4) "Public record" has the same meaning as in section 237  
149.43 of the Revised Code. 238

(B) The attorney general shall develop, provide, and 239  
certify training programs and seminars for all elected officials 240  
or their appropriate designees in order to enhance the 241  
officials' knowledge of the duty to provide access to public 242  
records as required by section 149.43 of the Revised Code and to 243  
enhance their knowledge of the open meetings laws set forth in 244  
section 121.22 of the Revised Code. The training shall be three 245  
hours for every term of office for which the elected official 246  
was appointed or elected to the public office involved. The 247  
training shall provide elected officials or their appropriate 248  
designees with guidance in developing and updating their 249  
offices' policies as required under section 149.43 of the 250  
Revised Code. The successful completion by an elected official 251  
or by an elected official's appropriate designee of the training 252  
requirements established by the attorney general under this 253  
section shall satisfy the education requirements imposed on 254  
elected officials or their appropriate designees under division 255  
(E) of section 149.43 of the Revised Code. ~~Prior to providing~~ 256

~~the training programs and seminars under this section to satisfy~~ 257  
~~the education requirements imposed on elected officials or their~~ 258  
~~appropriate designees under division (E) of section 149.43 of~~ 259  
~~the Revised Code, the attorney general shall ensure that the~~ 260  
~~training programs and seminars are accredited by the commission~~ 261  
~~on continuing legal education established by the supreme court.~~ 262

(C) The attorney general shall not charge any elected 263  
official or the appropriate designee of any elected official any 264  
fee for attending the training programs and seminars that the 265  
attorney general conducts under this section. The attorney 266  
general may allow the attendance of any other interested persons 267  
at any of the training programs or seminars that the attorney 268  
general conducts under this section and shall not charge the 269  
person any fee for attending the training program or seminar. 270

(D) In addition to developing, providing, and certifying 271  
training programs and seminars as required under division (B) of 272  
this section, the attorney general may contract with one or more 273  
other state agencies, political subdivisions, or other public or 274  
private entities to conduct the training programs and seminars 275  
for elected officials or their appropriate designees under this 276  
section. The contract may provide for the attendance of any 277  
other interested persons at any of the training programs or 278  
seminars conducted by the contracting state agency, political 279  
subdivision, or other public or private entity. The contracting 280  
state agency, political subdivision, or other public or private 281  
entity may charge an elected official, an elected official's 282  
appropriate designee, or an interested person a registration fee 283  
for attending the training program or seminar conducted by that 284  
contracting agency, political subdivision, or entity pursuant to 285  
a contract entered into under this division. The attorney 286  
general shall determine a reasonable amount for the registration 287

fee based on the actual and necessary expenses associated with 288  
the training programs and seminars. If the contracting state 289  
agency, political subdivision, or other public or private entity 290  
charges an elected official or an elected official's appropriate 291  
designee a registration fee for attending the training program 292  
or seminar conducted pursuant to a contract entered into under 293  
this division by that contracting agency, political subdivision, 294  
or entity, the public office for which the elected official was 295  
appointed or elected to represent may use the public office's 296  
own funds to pay for the cost of the registration fee. 297

(E) The attorney general shall develop and provide to all 298  
public offices a model public records policy for responding to 299  
public records requests in compliance with section 149.43 of the 300  
Revised Code in order to provide guidance to public offices in 301  
developing their own public record policies for responding to 302  
public records requests in compliance with that section. 303

(F) The attorney general may provide any other appropriate 304  
training or educational programs about Ohio's "Sunshine Laws," 305  
sections 121.22, 149.38, 149.381, and 149.43 of the Revised 306  
Code, as may be developed and offered by the attorney general or 307  
by the attorney general in collaboration with one or more other 308  
state agencies, political subdivisions, or other public or 309  
private entities. 310

(G) The auditor of state, in the course of an annual or 311  
biennial audit of a public office pursuant to Chapter 117. of 312  
the Revised Code, shall audit the public office for compliance 313  
with this section and division (E) of section 149.43 of the 314  
Revised Code. 315

**Sec. 109.521.** There is hereby created in the state 316  
treasury the bureau of criminal identification and investigation 317

asset forfeiture and cost reimbursement fund. All amounts 318  
awarded to the bureau of criminal identification and 319  
investigation as a result of shared federal and state asset 320  
forfeiture and state and local moneys designated as restitution 321  
for reimbursement of the costs of investigations and all amounts 322  
received by the bureau under section 2981.13 of the Revised Code 323  
shall be deposited into this fund. The moneys in this fund shall 324  
be used in accordance with federal and state asset forfeiture 325  
rules, regulations, and laws. Interest earned on the money in 326  
this fund shall be credited to the fund. 327

**Sec. 109.57.** (A) (1) The superintendent of the bureau of 328  
criminal identification and investigation shall procure from 329  
wherever procurable and file for record photographs, pictures, 330  
descriptions, fingerprints, measurements, and other information 331  
that may be pertinent of all persons who have been convicted of 332  
committing within this state a felony, any crime constituting a 333  
misdemeanor on the first offense and a felony on subsequent 334  
offenses, or any misdemeanor described in division (A) (1) (a), 335  
(A) (5) (a), or (A) (7) (a) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, 336  
of all children under eighteen years of age who have been 337  
adjudicated delinquent children for committing within this state 338  
an act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if 339  
committed by an adult or who have been convicted of or pleaded 340  
guilty to committing within this state a felony or an offense of 341  
violence, and of all well-known and habitual criminals. The 342  
person in charge of any county, multicounty, municipal, 343  
municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse, 344  
community-based correctional facility, halfway house, 345  
alternative residential facility, or state correctional 346  
institution and the person in charge of any state institution 347  
having custody of a person suspected of having committed a 348

felony, any crime constituting a misdemeanor on the first 349  
offense and a felony on subsequent offenses, or any misdemeanor 350  
described in division (A) (1) (a), (A) (5) (a), or (A) (7) (a) of 351  
section 109.572 of the Revised Code or having custody of a child 352  
under eighteen years of age with respect to whom there is 353  
probable cause to believe that the child may have committed an 354  
act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if 355  
committed by an adult shall furnish such material to the 356  
superintendent of the bureau. Fingerprints, photographs, or 357  
other descriptive information of a child who is under eighteen 358  
years of age, has not been arrested or otherwise taken into 359  
custody for committing an act that would be a felony or an 360  
offense of violence who is not in any other category of child 361  
specified in this division, if committed by an adult, has not 362  
been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing an act that 363  
would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an 364  
adult, has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to committing 365  
a felony or an offense of violence, and is not a child with 366  
respect to whom there is probable cause to believe that the 367  
child may have committed an act that would be a felony or an 368  
offense of violence if committed by an adult shall not be 369  
procured by the superintendent or furnished by any person in 370  
charge of any county, multicounty, municipal, municipal-county,  
or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse, community-based 372  
correctional facility, halfway house, alternative residential 373  
facility, or state correctional institution, except as 374  
authorized in section 2151.313 of the Revised Code. 375

(2) Every clerk of a court of record in this state, other 376  
than the supreme court or a court of appeals, shall send to the 377  
superintendent of the bureau a weekly report containing a 378  
summary of each case involving a felony, involving any crime 379

constituting a misdemeanor on the first offense and a felony on 380  
subsequent offenses, involving a misdemeanor described in 381  
division (A) (1) (a), (A) (5) (a), or (A) (7) (a) of section 109.572 382  
of the Revised Code, or involving an adjudication in a case in 383  
which a child under eighteen years of age was alleged to be a 384  
delinquent child for committing an act that would be a felony or 385  
an offense of violence if committed by an adult. The clerk of 386  
the court of common pleas shall include in the report and 387  
summary the clerk sends under this division all information 388  
described in divisions (A) (2) (a) to (f) of this section 389  
regarding a case before the court of appeals that is served by 390  
that clerk. The summary shall be written on the standard forms 391  
furnished by the superintendent pursuant to division (B) of this 392  
section and shall include the following information: 393

(a) The incident tracking number contained on the standard 394  
forms furnished by the superintendent pursuant to division (B) 395  
of this section; 396

(b) The style and number of the case; 397

(c) The date of arrest, offense, summons, or arraignment; 398

(d) The date that the person was convicted of or pleaded 399  
guilty to the offense, adjudicated a delinquent child for 400  
committing the act that would be a felony or an offense of 401  
violence if committed by an adult, found not guilty of the 402  
offense, or found not to be a delinquent child for committing an 403  
act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if 404  
committed by an adult, the date of an entry dismissing the 405  
charge, an entry declaring a mistrial of the offense in which 406  
the person is discharged, an entry finding that the person or 407  
child is not competent to stand trial, or an entry of a nolle 408  
prosequi, or the date of any other determination that 409

constitutes final resolution of the case; 410

(e) A statement of the original charge with the section of 411  
the Revised Code that was alleged to be violated; 412

(f) If the person or child was convicted, pleaded guilty, 413  
or was adjudicated a delinquent child, the sentence or terms of 414  
probation imposed or any other disposition of the offender or 415  
the delinquent child. 416

If the offense involved the disarming of a law enforcement 417  
officer or an attempt to disarm a law enforcement officer, the 418  
clerk shall clearly state that fact in the summary, and the 419  
superintendent shall ensure that a clear statement of that fact 420  
is placed in the bureau's records. 421

(3) The superintendent shall cooperate with and assist 422  
sheriffs, chiefs of police, and other law enforcement officers 423  
in the establishment of a complete system of criminal 424  
identification and in obtaining fingerprints and other means of 425  
identification of all persons arrested on a charge of a felony, 426  
any crime constituting a misdemeanor on the first offense and a 427  
felony on subsequent offenses, or a misdemeanor described in 428  
division (A) (1) (a), (A) (5) (a), or (A) (7) (a) of section 109.572 429  
of the Revised Code and of all children under eighteen years of 430  
age arrested or otherwise taken into custody for committing an 431  
act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if 432  
committed by an adult. The superintendent also shall file for 433  
record the fingerprint impressions of all persons confined in a 434  
county, multicounty, municipal, municipal-county, or 435  
multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse, community-based 436  
correctional facility, halfway house, alternative residential 437  
facility, or state correctional institution for the violation of 438  
state laws and of all children under eighteen years of age who 439

are confined in a county, multicounty, municipal, municipal- 440  
county, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse, community- 441  
based correctional facility, halfway house, alternative 442  
residential facility, or state correctional institution or in 443  
any facility for delinquent children for committing an act that 444  
would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an 445  
adult, and any other information that the superintendent may 446  
receive from law enforcement officials of the state and its 447  
political subdivisions. 448

(4) The superintendent shall carry out Chapter 2950. of 449  
the Revised Code with respect to the registration of persons who 450  
are convicted of or plead guilty to a sexually oriented offense 451  
or a child-victim oriented offense and with respect to all other 452  
duties imposed on the bureau under that chapter. 453

(5) The bureau shall perform centralized recordkeeping 454  
functions for criminal history records and services in this 455  
state for purposes of the national crime prevention and privacy 456  
compact set forth in section 109.571 of the Revised Code and is 457  
the criminal history record repository as defined in that 458  
section for purposes of that compact. The superintendent or the 459  
superintendent's designee is the compact officer for purposes of 460  
that compact and shall carry out the responsibilities of the 461  
compact officer specified in that compact. 462

(6) The superintendent shall, upon request, assist a 463  
county coroner in the identification of a deceased person 464  
through the use of fingerprint impressions obtained pursuant to 465  
division (A) (1) of this section or collected pursuant to section 466  
109.572 or 311.41 of the Revised Code. 467

(B) The superintendent shall prepare and furnish to every 468  
county, multicounty, municipal, municipal-county, or 469



multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse, community-based 470  
correctional facility, halfway house, alternative residential 471  
facility, or state correctional institution and to every clerk 472  
of a court in this state specified in division (A) (2) of this 473  
section standard forms for reporting the information required 474  
under division (A) of this section. The standard forms that the 475  
superintendent prepares pursuant to this division may be in a 476  
tangible format, in an electronic format, or in both tangible 477  
formats and electronic formats. 478

(C) (1) The superintendent may operate a center for 479  
electronic, automated, or other data processing for the storage 480  
and retrieval of information, data, and statistics pertaining to 481  
criminals and to children under eighteen years of age who are 482  
adjudicated delinquent children for committing an act that would 483  
be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult, 484  
criminal activity, crime prevention, law enforcement, and 485  
criminal justice, and may establish and operate a statewide 486  
communications network to be known as the Ohio law enforcement 487  
gateway to gather and disseminate information, data, and 488  
statistics for the use of law enforcement agencies and for other 489  
uses specified in this division. The superintendent may gather, 490  
store, retrieve, and disseminate information, data, and 491  
statistics that pertain to children who are under eighteen years 492  
of age and that are gathered pursuant to sections 109.57 to 493  
109.61 of the Revised Code together with information, data, and 494  
statistics that pertain to adults and that are gathered pursuant 495  
to those sections. 496

(2) The superintendent or the superintendent's designee 497  
shall gather information of the nature described in division (C) 498  
(1) of this section that pertains to the offense and delinquency 499  
history of a person who has been convicted of, pleaded guilty 500

to, or been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a 501  
sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense for 502  
inclusion in the state registry of sex offenders and child- 503  
victim offenders maintained pursuant to division (A) (1) of 504  
section 2950.13 of the Revised Code and in the internet database 505  
operated pursuant to division (A) (13) of that section and for 506  
possible inclusion in the internet database operated pursuant to 507  
division (A) (11) of that section. 508

(3) In addition to any other authorized use of 509  
information, data, and statistics of the nature described in 510  
division (C) (1) of this section, the superintendent or the 511  
superintendent's designee may provide and exchange the 512  
information, data, and statistics pursuant to the national crime 513  
prevention and privacy compact as described in division (A) (5) 514  
of this section. 515

(4) The attorney general may adopt rules under Chapter 516  
119. of the Revised Code establishing guidelines for the 517  
operation of and participation in the Ohio law enforcement 518  
gateway. The rules may include criteria for granting and 519  
restricting access to information gathered and disseminated 520  
through the Ohio law enforcement gateway. The attorney general 521  
shall permit the state medical board and board of nursing to 522  
access and view, but not alter, information gathered and 523  
disseminated through the Ohio law enforcement gateway. 524

The attorney general may appoint a steering committee to 525  
advise the attorney general in the operation of the Ohio law 526  
enforcement gateway that is comprised of persons who are 527  
representatives of the criminal justice agencies in this state 528  
that use the Ohio law enforcement gateway and is chaired by the 529  
superintendent or the superintendent's designee. 530

(D) (1) The following are not public records under section	531
149.43 of the Revised Code:	532
(a) Information and materials furnished to the	533
superintendent pursuant to division (A) of this section;	534
(b) Information, data, and statistics gathered or	535
disseminated through the Ohio law enforcement gateway pursuant	536
to division (C) (1) of this section;	537
(c) Information and materials furnished to any board or	538
person under division (F) or (G) of this section.	539
(2) The superintendent or the superintendent's designee	540
shall gather and retain information so furnished under division	541
(A) of this section that pertains to the offense and delinquency	542
history of a person who has been convicted of, pleaded guilty	543
to, or been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a	544
sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense for	545
the purposes described in division (C) (2) of this section.	546
(E) (1) The attorney general shall adopt rules, in	547
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and subject to	548
division (E) (2) of this section, setting forth the procedure by	549
which a person may receive or release information gathered by	550
the superintendent pursuant to division (A) of this section. A	551
reasonable fee may be charged for this service. If a temporary	552
employment service submits a request for a determination of	553
whether a person the service plans to refer to an employment	554
position has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense	555
listed or described in division (A) (1), (2), or (3) of section	556
109.572 of the Revised Code, the request shall be treated as a	557
single request and only one fee shall be charged.	558
(2) Except as otherwise provided in this division or	559

division (E) (3) or (4) of this section, a rule adopted under 560  
division (E) (1) of this section may provide only for the release 561  
of information gathered pursuant to division (A) of this section 562  
that relates to the conviction of a person, or a person's plea 563  
of guilty to, a criminal offense or to the arrest of a person as 564  
provided in division (E) (3) of this section. The superintendent 565  
shall not release, and the attorney general shall not adopt any 566  
rule under division (E) (1) of this section that permits the 567  
release of, any information gathered pursuant to division (A) of 568  
this section that relates to an adjudication of a child as a 569  
delinquent child, or that relates to a criminal conviction of a 570  
person under eighteen years of age if the person's case was 571  
transferred back to a juvenile court under division (B) (2) or 572  
(3) of section 2152.121 of the Revised Code and the juvenile 573  
court imposed a disposition or serious youthful offender 574  
disposition upon the person under either division, unless either 575  
of the following applies with respect to the adjudication or 576  
conviction: 577

(a) The adjudication or conviction was for a violation of 578  
section 2903.01 or 2903.02 of the Revised Code. 579

(b) The adjudication or conviction was for a sexually 580  
oriented offense, the juvenile court was required to classify 581  
the child a juvenile offender registrant for that offense under 582  
section 2152.82, 2152.83, or 2152.86 of the Revised Code, that 583  
classification has not been removed, and the records of the 584  
adjudication or conviction have not been sealed or expunged 585  
pursuant to sections 2151.355 to 2151.358 or sealed pursuant to 586  
section 2952.32 of the Revised Code. 587

(3) A rule adopted under division (E) (1) of this section 588  
may provide for the release of information gathered pursuant to 589

division (A) of this section that relates to the arrest of a 590  
person who is eighteen years of age or older when the person has 591  
not been convicted as a result of that arrest if any of the 592  
following applies: 593

(a) The arrest was made outside of this state. 594

(b) A criminal action resulting from the arrest is 595  
pending, and the superintendent confirms that the criminal 596  
action has not been resolved at the time the criminal records 597  
check is performed. 598

(c) The bureau cannot reasonably determine whether a 599  
criminal action resulting from the arrest is pending, and not 600  
more than one year has elapsed since the date of the arrest. 601

(4) A rule adopted under division (E) (1) of this section 602  
may provide for the release of information gathered pursuant to 603  
division (A) of this section that relates to an adjudication of 604  
a child as a delinquent child if not more than five years have 605  
elapsed since the date of the adjudication, the adjudication was 606  
for an act that would have been a felony if committed by an 607  
adult, the records of the adjudication have not been sealed or 608  
expunged pursuant to sections 2151.355 to 2151.358 of the 609  
Revised Code, and the request for information is made under 610  
division (F) of this section or under section 109.572 of the 611  
Revised Code. In the case of an adjudication for a violation of 612  
the terms of community control or supervised release, the five- 613  
year period shall be calculated from the date of the 614  
adjudication to which the community control or supervised 615  
release pertains. 616

(F) (1) As used in division (F) (2) of this section, "head 617  
start agency" means an entity in this state that has been 618

approved to be an agency for purposes of subchapter II of the 619  
"Community Economic Development Act," 95 Stat. 489 (1981), 42 620  
U.S.C.A. 9831, as amended. 621

(2) (a) In addition to or in conjunction with any request 622  
that is required to be made under section 109.572, 2151.86, 623  
3301.32, 3301.541, division (C) of section 3310.58, or section 624  
3319.39, 3319.391, 3327.10, 3701.881, 5104.013, 5123.081, or 625  
5153.111 of the Revised Code or that is made under section 626  
3314.41, 3319.392, 3326.25, or 3328.20 of the Revised Code, the 627  
board of education of any school district; the director of 628  
developmental disabilities; any county board of developmental 629  
disabilities; any provider or subcontractor as defined in 630  
section 5123.081 of the Revised Code; the chief administrator of 631  
any chartered nonpublic school; the chief administrator of a 632  
registered private provider that is not also a chartered 633  
nonpublic school; the chief administrator of any home health 634  
agency; the chief administrator of or person operating any child 635  
day-care center, type A family day-care home, or type B family 636  
day-care home licensed under Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code; 637  
the chief administrator of any head start agency; the executive 638  
director of a public children services agency; a private company 639  
described in section 3314.41, 3319.392, 3326.25, or 3328.20 of 640  
the Revised Code; or an employer described in division (J) (2) of 641  
section 3327.10 of the Revised Code may request that the 642  
superintendent of the bureau investigate and determine, with 643  
respect to any individual who has applied for employment in any 644  
position after October 2, 1989, or any individual wishing to 645  
apply for employment with a board of education may request, with 646  
regard to the individual, whether the bureau has any information 647  
gathered under division (A) of this section that pertains to 648  
that individual. On receipt of the request, subject to division 649

(E) (2) of this section, the superintendent shall determine 650  
whether that information exists and, upon request of the person, 651  
board, or entity requesting information, also shall request from 652  
the federal bureau of investigation any criminal records it has 653  
pertaining to that individual. The superintendent or the 654  
superintendent's designee also may request criminal history 655  
records from other states or the federal government pursuant to 656  
the national crime prevention and privacy compact set forth in 657  
section 109.571 of the Revised Code. Within thirty days of the 658  
date that the superintendent receives a request, subject to 659  
division (E) (2) of this section, the superintendent shall send 660  
to the board, entity, or person a report of any information that 661  
the superintendent determines exists, including information 662  
contained in records that have been sealed under section 2953.32 663  
of the Revised Code, and, within thirty days of its receipt, 664  
subject to division (E) (2) of this section, shall send the 665  
board, entity, or person a report of any information received 666  
from the federal bureau of investigation, other than information 667  
the dissemination of which is prohibited by federal law. 668

(b) When a board of education or a registered private 669  
provider is required to receive information under this section 670  
as a prerequisite to employment of an individual pursuant to 671  
division (C) of section 3310.58 or section 3319.39 of the 672  
Revised Code, it may accept a certified copy of records that 673  
were issued by the bureau of criminal identification and 674  
investigation and that are presented by an individual applying 675  
for employment with the district in lieu of requesting that 676  
information itself. In such a case, the board shall accept the 677  
certified copy issued by the bureau in order to make a photocopy 678  
of it for that individual's employment application documents and 679  
shall return the certified copy to the individual. In a case of 680

that nature, a district or provider only shall accept a 681  
certified copy of records of that nature within one year after 682  
the date of their issuance by the bureau. 683

(c) Notwithstanding division (F)(2)(a) of this section, in 684  
the case of a request under section 3319.39, 3319.391, or 685  
3327.10 of the Revised Code only for criminal records maintained 686  
by the federal bureau of investigation, the superintendent shall 687  
not determine whether any information gathered under division 688  
(A) of this section exists on the person for whom the request is 689  
made. 690

(3) The state board of education may request, with respect 691  
to any individual who has applied for employment after October 692  
2, 1989, in any position with the state board or the department 693  
of education, any information that a school district board of 694  
education is authorized to request under division (F)(2) of this 695  
section, and the superintendent of the bureau shall proceed as 696  
if the request has been received from a school district board of 697  
education under division (F)(2) of this section. 698

(4) When the superintendent of the bureau receives a 699  
request for information under section 3319.291 of the Revised 700  
Code, the superintendent shall proceed as if the request has 701  
been received from a school district board of education and 702  
shall comply with divisions (F)(2)(a) and (c) of this section. 703

(5) When a recipient of a classroom reading improvement 704  
grant paid under section 3301.86 of the Revised Code requests, 705  
with respect to any individual who applies to participate in 706  
providing any program or service funded in whole or in part by 707  
the grant, the information that a school district board of 708  
education is authorized to request under division (F)(2)(a) of 709  
this section, the superintendent of the bureau shall proceed as 710



if the request has been received from a school district board of 711  
education under division (F) (2) (a) of this section. 712

(G) In addition to or in conjunction with any request that 713  
is required to be made under section 3701.881, 3712.09, or 714  
3721.121 of the Revised Code with respect to an individual who 715  
has applied for employment in a position that involves providing 716  
direct care to an older adult or adult resident, the chief 717  
administrator of a home health agency, hospice care program, 718  
home licensed under Chapter 3721. of the Revised Code, or adult 719  
day-care program operated pursuant to rules adopted under 720  
section 3721.04 of the Revised Code may request that the 721  
superintendent of the bureau investigate and determine, with 722  
respect to any individual who has applied after January 27, 723  
1997, for employment in a position that does not involve 724  
providing direct care to an older adult or adult resident, 725  
whether the bureau has any information gathered under division 726  
(A) of this section that pertains to that individual. 727

In addition to or in conjunction with any request that is 728  
required to be made under section 173.27 of the Revised Code 729  
with respect to an individual who has applied for employment in 730  
a position that involves providing ombudsman services to 731  
residents of long-term care facilities or recipients of 732  
community-based long-term care services, the state long-term 733  
care ombudsman, the director of aging, a regional long-term care 734  
ombudsman program, or the designee of the ombudsman, director, 735  
or program may request that the superintendent investigate and 736  
determine, with respect to any individual who has applied for 737  
employment in a position that does not involve providing such 738  
ombudsman services, whether the bureau has any information 739  
gathered under division (A) of this section that pertains to 740  
that applicant. 741

