

AN ACT

To amend sections 9.54, 101.38, 102.02, 102.021, 103.41, 103.416, 107.036, 109.572, 111.15, 111.28, 113.55, 113.56, 115.56, 117.11, 117.13, 117.14, 120.04, 120.06, 120.08, 120.18, 120.28, 120.33, 120.34, 120.35, 120.52, 120.521, 120.53, 121.083, 121.22, 121.37, 121.93, 122.075, 122.121, 122.171, 122.175, 122.85, 122.86, 123.21, 124.132, 124.82, 124.824, 125.01, 125.14, 125.18, 125.25, 125.66, 125.661, 126.48, 128.021, 131.02, 131.35, 131.44, 141.04, 141.16, 147.591, 149.11, 149.43, 153.02, 166.01, 169.06, 173.04, 173.27, 173.38, 173.391, 174.02, 177.02, 183.18, 183.33, 307.622, 311.42, 317.32, 317.321, 319.302, 319.63, 321.24, 323.131, 323.151, 323.155, 341.34, 349.01, 349.03, 349.07, 351.021, 503.56, 505.37, 505.371, 701.10, 711.131, 715.014, 718.01, 718.80, 718.83, 718.85, 718.90, 753.21, 755.16, 905.31, 929.04, 939.02, 939.04, 940.01, 940.02, 940.06, 956.01, 956.031, 956.051, 956.20, 991.02, 1321.73, 1346.04, 1347.08, 1349.43, 1501.31, 1501.32, 1501.33, 1501.34, 1501.35, 1505.09, 1509.28, 1509.31, 1509.36, 1509.50, 1521.01, 1521.03, 1521.04, 1521.06, 1521.062, 1521.063, 1521.16, 1521.99, 1522.10, 1522.101, 1522.11, 1522.12, 1522.13, 1522.14, 1522.15, 1522.19, 1522.20, 1522.21, 1533.10, 1533.11, 1533.111, 1533.112, 1533.32, 1533.321, 1561.011, 1711.52, 1711.53, 1724.05, 1726.11, 1739.05, 1751.77, 1901.123, 1901.26, 1907.143, 1907.24, 2151.23, 2151.233, 2151.234, 2151.235, 2151.236, 2151.353, 2151.3516, 2151.3532, 2151.421, 2151.424, 2151.86,

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1545.041, 1545.21, 1711.30, 3311.50, 3318.01, 3318.06, 3318.061, 3318.062, 3318.063, 3318.361, 3318.45, 3381.03, 3505.06, 4582.024, 4582.26, 5705.01, 5705.03, 5705.192, 5705.195, 5705.196, 5705.197, 5705.199, 5705.21, 5705.212, 5705.213, 5705.215, 5705.218, 5705.219, 5705.233, 5705.25, 5705.251, 5705.261, 5705.55, 5748.01, 5748.02, 5748.03, 5748.04, 5748.08, and 5748.09 of the Revised Code; to present section 149.45 of the Revised Code to confirm its harmonization; to amend Section 205.10 of H.B. 62 of the 133rd General Assembly, to amend Section 207.71 of H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly, to amend Section 261.168 of H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly, as subsequently amended, to amend Section 1 of H.B. 336 of the 132nd General Assembly, to amend Sections 207.10, 207.210, 215.10, 215.20, 217.10, 221.10, 225.10, 237.30, 253.310, and 701.10 of H.B. 529 of the 132nd General Assembly, to amend Sections 207.440, 213.20, 221.13, 223.10, 223.15, 223.50, 227.10, 237.10, and 237.13 of H.B. 529 of the 132nd General Assembly, as subsequently amended, to amend Section 5 of H.B. 410 of the 131st General Assembly, to amend Sections 125.10 and 125.11 of H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly, as subsequently amended, to make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021, to levy a tax on nicotine vapor products, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 101.01. That sections 9.54, 101.38, 102.02, 102.021, 103.41,

103.416, 107.036, 109.572, 111.15, 111.28, 113.55, 113.56, 115.56, 117.11, 117.13, 117.14, 120.04, 120.06, 120.08, 120.18, 120.28, 120.33, 120.34, 120.35, 120.52, 120.521, 120.53, 121.083, 121.22, 121.37, 121.93, 122.075, 122.121, 122.171, 122.175, 122.85, 122.86, 123.21, 124.132, 124.82, 124.824, 125.01, 125.14, 125.18, 125.25, 125.66, 125.661, 126.48, 128.021, 131.02, 131.35, 131.44, 141.04, 141.16, 147.591, 149.11, 149.43, 153.02, 166.01, 169.06, 173.04, 173.27, 173.38, 173.391, 174.02, 177.02, 183.18, 183.33, 307.622, 311.42, 317.32, 317.321, 319.302, 319.63, 321.24, 323.131, 323.151, 323.155, 341.34, 349.01, 349.03, 349.07, 351.021, 503.56, 505.37, 505.371, 701.10, 711.131, 715.014, 718.01, 718.80, 718.83, 718.85, 718.90, 753.21, 755.16, 905.31, 929.04, 939.02, 939.04, 940.01, 940.02, 940.06, 956.01, 956.031, 956.051, 956.20, 991.02, 1321.73, 1346.04, 1347.08, 1349.43, 1501.31, 1501.32, 1501.33, 1501.34, 1501.35, 1505.09, 1509.28, 1509.31, 1509.36, 1509.50, 1521.01, 1521.03, 1521.04, 1521.06, 1521.062, 1521.063, 1521.16, 1521.99, 1522.10, 1522.101, 1522.11, 1522.12, 1522.13, 1522.14, 1522.15, 1522.19, 1522.20, 1522.21, 1533.10, 1533.11, 1533.111, 1533.112, 1533.32, 1533.321, 1561.011, 1711.52, 1711.53, 1724.05, 1726.11, 1739.05, 1751.77, 1901.123, 1901.26, 1907.143, 1907.24, 2151.23, 2151.233, 2151.234, 2151.235, 2151.236, 2151.353, 2151.3516, 2151.3532, 2151.421, 2151.424, 2151.86, 2151.87, 2301.32, 2303.201, 2305.231, 2305.41, 2317.54, 2925.01, 2927.02, 2927.022, 2929.13, 2929.15, 2929.34, 2941.51, 2950.08, 3105.011, 3107.14, 3109.061, 3119.023, 3119.05, 3119.23, 3119.27, 3119.29, 3119.30, 3119.302, 3119.31, 3119.32, 3125.25, 3301.07, 3301.0710, 3301.0711, 3301.0712, 3301.0714, 3301.52, 3301.53, 3301.68, 3302.01, 3302.03, 3302.061, 3302.18, 3310.02, 3310.03, 3310.032, 3310.035, 3310.08, 3310.16, 3311.78, 3311.79, 3312.01, 3313.411, 3313.5315, 3313.603, 3313.608, 3313.61, 3313.611, 3313.612, 3313.618, 3313.6110, 3313.813, 3313.843, 3313.978, 3314.016, 3314.017, 3314.02, 3314.03, 3314.06, 3314.08, 3314.18, 3314.19, 3314.21, 3314.35, 3314.351, 3317.016, 3317.02, 3317.022, 3317.023, 3317.028, 3317.03, 3317.06, 3317.13, 3317.141, 3317.16, 3317.25, 3317.40, 3318.036, 3318.05, 3318.051, 3318.06, 3318.061, 3318.062, 3318.063, 3318.36, 3318.361, 3319.26, 3319.272, 3319.283, 3321.191, 3326.031, 3326.11, 3326.13, 3326.31, 3326.32, 3326.33, 3326.34, 3326.36, 3326.37, 3326.41, 3327.10, 3328.24, 3333.26, 3333.59, 3333.61, 3333.62, 3333.65, 3333.66, 3345.48, 3345.57, 3353.07, 3358.02, 3358.06, 3501.01, 3501.05, 3501.12, 3501.22, 3513.01, 3513.12, 3517.01, 3517.10, 3517.102, 3517.1012, 3517.11, 3517.13, 3517.153, 3517.23, 3517.99, 3517.992, 3701.044, 3701.139, 3701.144, 3701.24,

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Sec. 9.242. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "State agency" has the meaning defined in section 1.60 of the Revised Code.

(2) "State contract" means any contract for goods, services, or construction that is paid for in whole or in part with state funds. A state contract is considered to be awarded when it is entered into or executed, regardless of whether the parties to the contract have exchanged any money.

(3) "Participate" means to respond to any solicitation or procurement issued by a state agency or be the recipient of an award of a state contract, or to provide any goods or services to any state agency.

(B) No vendor who has been debarred by any state agency shall participate in any state contract during the period of debarment. After the debarment period expires, the vendor may be eligible to respond to any solicitation or procurement, provide goods or services to, and be awarded

contracts by state agencies if the vendor is not otherwise listed on a list of debarred vendors applicable to state contracts.

(C) State agencies shall exclude any vendor debarred under sections 125.25, 153.02, or 5513.06 of the Revised Code, or any other section of the Revised Code from participating in state contracts.

Sec. 9.54. Whoever erects or replaces a sign containing the international symbol of access shall ~~do both of the following:~~

~~(A) Use use forms of the word "accessible" rather than forms of the words "handicapped" or "disabled" whenever words are included on the sign;~~

~~(B) For the international symbol of access, use a logo that depicts a dynamic character leaning forward with a sense of movement.~~

Sec. 101.38. (A) As used in this section, "relative" means a spouse, parent, parent-in-law, sibling, sibling-in-law, child, child-in-law, grandparent, aunt, or uncle.

(B) There is hereby created the Ohio cystic fibrosis legislative task force to study and make recommendations on issues pertaining to the care and treatment of individuals with cystic fibrosis. The task force shall study and make recommendations on the following issues:

(1) Use of prescription drug and innovative therapies under the program for medically handicapped children established under section 3701.023 of the Revised Code and the program for adults with cystic fibrosis administered by the department of health under division (G) of that section;

(2) Screening of newborn children for the presence of genetic disorders, as required under section 3701.501 of the Revised Code;

(3) Any other issues the task force considers appropriate.

(C) The task force shall consist of the following members, each with the authority to vote on matters before the task force:

(1) Three members of the senate: two appointed by the president of the senate from the majority party and one appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

(2) Three members of the house of representatives: two appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives from the majority party and one appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives;

(3) Three members, at least two of whom have been diagnosed with cystic fibrosis or are relatives of individuals who have been diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, appointed by the president of the senate;

(4) Three members, at least two of whom have been diagnosed with cystic fibrosis or are relatives of individuals who have been diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

~~Initial members shall be appointed not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section. Appointments to the task force shall be made within forty-five days after the commencement of the first regular session of each general assembly in the manner prescribed in this division.~~

~~(D) Each member~~ Members of the task force shall serve ~~a one-year term that ends on the same day of the same month as did the term that it succeeds. Members may be reappointed on the task force until the appointments are made in the first regular session of the following general assembly or, in the case of task force members who also are general assembly members when appointed, until they are no longer general assembly members.~~

(E) A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration date of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office as a member for the remainder of that term.

~~A member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until a successor takes office or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first.~~

(F) Members of the task force shall elect a chair ~~to serve a term of one year.~~ A vacancy of the chair position shall be filled by election.

(G) Members of the task force shall receive no compensation, except to the extent that serving as a member is part of the individual's regular duties of employment and except for the reimbursement of expenses that may be provided under division (H) of this section.

(H) The task force may solicit and accept grants from public and private sources. Grant funds may be used to reimburse members for expenses incurred in the performance of official task force duties and to pursue initiatives pertaining to the care and treatment of individuals with cystic fibrosis.

(I) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the conduct of task force meetings.

Sec. 102.02. (A)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (H) of this section, all of the following shall file with the appropriate ethics commission the disclosure statement described in this division on a form prescribed by the appropriate commission: every person who is elected to or is a candidate for a state, county, or city office and every person who is appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term in such an elective office; all members of the state board of education; the director, assistant directors, deputy directors, division chiefs, or persons of equivalent rank of any administrative department of the state; the president or other chief administrative officer of every state institution of higher education as defined in section 3345.011 of

the Revised Code; the executive director and the members of the capitol square review and advisory board appointed or employed pursuant to section 105.41 of the Revised Code; all members of the Ohio casino control commission, the executive director of the commission, all professional employees of the commission, and all technical employees of the commission who perform an internal audit function; the individuals set forth in division (B)(2) of section 187.03 of the Revised Code; the chief executive officer and the members of the board of each state retirement system; each employee of a state retirement board who is a state retirement system investment officer licensed pursuant to section 1707.163 of the Revised Code; the members of the Ohio retirement study council appointed pursuant to division (C) of section 171.01 of the Revised Code; employees of the Ohio retirement study council, other than employees who perform purely administrative or clerical functions; the administrator of workers' compensation and each member of the bureau of workers' compensation board of directors; the bureau of workers' compensation director of investments; the chief investment officer of the bureau of workers' compensation; all members of the board of commissioners on grievances and discipline of the supreme court and the ethics commission created under section 102.05 of the Revised Code; every business manager, treasurer, or superintendent of a city, local, exempted village, joint vocational, or cooperative education school district or an educational service center; every person who is elected to or is a candidate for the office of member of a board of education of a city, local, exempted village, joint vocational, or cooperative education school district or of a governing board of an educational service center that has a total student count of twelve thousand or more as most recently determined by the department of education pursuant to section 3317.03 of the Revised Code; every person who is appointed to the board of education of a municipal school district pursuant to division (B) or (F) of section 3311.71 of the Revised Code; all members of the board of directors of a sanitary district that is established under Chapter 6115. of the Revised Code and organized wholly for the purpose of providing a water supply for domestic, municipal, and public use, and that includes two municipal corporations in two counties; every public official or employee who is paid a salary or wage in accordance with schedule C of section 124.15 or schedule E-2 of section 124.152 of the Revised Code; members of the board of trustees and the executive director of the southern Ohio agricultural and community development foundation; all members appointed to the Ohio livestock care standards board under section 904.02 of the Revised Code; all entrepreneurs in residence assigned by the LeanOhio

office in the department of administrative services under section 125.65 of the Revised Code and every other public official or employee who is designated by the appropriate ethics commission pursuant to division (B) of this section.

(2) The disclosure statement shall include all of the following:

(a) The name of the person filing the statement and each member of the person's immediate family and all names under which the person or members of the person's immediate family do business;

(b)(i) Subject to divisions (A)(2)(b)(ii) and (iii) of this section and except as otherwise provided in section 102.022 of the Revised Code, identification of every source of income, other than income from a legislative agent identified in division (A)(2)(b)(ii) of this section, received during the preceding calendar year, in the person's own name or by any other person for the person's use or benefit, by the person filing the statement, and a brief description of the nature of the services for which the income was received. If the person filing the statement is a member of the general assembly, the statement shall identify the amount of every source of income received in accordance with the following ranges of amounts: zero or more, but less than one thousand dollars; one thousand dollars or more, but less than ten thousand dollars; ten thousand dollars or more, but less than twenty-five thousand dollars; twenty-five thousand dollars or more, but less than fifty thousand dollars; fifty thousand dollars or more, but less than one hundred thousand dollars; and one hundred thousand dollars or more. Division (A)(2)(b)(i) of this section shall not be construed to require a person filing the statement who derives income from a business or profession to disclose the individual items of income that constitute the gross income of that business or profession, except for those individual items of income that are attributable to the person's or, if the income is shared with the person, the partner's, solicitation of services or goods or performance, arrangement, or facilitation of services or provision of goods on behalf of the business or profession of clients, including corporate clients, who are legislative agents. A person who files the statement under this section shall disclose the identity of and the amount of income received from a person who the public official or employee knows or has reason to know is doing or seeking to do business of any kind with the public official's or employee's agency.

(ii) If the person filing the statement is a member of the general assembly, the statement shall identify every source of income and the amount of that income that was received from a legislative agent during the preceding calendar year, in the person's own name or by any other person

for the person's use or benefit, by the person filing the statement, and a brief description of the nature of the services for which the income was received. Division (A)(2)(b)(ii) of this section requires the disclosure of clients of attorneys or persons licensed under section 4732.12 of the Revised Code, or patients of persons licensed under section 4731.14 of the Revised Code, if those clients or patients are legislative agents. Division (A)(2)(b)(ii) of this section requires a person filing the statement who derives income from a business or profession to disclose those individual items of income that constitute the gross income of that business or profession that are received from legislative agents.

(iii) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2)(b)(iii) of this section, division (A)(2)(b)(i) of this section applies to attorneys, physicians, and other persons who engage in the practice of a profession and who, pursuant to a section of the Revised Code, the common law of this state, a code of ethics applicable to the profession, or otherwise, generally are required not to reveal, disclose, or use confidences of clients, patients, or other recipients of professional services except under specified circumstances or generally are required to maintain those types of confidences as privileged communications except under specified circumstances. Division (A)(2)(b)(i) of this section does not require an attorney, physician, or other professional subject to a confidentiality requirement as described in division (A)(2)(b)(iii) of this section to disclose the name, other identity, or address of a client, patient, or other recipient of professional services if the disclosure would threaten the client, patient, or other recipient of professional services, would reveal details of the subject matter for which legal, medical, or professional advice or other services were sought, or would reveal an otherwise privileged communication involving the client, patient, or other recipient of professional services. Division (A)(2)(b)(i) of this section does not require an attorney, physician, or other professional subject to a confidentiality requirement as described in division (A)(2)(b)(iii) of this section to disclose in the brief description of the nature of services required by division (A)(2)(b)(i) of this section any information pertaining to specific professional services rendered for a client, patient, or other recipient of professional services that would reveal details of the subject matter for which legal, medical, or professional advice was sought or would reveal an otherwise privileged communication involving the client, patient, or other recipient of professional services.

(c) The name of every corporation on file with the secretary of state that is incorporated in this state or holds a certificate of compliance authorizing it to do business in this state, trust, business trust, partnership, or association

that transacts business in this state in which the person filing the statement or any other person for the person's use and benefit had during the preceding calendar year an investment of over one thousand dollars at fair market value as of the thirty-first day of December of the preceding calendar year, or the date of disposition, whichever is earlier, or in which the person holds any office or has a fiduciary relationship, and a description of the nature of the investment, office, or relationship. Division (A)(2)(c) of this section does not require disclosure of the name of any bank, savings and loan association, credit union, or building and loan association with which the person filing the statement has a deposit or a withdrawable share account.

(d) All fee simple and leasehold interests to which the person filing the statement holds legal title to or a beneficial interest in real property located within the state, excluding the person's residence and property used primarily for personal recreation;

(e) The names of all persons residing or transacting business in the state to whom the person filing the statement owes, in the person's own name or in the name of any other person, more than one thousand dollars. Division (A)(2)(e) of this section shall not be construed to require the disclosure of debts owed by the person resulting from the ordinary conduct of a business or profession or debts on the person's residence or real property used primarily for personal recreation, except that the superintendent of financial institutions and any deputy superintendent of banks shall disclose the names of all state-chartered banks and all bank subsidiary corporations subject to regulation under section 1109.44 of the Revised Code to whom the superintendent or deputy superintendent owes any money.

(f) The names of all persons residing or transacting business in the state, other than a depository excluded under division (A)(2)(c) of this section, who owe more than one thousand dollars to the person filing the statement, either in the person's own name or to any person for the person's use or benefit. Division (A)(2)(f) of this section shall not be construed to require the disclosure of clients of attorneys or persons licensed under section 4732.12 of the Revised Code, or patients of persons licensed under section 4731.14 of the Revised Code, nor the disclosure of debts owed to the person resulting from the ordinary conduct of a business or profession.

(g) Except as otherwise provided in section 102.022 of the Revised Code, the source of each gift of over seventy-five dollars, or of each gift of over twenty-five dollars received by a member of the general assembly from a legislative agent, received by the person in the person's own name or by any other person for the person's use or benefit during the preceding calendar year, except gifts received by will or by virtue of section 2105.06

of the Revised Code, or received from spouses, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, siblings, nephews, nieces, uncles, aunts, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, fathers-in-law, mothers-in-law, or any person to whom the person filing the statement stands in loco parentis, or received by way of distribution from any inter vivos or testamentary trust established by a spouse or by an ancestor;

(h) Except as otherwise provided in section 102.022 of the Revised Code, identification of the source and amount of every payment of expenses incurred for travel to destinations inside or outside this state that is received by the person in the person's own name or by any other person for the person's use or benefit and that is incurred in connection with the person's official duties, except for expenses for travel to meetings or conventions of a national or state organization to which any state agency, including, but not limited to, any legislative agency or state institution of higher education as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, pays membership dues, or any political subdivision or any office or agency of a political subdivision pays membership dues;

(i) Except as otherwise provided in section 102.022 of the Revised Code, identification of the source of payment of expenses for meals and other food and beverages, other than for meals and other food and beverages provided at a meeting at which the person participated in a panel, seminar, or speaking engagement or at a meeting or convention of a national or state organization to which any state agency, including, but not limited to, any legislative agency or state institution of higher education as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, pays membership dues, or any political subdivision or any office or agency of a political subdivision pays membership dues, that are incurred in connection with the person's official duties and that exceed one hundred dollars aggregated per calendar year;

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

(3) A person may file a statement required by this section in person, by

mail, or by electronic means.

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

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

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

(c) A person who is appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term in an elective office shall file the statement within fifteen days after the person qualifies for office.

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

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

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

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

(B) The Ohio ethics commission, the joint legislative ethics committee, and the board of commissioners on grievances and discipline of the supreme court, using the rule-making procedures of Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, may require any class of public officials or employees under its jurisdiction and not specifically excluded by this section whose positions involve a substantial and material exercise of administrative discretion in the formulation of public policy, expenditure of public funds, enforcement of laws and rules of the state or a county or city, or the execution of other public trusts, to file an annual statement under division (A) of this section. The appropriate ethics commission shall send the public officials or employees written notice of the requirement not less than thirty days before the applicable filing deadline unless the public official or employee is appointed after that date, in which case the notice shall be sent within thirty

days after appointment, and the filing shall be made not later than ninety days after appointment.

Disclosure statements filed under this division with the Ohio ethics commission by members of boards, commissions, or bureaus of the state for which no compensation is received other than reasonable and necessary expenses shall be kept confidential. Disclosure statements filed with the Ohio ethics commission under division (A) of this section by business managers, treasurers, and superintendents of city, local, exempted village, joint vocational, or cooperative education school districts or educational service centers shall be kept confidential, except that any person conducting an audit of any such school district or educational service center pursuant to ~~section 115.56~~ or Chapter 117. of the Revised Code may examine the disclosure statement of any business manager, treasurer, or superintendent of that school district or educational service center. Disclosure statements filed with the Ohio ethics commission under division (A) of this section by the individuals set forth in division (B)(2) of section 187.03 of the Revised Code shall be kept confidential. The Ohio ethics commission shall examine each disclosure statement required to be kept confidential to determine whether a potential conflict of interest exists for the person who filed the disclosure statement. A potential conflict of interest exists if the private interests of the person, as indicated by the person's disclosure statement, might interfere with the public interests the person is required to serve in the exercise of the person's authority and duties in the person's office or position of employment. If the commission determines that a potential conflict of interest exists, it shall notify the person who filed the disclosure statement and shall make the portions of the disclosure statement that indicate a potential conflict of interest subject to public inspection in the same manner as is provided for other disclosure statements. Any portion of the disclosure statement that the commission determines does not indicate a potential conflict of interest shall be kept confidential by the commission and shall not be made subject to public inspection, except as is necessary for the enforcement of Chapters 102. and 2921. of the Revised Code and except as otherwise provided in this division.

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

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

(E)(1) Except as provided in divisions (E)(2) and (3) of this section, the statement required by division (A) or (B) of this section shall be

accompanied by a filing fee of sixty dollars.

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

For state office, except member of the state board of education	\$95
For office of member of general assembly	\$40
For county office	\$60
For city office	\$35
For office of member of the state board of education	\$35
For office of member of a city, local, exempted village, or cooperative education board of education or educational service center governing board	\$30
For position of business manager, treasurer, or superintendent of a city, local, exempted village, joint vocational, or cooperative education school district or educational service center	\$30

(3) No judge of a court of record or candidate for judge of a court of record, and no referee or magistrate serving a court of record, shall be required to pay the fee required under division (E)(1) or (2) or (F) of this section.

(4) For any public official who is appointed to a nonelective office of the state and for any employee who holds a nonelective position in a public agency of the state, the state agency that is the primary employer of the state official or employee shall pay the fee required under division (E)(1) or (F) of this section.

(F) If a statement required to be filed under this section is not filed by the date on which it is required to be filed, the appropriate ethics commission shall assess the person required to file the statement a late filing fee of ten dollars for each day the statement is not filed, except that the total amount of the late filing fee shall not exceed two hundred fifty dollars.

(G)(1) The appropriate ethics commission other than the Ohio ethics commission and the joint legislative ethics committee shall deposit all fees it receives under divisions (E) and (F) of this section into the general revenue fund of the state.

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

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

(H) Division (A) of this section does not apply to a person elected or appointed to the office of precinct, ward, or district committee member under Chapter 3517. of the Revised Code; a presidential elector; a delegate to a national convention; village or township officials and employees; any physician or psychiatrist who is paid a salary or wage in accordance with schedule C of section 124.15 or schedule E-2 of section 124.152 of the Revised Code and whose primary duties do not require the exercise of administrative discretion; or any member of a board, commission, or bureau of any county or city who receives less than one thousand dollars per year for serving in that position.

Sec. 102.021. (A)(1) For the twenty-four-month period immediately following the end of the former state elected officer's or staff member's service or public employment, except as provided in division (B) or (D) of this section, each former state elected officer or staff member who filed or was required to file a disclosure statement under section 102.02 of the Revised Code shall file, on or before the deadlines specified in division (D) of this section, with the joint legislative ethics committee a statement that shall include the information described in divisions (A)(2), (3), (4), and (5) of this section, as applicable. The statement shall be filed on a form and in the manner specified by the joint legislative ethics committee. This division does not apply to a state elected officer or staff member who filed or was required to file a disclosure statement under section 102.02 of the Revised Code, who leaves service or public employment, and who takes another position as a state elected officer or staff member who files or is required to file a disclosure statement under that section.

No person shall fail to file, on or before the deadlines specified in division (D) of this section, a statement that is required by this division.

(2) The statement referred to in division (A)(1) of this section shall

describe the source of all income received, in the former state elected officer's or staff member's own name or by any other person for the person's use or benefit, and briefly describe the nature of the services for which the income was received if the source of the income was any of the following:

(a) An executive agency lobbyist or a legislative agent;

(b) The employer of an executive agency lobbyist or legislative agent, except that this division does not apply if the employer is any state agency or political subdivision of the state;

(c) Any entity, association, or business that, at any time during the two immediately preceding calendar years, was awarded one or more contracts by one or more state agencies that in the aggregate had a value of one hundred thousand dollars or more, or bid on one or more contracts to be awarded by one or more state agencies that in the aggregate had a value of one hundred thousand dollars or more.

(3) If the former state elected officer or staff member received no income as described in division (A)(2) of this section, the statement referred to in division (A)(1) of this section shall indicate that fact.

(4) If the former state elected officer or staff member directly or indirectly made, either separately or in combination with another, any expenditure or gift for transportation, lodging, or food or beverages to, at the request of, for the benefit of, or on behalf of any public officer or employee, and if the former state elected officer or staff member would be required to report the expenditure or gift in a statement under sections 101.70 to 101.79 or sections 121.60 to 121.69 of the Revised Code, whichever is applicable, if the former state elected officer or staff member was a legislative agent or executive agency lobbyist at the time the expenditure or gift was made, the statement referred to in division (A)(1) of this section shall include all information relative to that gift or expenditure that would be required in a statement under sections 101.70 to 101.79 or sections 121.60 to 121.69 of the Revised Code if the former state elected officer or staff member was a legislative agent or executive agency lobbyist at the time the expenditure or gift was made.

(5) If the former state elected officer or staff member made no expenditure or gift as described in division (A)(4) of this section, the statement referred to in division (A)(1) of this section shall indicate that fact.

(B) If, at any time during the twenty-four-month period immediately following the end of the former state elected officer's or staff member's service or public employment, a former state elected officer or staff member who filed or was required to file a disclosure statement under section 102.02 of the Revised Code becomes a legislative agent or an executive agency

lobbyist, the former state elected officer or staff member shall comply with all registration and filing requirements set forth in sections 101.70 to 101.79 or sections 121.60 to 121.69 of the Revised Code, whichever is applicable, and, the former state elected officer or staff member also shall file a statement under division (A)(1) of this section except that the statement filed under division (A)(1) of this section does not need to include information regarding any income source, expenditure, or gift to the extent that that information was included in any registration or statement filed under sections 101.70 to 101.79 or sections 121.60 to 121.69 of the Revised Code.

(C) Except as otherwise provided in this division, division (A)(2) of this section applies to attorneys, physicians, and other persons who engage in the practice of a profession and who, pursuant to a section of the Revised Code, the common law of this state, a code of ethics applicable to the profession, or otherwise, generally are required not to reveal, disclose, or use confidences of clients, patients, or other recipients of professional services except under specified circumstances or generally are required to maintain those types of confidences as privileged communications except under specified circumstances. Division (A)(2) of this section does not require an attorney, physician, or other professional subject to a confidentiality requirement as described in this division to disclose the name, other identity, or address of a client, patient, or other recipient of professional services if the disclosure would threaten the client, patient, or other recipient of professional services, would reveal details of the subject matter for which legal, medical, or professional advice or other services were sought, or would reveal an otherwise privileged communication involving the client, patient, or other recipient of professional services. Division (A)(2) of this section does not require an attorney, physician, or other professional subject to a confidentiality requirement as described in this division to disclose in the brief description of the nature of services required by division (A)(2) of this section any information pertaining to specific professional services rendered for a client, patient, or other recipient of professional services that would reveal details of the subject matter for which legal, medical, or professional advice was sought or would reveal an otherwise privileged communication involving the client, patient, or other recipient of professional services.

(D)(1) Each state elected officer or staff member who filed or was required to file a disclosure statement under section 102.02 of the Revised Code and who leaves public service or public employment shall file an initial statement under division (A)(1) of this section not later than the day on which the former state elected officer or staff member leaves public

service or public employment. The initial statement shall specify whether the person will, or will not, receive any income from a source described in division (A)(2)(a), (b), or (c) of this section.

If a person files an initial statement under this division that states that the person will receive income from a source described in division (A)(2)(a), (b), or (c) of this section, the person is required to file statements under division (A)(2), (3), (4), or (5) of this section at the times specified in division (D)(2) of this section.

If a person files an initial statement under this division that states that the person will not receive income from a source described in division (A)(2)(a), (b), or (c) of this section, except as otherwise provided in this division, the person is not required to file statements under division (A)(2), (4), or (5) of this section or to file subsequent statements under division (A)(3) of this section. If a person files an initial statement under this division that states that the person will not receive income from a source described in division (A)(2)(a), (b), or (c) of this section, and, subsequent to the filing of that initial statement, the person receives any income from a source described in division (A)(2)(a), (b), or (c) of this section, the person within ten days shall file a statement under division (A)(2) of this section that contains the information described in that division, and the person thereafter shall file statements under division (A)(2), (3), (4), or (5) of this section at the times specified in division (D)(2) of this section.

(2) After the filing of the initial statement under division (D)(1) of this section, each person required to file a statement under division (A)(2), (3), (4), or (5) of this section shall file it on or before the last calendar day of January, May, and September. The statements described in divisions (A)(2), (3), and (5) of this section shall relate to the sources of income the person received in the immediately preceding filing period from each source of income in each of the categories listed in division (A)(2) of this section. The statement described in division (A)(4) of this section shall include any information required to be reported regarding expenditures and gifts of the type described in division (A)(4) of this section occurring since the filing of the immediately preceding statement.

If, pursuant to this division, a person files a statement under division (A)(2) of this section, the person is required to file statements under division (A)(4) of this section, and subsequent statements under division (A)(2), (3), or (5) of this section, at the times specified in this division. In addition, if, subsequent to the filing of the statement under division (A)(2) of this section, the person receives any income from a source described in division (A)(2)(a), (b), or (c) of this section that was not listed on the statement filed

under division (A)(2) of this section, the person within ten days shall file a statement under division (A)(2) of this section that contains the information described in that division regarding the new income source.

If, pursuant to this division, a person files a statement under division (A)(3) of this section, except as otherwise provided in this division, the person thereafter is not required to file statements under division (A)(2), (4), or (5) of this section, or to file subsequent statements under division (A)(3) of this section. If, subsequent to the filing of the statement under division (A)(3) of this section, the person receives any income from a source described in division (A)(2)(a), (b), or (c) of this section, the person within ten days shall file a statement under division (A)(2) of this section that contains the information described in that division regarding the new income source, and the person thereafter shall file statements under division (A)(4) of this section, and subsequent statements under division (A)(2) or (3) of this section, at the times specified in this division.

(3) No fee shall be required for filing ~~an initial~~ a statement under ~~division (D)(1) of this section. The~~

~~person filing a statement under division (D)(2) of this section that is required to be filed on or before the last calendar day of January, May, and September shall pay a ten dollar filing fee with each such statement not to exceed thirty dollars in any calendar year. The, except that the joint legislative ethics committee may charge late fees in the same manner as specified in division (G) of section 101.72 of the Revised Code.~~

(E) Any state elected officer or staff member who filed or was required to file a disclosure statement under section 102.02 of the Revised Code and who leaves public service or public employment shall provide a forwarding address to the officer's or staff member's last employer, and the employer shall provide the person's name and address to the joint legislative ethics committee. The former elected state officer or staff member shall provide updated forwarding addresses as necessary to the joint legislative ethics committee during the twenty-four-month period during which division (A)(1) of this section applies. The public agency or appointing authority that was the last employer of a person required to file a statement under division (A)(2) of this section shall furnish to the person a copy of the form needed to complete the initial statement required under division (D)(1) of this section.

(F) During the twenty-four-month period immediately following the end of the former state elected officer's or staff member's service or public employment, no person required to file a statement under this section shall receive from a source described in division (A)(2)(a), (b), or (c) of this

section, and no source described in division (A)(2)(a), (b), or (c) of this section shall pay to that person, any compensation that is contingent in any way upon the introduction, modification, passage, or defeat of any legislation or the outcome of any executive agency decision.

(G) As used in this section "state elected officer or staff member" means any elected officer of this state, any staff, as defined in section 101.70 of the Revised Code, or any staff, as defined in section 121.60 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 103.41. (A) As used in sections 103.41 to 103.415 of the Revised Code:

(1) "JMOC" means the joint medicaid oversight committee created under this section.

(2) "State and local government medicaid agency" means all of the following:

(a) The department of medicaid;

~~(b) The office of health transformation;~~

~~(c)~~ Each state agency and political subdivision with which the department of medicaid contracts under section 5162.35 of the Revised Code to have the state agency or political subdivision administer one or more components of the medicaid program, or one or more aspects of a component, under the department's supervision;

~~(d)~~(c) Each agency of a political subdivision that is responsible for administering one or more components of the medicaid program, or one or more aspects of a component, under the supervision of the department or a state agency or political subdivision described in division (A)(2)~~(e)~~(b) of this section.

(B) There is hereby created the joint medicaid oversight committee. JMOC shall consist of the following members:

(1) Five members of the senate appointed by the president of the senate, three of whom are members of the majority party and two of whom are members of the minority party;

(2) Five members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, three of whom are members of the majority party and two of whom are members of the minority party.

(C) The term of each JMOC member shall begin on the day of appointment to JMOC and end on the last day that the member serves in the house (in the case of a member appointed by the speaker) or senate (in the case of a member appointed by the president) during the general assembly for which the member is appointed to JMOC. The president and speaker shall make the initial appointments not later than fifteen days after March

20, 2014. However, if this section takes effect before January 1, 2014, the president and speaker shall make the initial appointments during the period beginning January 1, 2014, and ending January 15, 2014. The president and speaker shall make subsequent appointments not later than fifteen days after the commencement of the first regular session of each general assembly. JMOC members may be reappointed. A vacancy on JMOC shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(D) In odd-numbered years, the speaker shall designate one of the majority members from the house as the JMOC chairperson and the president shall designate one of the minority members from the senate as the JMOC ranking minority member. In even-numbered years, the president shall designate one of the majority members from the senate as the JMOC chairperson and the speaker shall designate one of the minority members from the house as the JMOC ranking minority member.

(E) In appointing members from the minority, and in designating ranking minority members, the president and speaker shall consult with the minority leader of their respective houses.

(F) JMOC shall meet at the call of the JMOC chairperson. The chairperson shall call JMOC to meet not less often than once each calendar month, unless the chairperson and ranking minority member agree that the chairperson should not call JMOC to meet for a particular month.

(G) Notwithstanding section 101.26 of the Revised Code, the members, when engaged in their duties as members of JMOC on days when there is not a voting session of the member's house of the general assembly, shall be paid at the per diem rate of one hundred fifty dollars, and their necessary traveling expenses, which shall be paid from the funds appropriated for the payment of expenses of legislative committees.

(H) The JMOC chairperson may, subject to approval by the speaker of the house of representatives or the speaker's designee and the president of the senate or the president's designee, employ professional, technical, and clerical employees as are necessary for JMOC to be able successfully and efficiently to perform its duties. All such employees are in the unclassified service and may be terminated by the chairperson, subject to approval of the speaker or the speaker's designee and president or the president's designee. JMOC may contract for the services of persons who are qualified by education and experience to advise, consult with, or otherwise assist JMOC in the performance of its duties.

(I) The JMOC chairperson, when authorized by JMOC and the president and speaker, may issue subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum in aid of JMOC's performance of its duties. A subpoena may require a witness in any

part of the state to appear before JMOC at a time and place designated in the subpoena to testify. A subpoena duces tecum may require witnesses or other persons in any part of the state to produce books, papers, records, and other tangible evidence before JMOC at a time and place designated in the subpoena duces tecum. A subpoena or subpoena duces tecum shall be issued, served, and returned, and has consequences, as specified in sections 101.41 to 101.45 of the Revised Code.

(J) The JMOC chairperson may administer oaths to witnesses appearing before JMOC.

~~Sec. 103.416. JMOC on a quarterly basis shall monitor the actions of the department of medicaid under section 5167.04 of the Revised Code in preparing to implement inclusion of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services covered by medicaid in the care management system established under section 5167.03 of the Revised Code. When the inclusion of these services in the system begins to be implemented, JMOC on a periodic basis shall monitor the department's~~ department of medicaid's ~~inclusion of the alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services in the care management system established under section 5167.03 of the Revised Code.~~

Sec. 107.036. (A) For each business incentive tax credit, the main operating appropriations act shall contain a detailed estimate of the total amount of credits that may be authorized in each year, an estimate of the amount of credits expected to be claimed in each year, and an estimate of the amount of credits expected to remain outstanding at the end of the biennium. The governor shall include such estimates in the state budget submitted to the general assembly pursuant to section 107.03 of the Revised Code.

(B) As used in this section, "business incentive tax credit" means all of the following:

(1) The job creation tax credit under section 122.17 of the Revised Code;

(2) The job retention tax credit under section 122.171 of the Revised Code;

(3) The historic preservation tax credit under section 149.311 of the Revised Code;

(4) The motion picture and Broadway theatrical production tax credit under section 122.85 of the Revised Code;

(5) The new markets tax credit under section 5725.33 of the Revised Code;

(6) The research and development credit under section 166.21 of the Revised Code;

(7) The small business investment credit under section 122.86 of the Revised Code;

(8) The rural growth investment credit under section 122.152 of the Revised Code;

(9) The opportunity zone investment credit under section 122.84 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 109.572. (A)(1) Upon receipt of a request pursuant to section 121.08, 3301.32, 3301.541, or 3319.39 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following:

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

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

(c) If the request is made pursuant to section 3319.39 of the Revised Code for an applicant who is a teacher, any offense specified in section 3319.31 of the Revised Code.

(2) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 3712.09 or 3721.121 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau

of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check with respect to any person who has applied for employment in a position for which a criminal records check is required by those sections. The superintendent shall conduct the criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following:

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

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

(3) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 173.27, 173.38, 173.381, 3701.881, ~~5119.34~~, 5164.34, 5164.341, 5164.342, 5123.081, or 5123.169 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check of the person for whom the request is made. The superintendent shall conduct the criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request previously has been convicted of, has pleaded guilty to, or (except in the case of a request pursuant to section 5164.34, 5164.341, or 5164.342 of the Revised Code) has been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for any of the following, regardless of the date of the conviction, the date of entry of the guilty plea, or (except in the case of a request pursuant to section 5164.34, 5164.341, or 5164.342 of the Revised Code) the date the person was found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction:

(a) A violation of section 959.13, 959.131, 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.041, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.15, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.211, 2903.22, 2903.34, 2903.341, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2905.11, 2905.12, 2905.32, 2905.33, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06,

2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.24, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2907.33, 2909.02, 2909.03, 2909.04, 2909.22, 2909.23, 2909.24, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2911.13, 2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.04, 2913.05, 2913.11, 2913.21, 2913.31, 2913.32, 2913.40, 2913.41, 2913.42, 2913.43, 2913.44, 2913.441, 2913.45, 2913.46, 2913.47, 2913.48, 2913.49, 2913.51, 2917.01, 2917.02, 2917.03, 2917.31, 2919.12, 2919.121, 2919.123, 2919.22, 2919.23, 2919.24, 2919.25, 2921.03, 2921.11, 2921.12, 2921.13, 2921.21, 2921.24, 2921.32, 2921.321, 2921.34, 2921.35, 2921.36, 2921.51, 2923.12, 2923.122, 2923.123, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2923.162, 2923.21, 2923.32, 2923.42, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.041, 2925.05, 2925.06, 2925.09, 2925.11, 2925.13, 2925.14, 2925.141, 2925.22, 2925.23, 2925.24, 2925.36, 2925.55, 2925.56, 2927.12, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code;

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

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

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

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

(4) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 2151.86 or 2151.904 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following:

(a) A violation of section 959.13, 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.15, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.211, 2903.22, 2903.34, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2909.02, 2909.03, 2909.22, 2909.23, 2909.24, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2913.49, 2917.01, 2917.02, 2919.12, 2919.22, 2919.24, 2919.25, 2923.12, 2923.13,

2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05, 2925.06, 2927.12, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code, a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, a violation of section 2919.23 of the Revised Code that would have been a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, had the violation been committed prior to that date, a violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code that is not a minor drug possession offense, two or more OVI or OVUAC violations committed within the three years immediately preceding the submission of the application or petition that is the basis of the request, or felonious sexual penetration in violation of former section 2907.12 of the Revised Code;

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

(5) Upon receipt of a request pursuant to section 5104.013 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following:

(a) A violation of section 2151.421, 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.22, 2903.34, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2905.11, 2905.32, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.19, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.24, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2909.02, 2909.03, 2909.04, 2909.05, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.04, 2913.041, 2913.05, 2913.06, 2913.11, 2913.21, 2913.31, 2913.32, 2913.33, 2913.34, 2913.40, 2913.41, 2913.42, 2913.43, 2913.44, 2913.441, 2913.45, 2913.46, 2913.47, 2913.48, 2913.49, 2917.01, 2917.02, 2917.03, 2917.31, 2919.12, 2919.22, 2919.224, 2919.225, 2919.24, 2919.25, 2921.03, 2921.11, 2921.13, 2921.14, 2921.34, 2921.35, 2923.01, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05, 2925.06, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code, felonious sexual penetration in violation of former section 2907.12 of the Revised Code, a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, a violation of section 2919.23 of the Revised Code that would have been a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1,

1996, had the violation been committed prior to that date, a violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code that is not a minor drug possession offense, a violation of section 2923.02 or 2923.03 of the Revised Code that relates to a crime specified in this division, or a second violation of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code within five years of the date of application for licensure or certification.

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

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

(a) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.34, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2909.02, 2909.03, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2919.12, 2919.22, 2919.24, 2919.25, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05, 2925.06, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code, felonious sexual penetration in violation of former section 2907.12 of the Revised Code, a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, a violation of section 2919.23 of the Revised Code that would have been a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, had the violation been committed prior to that date, or a violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code that is not a minor drug possession offense;

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

(7) On receipt of a request for a criminal records check from an individual pursuant to section 4749.03 or 4749.06 of the Revised Code, accompanied by a completed copy of the form prescribed in division (C)(1) of this section and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in a manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau

of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists indicating that the person who is the subject of the request has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony in this state or in any other state. If the individual indicates that a firearm will be carried in the course of business, the superintendent shall require information from the federal bureau of investigation as described in division (B)(2) of this section. Subject to division (F) of this section, the superintendent shall report the findings of the criminal records check and any information the federal bureau of investigation provides to the director of public safety.

(8) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 1321.37, 1321.53, or 4763.05 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check with respect to any person who has applied for a license, permit, or certification from the department of commerce or a division in the department. The superintendent shall conduct the criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following: a violation of section 2913.02, 2913.11, 2913.31, 2913.51, or 2925.03 of the Revised Code; any other criminal offense involving theft, receiving stolen property, embezzlement, forgery, fraud, passing bad checks, money laundering, or drug trafficking, or any criminal offense involving money or securities, as set forth in Chapters 2909., 2911., 2913., 2915., 2921., 2923., and 2925. of the Revised Code; or any existing or former law of this state, any other state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to those offenses.

(9) On receipt of a request for a criminal records check from the treasurer of state under section 113.041 of the Revised Code or from an individual under section 4701.08, 4715.101, 4717.061, 4725.121, 4725.501, 4729.071, 4729.53, 4729.90, 4729.92, 4730.101, 4730.14, 4730.28, 4731.081, 4731.15, 4731.171, 4731.222, 4731.281, ~~4731.296~~, 4731.531, 4732.091, 4734.202, 4740.061, 4741.10, 4747.051, ~~4751.20~~, ~~4751.201~~, ~~4751.202~~, ~~4751.21~~, 4753.061, 4755.70, 4757.101, 4759.061, 4760.032, 4760.06, 4761.051, 4762.031, 4762.06, 4774.031, 4774.06, 4776.021, 4778.04, 4778.07, 4779.091, or 4783.04 of the Revised Code, accompanied by a completed form prescribed under division (C)(1) of this section and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in division

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

(10) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 124.74, 718.131, 1121.23, 1315.141, 1733.47, or 1761.26 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any criminal offense under any existing or former law of this state, any other state, or the United States.

(11) On receipt of a request for a criminal records check from an appointing or licensing authority under section 3772.07 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed under division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner prescribed in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty or no contest to any offense under any existing or former law of this state, any other state, or the United States that is a disqualifying offense as defined in section 3772.07 of the Revised Code or substantially equivalent to such an offense.

(12) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 2151.33 or 2151.412 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check with respect to any person for whom a criminal records check is required under that section. The superintendent shall conduct the criminal

records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following:

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

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

(13) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 3796.12 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in a manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to the following:

(a) A disqualifying offense as specified in rules adopted under division (B)(2)(b) of section 3796.03 of the Revised Code if the person who is the subject of the request is an administrator or other person responsible for the daily operation of, or an owner or prospective owner, officer or prospective officer, or board member or prospective board member of, an entity seeking a license from the department of commerce under Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code;

(b) A disqualifying offense as specified in rules adopted under division (B)(2)(b) of section 3796.04 of the Revised Code if the person who is the subject of the request is an administrator or other person responsible for the daily operation of, or an owner or prospective owner, officer or prospective officer, or board member or prospective board member of, an entity seeking a license from the state board of pharmacy under Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code.

(14) On receipt of a request required by section 3796.13 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this

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

(a) A disqualifying offense as specified in rules adopted under division (B)(8)(a) of section 3796.03 of the Revised Code if the person who is the subject of the request is seeking employment with an entity licensed by the department of commerce under Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code;

(b) A disqualifying offense as specified in rules adopted under division (B)(14)(a) of section 3796.04 of the Revised Code if the person who is the subject of the request is seeking employment with an entity licensed by the state board of pharmacy under Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code.

(15) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 4768.06 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed under division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists indicating that the person who is the subject of the request has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony in this state or in any other state.

(16) On receipt of a request pursuant to division (B) of section 4764.07 or division (A) of section 4735.143 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed under division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists indicating that the person who is the subject of the request has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any crime of moral turpitude, a felony, or an equivalent offense in any other state or the United States.

(17) On receipt of a request for a criminal records check under section 147.022 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed under division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner prescribed in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this

section to determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty or no contest to any disqualifying offense, as defined in section 147.011 of the Revised Code, or to any offense under any existing or former law of this state, any other state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to such a disqualifying offense.

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

(1) The superintendent shall review or cause to be reviewed any relevant information gathered and compiled by the bureau under division (A) of section 109.57 of the Revised Code that relates to the person who is the subject of the criminal records check, including, if the criminal records check was requested under section 113.041, 121.08, 124.74, 173.27, 173.38, 173.381, 718.131, 1121.23, 1315.141, 1321.37, 1321.53, 1733.47, 1761.26, 2151.86, 3301.32, 3301.541, 3319.39, 3701.881, 3712.09, 3721.121, 3772.07, 3796.12, 3796.13, 4729.071, 4729.53, 4729.90, 4729.92, 4749.03, 4749.06, 4763.05, 4764.07, 4768.06, 5104.013, 5164.34, 5164.341, 5164.342, 5123.081, 5123.169, or 5153.111 of the Revised Code, any relevant information contained in records that have been sealed under section 2953.32 of the Revised Code;

(2) If the request received by the superintendent asks for information from the federal bureau of investigation, the superintendent shall request from the federal bureau of investigation any information it has with respect to the person who is the subject of the criminal records check, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as described in 42 U.S.C. 671 if the request is made pursuant to section 2151.86 or 5104.013 of the Revised Code or if any other Revised Code section requires fingerprint-based checks of that nature, and shall review or cause to be reviewed any information the superintendent receives from that bureau. If a request under section 3319.39 of the Revised Code asks only for information from the federal bureau of investigation, the superintendent shall not conduct the review prescribed by division (B)(1) of this section.

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

(4) The superintendent shall include in the results of the criminal records check a list or description of the offenses listed or described in division (A)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), (14),

(15), (16), or (17) of this section, whichever division requires the superintendent to conduct the criminal records check. The superintendent shall exclude from the results any information the dissemination of which is prohibited by federal law.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(4) The superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and

investigation may prescribe methods of forwarding fingerprint impressions and information necessary to conduct a criminal records check, which methods shall include, but not be limited to, an electronic method.

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

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

(F)(1) Subject to division (F)(2) of this section, all information regarding the results of a criminal records check conducted under this section that the superintendent reports or sends under division (A)(7) or (9) of this section to the director of public safety, the treasurer of state, or the person, board, or entity that made the request for the criminal records check shall relate to the conviction of the subject person, or the subject person's plea of guilty to, a criminal offense.

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

(G) As used in this section:

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

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

(3) "OVI or OVUAC violation" means a violation of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code or a violation of an existing or former law of this state,

any other state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to section 4511.19 of the Revised Code.

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

Sec. 111.15. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Rule" includes any rule, regulation, bylaw, or standard having a general and uniform operation adopted by an agency under the authority of the laws governing the agency; any appendix to a rule; and any internal management rule. "Rule" does not include any guideline adopted pursuant to section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code, any order respecting the duties of employees, any finding, any determination of a question of law or fact in a matter presented to an agency, or any rule promulgated pursuant to Chapter 119. or division (C)(1) or (2) of section 5117.02 of the Revised Code. "Rule" includes any amendment or rescission of a rule.

(2) "Agency" means any governmental entity of the state and includes, but is not limited to, any board, department, division, commission, bureau, society, council, institution, state college or university, community college district, technical college district, or state community college. "Agency" does not include the general assembly, the controlling board, the adjutant general's department, or any court.

(3) "Internal management rule" means any rule, regulation, bylaw, or standard governing the day-to-day staff procedures and operations within an agency.

(B)(1) Any rule, other than a rule of an emergency nature, adopted by any agency pursuant to this section shall be effective on the tenth day after the day on which the rule in final form and in compliance with division (B)(3) of this section is filed as follows:

(a) The rule shall be filed in electronic form with both the secretary of state and the director of the legislative service commission;

(b) The rule shall be filed in electronic form with the joint committee on agency rule review. Division (B)(1)(b) of this section does not apply to any rule to which division (D) of this section does not apply.

An agency that adopts or amends a rule that is subject to division (D) of this section shall assign a review date to the rule that is not later than five years after its effective date. If a review date assigned to a rule exceeds the five-year maximum, the review date for the rule is five years after its effective date. A rule with a review date is subject to review under section

106.03 of the Revised Code. This paragraph does not apply to a rule of a state college or university, community college district, technical college district, or state community college.

If an agency in adopting a rule designates an effective date that is later than the effective date provided for by division (B)(1) of this section, the rule if filed as required by such division shall become effective on the later date designated by the agency.

Any rule that is required to be filed under division (B)(1) of this section is also subject to division (D) of this section if not exempted by that division.

If a rule incorporates a text or other material by reference, the agency shall comply with sections 121.71 to 121.75 of the Revised Code.

(2) A rule of an emergency nature necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety shall state the reasons for the necessity. The emergency rule, in final form and in compliance with division (B)(3) of this section, shall be filed in electronic form with the secretary of state, the director of the legislative service commission, and the joint committee on agency rule review. The emergency rule is effective immediately upon completion of the latest filing, except that if the agency in adopting the emergency rule designates an effective date, or date and time of day, that is later than the effective date and time provided for by division (B)(2) of this section, the emergency rule if filed as required by such division shall become effective at the later date, or later date and time of day, designated by the agency.

An emergency rule becomes invalid at the end of the one hundred twentieth day it is in effect. Prior to that date, the agency may file the emergency rule as a nonemergency rule in compliance with division (B)(1) of this section. The agency may not refile the emergency rule in compliance with division (B)(2) of this section so that, upon the emergency rule becoming invalid under such division, the emergency rule will continue in effect without interruption for another one hundred twenty-day period.

(3) An agency shall file a rule under division (B)(1) or (2) of this section in compliance with the following standards and procedures:

(a) The rule shall be numbered in accordance with the numbering system devised by the director for the Ohio administrative code.

(b) The rule shall be prepared and submitted in compliance with the rules of the legislative service commission.

(c) The rule shall clearly state the date on which it is to be effective and the date on which it will expire, if known.

(d) Each rule that amends or rescinds another rule shall clearly refer to

the rule that is amended or rescinded. Each amendment shall fully restate the rule as amended.

If the director of the legislative service commission or the director's designee gives an agency notice pursuant to section 103.05 of the Revised Code that a rule filed by the agency is not in compliance with the rules of the legislative service commission, the agency shall within thirty days after receipt of the notice conform the rule to the rules of the commission as directed in the notice.

(C) All rules filed pursuant to divisions (B)(1)(a) and (2) of this section shall be recorded by the secretary of state and the director under the title of the agency adopting the rule and shall be numbered according to the numbering system devised by the director. The secretary of state and the director shall preserve the rules in an accessible manner. Each such rule shall be a public record open to public inspection and may be transmitted to any law publishing company that wishes to reproduce it.

(D) At least sixty-five days before a board, commission, department, division, or bureau of the government of the state files a rule under division (B)(1) of this section, it shall file the full text of the proposed rule in electronic form with the joint committee on agency rule review, and the proposed rule is subject to legislative review and invalidation under section 106.021 of the Revised Code. If a state board, commission, department, division, or bureau makes a revision in a proposed rule after it is filed with the joint committee, the state board, commission, department, division, or bureau shall promptly file the full text of the proposed rule in its revised form in electronic form with the joint committee. A state board, commission, department, division, or bureau shall also file the rule summary and fiscal analysis prepared under section 106.024 of the Revised Code in electronic form along with a proposed rule, and along with a proposed rule in revised form, that is filed under this division. If a proposed rule has an adverse impact on businesses, the state board, commission, department, division, or bureau also shall file the business impact analysis, any recommendations received from the common sense initiative office, and the associated memorandum of response, if any, in electronic form along with the proposed rule, or the proposed rule in revised form, that is filed under this division.

A proposed rule that is subject to legislative review under this division may not be adopted and filed in final form under division (B)(1) of this section unless the proposed rule has been filed with the joint committee on agency rule review under this division and the time for the joint committee to review the proposed rule has expired without recommendation of a

concurrent resolution to invalidate the proposed rule.

As used in this division, "commission" includes the public utilities commission when adopting rules under a federal or state statute.

This division does not apply to any of the following:

- (1) A proposed rule of an emergency nature;
- (2) A rule proposed under section 1121.05, 1121.06, 1349.33, 1707.201, 1733.412, 4123.29, 4123.34, 4123.341, 4123.342, 4123.40, 4123.411, 4123.44, or 4123.442 of the Revised Code;
- (3) A rule proposed by an agency other than a board, commission, department, division, or bureau of the government of the state;
- (4) A proposed internal management rule of a board, commission, department, division, or bureau of the government of the state;
- (5) Any proposed rule that must be adopted verbatim by an agency pursuant to federal law or rule, to become effective within sixty days of adoption, in order to continue the operation of a federally reimbursed program in this state, so long as the proposed rule contains both of the following:
 - (a) A statement that it is proposed for the purpose of complying with a federal law or rule;
 - (b) A citation to the federal law or rule that requires verbatim compliance.
- (6) An initial rule proposed by the director of health to impose safety standards and quality-of-care standards with respect to a health service specified in section 3702.11 of the Revised Code, or an initial rule proposed by the director to impose quality standards on a health care facility listed as defined in division (A)(4) of section 3702.30 of the Revised Code, if section 3702.12 of the Revised Code requires that the rule be adopted under this section;
- (7) A rule of the state lottery commission pertaining to instant game rules.

If a rule is exempt from legislative review under division (D)(5) of this section, and if the federal law or rule pursuant to which the rule was adopted expires, is repealed or rescinded, or otherwise terminates, the rule is thereafter subject to legislative review under division (D) of this section.

Whenever a state board, commission, department, division, or bureau files a proposed rule or a proposed rule in revised form under division (D) of this section, it shall also file the full text of the same proposed rule or proposed rule in revised form in electronic form with the secretary of state and the director of the legislative service commission. A state board, commission, department, division, or bureau shall file the rule summary and

fiscal analysis prepared under section 106.024 of the Revised Code in electronic form along with a proposed rule or proposed rule in revised form that is filed with the secretary of state or the director of the legislative service commission.

Sec. 111.28. (A) There is hereby created in the state treasury the help America vote act (HAVA) fund. All moneys received by the secretary of state from the United States election assistance commission shall be credited to the fund. The secretary of state shall use the moneys credited to the fund for activities conducted pursuant to the "Help America Vote Act of 2002," Pub. L. No. 107-252, 116 Stat. 1666. All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund.

~~(B) There is hereby created in the state treasury the election reform/health and human services fund. All moneys received by the secretary of state from the United States department of health and human services shall be credited to the fund. The secretary of state shall use the moneys credited to the fund for activities conducted pursuant to grants awarded to the state under Title II, Subtitle D, Sections 261 to 265 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to assure access for individuals with disabilities. All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund.~~

~~(C)~~ There is hereby created in the state treasury the miscellaneous federal grants fund. All moneys the secretary of state receives as grants from federal sources that are not otherwise designated shall be credited to the fund. The secretary of state shall use the moneys credited to the fund for the purposes and activities required by the applicable federal grant agreements. All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund.

Sec. 113.55. (A) The Ohio ABLE savings program trust fund is hereby created, which shall be in the custody of the treasurer of state but shall not be part of the state treasury. The fund shall be used if the treasurer of state elects to accept deposits from contributors rather than have deposits sent directly to a program manager. The fund shall consist of any moneys deposited by contributors in accordance with sections 113.50 to 113.56 of the Revised Code that are not deposited directly with the program manager. Money shall be disbursed from the fund upon an order of the treasurer. All interest from the money in the fund shall be credited to the Ohio ABLE savings expense fund.

(B)(1) The Ohio ABLE savings expense fund is hereby created in the state treasury. The fund shall consist of money received from program managers, governmental or private grants, or appropriations for the program.

(2) All expenses incurred by the treasurer of state in developing and

administering the ABLE account program and all expenses and reimbursements allowed for the ~~ABLE~~ STABLE account program advisory board created under section 113.56 of the Revised Code shall be payable from the Ohio ABLE savings expense fund.

Sec. 113.56. (A) There is hereby created the ~~ABLE~~ STABLE account program advisory board, consisting of nine members, composed of the following:

- (1) The director of developmental disabilities or the director's designee;
- (2) One member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;
- (3) One member of the senate appointed by the president of the senate;
- (4) One member appointed by the governor who is a representative of an intellectual or developmental disability advocacy organization;
- (5) One member appointed by the governor who is a representative of a service provider for individuals with disabilities;
- (6) One member appointed by the governor who is the parent of a child with a disability and who has significant experience with disability issues;
- (7) One member appointed by the governor who is a person with a disability and who has significant experience with disability issues;
- (8) Two members appointed by the governor who have significant experience in finance, accounting, investment management, or other areas that may assist the board in carrying out its duties.

(B) Terms of office of the appointed members described in divisions (A)(4) to (8) of this section are for four years, which shall end on the thirty-first day of December. Terms of office of the appointed members described in divisions (A)(2) and (3) of this section shall be for the term of the general assembly. Any member may be reappointed, provided the member continues to meet all other eligibility requirements. Vacancies shall be filled in the manner provided for original appointments. Any such member appointed to fill a vacancy before the expiration of the term for which the predecessor was appointed shall hold office as a member for the remainder of that term. Appointed members of the board serve at the pleasure of the member's appointing authority and may be removed only by that authority.

~~(C) The member described in division (A)(1) of this section shall call the first meeting of the ABLE account program advisory board, which shall occur not later than sixty days after the effective date of the enactment of this section. At the board's first meeting, members of the board shall elect a chairperson. If a vacancy occurs in the office of chairperson, members shall elect a new chairperson. The board shall meet at least four times each year~~

or more frequently at the call of the chairperson. The board is a public body for purposes of section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

(D) A vacancy on the board does not impair the right of the other members to exercise all the functions of the board. The presence of a majority of the members of the board constitutes a quorum for the conduct of business of the board. The concurrence of at least a majority of the members of the board is necessary for any action to be taken by the board. On request to the treasurer of state, each member of the board shall be reimbursed for the actual and necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of the member's official duties.

(E)(1) The board shall do all of the following:

(a) Review the work of the treasurer of state related to the program;

(b) Advise the treasurer on the program as requested by the treasurer;

(c) Make recommendations to the treasurer for the improvement of the program;

(d) On or before the thirty-first day of December of each year, in consultation with the treasurer of state, prepare a report of the board's activities and recommendations and deliver that report to the governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and president of the senate.

(2) The board may prepare reports of the board's activities and recommendations in addition to the report described in division (E)(1)(d) of this section. The board shall deliver such a report to the governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and president of the senate.

(F) The treasurer of state shall provide the board with the resources necessary to conduct its business. The board may accept uncompensated assistance from individuals, research organizations, and other state agencies.

Sec. ~~125.66~~ 113.60. (A) As used in this section and ~~section 125.661~~ sections 113.61 and 113.62 of the Revised Code:

(1) "~~Social service~~ Service intermediary" means a ~~nonprofit organization exempt from federal income taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," as amended, or a wholly owned subsidiary of a nonprofit organization, that delivers or contracts for the delivery of social services, raises capital to finance the delivery of social services, and provides ongoing project management and investor relations for these activities~~ person or entity that enters into a pay for success contract under this section and sections 113.61 and 113.62 of the Revised Code. The service intermediary may act as the service provider that delivers the services specified in the contract or may contract with a separate service provider to deliver those services.

(2) "State agency" ~~has~~ and "political subdivision" have the same

~~meaning~~ meanings as in section 9.23 of the Revised Code.

~~(B) There is hereby established~~ The treasurer of state shall administer the pay for success contracting program, shall develop procedures for awarding pay for success contracts, and may take any action necessary to implement and administer the program. Under the program, the ~~director of administrative services~~ treasurer of state may enter into ~~multi-year contracts~~ a pay for success contract with ~~social~~ a service intermediaries to achieve certain social goals in this state intermediary for the delivery of specified services that benefit the state, a political subdivision, or a group of political subdivisions, such as programs addressing education, public health, criminal justice, or natural resource management. In the case of a contract for the delivery of services that benefit the state, the treasurer of state shall enter into the contract jointly with the director of administrative services. The treasurer of state and, as applicable, the director of administrative services, may enter into a pay for success contract under either of the following circumstances:

(1) Upon receiving an appropriation from the general assembly for the purpose of entering into a pay for success contract;

(2)(a) At the request of a state agency, a political subdivision, or a group of state agencies or political subdivisions that the treasurer of state and, as applicable, the director of administrative services, enter into a pay for success contract on behalf of the requesting state agency, political subdivision, or group. The requesting state agency, political subdivision, or group shall deposit the cost of the contract with the treasurer of state in the appropriate fund established in section 113.62 of the Revised Code.

(b) A political subdivision or group of political subdivisions that requests the treasurer of state to enter into a pay for success contract on behalf of the political subdivision or group shall not use state funds to pay the cost of the contract.

(c) The treasurer of state may apply for federal grant moneys on behalf of a requesting state agency, political subdivision, or group to pay the cost of all or part of the contract. The treasurer of state shall not apply for federal grant moneys for the purpose of entering into a pay for success contract without first entering into an agreement with a requesting state agency, political subdivision, or group for the treasurer of state to apply for those moneys.

~~(C) A contract entered into under the program shall include provisions that do all of the following:~~

~~(1) Require the department of administrative services, in consultation with an agency of this state that administers programs or services related to~~

~~the contract's subject matter, to specify performance targets to be met by the social service intermediary;~~

~~(2) Specify the process or methodology that an independent evaluator contracted by the department of administrative services under section 125.661 of the Revised Code must use to evaluate the social service intermediary's progress toward meeting each performance target;~~

~~(3) Require the department of administrative services to pay the social service intermediary in installments at times determined by the director of administrative services that are specified in the contract and are consistent with applicable state law;~~

~~(4) Require the installment payments to the social service intermediary to be based on the social service intermediary's progress toward achieving each performance target, as determined by the independent evaluator contracted by the department of administrative services under section 125.661 of the Revised Code;~~

~~(5) Specify the maximum amount a social service intermediary may earn for its progress toward achieving performance targets specified under division (C)(1) of this section;~~

~~(6) Require the department of administrative services to ensure, in accordance with applicable state and federal laws, that the social service intermediary has access to any data in the possession of a state agency, including historical data, that the social service intermediary requests for the purpose of performing contractual duties. The treasurer of state may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to administer the pay for success contracting program, including rules concerning both of the following:~~

~~(1) The procedure for a state agency, political subdivision, or group of state agencies or political subdivisions to request the treasurer of state and, as applicable, the director of administrative services to enter into a pay for success contract and to deposit the cost of the contract with the treasurer of state;~~

~~(2) The types of services that are appropriate for a service provider to provide under a pay for success contract.~~

~~(D) The rules of the treasurer of state shall include both of the following:~~

~~(1) A requirement that for not less than seventy-five per cent of the pay for success contracts entered into under this section, the performance targets specified in the contract require that, based on available regional or national data, the improvement in the status of this state or the relevant area of this state with respect to the issue the contract is meant to address be greater than~~

the average improvement in status with respect to that issue in other geographical areas during the period of the contract;

(2) A process to ensure that any regional or national data used to determine whether a service provider has met its performance targets under a pay for success contract are scientifically valid.

Sec. ~~125.661~~ 113.61. If (A) A pay for success contract entered into under section 113.60 of the Revised Code shall include provisions that do all of the following:

(1) Require the treasurer of state, in consultation with the requesting state agency or agencies and the director of administrative services, or in consultation with the requesting political subdivision or group of political subdivisions, to specify performance targets to be met by the service provider. If scientifically valid regional or national data are available to compare the status of this state or the relevant area of this state with respect to the issue the contract is meant to address against the status of other geographical areas with respect to that issue, the performance targets shall require the improvement in the status of this state or the relevant area of this state with respect to that issue to be greater than the average improvement in status with respect to that issue in other geographical areas during the period of the contract.