In addition to or in conjunction with any request that is 742  
required to be made under section 173.38 of the Revised Code 743  
with respect to an individual who has applied for employment in 744  
a direct-care position, the chief administrator of a provider, 745  
as defined in section 173.39 of the Revised Code, may request 746  
that the superintendent investigate and determine, with respect 747  
to any individual who has applied for employment in a position 748  
that is not a direct-care position, whether the bureau has any 749  
information gathered under division (A) of this section that 750  
pertains to that applicant. 751

In addition to or in conjunction with any request that is 752  
required to be made under section 3712.09 of the Revised Code 753  
with respect to an individual who has applied for employment in 754  
a position that involves providing direct care to a pediatric 755  
respite care patient, the chief administrator of a pediatric 756  
respite care program may request that the superintendent of the 757  
bureau investigate and determine, with respect to any individual 758  
who has applied for employment in a position that does not 759  
involve providing direct care to a pediatric respite care 760  
patient, whether the bureau has any information gathered under 761  
division (A) of this section that pertains to that individual. 762

On receipt of a request under this division, the 763  
superintendent shall determine whether that information exists 764  
and, on request of the individual requesting information, shall 765  
also request from the federal bureau of investigation any 766  
criminal records it has pertaining to the applicant. The 767  
superintendent or the superintendent's designee also may request 768  
criminal history records from other states or the federal 769  
government pursuant to the national crime prevention and privacy 770  
compact set forth in section 109.571 of the Revised Code. Within 771  
thirty days of the date a request is received, subject to 772

division (E) (2) of this section, the superintendent shall send 773  
to the requester a report of any information determined to 774  
exist, including information contained in records that have been 775  
sealed under section 2953.32 of the Revised Code, and, within 776  
thirty days of its receipt, shall send the requester a report of 777  
any information received from the federal bureau of 778  
investigation, other than information the dissemination of which 779  
is prohibited by federal law. 780

(H) Information obtained by a government entity or person 781  
under this section is confidential and shall not be released or 782  
disseminated. 783

(I) The superintendent may charge a reasonable fee for 784  
providing information or criminal records under division (F) (2) 785  
or (G) of this section. 786

(J) As used in this section: 787

(1) "Pediatric respite care program" and "pediatric care 788  
patient" have the same meanings as in section 3712.01 of the 789  
Revised Code. 790

(2) "Sexually oriented offense" and "child-victim oriented 791  
offense" have the same meanings as in section 2950.01 of the 792  
Revised Code. 793

(3) "Registered private provider" means a nonpublic school 794  
or entity registered with the superintendent of public 795  
instruction under section 3310.41 of the Revised Code to 796  
participate in the autism scholarship program or section 3310.58 797  
of the Revised Code to participate in the Jon Peterson special 798  
needs scholarship program. 799

**Sec. 109.572.** (A) (1) Upon receipt of a request pursuant to 800  
section 121.08, 3301.32, 3301.541, or 3319.39 of the Revised 801

Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of 802  
this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in 803  
the manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the 804  
superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and 805  
investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the 806  
manner described in division (B) of this section to determine 807  
whether any information exists that indicates that the person 808  
who is the subject of the request previously has been convicted 809  
of or pleaded guilty to any of the following: 810

(a) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 811  
2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.34, 812  
2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 813  
2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 814  
2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 815  
2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2919.12, 2919.22, 2919.24, 816  
2919.25, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 817  
2925.05, 2925.06, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code, felonious 818  
sexual penetration in violation of former section 2907.12 of the 819  
Revised Code, a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code 820  
as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, a violation of section 821  
2919.23 of the Revised Code that would have been a violation of 822  
section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 823  
1, 1996, had the violation been committed prior to that date, or 824  
a violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code that is not a 825  
minor drug possession offense; 826

(b) A violation of an existing or former law of this 827  
state, any other state, or the United States that is 828  
substantially equivalent to any of the offenses listed in 829  
division (A)(1)(a) of this section; 830

(c) If the request is made pursuant to section 3319.39 of 831

the Revised Code for an applicant who is a teacher, any offense 832  
specified in section 3319.31 of the Revised Code. 833

(2) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 3712.09 or 834  
3721.121 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed 835  
pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of 836  
fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in 837  
division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the 838  
bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall 839  
conduct a criminal records check with respect to any person who 840  
has applied for employment in a position for which a criminal 841  
records check is required by those sections. The superintendent 842  
shall conduct the criminal records check in the manner described 843  
in division (B) of this section to determine whether any 844  
information exists that indicates that the person who is the 845  
subject of the request previously has been convicted of or 846  
pleaded guilty to any of the following: 847

(a) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 848  
2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.34, 849  
2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.11, 2905.12, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.05, 850  
2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.12, 2907.25, 2907.31, 851  
2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2911.01, 2911.02, 852  
2911.11, 2911.12, 2911.13, 2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.04, 2913.11, 853  
2913.21, 2913.31, 2913.40, 2913.43, 2913.47, 2913.51, 2919.25, 854  
2921.36, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.11, 855  
2925.13, 2925.22, 2925.23, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code; 856

(b) An existing or former law of this state, any other 857  
state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to 858  
any of the offenses listed in division (A)(2)(a) of this 859  
section. 860

(3) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 173.27, 861

173.38, 173.381, 3701.881, 5164.34, 5164.341, 5164.342, 862  
5123.081, or 5123.169 of the Revised Code, a completed form 863  
prescribed pursuant to division (C) (1) of this section, and a 864  
set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described 865  
in division (C) (2) of this section, the superintendent of the 866  
bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall 867  
conduct a criminal records check of the person for whom the 868  
request is made. The superintendent shall conduct the criminal 869  
records check in the manner described in division (B) of this 870  
section to determine whether any information exists that 871  
indicates that the person who is the subject of the request 872  
previously has been convicted of, has pleaded guilty to, or 873  
(except in the case of a request pursuant to section 5164.34, 874  
5164.341, or 5164.342 of the Revised Code) has been found 875  
eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for any of the 876  
following, regardless of the date of the conviction, the date of 877  
entry of the guilty plea, or (except in the case of a request 878  
pursuant to section 5164.34, 5164.341, or 5164.342 of the 879  
Revised Code) the date the person was found eligible for 880  
intervention in lieu of conviction: 881

(a) A violation of section 959.13, 959.131, 2903.01, 882  
2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.041, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 883  
2903.15, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.211, 2903.22, 2903.34, 2903.341, 884  
2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2905.11, 2905.12, 2905.32, 2905.33, 885  
2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 886  
2907.09, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.24, 2907.25, 2907.31, 887  
2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2907.33, 2909.02, 888  
2909.03, 2909.04, 2909.22, 2909.23, 2909.24, 2911.01, 2911.02, 889  
2911.11, 2911.12, 2911.13, 2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.04, 2913.05, 890  
2913.11, 2913.21, 2913.31, 2913.32, 2913.40, 2913.41, 2913.42, 891  
2913.43, 2913.44, 2913.441, 2913.45, 2913.46, 2913.47, 2913.48, 892

2913.49, 2913.51, 2917.01, 2917.02, 2917.03, 2917.31, 2919.12, 893  
2919.121, 2919.123, 2919.22, 2919.23, 2919.24, 2919.25, 2921.03, 894  
2921.11, 2921.12, 2921.13, 2921.21, 2921.24, 2921.32, 2921.321, 895  
2921.34, 2921.35, 2921.36, 2921.51, 2923.12, 2923.122, 2923.123, 896  
2923.13, 2923.161, 2923.162, 2923.21, 2923.32, 2923.42, 2925.02, 897  
2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.041, 2925.05, 2925.06, 2925.09, 2925.11, 898  
2925.13, 2925.14, 2925.141, 2925.22, 2925.23, 2925.24, 2925.36, 899  
2925.55, 2925.56, 2927.12, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code; 900

(b) Felonious sexual penetration in violation of former 901  
section 2907.12 of the Revised Code; 902

(c) A violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as 903  
it existed prior to July 1, 1996; 904

(d) A violation of section 2923.01, 2923.02, or 2923.03 of 905  
the Revised Code when the underlying offense that is the object 906  
of the conspiracy, attempt, or complicity is one of the offenses 907  
listed in divisions (A) (3) (a) to (c) of this section; 908

(e) A violation of an existing or former municipal 909  
ordinance or law of this state, any other state, or the United 910  
States that is substantially equivalent to any of the offenses 911  
listed in divisions (A) (3) (a) to (d) of this section. 912

(4) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 2151.86 of 913  
the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to 914  
division (C) (1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint 915  
impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C) (2) 916  
of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal 917  
identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal 918  
records check in the manner described in division (B) of this 919  
section to determine whether any information exists that 920  
indicates that the person who is the subject of the request 921

previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the 922  
following: 923

(a) A violation of section 959.13, 2903.01, 2903.02, 924  
2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.15, 2903.16, 925  
2903.21, 2903.211, 2903.22, 2903.34, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 926  
2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 927  
2907.09, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 928  
2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2909.02, 2909.03, 2909.22, 929  
2909.23, 2909.24, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2913.49, 930  
2917.01, 2917.02, 2919.12, 2919.22, 2919.24, 2919.25, 2923.12, 931  
2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05, 2925.06, 932  
2927.12, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code, a violation of section 933  
2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, 934  
a violation of section 2919.23 of the Revised Code that would 935  
have been a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as 936  
it existed prior to July 1, 1996, had the violation been 937  
committed prior to that date, a violation of section 2925.11 of 938  
the Revised Code that is not a minor drug possession offense, 939  
two or more OVI or OVUAC violations committed within the three 940  
years immediately preceding the submission of the application or 941  
petition that is the basis of the request, or felonious sexual 942  
penetration in violation of former section 2907.12 of the 943  
Revised Code; 944

(b) A violation of an existing or former law of this 945  
state, any other state, or the United States that is 946  
substantially equivalent to any of the offenses listed in 947  
division (A) (4) (a) of this section. 948

(5) Upon receipt of a request pursuant to section 5104.013 949  
of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to 950  
division (C) (1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint 951



impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C) (2) 952  
of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal 953  
identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal 954  
records check in the manner described in division (B) of this 955  
section to determine whether any information exists that 956  
indicates that the person who is the subject of the request has 957  
been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following: 958

(a) A violation of section 2151.421, 2903.01, 2903.02, 959  
2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 960  
2903.22, 2903.34, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2905.11, 2905.32, 961  
2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 962  
2907.09, 2907.19, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.24, 2907.25, 963  
2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2909.02, 964  
2909.03, 2909.04, 2909.05, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 965  
2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.04, 2913.041, 2913.05, 2913.06, 2913.11, 966  
2913.21, 2913.31, 2913.32, 2913.33, 2913.34, 2913.40, 2913.41, 967  
2913.42, 2913.43, 2913.44, 2913.441, 2913.45, 2913.46, 2913.47, 968  
2913.48, 2913.49, 2917.01, 2917.02, 2917.03, 2917.31, 2919.12, 969  
2919.22, 2919.224, 2919.225, 2919.24, 2919.25, 2921.03, 2921.11, 970  
2921.13, 2921.14, 2921.34, 2921.35, 2923.01, 2923.12, 2923.13, 971  
2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05, 2925.06, or 972  
3716.11 of the Revised Code, felonious sexual penetration in 973  
violation of former section 2907.12 of the Revised Code, a 974  
violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed 975  
prior to July 1, 1996, a violation of section 2919.23 of the 976  
Revised Code that would have been a violation of section 2905.04 977  
of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, had the 978  
violation been committed prior to that date, a violation of 979  
section 2925.11 of the Revised Code that is not a minor drug 980  
possession offense, a violation of section 2923.02 or 2923.03 of 981  
the Revised Code that relates to a crime specified in this 982

division, or a second violation of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code within five years of the date of application for licensure or certification.

(b) A violation of an existing or former law of this state, any other state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to any of the offenses or violations described in division (A) (5) (a) of this section.

(6) Upon receipt of a request pursuant to section 5153.111 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C) (1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C) (2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following:

(a) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.34, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2909.02, 2909.03, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2919.12, 2919.22, 2919.24, 2919.25, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05, 2925.06, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code, felonious sexual penetration in violation of former section 2907.12 of the Revised Code, a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, a violation of section 2919.23 of the Revised Code that would

have been a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as 1013  
it existed prior to July 1, 1996, had the violation been 1014  
committed prior to that date, or a violation of section 2925.11 1015  
of the Revised Code that is not a minor drug possession offense; 1016

(b) A violation of an existing or former law of this 1017  
state, any other state, or the United States that is 1018  
substantially equivalent to any of the offenses listed in 1019  
division (A) (6) (a) of this section. 1020

(7) On receipt of a request for a criminal records check 1021  
from an individual pursuant to section 4749.03 or 4749.06 of the 1022  
Revised Code, accompanied by a completed copy of the form 1023  
prescribed in division (C) (1) of this section and a set of 1024  
fingerprint impressions obtained in a manner described in 1025  
division (C) (2) of this section, the superintendent of the 1026  
bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall 1027  
conduct a criminal records check in the manner described in 1028  
division (B) of this section to determine whether any 1029  
information exists indicating that the person who is the subject 1030  
of the request has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a 1031  
felony in this state or in any other state. If the individual 1032  
indicates that a firearm will be carried in the course of 1033  
business, the superintendent shall require information from the 1034  
federal bureau of investigation as described in division (B) (2) 1035  
of this section. Subject to division (F) of this section, the 1036  
superintendent shall report the findings of the criminal records 1037  
check and any information the federal bureau of investigation 1038  
provides to the director of public safety. 1039

(8) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 1321.37, 1040  
1321.53, 1321.531, 1322.03, 1322.031, or 4763.05 of the Revised 1041  
Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C) (1) of 1042

this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in 1043  
the manner described in division (C) (2) of this section, the 1044  
superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and 1045  
investigation shall conduct a criminal records check with 1046  
respect to any person who has applied for a license, permit, or 1047  
certification from the department of commerce or a division in 1048  
the department. The superintendent shall conduct the criminal 1049  
records check in the manner described in division (B) of this 1050  
section to determine whether any information exists that 1051  
indicates that the person who is the subject of the request 1052  
previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the 1053  
following: a violation of section 2913.02, 2913.11, 2913.31, 1054  
2913.51, or 2925.03 of the Revised Code; any other criminal 1055  
offense involving theft, receiving stolen property, 1056  
embezzlement, forgery, fraud, passing bad checks, money 1057  
laundering, or drug trafficking, or any criminal offense 1058  
involving money or securities, as set forth in Chapters 2909., 1059  
2911., 2913., 2915., 2921., 2923., and 2925. of the Revised 1060  
Code; or any existing or former law of this state, any other 1061  
state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to 1062  
those offenses. 1063

(9) On receipt of a request for a criminal records check 1064  
from the treasurer of state under section 113.041 of the Revised 1065  
Code or from an individual under section 4701.08, 4715.101, 1066  
4717.061, 4725.121, 4725.501, 4729.071, 4730.101, 4730.14, 1067  
4730.28, 4731.081, 4731.15, 4731.171, 4731.222, 4731.281, 1068  
4731.296, 4731.531, 4732.091, 4734.202, 4740.061, 4741.10, 1069  
4755.70, 4757.101, 4759.061, 4760.032, 4760.06, 4761.051, 1070  
4762.031, 4762.06, 4776.021, 4779.091, or 4783.04 of the Revised 1071  
Code, accompanied by a completed form prescribed under division 1072  
(C) (1) of this section and a set of fingerprint impressions 1073

obtained in the manner described in division (C) (2) of this 1074  
section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal 1075  
identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal 1076  
records check in the manner described in division (B) of this 1077  
section to determine whether any information exists that 1078  
indicates that the person who is the subject of the request has 1079  
been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any criminal offense in 1080  
this state or any other state. Subject to division (F) of this 1081  
section, the superintendent shall send the results of a check 1082  
requested under section 113.041 of the Revised Code to the 1083  
treasurer of state and shall send the results of a check 1084  
requested under any of the other listed sections to the 1085  
licensing board specified by the individual in the request. 1086

(10) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 1121.23, 1087  
1155.03, 1163.05, 1315.141, 1733.47, or 1761.26 of the Revised 1088  
Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C) (1) of 1089  
this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in 1090  
the manner described in division (C) (2) of this section, the 1091  
superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and 1092  
investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the 1093  
manner described in division (B) of this section to determine 1094  
whether any information exists that indicates that the person 1095  
who is the subject of the request previously has been convicted 1096  
of or pleaded guilty to any criminal offense under any existing 1097  
or former law of this state, any other state, or the United 1098  
States. 1099

(11) On receipt of a request for a criminal records check 1100  
from an appointing or licensing authority under section 3772.07 1101  
of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed under division 1102  
(C) (1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions 1103  
obtained in the manner prescribed in division (C) (2) of this 1104

section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal 1105  
identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal 1106  
records check in the manner described in division (B) of this 1107  
section to determine whether any information exists that 1108  
indicates that the person who is the subject of the request 1109  
previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty or no contest 1110  
to any offense under any existing or former law of this state, 1111  
any other state, or the United States that is a disqualifying 1112  
offense as defined in section 3772.07 of the Revised Code or 1113  
substantially equivalent to such an offense. 1114

(12) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 2151.33 1115  
or 2151.412 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed 1116  
pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of 1117  
fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in 1118  
division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the 1119  
bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall 1120  
conduct a criminal records check with respect to any person for 1121  
whom a criminal records check is required under that section. 1122  
The superintendent shall conduct the criminal records check in 1123  
the manner described in division (B) of this section to 1124  
determine whether any information exists that indicates that the 1125  
person who is the subject of the request previously has been 1126  
convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following: 1127

(a) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 1128  
2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.34, 1129  
2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.11, 2905.12, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.05, 1130  
2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.12, 2907.25, 2907.31, 1131  
2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2911.01, 2911.02, 1132  
2911.11, 2911.12, 2911.13, 2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.04, 2913.11, 1133  
2913.21, 2913.31, 2913.40, 2913.43, 2913.47, 2913.51, 2919.25, 1134  
2921.36, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.11, 1135

2925.13, 2925.22, 2925.23, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code; 1136

(b) An existing or former law of this state, any other 1137  
state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to 1138  
any of the offenses listed in division (A)(12)(a) of this 1139  
section. 1140

(B) Subject to division (F) of this section, the 1141  
superintendent shall conduct any criminal records check to be 1142  
conducted under this section as follows: 1143

(1) The superintendent shall review or cause to be 1144  
reviewed any relevant information gathered and compiled by the 1145  
bureau under division (A) of section 109.57 of the Revised Code 1146  
that relates to the person who is the subject of the criminal 1147  
records check, including, if the criminal records check was 1148  
requested under section 113.041, 121.08, 173.27, 173.38, 1149  
173.381, 1121.23, 1155.03, 1163.05, 1315.141, 1321.37, 1321.53, 1150  
1321.531, 1322.03, 1322.031, 1733.47, 1761.26, 2151.86, 3301.32, 1151  
3301.541, 3319.39, 3701.881, 3712.09, 3721.121, 3772.07, 1152  
4749.03, 4749.06, 4763.05, 5104.013, 5164.34, 5164.341, 1153  
5164.342, 5123.081, 5123.169, or 5153.111 of the Revised Code, 1154  
any relevant information contained in records that have been 1155  
sealed under section 2953.32 of the Revised Code; 1156

(2) If the request received by the superintendent asks for 1157  
information from the federal bureau of investigation, the 1158  
superintendent shall request from the federal bureau of 1159  
investigation any information it has with respect to the person 1160  
who is the subject of the criminal records check, including 1161  
fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases 1162  
as described in 42 U.S.C. 671 if the request is made pursuant to 1163  
section 2151.86 or 5104.013 of the Revised Code or if any other 1164  
Revised Code section requires fingerprint-based checks of that 1165

nature, and shall review or cause to be reviewed any information 1166  
the superintendent receives from that bureau. If a request under 1167  
section 3319.39 of the Revised Code asks only for information 1168  
from the federal bureau of investigation, the superintendent 1169  
shall not conduct the review prescribed by division (B) (1) of 1170  
this section. 1171

(3) The superintendent or the superintendent's designee 1172  
may request criminal history records from other states or the 1173  
federal government pursuant to the national crime prevention and 1174  
privacy compact set forth in section 109.571 of the Revised 1175  
Code. 1176

(4) The superintendent shall include in the results of the 1177  
criminal records check a list or description of the offenses 1178  
listed or described in division (A) (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), 1179  
(7), (8), (9), (10), (11), or (12) of this section, whichever 1180  
division requires the superintendent to conduct the criminal 1181  
records check. The superintendent shall exclude from the results 1182  
any information the dissemination of which is prohibited by 1183  
federal law. 1184

(5) The superintendent shall send the results of the 1185  
criminal records check to the person to whom it is to be sent 1186  
not later than the following number of days after the date the 1187  
superintendent receives the request for the criminal records 1188  
check, the completed form prescribed under division (C) (1) of 1189  
this section, and the set of fingerprint impressions obtained in 1190  
the manner described in division (C) (2) of this section: 1191

(a) If the superintendent is required by division (A) of 1192  
this section (other than division (A) (3) of this section) to 1193  
conduct the criminal records check, thirty; 1194



(b) If the superintendent is required by division (A) (3) 1195  
of this section to conduct the criminal records check, sixty. 1196

(C) (1) The superintendent shall prescribe a form to obtain 1197  
the information necessary to conduct a criminal records check 1198  
from any person for whom a criminal records check is to be 1199  
conducted under this section. The form that the superintendent 1200  
prescribes pursuant to this division may be in a tangible 1201  
format, in an electronic format, or in both tangible and 1202  
electronic formats. 1203

(2) The superintendent shall prescribe standard impression 1204  
sheets to obtain the fingerprint impressions of any person for 1205  
whom a criminal records check is to be conducted under this 1206  
section. Any person for whom a records check is to be conducted 1207  
under this section shall obtain the fingerprint impressions at a 1208  
county sheriff's office, municipal police department, or any 1209  
other entity with the ability to make fingerprint impressions on 1210  
the standard impression sheets prescribed by the superintendent. 1211  
The office, department, or entity may charge the person a 1212  
reasonable fee for making the impressions. The standard 1213  
impression sheets the superintendent prescribes pursuant to this 1214  
division may be in a tangible format, in an electronic format, 1215  
or in both tangible and electronic formats. 1216

(3) Subject to division (D) of this section, the 1217  
superintendent shall prescribe and charge a reasonable fee for 1218  
providing a criminal records check under this section. The 1219  
person requesting the criminal records check shall pay the fee 1220  
prescribed pursuant to this division. In the case of a request 1221  
under section 1121.23, 1155.03, 1163.05, 1315.141, 1733.47, 1222  
1761.26, 2151.33, 2151.412, or 5164.34 of the Revised Code, the 1223  
fee shall be paid in the manner specified in that section. 1224

(4) The superintendent of the bureau of criminal 1225  
identification and investigation may prescribe methods of 1226  
forwarding fingerprint impressions and information necessary to 1227  
conduct a criminal records check, which methods shall include, 1228  
but not be limited to, an electronic method. 1229

(D) The results of a criminal records check conducted 1230  
under this section, other than a criminal records check 1231  
specified in division (A) (7) of this section, are valid for the 1232  
person who is the subject of the criminal records check for a 1233  
period of one year from the date upon which the superintendent 1234  
completes the criminal records check. If during that period the 1235  
superintendent receives another request for a criminal records 1236  
check to be conducted under this section for that person, the 1237  
superintendent shall provide the results from the previous 1238  
criminal records check of the person at a lower fee than the fee 1239  
prescribed for the initial criminal records check. 1240

(E) When the superintendent receives a request for 1241  
information from a registered private provider, the 1242  
superintendent shall proceed as if the request was received from 1243  
a school district board of education under section 3319.39 of 1244  
the Revised Code. The superintendent shall apply division (A) (1) 1245  
(c) of this section to any such request for an applicant who is 1246  
a teacher. 1247

(F) (1) ~~All~~ Subject to division (F) (2) of this section, all 1248  
information regarding the results of a criminal records check 1249  
conducted under this section that the superintendent reports or 1250  
sends under division (A) (7) or (9) of this section to the 1251  
director of public safety, the treasurer of state, or the 1252  
person, board, or entity that made the request for the criminal 1253  
records check shall relate to the conviction of the subject 1254

person, or the subject person's plea of guilty to, a criminal offense. 1255  
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(2) Division (F)(1) of this section does not limit, 1257  
restrict, or preclude the superintendent's release of 1258  
information that relates to the arrest of a person who is 1259  
eighteen years of age or older, to an adjudication of a child as 1260  
a delinquent child, or to a criminal conviction of a person 1261  
under eighteen years of age in circumstances in which a release 1262  
of that nature is authorized under division (E)(2), (3), or (4) 1263  
of section 109.57 of the Revised Code pursuant to a rule adopted 1264  
under division (E)(1) of that section. 1265