(2) Specify the process or methodology that an independent evaluator contracted by the treasurer of state under division (B) of this section must use to evaluate whether the service provider has met each performance target;

(3) Require the treasurer of state to pay the service intermediary in installments at times determined by the treasurer that are specified in the contract and are consistent with applicable state law;

(4) Require the installment payments to the service intermediary to be based on whether the service provider has met each performance target, as determined by the independent evaluator;

(5) Specify the maximum amount a service intermediary may earn for meeting the performance targets;

(6) Require a state agency, political subdivision, or group that requested the treasurer of state and, as applicable, the director of administrative services to enter into the contract to determine, in accordance with applicable laws, to which data in the possession of the state agency, political subdivision, or group the service intermediary shall have access for the purpose of fulfilling the contract and any limitations on the use of the data. The state agency, political subdivision, or group shall retain control over the data and shall provide the data directly to the service intermediary in

accordance with the terms of the contract. If any dispute arises concerning the data, the state agency, political subdivision, or group shall work directly with the service intermediary to resolve the dispute.

(B) ~~When the director of administrative services~~ treasurer of state ~~contracts and, as applicable, the director of administrative services contract with a social service intermediary under section 125.66~~ 113.60 of the Revised Code, the treasurer of state and, as applicable, the director also shall contract with a person or government entity, other than a state agency, a political subdivision, or a group of state agencies or political subdivisions that requested the treasurer and, as applicable, the director to enter into the contract, to evaluate whether the social service intermediary's progress toward meeting provider has met each performance target specified in the contract pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 125.66 of the Revised Code. The ~~director~~ treasurer and, as applicable, the director shall choose an evaluator that is independent from the social service intermediary and the service provider, ensuring that ~~both parties do~~ the evaluator does not have common owners or administrators, managers, or employees with the service intermediary or the service provider.

Sec. 113.62. (A) There is in the state treasury the state pay for success contract fund. The fund shall consist of any moneys transferred to the treasurer of state by state agencies for the purpose of making payments to service intermediaries under pay for success contracts the treasurer of state and the director of administrative services enter into on behalf of the state agencies and any moneys appropriated to the fund. Any investment earnings on the fund shall be credited to it. The treasurer shall use the moneys in the fund for the purpose of implementing and administering the pay for success contracting program with respect to pay for success contracts that benefit the state. When the term of a pay for success contract expires, the treasurer of state shall transfer any remaining unencumbered funds received from a state agency or group of state agencies for the purpose of making payments under the contract to that agency or group.

(B) There is in the state treasury the federal pay for success contract fund. The fund shall consist of any moneys the treasurer receives from federal agencies pursuant to grant agreements for the purpose of entering into pay for success contracts. Any investment earnings on the fund shall be credited to it. The treasurer shall use the moneys in the fund in accordance with those grant agreements. When the term of a pay for success contract expires, the treasurer of state shall transfer any remaining unencumbered funds received from a federal agency pursuant to a grant agreement in accordance with the grant agreement.

(C) There is in the state treasury the local government pay for success contract fund. The fund shall consist of any moneys paid to the treasurer of state by political subdivisions for the purpose of making payments to service intermediaries under pay for success contracts the treasurer enters into on behalf of the political subdivisions. Any investment earnings on the fund shall be credited to it. The treasurer shall use the moneys in the fund for the purpose of implementing and administering the pay for success contracting program with respect to pay for success contracts that benefit those political subdivisions. When the term of a pay for success contract expires, the treasurer of state shall transfer any remaining unencumbered funds received from a political subdivision or group of political subdivisions for the purpose of making payments under the contract to that political subdivision or group.

Sec. 117.11. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this division and in sections 117.112, 117.113, and 117.114 of the Revised Code, the auditor of state shall audit each public office at least once every two fiscal years. The auditor of state shall audit a public office each fiscal year if that public office is required to be audited on an annual basis pursuant to "The Single Audit Act of 1984," 98 Stat. 2327, 31 U.S.C.A. 7501 et seq., as amended. In the annual or biennial audit, inquiry shall be made into the methods, accuracy, and legality of the accounts, financial reports, records, files, and reports of the office, whether the laws, rules, ordinances, and orders pertaining to the office have been observed, and whether the requirements and rules of the auditor of state have been complied with. Except as otherwise provided in this division or where auditing standards or procedures dictate otherwise, each audit shall cover at least one fiscal year. If a public office is audited only once every two fiscal years, the audit shall cover both fiscal years.

(B) In addition to the annual or biennial audit provided for in division (A) of this section or in section 117.114 of the Revised Code, the auditor of state may conduct an audit of a public office at any time when so requested by the public office or upon the auditor of state's own initiative if the auditor of state has reasonable cause to believe that an additional audit is in the public interest.

(C)(1) The auditor of state shall identify any public office in which the auditor of state will be unable to conduct an audit at least once every two fiscal years as required by division (A) of this section and shall provide immediate written notice to the clerk of the legislative authority or governing board of the public office so identified. Within six months of the receipt of such notice, the legislative authority or governing board may

engage an independent certified public accountant to conduct an audit pursuant to section 117.12 of the Revised Code.

(2) When the chief fiscal officer of a public office notifies the auditor of state that an audit is required at a time prior to the next regularly scheduled audit by the auditor of state, the auditor of state shall either cause an earlier audit to be made by the auditor of state or authorize the legislative authority or governing board of the public office to engage an independent certified public accountant to conduct the required audit. The scope of the audit shall be as authorized by the auditor of state.

(3) The auditor of state shall approve the scope of an audit under division (C)(1) or (2) of this section as set forth in the contract for the proposed audit before the contract is executed on behalf of the public office that is to be audited. The independent accountant conducting an audit under division (C)(1) or (2) of this section shall be paid by the public office.

(4) The contract for attest services with an independent accountant employed pursuant to this section or section ~~445.56~~ 117.115 of the Revised Code may include binding arbitration provisions, provisions of Chapter 2711. of the Revised Code, or any other alternative dispute resolution procedures to be followed in the event a dispute remains between the state or public office and the independent accountant concerning the terms of or services under the contract, or a breach of the contract, after the administrative provisions of the contract have been exhausted.

(D) If a uniform accounting network is established under section 117.101 of the Revised Code, the auditor of state or a certified public accountant employed pursuant to this section or section ~~445.56~~ or 117.112 or 117.115 of the Revised Code shall, to the extent practicable, utilize services offered by the network in order to conduct efficient and economical audits of public offices.

(E) The auditor of state, in accordance with division (A)(3) of section 9.65 of the Revised Code and this section, may audit an annuity program for volunteer fire fighters established by a political subdivision under section 9.65 of the Revised Code. As used in this section, "volunteer fire fighters" and "political subdivision" have the same meanings as in division (C) of section 9.65 of the Revised Code.

Sec. ~~445.56~~117.115. (A) The auditor of state shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code under which any public office, other than a state agency, may request, and participate in the selection of, an independent certified public accountant to perform any required audit of the public office, in lieu of the auditor of state.

(B) Except as provided in division (A) of this section, when the auditor

of state determines that the auditor's office will not audit a public office other than a state agency, the auditor shall contract with a certified public accountant, ~~public accountant~~, or an official governmental audit organization to perform this audit on behalf of the auditor of state's office.

(C) The auditor of state shall prescribe rules to ensure compliance by independent auditors with generally accepted government auditing standards. The auditor of state shall be granted access to the working papers of an independent auditor during the audit and after its termination. A sum totaling twenty per cent of the total audit cost shall be withheld until certification of the audit report by the auditor of state. The independent audit cost shall be borne by the office that is to be audited. Such contracts for auditing services are void, and no payment shall be issued for services received under such contracts, unless they are executed by the auditor of state.

Sec. 117.13. (A) The total costs of audits of state agencies, both direct and indirect, shall be recovered by the auditor of state in the following manner:

(1) The total costs of all audits of state agencies, both direct and indirect, shall be paid to the auditor of state on statements rendered by the auditor of state. Money so received by the auditor of state shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the public audit expense fund--intrastate, which is hereby created, and shall be used to pay costs related to such audits. The costs of audits of a state agency shall be charged to the state agency being audited, unless otherwise determined by the auditor of state. The costs of any assistant auditor, employee, or expert employed pursuant to section 117.09 of the Revised Code called upon to testify in any legal proceedings in regard to any audit, or called upon to review or discuss any matter related to any audit, may be charged to the state agency to which the audit relates.

(2) The auditor of state shall ~~establish by rule~~ determine and publish annually rates to be charged to state agencies for recovering the costs of audits of state agencies. The rates shall take into consideration federal cost recovery guidelines.

(B) As used in this division, "government auditing standards" means the government auditing standards published by the comptroller general of the United States general accounting office.

(1) Except as provided in divisions (B)(2) and (3) of this section, any costs of an audit of a private institution, association, board, or corporation receiving public money for its use shall be charged to the public office providing the public money in the same manner as costs of an audit of the

public office.

(2) If an audit of a private child placing agency or private noncustodial agency receiving public money from a public children services agency for providing child welfare or child protection services sets forth that money has been illegally expended, converted, misappropriated, or is unaccounted for, the costs of the audit shall be charged to the agency being audited in the same manner as costs of an audit of a public office, unless the findings are inconsequential, as defined by government auditing standards.

(3) If such an audit does not set forth that money has been illegally expended, converted, misappropriated, or is unaccounted for or sets forth findings that are inconsequential, as defined by government auditing standards, the costs of the audit shall be charged as follows:

(a) One-third of the costs to the agency being audited;

(b) One-third of the costs to the public children services agency that provided the public money to the agency being audited;

(c) One-third of the costs to the department of job and family services.

(C) The total costs of audits of local public offices, both direct and indirect, shall be recovered by the auditor of state in the following manner:

(1) ~~The total amount of compensation paid assistant auditors of state, their expenses, the cost of employees assigned to assist the assistant auditors of state, the cost of experts employed pursuant to section 117.09 of the Revised Code, and the cost of typing, reviewing, and copying reports shall be borne by the public office to which such assistant auditors of state are so assigned. Assistant auditors of state shall be compensated by the taxing district or other public office audited for activities undertaken pursuant to division (B) of section 117.18 and section 117.24 of the Revised Code. costs of all audits of local public offices, both direct and indirect, shall be paid to the auditor of state on statements rendered by the auditor of state. Money so received by the auditor of state shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the public audit expense fund-local government, which is hereby created, and shall be used to pay costs related to such audits. The costs of audits of a local public office shall be charged to the local public office being audited, unless otherwise determined by the auditor of state. The charges billed to the local public office for the cost of audits performed shall be offset subject to the availability of resources from the local government audit support fund created under section 117.131 of the Revised Code, the general revenue fund, or other state sources provided to the auditor of state for such purposes. The auditor of state shall establish the manner in which the offset shall be determined. The costs of any assistant auditor, employee, or expert employed pursuant to section 117.09 of the Revised Code called~~

upon to testify in any legal proceedings in regard to any audit, or called upon to review or discuss any matter related to any audit, may be charged to the public office to which the audit relates.

~~(2) The auditor of state shall certify the amount of such compensation, expenses, cost of experts, reviewing, copying, and typing to the fiscal officer of the local public office audited. The fiscal officer of the local public office shall forthwith draw a warrant upon the general fund or other appropriate funds of the local public office to the order of the auditor of state; provided, that the auditor of state is authorized to negotiate with any local public office and, upon agreement between the auditor of state and the local public office, may adopt a schedule for payment of the amount due under this section. Money so received by the auditor of state shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the public audit expense fund local government, which is hereby created, and shall be used to pay the compensation, expense, cost of experts and employees, reviewing, copying, and typing of reports.~~

~~(3) At the conclusion of each audit, or analysis and report made pursuant to section 117.24 of the Revised Code, the auditor of state shall furnish the fiscal officer of the local public office audited a statement showing may allocate the total charges billed for the cost of the audit, or of the audit and the analysis and report, and the percentage of the total cost chargeable to each fund audited. The fiscal officer may distribute such total cost to each fund audited in accordance with its percentage of the total cost to appropriate funds using a methodology that follows guidance provided by the auditor of state.~~

~~(4)~~(3) The auditor of state shall provide each local public office a statement or certification of the amount due from the public office for services performed by the auditor of state under this or any other section of the Revised Code, as well as the date upon which payment is due to the auditor of state. The auditor of state is authorized to negotiate with any local public office and, upon agreement between the auditor of state and the local public office, may adopt a schedule for payment of the amount due under this section. Any local public office that does not pay the amount due to the auditor of state by that date may be assessed by the auditor of state for interest from the date upon which the payment is due at the rate per annum prescribed by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code. All interest charges assessed by the auditor of state may be collected in the same manner as audit costs pursuant to division (D) of this section.

~~(5)~~(4) The auditor of state shall ~~establish by rule~~ determine and publish annually rates to be charged to local public offices for recovering the costs

of audits of local public offices.

(D) If the auditor of state fails to receive payment for any amount due, including, but not limited to, fines, fees, and costs, from a public office for services performed under this or any other section of the Revised Code, the auditor of state may seek payment through the office of budget and management. (Amounts due include any amount due to an independent public accountant with whom the auditor has contracted to perform services, all costs and fees associated with participation in the uniform accounting network, and all costs associated with the auditor's provision of local government services.) Upon certification by the auditor of state to the director of budget and management of any such amount due, the director shall withhold from the public office any amount available, up to and including the amount certified as due, from any funds under the director's control that belong to or are lawfully payable or due to the public office. The director shall promptly pay the amount withheld to the auditor of state. If the director determines that no funds due and payable to the public office are available or that insufficient amounts of such funds are available to cover the amount due, the director shall withhold and pay to the auditor of state the amounts available and, in the case of a local public office, certify the remaining amount to the county auditor of the county in which the local public office is located. The county auditor shall withhold from the local public office any amount available, up to and including the amount certified as due, from any funds under the county auditor's control and belonging to or lawfully payable or due to the local public office. The county auditor shall promptly pay any such amount withheld to the auditor of state.

Sec. 117.131. There is hereby created in the state treasury the local government audit support fund. The fund shall consist of revenue credited pursuant to section 131.511 of the Revised Code and any other revenue as provided by law. The appropriation for the fund shall remain at the amount designated by the general assembly. The controlling board shall not authorize additional spending from the fund in excess of any appropriation made by the general assembly.

The auditor of state shall use the fund to support the cost of financial audits, performance audits, and other audits of local public offices performed pursuant to Chapter 117. of the Revised Code or as otherwise provided by law.

The fund shall be used in a manner to be determined by the auditor of state to offset the audit costs that would otherwise be charged to local public offices in the absence of the fund.

Sec. 117.14. An annual audit of the office of the auditor of state shall be

made by an independent certified public accountant appointed by the governor and the chairpersons of the finance committees of the senate and the house of representatives, upon recommendation from a committee consisting of the:

(A) The governor and the chairpersons or the governor's designee;

(B) The chairperson of the finance committees committee of the senate and or the chairperson's designee;

(C) The chairperson of the finance committee of the house of representatives or the chairperson's designee. The committee shall make the appointment by

Not later than the thirty-first day of March immediately preceding the last day of the fiscal year to be audited, the governor and chairpersons shall make the appointment and shall prescribe the contract terms of the audit.

On or before the fifteenth day of October, the accountant shall submit a report of the audit completed under this section for the immediately preceding fiscal year to each member of the committee. One copy of the audit report shall be filed with the state library for public inspection. The audit report is not a public record under section 149.43 of the Revised Code until it is filed with the state library.

The records of the auditor of state shall be made available to the accountant.

The office of budget and management shall provide staff services to the committee.

Sec. 120.04. (A) The state public defender shall serve at the pleasure of the Ohio public defender commission and shall be an attorney with a minimum of four years of experience in the practice of law and be admitted to the practice of law in this state at least one year prior to appointment.

(B) The state public defender shall do all of the following:

(1) Maintain a central office in Columbus. The central office shall be provided with a library of adequate size, considering the needs of the office and the accessibility of other libraries, and other necessary facilities and equipment.

(2) Appoint assistant state public defenders, all of whom shall be attorneys admitted to the practice of law in this state, and other personnel necessary for the operation of the state public defender office. Assistant state public defenders shall be appointed on a full-time basis. The state public defender, assistant state public defenders, and employees appointed by the state public defender shall not engage in the private practice of law.

(3) Supervise the compliance of county public defender offices, joint county public defender offices, and county appointed counsel systems with

standards established by rules of the Ohio public defender commission pursuant to division (B) of section 120.03 of the Revised Code;

(4) Keep and maintain financial records of all cases handled and develop records for use in the calculation of direct and indirect costs, in the operation of the office, and report periodically, but not less than annually, to the commission on all relevant data on the operations of the office, costs, projected needs, and recommendations for legislation or amendments to court rules, as may be appropriate to improve the criminal justice system;

(5) Collect all moneys due the state for reimbursement for legal services under this chapter and under section 2941.51 of the Revised Code and institute any actions in court on behalf of the state for the collection of such sums that the state public defender considers advisable. Except as provided otherwise in division (D) of section 120.06 of the Revised Code, all moneys collected by the state public defender under this chapter and section 2941.51 of the Revised Code shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the client payment fund, which is hereby created. All moneys credited to the fund shall be used by the state public defender to appoint assistant state public defenders and to provide other personnel, equipment, and facilities necessary for the operation of the state public defender office, to reimburse counties for the operation of county public defender offices, joint county public defender offices, and county appointed counsel systems pursuant to sections 120.18, 120.28, and 120.33 of the Revised Code, or to provide assistance to counties in the operation of county indigent defense systems.

(6) With respect to funds appropriated to the commission to pay criminal costs, perform the duties imposed by sections 2949.19 and 2949.201 of the Revised Code;

(7) Establish standards and guidelines for the reimbursement, pursuant to sections 120.18, 120.28, 120.33, 2941.51, and 2949.19 of the Revised Code, of counties for the operation of county public defender offices, joint county public defender offices, and county appointed counsel systems and for other costs related to felony prosecutions;

(8) Establish maximum amounts that the state will reimburse the counties pursuant to sections 120.18, 120.28, 120.33, and 2941.51 of the Revised Code;

(9) Establish maximum amounts that the state will reimburse the counties pursuant to section 120.33 of the Revised Code for each specific type of legal service performed by a county appointed counsel system;

(10) Administer sections 120.18, 120.28, 120.33, 2941.51, and 2949.19 of the Revised Code and make reimbursements pursuant to those sections;

(11) Administer the program established pursuant to sections 120.51 to

120.55 of the Revised Code for the charitable public purpose of providing financial assistance to legal aid societies. Neither the state public defender nor any of the state public defender's employees who is responsible in any way for the administration of that program and who performs those administrative responsibilities in good faith is in any manner liable if a legal aid society that is provided financial assistance under the program uses the financial assistance other than in accordance with sections 120.51 to 120.55 of the Revised Code or fails to comply with the requirements of those sections.

(12) Establish an office for the handling of appeal and postconviction matters;

(13) Provide technical aid and assistance to county public defender offices, joint county public defender offices, and other local counsel providing legal representation to indigent persons, including representation and assistance on appeals.

(C) The state public defender may do any of the following:

(1) In providing legal representation, conduct investigations, obtain expert testimony, take depositions, use other discovery methods, order transcripts, and make all other preparations which are appropriate and necessary to an adequate defense or the prosecution of appeals and other legal proceedings;

(2) Seek, solicit, and apply for grants for the operation of programs for the defense of indigent persons from any public or private source, and may receive donations, grants, awards, and similar funds from any lawful source. Such funds shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the public defender gifts and grants fund, which is hereby created.

(3) Make all the necessary arrangements to coordinate the services of the office with any federal, county, or private programs established to provide legal representation to indigent persons and others, and to obtain and provide all funds allowable under any such programs;

(4) Consult and cooperate with professional groups concerned with the causes of criminal conduct, the reduction of crime, the rehabilitation and correction of persons convicted of crime, the administration of criminal justice, and the administration and operation of the state public defender's office;

(5) Accept the services of volunteer workers and consultants at no compensation other than reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses;

(6) Prescribe any forms that are necessary for the uniform operation of this chapter;

(7) Contract with a county public defender commission or a joint county

public defender commission to provide all or any part of the services that a county public defender or joint county public defender is required or permitted to provide by this chapter, or contract with a board of county commissioners of a county that is not served by a county public defender commission or a joint county public defender commission for the provision of services in accordance with section 120.33 of the Revised Code. All money received by the state public defender pursuant to such a contract shall be credited to either the ~~multi-county~~ multicounty: county share fund or, if received as a result of a contract with Trumbull county, the Trumbull county: county share fund.

(8) Authorize persons employed as criminal investigators to attend the Ohio peace officer training academy or any other peace officer training school for training;

(9) Procure a policy or policies of malpractice insurance that provide coverage for the state public defender and assistant state public defenders in connection with malpractice claims that may arise from their actions or omissions related to responsibilities derived pursuant to this chapter;

(10) Enter into agreements to license, lease, sell, and market for sale intellectual property owned by the office and receive payments from those agreements for use in the operation of the office and programs for the defense of indigent persons. All funds received by the state public defender pursuant to such agreements shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the public defender gifts and grants fund.

(D) No person employed by the state public defender as a criminal investigator shall attend the Ohio peace officer training academy or any other peace officer training school unless authorized to do so by the state public defender.

Sec. 120.041. (A) In addition to the state public defender's other duties under this chapter and other Revised Code provisions, the state public defender shall do all of the following for each state fiscal year:

(1) Determine the total dollar amount of all requests for reimbursements that were submitted for that fiscal year by counties under sections 120.18, 120.28, 120.33, 120.35, and 2941.51 of the Revised Code;

(2) Determine the total dollar amount paid to all counties as reimbursements under the requests described in division (A)(1) of this section that were submitted for that fiscal year;

(3) Determine the percentage of total costs submitted by counties under the requests described in division (A)(1) of this section that was paid to all counties as reimbursements for that fiscal year;

(4) Commencing in state fiscal year 2021, determine the increase or

decrease in the total dollar amount found under division (A)(2) of this section for that fiscal year from the total dollar amount found under that division for the previous fiscal year;

(5) Determine, out of the total dollar amount found under division (A)(2) of this section that was paid to all counties as a reimbursement, the total amount of that money used by all of the counties for each of the following categories of costs in that fiscal year:

(a) Costs for appointed counsel;

(b) Costs for personnel;

(c) Costs for expert witnesses;

(d) Costs for investigations;

(e) Costs for transcripts;

(f) Costs for rent or lease, utilities, furnishings, maintenance, and equipment;

(g) Costs for travel;

(h) Any other category of costs set by the state public defender.

(6) Commencing in state fiscal year 2021, determine the increase or decrease in the amount of money found under division (A)(5) of this section to have been used for each category of costs described in divisions (A)(5)(a) to (h) of this section for that fiscal year from the amount of money found under that division to have been used for each such category of costs for the previous fiscal year;

(7) Analyze the cost per each felony, misdemeanor, traffic, or juvenile delinquency case assigned to a public defender or counsel pursuant to section 120.06, 120.16, 120.26, or 120.33 of the Revised Code.

(B) For each state fiscal year, the state public defender shall prepare a report that includes all of its findings and determinations for that fiscal year and, not later than the first day of October in the state fiscal year following the fiscal year covered by the report, shall submit copies of the report to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the minority leader of the senate, the minority leader of the house of representatives, and the governor.

Sec. 120.06. (A)(1) The state public defender, when designated by the court or requested by a county public defender or joint county public defender, may provide legal representation in all courts throughout the state to indigent adults and juveniles who are charged with the commission of an offense or act for which the penalty or any possible adjudication includes the potential loss of liberty.

(2) The state public defender may provide legal representation to any indigent person who, while incarcerated in any state correctional institution,

is charged with a felony offense, for which the penalty or any possible adjudication that may be imposed by a court upon conviction includes the potential loss of liberty.

(3) The state public defender may provide legal representation to any person incarcerated in any correctional institution of the state, in any matter in which the person asserts the person is unlawfully imprisoned or detained.

(4) The state public defender, in any case in which the state public defender has provided legal representation or is requested to do so by a county public defender or joint county public defender, may provide legal representation on appeal.

(5) The state public defender, when designated by the court or requested by a county public defender, joint county public defender, or the director of rehabilitation and correction, shall provide legal representation in parole and probation revocation matters or matters relating to the revocation of community control or post-release control under a community control sanction or post-release control sanction, unless the state public defender finds that the alleged parole or probation violator or alleged violator of a community control sanction or post-release control sanction has the financial capacity to retain the alleged violator's own counsel.

(6) If the state public defender contracts with a county public defender commission, a joint county public defender commission, or a board of county commissioners for the provision of services, under authority of division (C)(7) of section 120.04 of the Revised Code, the state public defender shall provide legal representation in accordance with the contract.

(B) The state public defender shall not be required to prosecute any appeal, postconviction remedy, or other proceeding pursuant to division (A)(3), (4), or (5) of this section, unless the state public defender first is satisfied that there is arguable merit to the proceeding.

(C) A court may appoint counsel or allow an indigent person to select the indigent's own personal counsel to assist the state public defender as co-counsel when the interests of justice so require. When co-counsel is appointed to assist the state public defender, the co-counsel shall receive any compensation that the court may approve, not to exceed the amounts provided for in section 2941.51 of the Revised Code.

(D)(1) When the state public defender is designated by the court or requested by a county public defender or joint county public defender to provide legal representation for an indigent person in any case, other than pursuant to a contract entered into under authority of division (C)(7) of section 120.04 of the Revised Code, the state public defender shall send to the county in which the case is filed a bill detailing the actual cost of the

representation that separately itemizes legal fees and expenses. The county, upon receipt of an itemized bill from the state public defender pursuant to this division, shall pay the state public defender ~~each of the following amounts:~~

~~(a) For the amount identified as legal fees in the itemized bill, one hundred per cent of the amount identified as legal fees less the state reimbursement rate as calculated by the state public defender pursuant to section 120.34 of the Revised Code for the month the case terminated, as set forth and expenses in the itemized bill;~~

~~(b) For the amount identified as expenses in the itemized bill, one hundred per cent.~~

(2) Upon payment of the itemized bill under division (D)(1) of this section, the county may submit the cost of the legal fees and expenses; ~~excluding legal fees~~, to the state public defender for reimbursement pursuant to section 120.33 of the Revised Code.

(3) When the state public defender provides investigation or mitigation services to private appointed counsel or to a county or joint county public defender as approved by the appointing court, other than pursuant to a contract entered into under authority of division (C)(7) of section 120.04 of the Revised Code, the state public defender shall send to the county in which the case is filed a bill itemizing the actual cost of the services provided. The county, upon receipt of an itemized bill from the state public defender pursuant to this division, shall pay one hundred per cent of the amount as set forth in the itemized bill. Upon payment of the itemized bill received pursuant to this division, the county may submit the cost of the investigation and mitigation services to the state public defender for reimbursement pursuant to section 120.33 of the Revised Code.

(4) There is hereby created in the state treasury the county representation fund for the deposit of moneys received from counties under this division. All moneys credited to the fund shall be used by the state public defender to provide legal representation for indigent persons when designated by the court or requested by a county or joint county public defender or to provide investigation or mitigation services, including investigation or mitigation services to private appointed counsel or a county or joint county public defender, as approved by the court.

(E)(1) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of sections 109.02, 109.07, 109.361 to 109.366, and 120.03 of the Revised Code that pertains to representation by the attorney general, an assistant attorney general, or special counsel of an officer or employee, as defined in section 109.36 of the Revised Code, or of an entity of state government, the state public defender

may elect to contract with, and to have the state pay pursuant to division (E)(2) of this section for the services of, private legal counsel to represent the Ohio public defender commission, the state public defender, assistant state public defenders, other employees of the commission or the state public defender, and attorneys described in division (C) of section 120.41 of the Revised Code in a malpractice or other civil action or proceeding that arises from alleged actions or omissions related to responsibilities derived pursuant to this chapter, or in a civil action that is based upon alleged violations of the constitution or statutes of the United States, including section 1983 of Title 42 of the United States Code, 93 Stat. 1284 (1979), 42 U.S.C.A. 1983, as amended, and that arises from alleged actions or omissions related to responsibilities derived pursuant to this chapter, if the state public defender determines, in good faith, that the defendant in the civil action or proceeding did not act manifestly outside the scope of the defendant's employment or official responsibilities, with malicious purpose, in bad faith, or in a wanton or reckless manner. If the state public defender elects not to contract pursuant to this division for private legal counsel in a civil action or proceeding, then, in accordance with sections 109.02, 109.07, 109.361 to 109.366, and 120.03 of the Revised Code, the attorney general shall represent or provide for the representation of the Ohio public defender commission, the state public defender, assistant state public defenders, other employees of the commission or the state public defender, or attorneys described in division (C) of section 120.41 of the Revised Code in the civil action or proceeding.

(2)(a) Subject to division (E)(2)(b) of this section, payment from the state treasury for the services of private legal counsel with whom the state public defender has contracted pursuant to division (E)(1) of this section shall be accomplished only through the following procedure:

(i) The private legal counsel shall file with the attorney general a copy of the contract; a request for an award of legal fees, court costs, and expenses earned or incurred in connection with the defense of the Ohio public defender commission, the state public defender, an assistant state public defender, an employee, or an attorney in a specified civil action or proceeding; a written itemization of those fees, costs, and expenses, including the signature of the state public defender and the state public defender's attestation that the fees, costs, and expenses were earned or incurred pursuant to division (E)(1) of this section to the best of the state public defender's knowledge and information; a written statement whether the fees, costs, and expenses are for all legal services to be rendered in connection with that defense, are only for legal services rendered to the date

of the request and additional legal services likely will have to be provided in connection with that defense, or are for the final legal services rendered in connection with that defense; a written statement indicating whether the private legal counsel previously submitted a request for an award under division (E)(2) of this section in connection with that defense and, if so, the date and the amount of each award granted; and, if the fees, costs, and expenses are for all legal services to be rendered in connection with that defense or are for the final legal services rendered in connection with that defense, a certified copy of any judgment entry in the civil action or proceeding or a signed copy of any settlement agreement entered into between the parties to the civil action or proceeding.

(ii) Upon receipt of a request for an award of legal fees, court costs, and expenses and the requisite supportive documentation described in division (E)(2)(a)(i) of this section, the attorney general shall review the request and documentation; determine whether any of the limitations specified in division (E)(2)(b) of this section apply to the request; and, if an award of legal fees, court costs, or expenses is permissible after applying the limitations, prepare a document awarding legal fees, court costs, or expenses to the private legal counsel. The document shall name the private legal counsel as the recipient of the award; specify the total amount of the award as determined by the attorney general; itemize the portions of the award that represent legal fees, court costs, and expenses; specify any limitation applied pursuant to division (E)(2)(b) of this section to reduce the amount of the award sought by the private legal counsel; state that the award is payable from the state treasury pursuant to division (E)(2)(a)(iii) of this section; and be approved by the inclusion of the signatures of the attorney general, the state public defender, and the private legal counsel.

(iii) The attorney general shall forward a copy of the document prepared pursuant to division (E)(2)(a)(ii) of this section to the director of budget and management. The award of legal fees, court costs, or expenses shall be paid out of the state public defender's appropriations, to the extent there is a sufficient available balance in those appropriations. If the state public defender does not have a sufficient available balance in the state public defender's appropriations to pay the entire award of legal fees, court costs, or expenses, the director shall make application for a transfer of appropriations out of the emergency purposes account or any other appropriation for emergencies or contingencies in an amount equal to the portion of the award that exceeds the sufficient available balance in the state public defender's appropriations. A transfer of appropriations out of the emergency purposes account or any other appropriation for emergencies or

contingencies shall be authorized if there are sufficient moneys greater than the sum total of then pending emergency purposes account requests, or requests for releases from the other appropriation. If a transfer of appropriations out of the emergency purposes account or other appropriation for emergencies or contingencies is made to pay an amount equal to the portion of the award that exceeds the sufficient available balance in the state public defender's appropriations, the director shall cause the payment to be made to the private legal counsel. If sufficient moneys do not exist in the emergency purposes account or other appropriation for emergencies or contingencies to pay an amount equal to the portion of the award that exceeds the sufficient available balance in the state public defender's appropriations, the private legal counsel shall request the general assembly to make an appropriation sufficient to pay an amount equal to the portion of the award that exceeds the sufficient available balance in the state public defender's appropriations, and no payment in that amount shall be made until the appropriation has been made. The private legal counsel shall make the request during the current biennium and during each succeeding biennium until a sufficient appropriation is made.

(b) An award of legal fees, court costs, and expenses pursuant to division (E) of this section is subject to the following limitations:

(i) The maximum award or maximum aggregate of a series of awards of legal fees, court costs, and expenses to the private legal counsel in connection with the defense of the Ohio public defender commission, the state public defender, an assistant state public defender, an employee, or an attorney in a specified civil action or proceeding shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars.

(ii) The private legal counsel shall not be awarded legal fees, court costs, or expenses to the extent the fees, costs, or expenses are covered by a policy of malpractice or other insurance.

(iii) The private legal counsel shall be awarded legal fees and expenses only to the extent that the fees and expenses are reasonable in light of the legal services rendered by the private legal counsel in connection with the defense of the Ohio public defender commission, the state public defender, an assistant state public defender, an employee, or an attorney in a specified civil action or proceeding.

(c) If, pursuant to division (E)(2)(a) of this section, the attorney general denies a request for an award of legal fees, court costs, or expenses to private legal counsel because of the application of a limitation specified in division (E)(2)(b) of this section, the attorney general shall notify the private legal counsel in writing of the denial and of the limitation applied.

(d) If, pursuant to division (E)(2)(c) of this section, a private legal counsel receives a denial of an award notification or if a private legal counsel refuses to approve a document under division (E)(2)(a)(ii) of this section because of the proposed application of a limitation specified in division (E)(2)(b) of this section, the private legal counsel may commence a civil action against the attorney general in the court of claims to prove the private legal counsel's entitlement to the award sought, to prove that division (E)(2)(b) of this section does not prohibit or otherwise limit the award sought, and to recover a judgment for the amount of the award sought. A civil action under division (E)(2)(d) of this section shall be commenced no later than two years after receipt of a denial of award notification or, if the private legal counsel refused to approve a document under division (E)(2)(a)(ii) of this section because of the proposed application of a limitation specified in division (E)(2)(b) of this section, no later than two years after the refusal. Any judgment of the court of claims in favor of the private legal counsel shall be paid from the state treasury in accordance with division (E)(2)(a) of this section.

(F) If a court appoints the office of the state public defender to represent a petitioner in a postconviction relief proceeding under section 2953.21 of the Revised Code, the petitioner has received a sentence of death, and the proceeding relates to that sentence, all of the attorneys who represent the petitioner in the proceeding pursuant to the appointment, whether an assistant state public defender, the state public defender, or another attorney, shall be certified under Rule 20 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio to represent indigent defendants charged with or convicted of an offense for which the death penalty can be or has been imposed.

(G)(1) The state public defender may conduct a legal assistance referral service for children committed to the department of youth services relative to conditions of confinement claims. If the legal assistance referral service receives a request for assistance from a child confined in a facility operated, or contracted for, by the department of youth services and the state public defender determines that the child has a conditions of confinement claim that has merit, the state public defender may refer the child to a private attorney. If no private attorney who the child has been referred to by the state public defender accepts the case within a reasonable time, the state public defender may prepare, as appropriate, pro se pleadings in the form of a complaint regarding the conditions of confinement at the facility where the child is confined with a motion for appointment of counsel and other applicable pleadings necessary for sufficient pro se representation.

(2) Division (G)(1) of this section does not authorize the state public

defender to represent a child committed to the department of youth services in general civil matters arising solely out of state law.

(3) The state public defender shall not undertake the representation of a child in court based on a conditions of confinement claim arising under this division.

(H) A child's right to representation or services under this section is not affected by the child, or another person on behalf of the child, previously having paid for similar representation or services or having waived legal representation.

(I) The state public defender shall have reasonable access to any child committed to the department of youth services, department of youth services institution, and department of youth services record as needed to implement this section.

(J) As used in this section:

(1) "Community control sanction" has the same meaning as in section 2929.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Conditions of confinement" means any issue involving a constitutional right or other civil right related to a child's incarceration, including, but not limited to, actions cognizable under 42 U.S.C. 1983.

(3) "Post-release control sanction" has the same meaning as in section 2967.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 120.08. There is hereby created in the state treasury the indigent defense support fund, consisting of money paid into the fund pursuant to sections 4507.45, 4509.101, 4510.22, and 4511.19 of the Revised Code and pursuant to sections 2937.22, 2949.091, and 2949.094 of the Revised Code out of the additional court costs imposed under those sections. The state public defender shall use at least eighty-three per cent of the money in the fund for the purposes of reimbursing county governments for expenses incurred pursuant to sections 120.18, 120.28, and 120.33 of the Revised Code and operating its system pursuant to division (C)(7) of section 120.04 of the Revised Code and division (B) of section 120.33 of the Revised Code. Disbursements from the fund to county governments shall be made at least once per year and shall be allocated proportionately so that each county receives an equal percentage of its ~~total~~ cost for operating its county public defender system, its joint county public defender system, its county appointed counsel system, or its system operated under division (C)(7) of section 120.04 of the Revised Code and division (B) of section 120.33 of the Revised Code. The state public defender may use not more than seventeen per cent of the money in the fund for the purposes of appointing assistant state public defenders, providing other personnel, equipment, and facilities

necessary for the operation of the state public defender office, and providing training, developing and implementing electronic forms, or establishing and maintaining an information technology system used for the uniform operation of this chapter.

Sec. 120.18. (A) The county public defender commission's report to the board of county commissioners shall be audited by the county auditor. The board of county commissioners, after review and approval of the audited report, may then certify it to the state public defender for reimbursement. If a request for the reimbursement of any operating expenditure incurred by a county public defender office is not received by the state public defender within sixty days after the end of the calendar month in which the expenditure is incurred, the state public defender shall not pay the requested reimbursement, unless the county has requested, and the state public defender has granted, an extension of the sixty-day time limit. Each request for reimbursement shall include a certification by the county public defender that the persons provided representation by the county public defender's office during the period covered by the report were indigent and, for each person provided representation during that period, a financial disclosure form completed by the person on a form prescribed by the state public defender. The state public defender shall also review the report and, in accordance with the standards, guidelines, and maximums established pursuant to divisions (B)(7) and (8) of section 120.04 of the Revised Code and the payment determination provisions of section 120.34 of the Revised Code, prepare a voucher for ~~fifty per cent of the total~~ cost of each county public defender's office for the period of time covered by the certified report and a voucher for ~~fifty per cent of the costs and expenses that are reimbursable under section 120.35 of the Revised Code, if any, or, if the amount of money appropriated by the general assembly to reimburse counties for the operation of county public defender offices, joint county public defender offices, and county appointed counsel systems is not sufficient to pay fifty per cent of the total cost of all of the offices and systems, for the lesser amount required by section 120.34 of the Revised Code.~~ The amount of payments to be included in and made under the voucher shall be determined as specified in section 120.34 of the Revised Code. For the purposes of this section, ~~total~~ "cost" means total expenses minus costs and expenses reimbursable under section 120.35 of the Revised Code and any funds received by the county public defender commission pursuant to a contract, except a contract entered into with a municipal corporation pursuant to division (E) of section 120.14 of the Revised Code, gift, or grant.

(B) If the county public defender fails to maintain the standards for the conduct of the office established by rules of the Ohio public defender commission pursuant to divisions (B) and (C) of section 120.03 or the standards established by the state public defender pursuant to division (B)(7) of section 120.04 of the Revised Code, the Ohio public defender commission shall notify the county public defender commission and the board of county commissioners of the county that the county public defender has failed to comply with its rules or the standards of the state public defender. Unless the county public defender commission or the county public defender corrects the conduct of the county public defender's office to comply with the rules and standards within ninety days after the date of the notice, the state public defender may deny payment of all or part of the county's reimbursement from the state provided for in division (A) of this section.

Sec. 120.28. (A) The joint county public defender commission's report to the joint board of county commissioners shall be audited by the fiscal officer of the district. The joint board of county commissioners, after review and approval of the audited report, may then certify it to the state public defender for reimbursement. If a request for the reimbursement of any operating expenditure incurred by a joint county public defender office is not received by the state public defender within sixty days after the end of the calendar month in which the expenditure is incurred, the state public defender shall not pay the requested reimbursement, unless the joint board of county commissioners has requested, and the state public defender has granted, an extension of the sixty-day time limit. Each request for reimbursement shall include a certification by the joint county public defender that all persons provided representation by the joint county public defender's office during the period covered by the request were indigent and, for each person provided representation during that period, a financial disclosure form completed by the person on a form prescribed by the state public defender. The state public defender shall also review the report and, in accordance with the standards, guidelines, and maximums established pursuant to divisions (B)(7) and (8) of section 120.04 of the Revised Code and the payment determination provisions of section 120.34 of the Revised Code, prepare a voucher for ~~fifty per cent~~ of the ~~total~~ cost of each joint county public defender's office for the period of time covered by the certified report and a voucher for ~~fifty per cent~~ of the costs and expenses that are reimbursable under section 120.35 of the Revised Code, if any, ~~or, if the amount of money appropriated by the general assembly to reimburse counties for the operation of county public defender offices, joint county~~

~~public defender offices, and county appointed counsel systems is not sufficient to pay fifty per cent of the total cost of all of the offices and systems, for the lesser amount required by section 120.34 of the Revised Code. The amount of payments to be included in and made under the voucher shall be determined as specified in section 120.34 of the Revised Code.~~ For purposes of this section, ~~total~~ "cost" means total expenses minus costs and expenses reimbursable under section 120.35 of the Revised Code and any funds received by the joint county public defender commission pursuant to a contract, except a contract entered into with a municipal corporation pursuant to division (E) of section 120.24 of the Revised Code, gift, or grant. Each county in the district shall be entitled to a share of such state reimbursement in proportion to the percentage of the ~~total~~ cost it has agreed to pay.

(B) If the joint county public defender fails to maintain the standards for the conduct of the office established by the rules of the Ohio public defender commission pursuant to divisions (B) and (C) of section 120.03 or the standards established by the state public defender pursuant to division (B)(7) of section 120.04 of the Revised Code, the Ohio public defender commission shall notify the joint county public defender commission and the board of county commissioners of each county in the district that the joint county public defender has failed to comply with its rules or the standards of the state public defender. Unless the joint public defender commission or the joint county public defender corrects the conduct of the joint county public defender's office to comply with the rules and standards within ninety days after the date of the notice, the state public defender may deny all or part of the counties' reimbursement from the state provided for in division (A) of this section.

Sec. 120.33. (A) In lieu of using a county public defender or joint county public defender to represent indigent persons in the proceedings set forth in division (A) of section 120.16 of the Revised Code, the board of county commissioners of any county may adopt a resolution to pay counsel who are either personally selected by the indigent person or appointed by the court. The resolution shall include those provisions the board of county commissioners considers necessary to provide effective representation of indigent persons in any proceeding for which counsel is provided under this section. The resolution shall include provisions for contracts with any municipal corporation under which the municipal corporation shall reimburse the county for counsel appointed to represent indigent persons charged with violations of the ordinances of the municipal corporation.

(1) In a county that adopts a resolution to pay counsel, an indigent

person shall have the right to do either of the following:

(a) To select the person's own personal counsel to represent the person in any proceeding included within the provisions of the resolution;

(b) To request the court to appoint counsel to represent the person in such a proceeding.

(2) The court having jurisdiction over the proceeding in a county that adopts a resolution to pay counsel shall, after determining that the person is indigent and entitled to legal representation under this section, do either of the following:

(a) By signed journal entry recorded on its docket, enter the name of the lawyer selected by the indigent person as counsel of record;

(b) Appoint counsel for the indigent person if the person has requested the court to appoint counsel and, by signed journal entry recorded on its dockets, enter the name of the lawyer appointed for the indigent person as counsel of record.

(3) The board of county commissioners shall establish a schedule of fees by case or on an hourly basis to be paid to counsel for legal services provided pursuant to a resolution adopted under this section. Prior to establishing the schedule, the board of county commissioners shall request the bar association or associations of the county to submit a proposed schedule for cases other than capital cases. The schedule submitted shall be subject to the review, amendment, and approval of the board of county commissioners, except with respect to capital cases. With respect to capital cases, the schedule shall provide for fees by case or on an hourly basis to be paid to counsel in the amount or at the rate set by the capital case attorney fee council pursuant to division (D) of this section, and the board of county commissioners shall approve that amount or rate.

(4) Counsel selected by the indigent person or appointed by the court at the request of an indigent person in a county that adopts a resolution to pay counsel, except for counsel appointed to represent a person charged with any violation of an ordinance of a municipal corporation that has not contracted with the county commissioners for the payment of appointed counsel, shall be paid by the county and shall receive the compensation and expenses the court approves. With respect to capital cases, the court shall approve compensation and expenses in accordance with the amount or at the rate set by the capital case attorney fee council pursuant to division (D) of this section. Each request for payment shall include a financial disclosure form completed by the indigent person on a form prescribed by the state public defender. Compensation and expenses shall not exceed the amounts fixed by the board of county commissioners in the schedule adopted

pursuant to division (A)(3) of this section. No court shall approve compensation and expenses that exceed the amount fixed pursuant to division (A)(3) of this section.

The fees and expenses approved by the court shall not be taxed as part of the costs and shall be paid by the county. However, if the person represented has, or may reasonably be expected to have, the means to meet some part of the cost of the services rendered to the person, the person shall pay the county an amount that the person reasonably can be expected to pay. Pursuant to section 120.04 of the Revised Code, the county shall pay to the state public defender a percentage of the payment received from the person in an amount proportionate to the percentage of the costs of the person's case that were paid to the county by the state public defender pursuant to this section. The money paid to the state public defender shall be credited to the client payment fund created pursuant to division (B)(5) of section 120.04 of the Revised Code.

The county auditor shall draw a warrant on the county treasurer for the payment of counsel in the amount fixed by the court, plus the expenses the court fixes and certifies to the auditor. The county auditor shall report periodically, but not less than annually, to the board of county commissioners and to the state public defender the amounts paid out pursuant to the approval of the court. The board of county commissioners, after review and approval of the auditor's report, or the county auditor, with permission from and notice to the board of county commissioners, may then certify it to the state public defender for reimbursement. The state public defender may pay a requested reimbursement only if the request for reimbursement includes a financial disclosure form completed by the indigent person on a form prescribed by the state public defender or if the court certifies by electronic signature as prescribed by the state public defender that a financial disclosure form has been completed by the indigent person and is available for inspection. If a request for the reimbursement of the cost of counsel in any case is not received by the state public defender within ninety days after the end of the calendar month in which the case is finally disposed of by the court, unless the county has requested and the state public defender has granted an extension of the ninety-day limit, the state public defender shall not pay the requested reimbursement. The state public defender shall also review the report and, in accordance with the standards, guidelines, and maximums established pursuant to divisions (B)(7) and (8) of section 120.04 of the Revised Code and the payment determination provisions of section 120.34 of the Revised Code, prepare a voucher for ~~fifty per cent of the total~~ cost of each county appointed counsel

system in the period of time covered by the certified report and a voucher for ~~fifty per cent~~ of the costs and expenses that are reimbursable under section 120.35 of the Revised Code, if any, ~~or, if the amount of money appropriated by the general assembly to reimburse counties for the operation of county public defender offices, joint county public defender offices, and county appointed counsel systems is not sufficient to pay fifty per cent of the total cost of all of the offices and systems other than costs and expenses that are reimbursable under section 120.35 of the Revised Code, for the lesser amount required by section 120.34 of the Revised Code.~~ The amount of payments to be included in and made under the voucher shall be determined as specified in section 120.34 of the Revised Code.

(5) If any county appointed counsel system fails to maintain the standards for the conduct of the system established by the rules of the Ohio public defender commission pursuant to divisions (B) and (C) of section 120.03 or the standards established by the state public defender pursuant to division (B)(7) of section 120.04 of the Revised Code, the Ohio public defender commission shall notify the board of county commissioners of the county that the county appointed counsel system has failed to comply with its rules or the standards of the state public defender. Unless the board of county commissioners corrects the conduct of its appointed counsel system to comply with the rules and standards within ninety days after the date of the notice, the state public defender may deny all or part of the county's reimbursement from the state provided for in division (A)(4) of this section.

(B) In lieu of using a county public defender or joint county public defender to represent indigent persons in the proceedings set forth in division (A) of section 120.16 of the Revised Code, and in lieu of adopting the resolution and following the procedure described in division (A) of this section, the board of county commissioners of any county may contract with the state public defender for the state public defender's legal representation of indigent persons. A contract entered into pursuant to this division may provide for payment for the services provided on a per case, hourly, or fixed contract basis.

(C) If a court appoints an attorney pursuant to this section to represent a petitioner in a postconviction relief proceeding under section 2953.21 of the Revised Code, the petitioner has received a sentence of death, and the proceeding relates to that sentence, the attorney who represents the petitioner in the proceeding pursuant to the appointment shall be certified under Rule 20 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio to represent indigent defendants charged with or convicted of an offense for which the death penalty can be or has been imposed.

(D)(1) There is hereby created the capital case attorney fee council, appointed as described in division (D)(2) of this section. The council shall set an amount by case, or a rate on an hourly basis, to be paid under this section to counsel in a capital case.

(2) The capital case attorney fee council shall consist of five members, all of whom shall be active judges serving on one of the district courts of appeals in this state. Terms for council members shall be the lesser of three years or until the member ceases to be an active judge of a district court of appeals. The initial terms shall commence ninety days after September 28, 2016. The chief justice of the supreme court shall appoint the members of the council, and shall make all of the appointments not later than sixty days after September 28, 2016. When any vacancy occurs, the chief justice shall appoint an active judge of a district court of appeals in this state to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term, in the same manner as prescribed in this division. The chief justice shall designate a chairperson from the appointed members of the council. Members of the council shall receive no additional compensation for their service as a member, but may be reimbursed for expenses reasonably incurred in service to the council, to be paid by the supreme court. The supreme court may provide administrative support to the council.

(3) The capital case attorney fee council initially shall meet not later than one hundred twenty days after September 28, 2016. Thereafter, the council shall meet not less than annually.

(4) Upon setting the amount or rate described in division (D)(1) of this section, the chairperson of the capital case attorney fee council promptly shall provide written notice to the state public defender of the amount or rate so set. The amount or rate so set shall become effective ninety days after the date on which the chairperson provides that written notice to the state public defender. The council shall specify that effective date in the written notice provided to the state public defender. All amounts or rates set by the council shall be final, subject to modification as described in division (D)(5) of this section, and not subject to appeal.

(5) The capital case attorney fee council may modify an amount or rate set as described in division (D)(4) of this section. The provisions of that division apply with respect to any such modification of an amount or rate.

Sec. 120.34. The total amount of money paid to all counties in any fiscal year pursuant to sections 120.18, 120.28, ~~and 120.33, 120.35, and 2941.51~~ of the Revised Code for the reimbursement of ~~a percentage of~~ the counties' cost of operating county public defender offices, joint county public defender offices, and county appointed counsel systems, the counties' costs

and expenses of conducting the defense in capital cases, and the counties' costs and expenses of appointed counsel covered by section 2941.51 of the Revised Code shall not exceed the total amount appropriated for that fiscal year by the general assembly for the reimbursement of the counties for the operation of the offices and systems and for those appointed counsel costs and expenses, and shall be determined as specified in this section. If the amount appropriated by the general assembly in any fiscal year is insufficient to pay ~~fifty per cent of the total~~ cost in the fiscal year of all county public defender offices, all joint county public defender offices, ~~and~~ all county appointed counsel systems, and all costs and expenses of appointed counsel covered by section 2941.51 of the Revised Code, the amount of money paid in that fiscal year pursuant to sections 120.18, 120.28, ~~and~~ 120.33, 120.35, and 2941.51 of the Revised Code to each county for the fiscal year shall be reduced proportionately so that each county is paid an equal percentage of its ~~total~~ cost in the fiscal year for operating its county public defender system, its joint county public defender system, and its county appointed counsel system, an equal percentage of its costs and expenses of conducting the defense in capital cases in the fiscal year, and an equal percentage of its costs and expenses of appointed counsel covered by section 2941.51 of the Revised Code.

~~The total amount of money paid to all counties in any fiscal year pursuant to section 120.35 of the Revised Code for the reimbursement of a percentage of the counties' costs and expenses of conducting the defense in capital cases shall not exceed the total amount appropriated for that fiscal year by the general assembly for the reimbursement of the counties for conducting the defense in capital cases. If the amount appropriated by the general assembly in any fiscal year is insufficient to pay fifty per cent of the counties' total costs and expenses of conducting the defense in capital cases in the fiscal year, the amount of money paid in that fiscal year pursuant to section 120.35 of the Revised Code to each county for the fiscal year shall be reduced proportionately so that each county is paid an equal percentage of its costs and expenses of conducting the defense in capital cases in the fiscal year.~~

If any county receives an amount of money pursuant to section 120.18, 120.28, 120.33, ~~or~~ 120.35, or 2941.51 of the Revised Code that is in excess of the amount of reimbursement it is entitled to receive pursuant to this section, the state public defender shall request the board of county commissioners to return the excess payment and the board of county commissioners, upon receipt of the request, shall direct the appropriate county officer to return the excess payment to the state.

Within thirty days of the end of each fiscal quarter, the state public defender shall provide to the office of budget and management and the ~~legislative budget office of the~~ legislative service commission an estimate of the amount of money that will be required for the balance of the fiscal year to make the payments required by sections 120.18, 120.28, 120.33, ~~and 120.35, and 2941.51~~ of the Revised Code.

Sec. 120.35. The state public defender shall, pursuant to section 120.18, 120.28, 120.33, or 2941.51 of the Revised Code, reimburse ~~fifty per cent of all the~~ costs and expenses of conducting the defense in capital cases, in an amount determined as specified in section 120.34 of the Revised Code. ~~If appropriations are insufficient to pay fifty per cent of such costs and expenses, the state public defender shall reimburse such costs and expenses as provided in section 120.34 of the Revised Code.~~

Sec. 120.52. There is hereby established in the state treasury the legal aid fund, which shall be for the charitable public purpose of providing financial assistance to legal aid societies that provide civil legal services to indigents. The fund shall contain all funds credited to it by the treasurer of state pursuant to sections 1901.26, 1907.24, 2303.201, 3953.231, 4705.09, and 4705.10 of the Revised Code.

The treasurer of state may invest moneys contained in the legal aid fund in any manner authorized by the Revised Code for the investment of state moneys. However, no such investment shall interfere with any apportionment, allocation, or payment of moneys as required by section 120.53 of the Revised Code.

The state public defender, through the Ohio ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation, shall administer the payment of moneys out of the fund. Four and one-half per cent of the moneys in the fund shall be reserved for the actual, reasonable costs of administering sections 120.51 to 120.55 and sections 1901.26, 1907.24, 2303.201, 3953.231, 4705.09, and 4705.10 of the Revised Code. Moneys that are reserved for administrative costs but that are not used for actual, reasonable administrative costs shall be set aside for use in the manner described in division (A) of section 120.521 of the Revised Code. The remainder of the moneys in the legal aid fund shall be distributed in accordance with section 120.53 of the Revised Code. The Ohio ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation shall establish, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, rules governing the administration of the legal aid fund, including the programs established under sections 1901.26, 1907.24, 2303.201, 4705.09, and 4705.10 of the Revised Code regarding interest on interest-bearing trust accounts of an attorney, law firm, or legal professional association.

Sec. 120.521. (A) The state public defender shall establish a charitable, tax exempt foundation, named the Ohio ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation, to actively solicit and accept gifts, bequests, donations, and contributions for use in providing financial assistance to legal aid societies, enhancing or improving the delivery of civil legal services to indigents, and operating the foundation. The Ohio ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation shall deposit all gifts, bequests, donations, and contributions accepted by it into the ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation fund established under this section. If the state public defender, pursuant to section 120.52 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to June 30, 1995, established a charitable, tax exempt foundation named the Ohio ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation and if that foundation is in existence on the day before June 30, 1995, that foundation shall continue in existence and shall serve as the Ohio ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation described in this section.

There is hereby established the ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation fund, which shall be under the custody and control of the Ohio ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation. The fund shall contain all moneys distributed to the Ohio ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation pursuant to section 120.53 of the Revised Code and all gifts, bequests, donations, and contributions accepted by the Ohio ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation under this section.

The Ohio ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation shall distribute or use all moneys in the ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation fund for the charitable public purpose of providing financial assistance to legal aid societies that provide civil legal services to indigents, enhancing or improving the delivery of civil legal services to indigents, and operating the foundation. The Ohio ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation shall establish rules governing the administration of the ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation fund.

The Ohio ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation shall include, in the annual report it is required to make to the governor, the general assembly, and the supreme court pursuant to division (G)(2) of section 120.53 of the Revised Code, an audited financial statement on the distribution and use of the ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation fund. No information contained in the statement shall identify or enable the identification of any person served by a legal aid society or in any way breach confidentiality.

Membership on the board of the Ohio ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation does not constitute holding another public office and does not

constitute grounds for resignation from the senate or house of representatives under section 101.26 of the Revised Code.

(B) A foundation is tax exempt for purposes of this section if the foundation is exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C. 501(a), as amended, and if the foundation has received from the internal revenue service a determination letter that is in effect stating that the foundation is exempt from federal income taxation under that subsection.

Sec. 120.53. (A) A legal aid society that operates within the state may apply to the Ohio ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation for financial assistance from the legal aid fund established by section 120.52 of the Revised Code to be used for the funding of the society during the calendar year following the calendar year in which application is made.

(B) An application for financial assistance made under division (A) of this section shall be submitted by the first day of November of the calendar year preceding the calendar year for which financial assistance is desired and shall include all of the following:

(1) Evidence that the applicant is incorporated in this state as a nonprofit corporation;

(2) A list of the trustees of the applicant;

(3) The proposed budget of the applicant for these funds for the following calendar year;

(4) A summary of the services to be offered by the applicant in the following calendar year;

(5) A specific description of the territory or constituency served by the applicant;

(6) An estimate of the number of persons to be served by the applicant during the following calendar year;

(7) A general description of the additional sources of the applicant's funding;

(8) The amount of the applicant's total budget for the calendar year in which the application is filed that it will expend in that calendar year for legal services in each of the counties it serves;

(9) A specific description of any services, programs, training, and legal technical assistance to be delivered by the applicant or by another person pursuant to a contract with the applicant, including, but not limited to, by private attorneys or through reduced fee plans, judicare panels, organized pro bono programs, and mediation programs.

(C) The Ohio ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation shall determine whether each applicant that filed an application for financial

assistance under division (A) of this section in a calendar year is eligible for financial assistance under this section. To be eligible for such financial assistance, an applicant shall satisfy the criteria for being a legal aid society and shall be in compliance with the provisions of sections 120.51 to 120.55 of the Revised Code and with the rules and requirements the foundation establishes pursuant to section 120.52 of the Revised Code. The Ohio ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation then, on or before the fifteenth day of December of the calendar year in which the application is filed, shall notify each such applicant, in writing, whether it is eligible for financial assistance under this section, and if it is eligible, estimate the amount that will be available for that applicant for each six-month distribution period, as determined under division (D) of this section.

(D) The Ohio ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation shall allocate moneys contained in the legal aid fund monthly for distribution to applicants that filed their applications in the previous calendar year and are determined to be eligible applicants.

All moneys contained in the fund on the first day of each month shall be allocated, after deduction of the costs of administering sections 120.51 to 120.55 and sections 1901.26, 1907.24, 2303.201, 3953.231, 4705.09, and 4705.10 of the Revised Code that are authorized by section 120.52 of the Revised Code, according to this section and shall be distributed accordingly not later than the last day of the month following the month the moneys were received. In making the allocations under this section, the moneys in the fund that were generated pursuant to sections 1901.26, 1907.24, 2303.201, 3953.231, 4705.09, and 4705.10 of the Revised Code shall be apportioned as follows:

(1) After deduction of the amount authorized and used for actual, reasonable administrative costs under section 120.52 of the Revised Code:

(a) Five per cent of the moneys remaining in the fund shall be reserved for use in the manner described in division (A) of section 120.521 of the Revised Code or for distribution to legal aid societies that provide assistance to special population groups of their eligible clients, engage in special projects that have a substantial impact on their local service area or on significant segments of the state's poverty population, or provide legal training or support to other legal aid societies in the state;

(b) After deduction of the amount described in division (D)(1)(a) of this section, one and three-quarters per cent of the moneys remaining in the fund shall be apportioned among entities that received financial assistance from the legal aid fund prior to July 1, 1993, but that, on and after July 1, 1993, no longer qualify as a legal aid society that is eligible for financial assistance

under this section.

(c) After deduction of the amounts described in divisions (D)(1)(a) and (b) of this section, fifteen per cent of the moneys remaining in the fund shall be placed in the ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation fund for use in the manner described in division (A) of section 120.521 of the Revised Code.

(2) After deduction of the actual, reasonable administrative costs under section 120.52 of the Revised Code and after deduction of the amounts identified in divisions (D)(1)(a), (b), and (c) of this section, the remaining moneys shall be apportioned among the counties that are served by eligible legal aid societies that have applied for financial assistance under this section so that each such county is apportioned a portion of those moneys, based upon the ratio of the number of indigents who reside in that county to the total number of indigents who reside in all counties of this state that are served by eligible legal aid societies that have applied for financial assistance under this section. Subject to division (E) of this section, the moneys apportioned to a county under this division then shall be allocated to the eligible legal aid society that serves the county and that has applied for financial assistance under this section. For purposes of this division, the source of data identifying the number of indigent persons who reside in a county shall be selected by the Ohio ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation from the best available figures maintained by the United States census bureau.

(E) If the Ohio ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation, in attempting to make an allocation of moneys under division (D)(2) of this section, determines that a county that has been apportioned money under that division is served by more than one eligible legal aid society that has applied for financial assistance under this section, the Ohio ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation shall allocate the moneys that have been apportioned to that county under division (D)(2) of this section among all eligible legal aid societies that serve that county and that have applied for financial assistance under this section on a pro rata basis, so that each such eligible society is allocated a portion based upon the amount of its total budget expended in the prior calendar year for legal services in that county as compared to the total amount expended in the prior calendar year for legal services in that county by all eligible legal aid societies that serve that county and that have applied for financial assistance under this section.

(F) Moneys allocated to eligible applicants under this section shall be paid monthly beginning the calendar year following the calendar year in which the application is filed.

(G)(1) A legal aid society that receives financial assistance in any calendar year under this section shall file an annual report with the Ohio ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation detailing the number and types of cases handled, and the amount and types of legal training, legal technical assistance, and other service provided, by means of that financial assistance. No information contained in the report shall identify or enable the identification of any person served by the legal aid society or in any way breach client confidentiality.

(2) The Ohio ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation shall make an annual report to the governor, the general assembly, and the supreme court on the distribution and use of the legal aid fund. The foundation also shall include in the annual report an audited financial statement of all gifts, bequests, donations, contributions, and other moneys the foundation receives. No information contained in the report shall identify or enable the identification of any person served by a legal aid society, or in any way breach confidentiality.

(H) A legal aid society may enter into agreements for the provision of services, programs, training, or legal technical assistance for the legal aid society or to indigent persons.

Sec. 121.083. (A) The superintendent of industrial compliance in the department of commerce shall do all of the following:

~~(A)~~(1) Administer and enforce the general laws of this state pertaining to buildings, pressure piping, boilers, bedding, upholstered furniture, and stuffed toys, steam engineering, elevators, plumbing, licensed occupations regulated by the department, and travel agents, as they apply to plans review, inspection, code enforcement, testing, licensing, registration, and certification.

~~(B)~~(2) Exercise the powers and perform the duties delegated to the superintendent by the director of commerce under Chapters 4109., 4111., and 4115. of the Revised Code.

~~(C)~~(3) Collect and collate statistics as are necessary.

~~(D)~~(4) Examine and license persons who desire to act as steam engineers, to operate steam boilers, and to act as inspectors of steam boilers, provide for the scope, conduct, and time of such examinations, provide for, regulate, and enforce the renewal and revocation of such licenses, inspect and examine steam boilers and make, publish, and enforce rules and orders for the construction, installation, inspection, and operation of steam boilers, and do, require, and enforce all things necessary to make such examination, inspection, and requirement efficient.

~~(E)~~(5) Rent and furnish offices as needed in cities in this state for the

conduct of its affairs.

~~(F)~~(6) Oversee a chief of construction and compliance, a chief of operations and maintenance, a chief of licensing and certification, a chief of worker protection, and other designees appointed by the director to perform the duties described in this section.

~~(G)~~(7) Enforce the rules the board of building standards adopts pursuant to division (A)(2) of section 4104.43 of the Revised Code under the circumstances described in division (D) of that section.

~~(H)~~(8) Accept submissions, establish a fee for submissions, and review submissions of certified welding and brazing procedure specifications, procedure qualification records, and performance qualification records for building services piping as required by section 4104.44 of the Revised Code.

(B) The superintendent may enter into a contract with a municipal corporation, township, or county building department certified by the board of building standards pursuant to division (E) of section 3781.10 of the Revised Code, or a municipal or county health district, to do any of the following on behalf of the building department or health district:

(1) Exercise enforcement authority pursuant to section 3781.03 of the Revised Code;

(2) Accept and approve plans and specifications, and make inspections, pursuant to section 3791.04 of the Revised Code;

(3) Enforce the rules adopted pursuant to division (A)(2) of section 4104.43 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 121.22. (A) This section shall be liberally construed to require public officials to take official action and to conduct all deliberations upon official business only in open meetings unless the subject matter is specifically excepted by law.

(B) As used in this section:

(1) "Public body" means any of the following:

(a) Any board, commission, committee, council, or similar decision-making body of a state agency, institution, or authority, and any legislative authority or board, commission, committee, council, agency, authority, or similar decision-making body of any county, township, municipal corporation, school district, or other political subdivision or local public institution;

(b) Any committee or subcommittee of a body described in division (B)(1)(a) of this section;

(c) A court of jurisdiction of a sanitary district organized wholly for the purpose of providing a water supply for domestic, municipal, and public use when meeting for the purpose of the appointment, removal, or

reappointment of a member of the board of directors of such a district pursuant to section 6115.10 of the Revised Code, if applicable, or for any other matter related to such a district other than litigation involving the district. As used in division (B)(1)(c) of this section, "court of jurisdiction" has the same meaning as "court" in section 6115.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Meeting" means any prearranged discussion of the public business of the public body by a majority of its members.

(3) "Regulated individual" means either of the following:

(a) A student in a state or local public educational institution;

(b) A person who is, voluntarily or involuntarily, an inmate, patient, or resident of a state or local institution because of criminal behavior, mental illness, an intellectual disability, disease, disability, age, or other condition requiring custodial care.

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

(C) All meetings of any public body are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times. A member of a public body shall be present in person at a meeting open to the public to be considered present or to vote at the meeting and for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting.

The minutes of a regular or special meeting of any public body shall be promptly prepared, filed, and maintained and shall be open to public inspection. The minutes need only reflect the general subject matter of discussions in executive sessions authorized under division (G) or (J) of this section.