(G) As used in this section: 1266

(1) "Criminal records check" means any criminal records 1267  
check conducted by the superintendent of the bureau of criminal 1268  
identification and investigation in accordance with division (B) 1269  
of this section. 1270

(2) "Minor drug possession offense" has the same meaning 1271  
as in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code. 1272

(3) "OVI or OVUAC violation" means a violation of section 1273  
4511.19 of the Revised Code or a violation of an existing or 1274  
former law of this state, any other state, or the United States 1275  
that is substantially equivalent to section 4511.19 of the 1276  
Revised Code. 1277

(4) "Registered private provider" means a nonpublic school 1278  
or entity registered with the superintendent of public 1279  
instruction under section 3310.41 of the Revised Code to 1280  
participate in the autism scholarship program or section 3310.58 1281  
of the Revised Code to participate in the Jon Peterson special 1282  
needs scholarship program. 1283

**Sec. 109.578.** (A) On receipt of a request pursuant to 1284  
section 505.381, 737.081, 737.221, or 4765.301 of the Revised 1285  
Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C) (1) of 1286  
this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in 1287  
the manner described in division (C) (2) of this section, the 1288  
superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and 1289  
investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the 1290  
manner described in division (B) of this section to determine 1291  
whether any information exists that indicates that the person 1292  
who is the subject of the request previously has been convicted 1293  
of or pleaded guilty to any of the following: 1294

(1) A felony; 1295

(2) A violation of section 2909.03 of the Revised Code; 1296

(3) A violation of an existing or former law of this 1297  
state, any other state, or the United States that is 1298  
substantially equivalent to any of the offenses listed in 1299  
division (A) (1) or (2) of this section. 1300

(B) Subject to division (E) of this section, the 1301  
superintendent shall conduct any criminal records check pursuant 1302  
to division (A) of this section as follows: 1303

(1) The superintendent shall review or cause to be 1304  
reviewed any relevant information gathered and compiled by the 1305  
bureau under division (A) of section 109.57 of the Revised Code 1306  
that relates to the person who is the subject of the request, 1307  
including any relevant information contained in records that 1308  
have been sealed under section 2953.32 of the Revised Code. 1309

(2) If the request received by the superintendent asks for 1310  
information from the federal bureau of investigation, the 1311  
superintendent shall request from the federal bureau of 1312

investigation any information it has with respect to the person 1313  
who is the subject of the request and shall review or cause to 1314  
be reviewed any information the superintendent receives from 1315  
that bureau. 1316

(C) (1) The superintendent shall prescribe a form to obtain 1317  
the information necessary to conduct a criminal records check 1318  
from any person for whom a criminal records check is requested 1319  
pursuant to section 505.381, 737.081, 737.221, or 4765.301 of 1320  
the Revised Code. The form that the superintendent prescribes 1321  
pursuant to this division may be in a tangible format, in an 1322  
electronic format, or in both tangible and electronic formats. 1323

(2) The superintendent shall prescribe standard impression 1324  
sheets to obtain the fingerprint impressions of any person for 1325  
whom a criminal records check is requested pursuant to section 1326  
505.381, 737.081, 737.221, or 4765.301 of the Revised Code. Any 1327  
person for whom a records check is requested pursuant to any of 1328  
those sections shall obtain the fingerprint impressions at a 1329  
county sheriff's office, a municipal police department, or any 1330  
other entity with the ability to make fingerprint impressions on 1331  
the standard impression sheets prescribed by the superintendent. 1332  
The office, department, or entity may charge the person a 1333  
reasonable fee for making the impressions. The standard 1334  
impression sheets the superintendent prescribes pursuant to this 1335  
division may be in a tangible format, in an electronic format, 1336  
or in both tangible and electronic formats. 1337

(3) Subject to division (D) of this section, the 1338  
superintendent shall prescribe and charge a reasonable fee for 1339  
providing a criminal records check requested under section 1340  
505.381, 737.081, 737.221, or 4765.301 of the Revised Code. The 1341  
person making the criminal records request shall pay the fee 1342

prescribed pursuant to this division. 1343

(4) The superintendent may prescribe methods of forwarding 1344  
fingerprint impressions and information necessary to conduct a 1345  
criminal records check. The methods shall include, but are not 1346  
limited to, an electronic method. 1347

(D) A determination whether any information exists that 1348  
indicates that a person previously has been convicted of or 1349  
pleaded guilty to any offense listed or described in division 1350  
(A) of this section and that the superintendent made with 1351  
respect to information considered in a criminal records check in 1352  
accordance with this section is valid for the person who is the 1353  
subject of the criminal records check for a period of one year 1354  
from the date upon which the superintendent makes the 1355  
determination. During the period in which the determination in 1356  
regard to a person is valid, if another request under this 1357  
section is made for a criminal records check for that person, 1358  
the superintendent shall provide the information that is the 1359  
basis for the superintendent's initial determination at a lower 1360  
fee than the fee prescribed for the initial criminal records 1361  
check. 1362

(E) (1) All Subject to division (E) (2) of this section, all 1363  
information regarding the results of a criminal records check 1364  
conducted under this section that the superintendent reports or 1365  
sends under this section to the person, board, or entity that 1366  
made the request for the criminal records check shall relate to 1367  
the conviction of the subject person, or the subject person's 1368  
plea of guilty to, a criminal offense. 1369

(2) Division (E) (1) of this section does not limit, 1370  
restrict, or preclude the superintendent's release of 1371  
information that relates to the arrest of a person who is 1372

eighteen years of age or older, to an adjudication of a child as 1373  
a delinquent child, or to a criminal conviction of a person 1374  
under eighteen years of age in circumstances in which a release 1375  
of that nature is authorized under division (E) (2), (3), or (4) 1376  
of section 109.57 of the Revised Code pursuant to a rule adopted 1377  
under division (E) (1) of that section. 1378

(F) As used in this section, "criminal records check" 1379  
means any criminal records check conducted by the superintendent 1380  
of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in 1381  
accordance with division (B) of this section. 1382

**Sec. 109.60.** (A) (1) The sheriffs of the several counties 1383  
and the chiefs of police of cities, immediately upon the arrest 1384  
of any person for any felony, on suspicion of any felony, for a 1385  
crime constituting a misdemeanor on the first offense and a 1386  
felony on subsequent offenses, or for any misdemeanor described 1387  
in division (A) (1) (a), (A) (8) (a), or (A) (10) (a) of section 1388  
109.572 of the Revised Code, and immediately upon the arrest or 1389  
taking into custody of any child under eighteen years of age for 1390  
committing an act that would be a felony or an offense of 1391  
violence if committed by an adult or upon probable cause to 1392  
believe that a child of that age may have committed an act that 1393  
would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an 1394  
adult, shall take the person's or child's fingerprints, or cause 1395  
the same to be taken, according to the fingerprint system of 1396  
identification on the forms furnished by the superintendent of 1397  
the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, and 1398  
immediately shall forward copies of the completed forms, any 1399  
other description that may be required, and the history of the 1400  
offense committed to the bureau to be classified and filed and 1401  
to the clerk of the court having jurisdiction over the 1402  
prosecution of the offense or over the adjudication relative to 1403

the act. 1404

(2) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, if 1405  
a person or child has not been arrested and first appears before 1406  
a court or magistrate in response to a summons, or if a sheriff 1407  
or chief of police has not taken, or caused to be taken, a 1408  
person's or child's fingerprints in accordance with division (A) 1409  
(1) of this section by the time of the arraignment or first 1410  
appearance of the person or child, the court shall order the 1411  
person or child to appear before the sheriff or chief of police 1412  
within twenty-four hours to have the person's or child's 1413  
fingerprints taken. The sheriff or chief of police shall take 1414  
the person's or child's fingerprints, or cause the fingerprints 1415  
to be taken, according to the fingerprint system of 1416  
identification on the forms furnished by the superintendent of 1417  
the bureau of criminal identification and investigation and, 1418  
immediately after the person's or child's arraignment or first 1419  
appearance, forward copies of the completed forms, any other 1420  
description that may be required, and the history of the offense 1421  
committed to the bureau to be classified and filed and to the 1422  
clerk of the court. 1423

(3) Every court with jurisdiction over a case involving a 1424  
person or child with respect to whom division (A) (1) or (2) of 1425  
this section requires a sheriff or chief of police to take the 1426  
person's or child's fingerprints shall inquire at the time of 1427  
the person's or child's sentencing or adjudication whether or 1428  
not the person or child has been fingerprinted pursuant to 1429  
division (A) (1) or (2) of this section for the original arrest 1430  
or court appearance upon which the sentence or adjudication is 1431  
based. If the person or child was not fingerprinted for the 1432  
original arrest or court appearance upon which the sentence or 1433  
adjudication is based, the court shall take the person's or 1434



child's fingerprints or shall order the person or child to 1435  
appear before the sheriff or chief of police within twenty-four 1436  
hours to have the person's or child's fingerprints taken. ~~The~~ If 1437  
the court orders the person or child to appear before the 1438  
sheriff or chief of police to have the person's or child's 1439  
fingerprints taken, the sheriff or chief of police shall take 1440  
the person's or child's fingerprints, or cause the fingerprints 1441  
to be taken, according to the fingerprint system of 1442  
identification on the forms furnished by the superintendent of 1443  
the bureau of criminal identification and investigation and 1444  
immediately forward copies of the completed forms, any other 1445  
description that may be required, and the history of the offense 1446  
committed to the bureau to be classified and filed and to the 1447  
clerk of the court. 1448

(4) If a person or child is in the custody of a law 1449  
enforcement agency or a detention facility, as defined in 1450  
section 2921.01 of the Revised Code, and the chief law 1451  
enforcement officer or chief administrative officer of the 1452  
detention facility discovers that a warrant has been issued or a 1453  
bill of information has been filed alleging the person or child 1454  
to have committed an offense or act other than the offense or 1455  
act for which the person or child is in custody, and the other 1456  
alleged offense or act is one for which fingerprints are to be 1457  
taken pursuant to division (A) (1) of this section, the law 1458  
enforcement agency or detention facility shall take the 1459  
fingerprints of the person or child, or cause the fingerprints 1460  
to be taken, according to the fingerprint system of 1461  
identification on the forms furnished by the superintendent of 1462  
the bureau of criminal identification and investigation and 1463  
immediately forward copies of the completed forms, any other 1464  
description that may be required, and the history of the offense 1465

committed to the bureau to be classified and filed and to the 1466  
clerk of the court that issued the warrant or with which the 1467  
bill of information was filed. 1468

(5) If an accused is found not guilty of the offense 1469  
charged or a nolle prosequi is entered in any case, or if any 1470  
accused child under eighteen years of age is found not to be a 1471  
delinquent child for committing an act that would be a felony or 1472  
an offense of violence if committed by an adult or not guilty of 1473  
the felony or offense of violence charged or a nolle prosequi is 1474  
entered in that case, the fingerprints and description shall be 1475  
given to the accused upon the accused's request. 1476

(6) The superintendent shall compare the description 1477  
received with those already on file in the bureau, and, if the 1478  
superintendent finds that the person arrested or taken into 1479  
custody has a criminal record or a record as a delinquent child 1480  
for having committed an act that would be a felony or an offense 1481  
of violence if committed by an adult or is a fugitive from 1482  
justice or wanted by any jurisdiction in this or another state, 1483  
the United States, or a foreign country for any offense, the 1484  
superintendent at once shall inform the arresting officer, the 1485  
officer taking the person into custody, or the chief 1486  
administrative officer of the county, multicounty, municipal, 1487  
municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse, 1488  
community-based correctional facility, halfway house, 1489  
alternative residential facility, or state correctional 1490  
institution in which the person or child is in custody of that 1491  
fact and give appropriate notice to the proper authorities in 1492  
the jurisdiction in which the person is wanted, or, if that 1493  
jurisdiction is a foreign country, give appropriate notice to 1494  
federal authorities for transmission to the foreign country. The 1495  
names, under which each person whose identification is filed is 1496

known, shall be alphabetically indexed by the superintendent. 1497

(B) Division (A) of this section does not apply to a 1498  
violinator of a city ordinance unless the officers have reason to 1499  
believe that the violator is a past offender or the crime is one 1500  
constituting a misdemeanor on the first offense and a felony on 1501  
subsequent offenses, or unless it is advisable for the purpose 1502  
of subsequent identification. This section does not apply to any 1503  
child under eighteen years of age who was not arrested or 1504  
otherwise taken into custody for committing an act that would be 1505  
a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult or 1506  
upon probable cause to believe that a child of that age may have 1507  
committed an act that would be a felony or an offense of 1508  
violence if committed by an adult, except as provided in section 1509  
2151.313 of the Revised Code. 1510

(C) (1) For purposes of division (C) of this section, a law 1511  
enforcement agency shall be considered to have arrested a person 1512  
if any law enforcement officer who is employed by, appointed by, 1513  
or serves that agency arrests the person. As used in division 1514  
(C) of this section: 1515

(a) "Illegal methamphetamine manufacturing laboratory" has 1516  
the same meaning as in section 3745.13 of the Revised Code. 1517

(b) "Methamphetamine or a methamphetamine product" means 1518  
methamphetamine, any salt, isomer, or salt of an isomer of 1519  
methamphetamine, or any compound, mixture, preparation, or 1520  
substance containing methamphetamine or any salt, isomer, or 1521  
salt of an isomer of methamphetamine. 1522

(2) Each law enforcement agency that, in any calendar 1523  
year, arrests any person for a violation of section 2925.04 of 1524  
the Revised Code that is based on the manufacture of 1525

methamphetamine or a methamphetamine product, a violation of 1526  
section 2925.041 of the Revised Code that is based on the 1527  
possession of chemicals sufficient to produce methamphetamine or 1528  
a methamphetamine product, or a violation of any other provision 1529  
of Chapter 2925. or 3719. of the Revised Code that is based on 1530  
the possession of chemicals sufficient to produce 1531  
methamphetamine or a methamphetamine product shall prepare an 1532  
annual report covering the calendar year that contains the 1533  
information specified in division (C)(3) of this section 1534  
relative to all arrests for violations of those sections 1535  
committed under those circumstances during that calendar year 1536  
and relative to illegal methamphetamine manufacturing 1537  
laboratories, dump sites, and chemical caches as specified in 1538  
that division and shall send the annual report, not later than 1539  
the first day of March in the calendar year following the 1540  
calendar year covered by the report, to the bureau of criminal 1541  
identification and investigation. 1542

The law enforcement agency shall write any annual report 1543  
prepared and filed under this division on the standard forms 1544  
furnished by the superintendent of the bureau of criminal 1545  
identification and investigation pursuant to division (C)(4) of 1546  
this section. The annual report shall be a statistical report, 1547  
and nothing in the report or in the information it contains 1548  
shall identify, or enable the identification of, any person who 1549  
was arrested and whose arrest is included in the information 1550  
contained in the report. The annual report in the possession of 1551  
the bureau and the information it contains are public records 1552  
for the purpose of section 149.43 of the Revised Code. 1553

(3) The annual report prepared and filed by a law 1554  
enforcement agency under division (C)(2) of this section shall 1555  
contain all of the following information for the calendar year 1556

covered by the report: 1557

(a) The total number of arrests made by the agency in that 1558  
calendar year for a violation of section 2925.04 of the Revised 1559  
Code that is based on the manufacture of methamphetamine or a 1560  
methamphetamine product, a violation of section 2925.041 of the 1561  
Revised Code that is based on the possession of chemicals 1562  
sufficient to produce methamphetamine or a methamphetamine 1563  
product, or a violation of any other provision of Chapter 2925. 1564  
or 3719. of the Revised Code that is based on the possession of 1565  
chemicals sufficient to produce methamphetamine or a 1566  
methamphetamine product; 1567

(b) The total number of illegal methamphetamine 1568  
manufacturing laboratories at which one or more of the arrests 1569  
reported under division (C) (3) (a) of this section occurred, or 1570  
that were discovered in that calendar year within the territory 1571  
served by the agency but at which none of the arrests reported 1572  
under division (C) (3) (a) of this section occurred; 1573

(c) The total number of dump sites and chemical caches 1574  
that are, or that are reasonably believed to be, related to 1575  
illegal methamphetamine manufacturing and that were discovered 1576  
in that calendar year within the territory served by the agency. 1577

(4) The superintendent of the bureau of criminal 1578  
identification and investigation shall prepare and furnish to 1579  
each law enforcement agency in this state standard forms for 1580  
making the annual reports required by division (C) (2) of this 1581  
section. The standard forms that the superintendent prepares 1582  
pursuant to this division may be in a tangible format, in an 1583  
electronic format, or in both a tangible format and an 1584  
electronic format. 1585

(5) The annual report required by division (C)(2) of this section is separate from, and in addition to, any report, materials, or information required under division (A) of this section or under any other provision of sections 109.57 to 109.62 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 177.05. A law enforcement trust fund shall be established by the organized crime investigations commission for the purpose of receiving reimbursement of expenses the organized crime investigations commission incurred in the investigation of the criminal activity through a task force.

There is hereby created in the state treasury the organized crime law enforcement trust fund. The fund shall consist of moneys paid to the treasurer of the state for purposes of this section. All investment earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund. The organized crime investigations commission shall use the moneys in the fund to purchase, replace, update, or maintain equipment used by task forces or law enforcement agencies for the purpose of investigating organized criminal activity. The organized crime law enforcement trust fund shall not be used to meet the operating costs of the organized crime commission.

**Sec. 1331.01.** As used in sections 1331.01 to 1331.14 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Person" includes corporations, partnerships, and associations existing under or authorized by any state or territory of the United States, and solely for the purpose of the definition of division ~~(B)~~ (C) of this section, a foreign governmental entity.

(B) "Public office" means any state agency, public

institution, political subdivision, or other organized body, 1615  
office, agency, institution, or entity established by the laws 1616  
of this state for the exercise of any function of government. 1617  
"Public office" does not include the nonprofit corporation 1618  
formed under section 187.01 of the Revised Code. 1619

(C) (1) "Trust" is a combination of capital, skill, or acts 1620  
by two or more persons for any of the following purposes: 1621

~~(1)~~ (a) To create or carry out restrictions in trade or 1622  
commerce; 1623

~~(2)~~ (b) To limit or reduce the production, or increase or 1624  
reduce the price of merchandise or a commodity; 1625

~~(3)~~ (c) To prevent competition in manufacturing, making, 1626  
transportation, sale, or purchase of merchandise, produce, or a 1627  
commodity; 1628

~~(4)~~ (d) To fix at a standard or figure, whereby its price 1629  
to the public or consumer is in any manner controlled or 1630  
established, an article or commodity of merchandise, produce, or 1631  
commerce intended for sale, barter, use, or consumption in this 1632  
state; 1633

~~(5)~~ (e) To make, enter into, execute, or carry out 1634  
contracts, obligations, or agreements of any kind by which they 1635  
bind or have bound themselves not to sell, dispose of, or 1636  
transport an article or commodity, or an article of trade, use, 1637  
merchandise, commerce, or consumption below a common standard 1638  
figure or fixed value, or by which they agree in any manner to 1639  
keep the price of such article, commodity, or transportation at 1640  
a fixed or graduated figure, or by which they shall in any 1641  
manner establish or settle the price of an article, commodity, 1642  
or transportation between them or themselves and others, so as 1643

directly or indirectly to preclude a free and unrestricted 1644  
competition among themselves, purchasers, or consumers in the 1645  
sale or transportation of such article or commodity, or by which 1646  
they agree to pool, combine, or directly or indirectly unite any 1647  
interests which they have connected with the sale or 1648  
transportation of such article or commodity, that its price 1649  
might in any manner be affected; 1650

~~(6)~~ (f) To refuse to buy from, sell to, or trade with any 1651  
person because such person appears on a blacklist issued by, or 1652  
is being boycotted by, any foreign corporate or governmental 1653  
entity. 1654

(2) "Trust" also means a combination of capital, skill, or 1655  
acts by two or more bidders or potential bidders, or one or more 1656  
bidders or potential bidders and any person affiliated with a 1657  
public office, to restrain or prevent competition in the letting 1658  
or awarding of any public contract in derogation of any statute, 1659  
ordinance, or rule requiring the use of competitive bidding or 1660  
selection in the letting or awarding of the public contract. 1661

(3) "Trust," as defined in this section, does not include 1662  
bargaining by a labor organization in negotiating or effecting 1663  
contracts with an employer or employer group with reference to 1664  
minimum payment to any member of the labor organization for any 1665  
motor vehicles owned, driven, and used exclusively by such 1666  
member in the performance of ~~his~~ the member's duties of 1667  
employment pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement between 1668  
the labor organization and the employer or employer group. 1669

(4) A trust as defined in this division ~~(B) of this~~ 1670  
~~section~~ is unlawful and void. 1671

**Sec. 1331.04.** ~~A violation of sections 1331.01 to 1331.14,~~ 1672



~~inclusive, of the Revised Code, Every combination, contract, or~~ 1673  
~~agreement in the form of a trust is declared to be a~~ 1674  
~~conspiracy against trade and illegal.~~ No person shall engage in such 1675  
conspiracy or take part therein, or aid or advise in its 1676  
commission, or, as principal, manager, director, agent, servant, 1677  
or employer, or in any other capacity, knowingly carry out any 1678  
of the stipulations, purposes, prices, or rates, or furnish any 1679  
information to assist in carrying out such purposes, or orders 1680  
thereunder, or in pursuance thereof, or in any manner violate 1681  
~~said sections 1331.01 to 1331.14 of the Revised Code.~~ Each day's 1682  
violation of this section is a separate offense. 1683

Sec. 1331.17. In carrying out official duties, the 1684  
attorney general shall not disclose publicly the facts developed 1685  
in an investigation conducted pursuant to this chapter unless 1686  
the matter has become a matter of public record in enforcement 1687  
proceedings, in public hearings, or other official proceedings, 1688  
or unless the person from whom the information has been obtained 1689  
consents to the public disclosure. 1690

Sec. 1331.99. (A) (1) Whoever violates section 1331.04 of 1691  
the Revised Code is guilty of conspiracy against trade. Except 1692  
as provided in division (A) (2) of this section, a conspiracy 1693  
against trade is a felony of the fifth degree. 1694

(2) If any of the following conditions apply, the 1695  
conspiracy against trade is a felony of the fourth degree: 1696

(a) The amount of the contract or the amount of the sale 1697  
of commodities or services involved is seven thousand five 1698  
hundred dollars or more. 1699

(b) The conspiracy against trade relates to a contract 1700  
with or the sale of commodities or services to or from a local, 1701

state, or federal governmental entity. 1702

(c) The contract or sale of commodities or services 1703  
involves, in whole or in part, funding to or from a local, 1704  
state, or federal governmental entity. 1705

(B) Whoever violates section 1331.02 or 1331.05 of the 1706  
Revised Code is guilty of a felony of the fifth degree. 1707

~~(B)~~ (C) Whoever violates section 1331.04 or division (L) 1708  
of section 1331.16 of the Revised Code is guilty of a 1709  
misdemeanor of the first degree. 1710

~~(C)~~ (D) Whoever violates section 1331.15 of the Revised 1711  
Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree. 1712

**Sec. 1345.02.** (A) No supplier shall commit an unfair or 1713  
deceptive act or practice in connection with a consumer 1714  
transaction. Such an unfair or deceptive act or practice by a 1715  
supplier violates this section whether it occurs before, during, 1716  
or after the transaction. 1717

(B) Without limiting the scope of division (A) of this 1718  
section, the act or practice of a supplier in representing any 1719  
of the following is deceptive: 1720

(1) That the subject of a consumer transaction has 1721  
sponsorship, approval, performance characteristics, accessories, 1722  
uses, or benefits that it does not have; 1723

(2) That the subject of a consumer transaction is of a 1724  
particular standard, quality, grade, style, prescription, or 1725  
model, if it is not; 1726

(3) That the subject of a consumer transaction is new, or 1727  
unused, if it is not; 1728