(D) This section does not apply to any of the following:

(1) A grand jury;

(2) An audit conference conducted by the auditor of state or independent certified public accountants with officials of the public office that is the subject of the audit;

(3) The adult parole authority when its hearings are conducted at a correctional institution for the sole purpose of interviewing inmates to determine parole or pardon and the department of rehabilitation and correction when its hearings are conducted at a correctional institution for the sole purpose of making determinations under section 2967.271 of the Revised Code regarding the release or maintained incarceration of an offender to whom that section applies;

(4) The organized crime investigations commission established under section 177.01 of the Revised Code;

(5) Meetings of a child fatality review board established under section

307.621 of the Revised Code, meetings related to a review conducted pursuant to guidelines established by the director of health under section 3701.70 of the Revised Code, and meetings conducted pursuant to sections 5153.171 to 5153.173 of the Revised Code;

(6) The state medical board when determining whether to suspend a license or certificate without a prior hearing pursuant to division (G) of either section 4730.25 or 4731.22 of the Revised Code;

(7) The board of nursing when determining whether to suspend a license or certificate without a prior hearing pursuant to division (B) of section 4723.281 of the Revised Code;

(8) The state board of pharmacy when determining whether to suspend a license without a prior hearing pursuant to division (D) of section 4729.16 of the Revised Code;

(9) The state chiropractic board when determining whether to suspend a license without a hearing pursuant to section 4734.37 of the Revised Code;

(10) The executive committee of the emergency response commission when determining whether to issue an enforcement order or request that a civil action, civil penalty action, or criminal action be brought to enforce Chapter 3750. of the Revised Code;

(11) The board of directors of the nonprofit corporation formed under section 187.01 of the Revised Code or any committee thereof, and the board of directors of any subsidiary of that corporation or a committee thereof;

(12) An audit conference conducted by the audit staff of the department of job and family services with officials of the public office that is the subject of that audit under section 5101.37 of the Revised Code;

(13) The occupational therapy section of the occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic trainers board when determining whether to suspend a license or limited permit without a hearing pursuant to division (D) of section 4755.11 of the Revised Code;

(14) The physical therapy section of the occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic trainers board when determining whether to suspend a license without a hearing pursuant to division (E) of section 4755.47 of the Revised Code;

(15) The athletic trainers section of the occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic trainers board when determining whether to suspend a license without a hearing pursuant to division (D) of section 4755.64 of the Revised Code;

(16) Meetings of the pregnancy-associated mortality review board established under section 3738.01 of the Revised Code;

(17) Meetings of a fetal-infant mortality review board established under

section 3707.71 of the Revised Code.

(E) The controlling board, the tax credit authority, or the minority development financing advisory board, when meeting to consider granting assistance pursuant to Chapter 122. or 166. of the Revised Code, in order to protect the interest of the applicant or the possible investment of public funds, by unanimous vote of all board or authority members present, may close the meeting during consideration of the following information confidentially received by the authority or board from the applicant:

- (1) Marketing plans;
- (2) Specific business strategy;
- (3) Production techniques and trade secrets;
- (4) Financial projections;
- (5) Personal financial statements of the applicant or members of the applicant's immediate family, including, but not limited to, tax records or other similar information not open to public inspection.

The vote by the authority or board to accept or reject the application, as well as all proceedings of the authority or board not subject to this division, shall be open to the public and governed by this section.

(F) Every public body, by rule, shall establish a reasonable method whereby any person may determine the time and place of all regularly scheduled meetings and the time, place, and purpose of all special meetings. A public body shall not hold a special meeting unless it gives at least twenty-four hours' advance notice to the news media that have requested notification, except in the event of an emergency requiring immediate official action. In the event of an emergency, the member or members calling the meeting shall notify the news media that have requested notification immediately of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting.

The rule shall provide that any person, upon request and payment of a reasonable fee, may obtain reasonable advance notification of all meetings at which any specific type of public business is to be discussed. Provisions for advance notification may include, but are not limited to, mailing the agenda of meetings to all subscribers on a mailing list or mailing notices in self-addressed, stamped envelopes provided by the person.

(G) Except as provided in divisions (G)(8) and (J) of this section, the members of a public body may hold an executive session only after a majority of a quorum of the public body determines, by a roll call vote, to hold an executive session and only at a regular or special meeting for the sole purpose of the consideration of any of the following matters:

- (1) To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or

the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing. Except as otherwise provided by law, no public body shall hold an executive session for the discipline of an elected official for conduct related to the performance of the elected official's official duties or for the elected official's removal from office. If a public body holds an executive session pursuant to division (G)(1) of this section, the motion and vote to hold that executive session shall state which one or more of the approved purposes listed in division (G)(1) of this section are the purposes for which the executive session is to be held, but need not include the name of any person to be considered at the meeting.

(2) To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use property in accordance with section 505.10 of the Revised Code, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest. No member of a public body shall use division (G)(2) of this section as a subterfuge for providing covert information to prospective buyers or sellers. A purchase or sale of public property is void if the seller or buyer of the public property has received covert information from a member of a public body that has not been disclosed to the general public in sufficient time for other prospective buyers and sellers to prepare and submit offers.

If the minutes of the public body show that all meetings and deliberations of the public body have been conducted in compliance with this section, any instrument executed by the public body purporting to convey, lease, or otherwise dispose of any right, title, or interest in any public property shall be conclusively presumed to have been executed in compliance with this section insofar as title or other interest of any bona fide purchasers, lessees, or transferees of the property is concerned.

(3) Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action;

(4) Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment;

(5) Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes;

(6) Details relative to the security arrangements and emergency

response protocols for a public body or a public office, if disclosure of the matters discussed could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the security of the public body or public office;

(7) In the case of a county hospital operated pursuant to Chapter 339. of the Revised Code, a joint township hospital operated pursuant to Chapter 513. of the Revised Code, or a municipal hospital operated pursuant to Chapter 749. of the Revised Code, to consider trade secrets, as defined in section 1333.61 of the Revised Code;

(8) To consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance, provided that both of the following conditions apply:

(a) The information is directly related to a request for economic development assistance that is to be provided or administered under any provision of Chapter 715., 725., 1724., or 1728. or sections 701.07, 3735.67 to 3735.70, 5709.40 to 5709.43, 5709.61 to 5709.69, 5709.73 to 5709.75, or 5709.77 to 5709.81 of the Revised Code, or that involves public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services that are directly related to an economic development project.

(b) A unanimous quorum of the public body determines, by a roll call vote, that the executive session is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project.

If a public body holds an executive session to consider any of the matters listed in divisions (G)(2) to (8) of this section, the motion and vote to hold that executive session shall state which one or more of the approved matters listed in those divisions are to be considered at the executive session.

A public body specified in division (B)(1)(c) of this section shall not hold an executive session when meeting for the purposes specified in that division.

(H) A resolution, rule, or formal action of any kind is invalid unless adopted in an open meeting of the public body. A resolution, rule, or formal action adopted in an open meeting that results from deliberations in a meeting not open to the public is invalid unless the deliberations were for a purpose specifically authorized in division (G) or (J) of this section and conducted at an executive session held in compliance with this section. A resolution, rule, or formal action adopted in an open meeting is invalid if the

public body that adopted the resolution, rule, or formal action violated division (F) of this section.

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

(2)(a) If the court of common pleas issues an injunction pursuant to division (I)(1) of this section, the court shall order the public body that it enjoins to pay a civil forfeiture of five hundred dollars to the party that sought the injunction and shall award to that party all court costs and, subject to reduction as described in division (I)(2) of this section, reasonable attorney's fees. The court, in its discretion, may reduce an award of attorney's fees to the party that sought the injunction or not award attorney's fees to that party if the court determines both of the following:

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

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

(b) If the court of common pleas does not issue an injunction pursuant to division (I)(1) of this section and the court determines at that time that the bringing of the action was frivolous conduct, as defined in division (A) of section 2323.51 of the Revised Code, the court shall award to the public body all court costs and reasonable attorney's fees, as determined by the court.

(3) Irreparable harm and prejudice to the party that sought the injunction shall be conclusively and irrebuttably presumed upon proof of a violation or threatened violation of this section.

(4) A member of a public body who knowingly violates an injunction issued pursuant to division (I)(1) of this section may be removed from office by an action brought in the court of common pleas for that purpose by the prosecuting attorney or the attorney general.

(J)(1) Pursuant to division (C) of section 5901.09 of the Revised Code, a veterans service commission shall hold an executive session for one or more of the following purposes unless an applicant requests a public hearing:

(a) Interviewing an applicant for financial assistance under sections 5901.01 to 5901.15 of the Revised Code;

(b) Discussing applications, statements, and other documents described in division (B) of section 5901.09 of the Revised Code;

(c) Reviewing matters relating to an applicant's request for financial assistance under sections 5901.01 to 5901.15 of the Revised Code.

(2) A veterans service commission shall not exclude an applicant for, recipient of, or former recipient of financial assistance under sections 5901.01 to 5901.15 of the Revised Code, and shall not exclude representatives selected by the applicant, recipient, or former recipient, from a meeting that the commission conducts as an executive session that pertains to the applicant's, recipient's, or former recipient's application for financial assistance.

(3) A veterans service commission shall vote on the grant or denial of financial assistance under sections 5901.01 to 5901.15 of the Revised Code only in an open meeting of the commission. The minutes of the meeting shall indicate the name, address, and occupation of the applicant, whether the assistance was granted or denied, the amount of the assistance if assistance is granted, and the votes for and against the granting of assistance.

Sec. 121.37. (A)(1) There is hereby created the Ohio family and children first cabinet council. The council shall be composed of the superintendent of public instruction, the executive director of the opportunities for Ohioans with disabilities agency, the medicaid director, and the directors of youth services, job and family services, mental health and addiction services, health, developmental disabilities, aging, rehabilitation and correction, and budget and management. The chairperson of the council shall be the governor or the governor's designee and shall establish procedures for the council's internal control and management.

The purpose of the cabinet council is to help families seeking government services. This section shall not be interpreted or applied to usurp the role of parents, but solely to streamline and coordinate existing government services for families seeking assistance for their children.

(2) In seeking to fulfill its purpose, the council may do any of the following:

(a) Advise and make recommendations to the governor and general assembly regarding the provision of services to children;

(b) Advise and assess local governments on the coordination of service delivery to children;

(c) Hold meetings at such times and places as may be prescribed by the

council's procedures and maintain records of the meetings, except that records identifying individual children are confidential and shall be disclosed only as provided by law;

(d) Develop programs and projects, including pilot projects, to encourage coordinated efforts at the state and local level to improve the state's social service delivery system;

(e) Enter into contracts with and administer grants to county family and children first councils, as well as other county or multicounty organizations to plan and coordinate service delivery between state agencies and local service providers for families and children;

(f) Enter into contracts with and apply for grants from federal agencies or private organizations;

(g) Enter into interagency agreements to encourage coordinated efforts at the state and local level to improve the state's social service delivery system. The agreements may include provisions regarding the receipt, transfer, and expenditure of funds;

(h) Identify public and private funding sources for services provided to alleged or adjudicated unruly children and children who are at risk of being alleged or adjudicated unruly children, including regulations governing access to and use of the services;

(i) Collect information provided by local communities regarding successful programs for prevention, intervention, and treatment of unruly behavior, including evaluations of the programs;

(j) Identify and disseminate publications regarding alleged or adjudicated unruly children and children who are at risk of being alleged or adjudicated unruly children and regarding programs serving those types of children;

(k) Maintain an inventory of strategic planning facilitators for use by government or nonprofit entities that serve alleged or adjudicated unruly children or children who are at risk of being alleged or adjudicated unruly children.

(3) The cabinet council shall provide for the following:

(a) Reviews of service and treatment plans for children for which such reviews are requested;

(b) Assistance as the council determines to be necessary to meet the needs of children referred by county family and children first councils;

(c) Monitoring and supervision of a statewide, comprehensive, coordinated, multi-disciplinary, interagency system for infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities or delays and their families, as established pursuant to federal grants received and administered by the department of

health for early intervention services under the "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004," 118 Stat. 2744, 20 U.S.C.A. 1400, as amended.

(4) The cabinet council shall develop and implement the following:

(a) An interagency process to select the indicators that will be used to measure progress toward increasing child well-being in the state and to update the indicators on an annual basis. The indicators shall focus on expectant parents and newborns thriving; infants and toddlers thriving; children being ready for school; children and youth succeeding in school; youth choosing healthy behaviors; and youth successfully transitioning into adulthood.

(b) An interagency system to offer guidance and monitor progress toward increasing child well-being in the state and in each county;

(c) An annual plan that identifies state-level agency efforts taken to ensure progress towards increasing child well-being in the state.

On an annual basis, the cabinet council shall submit to the governor and the general assembly a report on the status of efforts to increase child well-being in the state. This report shall be made available to any other person on request.

(B)(1) Each board of county commissioners shall establish a county family and children first council. The board may invite any local public or private agency or group that funds, advocates, or provides services to children and families to have a representative become a permanent or temporary member of its county council. Each county council must include the following individuals:

(a) At least three individuals who are not employed by an agency represented on the council and whose families are or have received services from an agency represented on the council or another county's council. Where possible, the number of members representing families shall be equal to twenty per cent of the council's membership.

(b) The director of the board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services that serves the county, or, in the case of a county that has a board of alcohol and drug addiction services and a community mental health board, the directors of both boards. If a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services covers more than one county, the director may designate a person to participate on the county's council.

(c) The health commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, of the board of health of each city and general health district in the county. If the county has two or more health districts, the health commissioner membership may be limited to the commissioners of the two districts with the largest populations.

- (d) The director of the county department of job and family services;
- (e) The executive director of the public children services agency;
- (f) The superintendent of the county board of developmental disabilities or, if the superintendent serves as superintendent of more than one county board of developmental disabilities, the superintendent's designee;
- (g) The superintendent of the city, exempted village, or local school district with the largest number of pupils residing in the county, as determined by the department of education, which shall notify each board of county commissioners of its determination at least biennially;
- (h) A school superintendent representing all other school districts with territory in the county, as designated at a biennial meeting of the superintendents of those districts;
- (i) A representative of the municipal corporation with the largest population in the county;
- (j) The president of the board of county commissioners or an individual designated by the board;
- (k) A representative of the ~~regional office of the~~ department of youth services or an individual designated by the department;
- (l) A representative of the county's head start agencies, as defined in section 3301.32 of the Revised Code;
- (m) A representative of the county's early intervention collaborative established pursuant to the federal early intervention program operated under the "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004";
- (n) A representative of a local nonprofit entity that funds, advocates, or provides services to children and families.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the public members of a county council are not prohibited from serving on the council and making decisions regarding the duties of the council, including those involving the funding of joint projects and those outlined in the county's service coordination mechanism implemented pursuant to division (C) of this section.

The cabinet council shall establish a state appeals process to resolve disputes among the members of a county council concerning whether reasonable responsibilities as members are being shared. The appeals process may be accessed only by a majority vote of the council members who are required to serve on the council. Upon appeal, the cabinet council may order that state funds for services to children and families be redirected to a county's board of county commissioners.

The county's juvenile court judge senior in service or another judge of the juvenile court designated by the administrative judge or, where there is

no administrative judge, by the judge senior in service shall serve as the judicial advisor to the county family and children first council. The judge may advise the county council on the court's utilization of resources, services, or programs provided by the entities represented by the members of the county council and how those resources, services, or programs assist the court in its administration of justice. Service of a judge as a judicial advisor pursuant to this section is a judicial function.

(2) The purpose of the county council is to streamline and coordinate existing government services for families seeking services for their children. In seeking to fulfill its purpose, a county council shall provide for the following:

(a) Referrals to the cabinet council of those children for whom the county council cannot provide adequate services;

(b) Development and implementation of a process that annually evaluates and prioritizes services, fills service gaps where possible, and invents new approaches to achieve better results for families and children;

(c) Participation in the development of a countywide, comprehensive, coordinated, multi-disciplinary, interagency system for infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities or delays and their families, as established pursuant to federal grants received and administered by the department of health for early intervention services under the "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004";

(d) Maintenance of an accountability system to monitor the county council's progress in achieving results for families and children;

(e) Establishment of a mechanism to ensure ongoing input from a broad representation of families who are receiving services within the county system.

(3) A county council shall develop and implement the following:

(a) An interagency process to establish local indicators and monitor the county's progress toward increasing child well-being in the county;

(b) An interagency process to identify local priorities to increase child well-being. The local priorities shall focus on expectant parents and newborns thriving; infants and toddlers thriving; children being ready for school; children and youth succeeding in school; youth choosing healthy behaviors; and youth successfully transitioning into adulthood and take into account the indicators established by the cabinet council under division (A)(4)(a) of this section.

(c) An annual plan that identifies the county's interagency efforts to increase child well-being in the county.

On an annual basis, the county council shall submit a report on the

status of efforts by the county to increase child well-being in the county to the county's board of county commissioners and the cabinet council. This report shall be made available to any other person on request.

(4)(a) Except as provided in division (B)(4)(b) of this section, a county council shall comply with the policies, procedures, and activities prescribed by the rules or interagency agreements of a state department participating on the cabinet council whenever the county council performs a function subject to those rules or agreements.

(b) On application of a county council, the cabinet council may grant an exemption from any rules or interagency agreements of a state department participating on the council if an exemption is necessary for the council to implement an alternative program or approach for service delivery to families and children. The application shall describe the proposed program or approach and specify the rules or interagency agreements from which an exemption is necessary. The cabinet council shall approve or disapprove the application in accordance with standards and procedures it shall adopt. If an application is approved, the exemption is effective only while the program or approach is being implemented, including a reasonable period during which the program or approach is being evaluated for effectiveness.

(5)(a) Each county council shall designate an administrative agent for the council from among the following public entities: the board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services, including a board of alcohol and drug addiction or a community mental health board if the county is served by separate boards; the board of county commissioners; any board of health of the county's city and general health districts; the county department of job and family services; the county agency responsible for the administration of children services pursuant to section 5153.15 of the Revised Code; the county board of developmental disabilities; any of the county's boards of education or governing boards of educational service centers; or the county's juvenile court. Any of the foregoing public entities, other than the board of county commissioners, may decline to serve as the council's administrative agent.

A county council's administrative agent shall serve as the council's appointing authority for any employees of the council. The council shall file an annual budget with its administrative agent, with copies filed with the county auditor and with the board of county commissioners, unless the board is serving as the council's administrative agent. The council's administrative agent shall ensure that all expenditures are handled in accordance with policies, procedures, and activities prescribed by state departments in rules or interagency agreements that are applicable to the

council's functions.

The administrative agent of a county council shall send notice of a member's absence if a member listed in division (B)(1) of this section has been absent from either three consecutive meetings of the county council or a county council subcommittee, or from one-quarter of such meetings in a calendar year, whichever is less. The notice shall be sent to the board of county commissioners that establishes the county council and, for the members listed in divisions (B)(1)(b), (c), (e), and (l) of this section, to the governing board overseeing the respective entity; for the member listed in division (B)(1)(f) of this section, to the county board of developmental disabilities that employs the superintendent; for a member listed in division (B)(1)(g) or (h) of this section, to the school board that employs the superintendent; for the member listed in division (B)(1)(i) of this section, to the mayor of the municipal corporation; for the member listed in division (B)(1)(k) of this section, to the director of youth services; and for the member listed in division (B)(1)(n) of this section, to that member's board of trustees.

The administrative agent for a county council may do any of the following on behalf of the council:

(i) Enter into agreements or administer contracts with public or private entities to fulfill specific council business. Such agreements and contracts are exempt from the competitive bidding requirements of section 307.86 of the Revised Code if they have been approved by the county council and they are for the purchase of family and child welfare or child protection services or other social or job and family services for families and children. The approval of the county council is not required to exempt agreements or contracts entered into under section 5139.34, 5139.41, or 5139.43 of the Revised Code from the competitive bidding requirements of section 307.86 of the Revised Code.

(ii) As determined by the council, provide financial stipends, reimbursements, or both, to family representatives for expenses related to council activity;

(iii) Receive by gift, grant, devise, or bequest any moneys, lands, or other property for the purposes for which the council is established. The agent shall hold, apply, and dispose of the moneys, lands, or other property according to the terms of the gift, grant, devise, or bequest. Any interest or earnings shall be treated in the same manner and are subject to the same terms as the gift, grant, devise, or bequest from which it accrues.

(b)(i) If the county council designates the board of county commissioners as its administrative agent, the board may, by resolution,

delegate any of its powers and duties as administrative agent to an executive committee the board establishes from the membership of the county council. The board shall name to the executive committee at least the individuals described in divisions (B)(1)(b) to (h) of this section and may appoint the president of the board or another individual as the chair of the executive committee. The executive committee must include at least one family county council representative who does not have a family member employed by an agency represented on the council.

(ii) The executive committee may, with the approval of the board, hire an executive director to assist the county council in administering its powers and duties. The executive director shall serve in the unclassified civil service at the pleasure of the executive committee. The executive director may, with the approval of the executive committee, hire other employees as necessary to properly conduct the county council's business.

(iii) The board may require the executive committee to submit an annual budget to the board for approval and may amend or repeal the resolution that delegated to the executive committee its authority as the county council's administrative agent.

(6) Two or more county councils may enter into an agreement to administer their county councils jointly by creating a regional family and children first council. A regional council possesses the same duties and authority possessed by a county council, except that the duties and authority apply regionally rather than to individual counties. Prior to entering into an agreement to create a regional council, the members of each county council to be part of the regional council shall meet to determine whether all or part of the members of each county council will serve as members of the regional council.

(7) A board of county commissioners may approve a resolution by a majority vote of the board's members that requires the county council to submit a statement to the board each time the council proposes to enter into an agreement, adopt a plan, or make a decision, other than a decision pursuant to section 121.38 of the Revised Code, that requires the expenditure of funds for two or more families. The statement shall describe the proposed agreement, plan, or decision.

Not later than fifteen days after the board receives the statement, it shall, by resolution approved by a majority of its members, approve or disapprove the agreement, plan, or decision. Failure of the board to pass a resolution during that time period shall be considered approval of the agreement, plan, or decision.

An agreement, plan, or decision for which a statement is required to be

submitted to the board shall be implemented only if it is approved by the board.

(C) Each county shall develop a county service coordination mechanism. The county service coordination mechanism shall serve as the guiding document for coordination of services in the county. For children who also receive services under the help me grow program, the service coordination mechanism shall be consistent with rules adopted by the department of health under section 3701.61 of the Revised Code. All family service coordination plans shall be developed in accordance with the county service coordination mechanism. The mechanism shall be developed and approved with the participation of the county entities representing child welfare; developmental disabilities; alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services; health; juvenile judges; education; the county family and children first council; and the county early intervention collaborative established pursuant to the federal early intervention program operated under the "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004." The county shall establish an implementation schedule for the mechanism. The cabinet council may monitor the implementation and administration of each county's service coordination mechanism.

Each mechanism shall include all of the following:

(1) A procedure for an agency, including a juvenile court, or a family voluntarily seeking service coordination, to refer the child and family to the county council for service coordination in accordance with the mechanism;

(2) A procedure ensuring that a family and all appropriate staff from involved agencies, including a representative from the appropriate school district, are notified of and invited to participate in all family service coordination plan meetings;

(3) A procedure that permits a family to initiate a meeting to develop or review the family's service coordination plan and allows the family to invite a family advocate, mentor, or support person of the family's choice to participate in any such meeting;

(4) A procedure for ensuring that a family service coordination plan meeting is conducted for each child who receives service coordination under the mechanism and for whom an emergency out-of-home placement has been made or for whom a nonemergency out-of-home placement is being considered. The meeting shall be conducted within ten days of an emergency out-of-home placement. The meeting shall be conducted before a nonemergency out-of-home placement. The family service coordination plan shall outline how the county council members will jointly pay for services, where applicable, and provide services in the least restrictive

environment.

(5) A procedure for monitoring the progress and tracking the outcomes of each service coordination plan requested in the county including monitoring and tracking children in out-of-home placements to assure continued progress, appropriateness of placement, and continuity of care after discharge from placement with appropriate arrangements for housing, treatment, and education;

(6) A procedure for protecting the confidentiality of all personal family information disclosed during service coordination meetings or contained in the comprehensive family service coordination plan;

(7) A procedure for assessing the needs and strengths of any child or family that has been referred to the council for service coordination, including a child whose parent or custodian is voluntarily seeking services, and for ensuring that parents and custodians are afforded the opportunity to participate;

(8) A procedure for development of a family service coordination plan described in division (D) of this section;

(9) A local dispute resolution process to serve as the process that must be used first to resolve disputes among the agencies represented on the county council concerning the provision of services to children, including children who are abused, neglected, dependent, unruly, alleged unruly, or delinquent children and under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court and children whose parents or custodians are voluntarily seeking services. The local dispute resolution process shall comply with sections 121.38, 121.381, and 121.382 of the Revised Code. The local dispute resolution process shall be used to resolve disputes between a child's parents or custodians and the county council regarding service coordination. The county council shall inform the parents or custodians of their right to use the dispute resolution process. Parents or custodians shall use existing local agency grievance procedures to address disputes not involving service coordination. The dispute resolution process is in addition to and does not replace other rights or procedures that parents or custodians may have under other sections of the Revised Code.

The cabinet council shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing an administrative review process to address problems that arise concerning the operation of a local dispute resolution process.

Nothing in division (C)(4) of this section shall be interpreted as overriding or affecting decisions of a juvenile court regarding an out-of-home placement, long-term placement, or emergency out-of-home

placement.

(D) Each county shall develop a family service coordination plan that does all of the following:

(1) Designates service responsibilities among the various state and local agencies that provide services to children and their families, including children who are abused, neglected, dependent, unruly, or delinquent children and under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court and children whose parents or custodians are voluntarily seeking services;

(2) Designates an individual, approved by the family, to track the progress of the family service coordination plan, schedule reviews as necessary, and facilitate the family service coordination plan meeting process;

(3) Ensures that assistance and services to be provided are responsive to the strengths and needs of the family, as well as the family's culture, race, and ethnic group, by allowing the family to offer information and suggestions and participate in decisions. Identified assistance and services shall be provided in the least restrictive environment possible.

(4) Includes a process for dealing with a child who is alleged to be an unruly child. The process shall include methods to divert the child from the juvenile court system;

(5) Includes timelines for completion of goals specified in the plan with regular reviews scheduled to monitor progress toward those goals;

(6) Includes a plan for dealing with short-term crisis situations and safety concerns.

(E)(1) The process provided for under division (D)(4) of this section may include, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) Designation of the person or agency to conduct the assessment of the child and the child's family as described in division (C)(7) of this section and designation of the instrument or instruments to be used to conduct the assessment;

(b) An emphasis on the personal responsibilities of the child and the parental responsibilities of the parents, guardian, or custodian of the child;

(c) Involvement of local law enforcement agencies and officials.

(2) The method to divert a child from the juvenile court system that must be included in the service coordination process may include, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) The preparation of a complaint under section 2151.27 of the Revised Code alleging that the child is an unruly child and notifying the child and the parents, guardian, or custodian that the complaint has been prepared to encourage the child and the parents, guardian, or custodian to comply with

other methods to divert the child from the juvenile court system;

(b) Conducting a meeting with the child, the parents, guardian, or custodian, and other interested parties to determine the appropriate methods to divert the child from the juvenile court system;

(c) A method to provide to the child and the child's family a short-term respite from a short-term crisis situation involving a confrontation between the child and the parents, guardian, or custodian;

(d) A program to provide a mentor to the child or the parents, guardian, or custodian;

(e) A program to provide parenting education to the parents, guardian, or custodian;

(f) An alternative school program for children who are truant from school, repeatedly disruptive in school, or suspended or expelled from school;

(g) Other appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, any alternative methods to divert a child from the juvenile court system that are identified by the Ohio family and children first cabinet council.

(F) Each county may review and revise the service coordination process described in division (D) of this section based on the availability of funds under Title IV-A of the "Social Security Act," 110 Stat. 2113 (1996), 42 U.S.C.A. 601, as amended, or to the extent resources are available from any other federal, state, or local funds.

Sec. 121.374. (A) It is the intent of this state and the general assembly that custody relinquishment for the sole purpose of gaining access to child-specific services for multi-system children and youth shall cease.

(B) The Ohio family and children first council established under section 121.37 of the Revised Code shall develop a comprehensive multi-system youth action plan that does the following:

(1) Defines and establishes shared responsibility between county and state child-serving systems for providing and funding multi-system youth services;

(2) Provides recommendations for flexible spending at the state level within the cabinet council;

(3) Defines the model and process by which the flexible spending may be accessed to pay for services for multi-system youth;

(4) Identifies strategies to assist with reducing custody relinquishment for the sole purpose of gaining access to services for multi-system children and youth;

(5) Implements the full final recommendations of the joint legislative committee for multi-system youth;

(6) Conducts an assessment of the legal and financial conditions that contribute to custody relinquishment for the purposes of receiving child-specific services.

(C) Not later than December 31, 2019, the cabinet council shall submit its final action plan to the general assembly.

Sec. 121.93. (A) An agency, ~~at reasonable intervals,~~ shall review its operations to identify principles of law or policy that have not been stated in a rule and that the agency is relying upon in conducting adjudications or other determinations of rights and liabilities or in issuing writings and other materials, such as instructions, directives, policy statements, guidelines, handbooks, manuals, advisories, notices, circulars, advertisements, forms, letters, and opinions. An agency is not required to identify principles of law or policy relied upon in issuing internal management rules as defined in section 111.15 of the Revised Code. The agency shall complete at least one of the reviews during a governor's term. ~~Within~~

Within three months after the expiration of a governor's term, the agency electronically shall transmit a report to the joint committee on agency rule review, ~~a notice stating~~ containing the following:

(1) A statement that the agency has completed one or more of the reviews, specifying the exact number of reviews completed during the governor's expired term;

(2) The principles of law or policies identified under this division;

(3) The agency's considerations regarding the identified principles of law or policies under division (B) of this section;

(4) Any principles of law or policies for which the agency determines rulemaking is indicated or for which the agency has commenced the rule-making process under division (C) of this section.

The joint committee on agency rule review shall make the reports available on its web site.

(B) The agency shall determine whether a principle of law or policy thus identified has a general and uniform operation and establishes a legal regulation or standard that would not exist in its absence. If the principle of law or policy has these characteristics, the agency shall determine whether the principle of law or policy should be supplanted by its restatement in a rule to achieve one or more of the following as they are relevant to the principle of law or policy:

(1) Assert the general and uniform operation of the principle of law or policy;

(2) Make the principle of law or policy more readily available to the public;

(3) Make the principle of law or policy more readily available to persons who specifically are affected by the principle of law or policy;

(4) Enable the principle of law or policy to be better known in advance of its application;

(5) Enable greater public participation in improvement and further development of the principle of law or policy;

(6) Enable greater participation by persons specifically affected by the principle of law or policy in the improvement and further development of the principle of law or policy;

(7) Make the principle of law or policy more easily understandable; or

(8) Make the principle of law or policy more readily available to those legally charged with monitoring or reviewing the agency's operations.

If a principle of law or policy aids in the interpretation of an existing rule or statute, the agency shall consider whether the aiding effect clarifies or otherwise resolves an uncertainty in the existing rule or statute. If the principle of law or policy can be so characterized, the agency shall consider whether the principle of law or policy should be supplanted by its restatement in an interpretive rule. The agency may not presume that a principle of law or policy that aids in the interpretation of an existing rule or statute is simply a reiteration of the existing rule or statute.

(C) If the agency determines, in light of the foregoing standards, that rulemaking is indicated, the agency shall commence the rule-making process as soon as it is reasonably feasible to do so, but not later than the date that is six months after the determination was made. The principle of law or policy as it is restated in a rule does not need to be wholly congruent with the supplanted principle of law or policy. The agency lawfully may improve or develop further the supplanted principle of law or policy as it is restated in a rule.

The agency may continue to rely upon the principle of law or policy, but only while it is complying with the preceding paragraph. The agency may not rely upon the principle of law or policy in advising with regard to or in determining the rights or liabilities of a person if the agency fails to commence the rule-making process by the deadline specified in the preceding paragraph, or if, after commencing the rule-making process, the agency neglects or abandons the rule-making process before it is completed.

(D) A principle of law or policy that is relied upon directly or by clear implication from a statute applying to the agency does not need to be supplanted by rule.

Sec. 121.95. (A) As used in this section, "state agency" means an administrative department created under section 121.02 of the Revised

Code, an administrative department head appointed under section 121.03 of the Revised Code, and a state agency organized under an administrative department or administrative department head. "State agency" also includes the department of education, the state lottery commission, the Ohio casino control commission, the state racing commission, and the public utilities commission of Ohio. Rules adopted by an otherwise independent official or entity organized under a state agency shall be attributed to the agency under which the official or entity is organized for the purposes of this section.

(B) Not later than December 31, 2019, a state agency shall review its existing rules to identify rules having one or more regulatory restrictions that require or prohibit an action and prepare a base inventory of the regulatory restrictions in its existing rules. Rules that include the words "shall," "must," "require," "shall not," "may not," and "prohibit" shall be considered to contain regulatory restrictions.

(C) In the base inventory, the state agency shall indicate all of the following concerning each regulatory restriction:

(1) A description of the regulatory restriction;

(2) The rule number of the rule in which the regulatory restriction appears;

(3) The statute under which the regulatory restriction was adopted;

(4) Whether state or federal law expressly and specifically requires the agency to adopt the regulatory restriction or the agency adopted the regulatory restriction under the agency's general authority;

(5) Whether removing the regulatory restriction would require a change to state or federal law, provided that removing a regulatory restriction adopted under a law granting the agency general authority shall be presumed not to require a change to state or federal law;

(6) Any other information the joint committee on agency rule review considers necessary.

(D) The state agency shall compute and state the total number of regulatory restrictions indicated in the base inventory, shall post the base inventory on its web site, and shall electronically transmit a copy of the inventory to the joint committee. The joint committee shall review the base inventory, then transmit it electronically to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate.

(E) The following types of rules or regulatory restrictions are not required to be included in a state agency's inventory of regulatory restrictions:

(1) An internal management rule;

(2) An emergency rule;

(3) A rule that state or federal law requires the state agency to adopt verbatim;

(4) A regulatory restriction contained in materials or documents incorporated by reference into a rule pursuant to sections 121.71 to 121.75 of the Revised Code;

(5) A rule adopted pursuant to section 1347.15 of the Revised Code;

(6) A rule concerning instant lottery games;

(7) Any other rule that is not subject to review under Chapter 106. of the Revised Code.

(F) Beginning on the effective date of this section and ending on June 30, 2023, a state agency may not adopt a new regulatory restriction unless it simultaneously removes two or more other existing regulatory restrictions. The state agency may not satisfy this section by merging two or more existing regulatory restrictions into a single surviving regulatory restriction.

Sec. 122.075. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Alternative fuel" has the same meaning as in section 125.831 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Biodiesel" means a mono-alkyl ester combustible liquid fuel that is derived from vegetable oils or animal fats, or any combination of those reagents, and that meets American society for testing and materials specification D6751-03a for biodiesel fuel (B100) blend stock distillate fuels.

(3) "Diesel fuel" and "gasoline" have the same meanings as in section 5735.01 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Ethanol" has the same meaning as in section 5733.46 of the Revised Code.

(5) "Blended biodiesel" means diesel fuel containing at least twenty per cent biodiesel by volume.

(6) "Blended gasoline" means gasoline containing at least eighty-five per cent ethanol by volume.

(7) "Incremental cost" means either of the following:

(a) The difference in cost between blended gasoline and gasoline containing ten per cent or less ethanol at the time that the blended gasoline is purchased;

(b) The difference in cost between blended biodiesel and diesel fuel containing two per cent or less biodiesel at the time that the blended biodiesel is purchased.

(B) For the purpose of improving the air quality in this state, the director of development services shall establish an alternative fuel transportation program under which the director may make grants and loans to businesses,

nonprofit organizations, public school systems, or local governments for the purchase and installation of alternative fuel refueling or distribution facilities and terminals, for the purchase and use of alternative fuel, to pay the cost of fleet conversion, and to pay the costs of educational and promotional materials and activities intended for prospective alternative fuel consumers, fuel marketers, and others in order to increase the availability and use of alternative fuel.

(C) The director, in consultation with the director of agriculture, shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that are necessary for the administration of the alternative fuel transportation program. The rules shall establish at least all of the following:

(1) An application form and procedures governing the application process for receiving funds under the program;

(2) A procedure for prioritizing the award of grants and loans under the program. The procedures shall give preference to all of the following:

(a) Publicly accessible refueling facilities;

(b) Entities applying to the program that have secured funding from other sources, including, but not limited to, private or federal incentives;

(c) Entities that have presented compelling evidence of demand in the market in which the facilities or terminals will be located;

(d) Entities that have committed to utilizing purchased or installed facilities or terminals for the greatest number of years;

(e) Entities that will be purchasing or installing facilities or terminals for any type of alternative fuel.

(3) A requirement that the maximum incentive for the purchase and installation of an alternative fuel refueling or distribution facility or terminal be eighty per cent of the cost of the facility or terminal, except that at least twenty per cent of the total cost of the facility or terminal shall be incurred by the recipient and not compensated for by any other source;

(4) A requirement that the maximum incentive for the purchase of alternative fuel be eighty per cent of the cost of the fuel or, in the case of blended biodiesel or blended gasoline, eighty per cent of the incremental cost of the blended biodiesel or blended gasoline;

(5) Any other criteria, procedures, or guidelines that the director determines are necessary to administer the program, including fees, charges, interest rates, and payment schedules.

(D) An applicant for a grant or loan under this section that sells motor vehicle fuel at retail shall agree that if the applicant receives funding, the applicant will report to the director the gallon or gallon equivalent amounts of alternative fuel the applicant sells at retail in this state for a period of

three years after the project is completed.

The director shall enter into a written confidentiality agreement with the applicant regarding the gallon or gallon equivalent amounts sold as described in this division, and upon execution of the agreement this information is not a public record.

(E) There is hereby created in the state treasury the alternative fuel transportation fund. The fund shall consist of money transferred to the fund under division (B) of section 125.836 ~~and under division (B)(2) of section 3706.27~~ of the Revised Code, money that is appropriated to it by the general assembly, money as may be specified by the general assembly from the advanced energy fund created by section 4928.61 of the Revised Code, and all money received from the repayment of loans made from the fund or in the event of a default on any such loan. Money in the fund shall be used to make grants and loans under the alternative fuel transportation program and by the director in the administration of that program.

Sec. 122.121. (A) A local organizing committee, endorsing municipality, or endorsing county that has entered into a joinder undertaking with a site selection organization may apply to the director of development services, on a form and in the manner prescribed by the director, for a grant from the sports event grant fund created under section 122.122 of the Revised Code with respect to a game ~~that has not been held in this state by the organization in either of the two preceding years~~ and to which either of the following applies:

(1) The organization accepts competitive bids to host the game.

(2) The game is a one-time centennial commemoration of the founding of a national football organization, association, or league.

The amount of the grant shall be based on the projected incremental increase in the receipts from the tax imposed under section 5739.02 of the Revised Code within the market area designated under division (C) of this section, for the two-week period that ends at the end of the day after the date on which the game will be held, that is directly attributable, as determined by the director, to the preparation for and presentation of the game. The director shall determine the projected incremental increase in the tax imposed under section 5739.02 of the Revised Code by using a formula approved by the director in consultation with the tax commissioner. The application shall include an estimate of the committee's, municipality's, or county's qualifying costs under the game support contract. The local organizing committee, endorsing municipality, or endorsing county is eligible to receive a grant under this section only if the projected incremental increase in receipts from the tax imposed under section 5739.02

of the Revised Code, as determined by the director, exceeds two hundred fifty thousand dollars. The amount of the grant ~~shall be~~ shall be not less than fifty per cent of the projected incremental increase in receipts, as determined by the director, but shall not exceed the lesser of two million dollars or the amount of the committee's, municipality's, or county's qualifying costs under the game support contract. The director shall disburse the grant to the local organizing committee, endorsing municipality, or endorsing county from the sports event grant fund.

(B) If the director of development services approves an application for a local organizing committee, endorsing municipality, or endorsing county and that local organizing committee, endorsing municipality, or endorsing county enters into a joinder agreement with a site selection organization, the local organizing committee, endorsing municipality, or endorsing county shall file a copy of the joinder agreement with the director. The grant shall be used exclusively by the local organizing committee, endorsing municipality, or endorsing county to pay its qualifying costs under the game support contract.

(C) For the purposes of division (A) of this section, the director of development services, in consultation with the tax commissioner, shall designate the market area for a game. The market area shall consist of the combined statistical area, as defined by the United States office of management and budget, in which an endorsing municipality or endorsing county is located.

(D) A local organizing committee, endorsing municipality, or endorsing county shall provide information required by the director of development services and tax commissioner to enable the director and commissioner to fulfill their duties under this section, including annual audited statements of any financial records required by a site selection organization; data obtained by the local organizing committee, endorsing municipality, or endorsing county relating to attendance at a game and to the economic impact of the game; and financial records from the committee, municipality, or county verifying its qualifying costs under the game support contract. A local organizing committee, an endorsing municipality, or an endorsing county shall provide an annual audited financial statement if so required by the director and commissioner, not later than the end of the fourth month after the date the period covered by the financial statement ends.

(E) Within thirty days after the game, the local organizing committee, endorsing municipality, or endorsing county shall certify to the director of development services a statement of its qualifying costs under the game support contract and a report about the economic impact of the game. The

certification shall be in the form and substance required by the director, including, but not limited to, a final income statement for the event showing total revenue and expenditures and revenue and expenditures in the market area for the game, and ticket sales for the game and any related activities for which admission was charged. The director shall determine, based on the reported information and the exercise of reasonable judgment, the incremental increase in receipts from the tax imposed under section 5739.02 of the Revised Code directly attributable to the game and the committee's, municipality's, or county's qualifying costs under the game support contract. If the actual incremental increase in sales tax receipts is less than the projected incremental increase in such receipts, or if the actual qualifying costs are less than the estimated qualifying costs, the director may require the local organizing committee, endorsing municipality, or endorsing county to refund to the state all or a portion of the grant. Any refund remitted under this division shall be credited to the sports event grant fund.

(F) No disbursement may be made under this section if the director of development services determines that it would be used for the purpose of soliciting the relocation of a professional sports franchise located in this state.

(G) This section may not be construed as creating or requiring a state guarantee of obligations imposed on an endorsing municipality or endorsing county under a game support contract or any other agreement relating to hosting one or more games in this state.

Sec. 122.171. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Capital investment project" means a plan of investment at a project site for the acquisition, construction, renovation, or repair of buildings, machinery, or equipment, or for capitalized costs of basic research and new product development determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, but does not include any of the following:

(a) Payments made for the acquisition of personal property through operating leases;

(b) Project costs paid before January 1, 2002;

(c) Payments made to a related member as defined in section 5733.042 of the Revised Code or to a consolidated elected taxpayer or a combined taxpayer as defined in section 5751.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Eligible business" means a taxpayer and its related members with Ohio operations ~~satisfying all of the following~~ that had a capital investment project reviewed and approved by the tax credit authority as provided in divisions (C), (D), and (E) of this section and that satisfies either of the following requirements:

(a) ~~The~~ If engaged at the project site primarily in significant corporate administrative functions, as defined by the director of development services by rule, the taxpayer meets both of the following criteria:

(i) ~~The~~ taxpayer either is located in a foreign trade zone, employs at least five hundred full-time equivalent employees, or has an annual Ohio employee payroll of at least thirty-five million dollars at the time the tax credit authority grants the tax credit under this section;

~~(b)~~ (ii) ~~The~~ taxpayer makes or causes to be made payments for the capital investment project of ~~one of the following:~~

~~(i) If the taxpayer is engaged at the project site primarily as a manufacturer, at least fifty million dollars in the aggregate at the project site during a period of three consecutive calendar years, including the calendar year that includes a day of the taxpayer's taxable year or tax period with respect to which the credit is granted;~~

~~(ii) If the taxpayer is engaged at the project site primarily in significant corporate administrative functions, as defined by the director of development services by rule, at least twenty million dollars in the aggregate at the project site during a period of three consecutive calendar years including the calendar year that includes a day of the taxpayer's taxable year or tax period with respect to which the credit is granted.~~

~~(c) The taxpayer had a capital investment project reviewed and approved by the tax credit authority as provided in divisions (C), (D), and (E) of this section.~~

(b) If engaged at the project site primarily as a manufacturer, the taxpayer makes or causes to be made payments for the capital investment project at the project site during a period of three consecutive calendar years, including the calendar year that includes a day of the taxpayer's taxable year or tax period with respect to which the credit is granted, in an amount that in the aggregate equals or exceeds the lesser of the following:

(i) Fifty million dollars;

(ii) Five per cent of the net book value of all tangible personal property used at the project site as of the last day of the three-year period in which the capital investment payments are made.

(3) "Full-time equivalent employees" means the quotient obtained by dividing the total number of hours for which employees were compensated for employment in the project by two thousand eighty. "Full-time equivalent employees" shall exclude hours that are counted for a credit under section 122.17 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Ohio employee payroll" has the same meaning as in section 122.17 of the Revised Code.

(5) "Manufacturer" has the same meaning as in section 5739.011 of the Revised Code.

(6) "Project site" means an integrated complex of facilities in this state, as specified by the tax credit authority under this section, within a fifteen-mile radius where a taxpayer is primarily operating as an eligible business.

(7) "Related member" has the same meaning as in section 5733.042 of the Revised Code as that section existed on the effective date of its amendment by Am. Sub. H.B. 215 of the 122nd general assembly, September 29, 1997.

(8) "Taxable year" includes, in the case of a domestic or foreign insurance company, the calendar year ending on the thirty-first day of December preceding the day the superintendent of insurance is required to certify to the treasurer of state under section 5725.20 or 5729.05 of the Revised Code the amount of taxes due from insurance companies.

(9) "Foreign trade zone" means a general purpose foreign trade zone or a special purpose subzone for which, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 81a, as amended, a permit for foreign trade zone status has been granted and remains active, including special purpose subzones for which a permit has been granted and remains active.

(B) The tax credit authority created under section 122.17 of the Revised Code may grant a nonrefundable tax credit to an eligible business under this section for the purpose of fostering job retention in this state. Upon application by an eligible business and upon consideration of the determination of the director of budget and management, tax commissioner, and the superintendent of insurance in the case of an insurance company, and the recommendation and determination of the director of development services under division (C) of this section, the tax credit authority may grant the credit against the tax imposed by section 5725.18, 5726.02, 5729.03, 5733.06, 5736.02, 5747.02, or 5751.02 of the Revised Code.

The credit authorized in this section may be granted for a period up to fifteen taxable years or, in the case of the tax levied by section 5736.02 or 5751.02 of the Revised Code, for a period of up to fifteen calendar years. The credit amount for a taxable year or a calendar year that includes the tax period for which a credit may be claimed equals the Ohio employee payroll for that year multiplied by the percentage specified in the agreement with the tax credit authority. The credit shall be claimed in the order required under section 5725.98, 5726.98, 5729.98, 5733.98, 5747.98, or 5751.98 of the Revised Code. In determining the percentage and term of the credit, the tax credit authority shall consider both the number of full-time equivalent

employees and the value of the capital investment project. The credit amount may not be based on the Ohio employee payroll for a calendar year before the calendar year in which the tax credit authority specifies the tax credit is to begin, and the credit shall be claimed only for the taxable years or tax periods specified in the eligible business' agreement with the tax credit authority. In no event shall the credit be claimed for a taxable year or tax period terminating before the date specified in the agreement.

If a credit allowed under this section for a taxable year or tax period exceeds the taxpayer's tax liability for that year or period, the excess may be carried forward for the three succeeding taxable or calendar years, but the amount of any excess credit allowed in any taxable year or tax period shall be deducted from the balance carried forward to the succeeding year or period.

(C) A taxpayer that proposes a capital investment project to retain jobs in this state may apply to the tax credit authority to enter into an agreement for a tax credit under this section. The director of development services shall prescribe the form of the application. After receipt of an application, the authority shall forward copies of the application to the director of budget and management, the tax commissioner, and the superintendent of insurance in the case of an insurance company, each of whom shall review the application to determine the economic impact the proposed project would have on the state and the affected political subdivisions and shall submit a summary of their determinations to the authority. The authority shall also forward a copy of the application to the director of development services, who shall review the application to determine the economic impact the proposed project would have on the state and the affected political subdivisions and shall submit a summary of the director's determinations and recommendations to the authority.

(D) Upon review and consideration of the determinations and recommendations described in division (C) of this section, the tax credit authority may enter into an agreement with the taxpayer for a credit under this section if the authority determines all of the following:

(1) The taxpayer's capital investment project will result in the retention of employment in this state.

(2) The taxpayer is economically sound and has the ability to complete the proposed capital investment project.

(3) The taxpayer intends to and has the ability to maintain operations at the project site for at least the greater of (a) the term of the credit plus three years, or (b) seven years.

(4) Receiving the credit is a major factor in the taxpayer's decision to

begin, continue with, or complete the project.

(E) An agreement under this section shall include all of the following:

(1) A detailed description of the project that is the subject of the agreement, including the amount of the investment, the period over which the investment has been or is being made, the number of full-time equivalent employees at the project site, and the anticipated Ohio employee payroll to be generated.

(2) The term of the credit, the percentage of the tax credit, the maximum annual value of tax credits that may be allowed each year, and the first year for which the credit may be claimed.

(3) A requirement that the taxpayer maintain operations at the project site for at least the greater of (a) the term of the credit plus three years, or (b) seven years.

(4) ~~A~~ (a) If the taxpayer is engaged at the project site primarily in significant corporate administrative functions, a requirement that the taxpayer either retain at least five hundred full-time equivalent employees at the project site and within this state for the entire term of the credit, or a requirement that the taxpayer maintain an annual Ohio employee payroll of at least thirty-five million dollars for the entire term of the credit, or remain located in a foreign trade zone for the entire term of the credit;

(b) If the taxpayer is engaged at the project site primarily as a manufacturer, a requirement that the taxpayer maintain at least the number of full-time equivalent employees specified in the agreement pursuant to division (E)(1) of this section at the project site and within this state for the entire term of the credit.

(5) A requirement that the taxpayer annually report to the director of development services full-time equivalent employees, Ohio employee payroll, capital investment, and other information the director needs to perform the director's duties under this section.

(6) A requirement that the director of development services annually review the annual reports of the taxpayer to verify the information reported under division (E)(5) of this section and compliance with the agreement. Upon verification, the director shall issue a certificate to the taxpayer stating that the information has been verified and identifying the amount of the credit for the taxable year or calendar year that includes the tax period. In determining the number of full-time equivalent employees, no position shall be counted that is filled by an employee who is included in the calculation of a tax credit under section 122.17 of the Revised Code.

(7) A provision providing that the taxpayer may not relocate a substantial number of employment positions from elsewhere in this state to

the project site unless the director of development services determines that the taxpayer notified the legislative authority of the county, township, or municipal corporation from which the employment positions would be relocated.

For purposes of this section, the movement of an employment position from one political subdivision to another political subdivision shall be considered a relocation of an employment position unless the movement is confined to the project site. The transfer of an employment position from one political subdivision to another political subdivision shall not be considered a relocation of an employment position if the employment position in the first political subdivision is replaced by another employment position.

(8) A waiver by the taxpayer of any limitations periods relating to assessments or adjustments resulting from the taxpayer's failure to comply with the agreement.

(F) If a taxpayer fails to meet or comply with any condition or requirement set forth in a tax credit agreement, the tax credit authority may amend the agreement to reduce the percentage or term of the credit. The reduction of the percentage or term may take effect in the current taxable or calendar year.

(G) Financial statements and other information submitted to the department of development services or the tax credit authority by an applicant for or recipient of a tax credit under this section, and any information taken for any purpose from such statements or information, are not public records subject to section 149.43 of the Revised Code. However, the chairperson of the authority may make use of the statements and other information for purposes of issuing public reports or in connection with court proceedings concerning tax credit agreements under this section. Upon the request of the tax commissioner, or the superintendent of insurance in the case of an insurance company, the chairperson of the authority shall provide to the commissioner or superintendent any statement or other information submitted by an applicant for or recipient of a tax credit in connection with the credit. The commissioner or superintendent shall preserve the confidentiality of the statement or other information.

(H) A taxpayer claiming a tax credit under this section shall submit to the tax commissioner or, in the case of an insurance company, to the superintendent of insurance, a copy of the director of development services' certificate of verification under division (E)(6) of this section with the taxpayer's tax report or return for the taxable year or for the calendar year that includes the tax period. Failure to submit a copy of the certificate with

the report or return does not invalidate a claim for a credit if the taxpayer submits a copy of the certificate to the commissioner or superintendent within the time prescribed by section 5703.0510 of the Revised Code or within thirty days after the commissioner or superintendent requests it.

(I) For the purposes of this section, a taxpayer may include a partnership, a corporation that has made an election under subchapter S of chapter one of subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code, or any other business entity through which income flows as a distributive share to its owners. A partnership, S-corporation, or other such business entity may elect to pass the credit received under this section through to the persons to whom the income or profit of the partnership, S-corporation, or other entity is distributed. The election shall be made on the annual report required under division (E)(5) of this section. The election applies to and is irrevocable for the credit for which the report is submitted. If the election is made, the credit shall be apportioned among those persons in the same proportions as those in which the income or profit is distributed.

(J)(1) If the director of development services determines that a taxpayer that received a certificate under division (E)(6) of this section is not complying with the requirements of the agreement, the director shall notify the tax credit authority of the noncompliance. After receiving such a notice, and after giving the taxpayer an opportunity to explain the noncompliance, the authority may terminate the agreement and require the taxpayer, or any related member or members that claimed the tax credit under division (N) of this section, to refund to the state all or a portion of the credit claimed in previous years, as follows:

(a) If the taxpayer fails to comply with the requirement under division (E)(3) of this section, an amount determined in accordance with the following:

(i) If the taxpayer maintained operations at the project site for less than or equal to the term of the credit, an amount not to exceed one hundred per cent of the sum of any tax credits allowed and received under this section.

(ii) If the taxpayer maintained operations at the project site longer than the term of the credit, but less than the greater of seven years or the term of the credit plus three years, the amount required to be refunded shall not exceed seventy-five per cent of the sum of any tax credits allowed and received under this section.

(b) If the taxpayer fails to substantially ~~maintain both the number of full-time equivalent employees and the amount of Ohio employee payroll,~~ satisfy the employment, payroll, or location requirements required under the agreement, as prescribed under division (E)(4)(a) or (b), as applicable to the

taxpayer, at any time during the term of the agreement or during the post-term reporting period, an amount determined at the discretion of the authority.

(2) If a taxpayer files for bankruptcy and fails as described in division (J)(1)(a) or (b) of this section, the director may immediately commence an action to recoup an amount not exceeding one hundred per cent of the sum of any credits received by the taxpayer under this section.

(3) In determining the portion of the credit to be refunded to this state, the authority shall consider the effect of market conditions on the taxpayer's project and whether the taxpayer continues to maintain other operations in this state. After making the determination, the authority shall certify the amount to be refunded to the tax commissioner or the superintendent of insurance. If the taxpayer, or any related member or members who claimed the tax credit under division (N) of this section, is not an insurance company, the commissioner shall make an assessment for that amount against the taxpayer under Chapter 5726., 5733., 5736., 5747., or 5751. of the Revised Code. If the taxpayer, or any related member or members that claimed the tax credit under division (N) of this section, is an insurance company, the superintendent of insurance shall make an assessment under section 5725.222 or 5729.102 of the Revised Code. The time limitations on assessments under those chapters and sections do not apply to an assessment under this division, but the commissioner or superintendent shall make the assessment within one year after the date the authority certifies to the commissioner or superintendent the amount to be refunded.

(K) The director of development services, after consultation with the tax commissioner and the superintendent of insurance and in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section. The rules may provide for recipients of tax credits under this section to be charged fees to cover administrative costs of the tax credit program. The fees collected shall be credited to the tax incentives operating fund created in section 122.174 of the Revised Code. At the time the director gives public notice under division (A) of section 119.03 of the Revised Code of the adoption of the rules, the director shall submit copies of the proposed rules to the chairpersons of the standing committees on economic development in the senate and the house of representatives.

(L) On or before the first day of August of each year, the director of development services shall submit a report to the governor, the president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives on the tax credit program under this section. The report shall include information on the number of agreements that were entered into under this section during the

preceding calendar year, a description of the project that is the subject of each such agreement, and an update on the status of projects under agreements entered into before the preceding calendar year.

(M) The aggregate amount of nonrefundable tax credits issued under this section during any calendar year for capital investment projects reviewed and approved by the tax credit authority may not exceed the following amounts:

- (1) For 2010, thirteen million dollars;
- (2) For 2011 through 2023, the amount of the limit for the preceding calendar year plus thirteen million dollars;
- (3) For 2024 and each year thereafter, one hundred ninety-five million dollars.

The limitations in division (M) of this section do not apply to credits for capital investment projects approved by the tax credit authority before July 1, 2009.

(N) This division applies only to an eligible business that is part of an affiliated group that includes a diversified savings and loan holding company or a grandfathered unitary savings and loan holding company, as those terms are defined in section 5726.01 of the Revised Code. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of the agreement between such an eligible business and the tax credit authority, any credit granted under this section against the tax imposed by section 5725.18, 5729.03, 5733.06, 5747.02, or 5751.02 of the Revised Code to the eligible business, at the election of the eligible business and without any action by the tax credit authority, may be shared with any member or members of the affiliated group that includes the eligible business, which member or members may claim the credit against the taxes imposed by section 5725.18, 5726.02, 5729.03, 5733.06, 5747.02, or 5751.02 of the Revised Code. Credits shall be claimed by the eligible business in sequential order, as applicable, first claiming the credits to the fullest extent possible against the tax that the certificate holder is subject to, then against the tax imposed by, sequentially, section 5729.03, 5725.18, 5747.02, 5751.02, and lastly 5726.02 of the Revised Code. The credits may be allocated among the members of the affiliated group in such manner as the eligible business elects, but subject to the sequential order required under this division. This division applies to credits granted before, on, or after March 27, 2013, the effective date of H.B. 510 of the 129th general assembly. Credits granted before that effective date that are shared and allocated under this division may be claimed in those calendar years in which the remaining taxable years specified in the agreement end.

As used in this division, "affiliated group" means a group of two or more persons with fifty per cent or greater of the value of each person's ownership interests owned or controlled directly, indirectly, or constructively through related interests by common owners during all or any portion of the taxable year, and the common owners. "Affiliated group" includes, but is not limited to, any person eligible to be included in a consolidated elected taxpayer group under section 5751.011 of the Revised Code or a combined taxpayer group under section 5751.012 of the Revised Code.

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

(a) "Eligible agreement" means an agreement approved by the tax credit authority under this section on or before December 31, 2013.

(b) "Reporting period" means a period corresponding to the annual report required under division (E)(5) of this section.

(c) "Income tax revenue" has the same meaning as under division (S) of section 122.17 of the Revised Code.

(2) In calendar year 2016 and thereafter, the tax credit authority shall annually determine a withholding adjustment factor to be used in the computation of income tax revenue for eligible agreements. The withholding adjustment factor shall be a numerical percentage that equals the percentage that employer income tax withholding rates have been increased or decreased as a result of changes in the income tax rates prescribed by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code by amendment of that section taking effect on or after June 29, 2013.

(3) Except as provided in division (O)(4) of this section, for reporting periods ending in 2015 and thereafter for taxpayers subject to eligible agreements, the tax credit authority shall adjust the income tax revenue reported on the taxpayer's annual report by multiplying the withholding adjustment factor by the taxpayer's income tax revenue and doing one of the following:

(a) If the income tax rates prescribed by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code have decreased by amendment of this section taking effect on or after June 29, 2013, add the product to the taxpayer's income tax revenue.

(b) If the income tax rates prescribed by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code have increased by amendment of this section taking effect on or after June 29, 2013, subtract the product from the taxpayer's income tax revenue.

(4) Division (O)(3) of this section shall not apply unless all of the following apply with respect to the eligible agreement:

(a) ~~The~~ If applicable, the taxpayer has achieved one hundred per cent of the job retention commitment identified in the agreement.

(b) If applicable, the taxpayer has achieved one hundred per cent of the payroll retention commitment identified in the agreement."

(c) If applicable, the taxpayer has achieved one hundred per cent of the investment commitment identified in the agreement.

(5) Failure by a taxpayer to have achieved any of the applicable commitments described in divisions (O)(4)(a) to (c) of this section in a reporting period does not disqualify the taxpayer for the adjustment under division (O) of this section for an ensuing reporting period.

Sec. 122.175. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Capital investment project" means a plan of investment at a project site for the acquisition, construction, renovation, expansion, replacement, or repair of a computer data center or of computer data center equipment, but does not include any of the following:

(a) Project costs paid before a date determined by the tax credit authority for each capital investment project;

(b) Payments made to a related member as defined in section 5733.042 of the Revised Code or to a consolidated elected taxpayer or a combined taxpayer as defined in section 5751.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Computer data center" means a facility used or to be used primarily to house computer data center equipment used or to be used in conducting one or more computer data center businesses, as determined by the tax credit authority.

(3) "Computer data center business" means, as may be further determined by the tax credit authority, a business that provides electronic information services as defined in division (Y)(1)(c) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code, or that leases a facility to one or more such businesses. "Computer data center business" does not include providing electronic publishing as defined in ~~division (LLL)~~ of that section.

(4) "Computer data center equipment" means tangible personal property used or to be used for any of the following:

(a) To conduct a computer data center business, including equipment cooling systems to manage the performance of computer data center equipment;

(b) To generate, transform, transmit, distribute, or manage electricity necessary to operate the tangible personal property used or to be used in conducting a computer data center business;

(c) As building and construction materials sold to construction contractors for incorporation into a computer data center.

(5) "Eligible computer data center" means a computer data center that satisfies all of the following requirements:

(a) One or more taxpayers operating a computer data center business at the project site will, in the aggregate, make payments for a capital investment project of at least one hundred million dollars at the project site during one of the following cumulative periods:

- (i) For projects beginning in 2013, six consecutive calendar years;
- (ii) For projects beginning in 2014, four consecutive calendar years;
- (iii) For projects beginning in or after 2015, three consecutive calendar years.

(b) One or more taxpayers operating a computer data center business at the project site will, in the aggregate, pay annual compensation that is subject to the withholding obligation imposed under section 5747.06 of the Revised Code of at least one million five hundred thousand dollars to employees employed at the project site for each year of the agreement beginning on or after the first day of the twenty-fifth month after the agreement was entered into under this section.

(6) "Person" has the same meaning as in section 5701.01 of the Revised Code.

(7) "Project site," "related member," and "tax credit authority" have the same meanings as in sections 122.17 and 122.171 of the Revised Code.

(8) "Taxpayer" means any person subject to the taxes imposed under Chapters 5739. and 5741. of the Revised Code.

(B) The tax credit authority may completely or partially exempt from the taxes levied under Chapters 5739. and 5741. of the Revised Code the sale, storage, use, or other consumption of computer data center equipment used or to be used at an eligible computer data center. Any such exemption shall extend to charges for the delivery, installation, or repair of the computer data center equipment subject to the exemption under this section.

(C) A taxpayer that proposes a capital improvement project for an eligible computer data center in this state may apply to the tax credit authority to enter into an agreement under this section authorizing a complete or partial exemption from the taxes imposed under Chapters 5739. and 5741. of the Revised Code on computer data center equipment purchased by the applicant or any other taxpayer that operates a computer data center business at the project site and used or to be used at the eligible computer data center. The director of development services shall prescribe the form of the application. After receipt of an application, the authority shall forward copies of the application to the director of budget and management and the tax commissioner, each of whom shall review the application to determine the economic impact that the proposed eligible computer data center would have on the state and any affected political

subdivisions and submit to the authority a summary of their determinations. The authority shall also forward a copy of the application to the director of development services who shall review the application to determine the economic impact that the proposed eligible computer data center would have on the state and the affected political subdivisions and shall submit a summary of their determinations and recommendations to the authority.

(D) Upon review and consideration of such determinations and recommendations, the tax credit authority may enter into an agreement with the applicant and any other taxpayer that operates a computer data center business at the project site for a complete or partial exemption from the taxes imposed under Chapters 5739. and 5741. of the Revised Code on computer data center equipment used or to be used at an eligible computer data center if the authority determines all of the following:

(1) The capital investment project for the eligible computer data center will increase payroll and the amount of income taxes to be withheld from employee compensation pursuant to section 5747.06 of the Revised Code.

(2) The applicant is economically sound and has the ability to complete or effect the completion of the proposed capital investment project.

(3) The applicant intends to and has the ability to maintain operations at the project site for the term of the agreement.

(4) Receiving the exemption is a major factor in the applicant's decision to begin, continue with, or complete the capital investment project.

(E) An agreement entered into under this section shall include all of the following:

(1) A detailed description of the capital investment project that is the subject of the agreement, including the amount of the investment, the period over which the investment has been or is being made, the annual compensation to be paid by each taxpayer subject to the agreement to its employees at the project site, and the anticipated amount of income taxes to be withheld from employee compensation pursuant to section 5747.06 of the Revised Code.

(2) The percentage of the exemption from the taxes imposed under Chapters 5739. and 5741. of the Revised Code for the computer data center equipment used or to be used at the eligible computer data center, the length of time the computer data center equipment will be exempted, and the first date on which the exemption applies.

(3) A requirement that the computer data center remain an eligible computer data center during the term of the agreement and that the applicant maintain operations at the eligible computer data center during that term. An applicant does not violate the requirement described in division (E)(3) of

this section if the applicant ceases operations at the eligible computer data center during the term of the agreement but resumes those operations within eighteen months after the date of cessation. The agreement shall provide that, in such a case, the applicant and any other taxpayer that operates a computer data center business at the project site shall not claim the tax exemption authorized in the agreement for any purchase of computer data center equipment made during the period in which the applicant did not maintain operations at the eligible computer data center.

(4) A requirement that, for each year of the term of the agreement beginning on or after the first day of the twenty-fifth month after the date the agreement was entered into, one or more taxpayers operating a computer data center business at the project site will, in the aggregate, pay annual compensation that is subject to the withholding obligation imposed under section 5747.06 of the Revised Code of at least one million five hundred thousand dollars to employees at the eligible computer data center.

(5) A requirement that each taxpayer subject to the agreement annually report to the director of development services employment, tax withholding, capital investment, and other information required by the director to perform the director's duties under this section.

(6) A requirement that the director of development services annually review the annual reports of each taxpayer subject to the agreement to verify the information reported under division (E)(5) of this section and compliance with the agreement. Upon verification, the director shall issue a certificate to each such taxpayer stating that the information has been verified and that the taxpayer remains eligible for the exemption specified in the agreement.

(7) A provision providing that the taxpayers subject to the agreement may not relocate a substantial number of employment positions from elsewhere in this state to the project site unless the director of development services determines that the appropriate taxpayer notified the legislative authority of the county, township, or municipal corporation from which the employment positions would be relocated. For purposes of this paragraph, the movement of an employment position from one political subdivision to another political subdivision shall be considered a relocation of an employment position unless the movement is confined to the project site. The transfer of an employment position from one political subdivision to another political subdivision shall not be considered a relocation of an employment position if the employment position in the first political subdivision is replaced by another employment position.

(8) A waiver by each taxpayer subject to the agreement of any

limitations periods relating to assessments or adjustments resulting from the taxpayer's failure to comply with the agreement.

(F) The term of an agreement under this section shall be determined by the tax credit authority, and the amount of the exemption shall not exceed one hundred per cent of such taxes that would otherwise be owed in respect to the exempted computer data center equipment.

(G) If any taxpayer subject to an agreement under this section fails to meet or comply with any condition or requirement set forth in the agreement, the tax credit authority may amend the agreement to reduce the percentage of the exemption or term during which the exemption applies to the computer data center equipment used or to be used by the noncompliant taxpayer at an eligible computer data center. The reduction of the percentage or term may take effect in the current calendar year.

(H) Financial statements and other information submitted to the department of development services or the tax credit authority by an applicant for or recipient of an exemption under this section, and any information taken for any purpose from such statements or information, are not public records subject to section 149.43 of the Revised Code. However, the chairperson of the authority may make use of the statements and other information for purposes of issuing public reports or in connection with court proceedings concerning tax exemption agreements under this section. Upon the request of the tax commissioner, the chairperson of the authority shall provide to the tax commissioner any statement or other information submitted by an applicant for or recipient of an exemption under this section. The tax commissioner shall preserve the confidentiality of the statement or other information.

(I) The tax commissioner shall issue a direct payment permit under section 5739.031 of the Revised Code to each taxpayer subject to an agreement under this section. Such direct payment permit shall authorize the taxpayer to pay any sales and use taxes due on purchases of computer data center equipment used or to be used in an eligible computer data center and to pay any sales and use taxes due on purchases of tangible personal property or taxable services other than computer data center equipment used or to be used in an eligible computer data center directly to the tax commissioner. Each such taxpayer shall pay pursuant to such direct payment permit all sales tax levied on such purchases under sections 5739.02, 5739.021, 5739.023, and 5739.026 of the Revised Code and all use tax levied on such purchases under sections 5741.02, 5741.021, 5741.022, and 5741.023 of the Revised Code, consistent with the terms of the agreement entered into under this section.

During the term of an agreement under this section each taxpayer subject to the agreement shall submit to the tax commissioner a return that shows the amount of computer data center equipment purchased for use at the eligible computer data center, the amount of tangible personal property and taxable services other than computer data center equipment purchased for use at the eligible computer data center, the amount of tax under Chapter 5739. or 5741. of the Revised Code that would be due in the absence of the agreement under this section, the exemption percentage for computer data center equipment specified in the agreement, and the amount of tax due under Chapter 5739. or 5741. of the Revised Code as a result of the agreement under this section. Each such taxpayer shall pay the tax shown on the return to be due in the manner and at the times as may be further prescribed by the tax commissioner. Each such taxpayer shall include a copy of the director of development services' certificate of verification issued under division (E)(6) of this section. Failure to submit a copy of the certificate with the return does not invalidate the claim for exemption if the taxpayer submits a copy of the certificate to the tax commissioner within the time prescribed by section 5703.0510 of the Revised Code.

(J) If the director of development services determines that one or more taxpayers received an exemption from taxes due on the purchase of computer data center equipment purchased for use at a computer data center that no longer complies with the requirement under division (E)(3) of this section, the director shall notify the tax credit authority and, if applicable, the taxpayer that applied to enter the agreement for the exemption under division (C) of this section of the noncompliance. After receiving such a notice, and after giving each taxpayer subject to the agreement an opportunity to explain the noncompliance, the authority may terminate the agreement and require each such taxpayer to pay to the state all or a portion of the taxes that would have been owed in regards to the exempt equipment in previous years, all as determined under rules adopted pursuant to division (K) of this section. In determining the portion of the taxes that would have been owed on the previously exempted equipment to be paid to this state by a taxpayer, the authority shall consider the effect of market conditions on the eligible computer data center, whether the taxpayer continues to maintain other operations in this state, and, with respect to agreements involving multiple taxpayers, the taxpayer's level of responsibility for the noncompliance. After making the determination, the authority shall certify to the tax commissioner the amount to be paid by each taxpayer subject to the agreement. The tax commissioner shall make an assessment for that amount against each such taxpayer under Chapter 5739. or 5741. of the

Revised Code. The time limitations on assessments under those chapters do not apply to an assessment under this division, but the tax commissioner shall make the assessment within one year after the date the authority certifies to the tax commissioner the amount to be paid by the taxpayer.

(K) The director of development services, after consultation with the tax commissioner and in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section. The rules may provide for recipients of tax exemptions under this section to be charged fees to cover administrative costs incurred in the administration of this section. The fees collected shall be credited to the tax incentives operating fund created in section 122.174 of the Revised Code. At the time the director gives public notice under division (A) of section 119.03 of the Revised Code of the adoption of the rules, the director shall submit copies of the proposed rules to the chairpersons of the standing committees on economic development in the senate and the house of representatives.

(L) On or before the first day of August of each year, the director of development services shall submit a report to the governor, the president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives on the tax exemption authorized under this section. The report shall include information on the number of agreements that were entered into under this section during the preceding calendar year, a description of the eligible computer data center that is the subject of each such agreement, and an update on the status of eligible computer data centers under agreements entered into before the preceding calendar year.

(M) A taxpayer may be made a party to an existing agreement entered into under this section by the tax credit authority and another taxpayer or group of taxpayers. In such a case, the taxpayer shall be entitled to all benefits and bound by all obligations contained in the agreement and all requirements described in this section. When an agreement includes multiple taxpayers, each taxpayer shall be entitled to a direct payment permit as authorized in division (I) of this section.

Sec. 122.26. The rural industrial park loan fund is hereby created in the state treasury for the purposes of the program established under section 122.24 of the Revised Code. The director of development services shall deposit money received for the purposes of that section to the credit of the fund.

Sec. 122.84. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Ohio qualified opportunity fund" means a qualified opportunity fund that holds one hundred per cent of its invested assets in qualified opportunity zone property situated in an Ohio opportunity zone.

In the case of qualified opportunity zone property that is qualified opportunity zone stock or qualified opportunity zone partnership interest, the stock or interest is situated in an Ohio opportunity zone only if, during all of the qualified opportunity fund's holding period for such stock or interest, all of the use of the corporation's or partnership's tangible property was in an Ohio opportunity zone. In the case of qualified opportunity zone property that is qualified opportunity zone business property, the property is situated in an Ohio opportunity zone only if, during all of the fund's holding period for such property, all of the use of the property was in an Ohio opportunity zone.

All terms used in division (A) of this section have the same meaning as in 26 U.S.C. 1400Z-2, except that "all" shall be substituted for "substantially all" wherever "substantially all" appears in the definition of those terms or in the definition of terms used in those terms.

(2) "Ohio opportunity zone" means a qualified opportunity zone designated in this state under 26 U.S.C. 1400Z-1 before, on, or after the effective date of the enactment of this section by H.B. 166 of the 133rd general assembly.

(3) "Taxpayer" and "taxable year" have the same meanings as in section 5747.01 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Qualifying taxable year" means a taxpayer's taxable year that includes the first day of a calendar year during which an Ohio qualified opportunity fund in which the taxpayer invests makes an investment in a project located in an Ohio opportunity zone.

(B) A taxpayer that invests in one or more Ohio qualified opportunity funds may apply to the director of development services for a nonrefundable credit against the tax levied under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code. The application shall be made on forms prescribed by the director on or after the first day of January and on or before the first day of February of each year. The credit shall equal ten per cent of the amount of the taxpayer's investment in the fund that the fund invested during the preceding calendar year in projects located in Ohio opportunity zones.

The taxpayer shall include the following information with the taxpayer's application:

(1) The amount of the taxpayer's investment in Ohio qualified opportunity funds during the taxpayer's qualifying taxable year, arranged according to the amount invested in each such fund if the taxpayer invested in more than one such fund;

(2) A statement from an employee or officer of each Ohio qualified opportunity fund identified by the taxpayer under division (B)(1) of this

section certifying the amount of the taxpayer's investment in the fund and the amount of that investment the fund invested in projects located in Ohio opportunity zones during the preceding calendar year. The statement shall describe each project funded by the investment and state each project's location and the portion of the taxpayer's investment invested in each such project. Unless the fund demonstrates otherwise to the director's satisfaction, the amount of a taxpayer's investment that the fund invested in a project located in an Ohio opportunity zone equals the same proportion of the amount of the fund's investment in the project as the taxpayer's investment in the fund bears to the total investment by all investors in that fund on the date the fund makes the investment in the project.

The director shall review applications in the order in which applications are received.

(C)(1) Subject to division (C)(2) of this section, if the director determines that the applicant qualifies for a credit under this section, the director shall issue, within sixty days after the receipt of a complete application under division (B) of this section, a tax credit certificate to the taxpayer identified with a unique number and listing the amount of credit the director determines the taxpayer is eligible to claim.

(2) The director shall not issue certificates in a total amount that would cause the tax credits claimed in any fiscal biennium to exceed fifty million dollars. The director shall not issue certificates to a single applicant in an amount that would cause the tax credits claimed in any fiscal biennium by that applicant, and any person to whom the applicant transfers the certificate under division (E) of this section, to exceed one million dollars.

The director may not issue a certificate under this section on the basis of any investment for which a small business investment certificate has been issued under section 122.86 of the Revised Code.

(3) The credit may be claimed for the taxpayer's qualifying taxable year or the next ensuing taxable year. The taxpayer shall claim the credit in the order prescribed by section 5747.98 of the Revised Code. Any unused amount may be carried forward for the following five taxable years. If the certificate is issued to a pass-through entity for an investment by the entity, any taxpayer that is a direct or indirect investor in the pass-through entity on the last day of the entity's qualifying taxable year may claim the taxpayer's proportionate or distributive share of the credit against the taxpayer's aggregate amount of tax levied under that section.

(D) A taxpayer claiming a credit under this section shall submit a copy of the certificate with the taxpayer's return or report.

(E) A taxpayer that holds an unclaimed certificate under this section

may notify the tax commissioner, in writing, that the taxpayer is transferring the right to claim the credit stated on the certificate. The taxpayer shall identify in that notification the certificate's number and the name and the tax identification number of the transferee. Pursuant to division (D) of this section, the transferee may claim the credit stated on the certificate, subject to the limitations of this section. A transferee may not transfer the right to claim the credit to any other person.

(F) On or before the first day of August each year, the director of development services shall submit a report to the governor, the president and minority leader of the senate, and the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives on the tax credit program authorized under this section. The report shall include the following information:

(1) The number of projects funded by investments for which a tax credit application was submitted under this section during the preceding year, the Ohio opportunity zone in which each such project is located, the number of projects funded by investments for which certificates were allocated during the preceding year, a description of each such project, and the composition of an Ohio qualified opportunity fund's investments in each project funded by investments for which a tax credit application was submitted under this section;

(2) The number of taxpayers that invested in an Ohio qualified opportunity fund and applied for a tax credit based on the fund's investment in a project during the preceding year, the name of the fund in which each such investment was made, the number of taxpayers allocated a credit for such investments under this section, and the dollar amount of those credits;

(3) A map that shows the location of each Ohio opportunity zone and that indicates which zones include existing or pending projects that are, or will be, funded by tax credit-eligible investments.

Sec. 122.85. (A) As used in this section and in sections 5726.55, 5733.59, 5747.66, and 5751.54 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Tax credit-eligible production" means a motion picture or Broadway theatrical production certified by the director of development services under division (B) of this section as qualifying the ~~motion picture production~~ company and its production contractors for a tax credit under section 5726.55, 5733.59, 5747.66, or 5751.54 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Certificate owner" means a ~~motion picture production~~ company or production contractor to which a tax credit certificate is issued ~~or a person to which the company has transferred under division (H) of this section the authority to claim all or a part of the tax credit authorized by that certificate.~~

(3) "~~Motion picture~~ Production company" means an individual,

corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or other form of business association that is registered with the secretary of state and that is producing a motion picture or Broadway theatrical production.

(4) "~~Eligible production~~ expenditures" means expenditures made after June 30, 2009, for goods or services purchased and consumed in this state by a ~~motion picture~~ production company directly for the production of a tax credit-eligible production or for postproduction activities, or for advertising and promotion of the production.

"~~Eligible production~~ expenditures" includes, but is not limited to, expenditures for cast and crew wages, accommodations, costs of set construction and operations, editing and related services, photography, sound synchronization, lighting, wardrobe, makeup and accessories, film processing, transfer, sound mixing, special and visual effects, music, location fees, and the purchase or rental of facilities and equipment.

(5) "Motion picture" means entertainment content created in whole or in part within this state for distribution or exhibition to the general public, including, but not limited to, feature-length films; documentaries; long-form, specials, miniseries, series, and interstitial television programming; interactive web sites; sound recordings; videos; music videos; interactive television; interactive games; video games; commercials; any format of digital media; and any trailer, pilot, video teaser, or demo created primarily to stimulate the sale, marketing, promotion, or exploitation of future investment in either a product or a motion picture by any means and media in any digital media format, film, or videotape, provided the motion picture qualifies as a motion picture. "Motion picture" does not include any television program created primarily as news, weather, or financial market reports, a production featuring current events or sporting events, an awards show or other gala event, a production whose sole purpose is fundraising, a long-form production that primarily markets a product or service or in-house corporate advertising or other similar productions, a production for purposes of political advocacy, or any production for which records are required to be maintained under 18 U.S.C. 2257 with respect to sexually explicit content.

(6) "Broadway theatrical production" means a prebroadway production, long run production, or tour launch that is directed, managed, and performed by a professional cast and crew and that is directly associated with New York city's Broadway theater district.

(7) "Prebroadway production" means a live stage production that is scheduled for presentation in New York city's Broadway theater district after the original or adaptive version is performed in a qualified production facility.

(8) "Long run production" means a live stage production that is scheduled to be performed at a qualified production facility for more than five weeks, with an average of at least six performances per week.

(9) "Tour launch" means a live stage production for which the activities comprising the technical period are conducted at a qualified production facility before a tour of the original or adaptive version of the production begins.

(10) "Qualified production facility" means a facility located in this state that is used in the development or presentation to the public of theater productions.

(11) "Production contractor" means an individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or other form of business association that is registered with the secretary of state and that, pursuant to a contract with a production company producing a motion picture in this state, provides any of the following services to the production company with respect to that production: editing, postproduction, photography, lighting, cinematography, sound design, catering, special effects, production coordination, hair styling or makeup, art design, or distribution.

(B) For the purpose of encouraging and developing a strong film ~~industry~~ and theater industries in this state, the director of development services may certify a motion picture or Broadway theatrical production produced by a ~~motion picture production~~ company as a tax credit-eligible production. In the case of a television series, the director may certify the production of each episode of the series as a separate tax credit-eligible production. A ~~motion picture production~~ company shall apply for certification of a motion picture or Broadway theatrical production as a tax credit-eligible production on a form and in the manner prescribed by the director. Each application shall include the following information:

(1) The name and telephone number of the ~~motion picture~~ production company;

(2) The name and telephone number of the company's contact person;

(3) A list of the first preproduction date through the last production ~~date~~ and postproduction dates in Ohio and, in the case of a Broadway theatrical production, a list of each scheduled performance in a qualified production facility;

(4) The Ohio production office or qualified production facility address and telephone number;

(5) The total production budget ~~of the motion picture~~;

(6) The total budgeted eligible ~~production~~ expenditures and the percentage that amount is of the total production budget of the motion

picture or Broadway theatrical production;

(7) ~~The~~ In the case of a motion picture, the total percentage of the ~~motion picture production~~ being shot in Ohio;

(8) The level of employment of cast and crew who reside in Ohio;

(9) A synopsis of the script;

(10) ~~The~~ In the case of a motion picture, the shooting script;

(11) A creative elements list that includes the names of the principal cast and crew and the producer and director;

(12) Documentation of financial ability to undertake and complete the motion picture or Broadway theatrical production, including documentation that shows that the company has secured funding equal to at least fifty per cent of the total production budget ~~of the motion picture~~;

(13) Estimated value of the tax credit based upon total budgeted eligible ~~production~~ expenditures;

(14) Estimated amount of state and local taxes to be generated in this state from the production;

(15) Estimated economic impact of the production in this state;

(16) Any other information considered necessary by the director.

Within ninety days after certification of a motion picture or Broadway theatrical production as a tax credit-eligible production, and any time thereafter upon the request of the director of development services, the ~~motion picture production~~ company shall present to the director sufficient evidence of reviewable progress. If the ~~motion picture production~~ company fails to present sufficient evidence, the director may rescind the certification. If the production of a motion picture or Broadway theatrical production does not begin within ninety days after the date it is certified as a tax credit-eligible production, the director shall rescind the certification unless the director finds that the production company shows good cause for the delay, meaning that the production was delayed due to unforeseeable circumstances beyond the production company's control or due to action or inaction by a government agency. Upon rescission, the director shall notify the applicant that the certification has been rescinded. Nothing in this section prohibits an applicant whose tax credit-eligible production certification has been rescinded from submitting a subsequent application for certification.

(C)(1) A ~~motion picture production~~ company whose motion picture or Broadway theatrical production has been certified as a tax credit-eligible production may apply to the director of development services on or after July 1, 2009, for a refundable credit against the tax imposed by section 5726.02, 5733.06, 5747.02, or 5751.02 of the Revised Code. The director in

consultation with the tax commissioner shall prescribe the form and manner of the application and the information or documentation required to be submitted with the application. The application shall state the name and address of each production contractor with which the production company contracted for services and the amount of eligible expenditures paid or incurred under the contract with respect to the production.

The credit is determined as follows:

(a) If the total budgeted eligible ~~production~~ expenditures stated in the application submitted under division (B) of this section or the actual eligible ~~production~~ expenditures as finally determined under division (D) of this section, whichever is least, is less than or equal to three hundred thousand dollars, no credit is allowed;

(b) If the total budgeted eligible ~~production~~ expenditures stated in the application submitted under division (B) of this section or the actual eligible ~~production~~ expenditures as finally determined under division (D) of this section, whichever is least, is greater than three hundred thousand dollars, the credit for the production company equals thirty per cent of the least of such budgeted or actual eligible expenditure amounts and the credit for each production contractor equals thirty per cent of the amount of eligible expenditures paid or incurred under the contract with respect to the production.

(2) Except as provided in division (C)(4) of this section, if the director of development services approves a ~~motion picture~~ production company's application for a credit, the director shall issue a tax credit certificate to the company and to each of the company's production contractors identified in the application. The director in consultation with the tax commissioner shall prescribe the form and manner of issuing certificates. The director shall assign a unique identifying number to each tax credit certificate and shall record the certificate in a register devised and maintained by the director for that purpose. The certificate shall state the amount of the eligible ~~production~~ expenditures on which the credit is based and the amount of the credit. Upon the issuance of a certificate, the director shall certify to the tax commissioner the name of the ~~applicant~~ production company or contractor to which the certificate was issued, the amount of eligible ~~production~~ expenditures shown on the certificate, the amount of the credit, and any other information required by the rules adopted to administer this section.

(3) The amount of eligible ~~production~~ expenditures for which a tax credit may be claimed is subject to inspection and examination by the tax commissioner or employees of the commissioner under section 5703.19 of the Revised Code and any other applicable law. Once the eligible ~~production~~

expenditures are finally determined under section 5703.19 of the Revised Code and division (D) of this section, the credit amount is not subject to adjustment unless the director determines an error was committed in the computation of the credit amount.

(4) No tax credit certificate may be issued before the completion of the tax credit-eligible production. Not more than forty million dollars of tax credit may be allowed per fiscal year ~~beginning July 1, 2016~~, provided that, for any fiscal year in which the amount of tax credits allowed under this section is less than that maximum annual amount, the amount not allowed for that fiscal year shall be added to the maximum annual amount that may be allowed for the following fiscal year.

(5) ~~In approving~~ The director shall review and approve applications for tax credits under this section in two rounds each fiscal year. The first round of credits shall be awarded not later than the last day of July of the fiscal year, and the second round of credits shall be awarded not later than the last day of the ensuing January. The amount of credits awarded in the first round of applications each fiscal year shall not exceed twenty million dollars plus any credit allotment that was not awarded in the preceding fiscal year and carried over under division (C)(4) of this section. For each round, the director shall rank applications on the basis of the extent of positive economic impact each tax credit-eligible production is likely to have in this state and the effect on developing a permanent workforce in motion picture or theatrical production industries in the state. For the purpose of such ranking, the director shall give priority to tax-credit eligible productions that are television series or miniseries due to the long-term commitment typically associated with such productions. The economic impact ranking shall be based on the production company's total expenditures in this state directly associated with the tax credit-eligible production. The effect on developing a permanent workforce in the motion picture or theatrical production industries shall be evaluated first by the number of new jobs created and second by amount of payroll added with respect to employees in this state.

The director shall approve productions in the order of their ranking, from those with the greatest positive economic impact and workforce development effect to those with the least positive economic impact and workforce development effect.

(D) A ~~motion picture~~ production company whose motion picture or Broadway theatrical production has been certified as a tax credit-eligible production shall engage, at the company's expense, an independent certified public accountant to examine the company's production, postproduction, and

advertising and promotion expenditures to identify the expenditures that qualify as eligible ~~production~~ expenditures. The certified public accountant shall issue a report to the company and to the director of development services certifying the company's eligible ~~production~~ expenditures and any other information required by the director. Upon receiving and examining the report, the director may disallow any expenditure the director determines is not an eligible ~~production~~ expenditure. If any expenditure disallowed under this division was included in the expenditure for a contract with a production contractor, the contractor's credit amount shall be reduced in proportion to such disallowed expenditure. If the director disallows an expenditure, the director shall issue a written notice to the ~~motion picture~~ production company or affected production contractor stating that the expenditure is disallowed and the reason for the disallowance. Upon examination of the report and disallowance of any expenditures, the director shall determine finally the lesser of the total budgeted eligible ~~production~~ expenditures stated in the application submitted under division (B) of this section or the actual eligible ~~production~~ expenditures for the purpose of computing the amount of the credit.

(E) No credit shall be allowed under section 5726.55, 5733.59, 5747.66, or 5751.54 of the Revised Code unless the director has reviewed the report and made the determination prescribed by division (D) of this section.

(F) This state reserves the right to refuse the use of this state's name in the credits of any tax credit-eligible motion picture production or program of any Broadway theatrical production.

(G)(1) The director of development services in consultation with the tax commissioner shall adopt rules for the administration of this section, including rules setting forth and governing the criteria for determining whether a motion picture or Broadway theatrical production is a tax credit-eligible production; activities that constitute the production or postproduction of a motion picture or Broadway theatrical production; reporting sufficient evidence of reviewable progress; expenditures that qualify as eligible ~~production~~ expenditures; a schedule and deadlines for applications to be submitted and reviewed; a competitive process for approving credits based on likely economic impact in this state and development of a permanent workforce in motion picture or theatrical production industries in this state; consideration of geographic distribution of credits; and implementation of the program described in division ~~(F)~~(H) of this section. The rules shall be adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(2) To cover the administrative costs of the program, the director shall

require each applicant to pay an application fee equal to the lesser of ten thousand dollars or one per cent of the estimated value of the tax credit as stated in the application. The fees collected shall be credited to the tax incentives operating fund created in section 122.174 of the Revised Code. All grants, gifts, fees, and contributions made to the director for marketing and promotion of the motion picture industry within this state shall also be credited to the fund.

~~(H)(1) After the director of development services makes the determination required under division (D) of this section, a motion picture company to which a tax credit certificate is issued may transfer the authority to claim all or a portion of the amount of the tax credit the motion picture company is authorized to claim pursuant to that certificate under section 5726.55, 5733.59, 5747.66, or 5751.54 of the Revised Code to one or more other persons. Within thirty days after a transfer under this division, the motion picture company shall submit the following information to the director, on a form prescribed by the director:~~

~~(a) Information necessary for the director to identify the certificate that is the basis for the transfer;~~

~~(b) The portion or amount of the tax credit transferred to each transferee;~~

~~(c) The portion or amount of the tax credit that the motion picture company retains the authority to claim;~~

~~(d) The tax identification number of each transferee;~~

~~(e) The date of the transfer;~~

~~(f) Any other information required by the director;~~

~~(g) Any information required by the tax commissioner.~~

~~The director shall deliver a copy of any submission received under division (H)(1) of this section to the tax commissioner.~~

~~(2) A transferee may not claim a credit under section 5726.55, 5733.59, 5747.66, or 5751.54 of the Revised Code unless and until the transferring motion picture company complies with division (H)(1) of this section. A transferee may claim the transferred amount of any credit or portion of a credit for the same taxable year or tax period for which the transferring motion picture company was authorized to claim the credit or portion of a credit pursuant to the certificate. A motion picture company shall make no transfer under division (H)(1) of this section after the last day of the tax period or taxable year for which the motion picture company is required to claim the credit pursuant to the certificate.~~

~~A motion picture company may make not more than one transfer under division (H)(1) of this section for each tax credit certificate, but pursuant to~~

~~that transaction, may allocate the authority to claim a portion of the credit to more than one transferee. A motion picture company may not authorize more than one transferee to claim the same portion of a credit.~~

(H) The director of development services shall establish a program for the training of Ohio residents who are or wish to be employed in the film or multimedia industry. Under the program, the director shall:

(1) Certify individuals as film and multimedia trainees. In order to receive such a certification, an individual must be an Ohio resident, have participated in relevant on-the-job training or have completed a relevant training course approved by the director, and have met any other requirements established by the director.

(2) Accept applications from ~~motion picture~~ production companies that intend to hire and provide on-the-job training to one or more certified film and multimedia trainees who will be employed in the company's tax credit-eligible production.

(3) Upon completion of a tax-credit eligible production, and upon the receipt of any salary information and other documentation required by the director, authorize a reimbursement payment to each ~~motion picture~~ production company whose application was approved under division ~~(H)~~(H)(2) of this section. The payment shall equal fifty per cent of the salaries paid to film and multimedia trainees employed in the production.

Sec. 122.86. (A) As used in this section and section 5747.81 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Small business enterprise" means a corporation, pass-through entity, or other person satisfying all of the following:

(a) At the time of a qualifying investment, the enterprise meets all of the following requirements:

(i) Has no outstanding tax or other liabilities owed to the state;

(ii) Is in good standing with the secretary of state, if the enterprise is required to be registered with the secretary;

(iii) Is current with any court-ordered payments;

(iv) Is not engaged in any illegal activity.

(b) At the time of a qualifying investment, the enterprise's assets according to generally accepted accounting principles do not exceed fifty million dollars, or its annual sales do not exceed ten million dollars. When making this determination, the assets and annual sales of all of the enterprise's related or affiliated entities shall be included in the calculation.

(c) ~~The~~ At the time of a qualifying investment and for the two-year period immediately preceding the qualifying investment, the enterprise employs at least fifty full-time equivalent employees in this state for whom

the enterprise is required to withhold income tax under section 5747.06 of the Revised Code, or more than one-half the enterprise's total number of full-time equivalent employees employed anywhere in the United States are employed in this state and are subject to that withholding requirement.

(d) The enterprise, within six months after an eligible investor's qualifying investment is made, ~~invests in or~~ incurs cost for one or more of the following ~~in an amount at least equal to the amount of the qualifying investment:~~

(i) Tangible personal property, other than motor vehicles operated on public roads and highways, used in business and physically located in this state from the time of its acquisition by the enterprise until the end of the investor's holding period, including the installation of such tangible personal property;

(ii) Motor vehicles operated on public roads and highways if, from the time of acquisition by the enterprise until the end of the investor's holding period, the motor vehicles are purchased in this state, registered in this state under Chapter 4503. of the Revised Code, are used primarily for business purposes, and are necessary for the operation of the enterprise's business;

(iii) Real property located in this state that is used in the business from the time of its acquisition by the enterprise until the end of the holding period;

(iv) ~~Intangible personal property, including patents, copyrights, trademarks, service marks, or licenses used in business primarily in this state from the time of its acquisition by the enterprise until the end of the holding period~~ Leasehold improvements and construction costs for property located in this state that is used in the business from the time its improvement or construction was completed until the end of the holding period;

(v) Compensation for new employees of the enterprise hired after the date the qualifying investment is made for whom the enterprise is required to withhold income tax under section 5747.06 of the Revised Code, ~~not including increased compensation for owners, officers, or managers of the enterprise. For this purpose compensation for new employees includes compensation for newly hired or retained employees.~~

(2) "Qualifying investment" means an investment of money made on or after July 1, ~~2014~~ 2019, to acquire capital stock or other equity interest in a small business enterprise. "Qualifying investment" does not include either of the following:

(a) Any investment of money an eligible investor derives, directly or indirectly, from a grant or loan from the federal government or the state or a political subdivision, including the third frontier program under Chapter

184. of the Revised Code;

(b) Any investment of money which is the basis of a tax credit granted under any other section of the Revised Code.

(3) "Eligible investor" means an individual, estate, or trust subject to the tax imposed by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code, or a pass-through entity in which such an individual, estate, or trust holds a direct or indirect ownership or other equity interest. To qualify as an eligible investor, the individual, estate, trust, or pass-through entity shall not owe any outstanding tax or other liability to the state at the time of a qualifying investment.

(4) "Holding period" means the two-year period beginning on the day a qualifying investment is made.

(5) "Pass-through entity" has the same meaning as in section 5733.04 of the Revised Code.

(B) ~~Any~~ An eligible investor that makes a qualifying investment in a small business enterprise on or after July 1, ~~2014~~ 2019, may apply to the director of development services to obtain an allocation for a small business investment certificate from the director. Alternatively, a small business enterprise may apply on behalf of eligible investors to obtain the ~~certificates~~ allocation for those investors. The application must be submitted to the director within sixty days after the date of the qualifying investment, but within the same biennium as the qualifying investment. The director, in consultation with the tax commissioner, shall prescribe the form or manner in which an applicant shall apply for the certificate, devise the form of the certificate, and prescribe any records or other information an applicant shall furnish with the application to evidence the qualifying investment. ~~The applicant shall state the amount of the intended investment.~~ The applicant shall pay an application fee equal to the greater of one-tenth of one per cent of the amount of the intended investment or one hundred dollars.

~~A small business investment certificate entitles the certificate holder to receive a tax credit under section 5747.81 of the Revised Code if the certificate holder qualifies for the credit as otherwise provided in this section. If the certificate holder is a pass through entity, the certificate entitles the entity's equity owners to receive their distributive or proportionate shares of the credit. In any fiscal biennium, an eligible investor may not apply for small business investment certificates representing intended investment amounts in excess of ten million dollars. Such certificates are not transferable.~~

The director of development services may reserve small business investment ~~certificates~~ allocations to qualifying applicants in the order in which the director receives applications; ~~but may issue the certificates as the~~

~~applications are completed.~~ An application is completed when the director has validated that an eligible investor has made a qualified investment and receives all required documentation needed to demonstrate the small business enterprise has made the appropriate reinvestment of the qualified investment pursuant to satisfies the requirements of division (A)(1)(~~d~~) of this section. To qualify for ~~a certificate~~ an allocation, an eligible investor must satisfy both of the following, subject to the limitation on the amount of qualifying investments for which ~~certificates~~ allocations may be issued under division (C) of this section:

(1) The eligible investor makes a qualifying investment on or after July 1, ~~2011~~ 2019.

(2) The eligible investor pledges not to sell or otherwise dispose of the qualifying investment before the conclusion of the applicable holding period.

(C)(1) The amount of any eligible investor's qualifying investments for which small business investment ~~certificates~~ allocations may be issued for a fiscal biennium shall not exceed ten million dollars.

(2) The director of development services shall not issue a small business investment ~~certificate~~ allocation to an eligible investor representing an amount of qualifying investment in excess of the amount of the ~~intended~~ investment indicated on the investor's application ~~for the certificate~~.

(3) ~~The~~ For any fiscal biennium beginning before July 1, 2019, the director of development services shall not issue small business investment ~~certificates~~ allocations in a total amount that would cause the tax credits claimed in ~~any fiscal~~ that biennium to exceed one hundred million dollars. For any fiscal biennium beginning on or after July 1, 2019, the director shall not issue small business investment allocations in a total amount that would cause the tax credits claimed in that biennium to exceed fifty million dollars.

(4) The director of development services may issue a small business investment ~~certificate~~ allocation only if both of the following apply at the time of issuance:

(a) The small business enterprise meets all the requirements listed in divisions (A)(1)(a)(i) to (iv) of this section;

(b) The eligible investor does not owe any outstanding tax or other liability to the state.

(5) The director shall not issue a small business investment allocation on the basis of any investment for which an Ohio opportunity zone investment certificate has been issued under section 122.84 of the Revised Code.

(D) Before the end of the applicable holding period of a qualifying investment, each enterprise in which a qualifying investment was made for

which a small business investment ~~certificate~~ allocation has been issued, upon the request of the director of development services, shall provide to the director records or other evidence satisfactory to the director that the enterprise is a small business enterprise for the purposes of this section. Each enterprise shall also provide annually to the director records or evidence regarding the number of jobs created or retained in the state. ~~No credit may be claimed under this section and section 5747.81 of the Revised Code if the director finds that an enterprise is not a small business enterprise for the purposes of this section.~~ The director shall compile and maintain a register of small business enterprises qualifying under this section and shall certify the register to the tax commissioner. The director shall also compile and maintain a record of the number of jobs created or retained as a result of qualifying investments made pursuant to this section.

(E) After the conclusion of the applicable holding period for a qualifying investment, a person to whom a small business investment ~~certificate~~ allocation has been issued under this section ~~may~~ shall receive a small business investment certification, which entitles the person to claim a credit as provided under section 5747.81 of the Revised Code. However, no certificate may be issued if the director finds that any requirement under this section is not met.

(F) The director of development services, in consultation with the tax commissioner, may adopt rules for the administration of this section, including rules governing the following:

(1) Documents, records, or other information eligible investors shall provide to the director;

(2) Any information a small business enterprise shall provide for the purposes of this section and section 5747.81 of the Revised Code;

(3) Determination of the number of full-time equivalent employees of a small business enterprise;

(4) Verification of a small business enterprise's investment ~~in tangible personal property and intangible personal property under division (A)(1)(d) of this section, including when such investments have been made and where the property is used in business;~~

(5) Circumstances under which small business enterprises or eligible investors may be subverting the purposes of this section and section 5747.81 of the Revised Code.

(G) Application fees paid under division (B) of this section shall be credited to the tax incentives operating fund created in section 122.174 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 123.21. (A) The Ohio facilities construction commission may

perform any act and ensure the performance of any function necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of, and exercise the powers granted under this chapter or any other provision of the Revised Code, including any of the following:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in section 123.211 of the Revised Code, prepare, or contract to be prepared, by licensed engineers or architects, surveys, general and detailed plans, specifications, bills of materials, and estimates of cost for any projects, improvements, or public buildings to be constructed by state agencies that may be authorized by legislative appropriations or any other funds made available therefor, provided that the construction of the projects, improvements, or public buildings is a statutory duty of the commission. This section does not require the independent employment of an architect or engineer as provided by section 153.01 of the Revised Code in the cases to which section 153.01 of the Revised Code applies. This section does not affect or alter the existing powers of the director of transportation.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in section 123.211 of the Revised Code, have general supervision over the construction of any projects, improvements, or public buildings constructed for a state agency and over the inspection of materials prior to their incorporation into those projects, improvements, or buildings.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in section 123.211 of the Revised Code, make contracts for and supervise the design and construction of any projects and improvements or the construction and repair of buildings under the control of a state agency. All such contracts may be based in whole or in part on the unit price or maximum estimated cost, with payment computed and made upon actual quantities or units.

(4) Adopt, amend, and rescind rules pertaining to the administration of the construction of the public works of the state as required by law, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(5) Contract with, retain the services of, or designate, and fix the compensation of, such agents, accountants, consultants, advisers, and other independent contractors as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the programs authorized under this chapter, or authorize the executive director to perform such powers and duties.

(6) Receive and accept any gifts, grants, donations, and pledges, and receipts therefrom, to be used for the programs authorized under this chapter.

(7) Make and enter into all contracts, commitments, and agreements, and execute all instruments, necessary or incidental to the performance of its

duties and the execution of its rights and powers under this chapter, or authorize the executive director to perform such powers and duties.

(8) Debar a contractor as provided in section 153.02 of the Revised Code.

(9) Enter into and administer cooperative agreements for cultural projects, as provided in sections 123.28 and 123.281 of the Revised Code.

(B) The commission shall appoint and fix the compensation of an executive director who shall serve at the pleasure of the commission. The executive director shall ~~exercise all powers that the commission possesses,~~ supervise the operations of the commission, and perform such other duties as delegated by the commission. The executive director also shall employ and fix the compensation of such employees as will facilitate the activities and purposes of the commission, who shall serve at the pleasure of the executive director. The employees of the commission are exempt from Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code and are not considered public employees as defined in section 4117.01 of the Revised Code. Any agreement entered into prior to July 1, 2012, between the office of collective bargaining and the exclusive representative for employees of the commission is binding and shall continue to have effect.

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

(D) Purchases for, and the custody and repair of, buildings under the management and control of the capitol square review and advisory board are not subject to the control and jurisdiction of the Ohio facilities construction commission.

Sec. 124.132. A state employee who is a certified disaster service volunteer of the American red cross or who is a verified team rubicon volunteer may be granted leave from ~~his~~ work with pay for not to exceed thirty work days in each year to participate in specialized disaster relief services ~~for the American red cross,~~ upon the request of the American red cross or of team rubicon for the services of that employee and upon the approval of that employee's appointing authority. The appointing authority shall compensate an employee granted leave under this section at ~~his~~ the employee's regular rate of pay for those regular work hours during which the employee is absent from ~~his~~ work.

Sec. 124.82. (A) Except as provided in division (D) of this section, the department of administrative services, in consultation with the superintendent of insurance, shall, in accordance with competitive selection procedures of Chapter 125. of the Revised Code, contract with an insurance

company or a health plan in combination with an insurance company, authorized to do business in this state, for the issuance of a policy or contract of health, medical, hospital, dental, vision, or surgical benefits, or any combination of those benefits, covering state employees who are paid directly by warrant of the director of budget and management, including elected state officials. The department may fulfill its obligation under this division by exercising its authority under division (A)(2) of section 124.81 of the Revised Code.

(B) Except as provided in division (D) of this section, the department may, in addition, in consultation with the superintendent of insurance, negotiate and contract with health insuring corporations holding a certificate of authority under Chapter 1751. of the Revised Code, in their approved service areas only, for issuance of a contract or contracts of health care services, covering state employees who are paid directly by warrant of the director of budget and management, including elected state officials. The department may enter into contracts with one or more insurance carriers or health plans to provide the same plan of benefits, provided that:

(1) The employee be permitted to exercise the option as to which plan the employee will select under division (A) or (B) of this section, at a time that shall be determined by the department;

(2) The health insuring corporations do not refuse to accept the employee, or the employee and the employee's family, if the employee exercises the option to select care provided by the corporations;

(3) The employee may choose participation in only one of the plans sponsored by the department;

(4) The director of health examines and certifies to the department that the quality and adequacy of care rendered by the health insuring corporations meet at least the standards of care provided by hospitals and physicians in that employee's community, who would be providing such care as would be covered by a contract awarded under division (A) of this section.

(C) All or any portion of the cost, premium, or charge for the coverage in divisions (A) and (B) of this section may be paid in such manner or combination of manners as the department determines and may include the proration of health care costs, premiums, or charges for part-time employees.

(D) Notwithstanding divisions (A) and (B) of this section, the department may provide benefits equivalent to those that may be paid under a policy or contract issued by an insurance company or a health plan pursuant to division (A) or (B) of this section.

(E) This section does not prohibit the state office of collective bargaining from entering into an agreement with an employee representative for the purposes of providing fringe benefits, including, but not limited to, hospitalization, surgical care, major medical care, disability, dental care, vision care, medical care, hearing aids, prescription drugs, group life insurance, sickness and accident insurance, group legal services or other benefits, or any combination of those benefits, to employees paid directly by warrant of the director of budget and management through a jointly administered trust fund. The employer's contribution for the cost of the benefit care shall be mutually agreed to in the collectively bargained agreement. The amount, type, and structure of fringe benefits provided under this division is subject to the determination of the board of trustees of the jointly administered trust fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised Code, competitive bidding does not apply to the purchase of fringe benefits for employees under this division when those benefits are provided through a jointly administered trust fund.

(F) Members of state boards or commissions may be covered by any policy, contract, or plan of benefits or services described in division (A) or (B) of this section. Board or commission members who are appointed for a fixed term and who are compensated on a per meeting basis, or paid only for expenses, or receive a combination of per diem payments and expenses shall pay the entire amount of the premiums, costs, or charges for that coverage.

Sec. 124.824. (A) As used in this section, "death benefit fund recipient" means any recipient of a death benefit paid under section 742.63 of the Revised Code except a parent who receives a death benefit paid under division (E) of that section.

(B)(1) Except as otherwise provided under division (B)(3) of this section, a death benefit fund recipient may elect to participate in any health, medical, hospital, dental, surgical, or vision benefit the department of administrative services contracts for under section 124.82 of the Revised Code or otherwise provides for the benefit of state employees who are paid directly by warrant of the director of budget and management. Receiving benefits under this section does not make the death benefit fund recipient a state employee. A death benefit fund recipient who elects to participate in a benefit under this section shall ~~do both of the following:~~

~~(a) File a notice~~ file the election form developed by the director of administrative services under division (D) of this section with the department of the death benefit fund recipient's election to participate that specifies the benefits or combination of benefits in which the recipient elects to participate board of trustees of the Ohio police and fire pension fund,

which serves as the trustees of the Ohio public safety officers death benefit fund pursuant to section 742.62 of the Revised Code.

~~(b) Pay to the department the percentage of the premium or cost for the applicable benefits that would be paid by a state employee who elects that coverage. The board of trustees shall forward the election form to the department after the board has approved an application for benefits under section 742.63 of the Revised Code.~~

(2) A parent, guardian, custodian, or other person responsible for the care of a death benefit fund recipient who is under eighteen years of age or who is a surviving child entitled to extended benefits under division (H)(3) of section 742.63 of the Revised Code due to disability may file the election form required by division (B)(1) of this section on the death benefit fund recipient's behalf.

(3) A death benefit fund recipient is ineligible to participate in a health, medical, hospital, dental, surgical, or vision benefit under division (B)(1) of this section if the recipient is eligible either of the following:

(a) An employee paid directly by warrant of the director of budget and management who is eligible to participate in those benefits pursuant to section 124.82 of the Revised Code;

(b) Eligible to enroll in the medicare program established by Title XVIII of the "Social Security Act," 79 Stat. 291 (1965), 42 U.S.C. 1395c, as amended.

(C) For each death benefit fund recipient who ~~participates~~ elects to participate in health, medical, hospital, dental, surgical, or vision benefits under division (B) of this section, the department shall ~~pay the percentage~~ notify the board of trustees of the premium or amount of the cost for the applicable benefits that would be paid by a state employer for a state employee who elects that coverage that shall be withheld from benefits paid to a death benefit fund recipient under section 742.63 of the Revised Code and forwarded to the department. The amount withheld from the death benefit fund recipient shall be the percentage of the cost of those benefits that would be paid by a state employee. The board of trustees shall pay the department the remaining cost of those benefits plus any applicable administrative costs from appropriations made for that purpose.

(D) The director of administrative services shall prescribe procedures for the administration of benefits for death benefit fund recipients under this section, including the development of required forms for death benefit fund recipients to enroll, disenroll, or re-enroll in benefits under this section. The director shall provide the required election forms developed under this division to the board of trustees and shall notify the board of trustees of a

death benefit recipient's enrollment, disenrollment, or re-enrollment in benefits under this section. The director shall notify the board of trustees when the department terminates the benefits a death benefit fund recipient has elected under division (B) of this section.

(E) The board of trustees ~~of the Ohio police and fire pension fund~~ shall provide any information ~~to the department~~ that the department requires to provide benefits under this section to the department, a designated third-party administrator, or both, including information regarding the identities, ages, and family relationships of death benefit fund recipients.

Sec. 124.91. The director of administrative services annually shall conduct a survey on diversity within each state agency's workforce at the time of the survey. Not later than December 31, 2020, and not later than the thirty-first day of December of each year thereafter, the director shall issue a report on the results of the surveys with the governor and the general assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 125.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Order" means a copy of a contract or a statement of the nature of a contemplated expenditure, a description of the property or supplies to be purchased or service to be performed, other than a service performed by officers and regular employees of the state, and per diem of the national guard, and the total sum of the expenditure to be made therefor, if the sum is fixed and ascertained, otherwise the estimated sum thereof, and an authorization to pay for the contemplated expenditure, signed by the person instructed and authorized to pay upon receipt of a proper invoice.

(B) "Invoice" means an itemized listing showing delivery of the supplies or performance of the service described in the order, ~~and the~~ including all of the following:

(1) The date of the purchase or rendering of the service, ~~or an;~~

(2) An itemization of the things done, material supplied, or labor furnished, ~~and the;~~

(3) The sum due pursuant to the contract or obligation.

(C) "Products" means materials, manufacturer's supplies, merchandise, goods, wares, and foodstuffs.

(D) "Produced" means the manufacturing, processing, mining, developing, and making of a thing into a new article with a distinct character in use through the application of input, within the state, of Ohio products, labor, skill, or other services. "Produced" does not include the mere assembling or putting together of non-Ohio products or materials.

(E) "Ohio products" means products that are mined, excavated, produced, manufactured, raised, or grown in the state by a person where the

input of Ohio products, labor, skill, or other services constitutes no less than twenty-five per cent of the manufactured cost. With respect to mined products, such products shall be mined or excavated in this state.

(F) "Purchase" means to buy, rent, lease, lease purchase, or otherwise acquire supplies or services. "Purchase" also includes all functions that pertain to the obtaining of supplies or services, including description of requirements, selection and solicitation of sources, preparation and award of contracts, all phases of contract administration, and receipt and acceptance of the supplies and services and payment for them.

(G) "Services" means the furnishing of labor, time, or effort by a person, not involving the delivery of a specific end product other than a report which, if provided, is merely incidental to the required performance. "Services" does not include services furnished pursuant to employment agreements or collective bargaining agreements.

(H) "Supplies" means all property, including, but not limited to, equipment, materials, other tangible assets, and insurance, but excluding real property or an interest in real property.

(I) "Competitive selection" means any of the following procedures for making purchases:

(1) Competitive sealed bidding under section 125.07 of the Revised Code;

(2) Competitive sealed proposals under section 125.071 of the Revised Code;

(3) Reverse auctions under section 125.072 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 125.14. (A) The director of administrative services shall allocate any proceeds from the transfer, sale, or lease of excess and surplus supplies in the following manner:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2) of this section, the proceeds of such a transfer, sale, or lease shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the investment recovery fund, which is hereby created.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2) of this section, when supplies originally were purchased with funds from nongeneral revenue fund sources, the director shall determine what fund or account originally was used to purchase the supplies, and the credit for the proceeds from any transfer, sale, or lease of those supplies shall be transferred to that fund or account. If the director cannot determine which fund or account originally was used to purchase the supplies, if the fund or account is no longer active, or if the proceeds from the transfer, sale, or lease of a unit of supplies are less than one hundred dollars or any larger amount the director may establish with the approval of the director of budget and management, then

the proceeds from the transfer, sale, or lease of such supplies shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the investment recovery fund.

(B) The investment recovery fund shall be used to pay for the operating expenses of the state surplus property program and of the federal surplus property program described in sections 125.84 to 125.90 of the Revised Code. Any amounts in excess of these operating expenses shall periodically be transferred to the general revenue fund of the state. If proceeds paid into the investment recovery fund are insufficient to pay for the program's operating expenses, a service fee may be charged to state agencies to eliminate the deficit.

(C) Proceeds from the sale of recyclable goods and materials shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the recycled materials fund, which is hereby created, except that the director of environmental protection, upon request, may grant an exemption from this requirement. The director shall administer the fund for the benefit of recycling programs in state agencies.

Sec. 125.18. (A) There is hereby established the office of information technology within the department of administrative services. The office shall be under the supervision of a state chief information officer to be appointed by the director of administrative services and subject to removal at the pleasure of the director. The chief information officer is an assistant director of administrative services.

(B) Under the direction of the director of administrative services, the state chief information officer shall lead, oversee, and direct state agency activities related to information technology development and use. In that regard, the state chief information officer shall do all of the following:

(1) Coordinate and superintend statewide efforts to promote common use and development of technology by state agencies. The office of information technology shall establish policies and standards that govern and direct state agency participation in statewide programs and initiatives.

(2) Establish policies and standards for the acquisition and use of common information technology by state agencies, including, but not limited to, hardware, software, technology services, and security, and the extension of the service life of information technology systems, with which state agencies shall comply;

(3) Establish criteria and review processes to identify state agency information technology projects or purchases that require alignment or oversight. As appropriate, the department of administrative services shall provide the governor and the director of budget and management with notice and advice regarding the appropriate allocation of resources for those projects. The state chief information officer may require state agencies to

provide, and may prescribe the form and manner by which they must provide, information to fulfill the state chief information officer's alignment and oversight role;

(4) Establish policies and procedures for the security of personal information that is maintained and destroyed by state agencies;

(5) Employ a chief information security officer who is responsible for the implementation of the policies and procedures described in division (B)(4) of this section and for coordinating the implementation of those policies and procedures in all of the state agencies;

(6) Employ a chief privacy officer who is responsible for advising state agencies when establishing policies and procedures for the security of personal information and developing education and training programs regarding the state's security procedures;

(7) Establish policies on the purchasing, use, and reimbursement for use of handheld computing and telecommunications devices by state agency employees;

(8) Establish policies for the reduction of printing and the use of electronic records by state agencies;

(9) Establish policies for the reduction of energy consumption by state agencies;

(10) Compute the amount of revenue attributable to the amortization of all equipment purchases and capitalized systems from information technology service delivery and major information technology purchases, MARCS administration, enterprise applications, and the professions licensing system operating appropriation items and major computer purchases capital appropriation items that is recovered as part of the information technology services rates the department of administrative services charges and deposits into the information technology fund created in section 125.15 of the Revised Code; the user fees the department of administrative services charges and deposits in the MARCS administration fund created in section 4501.29 of the Revised Code, the rates the department of administrative services charges to benefiting agencies for the operation and management of information technology applications and deposits in the enterprise applications fund, and the rates the department of administrative services charges for the cost of ongoing maintenance of the professions licensing system and deposits in the professions licensing system fund. The enterprise applications fund is hereby created in the state treasury.

(11) Regularly review and make recommendations regarding improving the infrastructure of the state's cybersecurity operations with existing

resources and through partnerships between government, business, and institutions of higher education;

(12) Assist, as needed, with general state efforts to grow the cybersecurity industry in this state.

(C)(1) The chief information security officer shall assist each state agency with the development of an information technology security strategic plan and review that plan, and each state agency shall submit that plan to the state chief information officer. The chief information security officer may require that each state agency update its information technology security strategic plan annually as determined by the state chief information officer.

(2) Prior to the implementation of any information technology data system, a state agency shall prepare or have prepared a privacy impact statement for that system.

(D) When a state agency requests a purchase of information technology supplies or services under Chapter 125. of the Revised Code, the state chief information officer may review and reject the requested purchase for noncompliance with information technology direction, plans, policies, standards, or project-alignment criteria.

(E) The office of information technology may operate technology services for state agencies in accordance with this chapter.

Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, the office of information technology may assess a transaction fee on each license or registration issued as part of an electronic licensing system operated by the office in an amount determined by the office not to exceed three dollars and fifty cents. The transaction fee shall apply to all transactions, regardless of form, that immediately precede the issuance, renewal, reinstatement, reactivation of, or other activity that results in, a license or registration to operate as a regulated professional or entity. Each license or registration is a separate transaction to which a fee under this division applies. Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, if a fee is assessed under this section, no agency, board, or commission shall issue a license or registration unless a fee required by this division has been received. The director of administrative services may collect the fee or require a state agency, board, or commission for which the system is being operated to collect the fee. Amounts received under this division shall be deposited in or transferred to the professions licensing system fund created in division (I) of this section.

(F) With the approval of the director of administrative services, the office of information technology may establish cooperative agreements with federal and local government agencies and state agencies that are not under

the authority of the governor for the provision of technology services and the development of technology projects.

(G) The office of information technology may operate a program to make information technology purchases. The director of administrative services may recover the cost of operating the program from all participating government entities by issuing intrastate transfer voucher billings for the procured technology or through any pass-through billing method agreed to by the director of administrative services, the director of budget and management, and the participating government entities that will receive the procured technology.

If the director of administrative services chooses to recover the program costs through intrastate transfer voucher billings, the participating government entities shall process the intrastate transfer vouchers to pay for the cost. Amounts received under this section for the information technology purchase program shall be deposited to the credit of the information technology governance fund created in section 125.15 of the Revised Code.

(H) Upon request from the director of administrative services, the director of budget and management may transfer cash from the information technology fund created in section 125.15 of the Revised Code, the MARCS administration fund created in section 4501.29 of the Revised Code, the enterprise applications fund created in division (B)(10) of this section, or the professions licensing system fund created in division (I) of this section to the major information technology purchases fund in an amount not to exceed the amount computed under division (B)(10) of this section. The major information technology purchases fund is hereby created in the state treasury.

(I) There is hereby created in the state treasury the professions licensing system fund. The fund shall be used to operate the electronic licensing system referenced in division (E) of this section.

(J) As used in this section:

(1) "Personal information" has the same meaning as in section 149.45 of the Revised Code.

(2) "State agency" means every organized body, office, or agency established by the laws of the state for the exercise of any function of state government, other than any state-supported institution of higher education, the office of the auditor of state, treasurer of state, secretary of state, or attorney general, the adjutant general's department, the bureau of workers' compensation, the industrial commission, the public employees retirement system, the Ohio police and fire pension fund, the state teachers retirement system, the school employees retirement system, the state highway patrol

retirement system, the general assembly or any legislative agency, the capitol square review advisory board, or the courts or any judicial agency.

Sec. 125.25. (A) The director of administrative services may debar a vendor from consideration for contract awards upon a finding based upon a reasonable belief that the vendor has done any of the following:

(1) Abused the selection process by repeatedly withdrawing bids or proposals before purchase orders or contracts are issued or failing to accept orders based upon firm bids;

(2) Failed to substantially perform a contract according to its terms, conditions, and specifications within specified time limits;

(3) Failed to cooperate in monitoring contract performance by refusing to provide information or documents required in a contract, failed to respond to complaints to the vendor, or accumulated repeated justified complaints regarding performance of a contract;

(4) Attempted to influence a public employee to breach ethical conduct standards or to influence a contract award;

(5) Colluded to restrain competition by any means;

(6) Been convicted of a criminal offense related to the application for or performance of any public or private contract, including, but not limited to, embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property, and any other offense that directly reflects on the vendor's business integrity;

(7) Been convicted under state or federal antitrust laws;

(8) Deliberately or willfully submitted false or misleading information in connection with the application for or performance of a public contract;

(9) Violated any other responsible business practice or performed in an unsatisfactory manner as determined by the director;

(10) Through the default of a contract or through other means had a determination of unresolved finding for recovery by the auditor of state under section 9.24 of the Revised Code;

(11) Acted in such a manner as to be debarred from participating in a contract with any governmental agency.

(B) When the director reasonably believes that grounds for debarment exist, the director shall send the vendor a notice of proposed debarment indicating the grounds for the proposed debarment and the procedure for requesting a hearing on the proposed debarment. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. If the vendor does not respond with a request for a hearing in the manner specified in Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the director shall issue the debarment decision without a hearing and shall notify the vendor of the decision by

certified mail, return receipt requested.

(C) The director shall determine the length of the debarment period and may rescind the debarment at any time upon notification to the vendor. During the period of debarment, the vendor is not eligible to participate in any state contract. After the debarment period expires, the vendor ~~shall~~ may be eligible to be awarded contracts by state agencies if the vendor is not otherwise debarred.

(D) The director, through the office of procurement services, shall maintain a list of all vendors currently debarred under this section.

Sec. 125.95. (A) There is hereby created within the department of administrative services the prescription drug transparency and affordability advisory council. The department shall provide administrative support to the advisory council as necessary for the advisory council to carry out its duties under this section.

(1) Members of the advisory council shall include the following:

(a) The director of administrative services;

(b) The director of health;

(c) The medicaid director;

(d) The director of mental health and addiction services;

(e) The administrator of workers' compensation.

(2) Members of the advisory council shall also include individuals who are working to address prescription drug availability and affordability in any of the following areas:

(a) Insurance;

(b) Local, state, and federal government service;

(c) Private industry;

(d) Organizations of faith;

(e) Health care providers;

(f) Consumer organizations;

(g) Prescription drug manufacturers;

(h) Prescription drug wholesale distributors;

(i) Pharmacists;

(j) Business organizations;

(k) Individuals concerned about mental health or substance abuse matters;

(l) Advocates for individuals struggling to afford prescription drugs.

The governor, the senate president, and the speaker of the house of representatives shall each appoint three members, each of whom represents at least one of the categories listed in divisions (A)(2)(a) to (l) of this section.

(B) Members shall serve without compensation. Initial appointments shall be made not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section. Vacancies shall be filled in the manner provided for original appointments.

(C) Not later than six months after the date of initial appointments under division (B) of this section, the advisory council shall submit a report to the governor, the general assembly, and the chairperson of the joint medicaid oversight committee in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code. The report shall include recommendations on all of the following:

(1) How this state can best achieve prescription drug price transparency;

(2) New payment models or other avenues to create the most affordable environment for purchasing prescription drugs;

(3) Leveraging this state's purchasing power across all state agencies, boards, commissions, and similar entities;

(4) Creating efficiencies across different health care systems, such as hospitals, the criminal justice system, treatment and recovery support programs, and employer-sponsored health insurance, to reduce duplicative service delivery across these systems, ensure that patients receive high quality and affordable prescription drugs, and support quality care and outcomes;

(5) Which critical outcomes can be measured and used to improve this state's system of purchasing affordable prescribed drugs;

(6) How federal, state, and local resources are being used to optimize these outcomes and identify where the resources can be better coordinated or redirected to meet the needs of consumers in this state.

(D) State agencies, boards, commissions, and similar entities shall cooperate with and provide assistance to the advisory council as necessary for the advisory council to carry out its duties under this section.

(E) Upon completion of the report described in division (C) of this section, the advisory council shall meet not less than quarterly to provide assistance and guidance relating to the recommendations in the report.

Sec. 126.48. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, any ~~preliminary or final internal audit report of an internal audit's findings and recommendations which is~~ produced by the office of internal audit in the office of budget and management and all work papers of the internal audit are confidential and are not public records under section 149.43 of the Revised Code until the final report of an internal audit's findings and recommendations is submitted to the state audit committee, the governor, and the director of the state agency involved.

(B) The following are not public records under section 149.43 of the Revised Code:

(1) An internal audit report or work paper that meets the definition of a security record or infrastructure record under section 149.433 of the Revised Code;

(2) Any information derived from a state tax return or state tax return information as permitted to be used by the office of internal audit under section 5703.21 of the Revised Code.

(3) Any record or document necessary for the performance of an internal audit received by the office of internal audit under division (C) of section 126.45 of the Revised Code, that is otherwise exempt from disclosure under state or federal law.

Sec. 126.60. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Agricultural water project" means a project that will improve water quality by reducing or aiding in the reduction of levels of phosphorus, nitrogen, or sediment, that result from agricultural practices, in the waters of the state. "Agricultural water project" includes a project involving research, technology, design, construction, best management practices, conservation, testing, or education.

(2) "Community water project" means a project involving a public water system operated by a political subdivision that will improve water quality by reducing or aiding in the reduction of levels of phosphorus, nitrogen, or sediment in the waters of the state. "Community water project" includes a project involving research, technology, design, construction, best management practices, conservation, testing, or maintenance.

(3) "Nature water project" means a project involving a natural water system that will improve water quality by reducing or aiding in the reduction of levels of phosphorus, nitrogen, or sediment in the waters of the state. "Nature water project" includes a project involving research, technology, design, construction, best management practices, conservation, or maintenance. "Nature water project" also includes the creation, maintenance, or restoration of wetlands, flood plains, flood control systems, and buffers throughout the state, including the western basin of Lake Erie.

(B) There is hereby created in the state treasury the H2Ohio fund consisting of money credited to it and any donations, gifts, bequests, and other money received for deposit in the fund. All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund. All money credited or deposited in the fund shall be used for any of the following purposes:

(1) Agriculture water projects;

(2) Community water projects;

(3) Nature water projects;

(4) Awarding or allocating grants or money, issuing loans, or making

purchases for the development and implementation of projects and programs, including remediation projects, that are designed to address water quality priorities;

(5) Funding cooperative research, data gathering and monitoring, and demonstration projects related to water quality priorities;

(6) Encouraging cooperation with and among leaders from state legislatures, state agencies, political subdivisions, business and industry, labor, agriculture, environmental organizations, institutions of higher education, and water conservation districts;

(7) Other purposes, policies, programs, and priorities identified by the Ohio Lake Erie commission in coordination with state agencies or boards responsible for water protection and water management, provided that the purposes, policies, programs, and priorities align with a statewide strategic vision and comprehensive periodic water protection and restoration strategy.

(C) Not later than August 31, 2020, and annually thereafter, the Ohio Lake Erie commission, in coordination with state agencies or boards responsible for water protection and water management, shall do both of the following:

(1) Prepare a report of the activities that were undertaken with respect to the fund during the immediately preceding fiscal year, including the revenues and expenses of the fund for the preceding fiscal year;

(2) Submit the report to the general assembly and to the governor.

Sec. 128.021. (A) Not later than January 1, 2014, and in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the steering committee shall adopt rules that establish technical and operational standards for public safety answering points eligible to receive disbursements under section 128.55 of the Revised Code. The rules shall incorporate industry standards and best practices for wireless 9-1-1 services. Public safety answering points shall comply with the standards not later than two years after the effective date of the rules adopting the standards. A public safety answering point may be deemed compliant with rules for minimum staffing standards, if it can demonstrate compliance with all other rules for operational standards.

(B) Not later than one year after ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ September 29, 2015, and in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the steering committee shall conduct an assessment of the operational standards for public safety answering points developed under division (A) of this section and revise the standards as necessary to ensure that the operational standards contain the following:

(1) Policies to ensure that public safety answering point personnel prioritize life-saving questions in responding to each call to a 9-1-1 system

established under this chapter;

(2) A requirement that all public safety answering point personnel complete proper training or provide proof of prior training to give instructions regarding emergency situations.

Sec. 131.02. (A) Except as otherwise provided in section 4123.37, section 5703.061, and division (K) of section 4123.511 of the Revised Code, whenever any amount is payable to the state, the officer, employee, or agent responsible for administering the law under which the amount is payable shall immediately proceed to collect the amount or cause the amount to be collected and shall pay the amount into the state treasury or into the appropriate custodial fund in the manner set forth pursuant to section 113.08 of the Revised Code. Except as otherwise provided in this division, if the amount is not paid within forty-five days after payment is due, the officer, employee, or agent shall certify the amount due to the attorney general, in the form and manner prescribed by the attorney general, and notify the director of budget and management thereof. In the case of an amount payable by a student enrolled in a state institution of higher education, the amount shall be certified within the later of forty-five days after the amount is due or the tenth day after the beginning of the next academic semester, quarter, or other session following the session for which the payment is payable. The attorney general may assess the collection cost to the amount certified in such manner and amount as prescribed by the attorney general. If an amount payable to a political subdivision is past due, the political subdivision may, with the approval of the attorney general, certify the amount to the attorney general pursuant to this section.

For the purposes of this section, the attorney general and the officer, employee, or agent responsible for administering the law under which the amount is payable shall agree on the time a payment is due, and that agreed upon time shall be one of the following times:

(1) If a law, including an administrative rule, of this state prescribes the time a payment is required to be made or reported, when the payment is required by that law to be paid or reported.

(2) If the payment is for services rendered, when the rendering of the services is completed.

(3) If the payment is reimbursement for a loss, when the loss is incurred.

(4) In the case of a fine or penalty for which a law or administrative rule does not prescribe a time for payment, when the fine or penalty is first assessed.

(5) If the payment arises from a legal finding, judgment, or adjudication order, when the finding, judgment, or order is rendered or issued.

(6) If the payment arises from an overpayment of money by the state to another person, when the overpayment is discovered.

(7) The date on which the amount for which an individual is personally liable under section 5735.35, section 5739.33, or division (G) of section 5747.07 of the Revised Code is determined.

(8) Upon proof of claim being filed in a bankruptcy case.

(9) Any other appropriate time determined by the attorney general and the officer, employee, or agent responsible for administering the law under which the amount is payable on the basis of statutory requirements or ordinary business processes of the state agency to which the payment is owed.

(B)(1) The attorney general shall give immediate notice by mail or otherwise to the party indebted of the nature and amount of the indebtedness.

(2) If the amount payable to this state arises from a tax levied under Chapter 5733., 5739., 5741., 5747., or 5751. of the Revised Code, the notice also shall specify all of the following:

(a) The assessment or case number;

(b) The tax pursuant to which the assessment is made;

(c) The reason for the liability, including, if applicable, that a penalty or interest is due;

(d) An explanation of how and when interest will be added to the amount assessed;

(e) That the attorney general and tax commissioner, acting together, have the authority, but are not required, to compromise the claim and accept payment over a reasonable time, if such actions are in the best interest of the state.

(C) The attorney general shall collect the claim or secure a judgment and issue an execution for its collection.

(D) Each claim shall bear interest, from the day on which the claim became due, at the rate per annum required by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code.

(E) The attorney general and the chief officer of the agency reporting a claim, acting together, may do any of the following if such action is in the best interests of the state:

(1) Compromise the claim;

(2) Extend for a reasonable period the time for payment of the claim by agreeing to accept monthly or other periodic payments. The agreement may require security for payment of the claim.

(3) Add fees to recover the cost of processing checks or other draft

instruments returned for insufficient funds and the cost of providing electronic payment options.

(F)(1) Except as provided in division (F)(2) of this section, if the attorney general finds, after investigation, that any claim due and owing to the state is uncollectible, the attorney general, with the consent of the chief officer of the agency reporting the claim, may do the following:

(a) Sell, convey, or otherwise transfer the claim to one or more private entities for collection;

(b) Cancel the claim or cause it to be canceled.

(2) The attorney general shall cancel or cause to be canceled an unsatisfied claim on the date that is forty years after the date the claim is certified.

(3) No initial action shall be commenced to collect any tax payable to the state that is administered by the tax commissioner, whether or not such tax is subject to division (B) of this section, or any penalty, interest, or additional charge on such tax, after the expiration of the period ending on the later of the dates specified in divisions (F)(3)(a) and (b) of this section, provided that such period shall be extended by the period of any stay to such collection or by any other period to which the parties mutually agree. If the initial action in aid of execution is commenced before the later of the dates specified in divisions (F)(3)(a) and (b) of this section, any and all subsequent actions may be pursued in aid of execution of judgment for as long as the debt exists.

(a) Seven years after the assessment of the tax, penalty, interest, or additional charge is issued.

(b) Four years after the assessment of the tax, penalty, interest, or additional charge becomes final. For the purposes of division (F)(3)(b) of this section, the assessment becomes final at the latest of the following: upon expiration of the period to petition for reassessment, or if applicable, to appeal a final determination of the commissioner or decision of the board of tax appeals or a court, or, if applicable, upon decision of the United States supreme court.

For the purposes of division (F)(3) of this section, an initial action to collect a tax debt is commenced at the time when ~~any action, including any action in aid of execution on a judgment, commences~~ after a certified copy of the tax commissioner's entry making an assessment final has been filed in the office of the clerk of court of common pleas in the county in which the taxpayer resides or has its principal place of business in this state, or in the office of the clerk of court of common pleas of Franklin county, as provided in section 5739.13, 5741.14, 5747.13, or 5751.09 of the Revised Code or in

any other applicable law requiring such a filing. If an assessment has not been issued and there is no time limitation on the issuance of an assessment under applicable law, an action to collect a tax debt commences when the action is filed in the courts of this state to collect the liability.

(4) If information contained in a claim that is sold, conveyed, or transferred to a private entity pursuant to this section is confidential pursuant to federal law or a section of the Revised Code that implements a federal law governing confidentiality, such information remains subject to that law during and following the sale, conveyance, or transfer.