- (4) That the subject of a consumer transaction is 1729  
available to the consumer for a reason that does not exist; 1730
- (5) That the subject of a consumer transaction has been 1731  
supplied in accordance with a previous representation, if it has 1732  
not, except that the act of a supplier in furnishing similar 1733  
merchandise of equal or greater value as a good faith substitute 1734  
does not violate this section; 1735
- (6) That the subject of a consumer transaction will be 1736  
supplied in greater quantity than the supplier intends; 1737
- (7) That replacement or repair is needed, if it is not; 1738
- (8) That a specific price advantage exists, if it does 1739  
not; 1740
- (9) That the supplier has a sponsorship, approval, or 1741  
affiliation that the supplier does not have; 1742
- (10) That a consumer transaction involves or does not 1743  
involve a warranty, a disclaimer of warranties or other rights, 1744  
remedies, or obligations if the representation is false. 1745
- (C) In construing division (A) of this section, the court 1746  
shall give due consideration and great weight to federal trade 1747  
commission orders, trade regulation rules and guides, and the 1748  
federal courts' interpretations of subsection 45 (a) (1) of the 1749  
"Federal Trade Commission Act," 38 Stat. 717 (1914), 15 U.S.C.A. 1750  
41, as amended. 1751
- (D) No supplier shall offer to a consumer or represent 1752  
that a consumer will receive a rebate, discount, or other 1753  
benefit as an inducement for entering into a consumer 1754  
transaction in return for giving the supplier the names of 1755  
prospective consumers, or otherwise helping the supplier to 1756

enter into other consumer transactions, if earning the benefit 1757  
is contingent upon an event occurring after the consumer enters 1758  
into the transaction. 1759

(E) (1) No supplier, in connection with a consumer 1760  
transaction involving natural gas service or public 1761  
telecommunications service to a consumer in this state, shall 1762  
request or submit, or cause to be requested or submitted, a 1763  
change in the consumer's provider of natural gas service or 1764  
public telecommunications service, without first obtaining, or 1765  
causing to be obtained, the verified consent of the consumer. 1766  
For the purpose of this division and with respect to public 1767  
telecommunications service only, the procedures necessary for 1768  
verifying the consent of a consumer shall be those prescribed by 1769  
rule by the public utilities commission for public 1770  
telecommunications service under division (D) of section 4905.72 1771  
of the Revised Code. Also, for the purpose of this division, the 1772  
act, omission, or failure of any officer, agent, or other 1773  
individual, acting for or employed by another person, while 1774  
acting within the scope of that authority or employment, is the 1775  
act or failure of that other person. 1776

(2) Consistent with the exclusion, under 47 C.F.R. 1777  
64.1100(a) (3), of commercial mobile radio service providers from 1778  
the verification requirements adopted in 47 C.F.R. 64.1100, 1779  
64.1150, 64.1160, 64.1170, 64.1180, and 64.1190 by the federal 1780  
communications commission, division (E) (1) of this section does 1781  
not apply to a provider of commercial mobile radio service 1782  
insofar as such provider is engaged in the provision of 1783  
commercial mobile radio service. However, when that exclusion no 1784  
longer is in effect, division (E) (1) of this section shall apply 1785  
to such a provider. 1786

(3) The attorney general may initiate criminal proceedings 1787  
for a prosecution under division (C) of section 1345.99 of the 1788  
Revised Code by presenting evidence of criminal violations to 1789  
the prosecuting attorney of any county in which the offense may 1790  
be prosecuted. If the prosecuting attorney does not prosecute 1791  
the violations, or at the request of the prosecuting attorney, 1792  
the attorney general may proceed in the prosecution with all the 1793  
rights, privileges, and powers conferred by law on prosecuting 1794  
attorneys, including the power to appear before grand juries and 1795  
to interrogate witnesses before grand juries. 1796

(F) Concerning a consumer transaction in connection with a 1797  
residential mortgage, and without limiting the scope of division 1798  
(A) or (B) of this section, the act of a supplier in doing 1799  
either of the following is deceptive: 1800

(1) Knowingly failing to provide disclosures required 1801  
under state and federal law; 1802

(2) Knowingly providing a disclosure that includes a 1803  
material misrepresentation. 1804

(G) Without limiting the scope of division (A) of this 1805  
section, the failure of a supplier to obtain or maintain any 1806  
registration, license, bond, or insurance required by state law 1807  
or local ordinance for the supplier to engage in the supplier's 1808  
trade or profession is an unfair or deceptive act or practice. 1809

**Sec. 1345.03.** (A) No supplier shall commit an 1810  
unconscionable act or practice in connection with a consumer 1811  
transaction. Such an unconscionable act or practice by a 1812  
supplier violates this section whether it occurs before, during, 1813  
or after the transaction. 1814

(B) In determining whether an act or practice is 1815

unconscionable, the following circumstances shall be taken into 1816  
consideration: 1817

(1) Whether the supplier has knowingly taken advantage of 1818  
the inability of the consumer reasonably to protect the 1819  
consumer's interests because of the consumer's physical or 1820  
mental infirmities, ignorance, illiteracy, or inability to 1821  
understand the language of an agreement; 1822

(2) Whether the supplier knew at the time the consumer 1823  
transaction was entered into that the price was substantially in 1824  
excess of the price at which similar property or services were 1825  
readily obtainable in similar consumer transactions by like 1826  
consumers; 1827

(3) Whether the supplier knew at the time the consumer 1828  
transaction was entered into of the inability of the consumer to 1829  
receive a substantial benefit from the subject of the consumer 1830  
transaction; 1831

(4) Whether the supplier knew at the time the consumer 1832  
transaction was entered into that there was no reasonable 1833  
probability of payment of the obligation in full by the 1834  
consumer; 1835

(5) Whether the supplier required the consumer to enter 1836  
into a consumer transaction on terms the supplier knew were 1837  
substantially one-sided in favor of the supplier; 1838

(6) Whether the supplier knowingly made a misleading 1839  
statement of opinion on which the consumer was likely to rely to 1840  
the consumer's detriment; 1841

(7) Whether the supplier has, without justification, 1842  
refused to make a refund in cash or by check for a returned item 1843  
that was purchased with cash or by check, unless the supplier 1844

had conspicuously posted in the establishment at the time of the 1845  
sale a sign stating the supplier's refund policy. 1846

(C) This section does not apply to a consumer transaction 1847  
in connection with the origination of a residential mortgage. 1848

**Sec. 1345.031.** (A) No supplier shall commit an 1849  
unconscionable act or practice concerning a consumer transaction 1850  
in connection with the origination of a residential mortgage. 1851  
Such an unconscionable act or practice by a supplier violates 1852  
this section whether it occurs before, during, or after the 1853  
transaction. 1854

(B) For purposes of division (A) of this section, the 1855  
following acts or practices of a supplier in connection with 1856  
such a transaction are unconscionable: 1857

(1) Arranging for or making a mortgage loan that provides 1858  
for an interest rate applicable after default that is higher 1859  
than the interest rate that applies before default, excluding 1860  
rates of interest for judgments applicable to the mortgage loan 1861  
under section 1343.02 or 1343.03 of the Revised Code and also 1862  
excluding interest rate changes in a variable rate loan 1863  
transaction otherwise consistent with the provisions of the loan 1864  
documents; 1865

(2) Engaging in a pattern or practice of providing 1866  
consumer transactions to consumers based predominantly on the 1867  
supplier's realization of the foreclosure or liquidation value 1868  
of the consumer's collateral without regard to the consumer's 1869  
ability to repay the loan in accordance with its terms, provided 1870  
that the supplier may use any reasonable method to determine a 1871  
borrower's ability to repay; 1872

(3) Making a consumer transaction that permits the 1873

creditor to demand repayment of the outstanding balance of a 1874  
mortgage loan, in advance of the original maturity date unless 1875  
the creditor does so in good faith due to the consumer's failure 1876  
to abide by the material terms of the loan. 1877

(4) Knowingly replacing, refinancing, or consolidating a 1878  
zero interest rate or other low-rate mortgage loan made by a 1879  
governmental or nonprofit lender with another loan unless the 1880  
current holder of the loan consents in writing to the 1881  
refinancing and the consumer presents written certification from 1882  
a ~~third-party~~ third-party nonprofit organization counselor 1883  
approved by the United States department of housing and urban 1884  
development or the superintendent of financial institutions that 1885  
the consumer received counseling on the advisability of the loan 1886  
transaction. For purposes of division (B) (4) of this section, a 1887  
"low-rate mortgage loan" means a mortgage loan that carries a 1888  
current interest rate two percentage points or more below the 1889  
current yield on United States treasury securities with a 1890  
comparable maturity. If the loan's current interest rate is 1891  
either a discounted introductory rate or a rate that 1892  
automatically steps up over time, the fully indexed rate or the 1893  
fully stepped-up rate, as applicable, shall be used, in lieu of 1894  
the current rate, to determine whether a loan is a low-rate 1895  
mortgage loan. 1896

(5) Instructing the consumer to ignore the supplier's 1897  
written information regarding the interest rate and dollar value 1898  
of points because they would be lower for the consumer's 1899  
consumer transaction; 1900

(6) Recommending or encouraging a consumer to default on a 1901  
mortgage or any consumer transaction or revolving credit loan 1902  
agreement~~r~~. This practice also shall constitute an 1903



unconscionable act or practice in connection with a consumer 1904  
transaction under section 1345.03 of the Revised Code. 1905

(7) Charging a late fee more than once with respect to a 1906  
single late payment. If a late payment fee is deducted from a 1907  
payment made on the loan and such deduction causes a subsequent 1908  
default on a subsequent payment, no late payment fee may be 1909  
imposed for such default. If a late payment fee has been imposed 1910  
once with respect to a particular late payment, no such fee may 1911  
be imposed with respect to any future payment that would have 1912  
been timely and sufficient but for the previous default. This 1913  
practice also shall constitute an unconscionable act or practice 1914  
in connection with a consumer transaction under section 1345.03 1915  
of the Revised Code. 1916

(8) Failing to disclose to the consumer at the closing of 1917  
the consumer transaction that a consumer is not required to 1918  
complete a consumer transaction merely because the consumer has 1919  
received prior estimates of closing costs or has signed an 1920  
application and should not close a loan transaction that 1921  
contains different terms and conditions than those the consumer 1922  
was promised; 1923

(9) Arranging for or making a consumer transaction that 1924  
includes terms under which more than two periodic payments 1925  
required under the consumer transaction are consolidated and 1926  
paid in advance from the loan proceeds provided to the consumer; 1927

(10) Knowingly compensating, instructing, inducing, 1928  
coercing, or intimidating, or attempting to compensate, 1929  
instruct, induce, coerce, or intimidate, a person licensed or 1930  
certified under Chapter 4763. of the Revised Code for the 1931  
purpose of corrupting or improperly influencing the independent 1932  
judgment of the person with respect to the value of the dwelling 1933

offered as security for repayment of a mortgage loan; 1934

(11) Financing, directly or indirectly, any credit, life, 1935  
disability, or unemployment insurance premiums, any other life 1936  
or health insurance premiums, or any debt collection agreement. 1937  
Insurance premiums calculated and paid on a monthly basis shall 1938  
not be considered financed by the lender. 1939

(12) Knowingly or intentionally engaging in the act or 1940  
practice of "flipping" a mortgage loan. "Flipping" a mortgage 1941  
loan is making a mortgage loan that refinances an existing 1942  
mortgage loan when the new loan does not have reasonable, 1943  
tangible net benefit to the consumer considering all of the 1944  
circumstances, including the terms of both the new and 1945  
refinanced loans, the cost of the new loan, and the consumer's 1946  
circumstances. This provision applies regardless of whether the 1947  
interest rate, points, fees, and charges paid or payable by the 1948  
consumer in connection with the refinancing exceed any 1949  
thresholds specified in any section of the Revised Code. 1950

(13) Knowingly taking advantage of the inability of the 1951  
consumer to reasonably protect the consumer's interests because 1952  
of the consumer's known physical or mental infirmities or 1953  
illiteracy; 1954

(14) Entering into the consumer transaction knowing there 1955  
was no reasonable probability of payment of the obligation by 1956  
the consumer; 1957

(15) Attempting to enforce, by means not limited to a 1958  
court action, a prepayment penalty in violation of division (C) 1959  
(2) of section 1343.011 of the Revised Code~~r~~. This practice also 1960  
shall constitute an unconscionable act or practice in connection 1961  
with a consumer transaction under section 1345.03 of the Revised 1962

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(16) Engaging in an act or practice deemed unconscionable by rules adopted by the attorney general pursuant to division (B) (2) of section 1345.05 of the Revised Code.	1964 1965 1966
(C) (1) Any unconscionable arbitration clause, unconscionable clause requiring the consumer to pay the supplier's attorney's fees, or unconscionable liquidated damages clause included in a mortgage loan contract is unenforceable.	1967 1968 1969 1970
(2) No supplier shall do either of the following:	1971
(a) Attempt to enforce, by means not limited to a court action, any clause described in division (C) (1) of this section;	1972 1973
(b) By referring to such a clause, attempt to induce the consumer to take any action desired by the supplier.	1974 1975
<b>Sec. 1345.07.</b> (A) If the attorney general, by the attorney general's own inquiries or as a result of complaints, has reasonable cause to believe that a supplier has engaged or is engaging in an act or practice that violates this chapter, and that the action would be in the public interest, the attorney general may bring any of the following:	1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981
(1) An action to obtain a declaratory judgment that the act or practice violates section 1345.02, 1345.03, or 1345.031 of the Revised Code;	1982 1983 1984
(2) (a) An action, with notice as required by Civil Rule 65, to obtain a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, or permanent injunction to restrain the act or practice. If the attorney general shows by a preponderance of the evidence that the supplier has violated or is violating section 1345.02, 1345.03, or 1345.031 of the Revised Code, the	1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990

court may issue a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, or permanent injunction to restrain and prevent the act or practice. 1991  
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(b) (i) Except as provided in division (A) (2) (b) (ii) of this section, on motion of the attorney general, or on its own motion, the court may impose a civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars for each day of violation of a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, or permanent injunction issued under this section, if the supplier received notice of the action. The civil penalties shall be paid as provided in division (G) of this section. 1994  
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(ii) If the court issues under this section a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, or permanent injunction to restrain and prevent an act or practice that is a violation of section 1345.02 and division (A) of section 1349.81 of the Revised Code, on motion of the attorney general, or on its own motion, the court may impose a civil penalty of not less than five thousand dollars and not more than fifteen thousand dollars for each day of violation of the temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, or permanent injunction, if the supplier received notice of the action. The civil penalties shall be paid as provided in division (G) of this section. 2002  
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(c) Upon the commencement of an action under division (A) (2) of this section against a supplier who operates under a license, permit, certificate, commission, or other authorization issued by the supreme court or by a board, commission, department, division, or other agency of this state, the attorney general shall immediately notify the supreme court or agency that such an action has been commenced against the supplier. 2013  
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(3) A class action under Civil Rule 23, as amended, on 2021  
behalf of consumers who have engaged in consumer transactions in 2022  
this state for damage caused by: 2023

(a) An act or practice enumerated in division (B) ~~or (D)~~ or (G) of section 1345.02 of the Revised Code; 2024  
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(b) Violation of a rule adopted under division (B) (2) of 2026  
section 1345.05 of the Revised Code before the consumer 2027  
transaction on which the action is based; 2028

(c) An act or practice determined by a court of this state 2029  
to violate section 1345.02, 1345.03, or 1345.031 of the Revised 2030  
Code and committed after the decision containing the 2031  
determination has been made available for public inspection 2032  
under division (A) (3) of section 1345.05 of the Revised Code. 2033

(B) On motion of the attorney general and without bond, in 2034  
the attorney general's action under this section, the court may 2035  
make appropriate orders, including appointment of a referee or a 2036  
receiver, for sequestration of assets, to reimburse consumers 2037  
found to have been damaged, to carry out a transaction in 2038  
accordance with a consumer's reasonable expectations, to strike 2039  
or limit the application of unconscionable clauses of contracts 2040  
so as to avoid an unconscionable result, or to grant other 2041  
appropriate relief. The court may assess the expenses of a 2042  
referee or receiver against the supplier. 2043

(C) Any moneys or property recovered by the attorney 2044  
general in an action under this section that cannot with due 2045  
diligence within five years be restored by a referee to 2046  
consumers shall be unclaimed funds reportable under Chapter 169. 2047  
of the Revised Code. 2048

(D) In addition to the other remedies provided in this 2049

section, if the violation is an act or practice that was 2050  
declared to be unfair, deceptive, or unconscionable by rule 2051  
adopted pursuant to division (B) (2) of section 1345.05 of the 2052  
Revised Code before the consumer transaction on which the action 2053  
is based occurred or an act or practice that was determined by a 2054  
court of this state to violate section 1345.02, 1345.03, or 2055  
1345.031 of the Revised Code and committed after the decision 2056  
containing the court's determination was made available for 2057  
public inspection pursuant to division (A) (3) of section 1345.05 2058  
of the Revised Code, the attorney general may request and the 2059  
court may impose a civil penalty of not more than twenty-five 2060  
thousand dollars against the supplier. The civil penalties shall 2061  
be paid as provided in division (G) of this section. 2062

(E) No action may be brought by the attorney general under 2063  
this section to recover for a transaction more than two years 2064  
after the occurrence of a violation. 2065

(F) If a court determines that provision has been made for 2066  
reimbursement or other appropriate corrective action, insofar as 2067  
practicable, with respect to all consumers damaged by a 2068  
violation, or in any other appropriate case, the attorney 2069  
general, with court approval, may terminate enforcement 2070  
proceedings brought by the attorney general upon acceptance of 2071  
an assurance from the supplier of voluntary compliance with 2072  
Chapter 1345. of the Revised Code, with respect to the alleged 2073  
violation. The assurance shall be filed with the court and 2074  
entered as a consent judgment. Except as provided in division 2075  
(A) of section 1345.10 of the Revised Code, a consent judgment 2076  
is not evidence of prior violation of such chapter. Disregard of 2077  
the terms of a consent judgment entered upon an assurance shall 2078  
be treated as a violation of an injunction issued under this 2079  
section. 2080

(G) Civil penalties ordered pursuant to divisions (A) and 2081  
(D) of this section shall be paid as follows: one-fourth of the 2082  
amount to the treasurer of the county in which the action is 2083  
brought and three-fourths to the consumer protection enforcement 2084  
fund created by section 1345.51 of the Revised Code. 2085

(H) The remedies available to the attorney general under 2086  
this section are cumulative and concurrent, and the exercise of 2087  
one remedy by the attorney general does not preclude or require 2088  
the exercise of any other remedy. The attorney general is not 2089  
required to use any procedure set forth in section 1345.06 of 2090  
the Revised Code prior to the exercise of any remedy set forth 2091  
in this section. 2092

**Sec. 1345.21.** As used in sections 1345.21 to 1345.28 of 2093  
the Revised Code: 2094

(A) "Home solicitation sale" means a sale of consumer 2095  
goods or services in which the seller or a person acting for the 2096  
seller engages in a personal solicitation of the sale at a 2097  
residence of the buyer, including solicitations in response to 2098  
or following an invitation by the buyer, and the buyer's 2099  
agreement or offer to purchase is there given to the seller or a 2100  
person acting for the seller, or in which the buyer's agreement 2101  
or offer to purchase is made at a place other than the seller's 2102  
place of business. It does not include a transaction or 2103  
transactions in which: 2104

(1) The total purchase price to be paid by the buyer, 2105  
whether under single or multiple contracts, is less than twenty- 2106  
five dollars; 2107

(2) The transaction was conducted and consummated entirely 2108  
by mail or by telephone if initiated by the buyer, and without 2109

any other contact between the seller or the seller's 2110  
representative prior to the delivery of goods or performance of 2111  
the service; 2112

(3) The final agreement is made pursuant to prior 2113  
negotiations in the course of a visit by the buyer to a retail 2114  
business establishment having a fixed permanent location where 2115  
the goods are exhibited or the services are offered for sale on 2116  
a continuing basis; 2117

(4) The buyer initiates the contact between the parties 2118  
for the purpose of negotiating a purchase and the seller has a 2119  
business establishment at a fixed location in this state where 2120  
the goods or services involved in the transaction are regularly 2121  
offered or exhibited for sale. 2122

Advertisements by such a seller in newspapers, magazines, 2123  
catalogues, radio, or television do not constitute the seller 2124  
initiation of the contact. 2125

(5) The buyer initiates the contact between the parties, 2126  
the goods or services are needed to meet a bona fide immediate 2127  
personal emergency of the buyer which will jeopardize the 2128  
welfare, health, or safety of natural persons, or endanger 2129  
property which the buyer owns or for which the buyer is 2130  
responsible, and the buyer furnishes the seller with a separate, 2131  
dated, and signed statement in the buyer's handwriting 2132  
describing the situation requiring immediate remedy and 2133  
expressly acknowledging and waiving the right to cancel the sale 2134  
within three business days; 2135

(6) The buyer has initiated the contact between the 2136  
parties and specifically requested the seller to visit the 2137  
buyer's home for the purpose of repairing or performing 2138



maintenance upon the buyer's personal property. If, in the 2139  
course of such a visit, the seller sells the buyer additional 2140  
services or goods other than replacement parts necessarily used 2141  
in performing the maintenance or in making the repairs, the sale 2142  
of those additional goods or services does not fall within this 2143  
exclusion. 2144

(7) The buyer is accorded the right of rescission by the 2145  
"Consumer Credit Protection Act," (1968) 82 Stat. 152, 15 U.S.C. 2146  
1635, or regulations adopted pursuant to it. 2147

(B) "Sale" includes a lease or rental. 2148

(C) "Seller" includes a lessor or anyone offering goods 2149  
for rent. 2150

(D) "Buyer" includes a lessee or anyone who gives a 2151  
consideration for the privilege of using goods. 2152

(E) "Consumer goods or services" means goods or services 2153  
purchased, leased, or rented primarily for personal, family, or 2154  
household purposes, including courses or instruction or training 2155  
regardless of the purpose for which they are taken. 2156

(F) "Consumer goods or services" does not include goods or 2157  
services pertaining to any of the following: 2158

(1) Sales or rentals of real property by a real estate 2159  
broker or salesperson, or by a foreign real estate dealer or 2160  
salesperson, who is licensed by the Ohio real estate commission 2161  
under Chapter 4735. of the Revised Code; 2162

(2) The sale of securities or commodities by a broker- 2163  
dealer registered with the securities and exchange commission; 2164

(3) The sale of securities or commodities by a securities 2165  
dealer or salesperson licensed by the division of securities 2166

under Chapter 1707. of the Revised Code;	2167
(4) The sale of insurance by a person licensed by the superintendent of insurance;	2168 2169
(5) Goods sold or services provided by automobile dealers and salespersons licensed by the registrar of motor vehicles under Chapter 4517. of the Revised Code;	2170 2171 2172
(6) The sale of property at an auction by an auctioneer licensed by the department of agriculture under Chapter 4707. of the Revised Code.	2173 2174 2175
(G) "Purchase price" means the total cumulative price of the consumer goods or services, including all interest and service charges.	2176 2177 2178
(H) "Place of business" means the main office, or a permanent branch office or permanent local address of a seller.	2179 2180
(I) "Business day" means any calendar day except Sunday, or the following business holidays: New Year's day, <u>Martin</u> <u>Luther King day</u> , Presidents' day, Memorial day, Independence day, Labor day, Columbus day, Veterans day, Thanksgiving day, and Christmas day.	2181 2182 2183 2184 2185
<b>Sec. 1345.23.</b> (A) Every home solicitation sale shall be evidenced by a written agreement or offer to purchase in the same language as that principally used in the oral sales presentation and shall contain the name and address of the seller. The seller shall present the writing to the buyer and obtain the buyer's signature to it. The writing shall state the date on which the buyer actually signs. The seller shall leave with the buyer a copy of the writing which has been signed by the seller and complies with division (B) of this section.	2186 2187 2188 2189 2190 2191 2192 2193 2194

(B) In connection with every home ~~solicitation~~ solicitation sale: 2195  
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(1) The following statement shall appear clearly and 2197  
conspicuously on the copy of the contract left with the buyer in 2198  
bold-face type of the minimum size of ten points, in 2199  
substantially the following form and in immediate proximity to 2200  
the space reserved in the contract for the signature of the 2201  
buyer: "You, the buyer, may cancel this transaction at any time 2202  
prior to midnight of the third ~~business~~ business day after the 2203  
date of this transaction. See the attached notice of 2204  
cancellation for an explanation of this right." 2205

(2) A completed form, in duplicate, captioned "notice of 2206  
cancellation", shall be attached to the contract signed by the 2207  
buyer and be easily detachable, and shall contain in ten-point, 2208  
bold-face type, the following information and statements in the 2209  
same language as that used in the contract: 2210

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION 2211

(enter date of transaction) 2212

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(Date) 2214

You may cancel this transaction, without any penalty or 2215  
obligation, within three business days from the above date. 2216

If you cancel, any property traded in, any payments made by you 2217  
under the contract or sale, and any negotiable instrument 2218  
executed by you will be returned within ten business days 2219  
following receipt by the seller of your cancellation notice, and 2220  
any security interest arising out of the transaction will be 2221  
cancelled. 2222

If you cancel, you must make available to the seller at your residence, in substantially as good condition as when received, any goods delivered to you under this contract or sale; or you may if you wish, comply with the instructions of the seller regarding the return shipment of the goods at the seller's expense and risk.