Sec. 131.35. (A) With respect to ~~the federal funds~~ revenue received into any fund of the state ~~from which transfers may be made under~~, except for those funds listed in division (D) of section 127.14 of the Revised Code:

(1) No state agency may make expenditures of any federal ~~funds~~ revenue, whether ~~such funds are~~ the revenue is advanced prior to expenditure or as reimbursement, unless such expenditures are made pursuant to specific appropriations of the general assembly, are authorized by the controlling board pursuant to division (A)(5) of this section, or are authorized by an executive order issued in accordance with section 107.17 of the Revised Code, and until an allotment has been approved by the director of budget and management. All federal ~~funds~~ revenue received by a state agency shall be reported to the director within fifteen days of the receipt of ~~such funds~~ the revenue or the notification of award, whichever occurs first. The director shall prescribe the forms and procedures to be used when reporting the receipt of federal ~~funds~~ revenue.

(2) If the federal ~~funds~~ revenue received ~~are~~ is greater than the amount of ~~such funds~~ the revenue appropriated by the general assembly for a specific purpose, the total appropriation of federal and state funds for such purpose shall remain at the amount designated by the general assembly, except that the expenditure of federal ~~funds~~ revenue received in excess of such specific appropriation may be authorized by the controlling board, subject to division (D) of this section.

(3) To the extent that the expenditure of excess federal ~~funds~~ revenue is authorized, the controlling board may transfer a like amount of general revenue fund appropriation authority from the affected agency to the emergency purposes appropriation of the controlling board, if such action is permitted under federal regulations.

(4) Additional funds may be created by the controlling board to receive revenues not anticipated in an appropriations act for the biennium in which such new revenues are received. Subject to division (D) of this section, expenditures from such additional funds may be authorized by the

controlling board, but such authorization shall not extend beyond the end of the biennium in which such funds are created.

(5) Controlling board authorization for a state agency to make an expenditure of federal ~~funds~~ revenue constitutes authority for the agency to participate in the federal program providing the ~~funds~~ revenue, and the agency is not required to obtain an executive order under section 107.17 of the Revised Code to participate in the federal program.

(B) With respect to nonfederal ~~funds~~ revenue received into ~~the waterways safety fund, the wildlife fund, and any fund of the state from which transfers may be made under,~~ except for any other fund listed in division (D) of section 127.14 of the Revised Code:

(1) No state agency may make expenditures of any ~~such funds of the~~ revenue unless the expenditures are made pursuant to specific appropriations of the general assembly.

(2) If the ~~receipts~~ revenue received into any fund ~~are~~ is greater than the amount appropriated, the appropriation for that fund shall remain at the amount designated by the general assembly or, subject to division (D) of this section, as increased and approved by the controlling board.

(3) Additional funds may be created by the controlling board to receive revenues not anticipated in an appropriations act for the biennium in which such new revenues are received. Subject to division (D) of this section, expenditures from such additional funds may be authorized by the controlling board, but such authorization shall not extend beyond the end of the biennium in which such funds are created.

(C) The controlling board shall not authorize more than ten per cent of additional spending from the occupational licensing and regulatory fund, created in section 4743.05 of the Revised Code, in excess of any appropriation made by the general assembly to a licensing agency except an appropriation for costs related to the examination or reexamination of applicants for a license. As used in this division, "licensing agency" and "license" have the same meanings as in section 4745.01 of the Revised Code.

(D) If federal revenue is received in the waterways safety fund or wildlife fund, the controlling board, at the request of the director of natural resources, may approve the expenditure of the federal revenue for purposes for which the federal revenue was granted.

(E) The amount of any expenditure authorized under division (A)(2) or (4) or (B)(2) or (3) of this section for a specific or related purpose or item in any fiscal year shall not exceed an amount greater than one-half of one per cent of the general revenue fund appropriations for that fiscal year.

Sec. 131.44. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Surplus revenue" means the excess, if any, of the total fund balance over the required year-end balance.

(2) "Total fund balance" means the sum of the unencumbered balance in the general revenue fund on the last day of the preceding fiscal year plus the balance in the budget stabilization fund.

(3) "Required year-end balance" means the sum of the following:

(a) Eight and one-half per cent of the general revenue fund revenues for the preceding fiscal year;

(b) "Ending fund balance," which means one-half of one per cent of general revenue fund revenues for the preceding fiscal year;

(c) "Carryover balance," which means, with respect to a fiscal biennium, the excess, if any, of the estimated general revenue fund appropriation and transfer requirement for the second fiscal year of the biennium over the estimated general revenue fund revenue for that fiscal year;

(d) "Capital appropriation reserve," which means the amount, if any, of general revenue fund capital appropriations made for the current biennium that the director of budget and management has determined will be encumbered or disbursed;

(e) "Income tax reduction impact reserve," which means an amount equal to the reduction projected by the director of budget and management in income tax revenue in the current fiscal year attributable to the previous reduction in the income tax rate made by the tax commissioner pursuant to division (B) of section 5747.02 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Estimated general revenue fund appropriation and transfer requirement" means the most recent adjusted appropriations made by the general assembly from the general revenue fund and includes both of the following:

(a) Appropriations made and transfers of appropriations from the first fiscal year to the second fiscal year of the biennium in provisions of acts of the general assembly signed by the governor but not yet effective;

(b) Transfers of appropriations from the first fiscal year to the second fiscal year of the biennium approved by the controlling board.

(5) "Estimated general revenue fund revenue" means the most recent such estimate available to the director of budget and management.

(B)(1) Not later than the thirty-first day of July each year, the director of budget and management shall determine the surplus revenue that existed on the preceding thirtieth day of June and transfer from the general revenue fund, to the extent of the unobligated, unencumbered balance on the preceding thirtieth day of June in excess of one-half of one per cent of the

general revenue fund revenues in the preceding fiscal year, the following:

(a) First, to the budget stabilization fund, any amount necessary for the balance of the budget stabilization fund to equal eight and one-half per cent of the general revenue fund revenues of the preceding fiscal year;

(b) Then, to the income tax reduction fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury, an amount equal to the surplus revenue.

(2) Not later than the thirty-first day of July each year, the director shall determine the percentage that the balance in the income tax reduction fund is of the amount of revenue that the director estimates will be received from the tax levied under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code in the current fiscal year without regard to any reduction under division (B) of that section. If that percentage exceeds thirty-five one hundredths of one per cent, the director shall certify the percentage to the tax commissioner not later than the thirty-first day of July.

(C) The director of budget and management shall transfer money in the income tax reduction fund to the general revenue fund, the local government fund, and the public library fund as necessary to offset revenue reductions resulting from the reductions in taxes required under division (B) of section 5747.02 of the Revised Code in the respective amounts and percentages prescribed by ~~division (A) of~~ section 5747.03 and divisions (A) and (B) of section 131.51 of the Revised Code as if the amount transferred had been collected as taxes under Chapter 5747. of the Revised Code. If no reductions in taxes are made under that division that affect revenue received in the current fiscal year, the director shall not transfer money from the income tax reduction fund to the general revenue fund, the local government fund, and the public library fund.

Sec. 131.511. (A) In addition to the amounts credited to the local government fund under section 131.51 of the Revised Code, the director of the office of budget and management shall credit monthly to the local government audit support fund a portion of total tax revenue credited to the general revenue fund equal to one-twelfth of the annual fiscal year appropriation from the local government audit support fund.

(B) The director of budget and management shall develop a schedule identifying the specific tax revenue sources to be used to make the monthly transfers required under division (A) of this section. The director may, from time to time, revise the schedule of revenue sources as the director considers necessary.

Sec. 141.04. (A) The annual salaries of the chief justice of the supreme court and of the justices and judges named in this section payable from the state treasury are as follows:

(1) For the chief justice of the supreme court, the following amounts effective in the following years:

(a) Beginning January 1, 2018, one hundred seventy-four thousand seven hundred dollars;

(b) Beginning January 1, 2019, one hundred eighty-three thousand four hundred fifty dollars;

(c) Beginning January 1, 2020, and in each calendar year thereafter through calendar year 2028 beginning on the first day of January, the annual compensation amount shall be increased by one and three-quarters per cent.

(2) For the justices of the supreme court, the following amounts effective in the following years:

(a) Beginning January 1, 2018, one hundred sixty-four thousand dollars;

(b) Beginning January 1, 2019, one hundred seventy-two thousand two hundred dollars;

(c) Beginning January 1, 2020, and in each calendar year thereafter through calendar year 2028 beginning on the first day of January, the annual compensation amount shall be increased by one and three-quarters per cent.

(3) For the judges of the courts of appeals, the following amounts effective in the following years:

(a) Beginning January 1, 2018, one hundred fifty-two thousand eight hundred fifty dollars;

(b) Beginning January 1, 2019, one hundred sixty thousand five hundred dollars;

(c) Beginning January 1, 2020, and in each calendar year thereafter through calendar year 2028 beginning on the first day of January, the annual compensation amount shall be increased by one and three-quarters per cent.

(4) For the judges of the courts of common pleas, the following amounts effective in the following years, reduced by an amount equal to the annual compensation paid to that judge from the county treasury pursuant to section 141.05 of the Revised Code:

(a) Beginning January 1, 2018, one hundred forty thousand five hundred fifty dollars;

(b) Beginning January 1, 2019, one hundred forty-seven thousand six hundred dollars;

(c) Beginning January 1, 2020, and in each calendar year thereafter through calendar year 2028 beginning on the first day of January, the annual compensation amount shall be increased by one and three-quarters per cent.

(5) For the full-time judges of a municipal court or the part-time judges of a municipal court of a territory having a population of more than fifty thousand, the following amounts effective in the following years, reduced

by an amount equal to the annual compensation paid to that judge pursuant to division (B)(1)(a) of section 1901.11 of the Revised Code from municipal corporations and counties:

(a) Beginning January 1, 2018, one hundred thirty-two thousand one hundred fifty dollars;

(b) Beginning January 1, 2019, one hundred thirty-eight thousand eight hundred dollars;

(c) Beginning January 1, 2020, and in each calendar year thereafter through calendar year 2028 beginning on the first day of January, the annual compensation amount shall be increased by one and three-quarters per cent.

(6) For judges of a municipal court designated as part-time judges by section 1901.08 of the Revised Code, other than part-time judges to whom division (A)(5) of this section applies, and for judges of a county court, the following amounts effective in the following years, reduced by an amount equal to the annual compensation paid to that judge pursuant to division (A) of section 1901.11 of the Revised Code from municipal corporations and counties or pursuant to division (A) of section 1907.16 of the Revised Code from counties:

(a) Beginning January 1, 2018, seventy-six thousand fifty dollars;

(b) Beginning January 1, 2019, seventy-nine thousand nine hundred dollars;

(c) Beginning January 1, 2020, and in each calendar year thereafter through calendar year 2028 beginning on the first day of January, the annual compensation amount shall be increased by one and three-quarters per cent.

(B) Except as provided in sections 1901.122 and 1901.123 of the Revised Code, except as otherwise provided in this division, and except for the compensation to which the judges described in division (A)(5) of this section are entitled pursuant to divisions (B)(1)(a) and (2) of section 1901.11 of the Revised Code, the annual salary of the chief justice of the supreme court and of each justice or judge listed in division (A) of this section shall be paid in equal monthly installments from the state treasury. If the chief justice of the supreme court or any justice or judge listed in division (A)(2), (3), or (4) of this section delivers a written request to be paid biweekly to the administrative director of the supreme court prior to the first day of January of any year, the annual salary of the chief justice or the justice or judge that is listed in division (A)(2), (3), or (4) of this section shall be paid, during the year immediately following the year in which the request is delivered to the administrative director of the supreme court, biweekly from the state treasury.

(C) Upon the death of the chief justice or a justice of the supreme court

during that person's term of office, an amount shall be paid in accordance with section 2113.04 of the Revised Code, or to that person's estate. The amount shall equal the amount of the salary that the chief justice or justice would have received during the remainder of the unexpired term or an amount equal to the salary of office for two years, whichever is less.

(D) Neither the chief justice of the supreme court nor any justice or judge of the supreme court, the court of appeals, the court of common pleas, or the probate court shall hold any other office of trust or profit under the authority of this state or the United States.

(E) In addition to the salaries payable pursuant to this section, the chief justice of the supreme court and the justices of the supreme court shall be entitled to a vehicle allowance of five hundred dollars per month, payable from the state treasury. The allowance shall be increased on the first day of January of each odd-numbered year by an amount equal to the percentage increase, if any, in the consumer price index for the immediately preceding twenty-four month period for which information is available.

~~(F) On or before the first day of December of each year, the Ohio supreme court, through its chief administrator, shall notify the administrative judge of the Montgomery county municipal court, the board of county commissioners of Montgomery county, and the treasurer of the state of the yearly salary cost of five part time county court judges as of that date. If the total yearly salary costs of all of the judges of the Montgomery county municipal court as of the first day of December of that same year exceeds that amount, the administrative judge of the Montgomery county municipal court shall cause payment of the excess between those two amounts less any reduced amount paid for the health care costs of the Montgomery county municipal court judges in comparison to the health care costs of five part time county court judges from the general special projects fund or the fund for a specific special project created pursuant to section 1901.26 of the Revised Code to the treasurer of Montgomery county and to the treasurer of the state in amounts proportional to the percentage of the salaries of the municipal court judges paid by the county and by the state.~~

~~(G)~~ As used in this section:

(1) "Consumer price index" has the same meaning as in section 101.27 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Salary" does not include any portion of the cost, premium, or charge for health, medical, hospital, dental, or surgical benefits, or any combination of those benefits, covering the chief justice of the supreme court or a justice or judge named in this section and paid on the chief justice's or the justice's or judge's behalf by a governmental entity.

Sec. 141.16. (A) Any voluntarily retired judge, or any judge who is retired under Section 6 of Article IV, Ohio Constitution, may be assigned with the judge's consent, by the chief justice or acting chief justice of the supreme court, to active duty as a judge. While so serving, the judge shall be paid, from money appropriated for this purpose, the established compensation for such office, computed on a per diem basis, in addition to any retirement benefits to which the judge may be entitled.

(B) Annually, on the first day of August, the administrative director of the ~~Ohio courts~~ supreme court shall issue a billing to the county treasurer of any county to which such a judge is assigned for reimbursement of the county's portion of the compensation previously paid by the state for the twelve-month period preceding the last day of June. The county's portion of the compensation shall be that part of each per diem paid by the state which is proportional to the county's share of the total compensation of a resident judge of such court. The county treasurer shall forward the payment within thirty days.

(C)~~(4)~~ A retired assigned judge is eligible to receive a retired assigned judge payment if the retired assigned judge completes not less than one hundred hours of service in the preceding quarter as assigned by the chief justice or acting chief justice. The payment shall be seven hundred fifty dollars per quarter and shall be paid from money appropriated for this purpose. The payment is subject to any and all applicable taxes under local, state, and federal law.

~~(2) Except as provided in division (C)(3) of this section, the~~ The payment shall be paid within thirty days after the end of the quarter in which the one hundred hours is served.

~~(3) In the case of a county-operated municipal court, other municipal court, or county court to which a judge was assigned, payment shall be made within thirty days after receipt of the quarterly request for reimbursement as required in division (B) of section 1901.123 of the Revised Code.~~

(D) Division (C) of this section does not affect any right of a retired assigned judge to receive any allowance, annuity, pension, or other benefit vested pursuant to Chapter 145. of the Revised Code or other eligible retirement system pursuant to Ohio law.

(E) As used in this section:

(1) "Retired assigned judge" is a judge that is described in division (A) of this section.

(2) "Quarter" is the preceding three-month period ending on the last day of the month of March, June, September, or December of each year.

Sec. 147.591. (A) As used in this section, "electronic document,"

(C) Any notary public may obtain an electronic seal and an electronic signature for the purposes of notarizing documents under this section.

(D) A notary public shall comply with the provisions of section 147.66 of the Revised Code pertaining to the electronic seal and electronic signature.

Sec. 149.11. (A) Any department, division, bureau, board, or commission of the state government issuing a report, pamphlet, document, or other publication intended for general public use and distribution, which publication is reproduced by duplicating processes ~~such as mimeograph, multigraph, planograph, rotaprint, or multilith, or printed internally or in print whether~~ through a contract awarded to any person, company, or the state printing division of the department of administrative services, shall cause to be delivered to the state library ~~one hundred~~ fifty copies of the publication, subject to the provisions of section 125.42 of the Revised Code.

(B) The state library board shall distribute the print publications so received as follows:

~~(A)~~(1) Retain two copies in the state library;

~~(B)~~(2) Send two copies to the document division of the library of congress;

~~(C)~~(3) Send one copy to the Ohio history connection and to each public or college library in the state designated by the state library board to be a depository for state publications. In designating which libraries shall be depositories, the board shall select those libraries that can best preserve those publications and that are so located geographically as will make the publications conveniently accessible to residents in all areas of the state.

~~(D)~~(4) Send one copy to each state in exchange for like publications of that state.

(C) A department, division, bureau, board, or commission of the state government shall notify the state library of the availability of documents or other publications, intended for general public use and distribution, which are made available electronically on its internet web site. The state library shall retain electronic publications in the state library digital archive and provide permanent access and records to each public or college library in the state designated by the state library board to be a depository for state publications.

(D) The print publications described in division (A) of this section and the electronic publications described in division (C) of this section shall be considered already prepared and available for inspection, and, subject to applicable copyright protections, reproduction by any person at all reasonable times during regular business hours at the state library and each

library designated as a depository for state publications.

(E) The provisions of this section do not apply to any publication of the general assembly or to the publications described in sections 149.07, 149.08, 149.091, and 149.17 of the Revised Code, except that the secretary of state shall forward to the document division of the library of congress two copies of all journals, two copies of the session laws as provided for in section 149.091 of the Revised Code, and two copies of all appropriation laws in separate form.

Sec. 149.43. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Public record" means records kept by any public office, including, but not limited to, state, county, city, village, township, and school district units, and records pertaining to the delivery of educational services by an alternative school in this state kept by the nonprofit or for-profit entity operating the alternative school pursuant to section 3313.533 of the Revised Code. "Public record" does not mean any of the following:

(a) Medical records;

(b) Records pertaining to probation and parole proceedings, to proceedings related to the imposition of community control sanctions and post-release control sanctions, or to proceedings related to determinations under section 2967.271 of the Revised Code regarding the release or maintained incarceration of an offender to whom that section applies;

(c) Records pertaining to actions under section 2151.85 and division (C) of section 2919.121 of the Revised Code and to appeals of actions arising under those sections;

(d) Records pertaining to adoption proceedings, including the contents of an adoption file maintained by the department of health under sections 3705.12 to 3705.124 of the Revised Code;

(e) Information in a record contained in the putative father registry established by section 3107.062 of the Revised Code, regardless of whether the information is held by the department of job and family services or, pursuant to section 3111.69 of the Revised Code, the office of child support in the department or a child support enforcement agency;

(f) Records specified in division (A) of section 3107.52 of the Revised Code;

(g) Trial preparation records;

(h) Confidential law enforcement investigatory records;

(i) Records containing information that is confidential under section 2710.03 or 4112.05 of the Revised Code;

(j) DNA records stored in the DNA database pursuant to section 109.573 of the Revised Code;

(k) Inmate records released by the department of rehabilitation and correction to the department of youth services or a court of record pursuant to division (E) of section 5120.21 of the Revised Code;

(l) Records maintained by the department of youth services pertaining to children in its custody released by the department of youth services to the department of rehabilitation and correction pursuant to section 5139.05 of the Revised Code;

(m) Intellectual property records;

(n) Donor profile records;

(o) Records maintained by the department of job and family services pursuant to section 3121.894 of the Revised Code;

(p) Designated public service worker residential and familial information;

(q) In the case of a county hospital operated pursuant to Chapter 339. of the Revised Code or a municipal hospital operated pursuant to Chapter 749. of the Revised Code, information that constitutes a trade secret, as defined in section 1333.61 of the Revised Code;

(r) Information pertaining to the recreational activities of a person under the age of eighteen;

(s) In the case of a child fatality review board acting under sections 307.621 to 307.629 of the Revised Code or a review conducted pursuant to guidelines established by the director of health under section 3701.70 of the Revised Code, records provided to the board or director, statements made by board members during meetings of the board or by persons participating in the director's review, and all work products of the board or director, and in the case of a child fatality review board, child fatality review data submitted by the board to the department of health or a national child death review database, other than the report prepared pursuant to division (A) of section 307.626 of the Revised Code;

(t) Records provided to and statements made by the executive director of a public children services agency or a prosecuting attorney acting pursuant to section 5153.171 of the Revised Code other than the information released under that section;

(u) Test materials, examinations, or evaluation tools used in an examination for licensure as a nursing home administrator that the board of executives of long-term services and supports administers under section ~~4751.04~~ 4751.15 of the Revised Code or contracts under that section with a private or government entity to administer;

(v) Records the release of which is prohibited by state or federal law;

(w) Proprietary information of or relating to any person that is submitted

to or compiled by the Ohio venture capital authority created under section 150.01 of the Revised Code;

(x) Financial statements and data any person submits for any purpose to the Ohio housing finance agency or the controlling board in connection with applying for, receiving, or accounting for financial assistance from the agency, and information that identifies any individual who benefits directly or indirectly from financial assistance from the agency;

(y) Records listed in section 5101.29 of the Revised Code;

(z) Discharges recorded with a county recorder under section 317.24 of the Revised Code, as specified in division (B)(2) of that section;

(aa) Usage information including names and addresses of specific residential and commercial customers of a municipally owned or operated public utility;

(bb) Records described in division (C) of section 187.04 of the Revised Code that are not designated to be made available to the public as provided in that division;

(cc) Information and records that are made confidential, privileged, and not subject to disclosure under divisions (B) and (C) of section 2949.221 of the Revised Code;

(dd) Personal information, as defined in section 149.45 of the Revised Code;

(ee) The confidential name, address, and other personally identifiable information of a program participant in the address confidentiality program established under sections 111.41 to 111.47 of the Revised Code, including the contents of any application for absent voter's ballots, absent voter's ballot identification envelope statement of voter, or provisional ballot affirmation completed by a program participant who has a confidential voter registration record, and records or portions of records pertaining to that program that identify the number of program participants that reside within a precinct, ward, township, municipal corporation, county, or any other geographic area smaller than the state. As used in this division, "confidential address" and "program participant" have the meaning defined in section 111.41 of the Revised Code.

(ff) Orders for active military service of an individual serving or with previous service in the armed forces of the United States, including a reserve component, or the Ohio organized militia, except that, such order becomes a public record on the day that is fifteen years after the published date or effective date of the call to order;

(gg) The name, address, contact information, or other personal information of an individual who is less than eighteen years of age that is

included in any record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the individual was an occupant at the time of the accident;

(hh) Protected health information, as defined in 45 C.F.R. 160.103, that is in a claim for payment for a health care product, service, or procedure, as well as any other health claims data in another document that reveals the identity of an individual who is the subject of the data or could be used to reveal that individual's identity;

(ii) Any depiction by photograph, film, videotape, or printed or digital image under either of the following circumstances:

(i) The depiction is that of a victim of an offense the release of which would be, to a reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities, an offensive and objectionable intrusion into the victim's expectation of bodily privacy and integrity.

(ii) The depiction captures or depicts the victim of a sexually oriented offense, as defined in section 2950.01 of the Revised Code, at the actual occurrence of that offense.

(jj) Restricted portions of a body-worn camera or dashboard camera recording;

(kk) In the case of a fetal-infant mortality review board acting under sections 3707.70 to 3707.77 of the Revised Code, records, documents, reports, or other information presented to the board or a person abstracting such materials on the board's behalf, statements made by review board members during board meetings, all work products of the board, and data submitted by the board to the department of health or a national infant death review database, other than the report prepared pursuant to section 3707.77 of the Revised Code.

(ll) Records, documents, reports, or other information presented to the pregnancy-associated mortality review board established under section 3738.01 of the Revised Code, statements made by board members during board meetings, all work products of the board, and data submitted by the board to the department of health, other than the biennial reports prepared under section 3738.08 of the Revised Code;

(mm) Telephone numbers for a victim, as defined in section 2930.01 of the Revised Code, a witness to a crime, or a party to a motor vehicle accident subject to the requirements of section 5502.11 of the Revised Code that are listed on any law enforcement record or report.

A record that is not a public record under division (A)(1) of this section and that, under law, is permanently retained becomes a public record on the day that is seventy-five years after the day on which the record was created, except for any record protected by the attorney-client privilege, a trial

preparation record as defined in this section, a statement prohibiting the release of identifying information signed under section 3107.083 of the Revised Code, a denial of release form filed pursuant to section 3107.46 of the Revised Code, or any record that is exempt from release or disclosure under section 149.433 of the Revised Code. If the record is a birth certificate and a biological parent's name redaction request form has been accepted under section 3107.391 of the Revised Code, the name of that parent shall be redacted from the birth certificate before it is released under this paragraph. If any other section of the Revised Code establishes a time period for disclosure of a record that conflicts with the time period specified in this section, the time period in the other section prevails.

(2) "Confidential law enforcement investigatory record" means any record that pertains to a law enforcement matter of a criminal, quasi-criminal, civil, or administrative nature, but only to the extent that the release of the record would create a high probability of disclosure of any of the following:

(a) The identity of a suspect who has not been charged with the offense to which the record pertains, or of an information source or witness to whom confidentiality has been reasonably promised;

(b) Information provided by an information source or witness to whom confidentiality has been reasonably promised, which information would reasonably tend to disclose the source's or witness's identity;

(c) Specific confidential investigatory techniques or procedures or specific investigatory work product;

(d) Information that would endanger the life or physical safety of law enforcement personnel, a crime victim, a witness, or a confidential information source.

(3) "Medical record" means any document or combination of documents, except births, deaths, and the fact of admission to or discharge from a hospital, that pertains to the medical history, diagnosis, prognosis, or medical condition of a patient and that is generated and maintained in the process of medical treatment.

(4) "Trial preparation record" means any record that contains information that is specifically compiled in reasonable anticipation of, or in defense of, a civil or criminal action or proceeding, including the independent thought processes and personal trial preparation of an attorney.

(5) "Intellectual property record" means a record, other than a financial or administrative record, that is produced or collected by or for faculty or staff of a state institution of higher learning in the conduct of or as a result of study or research on an educational, commercial, scientific, artistic,

technical, or scholarly issue, regardless of whether the study or research was sponsored by the institution alone or in conjunction with a governmental body or private concern, and that has not been publicly released, published, or patented.

(6) "Donor profile record" means all records about donors or potential donors to a public institution of higher education except the names and reported addresses of the actual donors and the date, amount, and conditions of the actual donation.

(7) "Designated public service worker" means a peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, county or multicounty corrections officer, community-based correctional facility employee, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT, medical director or member of a cooperating physician advisory board of an emergency medical service organization, state board of pharmacy employee, investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, judge, magistrate, or federal law enforcement officer.

(8) "Designated public service worker residential and familial information" means any information that discloses any of the following about a designated public service worker:

(a) The address of the actual personal residence of a designated public service worker, except for the following information:

(i) The address of the actual personal residence of a prosecuting attorney or judge; and

(ii) The state or political subdivision in which a designated public service worker resides.

(b) Information compiled from referral to or participation in an employee assistance program;

(c) The social security number, the residential telephone number, any bank account, debit card, charge card, or credit card number, or the emergency telephone number of, or any medical information pertaining to, a designated public service worker;

(d) The name of any beneficiary of employment benefits, including, but not limited to, life insurance benefits, provided to a designated public service worker by the designated public service worker's employer;

(e) The identity and amount of any charitable or employment benefit deduction made by the designated public service worker's employer from the designated public service worker's compensation, unless the amount of the deduction is required by state or federal law;

(f) The name, the residential address, the name of the employer, the address of the employer, the social security number, the residential

telephone number, any bank account, debit card, charge card, or credit card number, or the emergency telephone number of the spouse, a former spouse, or any child of a designated public service worker;

(g) A photograph of a peace officer who holds a position or has an assignment that may include undercover or plain clothes positions or assignments as determined by the peace officer's appointing authority.

(9) As used in divisions (A)(7) and (15) to (17) of this section:

"Peace officer" has the meaning defined in section 109.71 of the Revised Code and also includes the superintendent and troopers of the state highway patrol; it does not include the sheriff of a county or a supervisory employee who, in the absence of the sheriff, is authorized to stand in for, exercise the authority of, and perform the duties of the sheriff.

"Correctional employee" means any employee of the department of rehabilitation and correction who in the course of performing the employee's job duties has or has had contact with inmates and persons under supervision.

"County or multicounty corrections officer" means any corrections officer employed by any county or multicounty correctional facility.

"Youth services employee" means any employee of the department of youth services who in the course of performing the employee's job duties has or has had contact with children committed to the custody of the department of youth services.

"Firefighter" means any regular, paid or volunteer, member of a lawfully constituted fire department of a municipal corporation, township, fire district, or village.

"EMT" means EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, and paramedics that provide emergency medical services for a public emergency medical service organization. "Emergency medical service organization," "EMT-basic," "EMT-I," and "paramedic" have the meanings defined in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code.

"Investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation" has the meaning defined in section 2903.11 of the Revised Code.

"Federal law enforcement officer" has the meaning defined in section 9.88 of the Revised Code.

(10) "Information pertaining to the recreational activities of a person under the age of eighteen" means information that is kept in the ordinary course of business by a public office, that pertains to the recreational activities of a person under the age of eighteen years, and that discloses any of the following:

(a) The address or telephone number of a person under the age of

eighteen or the address or telephone number of that person's parent, guardian, custodian, or emergency contact person;

(b) The social security number, birth date, or photographic image of a person under the age of eighteen;

(c) Any medical record, history, or information pertaining to a person under the age of eighteen;

(d) Any additional information sought or required about a person under the age of eighteen for the purpose of allowing that person to participate in any recreational activity conducted or sponsored by a public office or to use or obtain admission privileges to any recreational facility owned or operated by a public office.

(11) "Community control sanction" has the meaning defined in section 2929.01 of the Revised Code.

(12) "Post-release control sanction" has the meaning defined in section 2967.01 of the Revised Code.

(13) "Redaction" means obscuring or deleting any information that is exempt from the duty to permit public inspection or copying from an item that otherwise meets the definition of a "record" in section 149.011 of the Revised Code.

(14) "Designee," "elected official," and "future official" have the meanings defined in section 109.43 of the Revised Code.

(15) "Body-worn camera" means a visual and audio recording device worn on the person of a peace officer while the peace officer is engaged in the performance of the peace officer's duties.

(16) "Dashboard camera" means a visual and audio recording device mounted on a peace officer's vehicle or vessel that is used while the peace officer is engaged in the performance of the peace officer's duties.

(17) "Restricted portions of a body-worn camera or dashboard camera recording" means any visual or audio portion of a body-worn camera or dashboard camera recording that shows, communicates, or discloses any of the following:

(a) The image or identity of a child or information that could lead to the identification of a child who is a primary subject of the recording when the law enforcement agency knows or has reason to know the person is a child based on the law enforcement agency's records or the content of the recording;

(b) The death of a person or a deceased person's body, unless the death was caused by a peace officer or, subject to division (H)(1) of this section, the consent of the decedent's executor or administrator has been obtained;

(c) The death of a peace officer, firefighter, paramedic, or other first

responder, occurring while the decedent was engaged in the performance of official duties, unless, subject to division (H)(1) of this section, the consent of the decedent's executor or administrator has been obtained;

(d) Grievous bodily harm, unless the injury was effected by a peace officer or, subject to division (H)(1) of this section, the consent of the injured person or the injured person's guardian has been obtained;

(e) An act of severe violence against a person that results in serious physical harm to the person, unless the act and injury was effected by a peace officer or, subject to division (H)(1) of this section, the consent of the injured person or the injured person's guardian has been obtained;

(f) Grievous bodily harm to a peace officer, firefighter, paramedic, or other first responder, occurring while the injured person was engaged in the performance of official duties, unless, subject to division (H)(1) of this section, the consent of the injured person or the injured person's guardian has been obtained;

(g) An act of severe violence resulting in serious physical harm against a peace officer, firefighter, paramedic, or other first responder, occurring while the injured person was engaged in the performance of official duties, unless, subject to division (H)(1) of this section, the consent of the injured person or the injured person's guardian has been obtained;

(h) A person's nude body, unless, subject to division (H)(1) of this section, the person's consent has been obtained;

(i) Protected health information, the identity of a person in a health care facility who is not the subject of a law enforcement encounter, or any other information in a health care facility that could identify a person who is not the subject of a law enforcement encounter;

(j) Information that could identify the alleged victim of a sex offense, menacing by stalking, or domestic violence;

(k) Information, that does not constitute a confidential law enforcement investigatory record, that could identify a person who provides sensitive or confidential information to a law enforcement agency when the disclosure of the person's identity or the information provided could reasonably be expected to threaten or endanger the safety or property of the person or another person;

(l) Personal information of a person who is not arrested, cited, charged, or issued a written warning by a peace officer;

(m) Proprietary police contingency plans or tactics that are intended to prevent crime and maintain public order and safety;

(n) A personal conversation unrelated to work between peace officers or between a peace officer and an employee of a law enforcement agency;

(o) A conversation between a peace officer and a member of the public that does not concern law enforcement activities;

(p) The interior of a residence, unless the interior of a residence is the location of an adversarial encounter with, or a use of force by, a peace officer;

(q) Any portion of the interior of a private business that is not open to the public, unless an adversarial encounter with, or a use of force by, a peace officer occurs in that location.

As used in division (A)(17) of this section:

"Grievous bodily harm" has the same meaning as in section 5924.120 of the Revised Code.

"Health care facility" has the same meaning as in section 1337.11 of the Revised Code.

"Protected health information" has the same meaning as in 45 C.F.R. 160.103.

"Law enforcement agency" has the same meaning as in section 2925.61 of the Revised Code.

"Personal information" means any government-issued identification number, date of birth, address, financial information, or criminal justice information from the law enforcement automated data system or similar databases.

"Sex offense" has the same meaning as in section 2907.10 of the Revised Code.

"Firefighter," "paramedic," and "first responder" have the same meanings as in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) Upon request and subject to division (B)(8) of this section, all public records responsive to the request shall be promptly prepared and made available for inspection to any person at all reasonable times during regular business hours. Subject to division (B)(8) of this section, upon request by any person, a public office or person responsible for public records shall make copies of the requested public record available to the requester at cost and within a reasonable period of time. If a public record contains information that is exempt from the duty to permit public inspection or to copy the public record, the public office or the person responsible for the public record shall make available all of the information within the public record that is not exempt. When making that public record available for public inspection or copying that public record, the public office or the person responsible for the public record shall notify the requester of any redaction or make the redaction plainly visible. A redaction shall be deemed a denial of a request to inspect or copy the redacted

information, except if federal or state law authorizes or requires a public office to make the redaction.

(2) To facilitate broader access to public records, a public office or the person responsible for public records shall organize and maintain public records in a manner that they can be made available for inspection or copying in accordance with division (B) of this section. A public office also shall have available a copy of its current records retention schedule at a location readily available to the public. If a requester makes an ambiguous or overly broad request or has difficulty in making a request for copies or inspection of public records under this section such that the public office or the person responsible for the requested public record cannot reasonably identify what public records are being requested, the public office or the person responsible for the requested public record may deny the request but shall provide the requester with an opportunity to revise the request by informing the requester of the manner in which records are maintained by the public office and accessed in the ordinary course of the public office's or person's duties.

(3) If a request is ultimately denied, in part or in whole, the public office or the person responsible for the requested public record shall provide the requester with an explanation, including legal authority, setting forth why the request was denied. If the initial request was provided in writing, the explanation also shall be provided to the requester in writing. The explanation shall not preclude the public office or the person responsible for the requested public record from relying upon additional reasons or legal authority in defending an action commenced under division (C) of this section.

(4) Unless specifically required or authorized by state or federal law or in accordance with division (B) of this section, no public office or person responsible for public records may limit or condition the availability of public records by requiring disclosure of the requester's identity or the intended use of the requested public record. Any requirement that the requester disclose the requester's identity or the intended use of the requested public record constitutes a denial of the request.

(5) A public office or person responsible for public records may ask a requester to make the request in writing, may ask for the requester's identity, and may inquire about the intended use of the information requested, but may do so only after disclosing to the requester that a written request is not mandatory, that the requester may decline to reveal the requester's identity or the intended use, and when a written request or disclosure of the identity or intended use would benefit the requester by enhancing the ability of the

public office or person responsible for public records to identify, locate, or deliver the public records sought by the requester.

(6) If any person requests a copy of a public record in accordance with division (B) of this section, the public office or person responsible for the public record may require that person to pay in advance the cost involved in providing the copy of the public record in accordance with the choice made by the person requesting the copy under this division. The public office or the person responsible for the public record shall permit that person to choose to have the public record duplicated upon paper, upon the same medium upon which the public office or person responsible for the public record keeps it, or upon any other medium upon which the public office or person responsible for the public record determines that it reasonably can be duplicated as an integral part of the normal operations of the public office or person responsible for the public record. When the person requesting the copy makes a choice under this division, the public office or person responsible for the public record shall provide a copy of it in accordance with the choice made by that person. Nothing in this section requires a public office or person responsible for the public record to allow the person requesting a copy of the public record to make the copies of the public record.

(7)(a) Upon a request made in accordance with division (B) of this section and subject to division (B)(6) of this section, a public office or person responsible for public records shall transmit a copy of a public record to any person by United States mail or by any other means of delivery or transmission within a reasonable period of time after receiving the request for the copy. The public office or person responsible for the public record may require the person making the request to pay in advance the cost of postage if the copy is transmitted by United States mail or the cost of delivery if the copy is transmitted other than by United States mail, and to pay in advance the costs incurred for other supplies used in the mailing, delivery, or transmission.

(b) Any public office may adopt a policy and procedures that it will follow in transmitting, within a reasonable period of time after receiving a request, copies of public records by United States mail or by any other means of delivery or transmission pursuant to division (B)(7) of this section. A public office that adopts a policy and procedures under division (B)(7) of this section shall comply with them in performing its duties under that division.

(c) In any policy and procedures adopted under division (B)(7) of this section:

(i) A public office may limit the number of records requested by a person that the office will physically deliver by United States mail or by another delivery service to ten per month, unless the person certifies to the office in writing that the person does not intend to use or forward the requested records, or the information contained in them, for commercial purposes;

(ii) A public office that chooses to provide some or all of its public records on a web site that is fully accessible to and searchable by members of the public at all times, other than during acts of God outside the public office's control or maintenance, and that charges no fee to search, access, download, or otherwise receive records provided on the web site, may limit to ten per month the number of records requested by a person that the office will deliver in a digital format, unless the requested records are not provided on the web site and unless the person certifies to the office in writing that the person does not intend to use or forward the requested records, or the information contained in them, for commercial purposes.

(iii) For purposes of division (B)(7) of this section, "commercial" shall be narrowly construed and does not include reporting or gathering news, reporting or gathering information to assist citizen oversight or understanding of the operation or activities of government, or nonprofit educational research.

(8) A public office or person responsible for public records is not required to permit a person who is incarcerated pursuant to a criminal conviction or a juvenile adjudication to inspect or to obtain a copy of any public record concerning a criminal investigation or prosecution or concerning what would be a criminal investigation or prosecution if the subject of the investigation or prosecution were an adult, unless the request to inspect or to obtain a copy of the record is for the purpose of acquiring information that is subject to release as a public record under this section and the judge who imposed the sentence or made the adjudication with respect to the person, or the judge's successor in office, finds that the information sought in the public record is necessary to support what appears to be a justiciable claim of the person.

(9)(a) Upon written request made and signed by a journalist, a public office, or person responsible for public records, having custody of the records of the agency employing a specified designated public service worker shall disclose to the journalist the address of the actual personal residence of the designated public service worker and, if the designated public service worker's spouse, former spouse, or child is employed by a public office, the name and address of the employer of the designated public

service worker's spouse, former spouse, or child. The request shall include the journalist's name and title and the name and address of the journalist's employer and shall state that disclosure of the information sought would be in the public interest.

(b) Division (B)(9)(a) of this section also applies to journalist requests for:

(i) Customer information maintained by a municipally owned or operated public utility, other than social security numbers and any private financial information such as credit reports, payment methods, credit card numbers, and bank account information;

(ii) Information about minors involved in a school vehicle accident as provided in division (A)(1)(gg) of this section, other than personal information as defined in section 149.45 of the Revised Code.

(c) As used in division (B)(9) of this section, "journalist" means a person engaged in, connected with, or employed by any news medium, including a newspaper, magazine, press association, news agency, or wire service, a radio or television station, or a similar medium, for the purpose of gathering, processing, transmitting, compiling, editing, or disseminating information for the general public.

(10) Upon a request made by a victim, victim's attorney, or victim's representative, as that term is used in section 2930.02 of the Revised Code, a public office or person responsible for public records shall transmit a copy of a depiction of the victim as described in division (A)(1)(gg) of this section to the victim, victim's attorney, or victim's representative.

(C)(1) If a person allegedly is aggrieved by the failure of a public office or the person responsible for public records to promptly prepare a public record and to make it available to the person for inspection in accordance with division (B) of this section or by any other failure of a public office or the person responsible for public records to comply with an obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section, the person allegedly aggrieved may do only one of the following, and not both:

(a) File a complaint with the clerk of the court of claims or the clerk of the court of common pleas under section 2743.75 of the Revised Code;

(b) Commence a mandamus action to obtain a judgment that orders the public office or the person responsible for the public record to comply with division (B) of this section, that awards court costs and reasonable attorney's fees to the person that instituted the mandamus action, and, if applicable, that includes an order fixing statutory damages under division (C)(2) of this section. The mandamus action may be commenced in the court of common pleas of the county in which division (B) of this section allegedly was not

complied with, in the supreme court pursuant to its original jurisdiction under Section 2 of Article IV, Ohio Constitution, or in the court of appeals for the appellate district in which division (B) of this section allegedly was not complied with pursuant to its original jurisdiction under Section 3 of Article IV, Ohio Constitution.

(2) If a requester transmits a written request by hand delivery, electronic submission, or certified mail to inspect or receive copies of any public record in a manner that fairly describes the public record or class of public records to the public office or person responsible for the requested public records, except as otherwise provided in this section, the requester shall be entitled to recover the amount of statutory damages set forth in this division if a court determines that the public office or the person responsible for public records failed to comply with an obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section.

The amount of statutory damages shall be fixed at one hundred dollars for each business day during which the public office or person responsible for the requested public records failed to comply with an obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section, beginning with the day on which the requester files a mandamus action to recover statutory damages, up to a maximum of one thousand dollars. The award of statutory damages shall not be construed as a penalty, but as compensation for injury arising from lost use of the requested information. The existence of this injury shall be conclusively presumed. The award of statutory damages shall be in addition to all other remedies authorized by this section.

The court may reduce an award of statutory damages or not award statutory damages if the court determines both of the following:

(a) That, based on the ordinary application of statutory law and case law as it existed at the time of the conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible for the requested public records that allegedly constitutes a failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section and that was the basis of the mandamus action, a well-informed public office or person responsible for the requested public records reasonably would believe that the conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible for the requested public records did not constitute a failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section;

(b) That a well-informed public office or person responsible for the requested public records reasonably would believe that the conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible for the requested public records would serve the public policy that underlies the

authority that is asserted as permitting that conduct or threatened conduct.

(3) In a mandamus action filed under division (C)(1) of this section, the following apply:

(a)(i) If the court orders the public office or the person responsible for the public record to comply with division (B) of this section, the court shall determine and award to the relator all court costs, which shall be construed as remedial and not punitive.

(ii) If the court makes a determination described in division (C)(3)(b)(iii) of this section, the court shall determine and award to the relator all court costs, which shall be construed as remedial and not punitive.

(b) If the court renders a judgment that orders the public office or the person responsible for the public record to comply with division (B) of this section or if the court determines any of the following, the court may award reasonable attorney's fees to the relator, subject to division (C)(4) of this section:

(i) The public office or the person responsible for the public records failed to respond affirmatively or negatively to the public records request in accordance with the time allowed under division (B) of this section.

(ii) The public office or the person responsible for the public records promised to permit the relator to inspect or receive copies of the public records requested within a specified period of time but failed to fulfill that promise within that specified period of time.

(iii) The public office or the person responsible for the public records acted in bad faith when the office or person voluntarily made the public records available to the relator for the first time after the relator commenced the mandamus action, but before the court issued any order concluding whether or not the public office or person was required to comply with division (B) of this section. No discovery may be conducted on the issue of the alleged bad faith of the public office or person responsible for the public records. This division shall not be construed as creating a presumption that the public office or the person responsible for the public records acted in bad faith when the office or person voluntarily made the public records available to the relator for the first time after the relator commenced the mandamus action, but before the court issued any order described in this division.

(c) The court shall not award attorney's fees to the relator if the court determines both of the following:

(i) That, based on the ordinary application of statutory law and case law as it existed at the time of the conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible for the requested public records that allegedly constitutes a failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with

division (B) of this section and that was the basis of the mandamus action, a well-informed public office or person responsible for the requested public records reasonably would believe that the conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible for the requested public records did not constitute a failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section;

(ii) That a well-informed public office or person responsible for the requested public records reasonably would believe that the conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible for the requested public records would serve the public policy that underlies the authority that is asserted as permitting that conduct or threatened conduct.

(4) All of the following apply to any award of reasonable attorney's fees awarded under division (C)(3)(b) of this section:

(a) The fees shall be construed as remedial and not punitive.

(b) The fees awarded shall not exceed the total of the reasonable attorney's fees incurred before the public record was made available to the relator and the fees described in division (C)(4)(c) of this section.

(c) Reasonable attorney's fees shall include reasonable fees incurred to produce proof of the reasonableness and amount of the fees and to otherwise litigate entitlement to the fees.

(d) The court may reduce the amount of fees awarded if the court determines that, given the factual circumstances involved with the specific public records request, an alternative means should have been pursued to more effectively and efficiently resolve the dispute that was subject to the mandamus action filed under division (C)(1) of this section.

(5) If the court does not issue a writ of mandamus under division (C) of this section and the court determines at that time that the bringing of the mandamus action was frivolous conduct as defined in division (A) of section 2323.51 of the Revised Code, the court may award to the public office all court costs, expenses, and reasonable attorney's fees, as determined by the court.

(D) Chapter 1347. of the Revised Code does not limit the provisions of this section.

(E)(1) To ensure that all employees of public offices are appropriately educated about a public office's obligations under division (B) of this section, all elected officials or their appropriate designees shall attend training approved by the attorney general as provided in section 109.43 of the Revised Code. A future official may satisfy the requirements of this division by attending the training before taking office, provided that the future official may not send a designee in the future official's place.

(2) All public offices shall adopt a public records policy in compliance with this section for responding to public records requests. In adopting a public records policy under this division, a public office may obtain guidance from the model public records policy developed and provided to the public office by the attorney general under section 109.43 of the Revised Code. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the policy may not limit the number of public records that the public office will make available to a single person, may not limit the number of public records that it will make available during a fixed period of time, and may not establish a fixed period of time before it will respond to a request for inspection or copying of public records, unless that period is less than eight hours.

The public office shall distribute the public records policy adopted by the public office under this division to the employee of the public office who is the records custodian or records manager or otherwise has custody of the records of that office. The public office shall require that employee to acknowledge receipt of the copy of the public records policy. The public office shall create a poster that describes its public records policy and shall post the poster in a conspicuous place in the public office and in all locations where the public office has branch offices. The public office may post its public records policy on the internet web site of the public office if the public office maintains an internet web site. A public office that has established a manual or handbook of its general policies and procedures for all employees of the public office shall include the public records policy of the public office in the manual or handbook.

(F)(1) The bureau of motor vehicles may adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to reasonably limit the number of bulk commercial special extraction requests made by a person for the same records or for updated records during a calendar year. The rules may include provisions for charges to be made for bulk commercial special extraction requests for the actual cost of the bureau, plus special extraction costs, plus ten per cent. The bureau may charge for expenses for redacting information, the release of which is prohibited by law.

(2) As used in division (F)(1) of this section:

(a) "Actual cost" means the cost of depleted supplies, records storage media costs, actual mailing and alternative delivery costs, or other transmitting costs, and any direct equipment operating and maintenance costs, including actual costs paid to private contractors for copying services.

(b) "Bulk commercial special extraction request" means a request for copies of a record for information in a format other than the format already available, or information that cannot be extracted without examination of all

items in a records series, class of records, or database by a person who intends to use or forward the copies for surveys, marketing, solicitation, or resale for commercial purposes. "Bulk commercial special extraction request" does not include a request by a person who gives assurance to the bureau that the person making the request does not intend to use or forward the requested copies for surveys, marketing, solicitation, or resale for commercial purposes.

(c) "Commercial" means profit-seeking production, buying, or selling of any good, service, or other product.

(d) "Special extraction costs" means the cost of the time spent by the lowest paid employee competent to perform the task, the actual amount paid to outside private contractors employed by the bureau, or the actual cost incurred to create computer programs to make the special extraction. "Special extraction costs" include any charges paid to a public agency for computer or records services.

(3) For purposes of divisions (F)(1) and (2) of this section, "surveys, marketing, solicitation, or resale for commercial purposes" shall be narrowly construed and does not include reporting or gathering news, reporting or gathering information to assist citizen oversight or understanding of the operation or activities of government, or nonprofit educational research.

(G) A request by a defendant, counsel of a defendant, or any agent of a defendant in a criminal action that public records related to that action be made available under this section shall be considered a demand for discovery pursuant to the Criminal Rules, except to the extent that the Criminal Rules plainly indicate a contrary intent. The defendant, counsel of the defendant, or agent of the defendant making a request under this division shall serve a copy of the request on the prosecuting attorney, director of law, or other chief legal officer responsible for prosecuting the action.

(H)(1) Any portion of a body-worn camera or dashboard camera recording described in divisions (A)(17)(b) to (h) of this section may be released by consent of the subject of the recording or a representative of that person, as specified in those divisions, only if either of the following applies:

(a) The recording will not be used in connection with any probable or pending criminal proceedings;

(b) The recording has been used in connection with a criminal proceeding that was dismissed or for which a judgment has been entered pursuant to Rule 32 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure, and will not be used again in connection with any probable or pending criminal proceedings.

(2) If a public office denies a request to release a restricted portion of a

body-worn camera or dashboard camera recording, as defined in division (A)(17) of this section, any person may file a mandamus action pursuant to this section or a complaint with the clerk of the court of claims pursuant to section 2743.75 of the Revised Code, requesting the court to order the release of all or portions of the recording. If the court considering the request determines that the filing articulates by clear and convincing evidence that the public interest in the recording substantially outweighs privacy interests and other interests asserted to deny release, the court shall order the public office to release the recording.

Sec. 153.02. (A) The executive director of the Ohio facilities construction commission, may debar a contractor from contract awards for public improvements as referred to in section 153.01 of the Revised Code or for projects as defined in section 3318.01 of the Revised Code, upon proof that the contractor has done any of the following:

(1) Defaulted on a contract requiring the execution of a takeover agreement as set forth in division (B) of section 153.17 of the Revised Code;

(2) Knowingly failed during the course of a contract to maintain the coverage required by the bureau of workers' compensation;

(3) Knowingly failed during the course of a contract to maintain the contractor's drug-free workplace program as required by the contract;

(4) Knowingly failed during the course of a contract to maintain insurance required by the contract or otherwise by law, resulting in a substantial loss to the owner, as owner is referred to in section 153.01 of the Revised Code, or to the commission and school district board, as provided in division (F) of section 3318.08 of the Revised Code;

(5) Misrepresented the firm's qualifications in the selection process set forth in sections 153.65 to 153.71 or section 3318.10 of the Revised Code;

(6) Been convicted of a criminal offense related to the application for or performance of any public or private contract, including, but not limited to, embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property, and any other offense that directly reflects on the contractor's business integrity;

(7) Been convicted of a criminal offense under state or federal antitrust laws;

(8) Deliberately or willfully submitted false or misleading information in connection with the application for or performance of a public contract;

(9) Been debarred from bidding on or participating in a contract with any state or federal agency.

(B) When the executive director debars a contractor that is a partnership, association, or corporation, the executive director also may

debar any partner of the partnership or any officer or director of the association or corporation, as applicable.

(C) When the executive director reasonably believes that grounds for debarment exist, the executive director shall send the contractor a notice of proposed debarment indicating the grounds for the proposed debarment and the procedure for requesting a hearing on the proposed debarment. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. If the contractor does not respond with a request for a hearing in the manner specified in Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the executive director shall issue the debarment decision without a hearing and shall notify the contractor of the decision by certified mail, return receipt requested.

(D) The executive director shall determine the length of the debarment period and may rescind the debarment at any time upon notification to the contractor. During the period of debarment, the contractor is not eligible to bid for or participate in any contract for a public improvement as referred to in section 153.01 of the Revised Code or for a project as defined in section 3318.01 of the Revised Code. After the debarment period expires, the contractor ~~shall~~ may be eligible to bid for and participate in such contracts if the vendor is not otherwise debarred.

(E) The executive director shall maintain a list of all contractors currently debarred under this section. Any governmental entity awarding a contract for construction of a public improvement or project may use a contractor's presence on the debarment list to determine whether a contractor is responsible or best under section 9.312 or any other section of the Revised Code in the award of a contract.

(F) As used in this section, "contractor" means a construction contracting business, a subcontractor of a construction contracting business, a supplier of materials, or a manufacturer of materials.

Sec. 166.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Allowable costs" means all or part of the costs of project facilities, eligible projects, eligible innovation projects, eligible research and development projects, eligible advanced energy projects, or eligible logistics and distribution projects, including costs of acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, rehabilitating, renovating, enlarging, improving, equipping, or furnishing project facilities, eligible projects, eligible innovation projects, eligible research and development projects, eligible advanced energy projects, or eligible logistics and distribution projects, site clearance and preparation, supplementing and relocating public capital improvements or utility facilities, designs, plans, specifications, surveys, studies, and estimates of costs, expenses necessary or incident to determining the

feasibility or practicability of assisting an eligible project, an eligible innovation project, an eligible research and development project, an eligible advanced energy project, or an eligible logistics and distribution project, or providing project facilities or facilities related to an eligible project, an eligible innovation project, an eligible research and development project, an eligible advanced energy project, or an eligible logistics and distribution project, architectural, engineering, and legal services fees and expenses, the costs of conducting any other activities as part of a voluntary action, and such other expenses as may be necessary or incidental to the establishment or development of an eligible project, an eligible innovation project, an eligible research and development project, an eligible advanced energy project, or an eligible logistics and distribution project, and reimbursement of moneys advanced or applied by any governmental agency or other person for allowable costs.

(B) "Allowable innovation costs" includes allowable costs of eligible innovation projects and, in addition, includes the costs of research and development of eligible innovation projects; obtaining or creating any requisite software or computer hardware related to an eligible innovation project or the products or services associated therewith; testing (including, without limitation, quality control activities necessary for initial production), perfecting, and marketing of such products and services; creating and protecting intellectual property related to an eligible innovation project or any products or services related thereto, including costs of securing appropriate patent, trademark, trade secret, trade dress, copyright, or other form of intellectual property protection for an eligible innovation project or related products and services; all to the extent that such expenditures could be capitalized under then-applicable generally accepted accounting principles; and the reimbursement of moneys advanced or applied by any governmental agency or other person for allowable innovation costs.

(C) "Eligible innovation project" includes an eligible project, including any project facilities associated with an eligible innovation project and, in addition, includes all tangible and intangible property related to a new product or process based on new technology or the creative application of existing technology, including research and development, product or process testing, quality control, market research, and related activities, that is to be acquired, established, expanded, remodeled, rehabilitated, or modernized for industry, commerce, distribution, or research, or any combination thereof, the operation of which, alone or in conjunction with other eligible projects, eligible innovation projects, or innovation property, will create new jobs or preserve existing jobs and employment opportunities and improve the

economic welfare of the people of the state.

(D) "Eligible project" means project facilities to be acquired, established, expanded, remodeled, rehabilitated, or modernized for industry, commerce, distribution, or research, or any combination thereof, the operation of which, alone or in conjunction with other facilities, will create new jobs or preserve existing jobs and employment opportunities and improve the economic welfare of the people of the state. "Eligible project" includes, without limitation, a voluntary action. For purposes of this division, "new jobs" does not include existing jobs transferred from another facility within the state, and "existing jobs" includes only those existing jobs with work places within the municipal corporation or unincorporated area of the county in which the eligible project is located.

"Eligible project" does not include project facilities to be acquired, established, expanded, remodeled, rehabilitated, or modernized for industry, commerce, distribution, or research, or any combination of industry, commerce, distribution, or research, if the project facilities consist solely of point-of-final-purchase retail facilities. If the project facilities consist of both point-of-final-purchase retail facilities and nonretail facilities, only the portion of the project facilities consisting of nonretail facilities is an eligible project. If a warehouse facility is part of a point-of-final-purchase retail facility and supplies only that facility, the warehouse facility is not an eligible project. Catalog distribution facilities are not considered point-of-final-purchase retail facilities for purposes of this paragraph, and are eligible projects.

(E) "Eligible research and development project" means an eligible project, including project facilities, comprising, within, or related to, a facility or portion of a facility at which research is undertaken for the purpose of discovering information that is technological in nature and the application of which is intended to be useful in the development of a new or improved product, process, technique, formula, or invention, a new product or process based on new technology, or the creative application of existing technology.

(F) "Financial assistance" means inducements under division (B) of section 166.02 of the Revised Code, loan guarantees under section 166.06 of the Revised Code, and direct loans under section 166.07 of the Revised Code.

(G) "Governmental action" means any action by a governmental agency relating to the establishment, development, or operation of an eligible project, eligible innovation project, eligible research and development project, eligible advanced energy project, or eligible logistics and

distribution project, and project facilities that the governmental agency acting has authority to take or provide for the purpose under law, including, but not limited to, actions relating to contracts and agreements, zoning, building, permits, acquisition and disposition of property, public capital improvements, utility and transportation service, taxation, employee recruitment and training, and liaison and coordination with and among governmental agencies.

(H) "Governmental agency" means the state and any state department, division, commission, institution or authority; a municipal corporation, county, or township, and any agency thereof, and any other political subdivision or public corporation or the United States or any agency thereof; any agency, commission, or authority established pursuant to an interstate compact or agreement; and any combination of the above.

(I) "Innovation financial assistance" means inducements under division (B) of section 166.12 of the Revised Code, innovation Ohio loan guarantees under section 166.15 of the Revised Code, and innovation Ohio loans under section 166.16 of the Revised Code.

(J) "Innovation Ohio loan guarantee reserve requirement" means, at any time, with respect to innovation loan guarantees made under section 166.15 of the Revised Code, a balance in the innovation Ohio loan guarantee fund equal to the greater of twenty per cent of the then-outstanding principal amount of all outstanding innovation loan guarantees made pursuant to section 166.15 of the Revised Code or fifty per cent of the principal amount of the largest outstanding guarantee made pursuant to section 166.15 of the Revised Code.

(K) "Innovation property" includes property and also includes software, inventory, licenses, contract rights, goodwill, intellectual property, including without limitation, patents, patent applications, trademarks and service marks, and trade secrets, and other tangible and intangible property, and any rights and interests in or connected to the foregoing.

(L) "Loan guarantee reserve requirement" means, at any time, with respect to loan guarantees made under section 166.06 of the Revised Code, a balance in the loan guarantee fund equal to the greater of twenty per cent of the then-outstanding principal amount of all outstanding guarantees made pursuant to section 166.06 of the Revised Code or fifty per cent of the principal amount of the largest outstanding guarantee made pursuant to section 166.06 of the Revised Code.

(M) "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, or governmental agency, and any combination thereof.

(N) "Project facilities" means buildings, structures, and other

improvements, and equipment and other property, excluding small tools, supplies, and inventory, and any one, part of, or combination of the above, comprising all or part of, or serving or being incidental to, an eligible project, an eligible innovation project, an eligible research and development project, an eligible advanced energy project, or an eligible logistics and distribution project, including, but not limited to, public capital improvements.

(O) "Property" means real and personal property and interests therein.

(P) "Public capital improvements" means capital improvements or facilities that any governmental agency has authority to acquire, pay the costs of, own, maintain, or operate, or to contract with other persons to have the same done, including, but not limited to, highways, roads, streets, water and sewer facilities, railroad and other transportation facilities, and air and water pollution control and solid waste disposal facilities. For purposes of this division, "air pollution control facilities" includes, without limitation, solar, geothermal, biofuel, biomass, wind, hydro, wave, and other advanced energy projects as defined in section 3706.25 of the Revised Code.

(Q) "Research and development financial assistance" means inducements under section 166.17 of the Revised Code, research and development loans under section 166.21 of the Revised Code, and research and development tax credits under sections 5733.352 and 5747.331 of the Revised Code.

(R) "Targeted innovation industry sectors" means industry sectors involving the production or use of advanced materials, instruments, controls and electronics, power and propulsion, biosciences, and information technology, or such other sectors as may be designated by the director of development services.

(S) "Voluntary action" means a voluntary action, as defined in section 3746.01 of the Revised Code, that is conducted under the voluntary action program established in Chapter 3746. of the Revised Code.

(T) "Project financing obligations" means obligations issued pursuant to section 166.08 of the Revised Code other than obligations for which the bond proceedings provide that bond service charges shall be paid from receipts of the state representing gross profit on the sale of spirituous liquor as referred to in division (B)(4) of section 4310.10 of the Revised Code.

(U) "Regional economic development entity" means an entity that is under contract with the director to administer a loan program under this chapter in a particular area of this state.

(V) ~~"Advanced energy research and development fund" means the advanced energy research and development fund created in section 3706.27~~

~~of the Revised Code.~~

~~(W) "Advanced energy research and development taxable fund" means the advanced energy research and development taxable fund created in section 3706.27 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(X)~~ "Eligible advanced energy project" means an eligible project that is an "advanced energy project" as defined in section 3706.25 of the Revised Code.

~~(Y)~~(W) "Eligible logistics and distribution project" means an eligible project, including project facilities, to be acquired, established, expanded, remodeled, rehabilitated, or modernized for transportation logistics and distribution infrastructure purposes. As used in this division, "transportation logistics and distribution infrastructure purposes" means promoting, providing for, and enabling improvements to the ground, air, and water transportation infrastructure comprising the transportation system in this state, including, without limitation, highways, streets, roads, bridges, railroads carrying freight, and air and water ports and port facilities, and all related supporting facilities.

~~(Z)~~(X) "Department of development" means the development services agency and "director of development" means the director of development services.

Sec. 169.06. (A) Before the first day of November of each year immediately following the calendar year in which the filing of reports is required by section 169.03 of the Revised Code, the director of commerce shall cause notice to be published once in an English language newspaper of general circulation in the county in this state in which is located the last known address of any person to be named in the notice required by this section. The notice may be published in print or electronic format. If no address is listed, the notice shall be published in the county in which the holder of the unclaimed funds has its principal place of business within this state; or if the holder has no principal place of business within this state, publication shall be made as the director determines most effective. If the address is outside this state, notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or parish of any state in the United States in which such last known address is located. If the last known address is in a foreign country, publication shall be made as the director determines most effective.

If the name of the owner is not available, the director may publish notice by class, identifying number, or as the director determines most effective.

(B) The published notice shall be entitled "Notice of Names of Persons

Appearing to be Owners of Unclaimed Funds," and shall contain:

(1) The names in alphabetical order and last known addresses, if any, of each person appearing from the records of the holder to be the owner of unclaimed funds of a value of fifty dollars or more and entitled to notice as specified in division (A) of this section;

(2) A statement that information concerning the amount of the funds and any necessary information concerning the presentment of a claim therefor may be obtained by any persons possessing a property interest in the unclaimed funds by addressing an inquiry to the director.

(C) With respect to items of unclaimed funds each having a value of ten dollars or more, the director shall have available in ~~his~~ the director's office during business hours an alphabetical list of owners and where a holder is a person providing life insurance coverage, beneficiaries, and their last known addresses, if any, whose funds are being held by the state pursuant to this chapter.

(D) The director may give any additional notice ~~he~~ using any electronic or print medium that the director deems necessary to inform the owner of the whereabouts of ~~his~~ the owner's funds.

Sec. 173.04. (A) As used in this section, ~~"respite;~~

(1) "Respite care" means short-term, temporary care or supervision provided to a person who has ~~Alzheimer's disease~~ dementia in the absence of the person who normally provides that care or supervision.

(2) "Dementia" includes ~~Alzheimer's disease~~ or other dementia.

(B) Through the internet web site maintained by the department of aging, the director of aging shall disseminate ~~Alzheimer's disease~~ dementia training materials for licensed physicians, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, administrators of health care programs, social workers, and other health care and social service personnel who participate or assist in the care or treatment of persons who have ~~Alzheimer's disease~~ dementia. The training materials disseminated through the web site may be developed by the director or obtained from other sources.

(C) To the extent funds are available, the director shall administer respite care programs and other supportive services for persons who have ~~Alzheimer's disease~~ dementia and their families or care givers. Respite care programs shall be approved by the director and shall be provided for the following purposes:

(1) Giving persons who normally provide care or supervision for a person who has ~~Alzheimer's disease~~ dementia relief from the stresses and responsibilities that result from providing such care;

(2) Preventing or reducing inappropriate institutional care and enabling

persons who have ~~Alzheimer's disease~~ dementia to remain at home as long as possible.

(D) The director may provide services under this section to persons with ~~Alzheimer's disease~~ dementia and their families regardless of the age of the persons with ~~Alzheimer's disease~~ dementia.

(E) The director may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing respite care programs and other supportive services, the distribution of funds, and the purpose for which funds may be utilized under this section.

Sec. 173.27. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Applicant" means a person who is under final consideration for employment by a responsible party in a full-time, part-time, or temporary position that involves providing ombudsman services to residents and recipients. "Applicant" includes a person who is under final consideration for employment as the state long-term care ombudsman or the head of a regional long-term care ombudsman program. "Applicant" does not include a person seeking to provide ombudsman services to residents and recipients as a volunteer without receiving or expecting to receive any form of remuneration other than reimbursement for actual expenses.

(2) "Criminal records check" has the same meaning as in section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Disqualifying offense" means any of the offenses listed or described in divisions (A)(3)(a) to (e) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Employee" means a person employed by a responsible party in a full-time, part-time, or temporary position that involves providing ombudsman services to residents and recipients. "Employee" includes the person employed as the state long-term care ombudsman and a person employed as the head of a regional long-term care ombudsman program. "Employee" does not include a person who provides ombudsman services to residents and recipients as a volunteer without receiving or expecting to receive any form of remuneration other than reimbursement for actual expenses.

(5) "Responsible party" means the following:

(a) In the case of an applicant who is under final consideration for employment as the state long-term care ombudsman or the person employed as the state long-term care ombudsman, the director of aging;

(b) In the case of any other applicant who is under final consideration for employment with the state long-term care ombudsman program or any other employee of the state long-term care ombudsman program, the state

long-term care ombudsman;

(c) In the case of an applicant who is under final consideration for employment with a regional long-term care ombudsman program (including as the head of the regional program) or an employee of a regional long-term care ombudsman program (including the head of a regional program), the regional long-term care ombudsman program.

(B) A responsible party may not employ an applicant or continue to employ an employee in a position that involves providing ombudsman services to residents and recipients if any of the following apply:

(1) A review of the databases listed in division (D) of this section reveals any of the following:

(a) That the applicant or employee is included in one or more of the databases listed in divisions (D)(1) to (5) of this section;

(b) That there is in the state nurse aide registry established under section 3721.32 of the Revised Code a statement detailing findings by the director of health that the applicant or employee abused, neglected, or exploited a long-term care facility or residential care facility resident or misappropriated property of such a resident;

(c) That the applicant or employee is included in one or more of the databases, if any, specified in rules adopted under this section and the rules prohibit the responsible party from employing an applicant or continuing to employ an employee included in such a database in a position that involves providing ombudsman services to residents and recipients.

(2) After the applicant or employee is provided, pursuant to division (E)(2)(a) of this section, a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and the standard impression sheet prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section, the applicant or employee fails to complete the form or provide the applicant's or employee's fingerprint impressions on the standard impression sheet.

(3) Unless the applicant or employee meets standards specified in rules adopted under this section, the applicant or employee is found by a criminal records check required by this section to have been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense.

(C) A responsible party or a responsible party's designee shall inform each applicant of both of the following at the time of the applicant's initial application for employment in a position that involves providing ombudsman services to residents and recipients:

(1) That a review of the databases listed in division (D) of this section will be conducted to determine whether the responsible party is prohibited

by division (B)(1) of this section from employing the applicant in the position;

(2) That, unless the database review reveals that the applicant may not be employed in the position, a criminal records check of the applicant will be conducted and the applicant is required to provide a set of the applicant's fingerprint impressions as part of the criminal records check.

(D) As a condition of any applicant's being employed by a responsible party in a position that involves providing ombudsman services to residents and recipients, the responsible party or designee shall conduct a database review of the applicant in accordance with rules adopted under this section. If rules adopted under this section so require, the responsible party or designee shall conduct a database review of an employee in accordance with the rules as a condition of the responsible party continuing to employ the employee in a position that involves providing ombudsman services to residents and recipients. A database review shall determine whether the applicant or employee is included in any of the following:

(1) The excluded parties list system that is maintained by the United States general services administration pursuant to subpart 9.4 of the federal acquisition regulation and available at the federal web site known as the system for award management;

(2) The list of excluded individuals and entities maintained by the office of inspector general in the United States department of health and human services pursuant to section 1128 of the "Social Security Act," 94 Stat. 2619 (1980), 42 U.S.C. 1320a-7, as amended, and section 1156 of the "Social Security Act," 96 Stat. 388 (1982), 42 U.S.C. 1320c-5, as amended;

(3) The registry of developmental disabilities employees established under section 5123.52 of the Revised Code;

(4) The internet-based sex offender and child-victim offender database established under division (A)(11) of section 2950.13 of the Revised Code;

(5) The internet-based database of inmates established under section 5120.66 of the Revised Code;

(6) The state nurse aide registry established under section 3721.32 of the Revised Code;

(7) Any other database, if any, specified in rules adopted under this section.

(E)(1) As a condition of any applicant's being employed by a responsible party in a position that involves providing ombudsman services to residents and recipients, the responsible party or designee shall request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation conduct a criminal records check of the applicant. If rules

adopted under this section so require, the responsible party or designee shall request that the superintendent conduct a criminal records check of an employee at times specified in the rules as a condition of the responsible party continuing to employ the employee in a position that involves providing ombudsman services to residents and recipients. However, the responsible party or designee is not required to request the criminal records check of the applicant or employee if the responsible party is prohibited by division (B)(1) of this section from employing the applicant or continuing to employ the employee in a position that involves providing ombudsman services to residents and recipients. If an applicant or employee for whom a criminal records check request is required by this section does not present proof of having been a resident of this state for the five-year period immediately prior to the date the criminal records check is requested or provide evidence that within that five-year period the superintendent has requested information about the applicant or employee from the federal bureau of investigation in a criminal records check, the responsible party or designee shall request that the superintendent obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as part of the criminal records check. Even if an applicant or employee for whom a criminal records check request is required by this section presents proof of having been a resident of this state for the five-year period, the responsible party or designee may request that the superintendent include information from the federal bureau of investigation in the criminal records check.

(2) A responsible party or designee shall do all of the following:

(a) Provide to each applicant and employee for whom a criminal records check request is required by this section a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and a standard impression sheet prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section;

(b) Obtain the completed form and standard impression sheet from the applicant or employee;

(c) Forward the completed form and standard impression sheet to the superintendent.

(3) A responsible party shall pay to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation the fee prescribed pursuant to division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code for each criminal records check the responsible party or the responsible party's designee requests under this section. The responsible party may charge an applicant a fee not exceeding the amount the responsible party pays to the bureau under this section if the responsible party or designee notifies the applicant at the time of initial

application for employment of the amount of the fee.

(F)(1) A responsible party may employ conditionally an applicant for whom a criminal records check is required by this section prior to obtaining the results of the criminal records check if both of the following apply:

(a) The responsible party is not prohibited by division (B)(1) of this section from employing the applicant in a position that involves providing ombudsman services to residents and recipients;

(b) The responsible party or designee requests the criminal records check in accordance with division (E) of this section ~~not later than five business days after~~ before conditionally employing the applicant ~~begins conditional employment.~~

(2) A responsible party shall terminate the employment of an applicant employed conditionally under division (F)(1) of this section if the results of the criminal records check, other than the results of any request for information from the federal bureau of investigation, are not obtained within the period ending sixty days after the date the request for the criminal records check is made. Regardless of when the results of the criminal records check are obtained, if the results indicate that the applicant has been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense, the responsible party shall terminate the applicant's employment unless the applicant meets standards specified in rules adopted under this section that permit the responsible party to employ the applicant and the responsible party chooses to employ the applicant. Termination of employment under this division shall be considered just cause for discharge for purposes of division (D)(2) of section 4141.29 of the Revised Code if the applicant makes any attempt to deceive the responsible party or designee about the applicant's criminal record.

(G) The report of any criminal records check conducted pursuant to a request made under this section is not a public record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall not be made available to any person other than the following:

(1) The applicant or employee who is the subject of the criminal records check or the applicant's or employee's representative;

(2) The responsible party or designee;

(3) In the case of a criminal records check conducted for an applicant who is under final consideration for employment with a regional long-term care ombudsman program (including as the head of the regional program) or an employee of a regional long-term care ombudsman program (including the head of a regional program), the state long-term care ombudsman or a representative of the office of the state long-term care ombudsman program

who is responsible for monitoring the regional program's compliance with this section;

(4) A court, hearing officer, or other necessary individual involved in a case dealing with any of the following:

(a) A denial of employment of the applicant or employee;

(b) Employment or unemployment benefits of the applicant or employee;

(c) A civil or criminal action regarding the medicaid program or a program the department of aging administers.

(H) In a tort or other civil action for damages that is brought as the result of an injury, death, or loss to person or property caused by an applicant or employee who a responsible party employs in a position that involves providing ombudsman services to residents and recipients, all of the following shall apply:

(1) If the responsible party employed the applicant or employee in good faith and reasonable reliance on the report of a criminal records check requested under this section, the responsible party shall not be found negligent solely because of its reliance on the report, even if the information in the report is determined later to have been incomplete or inaccurate.

(2) If the responsible party employed the applicant in good faith on a conditional basis pursuant to division (F) of this section, the responsible party shall not be found negligent solely because it employed the applicant prior to receiving the report of a criminal records check requested under this section.

(3) If the responsible party in good faith employed the applicant or employee because the applicant or employee meets standards specified in rules adopted under this section, the responsible party shall not be found negligent solely because the applicant or employee has been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense.

(I) The state long-term care ombudsman may not act as the director of aging's designee for the purpose of this section. The head of a regional long-term care ombudsman program may not act as the regional program's designee for the purpose of this section if the head is the employee for whom a database review or criminal records check is being conducted.

(J) The director of aging shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section.

(1) The rules may do the following:

(a) Require employees to undergo database reviews and criminal records checks under this section;

(b) If the rules require employees to undergo database reviews and criminal records checks under this section, exempt one or more classes of employees from the requirements;

(c) For the purpose of division (D)(7) of this section, specify other databases that are to be checked as part of a database review conducted under this section.

(2) The rules shall specify all of the following:

(a) The procedures for conducting database reviews under this section;

(b) If the rules require employees to undergo database reviews and criminal records checks under this section, the times at which the database reviews and criminal records checks are to be conducted;

(c) If the rules specify other databases to be checked as part of the database reviews, the circumstances under which a responsible party is prohibited from employing an applicant or continuing to employ an employee who is found by a database review to be included in one or more of those databases;

(d) Standards that an applicant or employee must meet for a responsible party to be permitted to employ the applicant or continue to employ the employee in a position that involves providing ombudsman services to residents and recipients if the applicant or employee is found by a criminal records check required by this section to have been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense.

Sec. 173.38. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Applicant" means a person who is under final consideration for employment with a responsible party in a full-time, part-time, or temporary direct-care position or is referred to a responsible party by an employment service for such a position. "Applicant" does not include a person being considered for a direct-care position as a volunteer.

(2) "Area agency on aging" has the same meaning as in section 173.14 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Chief administrator of a responsible party" includes a consumer when the consumer is a responsible party.

(4) "Community-based long-term care services" means community-based long-term care services, as defined in section 173.14 of the Revised Code, that are provided under a program the department of aging administers.

(5) "Consumer" means an individual who receives community-based long-term care services.

(6) "Criminal records check" has the same meaning as in section

109.572 of the Revised Code.

(7)(a) "Direct-care position" means an employment position in which an employee has either or both of the following:

- (i) In-person contact with one or more consumers;
- (ii) Access to one or more consumers' personal property or records.

(b) "Direct-care position" does not include a person whose sole duties are transporting individuals under Chapter 306. of the Revised Code.

(8) "Disqualifying offense" means any of the offenses listed or described in divisions (A)(3)(a) to (e) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

(9) "Employee" means a person employed by a responsible party in a full-time, part-time, or temporary direct-care position and a person who works in such a position due to being referred to a responsible party by an employment service. "Employee" does not include a person who works in a direct-care position as a volunteer.

(10) "PASSPORT administrative agency" has the same meaning as in section 173.42 of the Revised Code.

(11) "Provider" has the same meaning as in section 173.39 of the Revised Code.

(12) "Responsible party" means the following:

(a) An area agency on aging in the case of either of the following:

(i) A person who is an applicant because the person is under final consideration for employment with the agency in a full-time, part-time, or temporary direct-care position or is referred to the agency by an employment service for such a position;

(ii) A person who is an employee because the person is employed by the agency in a full-time, part-time, or temporary direct-care position or works in such a position due to being referred to the agency by an employment service.

(b) A PASSPORT administrative agency in the case of either of the following:

(i) A person who is an applicant because the person is under final consideration for employment with the agency in a full-time, part-time, or temporary direct-care position or is referred to the agency by an employment service for such a position;

(ii) A person who is an employee because the person is employed by the agency in a full-time, part-time, or temporary direct-care position or works in such a position due to being referred to the agency by an employment service.

(c) A provider in the case of either of the following:

(i) A person who is an applicant because the person is under final consideration for employment with the provider in a full-time, part-time, or temporary direct-care position or is referred to the provider by an employment service for such a position;

(ii) A person who is an employee because the person is employed by the provider in a full-time, part-time, or temporary direct-care position or works in such a position due to being referred to the provider by an employment service.

(d) A subcontractor in the case of either of the following:

(i) A person who is an applicant because the person is under final consideration for employment with the subcontractor in a full-time, part-time, or temporary direct-care position or is referred to the subcontractor by an employment service for such a position;

(ii) A person who is an employee because the person is employed by the subcontractor in a full-time, part-time, or temporary direct-care position or works in such a position due to being referred to the subcontractor by an employment service.

(e) A consumer in the case of either of the following:

(i) A person who is an applicant because the person is under final consideration for employment with the consumer in a full-time, part-time, or temporary direct-care position for which the consumer, as the employer of record, is to direct the person in the provision of community-based long-term care services the person is to provide the consumer or is referred to the consumer by an employment service for such a position;

(ii) A person who is an employee because the person is employed by the consumer in a full-time, part-time, or temporary direct-care position for which the consumer, as the employer of record, directs the person in the provision of community-based long-term care services the person provides to the consumer or who works in such a position due to being referred to the consumer by an employment service.

(13) "Subcontractor" has the meaning specified in rules adopted under this section.

(14) "Volunteer" means a person who serves in a direct-care position without receiving or expecting to receive any form of remuneration other than reimbursement for actual expenses.

(15) "Waiver agency" has the same meaning as in section 5164.342 of the Revised Code.

(B) This section does not apply to any individual who is subject to a database review or criminal records check under section 173.381 or 3701.881 of the Revised Code or to any individual who is subject to a

criminal records check under section 3721.121 of the Revised Code. ~~If a provider or subcontractor also is a waiver agency, the provider or subcontractor may provide for applicants and employees to undergo database reviews and criminal records checks in accordance with section 5164.342 of the Revised Code rather than this section.~~

(C) No responsible party shall employ an applicant or continue to employ an employee in a direct-care position if any of the following apply:

(1) A review of the databases listed in division (E) of this section reveals any of the following:

(a) That the applicant or employee is included in one or more of the databases listed in divisions (E)(1) to (5) of this section;

(b) That there is in the state nurse aide registry established under section 3721.32 of the Revised Code a statement detailing findings by the director of health that the applicant or employee abused, neglected, or exploited a long-term care facility or residential care facility resident or misappropriated property of such a resident;

(c) That the applicant or employee is included in one or more of the databases, if any, specified in rules adopted under this section and the rules prohibit the responsible party from employing an applicant or continuing to employ an employee included in such a database in a direct-care position.

(2) After the applicant or employee is provided, pursuant to division (F)(2)(a) of this section, a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and the standard impression sheet prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section, the applicant or employee fails to complete the form or provide the applicant's or employee's fingerprint impressions on the standard impression sheet.

(3) Unless the applicant or employee meets standards specified in rules adopted under this section, the applicant or employee is found by a criminal records check required by this section to have been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense.

(D) Except as provided by division (G) of this section, the chief administrator of a responsible party shall inform each applicant of both of the following at the time of the applicant's initial application for employment or referral to the responsible party by an employment service for a direct-care position:

(1) That a review of the databases listed in division (E) of this section will be conducted to determine whether the responsible party is prohibited by division (C)(1) of this section from employing the applicant in the direct-care position;

(2) That, unless the database review reveals that the applicant may not be employed in the direct-care position, a criminal records check of the applicant will be conducted and the applicant is required to provide a set of the applicant's fingerprint impressions as part of the criminal records check.

(E) As a condition of employing any applicant in a direct-care position, the chief administrator of a responsible party shall conduct a database review of the applicant in accordance with rules adopted under this section. If rules adopted under this section so require, the chief administrator of a responsible party shall conduct a database review of an employee in accordance with the rules as a condition of continuing to employ the employee in a direct-care position. However, a chief administrator is not required to conduct a database review of an applicant or employee if division (G) of this section applies. A database review shall determine whether the applicant or employee is included in any of the following:

(1) The excluded parties list system that is maintained by the United States general services administration pursuant to subpart 9.4 of the federal acquisition regulation and available at the federal web site known as the system for award management;

(2) The list of excluded individuals and entities maintained by the office of inspector general in the United States department of health and human services pursuant to the "Social Security Act," sections 1128 and 1156, 42 U.S.C. 1320a-7 and 1320c-5;

(3) The registry of developmental disabilities employees established under section 5123.52 of the Revised Code;

(4) The internet-based sex offender and child-victim offender database established under division (A)(11) of section 2950.13 of the Revised Code;

(5) The internet-based database of inmates established under section 5120.66 of the Revised Code;

(6) The state nurse aide registry established under section 3721.32 of the Revised Code;

(7) Any other database, if any, specified in rules adopted under this section.

(F)(1) As a condition of employing any applicant in a direct-care position, the chief administrator of a responsible party shall request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation conduct a criminal records check of the applicant. If rules adopted under this section so require, the chief administrator of a responsible party shall request that the superintendent conduct a criminal records check of an employee at times specified in the rules as a condition of continuing to employ the employee in a direct-care position. However, the chief

administrator is not required to request the criminal records check of the applicant or employee if division (G) of this section applies or the responsible party is prohibited by division (C)(1) of this section from employing the applicant or continuing to employ the employee in a direct-care position. If an applicant or employee for whom a criminal records check request is required by this section does not present proof of having been a resident of this state for the five-year period immediately prior to the date the criminal records check is requested or provide evidence that within that five-year period the superintendent has requested information about the applicant or employee from the federal bureau of investigation in a criminal records check, the chief administrator shall request that the superintendent obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as part of the criminal records check. Even if an applicant or employee for whom a criminal records check request is required by this section presents proof of having been a resident of this state for the five-year period, the chief administrator may request that the superintendent include information from the federal bureau of investigation in the criminal records check.

(2) The chief administrator shall do all of the following:

(a) Provide to each applicant and employee for whom a criminal records check request is required by this section a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and a standard impression sheet prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section;

(b) Obtain the completed form and standard impression sheet from the applicant or employee;

(c) Forward the completed form and standard impression sheet to the superintendent.

(3) A responsible party shall pay to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation the fee prescribed pursuant to division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code for each criminal records check the responsible party requests under this section. A responsible party may charge an applicant a fee not exceeding the amount the responsible party pays to the bureau under this section if both of the following apply:

(a) The responsible party notifies the applicant at the time of initial application for employment of the amount of the fee and that, unless the fee is paid, the applicant will not be considered for employment.

(b) The medicaid program does not pay the responsible party for the fee it pays to the bureau under this section.

(G) Divisions (D) to (F) of this section do not apply with regard to an

applicant or employee if the applicant or employee is referred to a responsible party by an employment service that supplies full-time, part-time, or temporary staff for direct-care positions and both of the following apply:

(1) The chief administrator of the responsible party receives from the employment service confirmation that a review of the databases listed in division (E) of this section was conducted of the applicant or employee.

(2) The chief administrator of the responsible party receives from the employment service, applicant, or employee a report of the results of a criminal records check of the applicant or employee that has been conducted by the superintendent within the one-year period immediately preceding the following:

(a) In the case of an applicant, the date of the applicant's referral by the employment service to the responsible party;

(b) In the case of an employee, the date by which the responsible party would otherwise have to request a criminal records check of the employee under division (F) of this section.

(H)(1) A responsible party may employ conditionally an applicant for whom a criminal records check request is required by this section prior to obtaining the results of the criminal records check if the responsible party is not prohibited by division (C)(1) of this section from employing the applicant in a direct-care position and either of the following applies:

(a) The chief administrator of the responsible party requests the criminal records check in accordance with division (F) of this section ~~not later than five business days after~~ before conditionally employing the applicant ~~begins conditional employment.~~

(b) The applicant is referred to the responsible party by an employment service, the employment service or the applicant provides the chief administrator of the responsible party a letter that is on the letterhead of the employment service, the letter is dated and signed by a supervisor or another designated official of the employment service, and the letter states all of the following:

(i) That the employment service has requested the superintendent to conduct a criminal records check regarding the applicant;

(ii) That the requested criminal records check is to include a determination of whether the applicant has been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense;

(iii) That the employment service has not received the results of the criminal records check as of the date set forth on the letter;

(iv) That the employment service promptly will send a copy of the results of the criminal records check to the chief administrator of the responsible party when the employment service receives the results.

(2) If a responsible party employs an applicant conditionally pursuant to division (H)(1)(b) of this section, the employment service, on its receipt of the results of the criminal records check, promptly shall send a copy of the results to the chief administrator of the responsible party.

(3) A responsible party that employs an applicant conditionally pursuant to division (H)(1)(a) or (b) of this section shall terminate the applicant's employment if the results of the criminal records check, other than the results of any request for information from the federal bureau of investigation, are not obtained within the period ending sixty days after the date the request for the criminal records check is made. Regardless of when the results of the criminal records check are obtained, if the results indicate that the applicant has been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense, the responsible party shall terminate the applicant's employment unless the applicant meets standards specified in rules adopted under this section that permit the responsible party to employ the applicant and the responsible party chooses to employ the applicant. Termination of employment under this division shall be considered just cause for discharge for purposes of division (D)(2) of section 4141.29 of the Revised Code if the applicant makes any attempt to deceive the responsible party about the applicant's criminal record.

(I) The report of any criminal records check conducted pursuant to a request made under this section is not a public record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall not be made available to any person other than the following:

(1) The applicant or employee who is the subject of the criminal records check or the applicant's or employee's representative;

(2) The chief administrator of the responsible party requesting the criminal records check or the administrator's representative;

(3) The administrator of any other facility, agency, or program that provides community-based long-term care services that is owned or operated by the same entity that owns or operates the responsible party that requested the criminal records check;

(4) The employment service that requested the criminal records check;

(5) The director of aging or a person authorized by the director to monitor a responsible party's compliance with this section;

(6) The medicaid director and the staff of the department of medicaid

who are involved in the administration of the medicaid program if any of the following apply:

(a) In the case of a criminal records check requested by a provider or subcontractor, the provider or subcontractor also is a waiver agency;

(b) In the case of a criminal records check requested by an employment service, the employment service makes the request for an applicant or employee the employment service refers to a provider or subcontractor that also is a waiver agency;

(c) The criminal records check is requested by a consumer who is acting as a responsible party.

(7) A court, hearing officer, or other necessary individual involved in a case dealing with any of the following:

(a) A denial of employment of the applicant or employee;

(b) Employment or unemployment benefits of the applicant or employee;

(c) A civil or criminal action regarding the medicaid program or a program the department of aging administers.

(J) In a tort or other civil action for damages that is brought as the result of an injury, death, or loss to person or property caused by an applicant or employee who a responsible party employs in a direct-care position, all of the following shall apply:

(1) If the responsible party employed the applicant or employee in good faith and reasonable reliance on the report of a criminal records check requested under this section, the responsible party shall not be found negligent solely because of its reliance on the report, even if the information in the report is determined later to have been incomplete or inaccurate.

(2) If the responsible party employed the applicant in good faith on a conditional basis pursuant to division (H) of this section, the responsible party shall not be found negligent solely because it employed the applicant prior to receiving the report of a criminal records check requested under this section.

(3) If the responsible party in good faith employed the applicant or employee because the applicant or employee meets standards specified in rules adopted under this section, the responsible party shall not be found negligent solely because the applicant or employee has been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense.

(K) The director of aging shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section.

(1) The rules may do the following:

(a) Require employees to undergo database reviews and criminal records checks under this section;

(b) If the rules require employees to undergo database reviews and criminal records checks under this section, exempt one or more classes of employees from the requirements;

(c) For the purpose of division (E)(7) of this section, specify other databases that are to be checked as part of a database review conducted under this section.

(2) The rules shall specify all of the following:

(a) The meaning of the term "subcontractor";

(b) The procedures for conducting database reviews under this section;

(c) If the rules require employees to undergo database reviews and criminal records checks under this section, the times at which the database reviews and criminal records checks are to be conducted;

(d) If the rules specify other databases to be checked as part of the database reviews, the circumstances under which a responsible party is prohibited from employing an applicant or continuing to employ an employee who is found by a database review to be included in one or more of those databases;

(e) Standards that an applicant or employee must meet for a responsible party to be permitted to employ the applicant or continue to employ the employee in a direct-care position if the applicant or employee is found by a criminal records check required by this section to have been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense.

Sec. 173.391. (A) Subject to section 173.381 of the Revised Code, the department of aging or its designee shall do all of the following in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code:

(1) Certify a provider to provide community-based long-term care services under a program the department administers if the provider satisfies the requirements for certification established by rules adopted under division (B) of this section and pays the fee, if any, established by rules adopted under division (G) of this section;

(2) When required to do so by rules adopted under division (B) of this section, take one or more of the following disciplinary actions against a provider certified under division (A)(1) of this section:

(a) Issue a written warning;

(b) Require the submission of a plan of correction or evidence of compliance with requirements identified by the department;

(c) Suspend referrals;

- (d) Remove clients;
- (e) Impose a fiscal sanction such as a civil monetary penalty or an order that unearned funds be repaid;
- (f) Suspend the certification;
- (g) Revoke the certification;
- (h) Impose another sanction.

(3) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, hold hearings when there is a dispute between the department or its designee and a provider concerning actions the department or its designee takes regarding a decision not to certify the provider under division (A)(1) of this section or a disciplinary action under divisions (A)(2)(e) to (h) of this section.

(B) The director of aging shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing certification requirements and standards for determining which type of disciplinary action to take under division (A)(2) of this section in individual situations. The rules shall establish procedures for all of the following:

(1) Ensuring that providers comply with sections 173.38 and 173.381 of the Revised Code;

(2) Evaluating the services provided by the providers to ensure that the services are provided in a quality manner advantageous to the individual receiving the services;

(3) In a manner consistent with section 173.381 of the Revised Code, determining when to take disciplinary action under division (A)(2) of this section and which disciplinary action to take;

(4) Determining what constitutes another sanction for purposes of division (A)(2)(h) of this section.

(C) The procedures established in rules adopted under division (B)(2) of this section shall require that all of the following be considered as part of an evaluation described in division (B)(2) of this section:

(1) The provider's experience and financial responsibility;

(2) The provider's ability to comply with standards for the community-based long-term care services that the provider provides under a program the department administers;

(3) The provider's ability to meet the needs of the individuals served;

(4) Any other factor the director considers relevant.

(D) The rules adopted under division (B)(3) of this section shall specify that the reasons disciplinary action may be taken under division (A)(2) of this section include good cause, including misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance, confirmed abuse or neglect, financial irresponsibility, or other conduct the director determines is injurious, or poses a threat, to the health

or safety of individuals being served.

(E) Subject to division (F) of this section, the department is not required to hold hearings under division (A)(3) of this section if any of the following conditions apply:

(1) Rules adopted by the director of aging pursuant to this chapter require the provider to be a party to a provider agreement; hold a license, certificate, or permit; or maintain a certification, any of which is required or issued by a state or federal government entity other than the department of aging, and either of the following is the case:

(a) The provider agreement has not been entered into or the license, certificate, permit, or certification has not been obtained or maintained.

(b) The provider agreement, license, certificate, permit, or certification has been denied, revoked, not renewed, or suspended or has been otherwise restricted.

(2) The provider's certification under this section has been denied, suspended, or revoked for any of the following reasons:

(a) A government entity of this state, other than the department of aging, has terminated or refused to renew any of the following held by, or has denied any of the following sought by, a provider: a provider agreement, license, certificate, permit, or certification. Division (E)(2)(a) of this section applies regardless of whether the provider has entered into a provider agreement in, or holds a license, certificate, permit, or certification issued by, another state.

(b) The provider or a principal owner or manager of the provider who provides direct care has entered a guilty plea for, or has been convicted of, an offense materially related to the medicaid program.

(c) A principal owner or manager of the provider who provides direct care has entered a guilty plea for, been convicted of, or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for an offense listed or described in divisions (A)(3)(a) to (e) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, but only if the provider, principal owner, or manager does not meet standards specified by the director in rules adopted under section 173.38 of the Revised Code.

(d) The department or its designee is required by section 173.381 of the Revised Code to deny or revoke the provider's certification.

(e) The United States department of health and human services has taken adverse action against the provider and that action impacts the provider's participation in the medicaid program.

(f) The provider has failed to enter into or renew a provider agreement with the PASSPORT administrative agency, as that term is defined in section 173.42 of the Revised Code, that administers programs on behalf of

the department of aging in the region of the state in which the provider is certified to provide services.

(g) The provider has not billed or otherwise submitted a claim to the department for payment under the medicaid program in at least two years.

(h) The provider denied or failed to provide the department or its designee access to the provider's facilities during the provider's normal business hours for purposes of conducting an audit or structural compliance review.

(i) The provider has ceased doing business.

(j) The provider has voluntarily relinquished its certification for any reason.

(3) The provider's provider agreement with the department of medicaid has been suspended under ~~division (C) of section 5164.37~~ 5164.36 of the Revised Code.

(4) The provider's provider agreement with the department of medicaid is denied or revoked because the provider or its owner, officer, authorized agent, associate, manager, or employee has been convicted of an offense that caused the provider agreement to be suspended under section ~~5164.37~~ 5164.36 of the Revised Code.

(F) If the department does not hold hearings when any condition described in division (E) of this section applies, the department ~~may~~ shall send a notice to the provider describing a decision not to certify the provider under division (A)(1) of this section or the disciplinary action the department ~~proposes to take~~ is taking under ~~division~~ divisions (A)(2)(e) to (h) of this section. The notice shall be sent to the provider's address that is on record with the department and may be sent by regular mail.

(G) The director of aging may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing a fee to be charged by the department of aging or its designee for certification issued under this section.

~~All fees~~ (H) Any amounts collected by the department or its designee under this section shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the provider certification fund, which is hereby created. Money credited to the fund shall be used to pay for community-based long-term care services, administrative costs associated with provider certification under this section, and administrative costs related to the publication of the Ohio long-term care consumer guide.

Sec. 174.02. (A) The low- and moderate-income housing trust fund is hereby created in the state treasury. The fund consists of all appropriations made to the fund, housing trust fund fees collected by county recorders pursuant to section 317.36 of the Revised Code and deposited into the fund

pursuant to section 319.63 of the Revised Code, ~~money transferred from the housing trust reserve fund pursuant to section 174.09 of the Revised Code,~~ and all grants, gifts, loan repayments, and contributions of money made from any source to the development services agency for deposit in the fund. All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund. The director of development services shall allocate a portion of the money in the fund to an account of the Ohio housing finance agency. The development services agency shall administer the fund. The Ohio housing finance agency shall use money allocated to it for implementing and administering its programs and duties under sections 174.03 and 174.05 of the Revised Code, and the development services agency shall use the remaining money in the fund for implementing and administering its programs and duties under sections 174.03 to 174.06 of the Revised Code. Use of all money drawn from the fund is subject to the following restrictions:

(1)(a) Not more than five per cent of the current year appropriation authority for the fund shall be allocated between grants to community development corporations for the community development corporation grant program and grants and loans to the Ohio community development finance fund, a private nonprofit corporation.

(b) In any year in which the amount in the fund exceeds one hundred thousand dollars and at least that much is allocated for the uses described in this section, not less than one hundred thousand dollars shall be used to provide training, technical assistance, and capacity building assistance to nonprofit development organizations.

(2) Not more than ten per cent of any current year appropriation authority for the fund shall be used for the emergency shelter housing grants program to make grants to private, nonprofit organizations and municipal corporations, counties, and townships for emergency shelter housing for the homeless and emergency shelter facilities serving unaccompanied youth seventeen years of age and younger. The grants shall be distributed pursuant to rules the director adopts and qualify as matching funds for funds obtained pursuant to the McKinney Act, 101 Stat. 85 (1987), 42 U.S.C.A. 11371 to 11378.

(3) In any fiscal year in which the amount in the fund exceeds the amount awarded pursuant to division (A)(1)(b) of this section by at least two hundred fifty thousand dollars, at least two hundred fifty thousand dollars from the fund shall be provided to the department of aging for the resident services coordinator program as established in section 173.08 of the Revised Code.

(4) Of all current year appropriation authority for the fund, not more

than five per cent shall be used for administration.

(5) Not less than forty-five per cent of the funds awarded during any one fiscal year shall be for grants and loans to nonprofit organizations under section 174.03 of the Revised Code.

(6) Not less than fifty per cent of the funds awarded during any one fiscal year, excluding the amounts awarded pursuant to divisions (A)(1), (2), and (7) of this section, shall be for grants and loans for activities that provide housing and housing assistance to families and individuals in rural areas and small cities that are not eligible to participate as a participating jurisdiction under the "HOME Investment Partnerships Act," 104 Stat. 4094 (1990), 42 U.S.C. 12701 note, 12721.

(7) No money in the fund shall be used to pay for any legal services other than the usual and customary legal services associated with the acquisition of housing.

(8) Money in the fund may be used as matching money for federal funds received by the state, counties, municipal corporations, and townships for the activities listed in section 174.03 of the Revised Code.

(B) If, after the second quarter of any year, it appears to the director of development services that the full amount of the money in the fund designated in that year for activities that provide housing and housing assistance to families and individuals in rural areas and small cities under division (A) of this section will not be used for that purpose, the director may reallocate all or a portion of that amount for other housing activities. In determining whether or how to reallocate money under this division, the director may consult with and shall receive advice from the housing trust fund advisory committee.

Sec. 177.02. (A) Any person may file with the organized crime investigations commission a complaint that alleges that organized criminal activity has occurred in a county. A person who files a complaint under this division also may file with the commission information relative to the complaint.

(B) Upon the filing of a complaint under division (A) of this section or upon its own initiative, the commission may establish an organized crime task force to investigate organized criminal activity in a single county or in two or more counties if it determines, based upon the complaint filed and the information relative to it or based upon any information that it may have received, that there is reason to believe that organized criminal activity has occurred and continues to occur in that county or in each of those counties. The commission shall not establish an organized crime task force to investigate organized criminal activity in any single county unless it makes

the determination required under this division relative to that county and shall not establish an organized crime task force to investigate organized criminal activity in two or more counties unless it makes the determination required under this division relative to each of those counties. The commission, at any time, may terminate an organized crime task force it has established under this section.

(C)(1) If the commission establishes an organized crime task force to investigate organized criminal activity in a single county or in two or more counties pursuant to division (B) of this section, the commission initially shall appoint a task force director to directly supervise the investigation. The task force director shall be either the sheriff or a deputy sheriff of any county in the state, the chief law enforcement officer or a member of a law enforcement agency of any municipal corporation or township in the state, or an agent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation. No person shall be appointed as task force director without the person's consent and, if applicable, the consent of the person's employing sheriff or law enforcement agency or of the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation if the person is an employee of the bureau. Upon appointment of a task force director, the commission shall meet with the director and establish the scope and limits of the investigation to be conducted by the task force and the size of the task force investigatory staff to be appointed by the task force director. The commission, at any time, may remove a task force director appointed under this division and may replace any director so removed according to the guidelines for the initial appointment of a director.

(2) A task force director appointed under this section shall assemble a task force investigatory staff, of a size determined by the commission and the director, to conduct the investigation. Unless it appears to the commission and the director, based upon the complaint filed and any information relative to it or based upon any information that the commission may have received, that there is reason to believe that the office of the prosecuting attorney of the county or one of the counties served by the task force is implicated in the organized criminal activity to be investigated, one member of the investigatory staff shall be the prosecuting attorney or an assistant prosecuting attorney of the county or one of the counties served by the task force. If a prosecuting attorney or assistant prosecuting attorney is not a participating member of the task force, the office of the attorney general shall provide legal assistance to the task force upon request. Each of the other members of the investigatory staff shall be either the sheriff or a deputy sheriff of any county in the state, the chief law enforcement officer

or a member of a law enforcement agency of any municipal corporation or township in the state, or an agent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation. No person shall be appointed to the investigatory staff without the person's consent and, if applicable, the consent of the person's employing sheriff or law enforcement agency or the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation if the person is an employee of the bureau. To the extent possible, the investigatory staff shall be composed of persons familiar with investigatory techniques that generally would be utilized in an investigation of organized criminal activity. To the extent practicable, the investigatory staff shall be assembled in such a manner that numerous law enforcement agencies within the county or the counties served by the task force are represented on the investigatory staff. The investigatory staff shall be assembled in such a manner that at least one sheriff, deputy sheriff, municipal corporation law enforcement officer, or township law enforcement officer from each of the counties served by the task force is represented on the investigatory staff. A task force director, at any time, may remove any member of the investigatory staff the task force director has assembled under this division and may replace any member so removed according to the guidelines for the initial assembly of the investigatory staff.

(3) The commission may provide an organized crime task force established under this section with technical and clerical employees and with equipment necessary to efficiently conduct its investigation into organized criminal activity.

(4) Upon the establishment of a task force, the commission shall issue to the task force director and each member of the task force investigatory staff appropriate credentials stating the person's identity, position, and authority.

(D)(1) A task force investigatory staff, during the period of the investigation for which it is assembled, is responsible only to the task force director and shall operate under the direction and control of the task force director. Any necessary and actual expenses incurred by a task force director or investigatory staff, including any such expenses incurred for food, lodging, or travel, and any other necessary and actual expenses of an investigation into organized criminal activity conducted by a task force, shall be paid by the commission. ~~For~~

(2) ~~For~~ purposes of workers' compensation and the allocation of liability for any death, injury, or damage they may cause in the performance of their duties, a task force director and investigatory staff, during the period of the investigation for which the task force is assembled, shall be considered to be employees of the commission and of the state. ~~However, for~~

(3) For purposes of compensation, pension or indemnity fund rights, and other rights and benefits to which they may be entitled, a task force director and investigatory staff, during the period of the performance of their duties as director and investigatory staff, shall be considered to be performing their duties in their normal capacity as prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, sheriff, deputy sheriff, chief law enforcement officer or member of a law enforcement agency of a municipal corporation or township, or agent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation.

The commission may reimburse a political subdivision for any costs incurred under division (D)(3) of this section resulting from the payment of any compensation, rights, or benefits as described in that division from the organized crime commission fund created in section 177.011 of the Revised Code.

(E) Except as provided in this division, upon the establishment of a task force, the commission shall provide the prosecuting attorney of each of the counties served by the task force with written notice that the task force has been established to investigate organized criminal activity in that county. Such notice shall not be provided to a prosecuting attorney if it appears to the commission, based upon the complaint filed and any information relative to it or based upon any information that the commission may have received, that there is reason to believe that the office of that prosecuting attorney is implicated in the organized criminal activity to be investigated.

(F) The filing of a complaint alleging organized criminal activity, the establishment of an organized crime task force, the appointment of a task force director and the identity of the task force director, the assembly of an investigatory staff and the identity of its members, the conduct of an investigation into organized criminal activity, and the identity of any person who is being or is expected to be investigated by the task force shall be kept confidential by the commission and its director and employees, and by the task force and its director, investigatory staff, and employees until an indictment is returned or a criminal action or proceeding is initiated in a court of proper jurisdiction.

(G) For purposes of divisions (C) and (E) of this section, the office of a prosecuting attorney shall be considered as being implicated in organized criminal activity only if the prosecuting attorney, one or more of the prosecuting attorney's assistants, or one or more of the prosecuting attorney's employees has committed or attempted or conspired to commit, is committing or attempting or conspiring to commit, or has engaged in or is engaging in complicity in the commission of, organized criminal activity.

Sec. 183.18. (A) Ohio's public health priorities ~~trust~~ fund is hereby

created in the state treasury. All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund. Notwithstanding any conflicting provision of the Revised Code, the director of budget and management may credit to the fund any money received by the state, director of health, or department of health as part of a settlement agreement relating to a pressing public health issue.

(B) Money credited to the fund shall be used by the director of health for the following purposes:

~~(A) Minority health programs, on which not less than twenty-five per cent of the annual appropriations from the trust fund shall be expended;~~

~~(B) Enforcing section 2927.02 of the Revised Code;~~

~~(C) Alcohol and drug abuse treatment and prevention programs, including programs for adult and juvenile offenders in state institutions and aftercare programs;~~

~~(D) A non-entitlement program funded through the department of health to provide emergency assistance consisting of medication, oxygen, or both to seniors whose health has been adversely affected by tobacco use and whose income does not exceed one hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines, on which five per cent of the annual appropriations from the trust fund shall be expended. However, if federal funding becomes available for this purpose, the department shall utilize the federal funding and the appropriations from the trust fund shall be used for the other purposes authorized by this section. If the federal program requires seniors described by this division to pay a premium or copayment to obtain medication or oxygen, the director of health shall recommend to the general assembly whether this division's set-aside of five per cent of the appropriations from the trust fund should be used to pay such premiums or copayments. As used in this division, "federal poverty guidelines" has the same meaning as in section 5101.46 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(E) Partial reimbursement, on a county basis, of hospitals, free medical clinics, and similar organizations or programs that provide free, uncompensated care to the general public, and of counties that pay private entities to provide such care using revenue from a property tax levied at least in part for that purpose (1) To conduct public health awareness and educational campaigns;~~

(2) To address any pressing public health issue identified by the director or described in the state health improvement plan or a successor document prepared for the department of health;

(3) To implement and administer innovative public health programs and prevention strategies;

(4) To improve the population health of Ohio.

The director may collaborate with one or more nonprofit entities, including a public health foundation, to meet the requirements of division (B) of this section.

~~All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund.~~

Sec. 183.33. No money shall be appropriated or transferred from the general revenue fund to the law enforcement improvements trust fund, southern Ohio agricultural and community development foundation endowment fund, ~~Ohio's public health priorities trust fund~~, biomedical research and technology transfer trust fund, ~~education facilities trust fund~~, or education technology trust fund.

Sec. 195.01. (A) As used in this chapter, "internet crimes against children task force" means the Ohio internet crimes against children task force recognized by the United States department of justice's internet crimes against children task force program in this state.

(B) The Ohio internet crimes against children task force shall do all of the following:

(1) Consistent with its federal duties, coordinate a state network of local law enforcement agencies that assist federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in investigations, forensic examinations, and prosecutions related to technologically facilitated sexual exploitation of children, internet crimes against children, and victim identification;

(2) Consistent with available funding, support the state network of law enforcement agencies by funding personnel with agencies who have demonstrated the ability to investigate and prosecute internet crimes against children;

(3) Support the state network of law enforcement agencies by coordinating and providing investigative training and digital forensic support through on-scene forensic facilities, laboratory computer forensic services, or by funding computer forensic hardware and software licensing to agencies who employ trained computer forensic personnel; and

(4) Conduct or support internet safety presentations and community outreach events throughout the state aimed at educating the public about the dangers of the internet and how to keep children safe while they are online.

(C) Not later than the last day of January of each year, the Ohio internet crimes against children task force and the office of the attorney general shall compile and provide a summary of the previous calendar year's expenditures, including any money appropriated for the task force in a previous year that is carried over, and progress in combating internet crimes against children, to the general assembly. The task force and the office of

the attorney general shall include in the report annual statistics, including statistics from affiliated agencies, consistent with the reporting requirements of the United States department of justice, office of juvenile justice and delinquency prevention's internet crimes against children task force program.

Sec. 195.02. The attorney general shall use money appropriated to the internet crimes against children task force to support the operation of the task force including equipment, personnel, and training only and for no other purpose.

The attorney general shall disburse money appropriated for the purposes of this section in the following manner:

Sixty per cent to the Ohio internet crimes against children task force;

Twenty per cent, in coordination with the task force, to local internet crimes against children affiliated agencies in good standing with the task force; and

Twenty per cent to the crimes against children initiative within the office of the attorney general for investigations, forensic examinations, and prosecutions related to technologically facilitated sexual exploitation of children, internet crimes against children, and victim identification.

Sec. 307.622. (A) The health commissioner of the board of health of a city or a general health district who is appointed under section 307.621 of the Revised Code to establish the child fatality review board shall select six members to serve on the child fatality review board along with the commissioner. The review board shall consist of the following:

- (1) A county coroner or designee;
- (2) The chief of police of a police department or the sheriff that serves the greatest population in the county or region or a designee of the chief or sheriff;
- (3) The executive director of a public children services agency or designee;
- (4) A public health official or designee;
- (5) The executive director of a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services or designee;
- (6) A physician who holds a ~~certificate~~ license issued pursuant to Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code authorizing the practice of medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery, specializes in pediatric or family medicine, and currently practices pediatric or family medicine.

(B) The majority of the members of a review board may invite additional members to serve on the board. The additional members invited under this division shall serve for a period of time determined by a majority

of the members described in division (A) of this section. An additional member shall have the same authority, duties, and responsibilities as members described in division (A) of this section.

(C) A vacancy in a child fatality review board shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(D) A child fatality review board member shall not receive any compensation for, and shall not be paid for any expenses incurred pursuant to, fulfilling the member's duties on the board unless compensation for, or payment for expenses incurred pursuant to, those duties is received pursuant to a member's regular employment.

Sec. 311.42. (A) Each county shall establish in the county treasury a sheriff's concealed handgun license issuance expense fund. The sheriff of that county shall deposit into that fund all fees paid by applicants for the issuance or renewal of a concealed handgun license or duplicate concealed handgun license under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code and all fees paid by the person seeking a concealed handgun license on a temporary emergency basis under section 2923.1213 of the Revised Code. The county shall distribute all fees deposited into the fund except forty dollars of each fee paid by an applicant under division (B) of section 2923.125 of the Revised Code, fifteen dollars of each fee paid under section 2923.1213 of the Revised Code, and thirty-five dollars of each fee paid under division (F) of section 2923.125 of the Revised Code to the attorney general to be used to pay the cost of background checks performed by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation and the federal bureau of investigation and to cover administrative costs associated with issuing the license.

(B) The sheriff, with the approval of the board of county commissioners, may expend any county portion of the fees deposited into the sheriff's concealed handgun license issuance expense fund for any of the following:

(1) Any costs incurred by the sheriff in connection with performing any administrative functions related to the issuance of concealed handgun licenses under section 2923.125 or 2923.1213 of the Revised Code, including, but not limited to, personnel expenses and any costs associated with a firearm safety education program, or a firearm training or qualification program that the sheriff chooses to fund;

(2) Ammunition and firearms to be used by the sheriff and the sheriff's employees;

(3) Any costs incurred in constructing, maintaining, or renovating a shooting range to be used by the sheriff or the sheriff's employees, including costs incurred for equipment associated with the shooting range.

Sec. 317.32. The county recorder shall charge and collect the following fees, to include, except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2) of this section, base fees for the recorder's services and housing trust fund fees collected pursuant to section 317.36 of the Revised Code:

(A)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2) of this section, for recording and indexing an instrument if the photocopy or any similar process is employed, a base fee of ~~fourteen~~ seventeen dollars for the first two pages and a housing trust fund fee of ~~fourteen~~ seventeen dollars, and a base fee of four dollars and a housing trust fund fee of four dollars for each subsequent page, size eight and one-half inches by fourteen inches, or fraction of a page, including the caption page, of such instrument;

(2) For recording and indexing an instrument described in division (D) of section 317.08 of the Revised Code if the photocopy or any similar process is employed, a fee of twenty-eight dollars for the first two pages to be deposited as specified elsewhere in this division, and a fee of eight dollars to be deposited in the same manner for each subsequent page, size eight and one-half inches by fourteen inches, or fraction of a page, including the caption page, of that instrument. If the county recorder's technology fund has been established under section 317.321 of the Revised Code, of the twenty-eight dollars, fourteen dollars shall be deposited into the county treasury to the credit of the county recorder's technology fund and fourteen dollars shall be deposited into the county treasury to the credit of the county general fund. If the county recorder's technology fund has not been established, the twenty-eight dollars shall be deposited into the county treasury to the credit of the county general fund.

(B) For certifying a photocopy from the record previously recorded, a base fee of one dollar and a housing trust fund fee of one dollar per page, size eight and one-half inches by fourteen inches, or fraction of a page; for each certification if the recorder's seal is required, except as to instruments issued by the armed forces of the United States, a base fee of fifty cents and a housing trust fund fee of fifty cents;

(C) For entering any marginal reference by separate recorded instrument, a base fee of two dollars and a housing trust fund fee of two dollars for each marginal reference set out in that instrument, in addition to the fees set forth in division (A)(1) of this section;

(D) For indexing in the real estate mortgage records, pursuant to section 1309.519 of the Revised Code, financing statements covering crops growing or to be grown, timber to be cut, minerals or the like, including oil and gas, accounts subject to section 1309.301 of the Revised Code, or fixture filings made pursuant to section 1309.334 of the Revised Code, a base fee of two

dollars and a housing trust fund fee of two dollars for each name indexed;

(E) For filing zoning resolutions, including text and maps, in the office of the recorder as required under sections 303.11 and 519.11 of the Revised Code, a base fee of twenty-five dollars and a housing trust fund fee of twenty-five dollars, regardless of the size or length of the resolutions;

(F) For filing zoning amendments, including text and maps, in the office of the recorder as required under sections 303.12 and 519.12 of the Revised Code, a base fee of ten dollars and a housing trust fund fee of ten dollars regardless of the size or length of the amendments;

(G) For photocopying a document, other than at the time of recording and indexing as provided for in division (A)(1) or (2) of this section, a base fee of one dollar and a housing trust fund fee of one dollar per page, size eight and one-half inches by fourteen inches, or fraction thereof;

(H) For local facsimile transmission of a document, a base fee of one dollar and a housing trust fund fee of one dollar per page, size eight and one-half inches by fourteen inches, or fraction thereof; for long distance facsimile transmission of a document, a base fee of two dollars and a housing trust fund fee of two dollars per page, size eight and one-half inches by fourteen inches, or fraction thereof;

(I) For recording a declaration executed pursuant to section 2133.02 of the Revised Code or a durable power of attorney for health care executed pursuant to section 1337.12 of the Revised Code, or both a declaration and a durable power of attorney for health care, a base fee of at least fourteen dollars but not more than twenty dollars and a housing trust fund fee of at least fourteen dollars but not more than twenty dollars.

In any county in which the recorder employs the photostatic or any similar process for recording maps, plats, or prints the recorder shall determine, charge, and collect for the recording or rerecording of any map, plat, or print, a base fee of five cents and a housing trust fund fee of five cents per square inch, for each square inch of the map, plat, or print filed for that recording or rerecording, with a minimum base fee of twenty dollars and a minimum housing trust fund fee of twenty dollars; for certifying a copy from the record, a base fee of two cents and a housing trust fund fee of two cents per square inch of the record, with a minimum base fee of two dollars and a minimum housing trust fund fee of two dollars.

The fees provided in this section shall be paid upon the presentation of the instruments for record or upon the application for any certified copy of the record, except that the payment of fees for providing copies of instruments conveying or extinguishing agricultural easements to the office of farmland preservation in the department of agriculture under division (H)

of section 5301.691 of the Revised Code shall be governed by that division.

The fees provided for in this section shall not apply to the recording, indexing, or making of a certified copy or to the filing of any instrument by a county land reutilization corporation, its wholly owned subsidiary, or any other electing subdivision as defined in section 5722.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 317.321. (A) Not later than the first day of October of any year, the county recorder may submit to the board of county commissioners a proposal for funding any of the following:

(1) The acquisition and maintenance of imaging and other technological equipment and contract services therefor;

(2) To reserve funds for the office's future technology needs if the county recorder has no immediate plans for the acquisition of imaging and other technological equipment or contract services, or to use the county recorder's technology fund as a dedicated revenue source to repay debt to purchase any imaging and other technological equipment before the accumulation of adequate resources to purchase the equipment with cash.

(3) Subject to division (G) of this section, for other expenses associated with the acquisition and maintenance of imaging and other technological equipment and contract services.

(B) The proposal shall be in writing and shall include at least the following:

(1) A request that an amount not to exceed eight dollars of the total base fees collected for filing or recording a document for which a fee is charged as required by division (A)(1) of section 317.32 or by section 1309.525 or 5310.15 of the Revised Code be placed in the county treasury to the credit of the county recorder's technology fund;

(2) Except as provided in division (E)(3) of this section, the number of years, not to exceed five, for which the county recorder requests that the amount requested under division (A)(1) of this section be given the designation specified in that division;

(3) An estimate of the total amount of fees that will be generated for filing or recording a document for which a fee is charged as required by division (A)(1) or (2) of section 317.32 of the Revised Code or by section 1309.525 or 5310.15 of the Revised Code;

(4) An estimate of the total amount of fees for filing or recording a document for which a fee is charged as required by division (A)(1) or (2) of section 317.32 or by section 1309.525 or 5310.15 of the Revised Code that will be credited to the county recorder's technology fund if the request submitted under division (B)(1) of this section is approved by the board of

county commissioners.

(C) A proposal for the purposes of division (A)(1) of this section shall include a description or summary of the imaging and other technological equipment that the county recorder proposes to acquire and maintain, and the nature of contract services that the county recorder proposes to utilize, if the proposal is for those purposes. A proposal for the purposes of division (A)(2) of this section shall explain the general future technology needs of the office for imaging and other technological equipment, or for revenue to repay debt, if the proposal is for those purposes. A proposal for the purposes of division (A)(3) of this section shall identify the other expenses associated with the acquisition and maintenance of imaging and other technological equipment and contract services that the county recorder proposes to pay with moneys in the county recorder's technology fund, if the proposal is for those purposes.

(D) The board of county commissioners shall receive a proposal and the clerk shall enter it on the journal. At the same time, the board shall establish a date, not sooner than fifteen or later than thirty days after the board receives the proposal, on which to meet with the recorder to review the proposal.

(E)(1) Except as provided in division (E)(3) of this section, not later than the fifteenth day of December of any year in which a proposal is submitted under division (A) of this section, the board of county commissioners shall approve, reject, or modify the proposal and notify the county recorder of its action on the proposal. If the board rejects or modifies the proposal, it shall make a written finding that the request is for a purpose other than for a purpose in division (A) of this section, or that the amount requested is excessive as determined by the board.

(2) A proposal submitted under division (A) of this section that was approved by the board of county commissioners before, and is in effect on ; ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ the effective date of this amendment, shall continue in effect until January 1, ~~2019~~ 2025, notwithstanding the number of years of funding specified in the approved proposal.

(3) A proposal submitted under division (A) of this section between October 1, ~~2013~~ 2019, and October 1, ~~2017~~ 2023, may request that an amount that does not exceed three dollars be credited to the county recorder's technology fund, in addition to the amount previously approved by the board of county commissioners in a proposal described in division (E)(2) of this section. The proposal may be submitted each year during that time period, but shall be limited to funding in the following fiscal year. If the total of the amount under division (E)(2) of this section and the amount

requested under this division does not exceed eight dollars, the board shall approve the proposal and notify the county recorder of its approval.

(4) If the total amount of fees provided for in divisions (B), (E)(2), and (E)(3) of this section is less than eight dollars, a proposal requesting additional fees may be submitted to the board of county commissioners under division (E)(1) of this section, as long as the total amount of the fees in divisions (B) and (E)(2), (3), and (4) of this section that are to be credited to the county recorder's technology fund does not exceed eight dollars, and the proposal is for a number of years, not to exceed five.

(5) When a proposal is approved by the board of county commissioners under division (E) of this section, the county recorder's technology fund is established in the county treasury, and, beginning on the following first day of January, the fees approved shall be deposited in that fund.

(F) The acquisition and maintenance of imaging and other technological equipment, and other associated expenses and contract services therefor, shall be specifically governed by sections 307.80 to 307.806, 307.84 to 307.846, 307.86 to 307.92, and 5705.38, and by division (D) of section 5705.41 of the Revised Code.

(G) If the use of the county recorder's technology fund for the purposes of division (A)(3) of this section includes associated expenses for personnel, the use of the fund for personnel shall be strictly confined to personnel directly related to imaging and other technological equipment, and any compensation increases for those personnel shall not exceed the average of the annual aggregate percentage increase or decrease in the compensation fixed by the board of county commissioners for their employees, and for the officers in section 325.27 of the Revised Code. Use of the fund for compensation bonuses, or for recognizing outstanding employee performance in a manner described in section 325.25 of the Revised Code, is prohibited.

(H) If a county is under a fiscal caution under section 118.025 of the Revised Code, or is under a fiscal watch or fiscal emergency as defined in section 118.01 of the Revised Code, the board of county commissioners, notwithstanding sections 5705.14 to 5705.16 of the Revised Code, may transfer from the county recorder's technology fund any moneys the board deems necessary.

Sec. 319.302. (A)(1) Real property that is not intended primarily for use in a business activity shall qualify for a partial exemption from real property taxation. For purposes of this partial exemption, "business activity" includes all uses of real property, except farming; leasing property for farming; occupying or holding property improved with single-family, two-family, or

three-family dwellings; leasing property improved with single-family, two-family, or three-family dwellings; or holding vacant land that the county auditor determines will be used for farming or to develop single-family, two-family, or three-family dwellings. For purposes of this partial exemption, "farming" does not include land used for the commercial production of timber that is receiving the tax benefit under section 5713.23 or 5713.31 of the Revised Code and all improvements connected with such commercial production of timber.

(2) Each year, the county auditor shall review each parcel of real property to determine whether it qualifies for the partial exemption provided for by this section as of the first day of January of the current tax year.

(B) After complying with section 319.301 of the Revised Code, the county auditor shall reduce the remaining sums to be levied by qualifying levies against each parcel of real property that is listed on the general tax list and duplicate of real and public utility property for the current tax year and that qualifies for partial exemption under division (A) of this section, and against each manufactured and mobile home that is taxed pursuant to division (D)(2) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code and that is on the manufactured home tax list for the current tax year, by ten per cent, to provide a partial exemption for that parcel or home. For the purposes of this division:

(1) "Qualifying levy" means a levy approved at an election held before September 29, 2013; a levy within the ten-mill limitation; a levy provided for by the charter of a municipal corporation that was levied on the tax list for tax year 2013; a subsequent renewal of any such levy; or a subsequent substitute for such a levy under section 5705.199 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Qualifying levy" does not include any replacement imposed under section 5705.192 of the Revised Code of any levy described in division (B)(1) of this section.

(C) Except as otherwise provided in sections 323.152, 323.158, 323.16, 323.18, 505.06, and 715.263 of the Revised Code, the amount of the taxes remaining after any such reduction shall be the real and public utility property taxes charged and payable on each parcel of real property, including property that does not qualify for partial exemption under division (A) of this section, and the manufactured home tax charged and payable on each manufactured or mobile home, and shall be the amounts certified to the county treasurer for collection. Upon receipt of the real and public utility property tax duplicate, the treasurer shall certify to the tax commissioner the total amount by which the real property taxes were reduced under this section, as shown on the duplicate. Such reduction shall not directly or

indirectly affect the determination of the principal amount of notes that may be issued in anticipation of any tax levies or the amount of bonds or notes for any planned improvements. If after application of sections 5705.31 and 5705.32 of the Revised Code and other applicable provisions of law, including divisions (F) and (I) of section 321.24 of the Revised Code, there would be insufficient funds for payment of debt charges on bonds or notes payable from taxes reduced by this section, the reduction of taxes provided for in this section shall be adjusted to the extent necessary to provide funds from such taxes.

(D) The tax commissioner may adopt rules governing the administration of the partial exemption provided for by this section.

(E) The determination of whether property qualifies for partial exemption under division (A) of this section is solely for the purpose of allowing the partial exemption under division (B) of this section.

Sec. 319.63. (A) During the first thirty days of each calendar quarter, the county auditor shall pay to the treasurer of state all amounts that the county recorder collected as housing trust fund fees pursuant to section 317.36 of the Revised Code during the previous calendar quarter. If payment is made to the treasurer of state within the first thirty days of the quarter, the county auditor may retain an administrative fee of one per cent of the amount of the trust fund fees collected during the previous calendar quarter.

(B) The treasurer of state shall deposit the ~~first fifty million dollars of~~ housing trust fund fees received each year pursuant to this section into the low- and moderate-income housing trust fund created under section 174.02 of the Revised Code. ~~The treasurer of state shall deposit any amounts received each year in excess of fifty million dollars into the housing trust reserve fund created under section 174.09 of the Revised Code, unless the cash balance of the housing trust reserve fund is greater than fifteen million dollars. In that event, the treasurer of state shall deposit any amounts received each year in excess of fifty million dollars into the state general revenue fund.~~

(C) The county auditor shall deposit the administrative fee that the auditor is permitted to retain pursuant to division (A) of this section into the county general fund for the county recorder to use in administering the trust fund fee.

Sec. 321.24. (A) On or before the fifteenth day of February, in each year, the county treasurer shall settle with the county auditor for all taxes and assessments that the treasurer has collected on the general duplicate of real and public utility property at the time of making the settlement. If the county treasurer has made or will make advance payments to the several

taxing districts of current year unpaid taxes under section 321.341 of the Revised Code before collecting them, the county treasurer shall take the advance payments into account for purposes of the settlement with the county auditor under this division.

(B) On or before the thirtieth day of June, in each year, the treasurer shall settle with the auditor for all advance payments of general personal and classified property taxes that the treasurer has received at the time of making the settlement.

(C) On or before the tenth day of August, in each year, the treasurer shall settle with the auditor for all taxes and assessments that the treasurer has collected on the general duplicates of real and public utility property at the time of making such settlement, not included in the preceding February settlement. If the county treasurer has made or will make advance payments to the several taxing districts of the current year delinquent taxes under section 321.341 of the Revised Code before collecting them, the county treasurer shall take the advance payments into account for purposes of the settlement with the county auditor under this division.

(D) On or before the thirty-first day of October, in each year, the treasurer shall settle with the auditor for all taxes that the treasurer has collected on the general personal and classified property duplicates, and for all advance payments of general personal and classified property taxes, not included in the preceding June settlement, that the treasurer has received at the time of making such settlement.

(E) In the event the time for the payment of taxes is extended, pursuant to section 323.17 of the Revised Code, the date on or before which settlement for the taxes so extended must be made, as herein prescribed, shall be deemed to be extended for a like period of time. At each such settlement, the auditor shall allow to the treasurer, on the moneys received or collected and accounted for by the treasurer, the treasurer's fees, at the rate or percentage allowed by law, at a full settlement of the treasurer.

(F) Within thirty days after the day of each settlement of taxes required under divisions (A) and (C) of this section, the treasurer shall certify to the tax commissioner any adjustments that have been made to the amount certified previously pursuant to section 319.302 of the Revised Code and that the settlement has been completed. Upon receipt of such certification, the commissioner shall provide for payment to the county treasurer from the general revenue fund of an amount equal to one-half of the amount certified by the treasurer in the preceding tax year under section 319.302 of the Revised Code, less the sum of (1) one-half of the amount computed for all taxing districts in that county for the current fiscal year under section

5703.80 of the Revised Code for crediting to the property tax administration fund and (2) any reduction required by the commissioner under division (D) of section 718.83 of the Revised Code. Such payment shall be credited upon receipt to the county's undivided income tax fund, and the county auditor shall transfer to the county general fund from the amount thereof the total amount of all fees and charges which the auditor and treasurer would have been authorized to receive had such section not been in effect and that amount had been levied and collected as taxes. The county auditor shall distribute the amount remaining among the various taxing districts in the county as if it had been levied, collected, and settled as real property taxes. The amount distributed to each taxing district shall be reduced by the total of the amounts computed for the district under section 5703.80 of the Revised Code, but the reduction shall not exceed the amount that otherwise would be distributed to the taxing district under this division. The amount distributed to a taxing district shall account for any reduction required by the commissioner under division (D) of section 718.83 of the Revised Code. The tax commissioner shall make available to taxing districts such information as is sufficient for a taxing district to be able to determine the amount of the reduction in its distribution under this section.

(G)(1) Within thirty days after the day of the settlement required in division (D) of this section, the county treasurer shall notify the tax commissioner that the settlement has been completed. Upon receipt of that notification, the commissioner shall provide for payment to the county treasurer from the general revenue fund of an amount equal to the amount certified under former section 319.311 of the Revised Code and paid in the state's fiscal year 2003 multiplied by the percentage specified in division (G)(2) of this section. The payment shall be credited upon receipt to the county's undivided income tax fund, and the county auditor shall distribute the amount thereof among the various taxing districts of the county as if it had been levied, collected, and settled as personal property taxes. The amount received by a taxing district under this division shall be apportioned among its funds in the same proportion as the current year's personal property taxes are apportioned.

(2) Payments required under division (G)(1) of this section shall be made at the following percentages of the amount certified under former section 319.311 of the Revised Code and paid under division (G)(1) of this section in the state's fiscal year 2003:

- (a) In fiscal year 2004, ninety per cent;
- (b) In fiscal year 2005, eighty per cent;
- (c) In fiscal year 2006, sixty-four per cent;

- (d) In fiscal year 2007, forty per cent;
- (e) In fiscal year 2008, thirty-two per cent;
- (f) In fiscal year 2009, sixteen per cent.

After fiscal year 2009, no payments shall be made under division (G)(1) of this section.

(H)(1) On or before the fifteenth day of April each year, the county treasurer shall settle with the county auditor for all manufactured home taxes that the county treasurer has collected on the manufactured home tax duplicate at the time of making the settlement.

(2) On or before the fifteenth day of September each year, the county treasurer shall settle with the county auditor for all remaining manufactured home taxes that the county treasurer has collected on the manufactured home tax duplicate at the time of making the settlement.

(3) If the time for payment of such taxes is extended under section 4503.06 of the Revised Code, the time for making the settlement as prescribed by divisions (H)(1) and (2) of this section is extended for a like period of time.

(I) On or before the second Monday in September of each year, the county treasurer shall certify to the tax commissioner the total amount by which the manufactured home taxes levied in that year were reduced pursuant to section 319.302 of the Revised Code. Within ninety days after the receipt of such certification, the commissioner shall provide for payment to the county treasurer from the general revenue fund of an amount equal to the amount certified by the treasurer. Such payment shall be credited upon receipt to the county's undivided income tax fund, and the county auditor shall transfer to the county general fund from the amount thereof the total amount of all fees and charges that the auditor and treasurer would have been authorized to receive had such section not been in effect and that amount had been levied and collected as manufactured home taxes. The county auditor shall distribute the amount remaining among the various taxing districts in the county as if it had been levied, collected, and settled as manufactured home taxes.

Sec. 323.131. (A) Each tax bill prepared and mailed or delivered under section 323.13 of the Revised Code shall be in the form and contain the information required by the tax commissioner. The commissioner may prescribe different forms for each county and may authorize the county auditor to make up tax bills and tax receipts to be used by the county treasurer. For any county in which the board of county commissioners has granted a partial property tax exemption on homesteads under section 323.158 of the Revised Code, the commissioner shall require that the tax

bills for those homesteads include a notice of the amount of the tax reduction that results from the partial exemption. In addition to the information required by the commissioner, each tax bill shall contain the following information:

(1) The taxes levied and the taxes charged and payable against the property;

(2) The effective tax rate. The words "effective tax rate" shall appear in boldface type.

(3) The following notices:

(a) "Notice: If the taxes are not paid within sixty days from the date they are certified delinquent, the property is subject to foreclosure for tax delinquency." Failure to provide such notice has no effect upon the validity of any tax foreclosure to which a property is subjected.

(b) "Notice: If the taxes charged against this parcel have been reduced by the 2-1/2 per cent tax reduction for residences occupied by the owner but the property is not a residence occupied by the owner, the owner must notify the county auditor's office not later than March 31 of the year following the year for which the taxes are due. Failure to do so may result in the owner being convicted of a fourth degree misdemeanor, which is punishable by imprisonment up to 30 days, a fine up to \$250, or both, and in the owner having to repay the amount by which the taxes were erroneously or illegally reduced, plus any interest that may apply.

If the taxes charged against this parcel have not been reduced by the 2-1/2 per cent tax reduction and the parcel includes a residence occupied by the owner, the parcel may qualify for the tax reduction. To obtain an application for the tax reduction or further information, the owner may contact the county auditor's office at (insert the address and telephone number of the county auditor's office)."

(4) For a tract or lot on the real property tax suspension list under section 319.48 of the Revised Code, the following notice: "Notice: The taxes shown due on this bill are for the current year only. Delinquent taxes, penalties, and interest also are due on this property. Contact the county treasurer to learn the total amount due."

The tax bill shall not contain or be mailed or delivered with any information or material that is not required by this section or that is not authorized by section 321.45 of the Revised Code or by the tax commissioner.

(B) If the property is residential rental property, the tax bill shall contain a statement that the owner of the residential rental property shall file with the county auditor the information required under division (A) or (C) of

section 5323.02 of the Revised Code.

(C) Each county auditor and treasurer shall post on their respective web sites, or on the county's web site, the percentage of property taxes charged by each taxing unit and, in the case of the county as a taxing unit, the percentage of taxes charged by the county for each of the county purposes for which taxes are charged.

(D) As used in this section, "residential rental property" has the same meaning as in section 5323.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 323.151. As used in sections 323.151 to 323.159 of the Revised Code:

(A)(1) "Homestead" means either of the following:

(a) A dwelling, including a unit in a multiple-unit dwelling and a manufactured home or mobile home taxed as real property pursuant to division (B) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code, owned and occupied as a home by an individual whose domicile is in this state and who has not acquired ownership from a person, other than the individual's spouse, related by consanguinity or affinity for the purpose of qualifying for the real property tax reduction provided in section 323.152 of the Revised Code.