If you do make the goods available to the seller and the seller does not pick them up within twenty days of the date of your notice of cancellation, you may retain or dispose of the goods without any further obligation. If you fail to make the goods available to the seller, or if you agree to return the goods to the seller and fail to do so, then you remain liable for performance of all obligations under the contract.

To cancel this transaction, mail, with return receipt requested, or deliver, in person or manually, a signed and dated copy of this cancellation notice or any other written notice of cancellation, or ~~send a telegram~~ notice by facsimile transmission or electronic mail, to ..... (Name of seller), at ..... (address, electronic mail address, or facsimile number of seller's place of business) not later than midnight of ..... (Date)

I hereby cancel this transaction.

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Date

(Buyer's signature)

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(3) Before furnishing copies of the notice of cancellation to the buyer, the seller shall complete both copies by entering

the name of the seller, the address, electronic mail address, or 2251  
facsimile number of the seller's place of business, the date of 2252  
the transaction which is the date the buyer signed the contract 2253  
and the date, not earlier than the third business day following 2254  
the date of the transaction, by which the buyer may give notice 2255  
of cancellation. 2256

(4) A home solicitation sales contract which contains the 2257  
notice of buyer's right to cancel and notice of cancellation in 2258  
the form and language provided in the federal trade commission's 2259  
trade regulation rule providing a cooling-off period for door- 2260  
to-door sales shall be deemed to comply with the requirements of 2261  
divisions (B) (1), (2), and (3) of this section with respect to 2262  
the form and language of such notices so long as the federal 2263  
trade commission language provides at least equal information to 2264  
the consumer concerning ~~his~~ the consumer's right to cancel as is 2265  
required by divisions (B) (1), (2), and (3) of this section. 2266

(C) Until the seller has complied with divisions (A) and 2267  
(B) of this section the buyer may cancel the home solicitation 2268  
sale by ~~notifying~~ delivering to the seller by ~~mailing,~~ 2269  
~~delivering, or telegraphing~~ certified mail, return receipt 2270  
requested, personal or manual delivery, facsimile transmission, 2271  
or electronic mail, written notice to the seller of ~~his~~ the 2272  
buyer's intention to cancel. The three--day period prescribed by 2273  
section 1345.22 of the Revised Code begins to run from the time 2274  
the seller complies with divisions (A) and (B) of this section. 2275

(D) In connection with any home solicitation sale, no 2276  
seller shall: 2277

(1) Include in any home solicitation sales contract, any 2278  
confession of judgment or any waiver of any rights to which the 2279  
buyer is entitled under this section, including specifically ~~his~~ 2280

the buyer's right to cancel the sale in accordance with this 2281  
section. 2282

(2) Fail to inform each buyer orally, at the time ~~he signs~~ 2283  
of signing the contract for the goods or services, ~~of his~~ the 2284  
buyer's right to cancel. 2285

(3) Misrepresent in any manner the buyer's right to 2286  
cancel. 2287

(4) Fail or refuse to honor any valid notice of 2288  
cancellation by a buyer and within ten business days after 2289  
receipt of such notice to: 2290

(a) Refund all payments made under the contract or sale; 2291

(b) Return any goods or property traded in, in 2292  
substantially as good condition as when received by the seller; 2293

(c) Cancel and return any note, negotiable instrument, or 2294  
other evidence of indebtedness executed by the buyer in 2295  
connection with the contract or sale and take any action 2296  
necessary or appropriate to reflect the termination of any 2297  
security interest or lien created under the sale or offer to 2298  
purchase. 2299

(5) Negotiate, transfer, sell, or assign any note or other 2300  
evidence of indebtedness to a finance company or other third 2301  
party prior to midnight of the fifth business day following the 2302  
day the contract for the goods or services was signed. 2303

(6) Fail to notify the buyer, within ten business days of 2304  
receipt of the buyer's notice of cancellation, whether the 2305  
seller intends to repossess or abandon any shipped or delivered 2306  
goods. 2307

**Sec. 1345.24.** In a home solicitation sale, the seller 2308

shall retain, for the period in which an action to enforce the 2309  
sale could be commenced, any notice of cancellation made 2310  
pursuant to section 1345.22 of the Revised Code. The seller 2311  
shall also retain ~~the any~~ envelope in which ~~any a~~ notice of 2312  
cancellation is sent or delivered. If the date of delivery is 2313  
not indicated or recorded on the notice of cancellation or on 2314  
the envelope, the seller shall record the date of delivery on 2315  
the notice of cancellation. 2316

**Sec. 1345.43.** ~~(A)~~—In addition to any right otherwise to 2317  
revoke an offer or to terminate or cancel a sale or contract, 2318  
the buyer has the right to cancel a prepaid entertainment 2319  
contract until midnight of the third business day after the date 2320  
on which the first service under the contract is available, and 2321  
if the facility or service that is the subject of the contract 2322  
is not available at the time that the buyer signs the contract, 2323  
the buyer has until midnight of the seventh business day after 2324  
the date on which the first service under the contract is 2325  
available to cancel the contract. Cancellation is evidenced by 2326  
the buyer giving written notice of cancellation to the seller at 2327  
the address of any facility available for use by the buyer under 2328  
the contract, the seller's electronic mail address, or the 2329  
seller's facsimile number. The buyer shall deliver the notice by 2330  
~~telegram,~~ manual delivery, personal delivery, or by certified 2331  
mail delivery, return receipt requested, electronic mail, or 2332  
facsimile transmission. Notice of cancellation by certified mail 2333  
delivery shall be effective upon the date of post marking. 2334  
~~Telegram~~ Electronic mail delivery is effective when the ~~telegram~~ 2335  
electronic mail is ordered sent to the seller's electronic mail 2336  
address. Facsimile delivery is effective when the facsimile is 2337  
sent to the seller's facsimile number and the consumer has 2338  
received confirmation of the facsimile transmission. Manual 2339

delivery or personal delivery is effective when delivered to the 2340  
seller or to the seller's address, whichever comes first. Notice 2341  
of cancellation need not take a particular form and is 2342  
sufficient if it indicates, by any form of written expression, 2343  
the intention of the buyer not to be bound by the contract. 2344  
Notice of the buyer's right to cancel must appear on all notes 2345  
or other evidence of indebtedness given pursuant to any prepaid 2346  
entertainment contract. 2347

**Sec. 1345.44.** (A) Every prepaid entertainment contract 2348  
shall state the date on which the buyer actually signs. The 2349  
seller shall give the buyer a copy of the contract that has been 2350  
signed by the seller and complies with division (B) of this 2351  
section. 2352

(B) All of the following apply to any prepaid 2353  
entertainment contract: 2354

(1) A completed form, in duplicate, captioned "notice of 2355  
cancellation," shall be attached to the contract signed by the 2356  
buyer and be easily detachable and shall contain in ten-point 2357  
boldface type, the following statement: 2358

"NOTICE OF CANCELLATION 2359

(Enter date of contract) 2360

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(Date) 2362

You may cancel this contract for any reason at any time 2363  
prior to midnight of the third business day after the date on 2364  
which the first service under the contract is available, and if 2365  
the facility or services that is the subject of the contract is 2366  
not available when you sign the contract, you may cancel the 2367



contract at any time prior to midnight of the seventh business 2368  
day after the date on which you receive your first service under 2369  
the contract. If you cancel within this period, the seller must 2370  
send you a full refund of any money you have paid, except that a 2371  
reasonable expense fee not to exceed ten dollars may be charged 2372  
if you have received your first service under the contract. The 2373  
seller must also cancel and return to you within twenty business 2374  
days any papers that you have signed. 2375

To cancel this contract you must deliver in person, 2376  
manually, ~~or~~ by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by 2377  
facsimile transmission, the signed and dated copy of this 2378  
cancellation notice or any other written notice of cancellation, 2379  
or ~~send a telegram~~ an electronic mail message, to (name of 2380  
seller), at (the address of any facility of the seller available 2381  
for use by ~~you~~ the buyer, the seller's facsimile number, or the 2382  
seller's electronic mail address) not later than midnight of the 2383  
third business day after the date on which the first service 2384  
under the contract is available, and if the facility or service 2385  
that is the subject of the contract is not available when the 2386  
contract was signed, not later than midnight of the seventh 2387  
business day after the date on which the first service under the 2388  
contract is available. 2389

I hereby cancel this contract. 2390

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(Date) 2392

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(Buyer's signature)" 2394

(2) Before furnishing copies of the notice of cancellation 2395  
to the buyer, the seller shall complete both copies by entering 2396

the name of the seller, the address of the ~~seller's place of~~ 2397  
~~business~~ facility available for use by the buyer, the seller's 2398  
facsimile number, or the seller's electronic mail address, and 2399  
the date of the contract. 2400

(C) Until the seller has complied with this section, the 2401  
buyer may cancel the contract by delivering to the seller by 2402  
certified mail, personal or manual delivery, facsimile 2403  
transmission, or ~~telegraphing~~ electronic mail, written notice to 2404  
the seller of ~~his~~ the buyer's intention to cancel. The period 2405  
within which the buyer may cancel the contract prescribed by 2406  
this section begins to run from the time ~~of~~ the seller complies 2407  
with divisions (A) and (B) of this section. 2408

(D) In any prepaid entertainment contract no seller shall: 2409

(1) Include in any contract, any confession of judgment or 2410  
any waiver of any rights to which the buyer is entitled under 2411  
this section, including specifically ~~his~~ the right to cancel the 2412  
contract in accordance with this section; 2413

(2) Fail to inform each buyer orally, at the time ~~he signs~~ 2414  
of signing the contract, of ~~his~~ the right to cancel; 2415

(3) Misrepresent in any manner the buyer's right to 2416  
cancel; 2417

(4) Fail or refuse to honor any valid notice of 2418  
cancellation by a buyer and within ten business days after 2419  
receipt of the notice to: 2420

(a) Refund all payments made under the contract, except 2421  
that if the buyer has received ~~his~~ the buyer's first service 2422  
under the contract the seller may retain or bill the buyer for 2423  
ten dollars; 2424

(b) Cancel and return any note, negotiable instrument, or 2425  
other evidence of indebtedness executed by the buyer in 2426  
connection with the contract and take any action necessary to 2427  
reflect the termination of any security interest or lien created 2428  
under the contract; 2429

(c) Notify the buyer if the seller intends to repossess or 2430  
abandon any evidence of membership or other goods provided to 2431  
the buyer by the seller pursuant to the contract. 2432

(E) If there is in effect an earlier prepaid entertainment 2433  
contract, this section and section 1345.43 of the Revised Code 2434  
apply to a transaction in which the seller and the buyer enter 2435  
into a new prepaid entertainment contract, or a modification of 2436  
the earlier contract. 2437

**Sec. 1349.43.** (A) As used in this section, "loan officer," 2438  
"mortgage broker," and "nonbank mortgage lender" have the same 2439  
meanings as in section 1345.01 of the Revised Code. 2440

(B) The department of commerce shall establish and 2441  
maintain an electronic database accessible through the internet 2442  
that contains information on all of the following: 2443

(1) The enforcement actions taken by the superintendent of 2444  
financial institutions for each violation of or failure to 2445  
comply with any provision of sections 1322.01 to 1322.12 of the 2446  
Revised Code, upon final disposition of the action; 2447

(2) The enforcement actions taken by the attorney general 2448  
under Chapter 1345. of the Revised Code against loan officers, 2449  
mortgage brokers, and nonbank mortgage lenders, upon final 2450  
disposition of each action; 2451

(3) All judgments by courts of this state, concerning 2452  
which appellate remedies have been exhausted or lost by the 2453

expiration of the time for appeal, finding either of the 2454  
following: 2455

(a) A violation of any provision of sections 1322.01 to 2456  
1322.12 of the Revised Code; 2457

(b) That specific acts or practices by a loan officer, 2458  
mortgage broker, or nonbank mortgage lender violate section 2459  
1345.02, 1345.03, or 1345.031 of the Revised Code. 2460

(C) The attorney general shall ~~submit to~~ notify the 2461  
department, ~~on the first day of each January, April, July, and~~ 2462  
~~October, a list~~ of all enforcement actions and judgments 2463  
described in divisions (B) (2) and (3) (b) of this section. 2464

(D) The department may adopt rules in accordance with 2465  
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that are necessary to implement 2466  
this section. 2467

(E) The electronic database maintained by the department 2468  
in accordance with this section shall not include information 2469  
that, pursuant to section 1322.061 of the Revised Code, is 2470  
confidential. 2471

**Sec. 1716.02.** (A) Every charitable organization, except 2472  
those exempted under section 1716.03 of the Revised Code, that 2473  
intends to solicit contributions in this state by any means or 2474  
have contributions solicited in this state on its behalf by any 2475  
other person, charitable organization, commercial co-venturer, 2476  
or professional solicitor, or that participates in a charitable 2477  
sales promotion, prior to engaging in any of these activities 2478  
and annually thereafter, shall file a registration statement 2479  
with the attorney general upon a form prescribed by the attorney 2480  
general. Each chapter, branch, or affiliate of a charitable 2481  
organization that is required to file a registration statement 2482

under this section either shall file a separate registration 2483  
statement or report the necessary information to its parent 2484  
charitable organization that then shall file a consolidated 2485  
registration statement. The annual registration statement shall 2486  
be refiled on or before the fifteenth day of the fifth calendar 2487  
month after the close of each fiscal year in which the 2488  
charitable organization solicited in this state, or by the date 2489  
of any applicable extension of the federal filing date, 2490  
whichever is later. No charitable organization that is required 2491  
to register under this chapter prior to registration, shall 2492  
solicit contributions in this state by any means, have 2493  
contributions solicited in this state on its behalf by any other 2494  
person, charitable organization, commercial co-venturer, or 2495  
professional solicitor, or participate in a charitable sales 2496  
promotion. 2497

(B) The registration statement shall be signed and sworn 2498  
to under penalties of perjury by the treasurer or chief fiscal 2499  
officer of the charitable organization and shall contain the 2500  
following information: 2501

(1) The name of the charitable organization, the purpose 2502  
for which it is organized, and the name or names under which it 2503  
intends to solicit contributions; 2504

(2) The address and telephone number of the principal 2505  
place of business of the charitable organization and the address 2506  
and telephone number of every office, chapter, branch, or 2507  
affiliate of the charitable organization located in this state 2508  
or, if the charitable organization does not maintain an office 2509  
in this state, the name, address, and telephone number of the 2510  
person that has custody of its financial records; 2511

(3) The names and addresses of the officers, directors, 2512

trustees, and executive personnel of the charitable organization;	2513 2514
(4) The annual financial report of the charitable organization for the immediately preceding fiscal year as required under section 1716.04 of the Revised Code;	2515 2516 2517
(5) The last day of the fiscal year for the charitable organization;	2518 2519
(6) A statement of whether the charitable organization is registered with or otherwise authorized by any other governmental authority in this state or another state to solicit contributions;	2520 2521 2522 2523
(7) A statement of whether the charitable organization has had its registration or authority denied, suspended, revoked, or enjoined by any court or other governmental authority in this state or another state;	2524 2525 2526 2527
(8) A statement of whether the charitable organization intends to solicit contributions from the public directly by using its own resources or to have solicitations made on its behalf through the use of another charitable organization, fund-raising counsel, professional solicitors, or commercial co-venturers;	2528 2529 2530 2531 2532 2533
(9) The names, addresses, and the telephone numbers of any other charitable organization, fund-raising counsel, professional solicitors, and commercial co-venturers who act or will act on behalf of the charitable organization, together with a statement setting forth the specific terms of the arrangements for salaries, bonuses, commissions, expenses, or other remunerations to be paid the other charitable organization, fund-raising counsel, professional solicitors, and commercial	2534 2535 2536 2537 2538 2539 2540 2541

co-venturers. If any of the information required by division (B) 2542  
(9) of this section is not available at the time of 2543  
registration, that information shall be submitted to the 2544  
attorney general at a later date but before any solicitation 2545  
occurs. 2546

(10) The charitable purpose or purposes for which the 2547  
contributions to be solicited will be used; 2548

(11) The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the 2549  
persons within the charitable organization that will have final 2550  
responsibility for the custody of the contributions; 2551

(12) The names of the persons within the charitable 2552  
organization that will be responsible for the final distribution 2553  
of the contributions; 2554

(13) The period of time during which, and the counties in 2555  
which, the solicitation is planned to be conducted; 2556

(14) A schedule of the activities carried on by the 2557  
charitable organization in the performance of its purposes; 2558

(15) Any other information that the attorney general may, 2559  
by rule, require. 2560

(C) (1) With the initial registration only, every 2561  
charitable organization that is required to register under this 2562  
chapter also shall file with the attorney general the following: 2563

(a) A copy of the current charter, articles of 2564  
incorporation, agreement of association, instrument of trust, 2565  
constitution, or other organizational instrument, and a copy of 2566  
the bylaws of the charitable organization; 2567

(b) A statement setting forth the place where and the date 2568  
when the charitable organization was legally established, the 2569

form of its organization, and its tax exempt status, with a copy 2570  
of its federal tax exemption determination letter. 2571

(2) (a) With the next annual registration statement filed 2572  
after its adoption, the charitable organization shall file with 2573  
the attorney general a copy of any amendment to its 2574  
organizational instrument as specified in division (C) (1) (a) of 2575  
this section and a copy of any amendment to its bylaws. 2576

(b) Within thirty days after its receipt, the charitable 2577  
organization shall file with the attorney general a copy of any 2578  
federal tax exemption determination letter or any correspondence 2579  
rescinding its tax exempt status that is received after the 2580  
initial registration. Not later than thirty days after being 2581  
notified by the internal revenue service of any challenge to or 2582  
investigation of its continued entitlement to federal tax 2583  
exemption, the charitable organization shall notify the attorney 2584  
general of this fact. 2585

(D) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) (2) of 2586  
this section, every charitable organization that is required to 2587  
register under this chapter shall pay the following fees with 2588  
each registration: 2589

(a) Fifty dollars, if the contributions received for the 2590  
last calendar or fiscal year were five thousand dollars or more 2591  
but less than twenty-five thousand dollars; 2592

(b) One hundred dollars, if the contributions received for 2593  
the last calendar or fiscal year were twenty-five thousand 2594  
dollars or more but less than fifty thousand dollars; 2595

(c) Two hundred dollars, if the contributions received for 2596  
the last calendar or fiscal year were fifty thousand dollars or 2597  
more. 2598



(2) A charitable organization that is required to register 2599  
under this chapter and whose contributions received for the last 2600  
calendar or fiscal year were less than five thousand dollars 2601  
shall not pay any registration fee. 2602

(3) The amount of registration fees that a charitable 2603  
organization is required to pay under division (D) (1) of this 2604  
section shall be based on the amount of contributions that it 2605  
receives from persons in this state. If, for any reporting year, 2606  
a charitable organization cannot determine from its records the 2607  
exact amount of contributions it received from persons in this 2608  
state, it shall compute the amount of the registration fee upon 2609  
the estimated amount of contributions it received from persons 2610  
in this state, with the estimated amount to be explained in 2611  
writing at the time the registration fee is paid. At the request 2612  
of the attorney general, the charitable organization shall 2613  
substantiate the estimated amount of contributions it received 2614  
from persons in this state. 2615

(4) All registration fees shall be paid into the state 2616  
treasury to the credit of the charitable law fund established 2617  
under section 109.32 of the Revised Code. 2618

(5) Any charitable organization that fails to pay the fee 2619  
required by this section at the time required shall pay an 2620  
additional fee of two hundred dollars, except that the attorney 2621  
general may waive the two-hundred-dollar fee upon a showing that 2622  
the charitable organization failed to pay the fee for filing the 2623  
annual registration statement at the time required by this 2624  
section for reasons that were beyond the control of the 2625  
charitable organization. If the charitable organization is 2626  
required to pay an additional fee under section 109.31 of the 2627  
Revised Code, the charitable organization is exempt from paying 2628

the additional fee in this section. 2629

**Sec. 1716.05.** (A) No person shall act as a fund-raising 2630  
counsel unless the person first has complied with the 2631  
requirements of this chapter and any rules adopted under this 2632  
chapter. 2633

(B) Any fund-raising counsel that at any time has custody 2634  
of contributions from a solicitation shall do all of the 2635  
following: 2636

(1) Register with the attorney general. Applications for 2637  
registration or renewal of registration shall be in writing, 2638  
under oath, and in the form prescribed by the attorney general, 2639  
and shall be accompanied by a fee in the amount of two hundred 2640  
dollars. Any corporation, partnership, association, or other 2641  
entity that intends to act as a fund-raising counsel may 2642  
register for and pay a single fee of two hundred dollars on 2643  
behalf of all its members, officers, employees, and agents. In 2644  
that case, the names and addresses of all the officers, 2645  
employees, and agents of the fund-raising counsel and all other 2646  
persons with whom the fund-raising counsel has contracted to 2647  
work under its direction shall be listed in the application. The 2648  
application shall contain any other information that the 2649  
attorney general may require. The registration or renewal of 2650  
registration shall be for a period of one year or part of one 2651  
year and shall expire on the thirty-first day of March of each 2652  
year. All fees prescribed in this division shall be paid into 2653  
the state treasury to the credit of the charitable law fund 2654  
established under section 109.32 of the Revised Code. 2655

(2) At the time of making an application for registration 2656  
or renewal of registration, file with and have approved by the 2657  
attorney general a bond in which the fund-raising counsel shall 2658

be the principal obligor, in the sum of twenty-five thousand 2659  
dollars, with one or more sureties authorized to do business in 2660  
this state. The fund-raising counsel shall maintain the bond in 2661  
effect as long as the registration is in effect; however, the 2662  
liability of the surety under the bond shall not exceed an all- 2663  
time aggregate liability of twenty-five thousand dollars. The 2664  
bond, which may be in the form of a rider to a larger blanket 2665  
liability bond, shall run to the state and to any person who may 2666  
have a cause of action against the principal obligor of the bond 2667  
for any liability arising out of a violation by the obligor of 2668  
any provision of this chapter or any rule adopted pursuant to 2669  
this chapter. 2670

(3) Not later than ninety days after a solicitation 2671  
campaign has been completed and on the anniversary of the 2672  
commencement of a solicitation campaign lasting more than one 2673  
year, furnish an accounting of all contributions collected and 2674  
expenses paid, to the charitable organization with which the 2675  
fund-raising counsel has contracted. The accounting shall be in 2676  
writing and shall be retained by the charitable organization for 2677  
three years. The fund-raising counsel shall file a copy of the 2678  
accounting with the attorney general not later than seven days 2679  
after it is furnished to the charitable organization. 2680

(4) Not later than two days after receipt of each 2681  
contribution, deposit the entire amount of the contribution in 2682  
an account at a bank or other federally insured financial 2683  
institution which shall be in the name of the charitable 2684  
organization with which the fund-raising counsel has contracted. 2685  
Each contribution collected by the fund-raising counsel shall be 2686  
solely in the name of that charitable organization. The 2687  
charitable organization shall have sole control of all 2688  
withdrawals from the account and the fund-raising counsel shall 2689

not be given the authority to withdraw any deposited funds from 2690  
the account. 2691

(5) During each solicitation campaign and for not less 2692  
than three years after its completion, maintain the following 2693  
records that shall be made available to the attorney general 2694  
upon the attorney general's request: 2695

(a) A record of each contribution that at any time is in 2696  
the custody of the fund-raising counsel, including the name and 2697  
address of each contributor and the date and amount of the 2698  
contribution, provided that the attorney general shall not 2699  
disclose that information except to the extent necessary for 2700  
investigative or law enforcement purposes; 2701

(b) The location of each bank or financial institution in 2702  
which the fund-raising counsel has deposited revenue from the 2703  
solicitation campaign and the account number of each account in 2704  
which the deposits were made. 2705

(C) Unless otherwise provided in this section, any change 2706  
in any information filed with the attorney general pursuant to 2707  
this section shall be reported in writing to the attorney 2708  
general within seven days after the change occurs. 2709

(D) No person shall serve as a fund-raising counsel, or be 2710  
a member, officer, employee, or agent of any fund-raising 2711  
counsel, who has been convicted in the last five years of either 2712  
of the following: 2713

(1) Any violation of this chapter or any rule adopted 2714  
under this chapter, or of any charitable solicitation 2715  
legislation or regulation of a political subdivision of this 2716  
state or charitable solicitation law of any other jurisdiction 2717  
that is similar to this chapter; 2718

(2) A felony in this or another state. 2719

(E) The information provided under this section to the 2720  
attorney general by a fund-raising counsel shall be included in 2721  
the reports and files required to be compiled and maintained by 2722  
the attorney general pursuant to divisions (E) and (F) of 2723  
section 1716.08 of the Revised Code. 2724