(b) A unit in a housing cooperative that is occupied as a home, but not owned, by an individual whose domicile is in this state.

(2) The homestead shall include so much of the land surrounding it, not exceeding one acre, as is reasonably necessary for the use of the dwelling or unit as a home. An owner includes a holder of one of the several estates in fee, a vendee in possession under a purchase agreement or a land contract, a mortgagor, a life tenant, one or more tenants with a right of survivorship, tenants in common, and a settlor of a revocable or irrevocable inter vivos trust holding the title to a homestead occupied by the settlor as of right under the trust. The tax commissioner shall adopt rules for the uniform classification and valuation of real property or portions of real property as homesteads.

(B) "Sixty-five years of age or older" means a person who has attained age sixty-four prior to the first day of January of the year of application for reduction in real estate taxes.

(C) "Total income" means ~~Ohio modified~~ adjusted gross income, as that term is defined in section 5747.01 of the Revised Code, of the owner and the owner's spouse for the year preceding the year in which application for a reduction in taxes is made, ~~as determined under division (A) of section 5747.01 of the Revised Code.~~

(D) "Permanently and totally disabled" means that a person other than a disabled veteran has, on the first day of January of the year of application

for reduction in real estate taxes, some impairment in body or mind that makes the person unable to work at any substantially remunerative employment that the person is reasonably able to perform and that will, with reasonable probability, continue for an indefinite period of at least twelve months without any present indication of recovery therefrom or has been certified as permanently and totally disabled by a state or federal agency having the function of so classifying persons.

(E) "Housing cooperative" means a housing complex of at least two units that is owned and operated by a nonprofit corporation that issues a share of the corporation's stock to an individual, entitling the individual to live in a unit of the complex, and collects a monthly maintenance fee from the individual to maintain, operate, and pay the taxes of the complex.

(F) "Disabled veteran" means a person who is a veteran of the armed forces of the United States, including reserve components thereof, or of the national guard, who has been discharged or released from active duty in the armed forces under honorable conditions, and who has received a total disability rating or a total disability rating for compensation based on individual unemployability for a service-connected disability or combination of service-connected disabilities as prescribed in Title 38, Part 4 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended.

Sec. 323.155. The tax bill prescribed under section 323.131 of the Revised Code shall indicate the net amount of taxes due following the reductions in taxes under sections 319.301, 319.302, ~~and~~ 323.152, 323.16, and 323.18 of the Revised Code.

Any reduction in taxes under section 323.152 of the Revised Code shall be disregarded as income or resources in determining eligibility for any program or calculating any payment under Title LI of the Revised Code.

Sec. 323.16. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Qualifying child care center" means real property on which a licensed child care program operates. For purposes of this division, "licensed child care program" means a licensed child care program, as defined in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code, that meets all of the following requirements:

(a) The program only serves children under six years of age;

(b) At least twenty-five per cent of the children in the program reside in a household that receives public assistance;

(c) The program is not operated from the permanent residence of the licensee or administrator or from a location that is also used for a separate commercial purpose.

(2) "Public assistance" means benefits or assistance provided under any

of the following government programs:

(a) The publicly funded child care program authorized by Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code;

(b) Medicaid.

(3) The Ohio works first program established by Chapter 5107. of the Revised Code;

(4) The supplemental nutrition assistance program administered by the department of job and family services under section 5101.54 of the Revised Code;

(5) The special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children administered by the department of health under section 3701.132 of the Revised Code.

(B) A partial real property tax exemption is allowed to a qualifying child care center for each tax year for which an application for the partial exemption has been approved. The partial exemption shall take the form of a percentage reduction in the real property taxes levied on the qualifying child care center. That percentage shall equal one of the following:

(1) Twenty-five per cent, if at least twenty-five per cent, but less than fifty per cent, of the children that attend the qualifying child care center reside in a household that receives public assistance;

(2) Seventy-five per cent, if at least fifty per cent of the children that attend the qualifying child care center reside in a household that receives public assistance.

After complying with section 319.301 of the Revised Code, the county auditor shall reduce the remaining sum to be levied against a qualifying child care center by the applicable percentage. The auditor shall certify the amount of taxes remaining after the reduction to the county treasurer for collection as the real property taxes charged and payable on the qualifying child care center.

(C)(1) To obtain the partial exemption, the owner of a qualifying child care center shall file an application each year with the county auditor of the county in which the center is located. The application shall be filed on or before the thirty-first day of December of the year for which the partial exemption is sought. The tax commissioner shall prescribe the form of the application, which shall contain a statement that conviction of willfully falsifying information to obtain the partial exemption results in the revocation of the right to the partial exemption for a period of three years.

(2) The county auditor shall approve or deny an application for the partial exemption within thirty days after receiving the application. Notification shall be provided on a form prescribed by the tax

commissioner. If the application is approved, upon issuance of the notification the county auditor shall record the partial exemption in the appropriate column on the general tax list and duplicate of real and public utility property. If the application is denied, the notification shall inform the applicant of the reasons for the denial.

If an applicant believes that the application for the partial exemption has been improperly denied for a tax year, the applicant may file an appeal with the county board of revision on or before the last day of March of the ensuing tax year. The appeal shall be treated in the same manner as a complaint relating to the valuation or assessment of real property under Chapter 5715. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 323.18. (A) As used in this section:

(1) A school district's "operating expenditure per pupil" means the total amount of revenue from state and federal sources spent by the district for operating expenses during the preceding fiscal year, divided by the district's average daily student enrollment as reported on the most recent report card issued for each district under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Statewide average operating expenditure per pupil" means the sum of the operating expenditure per pupil of all school districts in the state, divided by the total number of school districts in the state.

(3) "Qualifying area" means any territory within both of the following:

(a) A school district with a formula ADM, as that term is defined in section 3317.02 of the Revised Code, of at least one thousand three hundred students and with an operating expenditure per pupil that is at least six thousand five hundred dollars greater than the statewide average operating expenditure per pupil;

(b) A village.

(4) "School district taxes charged and payable" means the taxes charged and payable from taxes levied by a school district on property located in a qualifying area and extended on the real and public utility property tax list, after making the reduction required by section 319.301 of the Revised Code but before the reductions required by this section or section 319.302 or 323.152 of the Revised Code, and excluding levies charged for the purpose of paying debt charges.

(5) "School district" means a city, local, or exempted village school district as defined in sections 3311.02, 3311.03, and 3311.04 of the Revised Code.

(B) Real property located within a qualifying area qualifies for a partial exemption from real property taxation under this section. On or before the first day of August of each year, the county auditor shall determine the

amount of the exemption to be applied to each parcel of such real property, which shall be computed as a reduction in taxes as follows:

(1) First, the auditor shall determine the "total qualifying area reduction," which shall equal the difference obtained by subtracting the amount described in division (B)(1)(b) of this section from the amount described in division (B)(1)(a) of this section:

(a) The total school district taxes charged and payable in the qualifying area;

(b) The product obtained by multiplying (i) four times the number of students residing in the qualifying area that are enrolled in the school district located in the qualifying area by (ii) the operating expenditure per pupil for the district.

(2) Second, the auditor shall determine the amount of the reduction to be applied to each parcel, which shall equal the product obtained by multiplying the amount described in division (B)(2)(a) of this section by the amount described in division (B)(2)(b) of this section:

(a) The total qualifying area reduction;

(b) A fraction, the numerator of which is the school district taxes charged and payable on the parcel for the tax year, and the denominator of which is the total school district taxes charged and payable in the qualifying area.

(C) The county auditor shall enter the amount of the reduction for each parcel on the general tax list of real and public utility property.

(D) Upon making the settlement of taxes collected on the general tax list and distributing the proceeds thereof, the county auditor and county treasurer shall apply the reduction authorized in this section only to the taxes distributed to the school district in the qualifying area. All other subdivisions in the qualifying area shall receive the same tax distribution as those subdivisions would have received without regard to the reduction. Upon receipt of tax distributions from the county treasurer, the treasurer of a school district for which taxes are reduced under this section shall reduce the amount of taxes credited to each of the school district's funds, other than bond retirement or other funds established for the payment of debt charges, in proportion to the amount of taxes otherwise payable to each of those funds.

Sec. 339.10. (A) The board of county hospital trustees of a county hospital may do either of the following:

(1) Form, or acquire control of, a domestic nonprofit corporation or a domestic nonprofit limited liability company;

(2) Be a partner, member, owner, associate, or participant in a nonprofit

enterprise or nonprofit venture.

(B) A board of county hospital trustees of a county hospital forming, acquiring, or becoming involved with a nonprofit corporation, limited liability company, enterprise, or venture under division (A) of this section shall do so in furtherance of any of the following:

(1) To support the county hospital's mission;

(2) To provide for any or all health care or medical services, whether inpatient or outpatient services, diagnostic, treatment, care, or rehabilitation services, wellness services, services involving the prevention, detection, and control of disease, home health services or services provided at or through various facilities, education, training, and other necessary and related services for the health professions;

(3) The management or operation of any hospital facility as defined in division (E) of section 140.01 of the Revised Code;

(4) The management, operation, or participation in programs, projects, activities, and services useful to, connected with, supporting, or otherwise related to the health, wellness, and medical services and wellness programs provided in divisions (B)(2) and (3) of this section;

(5) Any other activities that are in furtherance of the county hospital or the persons served by the county hospital or are necessary to perform the county hospital's mission and functions and respond to change in the health care industry as determined by the board of trustees.

Sec. 341.34. (A) As used in this section, "building or structure" includes, but is not limited to, a modular unit, building, or structure and a movable unit, building, or structure.

(B)(1) The board of county commissioners of any county, by resolution, may dedicate and permit the use, as a minimum security jail, of any vacant or abandoned public building or structure owned by the county that has not been dedicated to or is not then in use for any county or other public purpose, or any building or structure rented or leased by the county. The board of county commissioners of any county, by resolution, also may dedicate and permit the use, as a minimum security jail, of any building or structure purchased by or constructed by or for the county. Subject to divisions (B)(3) and (C) of this section, upon the effective date of such a resolution, the specified building or structure shall be used, in accordance with this section, for the confinement of persons who meet one of the following conditions:

(a) The person is sentenced to a term of imprisonment for a traffic violation or a misdemeanor or is sentenced to a residential sanction in the jail for a felony of the fourth or fifth degree pursuant to sections 2929.11 to

2929.19 of the Revised Code, and the jail administrator or the jail administrator's designee has classified the person as a minimal security risk. In determining the person's classification under this division, the administrator or designee shall consider all relevant factors, including, but not limited to, the person's escape risk and propensity for assaultive or violent behavior, based upon the person's prior and current behavior.

(b) The person is charged with a traffic violation, a misdemeanor, or a felony of the fourth or fifth degree and has had bail set and has not been released on bail and is confined in a county or municipal jail pending trial, and the jail administrator or the jail administrator's designee has classified the person as a minimal security risk. In determining the person's classification under this division, the administrator or designee shall consider all relevant factors, including, but not limited to, the person's escape risk and propensity for assaultive or violent behavior, based upon the person's prior and current behavior. Nothing in this division authorizes the operation or management of a minimum security jail by a private entity.

(c) The person is an inmate transferred by order of a judge of the sentencing court upon the request of the sheriff, administrator, jailer, or other person responsible for operating the jail other than a contractor as defined in section 9.06 of the Revised Code, who is named in the request as being suitable for confinement in a minimum security facility.

(2) The board of county commissioners of any county, by resolution, may affiliate with one or more adjacent counties, or with one or more municipal corporations located within the county or within an adjacent county, and dedicate and permit the use, as a minimum security jail, of any vacant or abandoned public building or structure owned by any of the affiliating counties or municipal corporations that has not been dedicated to or is not then in use for any public purpose, or any building or structure rented or leased by any of the affiliating counties or municipal corporations. The board of county commissioners of any county, by resolution, also may affiliate with one or more adjacent counties or with one or more municipal corporations located within the county or within an adjacent county and dedicate and permit the use, as a minimum security jail, of any building or structure purchased by or constructed by or for any of the affiliating counties or municipal corporations. Any counties and municipal corporations that affiliate for purposes of this division shall enter into an agreement that establishes the responsibilities for the operation and for the cost of operation of the minimum security jail. Subject to divisions (B)(3) and (C) of this section, upon the effective date of a resolution adopted under this division, the specified building or structure shall be used, in accordance

with this section, for the confinement of persons who meet one of the following conditions:

(a) The person is sentenced to a term of imprisonment for a traffic violation, a misdemeanor, or a violation of an ordinance of any municipal corporation, or is sentenced to a residential sanction in the jail for a felony of the fourth or fifth degree pursuant to sections 2929.11 to 2929.19 of the Revised Code, and the jail administrator or the jail administrator's designee has classified the person as a minimal security risk. In determining the person's classification under this division, the administrator or designee shall consider all relevant factors, including, but not limited to, the person's escape risk and propensity for assaultive or violent behavior, based upon the person's prior and current behavior.

(b) The person is charged with a traffic violation, a misdemeanor, or a felony of the fourth or fifth degree and has had bail set and has not been released on bail and is confined in a county jail pending trial, and the jail administrator or the jail administrator's designee has classified the person as a minimal security risk. In determining the person's classification under this division, the administrator or designee shall consider all relevant factors, including, but not limited to, the person's escape risk and propensity for assaultive or violent behavior, based upon the person's prior and current behavior. Nothing in this division authorizes the operation or management of a minimum security jail by a private entity.

(c) The person is an inmate transferred by order of a judge of the sentencing court upon the request of the sheriff, administrator, jailer, or other person responsible for operating the jail other than a contractor as defined in section 9.06 of the Revised Code, who is named in the request as being suitable for confinement in a minimum security facility.

(3) No person shall be confined in a building or structure dedicated as a minimum security jail under division (B)(1) or (2) of this section unless the judge who sentenced the person to the term of imprisonment for the traffic violation or the misdemeanor specifies that the term of imprisonment is to be served in that jail, and division (B)(1) or (2) of this section permits the confinement of the person in that jail or unless the judge who sentenced the person to the residential sanction for the felony specifies that the residential sanction is to be served in a jail, and division (B)(1) or (2) of this section permits the confinement of the person in that jail. If a rented or leased building or structure is so dedicated, the building or structure may be used as a minimum security jail only during the period that it is rented or leased by the county or by an affiliated county or municipal corporation. If a person convicted of a misdemeanor is confined to a building or structure

dedicated as a minimum security jail under division (B)(1) or (2) of this section and the sheriff, administrator, jailer, or other person responsible for operating the jail other than a contractor as defined in section 9.06 of the Revised Code determines that it would be more appropriate for the person so confined to be confined in another jail or workhouse facility, the sheriff, administrator, jailer, or other person may transfer the person so confined to a more appropriate jail or workhouse facility.

(C) All of the following apply to a building or structure that is dedicated pursuant to division (B)(1) or (2) of this section for use as a minimum security jail:

(1) To the extent that the use of the building or structure as a minimum security jail requires a variance from any county, municipal corporation, or township zoning regulations or ordinances, the variance shall be granted.

(2) Except as provided in this section, the building or structure shall not be used to confine any person unless it is in substantial compliance with any applicable housing, fire prevention, sanitation, health, and safety codes, regulations, or standards.

(3) Unless such satisfaction or compliance is required under the standards described in division (C)(4) of this section, and notwithstanding any other provision of state or local law to the contrary, the building or structure need not satisfy or comply with any state or local building standard or code in order to be used to confine a person for the purposes specified in division (B) of this section.

(4) The building or structure shall not be used to confine any person unless it is in compliance with all minimum standards and minimum renovation, modification, and construction criteria for ~~minimum security~~ jails that have been proposed by the department of rehabilitation and correction, through its bureau of adult detention, under section 5120.10 of the Revised Code.

(5) The building or structure need not be renovated or modified into a secure detention facility in order to be used solely to confine a person for the purposes specified in divisions (B)(1)(a) or (b) and (B)(2)(a) or (b) of this section.

(6) The building or structure shall be used, equipped, furnished, and staffed in the manner necessary to provide adequate and suitable living, sleeping, food service or preparation, drinking, bathing and toilet, sanitation, and other necessary facilities, furnishings, and equipment.

(D) Except as provided in this section, a minimum security jail dedicated and used under this section shall be considered to be part of the jail, workhouse, or other correctional facilities of the county or the affiliated

counties and municipal corporations for all purposes under the law. All persons confined in such a minimum security jail shall be and shall remain, in all respects, under the control of the county authority that has responsibility for the management and operation of the jail, workhouse, or other correctional facilities of the county or, if it is operated by any affiliation of counties or municipal corporations, under the control of the specified county or municipal corporation with that authority, provided that, if the person was convicted of a felony and is serving a residential sanction in the facility, all provisions of law that pertain to persons convicted of a felony that would not by their nature clearly be inapplicable apply regarding the person. A minimum security jail dedicated and used under this section shall be managed and maintained in accordance with policies and procedures adopted by the board of county commissioners or the affiliated counties and municipal corporations governing the safe and healthful operation of the jail, the confinement and supervision of the persons sentenced to it, and their participation in work release or similar rehabilitation programs. In addition to other rules of conduct and discipline, the rights of ingress and egress of persons confined in a minimum security jail dedicated and used under this section shall be subject to reasonable restrictions. Every person confined in a minimum security jail dedicated and used under this section shall be given verbal and written notification, at the time of the person's admission to the jail, that purposely leaving, or purposely failing to return to, the jail without proper authority or permission constitutes the felony offense of escape.

(E) If a person who has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense is sentenced to a term of imprisonment or a residential sanction in a minimum security jail as described in division (B)(1)(a) or (B)(2)(a) of this section, or if a person is an inmate transferred to a minimum security jail by order of a judge of the sentencing court as described in division (B)(1)(c) or (B)(2)(c) of this section, at the time of reception and at other times the person in charge of the operation of the jail determines to be appropriate, the sheriff or other person in charge of the operation of the jail may cause the convicted offender to be examined and tested for tuberculosis, HIV infection, hepatitis, including but not limited to hepatitis A, B, and C, and other contagious diseases. The person in charge of the operation of the jail may cause a convicted offender in the jail who refuses to be tested or treated for tuberculosis, HIV infection, hepatitis, including but not limited to hepatitis A, B, and C, or another contagious disease to be tested and treated involuntarily.

Sec. 349.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "New community" means a community or development of property in relation to an existing community planned so that the resulting community includes facilities for the conduct of industrial, commercial, residential, cultural, educational, and recreational activities, and designed in accordance with planning concepts for the placement of utility, open space, and other supportive facilities.

(B) "New community development program" means a program for the development of a new community characterized by well-balanced and diversified land use patterns and which includes land acquisition and land development, the acquisition, construction, operation, and maintenance of community facilities, and the provision of services authorized in this chapter.

A new community development program may take into account any existing community in relation to which a new community is developed for purposes of being characterized by well-balanced and diversified land use patterns.

(C) "New community district" means the area of land described by the developer in the petition as set forth in division (A) of section 349.03 of the Revised Code for development as a new community and any lands added to the district by amendment of the resolution establishing the community authority.

(D) "New community authority" means a body corporate and politic in this state, established pursuant to section 349.03 of the Revised Code and governed by a board of trustees as provided in section 349.04 of the Revised Code.

(E) "Developer" means any person, organized for carrying out a new community development program who owns or controls, through leases of at least seventy-five years' duration, options, or contracts to purchase, the land within a new community district, or any municipal corporation, county, or port authority that owns the land within a new community district, or has the ability to acquire such land, either by voluntary acquisition or condemnation in order to eliminate slum, blighted, and deteriorated or deteriorating areas and to prevent the recurrence thereof. "Developer" may also mean a person, municipal corporation, county, or port authority that controls land within a new community district through leases of at least seventy-five years' duration.

(F) "Organizational board of commissioners" means the following:

(1) For a new community district that is located in only one county, the board of county commissioners of that county;

(2) For a new community district that is located in more than one

county, a board consisting of the members of the board of county commissioners of each of the counties in which the district is located, provided that action of the board shall require a majority vote of the members of each separate board of county commissioners; or

(3) For a new community district that is located entirely within the boundaries of a municipal corporation or for a new community district where more than half of the new community district is located within the boundaries of the most populous municipal corporation of a county, the legislative authority of the municipal corporation.

(G) "Land acquisition" means the acquisition of real property and interests in real property as part of a new community development program.

(H) "Land development" means the process of clearing and grading land, making, installing, or constructing water distribution systems, sewers, sewage collection systems, steam, gas, and electric lines, roads, streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, storm drainage facilities, and other installations or work, whether within or without the new community district, and the construction of community facilities.

(I) "Community facilities" means all real property, buildings, structures, or other facilities, including related fixtures, equipment, and furnishings, to be owned, operated, financed, constructed, and maintained under this chapter or in furtherance of community activities, whether within or without the new community district, including public, community, village, neighborhood, or town buildings, centers and plazas, auditoriums, day care centers, recreation halls, educational facilities, health care facilities including hospital facilities as defined in section 140.01 of the Revised Code, telecommunications facilities, including all facilities necessary to provide telecommunications service as defined in section 4927.01 of the Revised Code, recreational facilities, natural resource facilities, including parks and other open space land, lakes and streams, cultural facilities, community streets and off-street parking facilities, pathway and bikeway systems, pedestrian underpasses and overpasses, lighting facilities, design amenities, or other community facilities, and buildings needed in connection with water supply or sewage disposal installations, or energy facilities including those for renewable or sustainable energy sources, and steam, gas, or electric lines or installation.

(J) "Cost" as applied to a new community development program means all costs related to land acquisition and land development, the acquisition, construction, maintenance, and operation of community facilities and offices of the community authority, and of providing furnishings and equipment therefor, financing charges including interest prior to and during

construction and for the duration of the new community development program, planning expenses, engineering expenses, administrative expenses including working capital, and all other expenses necessary and incident to the carrying forward of the new community development program.

(K) "Income source" means any and all sources of income to the community authority, including community development charges of which the new community authority is the beneficiary as provided in section 349.07 of the Revised Code, rentals, user fees and other charges received by the new community authority, any gift or grant received, any moneys received from any funds invested by or on behalf of the new community authority, and proceeds from the sale or lease of land and community facilities.

(L) "Community development charge" means:

(1) A dollar amount which shall be determined on the basis of the assessed valuation of real property or interests in real property in a new community district ~~owned, sold, leased, or otherwise conveyed by the developer or the new community authority~~, the income of the residents of such property subject to such charge under section 349.07 of the Revised Code, if such property is devoted to residential uses or to the profits, gross receipts, or other revenues of any business including, but not limited to, rentals received from leases of real property located in the district, a uniform or other fee on each parcel of such real property ~~owned, sold, leased, or otherwise conveyed by the developer or new community authority~~ in a new community district, or any combination of the foregoing bases.

(2) If a new community authority imposes a community development charge determined on the basis of rentals received from leases of real property, improvements of any real property located in the new community district and subject to that charge may not be exempted from taxation under section 5709.40, 5709.41, 5709.73, or 5709.78 of the Revised Code.

(M) "Proximate city" means the following:

(1) For a new community district other than a new community district described in division (M)(2) or (3) of this section, any city that, as of the date of filing of the petition under section 349.03 of the Revised Code, is the city with the greatest population located in the county in which the proposed new community district is located, is the city with the greatest population located in an adjoining county if any portion of such city is within five miles of any part of the boundaries of such district, or exercises extraterritorial subdivision authority under section 711.09 of the Revised Code with respect to any part of such district.

(2) A municipal corporation in which, at the time of filing the petition

under section 349.03 of the Revised Code, any portion of the proposed new community district is located.

(3) For a new community district other than a new community district described in division (M)(2) of this section, if at the time of filing the petition under section 349.03 of the Revised Code, more than one-half of the proposed district is contained within a joint economic development district created under sections 715.70 to 715.83 of the Revised Code, the township containing the greatest portion of the territory of the joint economic development district.

(N) "Community activities" means cultural, educational, governmental, recreational, residential, industrial, commercial, distribution and research activities, or any combination thereof that includes residential activities.

Sec. 349.03. (A) Proceedings for the organization of a new community authority shall be initiated by a petition filed by the developer in the office of the clerk of the organizational board of commissioners. Such petition shall be signed by the developer and may be signed by each proximate city. The legislative authorities of each such proximate city shall act in behalf of such city. Such petition shall contain:

(1) The name of the proposed new community authority;

(2) The address where the principal office of the authority will be located or the manner in which the location will be selected;

(3) A map and a full and accurate description of the boundaries of the new community district together with a description of the properties within such boundaries, if any, which will not be included in the new community district.

~~The total acreage included in such district shall be owned by, or under the control through leases of at least seventy-five years' duration, options, or contracts to purchase, of the developer, if the developer is a private entity, unless one of the following applies:~~

~~(a) The district is wholly contained within municipal corporations.~~

~~(b) More than one-half of the proposed district is, at the time of filing the petition under this section, contained within a joint economic development district created under sections 715.70 to 715.83 of the Revised Code.~~

(4) A statement setting forth the zoning regulations proposed for zoning the area within the boundaries of the new community district for comprehensive development as a new community, and if the area has been zoned for such development, a certified copy of the applicable zoning regulations therefor;

(5) A current plan indicating the proposed development program for the

new community district, the land acquisition and land development activities, community facilities, services proposed to be undertaken by the new community authority under such program, the proposed method of financing such activities and services, including a description of the bases, timing, and manner of collecting any proposed community development charges, and the projected total residential population of, and employment within, the new community;

(6) A suggested number of members, consistent with section 349.04 of the Revised Code, for the board of trustees;

(7) A preliminary economic feasibility analysis, including the area development pattern and demand, location and proposed new community district size, present and future socio-economic conditions, public services provision, financial plan, and the developer's management capability;

(8) A statement that the development will comply with all applicable environmental laws and regulations.

Upon the filing of such petition, the organizational board of commissioners shall determine whether such petition complies with the requirements of this section as to form and substance. The board in subsequent proceedings may at any time permit the petition to be amended in form and substance to conform to the facts by correcting any errors in the description of the proposed new community district or in any other particular.

Upon the determination of the organizational board of commissioners that a sufficient petition has been filed in accordance with this section, the board shall fix the time and place of a hearing on the petition for the establishment of the proposed new community authority. Such hearing shall be held not less than ninety-five nor more than one hundred fifteen days after the petition filing date, except that if the petition has been signed by all proximate cities or if the organizational board of commissioners is the legislative authority of the only proximate city for the proposed new community district, such hearing shall be held not less than thirty nor more than forty-five days after the petition filing date. The clerk of the organizational board of commissioners with which the petition was filed shall give notice thereof by publication once each week for three consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, in a newspaper of general circulation in any county of which a portion is within the proposed new community district. Except where the organizational board of commissioners is the legislative authority of the only proximate city for the proposed new community district, such clerk shall also give written notice of the date, time, and place of the hearing and furnish a

certified copy of the petition to the clerk of the legislative authority of each proximate city which has not signed such petition. Except where the organizational board of commissioners is the legislative authority of the only proximate city for the proposed new community district, in the event that the legislative authority of a proximate city which did not sign the petition does not approve by ordinance, resolution, or motion the establishment of the proposed new community authority and does not deliver such ordinance, resolution, or motion to the clerk of the organizational board of commissioners with which the petition was filed within ninety days following the date of the first publication of the notice of the public hearing, the organizational board of commissioners shall cancel such public hearing and terminate the proceedings for the establishment of the new community authority.

Upon the hearing, if the organizational board of commissioners determines by resolution that the proposed new community district will be conducive to the public health, safety, convenience, and welfare, and is intended to result in the development of a new community, the board shall by its resolution, declare the new community authority to be organized and a body politic and corporate with the corporate name designated in the resolution, and define the boundary of the new community district. In addition, the resolution shall provide the method of selecting the board of trustees of the new community authority and fix the surety for their bonds in accordance with section 349.04 of the Revised Code.

If the organizational board of commissioners finds that the establishment of the district will not be conducive to the public health, safety, convenience, or welfare, or is not intended to result in the development of a new community, it shall reject the petition thereby terminating the proceedings for the establishment of the new community authority.

(B) At any time after the creation of a new community authority, the developer may file an application with the clerk of the organizational board of commissioners with which the original petition was filed, setting forth a general description of territory it desires to add or to delete from such district, that such change will be conducive to the public health, safety, convenience, and welfare, and will be consistent with the development of a new community and will not jeopardize the plan of the new community. If the developer is not a municipal corporation, port authority, or county, all of such an addition to such a district shall be owned by, or under the control through leases of at least seventy-five years' duration, options, or contracts to purchase, of the developer. Upon the filing of the application, the

organizational board of commissioners shall follow the same procedure as required by this section in relation to the petition for the establishment of the proposed new community. The organizational board of commissioners also may determine by resolution to add territory to such district, provided that the owner or other person who controls such territory through leases of at least forty years' duration, options, or contracts to purchase files a written consent to the addition of such territory with the clerk of the organizational board of commissioners, and the developer does not object to the addition of such territory by filing a written objection to the addition of such territory with the clerk of the organizational board of commissioners before the adoption of the resolution adding such territory to the district. The organizational board of commissioners shall follow the same procedure as required by this section in relation to the petition for the establishment of the proposed new community when adopting such a resolution.

(C) If all or any part of the new community district is annexed to one or more existing municipal corporations, their legislative authorities may appoint persons to replace any appointed citizen member of the board of trustees. The number of such trustees to be replaced by the municipal corporation shall be the number, rounded to the lowest integer, bearing the proportionate relationship to the number of existing appointed citizen members as the acreage of the new community district within such municipal corporation bears to the total acreage of the new community district. If any such municipal corporation chooses to replace an appointed citizen member, it shall do so by ordinance, the term of the trustee being replaced shall terminate thirty days from the date of passage of such ordinance, and the trustee to be replaced shall be determined by lot. Each newly appointed member shall assume the term of the member's predecessor.

Sec. 349.07. Notwithstanding any other rule of law, any covenant or agreement in deeds, land contracts, leases and any other instruments or conveyance by which real estate or any interest in real estate is conveyed by or to the developer or by the new community authority to any person or entity, including the developer, or any declaration of covenants executed by the owner of real estate, whereby such person or entity agrees, by acceptance of any such instrument of conveyance containing said covenant of agreement or execution of said declaration, to pay annually or semiannually a community development charge for the benefit and use of the new community authority to cover all or part of the cost of the acquisition, construction, operation and maintenance of land, land development and community facilities, the debt service thereof and any

other cost incurred by the authority in the exercise of the powers granted by Chapter 349. of the Revised Code shall be deemed to be a covenant running with the land and shall, in any event and without regard to technical classification, after such instrument has been duly recorded in the land records of the county, be fully binding on behalf of and enforceable by the new community authority against each such person or entity and all successors and assigns of the property conveyed by such instrument of conveyance or encumbered by such declaration.

No purchase agreement for any real estate or interest in real estate upon which a community development charge exists by reason of a covenant running with the land shall be enforceable by the seller or binding upon the purchaser unless such purchase agreement specifically refers to such community development charge and identifies the volume and page number of the deed records of the county in which the covenant running with the land establishing such community development charge is recorded, provided that in the event a conveyance of such real estate or interest in real estate is made pursuant to a purchase agreement which does not make such reference and identification, the covenant shall continue to be deemed to be a covenant running with the land fully binding on behalf of and enforceable by the community authority against such person or entity accepting the conveyance pursuant to such purchase agreement.

The new community authority may certify the community development charge to the county auditor, who shall enter the unpaid charge on the tax list and duplicates of real property opposite the parcel against which it is charged, and certify the charge to the county treasurer. An unpaid community development charge is a lien on property against which it is charged from the date the charge is entered on the tax list, and shall be collected in the manner provided for the collection of real property taxes. Once the charge is collected, it shall be paid immediately to the new community district.

No community development charge established pursuant to this chapter shall be construed as prohibiting or limiting the taxing power of municipal corporations.

Sec. 351.021. (A) The resolution of the county commissioners creating a convention facilities authority, or any amendment or supplement to that resolution, may authorize the authority to levy one or both of the excise taxes authorized by division (B) of this section to pay the cost of one or more facilities; to pay principal, interest, and premium on convention facilities authority tax anticipation bonds issued to pay those costs; to pay the operating costs of the authority; to pay operating and maintenance costs

of those facilities; and to pay the costs of administering the excise tax.

(B) The board of directors of a convention facilities authority that has been authorized pursuant to resolution adopted, amended, or supplemented by the board of county commissioners pursuant to division (A) of this section may levy, by resolution adopted on or before December 31, 1988, either or both of the following:

(1) Within the territory of the authority, an additional excise tax not to exceed four per cent on each transaction. The excise tax authorized by division (B)(1) of this section shall be in addition to any excise tax levied pursuant to section 5739.08 or 5739.09 of the Revised Code, or division (B)(2) of this section.

(2) Within that portion of any municipal corporation that is located within the territory of the authority or within the boundaries of any township that is located within the territory of the authority, which municipal corporation or township is levying any portion of the excise tax authorized by division (A) of section 5739.08 of the Revised Code, and with the approval, by ordinance or resolution, of the legislative authority of that municipal corporation or township, an additional excise tax not to exceed nine-tenths of one per cent on each transaction. The excise tax authorized by division (B)(2) of this section may be levied only if, on the effective date of the levy specified in the resolution making the levy, the amount being levied pursuant to division (A) of section 5739.08 of the Revised Code by each municipal corporation or township in which the tax authorized by division (B)(2) of this section will be levied, when added to the amount levied under division (B)(2) of this section, does not exceed three per cent on each transaction. The excise tax authorized by division (B)(2) of this section shall be in addition to any excise tax that is levied pursuant to section 5739.08 or 5739.09 of the Revised Code, or division (B)(1) of this section.

(C)(1) The board of directors of a convention facilities authority that is located in an eligible Appalachian county; that has been authorized pursuant to resolution adopted, amended, or supplemented by the board of county commissioners pursuant to division (A) of this section; and that is not levying a tax under division (B)(1) or (2) of this section may levy within the territory of the authority, by resolution adopted on or before December 31, 2005, an additional excise tax not to exceed three per cent on each transaction. The excise tax authorized under division (C)(1) of this section shall be in addition to any excise tax levied pursuant to section 5739.08 or 5739.09 of the Revised Code.

As used in division (C)(1) of this section, "eligible Appalachian county" means a county in this state designated as being in the "Appalachian region"

under the "Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965," 79 Stat. 4, 40 U.S.C. App. 403, and having a population less than eighty thousand according to the most recent federal decennial census.

(2) Division (C)(2) of this section applies only to a convention facilities authority located in a county with a population, according to the 2000 federal decennial census, of at least one hundred thirty-five thousand and not more than one hundred fifty thousand and containing entirely within its boundaries the territory of a municipal corporation with a population according to that census of more than fifty thousand. The board of directors of such a convention facilities authority, by resolution adopted on or before November 1, 2009, may levy within the territory of the authority an excise tax on transactions by which lodging by a hotel is or is to be furnished to transient guests at a rate not to exceed three per cent on such transactions for the same purposes for which a tax may be levied under division (B) of this section. The resolution may be adopted only if the board of county commissioners of the county, by resolution, authorizes the levy of the tax. The resolution of the board of county commissioners is subject to referendum as prescribed by sections 305.31 to 305.41 of the Revised Code. If, pursuant to those procedures, a referendum is to be held, the board's resolution does not take effect until approved by a majority of electors voting on the question. The convention facilities authority may adopt the resolution authorized by division (C)(2) of this section before the election, but the authority's resolution shall not take effect if the board of commissioners' resolution is not approved at the election. A tax levied under division (C)(2) of this section is in addition to any tax levied under section 5739.09 of the Revised Code.

(3) The board of directors of a convention facilities authority created between July 1, 2019, and December 31, 2019, by resolution adopted on or before December 30, 2020, may levy within the territory of the authority an excise tax on transactions by which lodging by a hotel is or is to be furnished to transient guests at a rate not to exceed three per cent on such transactions for the purposes described in division (A) of this section. This tax shall be in addition to any excise tax levied pursuant to this section or section 5739.08 or 5739.09 of the Revised Code. The resolution levying the tax shall not take effect sooner than ninety days after the convention facilities authority is created.

(D) The authority shall provide for the administration and allocation of an excise tax levied pursuant to division (B) or (C) of this section. All receipts arising from those excise taxes shall be expended for the purposes provided in, and in accordance with this section and section 351.141 of the

Revised Code. An excise tax levied under division (B) or (C) of this section shall remain in effect at the rate at which it is levied for at least the duration of the period for which the receipts from the tax have been anticipated and pledged pursuant to section 351.141 of the Revised Code.

(E) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, the levy of an excise tax on each transaction pursuant to sections 5739.08 and 5739.09 of the Revised Code does not prevent a convention facilities authority from levying an excise tax pursuant to division (B) or (C) of this section.

(F) A convention facilities authority located in a county with a population greater than eighty thousand but less than ninety thousand according to the 2010 federal decennial census that levies a tax under division (B) of this section may amend the resolution levying the tax to allocate a portion of the revenue from the tax for support of tourism-related sites or facilities and programs operated by the county or a municipal corporation within the county in which the authority is located or for the purpose of leasing lands for county fairs, erecting buildings for county fair purposes, making improvements on a county fairground, or for any purpose connected with the use of a county fairground or with the management thereof by the county in which the authority is located. The revenue allocated by the authority for such purposes in a calendar year shall not exceed ~~fifteen~~ twenty-five per cent of the total revenue from the tax in the preceding calendar year. Revenue allocated for such purposes that is not fully used by the end of the calendar year may be carried forward for use in subsequent calendar years. Any amount carried forward does not count toward the limitation on the amount that may be allocated for such purposes in succeeding calendar years.

Sec. 503.56. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Tourism development district" means a district designated by a township under this section.

(2) "Territory of a tourism development district" means all of the area included within the territorial boundaries of a tourism development district.

(3) "Business" means a sole proprietorship, a corporation for profit, a pass-through entity as defined in section 5733.04 of the Revised Code, the federal government, the state, the state's political subdivisions, a nonprofit organization, or a school district. A business "operates within the proposed district" if the business would be subject to a tax levied in the proposed tourism development district pursuant to division (C) of section 5739.101 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Owner" means a partner of a partnership, a member of a limited liability company, a majority shareholder of an S corporation, a person with

a majority ownership interest in a pass-through entity, or any officer, employee, or agent with the authority to make decisions legally binding upon a business. The signature of any owner of a business operates as the signature of the business.

(5) "Eligible township" means a township wholly or partly located in a county having a population greater than three hundred seventy-five thousand but less than four hundred thousand that levies taxes under section 5739.021 or 5739.026 of the Revised Code, the aggregate rate of which does not exceed one-half of one per cent on September 29, 2015.

(B)(1) The board of trustees of an eligible township, by resolution, may declare an unincorporated area of the township to be a tourism development district for the purpose of fostering and developing tourism in the district if all of the following criteria are met:

(a) The district's area does not exceed six hundred acres.

(b) All territory in the district is contiguous.

(c) Before adopting that resolution or ordinance, the board holds at least two public hearings concerning the creation of the tourism development district.

(d) Before adopting the resolution or ordinance, the board receives a petition signed by every record owner of a parcel of real property located in the proposed district and the owner of every business that operates in the proposed district.

(e) The board adopts the resolution on or before December 31, 2020.

(2) The petition described in division (B)(1)(d) of this section shall include an explanation of the taxes and charges that may be levied or imposed in the proposed district.

(3) The board shall certify the resolution to the tax commissioner within five days after its adoption, along with a description of the boundaries of the district authorized in the resolution. That description shall include sufficient information for the commissioner to determine if the address of a vendor is within the boundaries of the district.

(4) Subject to the limitations of division (B)(1)(a) and (b) of this section, the board of trustees of an eligible township may enlarge the territory of an existing tourism development district in the manner prescribed for the creation of a district under divisions (B)(1) to (3) of this section, except that the petition described in division (B)(1)(d) of this section must be signed by every record owner of a parcel of real property located in the area proposed to be added to the district and the owner of every business that operates in the area proposed to be added to the district.

(C) For the purpose of fostering and developing tourism in a tourism

development district, a lessor leasing real property in a tourism development district may impose and collect a uniform fee on each parcel of real property leased by the lessor, to be paid by each of the person's lessees. A lessee is subject to such a fee only if the lease separately states the amount of the fee. Before a lessor may impose and collect such a fee, the lessor shall file a copy of such lease with the fiscal officer of the township that designated the tourism development district. A lessor that imposes such a fee shall remit all collections of the fee to the fiscal officer of the township in which the real property is located.

The board shall establish all regulations necessary to provide for the administration and remittance of such fees. The regulations may prescribe the time for payment of the fee, and may provide for the imposition of a penalty or interest, or both, for late remittances, provided that the penalty does not exceed ten per cent of the amount of fee due, and the rate at which interest accrues does not exceed the rate per annum prescribed pursuant to section 5703.47 of the Revised Code. The regulations shall provide, after deducting the real and actual costs of administering the fee, that the revenue be used exclusively for fostering and developing tourism within the tourism development district.

(D) The board of trustees of an eligible township that has designated a tourism development district under this section may levy one or both of the taxes authorized under section 503.57 or 5739.101 of the Revised Code. If the board does not levy a tax under section 5739.101 of the Revised Code, the board may enter into and enforce agreements imposing a development charge under section 503.58 of the Revised Code.

(E) On or before the first day of each January and July, beginning after the designation of the tourism development district, the fiscal officer of the township shall certify a list of vendors located within the tourism development district to the tax commissioner, which shall include the name, address, and vendor's license number for each vendor.

Sec. 503.58. (A) The board of trustees of an eligible township that has designated a tourism development district under section 503.56 of the Revised Code may enter into and enforce agreements with one or more owners of property located within the district by which the owner or owners agree to pay a development charge for the purpose of fostering and developing tourism within the district. The amount of the development charge shall equal one-half, one, one and one-half, or two per cent of the gross receipts derived from making sales at or from the property, whether wholesale or retail, but including sales of food only to the extent such sales are subject to the tax levied under section 5739.02 of the Revised Code.

(B) The imposition of a development charge under this section is subject to approval of the board of county commissioners of the county in which the property is located. If the property owner agrees to the development charge and the board of county commissioners, by resolution, approves the agreement, the development charge shall be treated in the same manner as taxes for all purposes of the lien described in section 323.11 of the Revised Code, including, but not limited to, the priority and enforcement of the lien and the collection of the development charge secured by the lien.

Sec. 505.37. (A) The board of township trustees may establish all necessary rules to guard against the occurrence of fires and to protect the property and lives of the citizens against damage and accidents, and may, with the approval of the specifications by the prosecuting attorney or, if the township has adopted limited home rule government under Chapter 504. of the Revised Code, with the approval of the specifications by the township's law director, purchase, lease, lease with an option to purchase, or otherwise provide any fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment, appliances, materials, fire hydrants, and water supply for fire-fighting and fire and rescue purposes that seems advisable to the board. The board shall provide for the care and maintenance of such fire equipment, and, for these purposes, may purchase, lease, lease with an option to purchase, or construct and maintain necessary buildings, and it may establish and maintain lines of fire-alarm communications within the limits of the township. The board may employ one or more persons to maintain and operate such fire equipment, or it may enter into an agreement with a volunteer fire company for the use and operation of the equipment. The board may compensate the members of a volunteer fire company on any basis and in any amount that it considers equitable.

When the estimated cost to purchase fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment, appliances, materials, fire hydrants, buildings, or fire-alarm communications equipment or services exceeds fifty thousand dollars, the contract shall be let by competitive bidding. When competitive bidding is required, the board shall advertise once a week for not less than two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the township. The board may also cause notice to be inserted in trade papers or other publications designated by it or to be distributed by electronic means, including posting the notice on the board's internet web site. If the board posts the notice on its web site, it may eliminate the second notice otherwise required to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the

township, provided that the first notice published in such newspaper meets all of the following requirements:

- (1) It is published at least two weeks before the opening of bids.
- (2) It includes a statement that the notice is posted on the board's internet web site.
- (3) It includes the internet address of the board's internet web site.
- (4) It includes instructions describing how the notice may be accessed on the board's internet web site.

The advertisement shall include the time, date, and place where the clerk of the township, or the clerk's designee, will read bids publicly. The time, date, and place of bid openings may be extended to a later date by the board of township trustees, provided that written or oral notice of the change shall be given to all persons who have received or requested specifications not later than ninety-six hours prior to the original time and date fixed for the opening. The board may reject all the bids or accept the lowest and best bid, provided that the successful bidder meets the requirements of section 153.54 of the Revised Code when the contract is for the construction, demolition, alteration, repair, or reconstruction of an improvement.

(B) The boards of township trustees of any two or more townships, or the legislative authorities of any two or more political subdivisions, or any combination of these, may, through joint action, unite in the joint purchase, lease, lease with an option to purchase, maintenance, use, and operation of fire equipment described in division (A) of this section, or for any other purpose designated in sections 505.37 to 505.42 of the Revised Code, and may prorate the expense of the joint action on any terms that are mutually agreed upon.

(C) The board of township trustees of any township may, by resolution, whenever it is expedient and necessary to guard against the occurrence of fires or to protect the property and lives of the citizens against damages resulting from their occurrence, create a fire district of any portions of the township that it considers necessary. The board may purchase, lease, lease with an option to purchase, or otherwise provide any fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment, appliances, materials, fire hydrants, and water supply for fire-fighting and fire and rescue purposes, or may contract for the fire protection for the fire district as provided in section 9.60 of the Revised Code. The fire district so created shall be given a separate name by which it shall be known.

Additional unincorporated territory of the township may be added to a fire district upon the board's adoption of a resolution authorizing the

addition. A municipal corporation, or a portion of a municipal corporation, that is within or adjoining the township may be added to a fire district upon the board's adoption of a resolution authorizing the addition and the municipal legislative authority's adoption of a resolution or ordinance requesting the addition of the municipal corporation or a portion of the municipal corporation to the fire district.

If the township fire district imposes a tax, additional unincorporated territory of the township or a municipal corporation or a portion of a municipal corporation that is within or adjoining the township shall become part of the fire district only after all of the following have occurred:

(1) Adoption by the board of township trustees of a resolution approving the expansion of the territorial limits of the district and, if the resolution proposes to add a municipal corporation or a portion of a municipal corporation, adoption by the municipal legislative authority of a resolution or ordinance requesting the addition of the municipal corporation or a portion of the municipal corporation to the district;

(2) Adoption by the board of township trustees of a resolution recommending the extension of the tax to the additional territory;

(3) Approval of the tax by the electors of the territory proposed for addition to the district.

Each resolution of the board adopted under division (C)(2) of this section shall state the name of the fire district, a description of the territory to be added, and the rate and termination date of the tax, which shall be the rate and termination date of the tax currently in effect in the fire district.

The board of trustees shall certify each resolution adopted under division (C)(2) of this section to the board of elections in accordance with section 5705.19 of the Revised Code. The election required under division (C)(3) of this section shall be held, canvassed, and certified in the manner provided for the submission of tax levies under section 5705.25 of the Revised Code, except that the question appearing on the ballot shall read:

"Shall the territory within (description of the proposed territory to be added) be added to (name) fire district, and a property tax at a rate of taxation not exceeding (here insert tax rate) be in effect for (here insert the number of years the tax is to be in effect or "a continuing period of time," as applicable)?"

If the question is approved by at least a majority of the electors voting on it, the joinder shall be effective as of the first day of July of the year following approval, and on that date, the township fire district tax shall be extended to the taxable property within the territory that has been added. If the territory that has been added is a municipal corporation or portion

thereof and if it had adopted a tax levy for fire purposes, the levy is terminated on the effective date of the joinder in the area of the municipal corporation added to the district.

Any municipal corporation may withdraw from a township fire district created under division (C) of this section by the adoption by the municipal legislative authority of a resolution or ordinance ordering withdrawal. On the first day of July of the year following the adoption of the resolution or ordinance of withdrawal, the withdrawing municipal corporation ~~withdrawing~~ or the portion thereof ceases to be a part of the district, and the power of the fire district to levy a tax upon taxable property in the withdrawing municipal corporation or the portion thereof terminates, except that the fire district shall continue to levy and collect taxes for the payment of indebtedness within the territory of the fire district as it was composed at the time the indebtedness was incurred.

Upon the withdrawal of any municipal corporation from a township fire district created under division (C) of this section, the county auditor shall ascertain, apportion, and order a division of the funds on hand, moneys and taxes in the process of collection except for taxes levied for the payment of indebtedness, credits, and real and personal property, either in money or in kind, on the basis of the valuation of the respective tax duplicates of the withdrawing municipal corporation and the remaining territory of the fire district.

A board of township trustees may remove unincorporated territory of the township from the fire district upon the adoption of a resolution authorizing the removal. On the first day of July of the year following the adoption of the resolution, the unincorporated township territory described in the resolution ceases to be a part of the district, and the power of the fire district to levy a tax upon taxable property in that territory terminates, except that the fire district shall continue to levy and collect taxes for the payment of indebtedness within the territory of the fire district as it was composed at the time the indebtedness was incurred.

(D) The board of township trustees of any township, the board of fire district trustees of a fire district created under section 505.371 of the Revised Code, or the legislative authority of any municipal corporation may purchase, lease, or lease with an option to purchase the necessary fire equipment described in division (A) of this section, buildings, and sites for the township, fire district, or municipal corporation and issue securities for that purpose with maximum maturities as provided in section 133.20 of the Revised Code. The board of township trustees, board of fire district trustees, or legislative authority may also construct any buildings necessary to house

fire equipment and issue securities for that purpose with maximum maturities as provided in section 133.20 of the Revised Code.

The board of township trustees, board of fire district trustees, or legislative authority may issue the securities of the township, fire district, or municipal corporation, signed by the board or designated officer of the municipal corporation and attested by the signature of the township fiscal officer, fire district clerk, or municipal clerk, covering any deferred payments and payable at the times provided, which securities shall bear interest not to exceed the rate determined as provided in section 9.95 of the Revised Code, and shall not be subject to Chapter 133. of the Revised Code. The legislation authorizing the issuance of the securities shall provide for levying and collecting annually by taxation, amounts sufficient to pay the interest on and principal of the securities. The securities shall be offered for sale on the open market or given to the vendor or contractor if no sale is made.

Section 505.40 of the Revised Code does not apply to any securities issued, or any lease with an option to purchase entered into, in accordance with this division.

(E) A board of township trustees of any township or a board of fire district trustees of a fire district created under section 505.371 of the Revised Code may purchase a policy or policies of liability insurance for the officers, employees, and appointees of the fire department, fire district, or joint fire district governed by the board that includes personal injury liability coverage as to the civil liability of those officers, employees, and appointees for false arrest, detention, or imprisonment, malicious prosecution, libel, slander, defamation or other violation of the right of privacy, wrongful entry or eviction, or other invasion of the right of private occupancy, arising out of the performance of their duties.

When a board of township trustees cannot, by deed of gift or by purchase and upon terms it considers reasonable, procure land for a township fire station that is needed in order to respond in reasonable time to a fire or medical emergency, the board may appropriate land for that purpose under sections 163.01 to 163.22 of the Revised Code. If it is necessary to acquire additional adjacent land for enlarging or improving the fire station, the board may purchase, appropriate, or accept a deed of gift for the land for these purposes.

(F) As used in this division, "emergency medical service organization" has the same meaning as in section 4766.01 of the Revised Code.

A board of township trustees, by adoption of an appropriate resolution, may choose to have the state board of emergency medical, fire, and

transportation services license any emergency medical service organization it operates. If the board adopts such a resolution, Chapter 4766. of the Revised Code, except for sections 4766.06 and 4766.99 of the Revised Code, applies to the organization. All rules adopted under the applicable sections of that chapter also apply to the organization. A board of township trustees, by adoption of an appropriate resolution, may remove its emergency medical service organization from the jurisdiction of the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services.

Sec. 505.371. (A) The boards of township trustees of one or more townships and the legislative authorities of one or more municipal corporations, or the legislative authorities of two or more municipal corporations, or the boards of township trustees of two or more townships, may, by adoption of a joint resolution by a majority of the members of each board of township trustees and by a majority of the members of the legislative authority of each municipal corporation, create a joint fire district comprising all or any portions of the municipal corporations and all or any portions of the townships as are mutually agreed upon. A joint fire district so created shall be given a name different from the name of any participating township or municipal corporation.

(B) The governing body of the joint fire district shall be a board of fire district trustees, which shall include one representative from each board of township trustees and one representative from the legislative authority of each municipal corporation in the district. The board of fire district trustees may exercise the same powers as are granted to a board of township trustees in sections 505.37 to 505.45 of the Revised Code, including, but not limited to, the power to levy a tax upon all taxable property in the fire district as provided in section 505.39 of the Revised Code. The board of fire district trustees may be compensated at a rate not to exceed thirty dollars per meeting, not to exceed fifteen meetings per year, and may be reimbursed for all necessary expenses incurred. The board shall employ a clerk of the board of fire district trustees.

(C)(1) The board of fire district trustees may establish reasonable charges for the use of ambulance or emergency medical services. The board may establish different charges for residents and nonresidents of the district, and may waive, at its discretion, all or part of the charge for any resident of the district. The charge for nonresidents shall be an amount not less than the authorized medicare reimbursement rate, except that if, prior to February 4, 1998, the board had different charges for residents and nonresidents and the charge for nonresidents was less than the authorized medicare reimbursement rate, the board may charge nonresidents less than the

authorized medicare reimbursement rate.

(2) In the resolution creating the joint fire district, the political subdivisions that create the district may provide that any of those political subdivisions may agree to pay any charges for the use of ambulance or emergency medical services that the board of fire district trustees establishes under division (C)(1) of this section and that are incurred by the residents of the particular political subdivision. Unless the board elects pursuant to that division to waive all or part of the charges for the use of ambulance or emergency medical services that any resident of the district incurs, the residents of a particular political subdivision that has not so agreed to pay the charges for the use of ambulance or emergency medical services incurred by its residents shall pay those charges.

(3) Charges collected under division (C) of this section shall be kept in a separate fund designated as the ambulance and emergency medical services fund and shall be appropriated and administered by the board. The fund shall be used for the payment of the costs of the management, maintenance, and operation of ambulance and emergency medical services in the district.

(4) As used in division (C) of this section, "authorized medicare reimbursement rate" has the same meaning as in section 505.84 of the Revised Code.

(D) Any municipal corporation or township, or parts of them, may join an existing joint fire district by the adoption of a resolution requesting such membership and upon approval of the board of fire district trustees. Any municipal corporation or township may withdraw from a joint fire district created under this section, by the adoption of a resolution ordering withdrawal. On or after the first day of January of the year following the adoption of the resolution of withdrawal, the municipal corporation or township withdrawing ceases to be a part of such district, and the power of the district to levy a tax upon taxable property in the withdrawing township or municipal corporation terminates, except that the district shall continue to levy and collect taxes for the payment of indebtedness within the territory of the district as it was comprised at the time the indebtedness was incurred.

Upon the withdrawal of any township or municipal corporation from a joint fire district created under this section, the county auditor shall ascertain, apportion, and order a division of the funds on hand, including funds in the ambulance and emergency medical services fund, moneys and taxes in the process of collection, except for taxes levied for the payment of indebtedness, credits, and real and personal property, either in money or in kind, on the basis of the valuation of the respective tax duplicates of the withdrawing municipal corporation or township and the remaining territory

of the joint fire district.

When the number of townships and municipal corporations comprising a joint fire district is reduced to one, the joint fire district ceases to exist by operation of law, and the funds, credits, and property remaining after apportionments to withdrawing municipal corporations or townships shall be assumed by the one remaining township or municipal corporation. When a joint fire district ceases to exist and an indebtedness remains unpaid, the board of county commissioners shall continue to levy and collect taxes for the payment of that indebtedness within the territory of the joint fire district as it was comprised at the time the indebtedness was incurred.

(E) Neither this section nor any other section of the Revised Code requires, or shall be construed to require, that the fire chief of a joint fire district be a resident of the fire district.

Sec. 513.172. (A) A joint township district hospital board may do either of the following:

(1) Form, or acquire control of, a domestic nonprofit corporation or a domestic nonprofit limited liability company;

(2) Be a partner, member, owner, associate, or participant in a nonprofit enterprise or nonprofit venture.

(B) A joint township district hospital board forming, acquiring, or becoming involved with a nonprofit corporation, limited liability company, enterprise, or venture under division (A) of this section shall do so in furtherance of any of the following:

(1) To support the joint township hospital district's mission;

(2) To provide for any or all health care or medical services, whether inpatient or outpatient services, diagnostic, treatment, care, or rehabilitation services, wellness services, services involving the prevention, detection, and control of disease, home health services or services provided at or through various facilities, education, training, and other necessary and related services for the health professions;

(3) The management or operation of any hospital facility as defined in division (E) of section 140.01 of the Revised Code;

(4) The management, operation, or participation in programs, projects, activities, and services useful to, connected with, supporting, or otherwise related to the health, wellness, and medical services and wellness programs provided in divisions (B)(2) and (3) of this section;

(5) Any other activities that are in furtherance of the joint township hospital district or the persons served by the joint township hospital district or are necessary to perform the joint township hospital district's mission and functions and respond to change in the health care industry as determined by

the joint township district hospital board.

Sec. 701.10. The legislative authority of a municipal corporation ~~that is located in a charter county and~~ that has established a rate or charge for the provision of collection or disposal services for garbage, ashes, animal and vegetable refuse, dead animals, or animal offal may certify to the county ~~fiscal officer~~ auditor, by ordinance, the amount of the rate or charge that has not been paid in accordance with applicable requirements by a person using the collection or disposal services, when the unpaid amount is at least two hundred fifty dollars. The amount certified shall be a lien on the person's property to which services are provided, placed on the tax list in a separate column, collected as other taxes, and paid into the general fund of the municipal corporation.

Sec. 711.131. (A) Notwithstanding sections 711.001 to 711.13 of the Revised Code and except as provided in division (C) of this section, unless the rules adopted under section 711.05, 711.09, or 711.10 of the Revised Code are amended pursuant to division (B) of this section, a proposed division of a parcel of land along an existing public street, not involving the opening, widening, or extension of any street or road, and involving no more than five lots after the original tract has been completely subdivided, may be submitted to the planning authority having approving jurisdiction of plats under section 711.05, 711.09, or 711.10 of the Revised Code for approval without plat. If the authority acting through a properly designated representative finds that a proposed division is not contrary to applicable platting, subdividing, zoning, health, sanitary, or access management regulations, regulations adopted under division (B)(3) of section 307.37 of the Revised Code regarding existing surface or subsurface drainage, or household sewage treatment rules adopted under section 3718.02 of the Revised Code, it shall approve the proposed division within seven business days after its submission and, on presentation of a conveyance of the parcel, shall stamp the conveyance "approved by (planning authority); no plat required" and have it signed by its clerk, secretary, or other official as may be designated by it. The planning authority may require the submission of a sketch and other information that is pertinent to its determination under this division.

(B) For a period of up to two years after ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ the effective date of this amendment, the rules adopted under section 711.05, 711.09, or 711.10 of the Revised Code may be amended within that period to authorize the planning authority involved to approve proposed divisions of parcels of land without plat under this division. If an authority so amends its rules, it may approve no more than five lots without

a plat from an original tract as that original tract exists on the effective date of the amendment to the rules. The authority shall make the findings and approve a proposed division in the time and manner specified in division (A) of this section.

(C) This section does not apply to parcels subject to section 711.133 of the Revised Code.

(D) As used in this section, "business day" means a day of the week excluding Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday as defined in section 1.14 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 715.014. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Tourism development district" means a district designated by a municipal corporation under this section.

(2) "Territory of a tourism development district" means all of the area included within the territorial boundaries of a tourism development district.

(3) "Business" and "owner" have the same meanings as in section 503.56 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Eligible municipal corporation" means a municipal corporation wholly or partly located in a county having a population greater than three hundred seventy-five thousand but less than four hundred thousand that levies taxes under section 5739.021 or 5739.026 of the Revised Code, the aggregate rate of which does not exceed one-half of one per cent on September 29, 2015.

(5) "Fiscal officer" means the city auditor, village clerk, or other municipal officer having the duties and functions of a city auditor or village clerk.

(B)(1) The legislative authority of an eligible municipal corporation, by resolution or ordinance, may declare an area of the municipal corporation to be a tourism development district for the purpose of fostering and developing tourism in the district if all of the following criteria are met:

(a) The district's area does not exceed six hundred acres.

(b) All territory in the district is contiguous.

(c) Before adopting the resolution or ordinance, the legislative authority holds at least two public hearings concerning the creation of the tourism development district.

(d) Before adopting the resolution or ordinance, the legislative authority receives a petition signed by every record owner of a parcel of real property located in the proposed district and the owner of every business that operates in the proposed district.

(e) The legislative authority adopts the resolution or ordinance on or before December 31, 2020.

A legislative authority may declare more than one area of the municipal corporation to be a tourism development district under this section.

(2) The petition described in division (B)(1)(d) of this section shall include an explanation of the taxes and charges that may be levied or imposed in the proposed district.

(3) The legislative authority shall certify the resolution or ordinance to the tax commissioner within five days after its adoption, along with a description of the boundaries of the district authorized in the resolution. That description shall include sufficient information for the commissioner to determine if the address of a vendor is within the boundaries of the district.

(4) Subject to the limitations of divisions (B)(1)(a) and (b) of this section, the legislative authority of an eligible municipal corporation may enlarge the territory of an existing tourism development district in the manner prescribed for the creation of a district under divisions (B)(1) to (3) of this section, except that the petition described in division (B)(1)(d) of this section must be signed by every record owner of a parcel of real property located in the area proposed to be added to the district and the owner of every business that operates in the area proposed to be added to the district.

(C) For the purpose of fostering and developing tourism in a tourism development district, a lessor leasing real property in a tourism development district may impose and collect a uniform fee on each parcel of real property leased by the lessor, to be paid by each of the person's lessees. A lessee is subject to such a fee only if the lease separately states the amount of the fee. Before a lessor may impose and collect such a fee, the lessor shall file a copy of such lease with the fiscal officer. A lessor that imposes such a fee shall remit all collections of the fee to the municipal corporation in which the real property is located.

The legislative authority of that municipal corporation shall establish all regulations necessary to provide for the administration and remittance of such fees. The regulations may prescribe the time for payment of the fee, and may provide for the imposition of a penalty or interest, or both, for late remittances, provided that the penalty does not exceed ten per cent of the amount of fee due, and the rate at which interest accrues does not exceed the rate per annum prescribed pursuant to section 5703.47 of the Revised Code. The regulations shall provide, after deducting the real and actual costs of administering the fee, that the revenue be used exclusively for fostering and developing tourism within the tourism development district.

(D) The legislative authority of an eligible municipal corporation that has designated a tourism development district may levy the tax authorized under section 5739.101 of the Revised Code or enter into and enforce

agreements imposing a development charge under section 715.015 of the Revised Code. Nothing in this section limits the power of the legislative authority of a municipal corporation to levy a tax on the basis of admissions in a tourism development district pursuant to its powers of local self-government conferred by Section 3 of Article XVIII, Ohio Constitution.

(E) On or before the first day of each January and July, beginning after the designation of a tourism development district, the fiscal officer shall certify a list of vendors located within the tourism development district to the tax commissioner, which shall include the name, address, and vendor's license number for each vendor.

Sec. 715.015. (A) The legislative authority of an eligible municipal corporation that has designated a tourism development district under section 715.014 of the Revised Code may enter into and enforce agreements with one or more owners of property located within the district by which the owner or owners agree to pay a development charge for the purpose of fostering and developing tourism within the district. The amount of the development charge shall equal one-half, one, one and one-half, or two per cent of the gross receipts derived from making sales at or from the property, whether wholesale or retail, but including sales of food only to the extent such sales are subject to the tax levied under section 5739.02 of the Revised Code.

(B) The imposition of a development charge under this section is subject to approval of the board of county commissioners of the county in which the property is located. If the property owner agrees to the development charge and the board of county commissioners, by resolution, approves the agreement, the development charge shall be treated in the same manner as taxes for all purposes of the lien described in section 323.11 of the Revised Code, including, but not limited to, the priority and enforcement of the lien and the collection of the development charge secured by the lien.

(C) Nothing in this section limits the power of the legislative authority of a municipal corporation to levy taxes pursuant to its powers of local self-government conferred by Section 3 of Article XVIII, Ohio Constitution.

Sec. 718.01. Any term used in this chapter that is not otherwise defined in this chapter has the same meaning as when used in a comparable context in laws of the United States relating to federal income taxation or in Title LVII of the Revised Code, unless a different meaning is clearly required. Except as provided in section 718.81 of the Revised Code, if a term used in this chapter that is not otherwise defined in this chapter is used in a comparable context in both the laws of the United States relating to federal income tax and in Title LVII of the Revised Code and the use is not

consistent, then the use of the term in the laws of the United States relating to federal income tax shall control over the use of the term in Title LVII of the Revised Code.

Except as otherwise provided in section 718.81 of the Revised Code, as used in this chapter:

(A)(1) "Municipal taxable income" means the following:

(a) For a person other than an individual, income apportioned or sitused to the municipal corporation under section 718.02 of the Revised Code, as applicable, reduced by any pre-2017 net operating loss carryforward available to the person for the municipal corporation.

(b)(i) For an individual who is a resident of a municipal corporation other than a qualified municipal corporation, income reduced by exempt income to the extent otherwise included in income, then reduced as provided in division (A)(2) of this section, and further reduced by any pre-2017 net operating loss carryforward available to the individual for the municipal corporation.

(ii) For an individual who is a resident of a qualified municipal corporation, Ohio adjusted gross income reduced by income exempted, and increased by deductions excluded, by the qualified municipal corporation from the qualified municipal corporation's tax. If a qualified municipal corporation, on or before December 31, 2013, exempts income earned by individuals who are not residents of the qualified municipal corporation and net profit of persons that are not wholly located within the qualified municipal corporation, such individual or person shall have no municipal taxable income for the purposes of the tax levied by the qualified municipal corporation and may be exempted by the qualified municipal corporation from the requirements of section 718.03 of the Revised Code.

(c) For an individual who is a nonresident of a municipal corporation, income reduced by exempt income to the extent otherwise included in income and then, as applicable, apportioned or sitused to the municipal corporation under section 718.02 of the Revised Code, then reduced as provided in division (A)(2) of this section, and further reduced by any pre-2017 net operating loss carryforward available to the individual for the municipal corporation.

(2) In computing the municipal taxable income of a taxpayer who is an individual, the taxpayer may subtract, as provided in division (A)(1)(b)(i) or (c) of this section, the amount of the individual's employee business expenses reported on the individual's form 2106 that the individual deducted for federal income tax purposes for the taxable year, subject to the limitation imposed by section 67 of the Internal Revenue Code. For the municipal

corporation in which the taxpayer is a resident, the taxpayer may deduct all such expenses allowed for federal income tax purposes. For a municipal corporation in which the taxpayer is not a resident, the taxpayer may deduct such expenses only to the extent the expenses are related to the taxpayer's performance of personal services in that nonresident municipal corporation.

(B) "Income" means the following:

(1)(a) For residents, all income, salaries, qualifying wages, commissions, and other compensation from whatever source earned or received by the resident, including the resident's distributive share of the net profit of pass-through entities owned directly or indirectly by the resident and any net profit of the resident, except as provided in division (D)(5) of this section.

(b) For the purposes of division (B)(1)(a) of this section:

(i) Any net operating loss of the resident incurred in the taxable year and the resident's distributive share of any net operating loss generated in the same taxable year and attributable to the resident's ownership interest in a pass-through entity shall be allowed as a deduction, for that taxable year and the following five taxable years, against any other net profit of the resident or the resident's distributive share of any net profit attributable to the resident's ownership interest in a pass-through entity until fully utilized, subject to division (B)(1)(d) of this section;

(ii) The resident's distributive share of the net profit of each pass-through entity owned directly or indirectly by the resident shall be calculated without regard to any net operating loss that is carried forward by that entity from a prior taxable year and applied to reduce the entity's net profit for the current taxable year.