(F) If a fund-raising counsel fails to comply in a timely 2725  
or complete manner with any of the requirements under this 2726  
section, the fund-raising counsel is liable for and, in addition 2727  
to any fee required in this section, shall pay two hundred 2728  
dollars for each late filing. Each registration, renewal of 2729  
registration, bond, or accounting shall be considered a separate 2730  
filing for the purposes of this section. Any fees required by 2731  
this section are in addition to, and not in place of, penalties 2732  
prescribed in this chapter. 2733

**Sec. 1716.07.** (A) No professional solicitor shall engage 2734  
in any solicitation unless it has complied with the requirements 2735  
of this chapter and any rules adopted under this chapter. 2736

(B) Every professional solicitor, before engaging in any 2737  
solicitation, shall register with the attorney general. 2738  
Applications for registration or renewal of registration shall 2739  
be in writing, under oath, and in the form prescribed by the 2740  
attorney general, and shall be accompanied by a fee in the 2741  
amount of two hundred dollars. Any corporation, partnership, 2742  
association, or other entity that intends to act as a 2743  
professional solicitor may register for and pay a single fee of 2744  
two hundred dollars on behalf of all its members, officers, 2745  
employees, agents, and solicitors. In that case, the names and 2746  
addresses of all the officers, employees, and agents of the 2747  
professional solicitor and all other persons with whom the 2748

professional solicitor has contracted to work under its 2749  
direction, including solicitors, shall be listed in the 2750  
application or furnished to the attorney general within five 2751  
days of the date of employment or contractual arrangement. The 2752  
application shall contain any other information that the 2753  
attorney general may require. The registration shall be for a 2754  
period of one year or part of one year and shall expire on the 2755  
thirty-first day of March of each year. Upon application and 2756  
payment of the fee specified in this division and filing of the 2757  
bond prescribed in division (C) of this section, the 2758  
registration may be renewed for additional one-year periods. All 2759  
fees prescribed in this division shall be paid into the state 2760  
treasury to the credit of the charitable law fund established 2761  
under section 109.32 of the Revised Code. 2762

(C) At the time of making an application for registration 2763  
or renewal of registration, the professional solicitor shall 2764  
file with and have approved by the attorney general a bond in 2765  
which the professional solicitor shall be the principal obligor, 2766  
in the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, with one or more 2767  
sureties authorized to do business in this state. The 2768  
professional solicitor shall maintain the bond in effect as long 2769  
as the registration is in effect; however, the liability of the 2770  
surety under the bond shall not exceed an all-time aggregate 2771  
liability of twenty-five thousand dollars. The bond, which may 2772  
be in the form of a rider to a larger blanket liability bond, 2773  
shall run to the state and to any person who may have a cause of 2774  
action against the principal obligor of the bond for any 2775  
liability arising out of a violation by the obligor of any 2776  
provision of this chapter or any rule adopted pursuant to this 2777  
chapter. 2778

(D) (1) Prior to the commencement of any solicitation, the 2779

professional solicitor shall file all of the following with the attorney general:	2780 2781
(a) A completed document called "Solicitation Notice" upon a form prescribed by the attorney general and containing all of the information specified in division (D) (2) of this section;	2782 2783 2784
(b) A copy of the contract described in division (A) of section 1716.08 of the Revised Code;	2785 2786
(c) A sworn statement by the charitable organization on whose behalf the professional solicitor is acting certifying that the solicitation notice and any accompanying material are true and correct to the best of its knowledge.	2787 2788 2789 2790
(2) The solicitation notice shall include all of the following:	2791 2792
(a) The fund-raising methods to be used;	2793
(b) The projected dates when the solicitation will commence and terminate;	2794 2795
(c) The location and telephone number from where the solicitation will be conducted if it will be conducted by telephone;	2796 2797 2798
(d) The name and residence address of each person responsible for directing and supervising the conduct of the solicitation campaign;	2799 2800 2801
(e) A statement of whether the professional solicitor will at any time have custody of any contributions;	2802 2803
(f) A full and fair description of the charitable program for which the solicitation campaign is being carried out;	2804 2805
(g) The written and signed consent of every charitable	2806

organization on whose behalf the professional solicitor will be 2807  
soliciting contributions or whose name will be mentioned during 2808  
the solicitation. 2809

(E) Not later than ninety days after a solicitation 2810  
campaign has been completed and on the anniversary of the 2811  
commencement of a solicitation campaign lasting more than one 2812  
year, the professional solicitor shall provide to the charitable 2813  
organization and file with the attorney general a financial 2814  
report of the campaign, including the gross revenue received and 2815  
an itemization of all expenses incurred. The report shall be 2816  
completed on a form prescribed by the attorney general and 2817  
signed by an authorized official of the professional solicitor 2818  
who shall certify under oath that the report is true and 2819  
correct. 2820

(F) Each contribution collected by or in the custody of 2821  
the professional solicitor shall be solely in the name of the 2822  
charitable organization on whose behalf the contribution was 2823  
solicited. Not later than two days after receipt of each 2824  
contribution, the professional solicitor shall deposit the 2825  
entire amount of the contribution in an account at a bank or 2826  
other federally insured financial institution, which shall be in 2827  
the name of that charitable organization. The charitable 2828  
organization shall have sole control of all withdrawals from the 2829  
account and the professional solicitor shall not be given the 2830  
authority to withdraw any deposited funds from the account. 2831

(G) (1) During each solicitation campaign and for not less 2832  
than three years after its completion, the professional 2833  
solicitor shall maintain the following records: 2834

(a) The name and, if known to the professional solicitor, 2835  
the address and telephone number of each contributor and the 2836



date and amount of the contribution, provided that the attorney 2837  
general shall not disclose that information except to the extent 2838  
necessary for investigative or law enforcement purposes; 2839

(b) The name and residence address of each employee, 2840  
agent, and any other person, however designated, who is involved 2841  
in the solicitation, the amount of compensation paid to each, 2842  
and the dates on which the payments were made; 2843

(c) A record of all contributions that at any time are in 2844  
the custody of the professional solicitor; 2845

(d) A record of all expenses incurred by the professional 2846  
solicitor for the payment of which the professional solicitor is 2847  
liable; 2848

(e) A record of all expenses incurred by the professional 2849  
solicitor for the payment of which the charitable organization 2850  
is liable; 2851

(f) The location of each bank or financial institution in 2852  
which the professional solicitor has deposited revenue from the 2853  
solicitation campaign and the account number of each account in 2854  
which the deposits were made; 2855

(g) A copy of each pitch sheet or solicitation script used 2856  
during the solicitation campaign; 2857

(h) If a refund of a contribution has been requested, the 2858  
name and address of each person requesting the refund, and if a 2859  
refund was made, its amount and the date it was made. 2860

(i) Any other record of such information as the attorney 2861  
general may require. 2862

(2) If the professional solicitor sells tickets to any 2863  
event and represents that the tickets will be donated for use by 2864

another person, the professional solicitor also shall maintain 2865  
for the same period as specified in division (G) (1) of this 2866  
section the following records: 2867

(a) The name and address of each contributor that 2868  
purchases or donates tickets and the number of tickets purchased 2869  
or donated by the contributor; 2870

(b) The name and address of each organization that 2871  
receives the donated tickets for the use of others, and the 2872  
number of tickets received by the organization. 2873

(3) Any of the records described in divisions (G) (1) and 2874  
(2) of this section shall be made available to the attorney 2875  
general upon the attorney general's request and shall be 2876  
furnished to the attorney general within ten days of the 2877  
request. 2878

(H) Unless otherwise provided in this section or section 2879  
1716.08 of the Revised Code, any change in any information filed 2880  
with the attorney general pursuant to this section and section 2881  
1716.08 of the Revised Code shall be reported in writing to the 2882  
attorney general within seven days after the change occurs. 2883

(I) No person shall serve as a professional solicitor, or 2884  
be a member, officer, employee, or agent of any professional 2885  
solicitor, who has been convicted in the last five years of 2886  
either of the following: 2887

(1) Any violation of this chapter or any rule adopted 2888  
under this chapter, or of any charitable solicitation 2889  
legislation or regulation of a political subdivision of this 2890  
state or charitable solicitation law of any other jurisdiction 2891  
that is similar to this chapter; 2892

(2) A felony in this or another state. 2893

(J) If a professional solicitor fails to comply in a 2894  
timely or complete manner with any of the requirements under 2895  
this section, the professional solicitor is liable for and, in 2896  
addition to any fee required in this section, shall pay two 2897  
hundred dollars for each late filing. Each registration, renewal 2898  
of registration, bond, solicitation notice, contract, sworn 2899  
statement, or financial report shall be considered a separate 2900  
filing for the purposes of this section. Any fees required by 2901  
this section are in addition to, and not in place of, penalties 2902  
prescribed in this chapter. 2903

**Sec. 2329.07.** (A) As used in this section: 2904

"Aid of execution" means an aid of execution under Chapter 2905  
2333. of the Revised Code, including the issuance of an order to 2906  
a judgment debtor to appear for examination under section 2907  
2333.10 of the Revised Code. 2908

"Certificate of judgment" means a certificate issued by a 2909  
clerk of courts in which the judgment was rendered, under the 2910  
seal of the court, under section 2329.02 or 2329.04 of the 2911  
Revised Code. 2912

"Execution" has the meaning defined in section 2327.01 of 2913  
the Revised Code. 2914

"Garnishment" means a proceeding commenced when an order 2915  
of garnishment of personal earnings or an order of garnishment 2916  
of property other than personal earnings is issued by a court. 2917

For purposes of this section, an order of garnishment of 2918  
personal earnings is continuing when regular garnishment 2919  
payments are being made in accordance with a judgment debtor's 2920  
regular pay schedule. An order of garnishment other than 2921  
personal earnings is continuing until the garnishee files an 2922

answer. 2923

"Renewal of the judgment" means the occurrence of any of 2924  
the actions set forth under division (B) or (C) of this section. 2925

(B) (1) ~~If neither execution~~ A judgment that is not in 2926  
favor of the state is dormant and shall not operate as a lien 2927  
against the estate of the judgment debtor unless one of the 2928  
following occurs within five years from the date of the judgment 2929  
or any renewal of the judgment, whichever is later: 2930

(a) An execution on a judgment rendered in a court of 2931  
record or certified to the clerk of the court of common pleas in 2932  
the county in which the judgment was rendered is issued, nor a 2933

(b) A certificate of judgment for obtaining a lien upon 2934  
lands and tenements is issued and filed, as provided in sections 2935  
2329.02 and 2329.04 of the Revised Code, within five years from 2936  
the date of the judgment or within five years from the date of 2937  
the issuance of the last execution thereon or the issuance and 2938  
filing of the last such certificate, whichever is later, then, 2939  
unless the judgment is in favor of the state, the judgment shall 2940  
be dormant and shall not operate as a lien upon the estate of 2941  
the judgment debtor. 2942

(c) An order of garnishment is issued or is continuing, or 2943  
until the last garnishment payment is received by the clerk of 2944  
courts or the final report is filed by the garnishee, whichever 2945  
is later. 2946

(d) A proceeding in aid of execution is commenced or is 2947  
continuing. 2948

(2) ~~If the~~ Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of 2949  
this section, a judgment is in favor of the state, the judgment 2950  
shall not become is dormant and shall not cease to operate as a 2951

lien against the estate of the judgment debtor ~~provided that~~ 2952  
~~either unless one of the following occurs within ten years from~~ 2953  
~~the date of the judgment, or any renewal of the judgment, or~~ 2954  
~~within fifteen years from the date of the issuance of the last~~ 2955  
~~execution thereon, whichever is later:~~ 2956

(a) An execution on the judgment is issued or a. 2957

(b) A certificate of judgment is issued and filed, as 2958  
provided in sections 2329.02 and 2329.04 of the Revised Code, 2959  
~~within ten years from the date of the judgment or within fifteen~~ 2960  
~~years from the date of the issuance of the last execution~~ 2961  
~~thereon or the issuance and filing of the last such certificate,~~ 2962  
~~whichever is later, except as otherwise provided in division (C)~~ 2963  
~~of this section.~~ 2964

(c) An order of garnishment is issued or is continuing, or 2965  
until the last garnishment payment is received by the clerk of 2966  
courts or the final report and answer is filed by the garnishee, 2967  
whichever is later. 2968

(d) A proceeding in aid of execution is commenced or is 2969  
continuing. The 2970

The fifteen-year limitation period applies to executions 2971  
issued and certificates of judgments issued and filed before, 2972  
on, or after ~~the effective date of the amendment of this section~~ 2973  
~~by .....~~ of the 126th general assembly March 29, 2007. 2974

~~(B)~~ (C) If, in any county other than that in which a 2975  
judgment was rendered, the judgment has become a lien by reason 2976  
of the filing, in the office of the clerk of the court of common 2977  
pleas of that county, of a certificate of the judgment as 2978  
provided in sections 2329.02 and 2329.04 of the Revised Code, 2979  
~~and if no execution is issued for the enforcement of the~~ 2980

~~judgment within that county, or no further certificate of the~~ 2981  
~~judgment is filed in that county, or there has been a renewal of~~ 2982  
~~the judgment, except as otherwise provided under division (D) of~~ 2983  
~~this section, the judgment shall cease to operate as a lien upon~~ 2984  
~~lands and tenements of the judgment debtor within that county,~~ 2985  
~~unless one of the following occurs within five years or, if the~~ 2986  
~~judgment is in favor of the state, within fifteen years from the~~ 2987  
~~date of issuance of the last execution for the enforcement of~~ 2988  
~~the judgment within that county or the date of filing of the~~ 2989  
~~last certificate in that county, whichever is the later, then~~ 2990  
~~the judgment shall cease to operate as a lien upon lands and~~ 2991  
~~tenements of the judgment debtor within that county, except as~~ 2992  
~~otherwise provided in division (C) of this section:~~ 2993

(1) An execution on a judgment is issued. 2994

(2) A certificate of the judgment is filed in that county. 2995

(3) An order of garnishment is issued or is continuing, or 2996  
until the last garnishment payment is received by the clerk of 2997  
courts or the final report and answer is filed by the garnishee, 2998  
whichever is later. 2999

(4) A proceeding in aid of execution is commenced or is 3000  
continuing. The 3001

The fifteen-year limitation period applies to executions 3002  
issued and certificates of judgments issued and filed before, 3003  
on, or after the effective date of the amendment of this section 3004  
by H.B. 699 of the 126th general assembly March 29, 2007. 3005

~~(C)~~ (D) (1) As used in division ~~(C)~~ (D) of this section, 3006  
"interim period" means the period beginning September 26, 2003, 3007  
and ending September 27, 2006. 3008

(2) Division ~~(C)~~ (D) of this section applies only to 3009

judgments in favor of the state that are subject to this section 3010  
and to which both of the following apply: 3011

(a) The first issuance of execution on the judgment, or a 3012  
garnishment or an aid in execution proceeding was commenced or 3013  
continuing, or the ~~first issuance and filing of the certificate~~ 3014  
of judgment, ~~was issued or issued and filed~~ within the ten-year 3015  
period provided in this section before the beginning of the 3016  
interim period; 3017

(b) Subsequent issuance of execution on the judgment, or 3018  
an order of garnishment or an aid in execution proceeding was 3019  
commenced or continuing, or subsequent issuance and filing of 3020  
the certificate of judgment would have been required during the 3021  
interim period in order to keep the lien from becoming dormant 3022  
under this section as this section existed on September 25, 3023  
2003, and as if this section as it existed on that date had been 3024  
in effect during the interim period. 3025

(3) Such a judgment shall ~~not~~ become dormant and shall ~~not~~ 3026  
cease to operate as a lien against the estate of the judgment 3027  
debtor ~~if either~~ unless one of the following occurs within 3028  
fifteen years after the expiration of the ten-year period 3029  
following issuance of the last execution on the judgment or 3030  
following the issuance and filing of the last such certificate, 3031  
whichever is later: 3032

(a) An execution on the judgment is issued or a. 3033

(b) A certificate of judgment is issued and filed, as 3034  
~~provided in sections 2329.02 and 2329.04 of the Revised Code,~~ 3035  
~~within fifteen years after the expiration of the ten-year period~~ 3036  
~~following issuance of the last execution on the judgment or~~ 3037  
~~following the issuance and filing of the last such certificate,~~ 3038

~~whichever is later.~~ 3039

(c) A garnishment proceeding has been commenced or is 3040  
continuing or until the last garnishment payment is received by 3041  
the clerk of courts or the final report and answer is filed by 3042  
the garnishee, whichever is later. 3043

(d) A proceeding in aid of execution is commenced or is 3044  
continuing. 3045

**Sec. 2743.191.** (A) (1) There is hereby created in the state 3046  
treasury the reparations fund, which shall be used only for the 3047  
following purposes: 3048

(a) The payment of awards of reparations that are granted 3049  
by the attorney general; 3050

(b) The compensation of any personnel needed by the 3051  
attorney general to administer sections 2743.51 to 2743.72 of 3052  
the Revised Code; 3053

(c) The compensation of witnesses as provided in division 3054  
(J) of section 2743.65 of the Revised Code; 3055

(d) Other administrative costs of hearing and determining 3056  
claims for an award of reparations by the attorney general; 3057

(e) The costs of administering sections 2907.28 and 3058  
2969.01 to 2969.06 of the Revised Code; 3059

(f) The costs of investigation and decision-making as 3060  
certified by the attorney general; 3061

(g) The provision of state financial assistance to victim 3062  
assistance programs in accordance with sections 109.91 and 3063  
109.92 of the Revised Code; 3064

(h) The costs of paying the expenses of sex offense- 3065



related examinations, antibiotics, and HIV post-exposure 3066  
prophylaxis pursuant to section 2907.28 of the Revised Code; 3067

(i) The cost of printing and distributing the pamphlet 3068  
prepared by the attorney general pursuant to section 109.42 of 3069  
the Revised Code; 3070

(j) Subject to division (D) of section 2743.71 of the 3071  
Revised Code, the costs associated with the printing and 3072  
providing of information cards or other printed materials to law 3073  
enforcement agencies and prosecuting authorities and with 3074  
publicizing the availability of awards of reparations pursuant 3075  
to section 2743.71 of the Revised Code; 3076

(k) The payment of costs of administering a DNA specimen 3077  
collection procedure pursuant to sections 2152.74 and 2901.07 of 3078  
the Revised Code, of performing DNA analysis of those DNA 3079  
specimens, and of entering the resulting DNA records regarding 3080  
those analyses into the DNA database pursuant to section 109.573 3081  
of the Revised Code; 3082

(l) The payment of actual costs associated with 3083  
initiatives by the attorney general for the apprehension, 3084  
prosecution, and accountability of offenders, and the enhancing 3085  
of services to crime victims. The amount of payments made 3086  
pursuant to division (A)(1)(1) of this section during any given 3087  
fiscal year shall not exceed five per cent of the balance of the 3088  
reparations fund at the close of the immediately previous fiscal 3089  
year; 3090

(m) The costs of administering the adult parole 3091  
authority's supervision pursuant to division (E) of section 3092  
2971.05 of the Revised Code of sexually violent predators who 3093  
are sentenced to a prison term pursuant to division (A)(3) of 3094

section 2971.03 of the Revised Code and of offenders who are 3095  
sentenced to a prison term pursuant to division (B) (1) (a), (b), 3096  
or (c), (B) (2) (a), (b), or (c), or (B) (3) (a), (b), (c), or (d) 3097  
of that section; 3098

(n) Subject to the limit set forth in those sections, the 3099  
costs of the installation and monitoring of an electronic 3100  
monitoring device used in the monitoring of a respondent 3101  
pursuant to an electronic monitoring order issued by a court 3102  
under division (E) (1) (b) of section 2151.34 or division (E) (1) 3103  
(b) of section 2903.214 of the Revised Code if the court 3104  
determines that the respondent is indigent or used in the 3105  
monitoring of an offender pursuant to an electronic monitoring 3106  
order issued under division (B) (5) of section 2919.27 of the 3107  
Revised Code if the court determines that the offender is 3108  
indigent. 3109

(2) All costs paid pursuant to section 2743.70 of the 3110  
Revised Code, the portions of license reinstatement fees 3111  
mandated by division (F) (2) (b) of section 4511.191 of the 3112  
Revised Code to be credited to the fund, the portions of the 3113  
proceeds of the sale of a forfeited vehicle specified in 3114  
division (C) (2) of section 4503.234 of the Revised Code, 3115  
payments collected by the department of rehabilitation and 3116  
correction from prisoners who voluntarily participate in an 3117  
approved work and training program pursuant to division (C) (8) 3118  
(b) (ii) of section 5145.16 of the Revised Code, and all moneys 3119  
collected by the state pursuant to its right of subrogation 3120  
provided in section 2743.72 of the Revised Code shall be 3121  
deposited in the fund. 3122

(B) In making an award of reparations, the attorney 3123  
general shall render the award against the state. The award 3124

shall be accomplished only through the following procedure, and 3125  
the following procedure may be enforced by writ of mandamus 3126  
directed to the appropriate official: 3127

(1) The attorney general shall provide for payment of the 3128  
claimant or providers in the amount of the award only if the 3129  
amount of the award is fifty dollars or more. 3130

(2) The expense shall be charged against all available 3131  
unencumbered moneys in the fund. 3132

(3) If sufficient unencumbered moneys do not exist in the 3133  
fund, the attorney general shall make application for payment of 3134  
the award out of the emergency purposes account or any other 3135  
appropriation for emergencies or contingencies, and payment out 3136  
of this account or other appropriation shall be authorized if 3137  
there are sufficient moneys greater than the sum total of then 3138  
pending emergency purposes account requests or requests for 3139  
releases from the other appropriations. 3140

(4) If sufficient moneys do not exist in the account or 3141  
any other appropriation for emergencies or contingencies to pay 3142  
the award, the attorney general shall request the general 3143  
assembly to make an appropriation sufficient to pay the award, 3144  
and no payment shall be made until the appropriation has been 3145  
made. The attorney general shall make this appropriation request 3146  
during the current biennium and during each succeeding biennium 3147  
until a sufficient appropriation is made. If, prior to the time 3148  
that an appropriation is made by the general assembly pursuant 3149  
to this division, the fund has sufficient unencumbered funds to 3150  
pay the award or part of the award, the available funds shall be 3151  
used to pay the award or part of the award, and the 3152  
appropriation request shall be amended to request only 3153  
sufficient funds to pay that part of the award that is unpaid. 3154

(C) The attorney general shall not make payment on a 3155  
decision or order granting an award until all appeals have been 3156  
determined and all rights to appeal exhausted, except as 3157  
otherwise provided in this section. If any party to a claim for 3158  
an award of reparations appeals from only a portion of an award, 3159  
and a remaining portion provides for the payment of money by the 3160  
state, that part of the award calling for the payment of money 3161  
by the state and not a subject of the appeal shall be processed 3162  
for payment as described in this section. 3163

(D) The attorney general shall prepare itemized bills for 3164  
the costs of printing and distributing the pamphlet the attorney 3165  
general prepares pursuant to section 109.42 of the Revised Code. 3166  
The itemized bills shall set forth the name and address of the 3167  
persons owed the amounts set forth in them. 3168

(E) Interest earned on the moneys in the fund shall be 3169  
credited to the fund. 3170

(F) As used in this section, "DNA analysis" and "DNA 3171  
specimen" have the same meanings as in section 109.573 of the 3172  
Revised Code. 3173

**Sec. 2743.56.** (A) A claim for an award of reparations 3174  
shall be commenced by filing an application for an award of 3175  
reparations with the attorney general. The application may be 3176  
filed by mail. If the application is filed by mail, the post- 3177  
marked date of the application shall be considered the filing 3178  
date of the application. The application shall be in a form 3179  
prescribed by the attorney general and shall include a release 3180  
authorizing the attorney general and the court of claims to 3181  
obtain any report, document, or information that relates to the 3182  
determination of the claim for an award of reparations that is 3183  
requested in the application. 3184

(B) All applications for an award of reparations ~~shall~~may  
be filed ~~as follows:~~ 3185  
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~~(1) If the victim of the criminally injurious conduct was  
a minor, within two years of the victim's eighteenth birthday or  
within two years from the date a complaint, indictment, or  
information is filed against the alleged offender, whichever is  
later. This division does not require that a complaint,  
indictment, or information be filed against an alleged offender  
in order for an application for an award of reparations to be  
filed pertaining to a victim who was a minor if the application  
is filed within two years of the victim's eighteenth birthday,  
and does not affect the provisions of section 2743.64 of the  
Revised Code.~~ 3187  
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~~(2) If the victim of the criminally injurious conduct was  
an adult, at any time after the occurrence of the criminally  
injurious conduct.~~ 3198  
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**Sec. 2743.68.** A claimant may file a supplemental 3201  
reparations application in a claim if the attorney general or 3202  
the court of claims, within ~~five~~six years prior to the filing 3203  
of the supplemental application, has made any of the following 3204  
determinations: 3205

(A) That an award, supplemental award, or installment 3206  
award be granted; 3207

(B) That an award, supplemental award, or installment 3208  
award be conditioned or denied because of actual or potential 3209  
recovery from a collateral source; 3210

(C) That an award, supplemental award, or installment 3211  
award be denied because the claimant had not incurred any 3212  
economic loss at that time. 3213

**Sec. 2743.71.** (A) Any law enforcement agency that 3214  
investigates, and any prosecuting attorney, city director of 3215  
law, village solicitor, or similar prosecuting authority who 3216  
prosecutes, an offense committed in this state shall, upon first 3217  
contact with the victim or the victim's family or dependents, 3218  
give the victim or the victim's family or dependents a copy of 3219  
an information card or other printed material provided by the 3220  
attorney general pursuant to division (B) of this section and 3221  
explain, upon request, the information on the card or material 3222  
to the victim or the victim's family or dependents. 3223

(B) The attorney general shall have printed, and shall 3224  
provide to law enforcement agencies, prosecuting attorneys, city 3225  
directors of law, village solicitors, and similar prosecuting 3226  
authorities, cards or other materials that contain information 3227  
explaining awards of reparations. The information on the cards 3228  
or other materials shall include, but shall not be limited to, 3229  
the following statements: 3230

(1) Awards of reparations are limited to losses that are 3231  
caused by physical injury resulting from criminally injurious 3232  
conduct; 3233

(2) Reparations applications ~~are required to~~ may be filed 3234  
~~within the period provided by division (B)(1) of section 2743.56~~ 3235  
~~of the Revised Code if the victim of~~ at any time after the 3236  
occurrence of the criminally injurious conduct ~~was a minor;~~ 3237

(3) An attorney who represents an applicant for an award 3238  
of reparations cannot charge the applicant for the services 3239  
rendered in relation to that representation but is required to 3240  
apply to the attorney general for payment for the 3241  
representation; 3242

(4) Applications for awards of reparations may be obtained 3243  
from the attorney general, law enforcement agencies, and victim 3244  
assistance agencies and are to be filed with the attorney 3245  
general. 3246

(C) The attorney general may order that a reasonable 3247  
amount of money be paid out of the reparations fund, subject to 3248  
the limitation imposed by division (D) of this section, for use 3249  
by the attorney general to publicize the availability of awards 3250  
of reparations. 3251

(D) During any fiscal year, the total expenditure for the 3252  
printing and providing of information cards or other materials 3253  
pursuant to division (B) of this section and for the publicizing 3254  
of the availability of awards of reparations pursuant to 3255  
division (C) of this section shall not exceed two per cent of 3256  
the total of all court costs deposited, in accordance with 3257  
section 2743.70 of the Revised Code, in the reparations fund 3258  
during the immediately preceding fiscal year. 3259

**Sec. 2746.02.** A court of record of this state shall tax as 3260  
costs or otherwise require the payment of fees for the following 3261  
services rendered, as compensation for the following persons, or 3262  
as part of the sentence imposed by the court, or any other of 3263  
the following fees that are applicable in a particular case: 3264

(A) In a felony case, financial sanctions, as provided in 3265  
section 2929.18 of the Revised Code; 3266

(B) In any criminal case, the costs of prosecution, as 3267  
provided in section 2947.23 of the Revised Code; 3268

(C) In a misdemeanor case in which the offender is 3269  
sentenced to a jail term, the local detention facility is 3270  
covered by a policy adopted by the facility's governing 3271

authority requiring reimbursement for the costs of confinement, 3272  
and the offender is presented with an itemized bill pursuant to 3273  
section 2929.37 of the Revised Code for such costs, the costs of 3274  
confinement, as provided in section 2929.24 of the Revised Code; 3275

(D) In a case in which an offender is sentenced for 3276  
endangering children in violation of section 2919.22 of the 3277  
Revised Code, the costs of the offender's supervised community 3278  
service work, as provided in section 2919.22 of the Revised 3279  
Code; 3280

(E) In a case in which a defendant is charged with any of 3281  
certain sexual assault or prostitution-related offenses and is 3282  
found to be suffering from a venereal disease in an infectious 3283  
stage, the cost of medical treatment, as provided in section 3284  
2907.27 of the Revised Code; 3285

(F) In a case in which a defendant is charged with 3286  
harassment with a bodily substance, the cost of medical testing, 3287  
as provided in section 2921.38 of the Revised Code; 3288

(G) In a case in which a defendant is charged with 3289  
violating a protection order in violation of section 2919.27 of 3290  
the Revised Code or of a municipal ordinance that is 3291  
substantially similar to that section, the costs of any 3292  
evaluation and preceding examination of the defendant, as 3293  
provided in section 2919.271 of the Revised Code; 3294

(H) Presentence psychological or psychiatric reports, as 3295  
provided in section 2947.06 of the Revised Code; 3296

(I) In a criminal proceeding, the taking of a deposition 3297  
of a person who is imprisoned in a detention facility or state 3298  
correctional institution within this state or who is in the 3299  
custody of the department of youth services, as provided in 3300



section 2945.47 of the Revised Code; 3301

(J) In a case in which a person is convicted of or pleads 3302  
guilty to any offense other than a parking violation or in which 3303  
a child is found to be a delinquent child or a juvenile traffic 3304  
offender for an act that, if committed by an adult, would be an 3305  
offense other than a parking violation, additional costs and 3306  
bail, if applicable, as provided in sections 2743.70 and 3307  
2949.091 of the Revised Code, but subject to waiver as provided 3308  
in section 2949.092 of the Revised Code; 3309

(K) In a case in which a person is convicted of or pleads 3310  
guilty to a moving violation or in which a child is found to be 3311  
a juvenile traffic offender for an act which, if committed by an 3312  
adult, would be a moving violation, additional costs and bail, 3313  
if applicable, as provided in sections 2949.093 and 2949.094 of 3314  
the Revised Code, but subject to waiver as provided in section 3315  
2949.092 of the Revised Code; 3316

(L) In a case in which a defendant is convicted of 3317  
abandoning a junk vessel or outboard motor without notifying the 3318  
appropriate law enforcement officer, the cost incurred by the 3319  
state or a political subdivision in disposing of the vessel or 3320  
motor, as provided in section 1547.99 of the Revised Code; 3321

(M) The costs of electronic monitoring in the following 3322  
cases: 3323

(1) In a misdemeanor case in which the offender is 3324  
convicted of any of certain prostitution-related offenses and a 3325  
specification under section 2941.1421 of the Revised Code, as 3326  
provided in section 2929.24 of the Revised Code; 3327

(2) In a case in which the court issues a criminal 3328  
protection order against a minor upon a petition alleging that 3329

the respondent committed any of certain assault, menacing, or trespass offenses, a sexually oriented offense, or an offense under a municipal ordinance that is substantially equivalent to any of those offenses, as provided in section 2151.34 of the Revised Code;

(3) In a case in which the court issues a protection order against an adult upon a petition alleging that the respondent committed menacing by stalking or a sexually oriented offense, as provided in section 2903.214 of the Revised Code;

(4) In a case in which an offender is convicted of violating a protection order, as provided in section 2919.27 of the Revised Code;

(5) In a case in which the offender is convicted of any sexually oriented offense and is a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender relative to that offense, as provided in section 2929.13 of the Revised Code.

(N) In a proceeding for post-conviction relief, a transcript, as provided in section 2953.21 of the Revised Code;

(O) In a proceeding for the sealing of a conviction record, the ~~fee~~fees provided for in section 2953.32 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 2901.01.** (A) As used in the Revised Code:

(1) "Force" means any violence, compulsion, or constraint physically exerted by any means upon or against a person or thing.

(2) "Deadly force" means any force that carries a substantial risk that it will proximately result in the death of any person.

(3) "Physical harm to persons" means any injury, illness, 3358  
or other physiological impairment, regardless of its gravity or 3359  
duration. 3360

(4) "Physical harm to property" means any tangible or 3361  
intangible damage to property that, in any degree, results in 3362  
loss to its value or interferes with its use or enjoyment. 3363  
"Physical harm to property" does not include wear and tear 3364  
occasioned by normal use. 3365

(5) "Serious physical harm to persons" means any of the 3366  
following: 3367

(a) Any mental illness or condition of such gravity as 3368  
would normally require hospitalization or prolonged psychiatric 3369  
treatment; 3370

(b) Any physical harm that carries a substantial risk of 3371  
death; 3372

(c) Any physical harm that involves some permanent 3373  
incapacity, whether partial or total, or that involves some 3374  
temporary, substantial incapacity; 3375

(d) Any physical harm that involves some permanent 3376  
disfigurement or that involves some temporary, serious 3377  
disfigurement; 3378

(e) Any physical harm that involves acute pain of such 3379  
duration as to result in substantial suffering or that involves 3380  
any degree of prolonged or intractable pain. 3381

(6) "Serious physical harm to property" means any physical 3382  
harm to property that does either of the following: 3383

(a) Results in substantial loss to the value of the 3384  
property or requires a substantial amount of time, effort, or 3385

money to repair or replace; 3386

(b) Temporarily prevents the use or enjoyment of the 3387  
property or substantially interferes with its use or enjoyment 3388  
for an extended period of time. 3389

(7) "Risk" means a significant possibility, as contrasted 3390  
with a remote possibility, that a certain result may occur or 3391  
that certain circumstances may exist. 3392

(8) "Substantial risk" means a strong possibility, as 3393  
contrasted with a remote or significant possibility, that a 3394  
certain result may occur or that certain circumstances may 3395  
exist. 3396

(9) "Offense of violence" means any of the following: 3397

(a) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 3398  
2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.15, 2903.21, 2903.211, 3399  
2903.22, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.11, 2905.32, 2907.02, 2907.03, 3400  
2907.05, 2909.02, 2909.03, 2909.24, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 3401  
2917.01, 2917.02, 2917.03, 2917.31, 2919.25, 2921.03, 2921.04, 3402  
2921.34, or 2923.161, of division (A) (1) of section 2903.34, of 3403  
division (A) (1), (2), or (3) of section 2911.12, or of division 3404  
(B) (1), (2), (3), or (4) of section 2919.22 of the Revised Code 3405  
or felonious sexual penetration in violation of former section 3406  
2907.12 of the Revised Code; 3407

(b) A violation of an existing or former municipal 3408  
ordinance or law of this or any other state or the United 3409  
States, substantially equivalent to any section, division, or 3410  
offense listed in division (A) (9) (a) of this section; 3411

(c) An offense, other than a traffic offense, under an 3412  
existing or former municipal ordinance or law of this or any 3413  
other state or the United States, committed purposely or 3414

knowingly, and involving physical harm to persons or a risk of 3415  
serious physical harm to persons; 3416

(d) A conspiracy or attempt to commit, or complicity in 3417  
committing, any offense under division (A) (9) (a), (b), or (c) of 3418  
this section. 3419

(10) (a) "Property" means any property, real or personal, 3420  
tangible or intangible, and any interest or license in that 3421  
property. "Property" includes, but is not limited to, cable 3422  
television service, other telecommunications service, 3423  
telecommunications devices, information service, computers, 3424  
data, computer software, financial instruments associated with 3425  
computers, other documents associated with computers, or copies 3426  
of the documents, whether in machine or human readable form, 3427  
trade secrets, trademarks, copyrights, patents, and property 3428  
protected by a trademark, copyright, or patent. "Financial 3429  
instruments associated with computers" include, but are not 3430  
limited to, checks, drafts, warrants, money orders, notes of 3431  
indebtedness, certificates of deposit, letters of credit, bills 3432  
of credit or debit cards, financial transaction authorization 3433  
mechanisms, marketable securities, or any computer system 3434  
representations of any of them. 3435

(b) As used in division (A) (10) of this section, "trade 3436  
secret" has the same meaning as in section 1333.61 of the 3437  
Revised Code, and "telecommunications service" and "information 3438  
service" have the same meanings as in section 2913.01 of the 3439  
Revised Code. 3440

(c) As used in divisions (A) (10) and (13) of this section, 3441  
"cable television service," "computer," "computer software," 3442  
"computer system," "computer network," "data," and 3443  
"telecommunications device" have the same meanings as in section 3444

2913.01 of the Revised Code. 3445

(11) "Law enforcement officer" means any of the following: 3446

(a) A sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, police officer 3447  
of a township or joint police district, marshal, deputy marshal, 3448  
municipal police officer, member of a police force employed by a 3449  
metropolitan housing authority under division (D) of section 3450  
3735.31 of the Revised Code, or state highway patrol trooper; 3451

(b) An officer, agent, or employee of the state or any of 3452  
its agencies, instrumentalities, or political subdivisions, upon 3453  
whom, by statute, a duty to conserve the peace or to enforce all 3454  
or certain laws is imposed and the authority to arrest violators 3455  
is conferred, within the limits of that statutory duty and 3456  
authority; 3457

(c) A mayor, in the mayor's capacity as chief conservator 3458  
of the peace within the mayor's municipal corporation; 3459

(d) A member of an auxiliary police force organized by 3460  
county, township, or municipal law enforcement authorities, 3461  
within the scope of the member's appointment or commission; 3462

(e) A person lawfully called pursuant to section 311.07 of 3463  
the Revised Code to aid a sheriff in keeping the peace, for the 3464  
purposes and during the time when the person is called; 3465

(f) A person appointed by a mayor pursuant to section 3466  
737.01 of the Revised Code as a special patrolling officer 3467  
during riot or emergency, for the purposes and during the time 3468  
when the person is appointed; 3469

(g) A member of the organized militia of this state or the 3470  
armed forces of the United States, lawfully called to duty to 3471  
aid civil authorities in keeping the peace or protect against 3472

domestic violence;	3473
(h) A prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, secret service officer, or municipal prosecutor;	3474 3475
(i) A veterans' home police officer appointed under section 5907.02 of the Revised Code;	3476 3477
(j) A member of a police force employed by a regional transit authority under division (Y) of section 306.35 of the Revised Code;	3478 3479 3480
(k) A special police officer employed by a port authority under section 4582.04 or 4582.28 of the Revised Code;	3481 3482
(l) The house of representatives sergeant at arms if the house of representatives sergeant at arms has arrest authority pursuant to division (E) (1) of section 101.311 of the Revised Code and an assistant house of representatives sergeant at arms;	3483 3484 3485 3486
(m) The senate sergeant at arms and an assistant senate sergeant at arms;	3487 3488
(n) A special police officer employed by a municipal corporation at a municipal airport, or other municipal air navigation facility, that has scheduled operations, as defined in section 119.3 of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, 14 C.F.R. 119.3, as amended, and that is required to be under a security program and is governed by aviation security rules of the transportation security administration of the United States department of transportation as provided in Parts 1542. and 1544. of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended.	3489 3490 3491 3492 3493 3494 3495 3496 3497 3498
(12) "Privilege" means an immunity, license, or right conferred by law, bestowed by express or implied grant, arising	3499 3500

out of status, position, office, or relationship, or growing out 3501  
of necessity. 3502

(13) "Contraband" means any property that is illegal for a 3503  
person to acquire or possess under a statute, ordinance, or 3504  
rule, or that a trier of fact lawfully determines to be illegal 3505  
to possess by reason of the property's involvement in an 3506  
offense. "Contraband" includes, but is not limited to, all of 3507  
the following: 3508

(a) Any controlled substance, as defined in section 3509  
3719.01 of the Revised Code, or any device or paraphernalia; 3510

(b) Any unlawful gambling device or paraphernalia; 3511

(c) Any dangerous ordnance or obscene material. 3512

(14) A person is "not guilty by reason of insanity" 3513  
relative to a charge of an offense only if the person proves, in 3514  
the manner specified in section 2901.05 of the Revised Code, 3515  
that at the time of the commission of the offense, the person 3516  
did not know, as a result of a severe mental disease or defect, 3517  
the wrongfulness of the person's acts. 3518

(B) (1) (a) Subject to division (B) (2) of this section, as 3519  
used in any section contained in Title XXIX of the Revised Code 3520  
that sets forth a criminal offense, "person" includes all of the 3521  
following: 3522

(i) An individual, corporation, business trust, estate, 3523  
trust, partnership, and association; 3524

(ii) An unborn human who is viable. 3525

(b) As used in any section contained in Title XXIX of the 3526  
Revised Code that does not set forth a criminal offense, 3527  
"person" includes an individual, corporation, business trust, 3528



estate, trust, partnership, and association.	3529
(c) As used in division (B) (1) (a) of this section:	3530
(i) "Unborn human" means an individual organism of the species Homo sapiens from fertilization until live birth.	3531 3532
(ii) "Viable" means the stage of development of a human fetus at which there is a realistic possibility of maintaining and nourishing of a life outside the womb with or without temporary artificial life-sustaining support.	3533 3534 3535 3536
(2) Notwithstanding division (B) (1) (a) of this section, in no case shall the portion of the definition of the term "person" that is set forth in division (B) (1) (a) (ii) of this section be applied or construed in any section contained in Title XXIX of the Revised Code that sets forth a criminal offense in any of the following manners:	3537 3538 3539 3540 3541 3542
(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (2) (a) of this section, in a manner so that the offense prohibits or is construed as prohibiting any pregnant woman or her physician from performing an abortion with the consent of the pregnant woman, with the consent of the pregnant woman implied by law in a medical emergency, or with the approval of one otherwise authorized by law to consent to medical treatment on behalf of the pregnant woman. An abortion that violates the conditions described in the immediately preceding sentence may be punished as a violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.05, 2903.06, 2903.08, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.14, 2903.21, or 2903.22 of the Revised Code, as applicable. An abortion that does not violate the conditions described in the second immediately preceding sentence, but that does violate section 2919.12, division (B) of section 2919.13, or section	3543 3544 3545 3546 3547 3548 3549 3550 3551 3552 3553 3554 3555 3556 3557

2919.151, 2919.17, or 2919.18 of the Revised Code, may be 3558  
punished as a violation of section 2919.12, division (B) of 3559  
section 2919.13, or section 2919.151, 2919.17, or 2919.18 of the 3560  
Revised Code, as applicable. Consent is sufficient under this 3561  
division if it is of the type otherwise adequate to permit 3562  
medical treatment to the pregnant woman, even if it does not 3563  
comply with section 2919.12 of the Revised Code. 3564

(b) In a manner so that the offense is applied or is 3565  
construed as applying to a woman based on an act or omission of 3566  
the woman that occurs while she is or was pregnant and that 3567  
results in any of the following: 3568

(i) Her delivery of a stillborn baby; 3569

(ii) Her causing, in any other manner, the death in utero 3570  
of a viable, unborn human that she is carrying; 3571

(iii) Her causing the death of her child who is born alive 3572  
but who dies from one or more injuries that are sustained while 3573  
the child is a viable, unborn human; 3574

(iv) Her causing her child who is born alive to sustain 3575  
one or more injuries while the child is a viable, unborn human; 3576

(v) Her causing, threatening to cause, or attempting to 3577  
cause, in any other manner, an injury, illness, or other 3578  
physiological impairment, regardless of its duration or gravity, 3579  
or a mental illness or condition, regardless of its duration or 3580  
gravity, to a viable, unborn human that she is carrying. 3581

(C) As used in Title XXIX of the Revised Code: 3582

(1) "School safety zone" consists of a school, school 3583  
building, school premises, school activity, and school bus. 3584

(2) "School," "school building," and "school premises" 3585

have the same meanings as in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code. 3586  
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(3) "School activity" means any activity held under the 3588  
auspices of a board of education of a city, local, exempted 3589  
village, joint vocational, or cooperative education school 3590  
district; a governing authority of a community school 3591  
established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code; a governing 3592  
board of an educational service center, or the governing body of 3593  
a school for which the state board of education prescribes 3594  
minimum standards under section 3301.07 of the Revised Code. 3595

(4) "School bus" has the same meaning as in section 3596  
4511.01 of the Revised Code. 3597

**Sec. 2945.63.** (A) As used in this section: 3598

(1) "Child pornography" means any obscene material 3599  
involving a juvenile, any sexually oriented matter involving a 3600  
juvenile, or any material that is harmful to juveniles. 3601

(2) "Juvenile," "harmful to juveniles," "material," and 3602  
"performance" have the same meanings as in section 2907.01 of 3603  
the Revised Code. 3604

(3) "Sexually oriented matter" has the same meaning as in 3605  
section 2919.22 of the Revised Code. 3606

(B) Any child pornography that is offered as evidence or 3607  
that comes into the custody or control of the prosecutor or the 3608  
court shall remain in the custody or control of the prosecutor 3609  
or the court. 3610

(C) Notwithstanding Rule 16 of the Rules of Criminal 3611  
Procedure, the court in a criminal proceeding shall deny any 3612  
request by the defendant to photocopy, photograph, or otherwise 3613

reproduce any child pornography if the prosecutor gives the 3614  
defendant, the defendant's attorney, and any individual the 3615  
defendant may seek to qualify to furnish expert testimony at 3616  
trial ample opportunity to examine the child pornography at the 3617  
place where the prosecutor or the court is holding the child 3618  
pornography. 3619

**Sec. 2953.32.** (A) (1) Except as provided in section 2953.61 3620  
of the Revised Code, an eligible offender may apply to the 3621  
sentencing court if convicted in this state, or to a court of 3622  
common pleas if convicted in another state or in a federal 3623  
court, for the sealing of the record of the case that pertains 3624  
to the conviction. Application may be made at the expiration of 3625  
three years after the offender's final discharge if convicted of 3626  
a felony, or at the expiration of one year after the offender's 3627  
final discharge if convicted of a misdemeanor. 3628

(2) Any person who has been arrested for any misdemeanor 3629  
offense and who has effected a bail forfeiture for the offense 3630  
charged may apply to the court in which the misdemeanor criminal 3631  
case was pending when bail was forfeited for the sealing of the 3632  
record of the case that pertains to the charge. Except as 3633  
provided in section 2953.61 of the Revised Code, the application 3634  
may be filed at any time after the expiration of one year from 3635  
the date on which the bail forfeiture was entered upon the 3636  
minutes of the court or the journal, whichever entry occurs 3637  
first. 3638

(B) Upon the filing of an application under this section, 3639  
the court shall set a date for a hearing and shall notify the 3640  
prosecutor for the case of the hearing on the application. The 3641  
prosecutor may object to the granting of the application by 3642  
filing an objection with the court prior to the date set for the 3643

hearing. The prosecutor shall specify in the objection the 3644  
reasons for believing a denial of the application is justified. 3645  
The court shall direct its regular probation officer, a state 3646  
probation officer, or the department of probation of the county 3647  
in which the applicant resides to make inquiries and written 3648  
reports as the court requires concerning the applicant. The 3649  
probation officer or county department of probation that the 3650  
court directs to make inquiries concerning the applicant shall 3651  
determine whether or not the applicant was fingerprinted at the 3652  
time of arrest or under section 109.60 of the Revised Code. If 3653  
the applicant was so fingerprinted, the probation officer or 3654  
county department of probation shall include with the written 3655  
report a record of the applicant's fingerprints. If the 3656  
applicant was convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of 3657  
division (A) (2) or (B) of section 2919.21 of the Revised Code, 3658  
the probation officer or county department of probation that the 3659  
court directed to make inquiries concerning the applicant shall 3660  
contact the child support enforcement agency enforcing the 3661  
applicant's obligations under the child support order to inquire 3662  
about the offender's compliance with the child support order. 3663

(C) (1) The court shall do each of the following: 3664

(a) Determine whether the applicant is an eligible 3665  
offender or whether the forfeiture of bail was agreed to by the 3666  
applicant and the prosecutor in the case. If the applicant 3667  
applies as an eligible offender pursuant to division (A) (1) of 3668  
this section and has two or three convictions that result from 3669  
the same indictment, information, or complaint, from the same 3670  
plea of guilty, or from the same official proceeding, and result 3671  
from related criminal acts that were committed within a three- 3672  
month period but do not result from the same act or from 3673  
offenses committed at the same time, in making its determination 3674

under this division, the court initially shall determine whether 3675  
it is not in the public interest for the two or three 3676  
convictions to be counted as one conviction. If the court 3677  
determines that it is not in the public interest for the two or 3678  
three convictions to be counted as one conviction, the court 3679  
shall determine that the applicant is not an eligible offender; 3680  
if the court does not make that determination, the court shall 3681  
determine that the offender is an eligible offender. 3682

(b) Determine whether criminal proceedings are pending 3683  
against the applicant; 3684

(c) If the applicant is an eligible offender who applies 3685  
pursuant to division (A) (1) of this section, determine whether 3686  
the applicant has been rehabilitated to the satisfaction of the 3687  
court; 3688

(d) If the prosecutor has filed an objection in accordance 3689  
with division (B) of this section, consider the reasons against 3690  
granting the application specified by the prosecutor in the 3691  
objection; 3692

(e) Weigh the interests of the applicant in having the 3693  
records pertaining to the applicant's conviction or bail 3694  
forfeiture sealed against the legitimate needs, if any, of the 3695  
government to maintain those records. 3696

(2) If the court determines, after complying with division 3697  
(C) (1) of this section, that the applicant is an eligible 3698  
offender or the subject of a bail forfeiture, that no criminal 3699  
proceeding is pending against the applicant, and that the 3700  
interests of the applicant in having the records pertaining to 3701  
the applicant's conviction or bail forfeiture sealed are not 3702  
outweighed by any legitimate governmental needs to maintain 3703

those records, and that the rehabilitation of an applicant who 3704  
is an eligible offender applying pursuant to division (A) (1) of 3705  
this section has been attained to the satisfaction of the court, 3706  
the court, except as provided in divisions (C) (4), (G), (H), or 3707  
(I) of this section, shall order all official records of the 3708  
case that pertain to the conviction or bail forfeiture sealed 3709  
and, except as provided in division (F) of this section, all 3710  
index references to the case that pertain to the conviction or 3711  
bail forfeiture deleted and, in the case of bail forfeitures, 3712  
shall dismiss the charges in the case. The proceedings in the 3713  
case that pertain to the conviction or bail forfeiture shall be 3714  
considered not to have occurred and the conviction or bail 3715  
forfeiture of the person who is the subject of the proceedings 3716  
shall be sealed, except that upon conviction of a subsequent 3717  
offense, the sealed record of prior conviction or bail 3718  
forfeiture may be considered by the court in determining the 3719  
sentence or other appropriate disposition, including the relief 3720  
provided for in sections 2953.31 to 2953.33 of the Revised Code. 3721

(3) An applicant may request the sealing of the records of 3722  
more than one case in a single application under this section. 3723  
Upon the filing of an application under this section, the 3724  
applicant, unless indigent, shall pay a fee of fifty dollars, 3725  
regardless of the number of records the application requests to 3726  
have sealed. The court shall pay thirty dollars of the fee into 3727  
the state treasury. It shall pay twenty dollars of the fee into 3728  
the county general revenue fund if the sealed conviction or bail 3729  
forfeiture was pursuant to a state statute, or into the general 3730  
revenue fund of the municipal corporation involved if the sealed 3731  
conviction or bail forfeiture was pursuant to a municipal 3732  
ordinance. 3733

(4) If the court orders the official records pertaining to 3734

the case sealed, the court shall do one of the following: 3735

(a) If the applicant was fingerprinted at the time of 3736  
arrest or under section 109.60 of the Revised Code and the 3737  
record of the applicant's fingerprints was provided to the court 3738  
under division (B) of this section, forward a copy of the 3739  
sealing order and the record of the applicant's fingerprints to 3740  
the bureau of criminal identification and investigation. 3741

(b) If the applicant was not fingerprinted at the time of 3742  
arrest or under section 109.60 of the Revised Code, or the 3743  
record of the applicant's fingerprints was not provided to the 3744  
court under division (B) of this section, but fingerprinting was 3745  
required for the offense, order the applicant to appear before a 3746  
sheriff to have the applicant's fingerprints taken according to 3747  
the fingerprint system of identification on the forms furnished 3748  
by the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification 3749  
and investigation. The sheriff shall forward the applicant's 3750  
fingerprints to the court. The court shall forward the 3751  
applicant's fingerprints and a copy of the sealing order to the 3752  
bureau of criminal identification and investigation. 3753

Failure of the court to order fingerprints at the time of 3754  
sealing does not constitute a reversible error. 3755

(D) Inspection of the sealed records included in the order 3756  
may be made only by the following persons or for the following 3757  
purposes: 3758

(1) By a law enforcement officer or prosecutor, or the 3759  
assistants of either, to determine whether the nature and 3760  
character of the offense with which a person is to be charged 3761  
would be affected by virtue of the person's previously having 3762  
been convicted of a crime; 3763



(2) By the parole or probation officer of the person who 3764  
is the subject of the records, for the exclusive use of the 3765  
officer in supervising the person while on parole or under a 3766  
community control sanction or a post-release control sanction, 3767  
and in making inquiries and written reports as requested by the 3768  
court or adult parole authority; 3769

(3) Upon application by the person who is the subject of 3770  
the records, by the persons named in the application; 3771

(4) By a law enforcement officer who was involved in the 3772  
case, for use in the officer's defense of a civil action arising 3773  
out of the officer's involvement in that case; 3774

(5) By a prosecuting attorney or the prosecuting 3775  
attorney's assistants, to determine a defendant's eligibility to 3776  
enter a pre-trial diversion program established pursuant to 3777  
section 2935.36 of the Revised Code; 3778

(6) By any law enforcement agency or any authorized 3779  
employee of a law enforcement agency or by the department of 3780  
rehabilitation and correction or department of youth services as 3781  
part of a background investigation of a person who applies for 3782  
employment with the agency ~~as a law enforcement officer~~ or with 3783  
the department ~~as a corrections officer~~; 3784

(7) By any law enforcement agency or any authorized 3785  
employee of a law enforcement agency, for the purposes set forth 3786  
in, and in the manner provided in, section 2953.321 of the 3787  
Revised Code; 3788

(8) By the bureau of criminal identification and 3789  
investigation or any authorized employee of the bureau for the 3790  
purpose of providing information to a board or person pursuant 3791  
to division (F) or (G) of section 109.57 of the Revised Code; 3792

(9) By the bureau of criminal identification and 3793  
investigation or any authorized employee of the bureau for the 3794  
purpose of performing a criminal history records check on a 3795  
person to whom a certificate as prescribed in section 109.77 of 3796  
the Revised Code is to be awarded; 3797

(10) By the bureau of criminal identification and 3798  
investigation or any authorized employee of the bureau for the 3799  
purpose of conducting a criminal records check of an individual 3800  
pursuant to division (B) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code 3801  
that was requested pursuant to any of the sections identified in 3802  
division (B)(1) of that section; 3803

(11) By the bureau of criminal identification and 3804  
investigation, an authorized employee of the bureau, a sheriff, 3805  
or an authorized employee of a sheriff in connection with a 3806  
criminal records check described in section 311.41 of the 3807  
Revised Code; 3808

(12) By the attorney general or an authorized employee of 3809  
the attorney general or a court for purposes of determining a 3810  
person's classification pursuant to Chapter 2950. of the Revised 3811  
Code; 3812

(13) By a court, the registrar of motor vehicles, a 3813  
prosecuting attorney or the prosecuting attorney's assistants, 3814  
or a law enforcement officer for the purpose of assessing points 3815  
against a person under section 4510.036 of the Revised Code or 3816  
for taking action with regard to points assessed. 3817

When the nature and character of the offense with which a 3818  
person is to be charged would be affected by the information, it 3819  
may be used for the purpose of charging the person with an 3820  
offense. 3821

(E) In any criminal proceeding, proof of any otherwise 3822  
admissible prior conviction may be introduced and proved, 3823  
notwithstanding the fact that for any such prior conviction an 3824  
order of sealing previously was issued pursuant to sections 3825  
2953.31 to 2953.36 of the Revised Code. 3826

(F) The person or governmental agency, office, or 3827  
department that maintains sealed records pertaining to 3828  
convictions or bail forfeitures that have been sealed pursuant 3829  
to this section may maintain a manual or computerized index to 3830  
the sealed records. The index shall contain only the name of, 3831  
and alphanumeric identifiers that relate to, the persons who are 3832  
the subject of the sealed records, the word "sealed," and the 3833  
name of the person, agency, office, or department that has 3834  
custody of the sealed records, and shall not contain the name of 3835  
the crime committed. The index shall be made available by the 3836  
person who has custody of the sealed records only for the 3837  
purposes set forth in divisions (C), (D), and (E) of this 3838  
section. 3839

(G) Notwithstanding any provision of this section or 3840  
section 2953.33 of the Revised Code that requires otherwise, a 3841  
board of education of a city, local, exempted village, or joint 3842  
vocational school district that maintains records of an 3843  
individual who has been permanently excluded under sections 3844  
3301.121 and 3313.662 of the Revised Code is permitted to 3845  
maintain records regarding a conviction that was used as the 3846  
basis for the individual's permanent exclusion, regardless of a 3847  
court order to seal the record. An order issued under this 3848  
section to seal the record of a conviction does not revoke the 3849  
adjudication order of the superintendent of public instruction 3850  
to permanently exclude the individual who is the subject of the 3851  
sealing order. An order issued under this section to seal the 3852

record of a conviction of an individual may be presented to a 3853  
district superintendent as evidence to support the contention 3854  
that the superintendent should recommend that the permanent 3855  
exclusion of the individual who is the subject of the sealing 3856  
order be revoked. Except as otherwise authorized by this 3857  
division and sections 3301.121 and 3313.662 of the Revised Code, 3858  
any school employee in possession of or having access to the 3859  
sealed conviction records of an individual that were the basis 3860  
of a permanent exclusion of the individual is subject to section 3861  
2953.35 of the Revised Code. 3862

(H) For purposes of sections 2953.31 to 2953.36 of the 3863  
Revised Code, DNA records collected in the DNA database and 3864  
fingerprints filed for record by the superintendent of the 3865  
bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall not be 3866  
sealed unless the superintendent receives a certified copy of a 3867  
final court order establishing that the offender's conviction 3868  
has been overturned. For purposes of this section, a court order 3869  
is not "final" if time remains for an appeal or application for 3870  
discretionary review with respect to the order. 3871

(I) The sealing of a record under this section does not 3872  
affect the assessment of points under section 4510.036 of the 3873  
Revised Code and does not erase points assessed against a person 3874  
as a result of the sealed record. 3875

**Sec. 2981.13.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in this 3876  
section, property ordered forfeited as contraband, proceeds, or 3877  
an instrumentality pursuant to this chapter shall be disposed 3878  
of, used, or sold pursuant to section 2981.12 of the Revised 3879  
Code. If the property is to be sold under that section, the 3880  
prosecutor shall cause notice of the proposed sale to be given 3881  
in accordance with law. 3882

(B) If the contraband or instrumentality forfeited under this chapter is sold, any moneys acquired from a sale and any proceeds forfeited under this chapter shall be applied in the following order:	3883 3884 3885 3886
(1) First, to pay costs incurred in the seizure, storage, maintenance, security, and sale of the property and in the forfeiture proceeding;	3887 3888 3889
(2) Second, in a criminal forfeiture case, to satisfy any restitution ordered to the victim of the offense or, in a civil forfeiture case, to satisfy any recovery ordered for the person harmed, unless paid from other assets;	3890 3891 3892 3893
(3) Third, to pay the balance due on any security interest preserved under this chapter;	3894 3895
(4) Fourth, apply the remaining amounts as follows:	3896
(a) If the forfeiture was ordered by a juvenile court, ten per cent to one or more community addiction services providers as specified in division (D) of section 2981.12 of the Revised Code;	3897 3898 3899 3900
(b) If the forfeiture was ordered in a juvenile court, ninety per cent, and if the forfeiture was ordered in a court other than a juvenile court, one hundred per cent to the law enforcement trust fund of the prosecutor and to the following fund supporting the law enforcement agency that substantially conducted the investigation:	3901 3902 3903 3904 3905 3906
(i) The law enforcement trust fund of the county sheriff, municipal corporation, township, or park district created under section 511.18 or 1545.01 of the Revised Code;	3907 3908 3909
(ii) The state highway patrol contraband, forfeiture, and	3910

other fund;	3911
(iii) The department of public safety investigative unit	3912
contraband, forfeiture, and other fund;	3913
(iv) The department of taxation enforcement fund;	3914
(v) The board of pharmacy drug law enforcement fund	3915
created by division (B)(1) of section 4729.65 of the Revised	3916
Code;	3917
(vi) The medicaid fraud investigation and prosecution	3918
fund;	3919
(vii) <u>The bureau of criminal identification and</u>	3920
<u>investigation asset forfeiture and cost reimbursement fund</u>	3921
<u>created by section 109.521 of the Revised Code;</u>	3922
<u>(viii)</u> The casino control commission enforcement fund	3923
created by section 3772.36 of the Revised Code;	3924
<del>(viii)</del> <u>(ix)</u> The auditor of state investigation and	3925
forfeiture trust fund established under section 117.54 of the	3926
Revised Code;	3927
<del>(ix)</del> <u>(x)</u> The treasurer of state for deposit into the peace	3928
officer training commission fund if any other state law	3929
enforcement agency substantially conducted the investigation.	3930
In the case of property forfeited for medicaid fraud, any	3931
remaining amount shall be used by the attorney general to	3932
investigate and prosecute medicaid fraud offenses.	3933
If the prosecutor declines to accept any of the remaining	3934
amounts, the amounts shall be applied to the fund of the agency	3935
that substantially conducted the investigation.	3936
(c) If more than one law enforcement agency is	3937

substantially involved in the seizure of property forfeited 3938  
under this chapter, the court ordering the forfeiture shall 3939  
equitably divide the amounts, after calculating any distribution 3940  
to the law enforcement trust fund of the prosecutor pursuant to 3941  
division (B) (4) of this section, among the entities that the 3942  
court determines were substantially involved in the seizure. 3943

(C) (1) A law enforcement trust fund shall be established 3944  
by the prosecutor of each county who intends to receive any 3945  
remaining amounts pursuant to this section, by the sheriff of 3946  
each county, by the legislative authority of each municipal 3947  
corporation, by the board of township trustees of each township 3948  
that has a township police department, township or joint police 3949  
district police force, or office of the constable, and by the 3950  
board of park commissioners of each park district created 3951  
pursuant to section 511.18 or 1545.01 of the Revised Code that 3952  
has a park district police force or law enforcement department, 3953  
for the purposes of this section. 3954

There is hereby created in the state treasury the state 3955  
highway patrol contraband, forfeiture, and other fund, the 3956  
department of public safety investigative unit contraband, 3957  
forfeiture, and other fund, the medicaid fraud investigation and 3958  
prosecution fund, the department of taxation enforcement fund, 3959  
and the peace officer training commission fund, for the purposes 3960  
of this section. 3961

Amounts distributed to any municipal corporation, 3962  
township, or park district law enforcement trust fund shall be 3963  
allocated from the fund by the legislative authority only to the 3964  
police department of the municipal corporation, by the board of 3965  
township trustees only to the township police department, 3966  
township police district police force, or office of the 3967

constable, by the joint police district board only to the joint 3968  
police district, and by the board of park commissioners only to 3969  
the park district police force or law enforcement department. 3970

(2) (a) No amounts shall be allocated to a fund under this 3971  
section or used by an agency unless the agency has adopted a 3972  
written internal control policy that addresses the use of moneys 3973  
received from the appropriate fund. The appropriate fund shall 3974  
be expended only in accordance with that policy and, subject to 3975  
the requirements specified in this section, only for the 3976  
following purposes: 3977

(i) To pay the costs of protracted or complex 3978  
investigations or prosecutions; 3979

(ii) To provide reasonable technical training or 3980  
expertise; 3981

(iii) To provide matching funds to obtain federal grants 3982  
to aid law enforcement, in the support of DARE programs or other 3983  
programs designed to educate adults or children with respect to 3984  
the dangers associated with the use of drugs of abuse; 3985

(iv) To pay the costs of emergency action taken under 3986  
section 3745.13 of the Revised Code relative to the operation of 3987  
an illegal methamphetamine laboratory if the forfeited property 3988  
or money involved was that of a person responsible for the 3989  
operation of the laboratory; 3990

(v) For other law enforcement purposes that the 3991  
superintendent of the state highway patrol, department of public 3992  
safety, attorney general, auditor of state, prosecutor, county 3993  
sheriff, legislative authority, department of taxation, Ohio 3994  
casino control commission, board of township trustees, or board 3995  
of park commissioners determines to be appropriate. 3996



(b) The board of pharmacy drug law enforcement fund shall 3997  
be expended only in accordance with the written internal control 3998  
policy so adopted by the board and only in accordance with 3999  
section 4729.65 of the Revised Code, except that it also may be 4000  
expended to pay the costs of emergency action taken under 4001  
section 3745.13 of the Revised Code relative to the operation of 4002  
an illegal methamphetamine laboratory if the forfeited property 4003  
or money involved was that of a person responsible for the 4004  
operation of the laboratory. 4005

(c) A fund listed in division (B) (4) (b) of this section, 4006  
other than the Medicaid fraud investigation and prosecution 4007  
fund, shall not be used to meet the operating costs of the 4008  
agency, office, or political subdivision that are unrelated to 4009  
law enforcement. 4010

(d) Forfeited moneys that are paid into the state treasury 4011  
to be deposited into the peace officer training commission fund 4012  
shall be used by the commission only to pay the costs of peace 4013  
officer training. 4014

(3) Any of the following offices or agencies that receive 4015  
amounts under this section during any calendar year shall file a 4016  
report with the specified entity, not later than the thirty- 4017  
first day of January of the next calendar year, verifying that 4018  
the moneys were expended only for the purposes authorized by 4019  
this section or other relevant statute and specifying the 4020  
amounts expended for each authorized purpose: 4021

(a) Any sheriff or prosecutor shall file the report with 4022  
the county auditor. 4023

(b) Any municipal corporation police department shall file 4024  
the report with the legislative authority of the municipal 4025

corporation. 4026

(c) Any township police department, township or joint 4027  
police district police force, or office of the constable shall 4028  
file the report with the board of township trustees of the 4029  
township. 4030

(d) Any park district police force or law enforcement 4031  
department shall file the report with the board of park 4032  
commissioners of the park district. 4033

(e) The superintendent of the state highway patrol, the 4034  
auditor of state, and the tax commissioner shall file the report 4035  
with the attorney general. 4036

(f) The executive director of the state board of pharmacy 4037  
shall file the report with the attorney general, verifying that 4038  
cash and forfeited proceeds paid into the board of pharmacy drug 4039  
law enforcement fund were used only in accordance with section 4040  
4729.65 of the Revised Code. 4041

(g) The peace officer training commission shall file a 4042  
report with the attorney general, verifying that cash and 4043  
forfeited proceeds paid into the peace officer training 4044  
commission fund pursuant to this section during the prior 4045  
calendar year were used by the commission during the prior 4046  
calendar year only to pay the costs of peace officer training. 4047

(h) The executive director of the Ohio casino control 4048  
commission shall file the report with the attorney general, 4049  
verifying that cash and forfeited proceeds paid into the casino 4050  
control commission enforcement fund were used only in accordance 4051  
with section 3772.36 of the Revised Code. 4052

(D) The written internal control policy of a county 4053  
sheriff, prosecutor, municipal corporation police department, 4054

township police department, township or joint police district 4055  
police force, office of the constable, or park district police 4056  
force or law enforcement department shall provide that at least 4057  
ten per cent of the first one hundred thousand dollars of 4058  
amounts deposited during each calendar year in the agency's law 4059  
enforcement trust fund under this section, and at least twenty 4060  
per cent of the amounts exceeding one hundred thousand dollars 4061  
that are so deposited, shall be used in connection with 4062  
community preventive education programs. The manner of use shall 4063  
be determined by the sheriff, prosecutor, department, police 4064  
force, or office of the constable after receiving and 4065  
considering advice on appropriate community preventive education 4066  
programs from the county's board of alcohol, drug addiction, and 4067  
mental health services, from the county's alcohol and drug 4068  
addiction services board, or through appropriate community 4069  
dialogue. 4070

The financial records kept under the internal control 4071  
policy shall specify the amount deposited during each calendar 4072  
year in the portion of that amount that was used pursuant to 4073  
this division, and the programs in connection with which the 4074  
portion of that amount was so used. 4075

As used in this division, "community preventive education 4076  
programs" include, but are not limited to, DARE programs and 4077  
other programs designed to educate adults or children with 4078  
respect to the dangers associated with using drugs of abuse. 4079

(E) Upon the sale, under this section or section 2981.12 4080  
of the Revised Code, of any property that is required by law to 4081  
be titled or registered, the state shall issue an appropriate 4082  
certificate of title or registration to the purchaser. If the 4083  
state is vested with title and elects to retain property that is 4084

required to be titled or registered under law, the state shall 4085  
issue an appropriate certificate of title or registration. 4086

(F) Any failure of a law enforcement officer or agency, 4087  
prosecutor, court, or the attorney general to comply with this 4088  
section in relation to any property seized does not affect the 4089  
validity of the seizure and shall not be considered to be the 4090  
basis for suppressing any evidence resulting from the seizure, 4091  
provided the seizure itself was lawful. 4092

**Sec. 5302.221.** (A) As used in this section: 4093

~~"Estate" has the same meaning as in section 5162.21 of the~~ 4094  
~~Revised Code.~~ 4095

~~"Medicaid, "medicaid estate recovery program"~~ means the 4096  
program instituted under section 5162.21 of the Revised Code. 4097

(B) The administrator of the medicaid estate recovery 4098  
program shall prescribe a form on which a beneficiary of a 4099  
transfer on death designation affidavit as provided in section 4100  
5302.22 of the Revised Code, who survives the deceased owner of 4101  
the real property or an interest in the real property or that is 4102  
in existence on the date of death of the deceased owner, or that 4103  
beneficiary's representative is to indicate both of the 4104  
following: 4105

(1) ~~Whether~~ Which of the following applies to the deceased 4106  
~~owner was either of the following:~~ 4107

(a) ~~A decedent subject to the~~ The deceased owner had been 4108  
a medicaid estate recovery program recipient. 4109

(b) ~~The spouse of a decedent subject to the~~ deceased owner 4110  
had never been a medicaid estate recovery program recipient. 4111

(c) The beneficiary or representative does not know 4112

whether the deceased owner had ever been a medicaid recipient. 4113

~~(2) Whether the real property or interest in the real~~ 4114  
~~property was part of the estate of a decedent subject to the~~ 4115  
~~medicaid estate recovery program. If the spouse of the deceased~~ 4116  
~~owner died before the owner died, which of the following applies~~ 4117  
~~to the predeceased spouse:~~ 4118

(a) The predeceased spouse had been a medicaid recipient. 4119

(b) The predeceased spouse had never been a medicaid 4120  
recipient. 4121

(c) The beneficiary or representative does not know 4122  
whether the predeceased spouse had ever been a medicaid 4123  
recipient. 4124

(C) The administrator of the medicaid estate recovery 4125  
program shall make the form prescribed under division (B) of 4126  
this section available to county recorders. A county recorder 4127  
~~shall obtain a properly completed form prescribed under division-~~ 4128  
~~(B) of this section from the provide a copy of the form to a~~ 4129  
beneficiary of a transfer on death designation affidavit or the 4130  
beneficiary's representative and send a copy of the form to the 4131  
administrator of the medicaid estate recovery program before 4132  
recording the transfer of the real property or interest in the 4133  
real property under section 5302.222 of the Revised Code. A 4134  
beneficiary or beneficiary's representative shall submit a copy 4135  
of the properly completed form to the administrator of the 4136  
medicaid estate recovery program if the beneficiary or 4137  
representative indicates any of the following on the form: 4138

(1) That the deceased owner had been a medicaid recipient 4139  
or that the beneficiary or representative does not know whether 4140  
the deceased owner had ever been a medicaid recipient; 4141

(2) That the predeceased spouse of the deceased owner had 4142  
been a medicaid recipient or that the beneficiary or 4143  
representative does not know whether the predeceased spouse had 4144  
ever been a medicaid recipient. 4145

**Section 2.** That existing sections 9.02, 109.08, 109.081, 4146  
109.43, 109.521, 109.57, 109.572, 109.578, 109.60, 1331.01, 4147  
1331.04, 1331.99, 1345.02, 1345.03, 1345.031, 1345.07, 1345.21, 4148  
1345.23, 1345.24, 1345.43, 1345.44, 1349.43, 1716.02, 1716.05, 4149  
1716.07, 2329.07, 2743.191, 2743.56, 2743.68, 2743.71, 2746.02, 4150  
2901.01, 2953.32, 2981.13, and 5302.221 and section 1331.05 of 4151  
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 4152

**Section 3.** It is the intent of the General Assembly, by 4153  
the amendment of this act to the third paragraph of section 4154  
109.08 of the Revised Code, to clarify that the paragraph 4155  
permits and has always permitted the Attorney General to 4156  
authorize special counsel to use the Attorney General's official 4157  
letterhead stationary in connection with the collection of any 4158  
certified claims even outside of Chapters 5733., 5739., 5741., 4159  
and 5747. of the Revised Code. 4160