(c) Division (B)(1)(b) of this section does not apply with respect to any net profit or net operating loss attributable to an ownership interest in an S corporation unless shareholders' distributive shares of net profits from S corporations are subject to tax in the municipal corporation as provided in division (C)(14)(b) or (c) of this section.

(d) Any amount of a net operating loss used to reduce a taxpayer's net profit for a taxable year shall reduce the amount of net operating loss that may be carried forward to any subsequent year for use by that taxpayer. In no event shall the cumulative deductions for all taxable years with respect to a taxpayer's net operating loss exceed the original amount of that net operating loss available to that taxpayer.

(2) In the case of nonresidents, all income, salaries, qualifying wages, commissions, and other compensation from whatever source earned or received by the nonresident for work done, services performed or rendered,

or activities conducted in the municipal corporation, including any net profit of the nonresident, but excluding the nonresident's distributive share of the net profit or loss of only pass-through entities owned directly or indirectly by the nonresident.

(3) For taxpayers that are not individuals, net profit of the taxpayer;

(4) Lottery, sweepstakes, gambling and sports winnings, winnings from games of chance, and prizes and awards. If the taxpayer is a professional gambler for federal income tax purposes, the taxpayer may deduct related wagering losses and expenses to the extent authorized under the Internal Revenue Code and claimed against such winnings.

(C) "Exempt income" means all of the following:

(1) The military pay or allowances of members of the armed forces of the United States or members of their reserve components, including the national guard of any state;

(2)(a) Except as provided in division (C)(2)(b) of this section, intangible income;

(b) A municipal corporation that taxed any type of intangible income on March 29, 1988, pursuant to Section 3 of S.B. 238 of the 116th general assembly, may continue to tax that type of income if a majority of the electors of the municipal corporation voting on the question of whether to permit the taxation of that type of intangible income after 1988 voted in favor thereof at an election held on November 8, 1988.

(3) Social security benefits, railroad retirement benefits, unemployment compensation, pensions, retirement benefit payments, payments from annuities, and similar payments made to an employee or to the beneficiary of an employee under a retirement program or plan, disability payments received from private industry or local, state, or federal governments or from charitable, religious or educational organizations, and the proceeds of sickness, accident, or liability insurance policies. As used in division (C)(3) of this section, "unemployment compensation" does not include supplemental unemployment compensation described in section 3402(o)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(4) The income of religious, fraternal, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational institutions to the extent such income is derived from tax-exempt real estate, tax-exempt tangible or intangible property, or tax-exempt activities.

(5) Compensation paid under section 3501.28 or 3501.36 of the Revised Code to a person serving as a precinct election official to the extent that such compensation does not exceed one thousand dollars for the taxable year. Such compensation in excess of one thousand dollars for the taxable

year may be subject to taxation by a municipal corporation. A municipal corporation shall not require the payer of such compensation to withhold any tax from that compensation.

(6) Dues, contributions, and similar payments received by charitable, religious, educational, or literary organizations or labor unions, lodges, and similar organizations;

(7) Alimony and child support received;

(8) Compensation for personal injuries or for damages to property from insurance proceeds or otherwise, excluding compensation paid for lost salaries or wages or compensation from punitive damages;

(9) Income of a public utility when that public utility is subject to the tax levied under section 5727.24 or 5727.30 of the Revised Code. Division (C)(9) of this section does not apply for purposes of Chapter 5745. of the Revised Code.

(10) Gains from involuntary conversions, interest on federal obligations, items of income subject to a tax levied by the state and that a municipal corporation is specifically prohibited by law from taxing, and income of a decedent's estate during the period of administration except such income from the operation of a trade or business;

(11) Compensation or allowances excluded from federal gross income under section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code;

(12) Employee compensation that is not qualifying wages as defined in division (R) of this section;

(13) Compensation paid to a person employed within the boundaries of a United States air force base under the jurisdiction of the United States air force that is used for the housing of members of the United States air force and is a center for air force operations, unless the person is subject to taxation because of residence or domicile. If the compensation is subject to taxation because of residence or domicile, tax on such income shall be payable only to the municipal corporation of residence or domicile.

(14)(a) Except as provided in division (C)(14)(b) or (c) of this section, an S corporation shareholder's distributive share of net profits of the S corporation, other than any part of the distributive share of net profits that represents wages as defined in section 3121(a) of the Internal Revenue Code or net earnings from self-employment as defined in section 1402(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(b) If, pursuant to division (H) of former section 718.01 of the Revised Code as it existed before March 11, 2004, a majority of the electors of a municipal corporation voted in favor of the question at an election held on November 4, 2003, the municipal corporation may continue after 2002 to

tax an S corporation shareholder's distributive share of net profits of an S corporation.

(c) If, on December 6, 2002, a municipal corporation was imposing, assessing, and collecting a tax on an S corporation shareholder's distributive share of net profits of the S corporation to the extent the distributive share would be allocated or apportioned to this state under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of section 5733.05 of the Revised Code if the S corporation were a corporation subject to taxes imposed under Chapter 5733. of the Revised Code, the municipal corporation may continue to impose the tax on such distributive shares to the extent such shares would be so allocated or apportioned to this state only until December 31, 2004, unless a majority of the electors of the municipal corporation voting on the question of continuing to tax such shares after that date voted in favor of that question at an election held November 2, 2004. If a majority of those electors voted in favor of the question, the municipal corporation may continue after December 31, 2004, to impose the tax on such distributive shares only to the extent such shares would be so allocated or apportioned to this state.

(d) A municipal corporation shall be deemed to have elected to tax S corporation shareholders' distributive shares of net profits of the S corporation in the hands of the shareholders if a majority of the electors of a municipal corporation voted in favor of a question at an election held under division (C)(14)(b) or (c) of this section. The municipal corporation shall specify by resolution or ordinance that the tax applies to the distributive share of a shareholder of an S corporation in the hands of the shareholder of the S corporation.

(15) To the extent authorized under a resolution or ordinance adopted by a municipal corporation before January 1, 2016, all or a portion of the income of individuals or a class of individuals under eighteen years of age.

(16)(a) Except as provided in divisions (C)(16)(b), (c), and (d) of this section, qualifying wages described in division (B)(1) or (E) of section 718.011 of the Revised Code to the extent the qualifying wages are not subject to withholding for the municipal corporation under either of those divisions.

(b) The exemption provided in division (C)(16)(a) of this section does not apply with respect to the municipal corporation in which the employee resided at the time the employee earned the qualifying wages.

(c) The exemption provided in division (C)(16)(a) of this section does not apply to qualifying wages that an employer elects to withhold under division (D)(2) of section 718.011 of the Revised Code.

(d) The exemption provided in division (C)(16)(a) of this section does

not apply to qualifying wages if both of the following conditions apply:

(i) For qualifying wages described in division (B)(1) of section 718.011 of the Revised Code, the employee's employer withholds and remits tax on the qualifying wages to the municipal corporation in which the employee's principal place of work is situated, or, for qualifying wages described in division (E) of section 718.011 of the Revised Code, the employee's employer withholds and remits tax on the qualifying wages to the municipal corporation in which the employer's fixed location is located;

(ii) The employee receives a refund of the tax described in division (C)(16)(d)(i) of this section on the basis of the employee not performing services in that municipal corporation.

(17)(a) Except as provided in division (C)(17)(b) or (c) of this section, compensation that is not qualifying wages paid to a nonresident individual for personal services performed in the municipal corporation on not more than twenty days in a taxable year.

(b) The exemption provided in division (C)(17)(a) of this section does not apply under either of the following circumstances:

(i) The individual's base of operation is located in the municipal corporation.

(ii) The individual is a professional athlete, professional entertainer, or public figure, and the compensation is paid for the performance of services in the individual's capacity as a professional athlete, professional entertainer, or public figure. For purposes of division (C)(17)(b)(ii) of this section, "professional athlete," "professional entertainer," and "public figure" have the same meanings as in section 718.011 of the Revised Code.

(c) Compensation to which division (C)(17) of this section applies shall be treated as earned or received at the individual's base of operation. If the individual does not have a base of operation, the compensation shall be treated as earned or received where the individual is domiciled.

(d) For purposes of division (C)(17) of this section, "base of operation" means the location where an individual owns or rents an office, storefront, or similar facility to which the individual regularly reports and at which the individual regularly performs personal services for compensation.

(18) Compensation paid to a person for personal services performed for a political subdivision on property owned by the political subdivision, regardless of whether the compensation is received by an employee of the subdivision or another person performing services for the subdivision under a contract with the subdivision, if the property on which services are performed is annexed to a municipal corporation pursuant to section 709.023 of the Revised Code on or after March 27, 2013, unless the person

is subject to such taxation because of residence. If the compensation is subject to taxation because of residence, municipal income tax shall be payable only to the municipal corporation of residence.

(19) In the case of a tax administered, collected, and enforced by a municipal corporation pursuant to an agreement with the board of directors of a joint economic development district under section 715.72 of the Revised Code, the net profits of a business, and the income of the employees of that business, exempted from the tax under division (Q) of that section.

(20) All of the following:

(a) Income derived from disaster work conducted in this state by an out-of-state disaster business during a disaster response period pursuant to a qualifying solicitation received by the business;

(b) Income of a qualifying employee described in division (A)(14)(a) of section 5703.94 of the Revised Code, to the extent such income is derived from disaster work conducted in this state by the employee during a disaster response period pursuant to a qualifying solicitation received by the employee's employer;

(c) Income of a qualifying employee described in division (A)(14)(b) of section 5703.94 of the Revised Code, to the extent such income is derived from disaster work conducted in this state by the employee during a disaster response period on critical infrastructure owned or used by the employee's employer.

(21) Income the taxation of which is prohibited by the constitution or laws of the United States.

Any item of income that is exempt income of a pass-through entity under division (C) of this section is exempt income of each owner of the pass-through entity to the extent of that owner's distributive or proportionate share of that item of the entity's income.

(D)(1) "Net profit" for a person who is an individual means the individual's net profit required to be reported on schedule C, schedule E, or schedule F reduced by any net operating loss carried forward. For the purposes of division (D)(1) of this section, the net operating loss carried forward shall be calculated and deducted in the same manner as provided in division (D)(3) of this section.

(2) "Net profit" for a person other than an individual means adjusted federal taxable income reduced by any net operating loss incurred by the person in a taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2017, subject to the limitations of division (D)(3) of this section.

(3)(a) The amount of such net operating loss shall be deducted from net profit to the extent necessary to reduce municipal taxable income to zero,

with any remaining unused portion of the net operating loss carried forward to not more than five consecutive taxable years following the taxable year in which the loss was incurred, but in no case for more years than necessary for the deduction to be fully utilized.

(b) No person shall use the deduction allowed by division (D)(3) of this section to offset qualifying wages.

(c)(i) For taxable years beginning in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, or 2022, a person may not deduct, for purposes of an income tax levied by a municipal corporation that levies an income tax before January 1, 2016, more than fifty per cent of the amount of the deduction otherwise allowed by division (D)(3) of this section.

(ii) For taxable years beginning in 2023 or thereafter, a person may deduct, for purposes of an income tax levied by a municipal corporation that levies an income tax before January 1, 2016, the full amount allowed by division (D)(3) of this section without regard to the limitation of division (D)(3)(b)(i) of this section.

(d) Any pre-2017 net operating loss carryforward deduction that is available may be utilized before a taxpayer may deduct any amount pursuant to division (D)(3) of this section.

(e) Nothing in division (D)(3)(c)(i) of this section precludes a person from carrying forward, for use with respect to any return filed for a taxable year beginning after 2018, any amount of net operating loss that was not fully utilized by operation of division (D)(3)(c)(i) of this section. To the extent that an amount of net operating loss that was not fully utilized in one or more taxable years by operation of division (D)(3)(c)(i) of this section is carried forward for use with respect to a return filed for a taxable year beginning in 2019, 2020, 2021, or 2022, the limitation described in division (D)(3)(c)(i) of this section shall apply to the amount carried forward.

(4) For the purposes of this chapter, and notwithstanding division (D)(2) of this section, net profit of a disregarded entity shall not be taxable as against that disregarded entity, but shall instead be included in the net profit of the owner of the disregarded entity.

(5) For the purposes of this chapter, and notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the net profit of a publicly traded partnership that makes the election described in division (D)(5) of this section shall be taxed as if the partnership were a C corporation, and shall not be treated as the net profit or income of any owner of the partnership.

A publicly traded partnership that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes and that is subject to tax on its net profits in one or more municipal corporations in this state may elect to be treated as a C

corporation for municipal income tax purposes. The publicly traded partnership shall make the election in every municipal corporation in which the partnership is subject to taxation on its net profits. The election shall be made on the annual tax return filed in each such municipal corporation. The publicly traded partnership shall not be required to file the election with any municipal corporation in which the partnership is not subject to taxation on its net profits, but division (D)(5) of this section applies to all municipal corporations in which an individual owner of the partnership resides.

(E) "Adjusted federal taxable income," for a person required to file as a C corporation, or for a person that has elected to be taxed as a C corporation under division (D)(5) of this section, means a C corporation's federal taxable income before net operating losses and special deductions as determined under the Internal Revenue Code, adjusted as follows:

(1) Deduct intangible income to the extent included in federal taxable income. The deduction shall be allowed regardless of whether the intangible income relates to assets used in a trade or business or assets held for the production of income.

(2) Add an amount equal to five per cent of intangible income deducted under division (E)(1) of this section, but excluding that portion of intangible income directly related to the sale, exchange, or other disposition of property described in section 1221 of the Internal Revenue Code;

(3) Add any losses allowed as a deduction in the computation of federal taxable income if the losses directly relate to the sale, exchange, or other disposition of an asset described in section 1221 or 1231 of the Internal Revenue Code;

(4)(a) Except as provided in division (E)(4)(b) of this section, deduct income and gain included in federal taxable income to the extent the income and gain directly relate to the sale, exchange, or other disposition of an asset described in section 1221 or 1231 of the Internal Revenue Code;

(b) Division (E)(4)(a) of this section does not apply to the extent the income or gain is income or gain described in section 1245 or 1250 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(5) Add taxes on or measured by net income allowed as a deduction in the computation of federal taxable income;

(6) In the case of a real estate investment trust or regulated investment company, add all amounts with respect to dividends to, distributions to, or amounts set aside for or credited to the benefit of investors and allowed as a deduction in the computation of federal taxable income;

(7) Deduct, to the extent not otherwise deducted or excluded in computing federal taxable income, any income derived from a transfer

agreement or from the enterprise transferred under that agreement under section 4313.02 of the Revised Code;

(8) Deduct exempt income to the extent not otherwise deducted or excluded in computing adjusted federal taxable income.

(9) Deduct any net profit of a pass-through entity owned directly or indirectly by the taxpayer and included in the taxpayer's federal taxable income unless an affiliated group of corporations includes that net profit in the group's federal taxable income in accordance with division (E)(3)(b) of section 718.06 of the Revised Code.

(10) Add any loss incurred by a pass-through entity owned directly or indirectly by the taxpayer and included in the taxpayer's federal taxable income unless an affiliated group of corporations includes that loss in the group's federal taxable income in accordance with division (E)(3)(b) of section 718.06 of the Revised Code.

If the taxpayer is not a C corporation, is not a disregarded entity that has made the election described in division (L)(2) of this section, is not a publicly traded partnership that has made the election described in division (D)(5) of this section, and is not an individual, the taxpayer shall compute adjusted federal taxable income under this section as if the taxpayer were a C corporation, except guaranteed payments and other similar amounts paid or accrued to a partner, former partner, shareholder, former shareholder, member, or former member shall not be allowed as a deductible expense unless such payments are in consideration for the use of capital and treated as payment of interest under section 469 of the Internal Revenue Code or United States treasury regulations. Amounts paid or accrued to a qualified self-employed retirement plan with respect to a partner, former partner, shareholder, former shareholder, member, or former member of the taxpayer, amounts paid or accrued to or for health insurance for a partner, former partner, shareholder, former shareholder, member, or former member, and amounts paid or accrued to or for life insurance for a partner, former partner, shareholder, former shareholder, member, or former member shall not be allowed as a deduction.

Nothing in division (E) of this section shall be construed as allowing the taxpayer to add or deduct any amount more than once or shall be construed as allowing any taxpayer to deduct any amount paid to or accrued for purposes of federal self-employment tax.

(F) "Schedule C" means internal revenue service schedule C (form 1040) filed by a taxpayer pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.

(G) "Schedule E" means internal revenue service schedule E (form 1040) filed by a taxpayer pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.

(H) "Schedule F" means internal revenue service schedule F (form 1040) filed by a taxpayer pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.

(I) "Internal Revenue Code" has the same meaning as in section 5747.01 of the Revised Code.

(J) "Resident" means an individual who is domiciled in the municipal corporation as determined under section 718.012 of the Revised Code.

(K) "Nonresident" means an individual that is not a resident.

(L)(1) "Taxpayer" means a person subject to a tax levied on income by a municipal corporation in accordance with this chapter. "Taxpayer" does not include a grantor trust or, except as provided in division (L)(2)(a) of this section, a disregarded entity.

(2)(a) A single member limited liability company that is a disregarded entity for federal tax purposes may be a separate taxpayer from its single member in all Ohio municipal corporations in which it either filed as a separate taxpayer or did not file for its taxable year ending in 2003, if all of the following conditions are met:

(i) The limited liability company's single member is also a limited liability company.

(ii) The limited liability company and its single member were formed and doing business in one or more Ohio municipal corporations for at least five years before January 1, 2004.

(iii) Not later than December 31, 2004, the limited liability company and its single member each made an election to be treated as a separate taxpayer under division (L) of this section as this section existed on December 31, 2004.

(iv) The limited liability company was not formed for the purpose of evading or reducing Ohio municipal corporation income tax liability of the limited liability company or its single member.

(v) The Ohio municipal corporation that was the primary place of business of the sole member of the limited liability company consented to the election.

(b) For purposes of division (L)(2)(a)(v) of this section, a municipal corporation was the primary place of business of a limited liability company if, for the limited liability company's taxable year ending in 2003, its income tax liability was greater in that municipal corporation than in any other municipal corporation in Ohio, and that tax liability to that municipal corporation for its taxable year ending in 2003 was at least four hundred thousand dollars.

(M) "Person" includes individuals, firms, companies, joint stock companies, business trusts, estates, trusts, partnerships, limited liability

partnerships, limited liability companies, associations, C corporations, S corporations, governmental entities, and any other entity.

(N) "Pass-through entity" means a partnership not treated as an association taxable as a C corporation for federal income tax purposes, a limited liability company not treated as an association taxable as a C corporation for federal income tax purposes, an S corporation, or any other class of entity from which the income or profits of the entity are given pass-through treatment for federal income tax purposes. "Pass-through entity" does not include a trust, estate, grantor of a grantor trust, or disregarded entity.

(O) "S corporation" means a person that has made an election under subchapter S of Chapter 1 of Subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code for its taxable year.

(P) "Single member limited liability company" means a limited liability company that has one direct member.

(Q) "Limited liability company" means a limited liability company formed under Chapter 1705. of the Revised Code or under the laws of another state.

(R) "Qualifying wages" means wages, as defined in section 3121(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, without regard to any wage limitations, adjusted as follows:

(1) Deduct the following amounts:

(a) Any amount included in wages if the amount constitutes compensation attributable to a plan or program described in section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(b) Any amount included in wages if the amount constitutes payment on account of a disability related to sickness or an accident paid by a party unrelated to the employer, agent of an employer, or other payer.

(c) Any amount attributable to a nonqualified deferred compensation plan or program described in section 3121(v)(2)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code if the compensation is included in wages and the municipal corporation has, by resolution or ordinance adopted before January 1, 2016, exempted the amount from withholding and tax.

(d) Any amount included in wages if the amount arises from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of a stock option, the exercise of a stock option, or the sale, exchange, or other disposition of stock purchased under a stock option and the municipal corporation has, by resolution or ordinance adopted before January 1, 2016, exempted the amount from withholding and tax.

(e) Any amount included in wages that is exempt income.

(2) Add the following amounts:

(a) Any amount not included in wages solely because the employee was employed by the employer before April 1, 1986.

(b) Any amount not included in wages because the amount arises from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of a stock option, the exercise of a stock option, or the sale, exchange, or other disposition of stock purchased under a stock option and the municipal corporation has not, by resolution or ordinance, exempted the amount from withholding and tax adopted before January 1, 2016. Division (R)(2)(b) of this section applies only to those amounts constituting ordinary income.

(c) Any amount not included in wages if the amount is an amount described in section 401(k), 403(b), or 457 of the Internal Revenue Code. Division (R)(2)(c) of this section applies only to employee contributions and employee deferrals.

(d) Any amount that is supplemental unemployment compensation benefits described in section 3402(o)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and not included in wages.

(e) Any amount received that is treated as self-employment income for federal tax purposes in accordance with section 1402(a)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(f) Any amount not included in wages if all of the following apply:

(i) For the taxable year the amount is employee compensation that is earned outside of the United States and that either is included in the taxpayer's gross income for federal income tax purposes or would have been included in the taxpayer's gross income for such purposes if the taxpayer did not elect to exclude the income under section 911 of the Internal Revenue Code;

(ii) For no preceding taxable year did the amount constitute wages as defined in section 3121(a) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(iii) For no succeeding taxable year will the amount constitute wages; and

(iv) For any taxable year the amount has not otherwise been added to wages pursuant to either division (R)(2) of this section or section 718.03 of the Revised Code, as that section existed before the effective date of H.B. 5 of the 130th general assembly, March 23, 2015.

(S) "Intangible income" means income of any of the following types: income yield, interest, capital gains, dividends, or other income arising from the ownership, sale, exchange, or other disposition of intangible property including, but not limited to, investments, deposits, money, or credits as those terms are defined in Chapter 5701. of the Revised Code, and patents,

copyrights, trademarks, tradenames, investments in real estate investment trusts, investments in regulated investment companies, and appreciation on deferred compensation. "Intangible income" does not include prizes, awards, or other income associated with any lottery winnings, gambling winnings, or other similar games of chance.

(T) "Taxable year" means the corresponding tax reporting period as prescribed for the taxpayer under the Internal Revenue Code.

(U) "Tax administrator" means the individual charged with direct responsibility for administration of an income tax levied by a municipal corporation in accordance with this chapter, and also includes the following:

(1) A municipal corporation acting as the agent of another municipal corporation;

(2) A person retained by a municipal corporation to administer a tax levied by the municipal corporation, but only if the municipal corporation does not compensate the person in whole or in part on a contingency basis;

(3) The central collection agency or the regional income tax agency or their successors in interest, or another entity organized to perform functions similar to those performed by the central collection agency and the regional income tax agency.

"Tax administrator" does not include the tax commissioner.

(V) "Employer" means a person that is an employer for federal income tax purposes.

(W) "Employee" means an individual who is an employee for federal income tax purposes.

(X) "Other payer" means any person, other than an individual's employer or the employer's agent, that pays an individual any amount included in the federal gross income of the individual. "Other payer" includes casino operators and video lottery terminal sales agents.

(Y) "Calendar quarter" means the three-month period ending on the last day of March, June, September, or December.

(Z) "Form 2106" means internal revenue service form 2106 filed by a taxpayer pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.

(AA) "Municipal corporation" includes a joint economic development district or joint economic development zone that levies an income tax under section 715.691, 715.70, 715.71, or 715.72 of the Revised Code.

(BB) "Disregarded entity" means a single member limited liability company, a qualifying subchapter S subsidiary, or another entity if the company, subsidiary, or entity is a disregarded entity for federal income tax purposes.

(CC) "Generic form" means an electronic or paper form that is not

prescribed by a particular municipal corporation and that is designed for reporting taxes withheld by an employer, agent of an employer, or other payer, estimated municipal income taxes, or annual municipal income tax liability or for filing a refund claim.

(DD) "Tax return preparer" means any individual described in section 7701(a)(36) of the Internal Revenue Code and 26 C.F.R. 301.7701-15.

(EE) "Ohio business gateway" means the online computer network system, created under section 125.30 of the Revised Code, that allows persons to electronically file business reply forms with state agencies and includes any successor electronic filing and payment system.

(FF) "Local board of tax review" and "board of tax review" mean the entity created under section 718.11 of the Revised Code.

(GG) "Net operating loss" means a loss incurred by a person in the operation of a trade or business. "Net operating loss" does not include unutilized losses resulting from basis limitations, at-risk limitations, or passive activity loss limitations.

(HH) "Casino operator" and "casino facility" have the same meanings as in section 3772.01 of the Revised Code.

(II) "Video lottery terminal" has the same meaning as in section 3770.21 of the Revised Code.

(JJ) "Video lottery terminal sales agent" means a lottery sales agent licensed under Chapter 3770. of the Revised Code to conduct video lottery terminals on behalf of the state pursuant to section 3770.21 of the Revised Code.

(KK) "Postal service" means the United States postal service.

(LL) "Certified mail," "express mail," "United States mail," "postal service," and similar terms include any delivery service authorized pursuant to section 5703.056 of the Revised Code.

(MM) "Postmark date," "date of postmark," and similar terms include the date recorded and marked in the manner described in division (B)(3) of section 5703.056 of the Revised Code.

(NN) "Related member" means a person that, with respect to the taxpayer during all or any portion of the taxable year, is either a related entity, a component member as defined in section 1563(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, or a person to or from whom there is attribution of stock ownership in accordance with section 1563(e) of the Internal Revenue Code except, for purposes of determining whether a person is a related member under this division, "twenty per cent" shall be substituted for "5 percent" wherever "5 percent" appears in section 1563(e) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(OO) "Related entity" means any of the following:

(1) An individual stockholder, or a member of the stockholder's family enumerated in section 318 of the Internal Revenue Code, if the stockholder and the members of the stockholder's family own directly, indirectly, beneficially, or constructively, in the aggregate, at least fifty per cent of the value of the taxpayer's outstanding stock;

(2) A stockholder, or a stockholder's partnership, estate, trust, or corporation, if the stockholder and the stockholder's partnerships, estates, trusts, or corporations own directly, indirectly, beneficially, or constructively, in the aggregate, at least fifty per cent of the value of the taxpayer's outstanding stock;

(3) A corporation, or a party related to the corporation in a manner that would require an attribution of stock from the corporation to the party or from the party to the corporation under division (OO)(4) of this section, provided the taxpayer owns directly, indirectly, beneficially, or constructively, at least fifty per cent of the value of the corporation's outstanding stock;

(4) The attribution rules described in section 318 of the Internal Revenue Code apply for the purpose of determining whether the ownership requirements in divisions (OO)(1) to (3) of this section have been met.

(PP)(1) "Assessment" means a written finding by the tax administrator that a person has underpaid municipal income tax, or owes penalty and interest, or any combination of tax, penalty, or interest, to the municipal corporation that commences the person's time limitation for making an appeal to the local board of tax review pursuant to section 718.11 of the Revised Code, and has "ASSESSMENT" written in all capital letters at the top of such finding.

(2) "Assessment" does not include an informal notice denying a request for refund issued under division (B)(3) of section 718.19 of the Revised Code, a billing statement notifying a taxpayer of current or past-due balances owed to the municipal corporation, a tax administrator's request for additional information, a notification to the taxpayer of mathematical errors, or a tax administrator's other written correspondence to a person or taxpayer that does meet the criteria prescribed by division (PP)(1) of this section.

(QQ) "Taxpayers' rights and responsibilities" means the rights provided to taxpayers in sections 718.11, 718.12, 718.19, 718.23, 718.36, 718.37, 718.38, 5717.011, and 5717.03 of the Revised Code and the responsibilities of taxpayers to file, report, withhold, remit, and pay municipal income tax and otherwise comply with Chapter 718. of the Revised Code and resolutions, ordinances, and rules adopted by a municipal corporation for the

imposition and administration of a municipal income tax.

(RR) "Qualified municipal corporation" means a municipal corporation that, by resolution or ordinance adopted on or before December 31, 2011, adopted Ohio adjusted gross income, as defined by section 5747.01 of the Revised Code, as the income subject to tax for the purposes of imposing a municipal income tax.

(SS)(1) "Pre-2017 net operating loss carryforward" means any net operating loss incurred in a taxable year beginning before January 1, 2017, to the extent such loss was permitted, by a resolution or ordinance of the municipal corporation that was adopted by the municipal corporation before January 1, 2016, to be carried forward and utilized to offset income or net profit generated in such municipal corporation in future taxable years.

(2) For the purpose of calculating municipal taxable income, any pre-2017 net operating loss carryforward may be carried forward to any taxable year, including taxable years beginning in 2017 or thereafter, for the number of taxable years provided in the resolution or ordinance or until fully utilized, whichever is earlier.

(TT) "Small employer" means any employer that had total revenue of less than five hundred thousand dollars during the preceding taxable year. For purposes of this division, "total revenue" means receipts of any type or kind, including, but not limited to, sales receipts; payments; rents; profits; gains, dividends, and other investment income; compensation; commissions; premiums; money; property; grants; contributions; donations; gifts; program service revenue; patient service revenue; premiums; fees, including premium fees and service fees; tuition payments; unrelated business revenue; reimbursements; any type of payment from a governmental unit, including grants and other allocations; and any other similar receipts reported for federal income tax purposes or under generally accepted accounting principles. "Small employer" does not include the federal government; any state government, including any state agency or instrumentality; any political subdivision; or any entity treated as a government for financial accounting and reporting purposes.

(UU) "Audit" means the examination of a person or the inspection of the books, records, memoranda, or accounts of a person for the purpose of determining liability for a municipal income tax.

(VV) "Publicly traded partnership" means any partnership, an interest in which is regularly traded on an established securities market. A "publicly traded partnership" may have any number of partners.

(WW) "Tax commissioner" means the tax commissioner appointed under section 121.03 of the Revised Code.

(XX) "Out-of-state disaster business," "qualifying solicitation," "qualifying employee," "disaster work," "critical infrastructure," and "disaster response period" have the same meanings as in section 5703.94 of the Revised Code.

(YY) "Pension" means a retirement benefit plan, regardless of whether the plan satisfies the qualifications described under section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, including amounts that are taxable under the "Federal Insurance Contributions Act," Chapter 21 of the Internal Revenue Code, excluding employee contributions and elective deferrals, and regardless of whether such amounts are paid in the same taxable year in which the amounts are included in the employee's wages, as defined by section 3121(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(ZZ) "Retirement benefit plan" means an arrangement whereby an entity provides benefits to individuals either on or after their termination of service because of retirement or disability. "Retirement benefit plan" does not include wage continuation payments, severance payments, or payments made for accrued personal or vacation time.

Sec. 718.131. (A) Division (B) of this section applies to any of the following individuals:

(1) An employee in the service of a municipal corporation or regional council of government;

(2) A prospective employee for a position in the service of a municipal corporation or regional council of government;

(3) A contractor of a municipal corporation or regional council of government.

(B) If an individual described in division (A) of this section has or, in the case of a prospective employee, will have access to or the use of federal tax information, the tax administrator shall request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation conduct a criminal records check based on the individual's fingerprints in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code. The tax administrator shall request that criminal record information from the federal bureau of investigation be obtained as part of the criminal records check.

The individual and the tax administrator shall also comply with any separate request by the federal bureau of investigation to conduct a national criminal records check.

(C) A tax administrator may adopt any rules or policies necessary to implement this section.

Sec. 718.80. (A) A taxpayer may elect to be subject to sections 718.80 to 718.95 of the Revised Code in lieu of the provisions set forth in the

remainder of this chapter. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, upon the taxpayer's election, both of the following shall apply:

(1) The tax commissioner shall serve as the sole administrator of each municipal income tax for which the taxpayer is liable for the term of the election;

(2) The commissioner shall administer the tax pursuant to sections 718.80 to 718.95 of the Revised Code and any applicable provision of Chapter 5703. of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) A taxpayer shall make the initial election on or before the first day of the third month after the beginning of the taxpayer's taxable year by notifying the tax commissioner and each municipal corporation in which the taxpayer conducted business during the previous taxable year, on a form prescribed by the tax commissioner.

(2)(a) The election, once made by the taxpayer, applies to the taxable year in which the election is made ~~and. A taxpayer may terminate the initial election within twenty-four months after the election is made by providing written notice to the tax commissioner. Such notice shall be provided at least sixty days before the effective date of the termination. Effective on the termination date, the taxpayer shall make all payments and remittances, and file all returns, due on or after the termination date to the appropriate municipal tax administrator. If not terminated, the election shall continue to apply~~ to each subsequent taxable year until the taxpayer notifies the tax commissioner ~~and each municipal corporation in which the taxpayer conducted business during the previous taxable year~~ of its termination of the election.

(b) ~~A~~ After the end of the twenty-four-month period in which a taxpayer may terminate an initial election, a notification of termination shall be made, on a form prescribed by the tax commissioner, on or before the first day of the third month of any taxable year.

(c) Upon a timely and valid termination of the election, the taxpayer is no longer subject to sections 718.80 to 718.95 of the Revised Code, and is instead subject to the provisions set forth in the remainder of this chapter.

(C)(1)(a) On or before the thirty-first day of January each year, each municipal corporation imposing a tax on income shall certify to the tax commissioner the rate of the tax in effect on the first day of January of that year.

(b) If, after the thirty-first day of January of any year, the electors of a municipal corporation approve an increase in the rate of the municipal corporation's tax on income that takes effect within that year, the municipal corporation shall certify to the tax commissioner the new rate of tax not less

than sixty days before the effective date of the increase, after which effective date the commissioner shall apply the increased rate.

(2) A municipal corporation, within ninety days of receiving a taxpayer's notification of election under division (B) of this section, shall submit to the tax commissioner, on a form prescribed by the tax commissioner, the following information regarding the taxpayer:

(a) The amount of any net operating loss that the taxpayer is entitled to carry forward to a future tax year;

(b) The amount of any net operating loss carryforward utilized by the taxpayer in prior years;

(c) Any credits granted by the municipal corporation to which the taxpayer is entitled, the amount of such credits, whether the credits may be carried forward to future tax years, and, if the credits may be carried forward, the duration of any such carryforward;

(d) Any overpayments of tax that the taxpayer has elected to carry forward to a subsequent tax year;

(e) Any other information the municipal corporation deems relevant in order to effectuate the tax commissioner's efficient administration of the tax on the municipal corporation's behalf.

(3) If any municipal corporation fails to timely comply with divisions (C)(1) and (2) of this section, the tax commissioner shall notify the director of budget and management, who, upon receiving such notification, shall withhold from each payment made to the municipal corporation under section 718.83 of the Revised Code fifty per cent of the amount of the payment otherwise due to the municipal corporation under that section. The director shall compute the withholding on the basis of the tax rate most recently certified to the tax commissioner until the municipal corporation complies with divisions (C)(1) and (2) of this section.

(D) The tax commissioner shall enforce and administer sections 718.80 to 718.95 of the Revised Code. In addition to any other powers conferred upon the tax commissioner by law, the tax commissioner may:

(1) Prescribe all forms necessary to administer those sections;

(2) Adopt such rules as the tax commissioner finds necessary to carry out those sections;

(3) Appoint and employ such personnel as are necessary to carry out the duties imposed upon the tax commissioner by those sections.

(E) No tax administrator shall utilize sections 718.81 to 718.95 of the Revised Code in the administrator's administration of a municipal income tax, and those sections shall not be applied to any taxpayer that has not made the election under this section.

(F) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to make any section of this chapter, other than sections 718.01 and 718.80 to 718.95 of the Revised Code, applicable to the tax commissioner's administration of a municipal income tax or to any taxpayer that has made the election under this section.

(G) The tax commissioner shall not be considered a tax administrator, as that term is defined in section 718.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 718.83. (A) On or before the last day of each month, the tax commissioner shall certify to the director of budget and management the amount to be paid to each municipal corporation, based on amounts reported on annual returns and declarations of estimated tax under sections 718.85 and 718.88 of the Revised Code, less any amounts previously distributed and net of any audit adjustments made or refunds granted by the commissioner, for the ~~calendar~~ calendar month preceding the month in which the certification is made. Not later than the fifth day of each month, the director shall provide for payment of the amount certified to each municipal corporation from the municipal ~~income~~ net profit tax fund, plus a pro rata share of any investment earnings accruing to the fund since the previous payment under this section, and minus any reduction required by the commissioner under division (D) of this section. Each municipal corporation's share of such earnings shall equal the proportion that the municipal corporation's certified tax payment is of the total taxes certified to all municipal corporations in that quarter. All investment earnings on money in the municipal ~~income~~ net profit tax fund shall be credited to that fund.

(B) If the tax commissioner determines that the amount of tax paid by a taxpayer and distributed to a municipal corporation under this section for a taxable year exceeds the amount payable to that municipal corporation under sections 718.80 to 718.95 of the Revised Code after accounting for amounts remitted with the annual return and as estimated taxes, the commissioner shall proceed according to divisions (A) and (B) of section 5703.77 of the Revised Code.

(C) If the amount of a municipal corporation's net distribution computed by the commissioner under division (A) of this section is less than zero, the commissioner may notify the municipal corporation of the deficiency. Within thirty days after receiving such a notice, the municipal corporation shall pay an amount equal to the deficiency to the treasurer of state. The treasurer of state shall credit any payment received under this division to the municipal net profit tax fund.

(D) If a municipal corporation fails to make a timely payment required under division (C) of this section, the commissioner may recover the deficiency using any or all of the following options:

(1) Deduct the amount of the deficiency from the next distribution to that municipal corporation under division (A) of this section or, if the amount of the deficiency exceeds the amount of such distribution, withhold such distributions entirely until the withheld amount equals the amount of the municipal corporation's deficiency;

(2) Deduct the amount of the deficiency from the next payment to that municipal corporation under division (A) of section 5745.05 of the Revised Code or, if the amount of the deficiency exceeds the amount of such distribution, withhold such distributions entirely until the withheld amount equals the amount of the municipal corporation's deficiency;

(3) Deduct the amount of the deficiency from the municipal corporation's share of the next payment made by the commissioner under division (F) of section 321.24 of the Revised Code or, if the amount of the deficiency exceeds the amount of the municipal corporation's share of such payment, withhold the municipal corporation's share of the payments entirely until the withheld amount equals the amount of the municipal corporation's deficiency.

(E) The total amount of payments and distributions withheld from a municipal corporation under division (D) of this section shall not exceed the unpaid portion of the municipal corporation's net distribution deficiency. All amounts withheld under division (D) of this section shall be credited to the municipal net profit tax fund.

(F) The commissioner may adopt rules necessary to administer this section.

Sec. 718.85. (A)(1) For each taxable year, every taxpayer shall file an annual return. Such return, along with the amount of tax shown to be due on the return less the amount paid for the taxable year under section 718.88 of the Revised Code, shall be submitted to the tax commissioner, on a form and in the manner prescribed by the commissioner, on or before the fifteenth day of the fourth month following the end of the taxpayer's taxable year.

(2) If a taxpayer has multiple taxable years beginning within one calendar year, the taxpayer shall aggregate the facts and figures necessary to compute the tax due under this chapter, in accordance with sections 718.81, 718.82, and, if applicable, 718.86 of the Revised Code onto its annual return.

(3) The remittance shall be made payable to the treasurer of state and in the form prescribed by the tax commissioner. If the amount payable with the tax return is ten dollars or less, no remittance is required.

(B) The tax commissioner shall immediately forward to the treasurer of state all amounts the commissioner receives pursuant to sections 718.80 to

718.95 of the Revised Code. The treasurer shall credit ninety-nine and one-half per cent of such amounts to the municipal ~~income~~ net profit tax fund which is hereby created in the state treasury, and the remainder to the municipal income tax administrative fund established under section 5745.03 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) Each return required to be filed under this section shall contain the signature of the taxpayer or the taxpayer's duly authorized agent and of the person who prepared the return for the taxpayer, and shall include the taxpayer's identification number. Each return shall be verified by a declaration under penalty of perjury.

(2)(a) The tax commissioner may require a taxpayer to include, with each annual tax return, amended return, or request for refund filed with the commissioner under sections 718.80 to 718.95 of the Revised Code, copies of any relevant documents or other information.

(b) A taxpayer that files an annual tax return electronically through the Ohio business gateway or in another manner as prescribed by the tax commissioner shall either submit the documents required under this division electronically as prescribed at the time of filing or, if electronic submission is not available, mail the documents to the tax commissioner. The department of taxation shall publish a method of electronically submitting the documents required under this division on or before January 1, 2019.

(3) After a taxpayer files a tax return, the tax commissioner may request, and the taxpayer shall provide, any information, statements, or documents required to determine and verify the taxpayer's municipal income tax.

(D)(1)(a) Any taxpayer that has duly requested an automatic extension for filing the taxpayer's federal income tax return shall automatically receive an extension for the filing of a tax return with the commissioner under this section. The extended due date of the return shall be the fifteenth day of the tenth month after the last day of the taxable year to which the return relates.

(b) A taxpayer that has not requested or received a six-month extension for filing the taxpayer's federal income tax return may request that the commissioner grant the taxpayer a six-month extension of the date for filing the taxpayer's municipal income tax return. If the commissioner receives the request on or before the date the municipal income tax return is due, the commissioner shall grant the taxpayer's extension request.

(c) An extension of time to file under division (D)(1) of this section is not an extension of the time to pay any tax due unless the tax commissioner grants an extension of that date.

(2) If the commissioner considers it necessary in order to ensure

payment of a tax imposed in accordance with section 718.04 of the Revised Code, the commissioner may require taxpayers to file returns and make payments otherwise than as provided in this section, including taxpayers not otherwise required to file annual returns.

(E) Each return required to be filed in accordance with this section shall include a box that the taxpayer may check to authorize another person, including a tax return preparer who prepared the return, to communicate with the tax commissioner about matters pertaining to the return. The return or instructions accompanying the return shall indicate that by checking the box the taxpayer authorizes the commissioner to contact the preparer or other person concerning questions that arise during the examination or other review of the return and authorizes the preparer or other person only to provide the commissioner with information that is missing from the return, to contact the commissioner for information about the examination or other review of the return or the status of the taxpayer's refund or payments, and to respond to notices about mathematical errors, offsets, or return preparation that the taxpayer has received from the commissioner and has shown to the preparer or other person.

(F) When income tax returns or other documents require the signature of a tax return preparer, the tax commissioner shall accept a facsimile or electronic version of such a signature in lieu of a manual signature.

Sec. 718.90. (A) If any taxpayer required to file a return under section 718.80 to 718.95 of the Revised Code fails to file the return within the time prescribed, files an incorrect return, or fails to remit the full amount of the tax due for the period covered by the return, the tax commissioner may make an assessment against the taxpayer for any deficiency for the period for which the return or tax is due, based upon any information in the commissioner's possession.

The tax commissioner shall not make or issue an assessment against a taxpayer more than three years after the later of the date the return subject to assessment was required to be filed or the date the return was filed. Such time limit may be extended if both the taxpayer and the commissioner consent in writing to the extension. Any such extension shall extend the three-year time limit in section 718.91 of the Revised Code for the same period of time. There shall be no bar or limit to an assessment against a taxpayer that fails to file a return subject to assessment as required by sections 718.80 to 718.95 of the Revised Code, or that files a fraudulent return. The commissioner shall give the taxpayer assessed written notice of the assessment as provided in section 5703.37 of the Revised Code. With the notice, the commissioner shall provide instructions on how to petition

for reassessment and request a hearing on the petition.

(B) Unless the taxpayer assessed files with the tax commissioner within sixty days after service of the notice of assessment, either personally or by certified mail, a written petition for reassessment signed by the authorized agent of the taxpayer assessed having knowledge of the facts, the assessment becomes final, and the amount of the assessment is due and payable from the taxpayer to the treasurer of state. The petition shall indicate the taxpayer's objections, but additional objections may be raised in writing if received by the commissioner prior to the date shown on the final determination. If the petition has been properly filed, the commissioner shall proceed under section 5703.60 of the Revised Code.

(C) After an assessment becomes final, if any portion of the assessment remains unpaid, including accrued interest, a certified copy of the tax commissioner's entry making the assessment final may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court of common pleas in the county in which the taxpayer has an office or place of business in this state, the county in which the taxpayer's statutory agent is located, or Franklin county.

Immediately upon the filing of the entry, the clerk shall enter a judgment against the taxpayer assessed in the amount shown on the entry. The judgment may be filed by the clerk in a loose-leaf book entitled "special judgments for municipal income taxes," and shall have the same effect as other judgments. Execution shall issue upon the judgment upon the request of the tax commissioner, and all laws applicable to sales on execution shall apply to sales made under the judgment.

If the assessment is not paid in its entirety within sixty days after the day the assessment was issued, the portion of the assessment consisting of tax due shall bear interest at the rate per annum prescribed by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code from the day the commissioner issues the assessment until the assessment is paid or until it is certified to the attorney general for collection under section 131.02 of the Revised Code, whichever comes first. If the unpaid portion of the assessment is certified to the attorney general for collection, the entire unpaid portion of the assessment shall bear interest at the rate per annum prescribed by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code from the date of certification until the date it is paid in its entirety. Interest shall be paid in the same manner as the tax and may be collected by issuing an assessment under this section.

(D) All money collected under this section shall be credited to the municipal ~~income~~ net profit tax fund and distributed to the municipal corporation to which the money is owed based on the assessment issued under this section.

(E) If the tax commissioner believes that collection of the tax will be jeopardized unless proceedings to collect or secure collection of the tax are instituted without delay, the commissioner may issue a jeopardy assessment against the taxpayer liable for the tax. Immediately upon the issuance of the jeopardy assessment, the commissioner shall file an entry with the clerk of the court of common pleas in the manner prescribed by division (C) of this section. Notice of the jeopardy assessment shall be served on the taxpayer assessed or the taxpayer's legal representative in the manner provided in section 5703.37 of the Revised Code within five days of the filing of the entry with the clerk. The total amount assessed is immediately due and payable, unless the taxpayer assessed files a petition for reassessment in accordance with division (B) of this section and provides security in a form satisfactory to the commissioner and in an amount sufficient to satisfy the unpaid balance of the assessment. Full or partial payment of the assessment does not prejudice the commissioner's consideration of the petition for reassessment.

(F) Notwithstanding the fact that a petition for reassessment is pending, the taxpayer may pay all or a portion of the assessment that is the subject of the petition. The acceptance of a payment by the treasurer of state does not prejudice any claim for refund upon final determination of the petition.

If upon final determination of the petition an error in the assessment is corrected by the tax commissioner, upon petition so filed or pursuant to a decision of the board of tax appeals or any court to which the determination or decision has been appealed, so that the amount due from the taxpayer under the corrected assessment is less than the portion paid, there shall be issued to the taxpayer, its assigns, or legal representative a refund in the amount of the overpayment as provided by section 718.91 of the Revised Code, with interest on that amount as provided by that section.

Sec. 753.21. (A) As used in this section, "building or structure" includes, but is not limited to, a modular unit, building, or structure and a movable unit, building, or structure.

(B)(1) The legislative authority of a municipal corporation, by ordinance, may dedicate and permit the use, as a minimum security jail, of any vacant or abandoned public building or structure owned by the municipal corporation that has not been dedicated to or is not then in use for any municipal or other public purpose, or any building or structure rented or leased by the municipal corporation. The legislative authority of a municipal corporation, by ordinance, also may dedicate and permit the use, as a minimum security jail, of any building or structure purchased by or constructed by or for the municipal corporation. Subject to divisions (B)(3)

and (C) of this section, upon the effective date of such an ordinance, the specified building or structure shall be used, in accordance with this section, for the confinement of persons who meet one of the following conditions:

(a) The person is sentenced to a term of imprisonment for a traffic violation, a misdemeanor, or a violation of a municipal ordinance and is under the jurisdiction of the municipal corporation or is sentenced to a residential sanction in the jail for a felony of the fourth or fifth degree pursuant to sections 2929.11 to 2929.19 of the Revised Code, and the jail administrator or the jail administrator's designee has classified the person as a minimal security risk. In determining the person's classification under this division, the administrator or designee shall consider all relevant factors, including, but not limited to, the person's escape risk and propensity for assaultive or violent behavior, based upon the person's prior and current behavior.

(b) The person is an inmate transferred by order of a judge of the sentencing court upon the request of the sheriff, administrator, jailer, or other person responsible for operating the jail other than a contractor as defined in section 9.06 of the Revised Code, who is named in the request as being suitable for confinement in a minimum security facility.

(2) The legislative authority of a municipal corporation, by ordinance, may affiliate with the county in which it is located, with one or more counties adjacent to the county in which it is located, or with one or more municipal corporations located within the county in which it is located or within an adjacent county, and dedicate and permit the use, as a minimum security jail, of any vacant or abandoned public building or structure owned by any of the affiliating counties or municipal corporations that has not been dedicated to or is not then in use for any public purpose, or any building or structure rented or leased by any of the affiliating counties or municipal corporations. The legislative authority of a municipal corporation, by ordinance, also may affiliate with one or more counties adjacent to the county in which it is located or with one or more municipal corporations located within the county in which it is located or within an adjacent county and dedicate and permit the use, as a minimum security jail, of any building or structure purchased by or constructed by or for any of the affiliating counties or municipal corporations. Any counties and municipal corporations that affiliate for purposes of this division shall enter into an agreement that establishes the responsibilities for the operation and for the cost of operation of the minimum security jail. Subject to divisions (B)(3) and (C) of this section, upon the effective date of an ordinance adopted under this division, the specified building or structure shall be used, in

accordance with this section, for the confinement of persons who meet one of the following conditions:

(a) The person is sentenced to a term of imprisonment for a traffic violation, a misdemeanor, or a violation of an ordinance of a municipal corporation and is under the jurisdiction of any of the affiliating counties or municipal corporations or is sentenced to a residential sanction in the jail for a felony of the fourth or fifth degree pursuant to sections 2929.11 to 2929.19 of the Revised Code, and the jail administrator or the jail administrator's designee has classified the person as a minimal security risk. In determining the person's classification under this division, the administrator or designee shall consider all relevant factors, including, but not limited to, the person's escape risk and propensity for assaultive or violent behavior, based upon the person's prior and current behavior.

(b) The person is an inmate transferred by order of a judge of the sentencing court upon the request of the sheriff, administrator, jailer, or other person responsible for operating the jail other than a contractor as defined in section 9.06 of the Revised Code, who is named in the request as being suitable for confinement in a minimum security facility.

(3) No person shall be confined in a building or structure dedicated as a minimum security jail under division (B)(1) or (2) of this section unless the judge who sentenced the person to the term of imprisonment for the traffic violation or the misdemeanor specifies that the term of imprisonment is to be served in that jail, and division (B)(1) or (2) of this section permits the confinement of the person in that jail or unless the judge who sentenced the person to the residential sanction for the felony specifies that the residential sanction is to be served in a jail, and division (B)(1) or (2) of this section permits the confinement of the person in that jail. If a rented or leased building or structure is so dedicated, the building or structure may be used as a minimum security jail only during the period that it is rented or leased by the municipal corporation or by an affiliated county or municipal corporation. If a person convicted of a misdemeanor is confined to a building or structure dedicated as a minimum security jail under division (B)(1) or (2) of this section and the sheriff, administrator, jailer, or other person responsible for operating the jail other than a contractor as defined in division (H) of section 9.06 of the Revised Code determines that it would be more appropriate for the person so confined to be confined in another jail or workhouse facility, the sheriff, administrator, jailer, or other person may transfer the person so confined to a more appropriate jail or workhouse facility.

(C) All of the following apply in relation to a building or structure that

is dedicated pursuant to division (B)(1) or (2) of this section for use as a minimum security jail:

(1) To the extent that the use of the building or structure as a minimum security jail requires a variance from any municipal corporation, county, or township zoning ordinances or regulations, the variance shall be granted.

(2) Except as provided in this section, the building or structure shall not be used to confine any person unless it is in substantial compliance with any applicable housing, fire prevention, sanitation, health, and safety codes, regulations, or standards.

(3) Unless such satisfaction or compliance is required under the standards described in division (C)(4) of this section, and notwithstanding any other provision of state or local law to the contrary, the building or structure need not satisfy or comply with any state or local building standard or code in order to be used to confine a person for the purposes specified in division (B) of this section.

(4) The building or structure shall not be used to confine any person unless it is in compliance with all minimum standards and minimum renovation, modification, and construction criteria for ~~minimum security~~ jails that have been proposed by the department of rehabilitation and correction, through its bureau of adult detention, under section 5120.10 of the Revised Code.

(5) The building or structure need not be renovated or modified into a secure detention facility in order to be used solely to confine a person for the purposes specified in divisions (B)(1)(a) and (B)(2)(a) of this section.

(6) The building or structure shall be used, equipped, furnished, and staffed to provide adequate and suitable living, sleeping, food service or preparation, drinking, bathing and toilet, sanitation, and other necessary facilities, furnishings, and equipment.

(D) Except as provided in this section, a minimum security jail dedicated and used under this section shall be considered to be part of the jail, workhouse, or other correctional facilities of the municipal corporation or the affiliated counties and municipal corporations for all purposes under the law. All persons confined in such a minimum security jail shall be and shall remain, in all respects, under the control of the authority of the municipal corporation that has responsibility for the management and operation of the jail, workhouse, or other correctional facilities of the municipal corporation or, if it is operated by any affiliation of counties or municipal corporations, under the control of the specified county or municipal corporation with that authority, provided that, if the person was convicted of a felony and is serving a residential sanction in the facility, all

provisions of law that pertain to persons convicted of a felony that would not by their nature clearly be inapplicable apply regarding the person. A minimum security jail dedicated and used under this section shall be managed and maintained in accordance with policies and procedures adopted by the legislative authority of the municipal corporation or the affiliated counties and municipal corporations governing the safe and healthful operation of the jail, the confinement and supervision of the persons sentenced to it, and their participation in work release or similar rehabilitation programs. In addition to other rules of conduct and discipline, the rights of ingress and egress of persons confined in a minimum security jail dedicated and used under this section shall be subject to reasonable restrictions. Every person confined in a minimum security jail dedicated and used under this section shall be given verbal and written notification, at the time of the person's admission to the jail, that purposely leaving, or purposely failing to return to, the jail without proper authority or permission constitutes the felony offense of escape.

(E) If a person who has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense is sentenced to a term of imprisonment or a residential sanction in a minimum security jail as described in division (B)(1)(a) or (B)(2)(a) of this section, or if a person is an inmate transferred to a minimum security jail by order of a judge of the sentencing court as described in division (B)(1)(b) or (2)(b) of this section, at the time of reception and at other times the person in charge of the operation of the jail determines to be appropriate, the person in charge of the operation of the jail may cause the convicted offender to be examined and tested for tuberculosis, HIV infection, hepatitis, including but not limited to hepatitis A, B, and C, and other contagious diseases. The person in charge of the operation of the jail may cause a convicted offender in the jail who refuses to be tested or treated for tuberculosis, HIV infection, hepatitis, including but not limited to hepatitis A, B, and C, or another contagious disease to be tested and treated involuntarily.

Sec. 755.16. (A) Any contracting subdivision, jointly with one or more other contracting subdivisions, in any combination, may acquire property for, construct, operate, and maintain any parks, playgrounds, playfields, gymnasiums, public baths, swimming pools, indoor recreation centers, educational facilities, or community centers. Any school district, educational service center, or state institution of higher education may provide by the erection of any school, educational service center, or state institution of higher education building or premises, or by the enlargement of, addition to, or reconstruction or improvement of any school, educational service center, or state institution of higher education building or premises, for the

inclusion of any such parks, recreational facilities, educational facilities, and community centers to be jointly acquired, constructed, operated, and maintained. Any contracting subdivision, jointly with one or more other contracting subdivisions, in any combination, may equip, operate, and maintain those parks, recreational facilities, educational facilities, and community centers and may appropriate money for those purposes.

Any contracting subdivision agreeing to jointly acquire, construct, operate, or maintain parks, recreational facilities, educational facilities, and community centers pursuant to this section may contribute lands, money, other personal property, or services to the joint venture, as may be agreed upon. Any agreement shall specify the rights of the parties in any lands or personal property contributed.

Any lands acquired by a township park district pursuant to Chapter 511. of the Revised Code and established as a public park or parks may be contributed to a joint venture authorized by this section. Fees may be charged in connection with the use of any recreational facilities, educational facilities, and community centers that may be constructed on those lands.

(B) Any township may, jointly with a private land owner, construct, operate, equip, and maintain free public playgrounds and playfields. Any equipment provided by a township pursuant to this division shall remain township property and shall be used subject to a right of removal by the township.

(C) As used in this section and in sections 755.17 and 755.18 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Community centers" means facilities characterized by all of the following:

(a) They are acquired, constructed, operated, or maintained by contracting subdivisions pursuant to division (A) of this section.

(b) They may be used for governmental, civic, or educational operations or purposes, or recreational activities.

(c) They may be used only by the contracting subdivisions that acquire, construct, operate, or maintain them or by any other person upon terms and conditions determined by those contracting subdivisions.

(2) "Educational service center" has the same meaning as in division (A) of section 3311.05 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Contracting subdivision" means a municipal corporation, township, joint recreation district, township park district, a park district created under Chapter 1545. of the Revised Code, county, school district, educational service center, or state institution of higher education.

(4) "School district" means any of the school districts or joint vocational

school districts referred to in section 3311.01 of the Revised Code.

(5) "State institution of higher education" has the same meaning as in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 901.172. (A) As used in this section, "beer," "cider," and "spirituous liquor" have the same meanings as in section 4301.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) The department of agriculture may promote the use of Ohio-produced agricultural goods grown for inclusion in both of the following:

(1) Beer or cider through the issuance of logotypes to qualified producers and processors under a voluntary promotional certification program to be developed and administered by the division of markets. The voluntary program shall be entitled "Ohio Proud Craft Beer."

(2) Spirituous liquor through the issuance of logotypes to qualified producers and processors under a voluntary promotional certification program to be developed and administered by the division. The voluntary program shall be entitled "Ohio Proud Craft Spirits."

(C) Pursuant to rules adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the department may establish reasonable fees and criteria for participation in the voluntary programs. All such fees shall be credited to the general revenue fund and used to finance the voluntary programs.

Sec. 905.31. As used in sections 905.31 to 905.503 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Brand name" means a name or expression, design, or trademark used in connection with one or several grades of any type of fertilizer.

(B) "Bulk fertilizer" means any type of fertilizer in solid, liquid, or gaseous state, or any combination thereof, in a nonpackaged form.

(C) "Distribute" means to offer for sale, sell, barter, or otherwise supply fertilizer for other than manufacturing purposes.

(D) "Fertilizer" means any substance containing nitrogen, phosphorus, or potassium or any recognized plant nutrient element or compound that is used for its plant nutrient content or for compounding mixed fertilizers. "Fertilizer" does not include lime, limestone, marl, unground bone, water, residual farm products, and animal and vegetable manures unless mixed with fertilizer materials or distributed with a guaranteed analysis.

(E) "Grade" means the percentages of total nitrogen, available phosphorus or available phosphate (P_2O_5), and soluble potassium or soluble potash (K₂O) stated in the same terms, order, and percentage as in guaranteed analysis.

(F) "Guaranteed analysis" means:

(1) The minimum percentages of plant nutrients claimed in the

following order and form:

Total Nitrogen (N)	per cent
Available phosphate (P_2O_5)	per cent
Soluble Potash (K_2O)	per cent

(2) Guaranteed analysis includes, in the following order:

- (a) For bone and tankage, total phosphorus (P) or phosphate (P_2O_5);
- (b) For basic slag and unacidulated phosphatic materials, available and total phosphorus (P) or phosphate (P_2O_5) and the degree of fineness;
- (c) Additional plant nutrients guaranteed expressed as percentage of elements in the order and form as prescribed by rules adopted by the director of agriculture.

(G) "Label" means any written or printed matter on the package or tag attached to it or on the pertinent delivery and billing invoice.

(H) "Manufacture" means to process, granulate, blend, mix, or alter the composition of fertilizers for distribution.

(I) "Mixed fertilizer" means any combination or mixture of fertilizer designed for use, or claimed to have value, in promoting plant growth, including fertilizer pesticide mixtures.

(J) "Net weight" means the weight of a commodity excluding any packaging in pounds or metric equivalent, as determined by a sealed weighing device or other means prescribed by rules adopted by the director.

(K) "Packaged fertilizer" means any type of fertilizer in closed containers of not over one hundred pounds or metric equivalent.

(L) "Per cent" or "percentage" means the percentage of weight.

(M) "Person" includes any partnership, association, firm, corporation, company, society, individual or combination of individuals, institution, park, or public agency administered by the state or any subdivision of the state.

(N) "Product name" means a coined or specific designation applied to an individual fertilizer material or mixture of a fixed composition and derivation.

(O) "Sale" means exchange of ownership or transfer of custody.

(P) "Official sample" means the sample of fertilizer taken and designated as official by the director.

(Q) "Specialty fertilizer" means any fertilizer designed, labeled, and distributed for uses other than the production of commercial crops.

(R) "Ton" means a net weight of two thousand pounds.

(S) "Fertilizer material" includes any of the following:

(1) A material containing not more than one of the following primary plant nutrients:

(a) Nitrogen (N);

(b) Phosphorus (P);

(c) Potassium (K).

(2) A material that has not less than eighty-five per cent of its plant nutrient content composed of a single chemical compound;

(3) A material that is derived from a residue or by-product of a plant or animal or a natural material deposit and has been processed in such a way that its plant nutrients content has not been materially changed except by purification and concentration.

(T) "Custom mixed fertilizer" means a fertilizer that is not premixed, but that is blended specifically to meet the nutrient needs of one specific customer.

(U) "Director" or "director of agriculture" means the director of agriculture or the director's designee.

(V) "Lot" means an identifiable quantity of fertilizer that may be used as an official sample.

(W) "Unit" means twenty pounds of fertilizer or one per cent of a ton.

(X) "Anhydrous ammonia equipment" means, with regard to the handling or storage of anhydrous ammonia, a container or containers with a maximum capacity of not more than four thousand nine hundred ninety-nine gallons or any appurtenances, pumps, compressors, or interconnecting pipes associated with such a container or containers. "Anhydrous ammonia equipment" does not include equipment for the manufacture of anhydrous ammonia or the storage of anhydrous ammonia either underground or in refrigerated structures.

(Y) "Anhydrous ammonia system" or "system" means, with regard to the handling or storage of anhydrous ammonia, a container or containers with a minimum capacity of not less than five thousand gallons or any appurtenances, pumps, compressors, or interconnecting pipes associated with such a container or containers. "Anhydrous ammonia system" does not include equipment for the manufacture of anhydrous ammonia or the storage of anhydrous ammonia either underground or in refrigerated structures.

(Z) "Agricultural production" means the cultivation, primarily for sale, of plants or any parts of plants on more than fifty acres. "Agricultural production" does not include the use of start-up fertilizer applied through a planter.

(AA) "Rule" means a rule adopted under section 905.322, 905.40, or 905.44 of the Revised Code, as applicable.

(BB) "Certificate holder" means a person who has been certified to apply fertilizer under section 905.321 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under section 905.322 of the Revised Code.

(CC) "Residual farm products" has the same meaning as in section 939.01 of the Revised Code.

(DD) "Voluntary nutrient management plan" means any of the following:

(1) A nutrient management plan that is in the form of the Ohio nutrient management workbook made available by the Ohio state university;

(2) A comprehensive nutrient management plan developed by the United States department of agriculture natural resources conservation service, a technical service provider certified by the conservation service, or a person authorized by the conservation service to develop a plan;

(3) A document that is equivalent to a plan specified in division (DD)(1) or (2) of this section, that is in a form approved by the director or the director's designee, and that contains at least all of the following information:

(a) Results of soil tests conducted on land subject to the plan that comply with the field office technical guide established by the conservation service and adopted by the director in rules adopted under division (E) of section 939.02 of the Revised Code and that are not older than ~~three~~ four years;

(b) Documentation of the method and seasonal time of utilization and application of nutrients;

(c) Identification of all nutrients applied, including manure, fertilizer, sewage sludge, and biodigester residue;

(d) Field information regarding land subject to the plan, including the location, spreadable acreage, crops grown, and actual and projected yields.

Sec. 929.04. (A) As used in this section, "agricultural activities" means common agricultural practices, including all of the following:

(1) The cultivation of crops or changing crop rotation;

(2) Raising of livestock or changing the species of livestock raised;

(3) Entering into and operating under a livestock contract;

(4) The storage and application of commercial fertilizer;

(5) The storage and application of manure;

(6) The storage and application of pesticides and other chemicals commonly used in agriculture;

(7) A change in corporate structure or ownership;

(8) An expansion, contraction, or change in operations;

(9) Any agricultural practice that is acceptable by local custom.

(B) In a civil action for nuisances involving agricultural activities, it is a complete defense if:

(A)(1) The agricultural activities ~~were~~ were conducted within an

agricultural district or on land devoted exclusively to agricultural use in accordance with section 5713.30 of the Revised Code, or were conducted by a person pursuant to a lease agreement, written or otherwise;

~~(B) Agricultural~~(2) The agricultural activities ~~Were were~~ established ~~within the agricultural district~~ prior to the plaintiff's activities or interest on which the action is based;

~~(C) the plaintiff was not involved in agricultural production; and~~

~~(D)~~(3) The agricultural activities ~~Were were~~ not in conflict with federal, state, and local laws and rules relating to the alleged nuisance or were conducted in accordance with generally accepted agriculture practices.

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The plaintiff may offer proof of a violation independently of proof of a violation or conviction by any public official.

Sec. 936.01. As used in this chapter:

"Education" means any activity designed to provide information regarding propane, propane equipment, mechanical and technical practices, and uses and promotion of propane to consumers and members of the propane industry.

"Propane" means liquefied petroleum gas, a material with a vapor pressure not exceeding that of commercial propane composed predominately of the following hydrocarbons or mixtures:

(A) Propane;

(B) Propylene;

(C) Butane;

(D) Butylene

"Propane council" or "council" means the propane council created under section 936.02 of the Revised Code.

"Retailer" means a person engaged primarily in the sale of odorized propane to the ultimate consumer or to a retail propane dispenser.

"Wholesale distributor" means a person whose primary business involves the sale of propane to a retailer.

Sec. 936.02. (A) The director of agriculture shall establish a propane council and adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code necessary to implement this chapter.

(B) The director shall appoint the following members to the council in accordance with this section and rules adopted under it:

(1) Two multi-state propane gas retailers;

(2) Two intrastate propane gas retailers;

(3) One cooperative propane gas retailer;

(4) One wholesale propane gas wholesale distributor;

(5) One propane gas equipment dealer:

The director of agriculture or the director's designee and the state fire marshal or the fire marshal's designee also shall serve on the council.

(C) The director shall appoint members under divisions (B)(1) through (5) of this section from a list submitted by a qualified statewide propane association. The director shall not appoint a person as a member of the council unless the person is at least twenty-five years old and has at least five years of active experience in the propane gas industry.

(D) Not later than ninety days after the effective date of this section, the director shall make initial appointments to the council. Members shall serve three-year staggered terms of office in accordance with rules adopted by the director.

Sec. 936.03. The propane council shall adopt procedures by which retailers of propane in this state may propose, develop, and operate a marketing program to do all of the following:

(A) Promote the safe and efficient use of propane;

(B) Demonstrate to the general public the importance and economic significance of propane;

(C) Develop new uses and markets for propane and enable engagement in promotional activities that incentivize the use of propane;

(D) Support research, training, and educational activities concerning the propane industry;

(E) Determine the eligibility of retailers to participate in referendums and other procedures that may be required to establish the marketing program;

(F) Establish procedures necessary to implement and administer the marketing program;

(G) Enter into contracts with qualified organizations, agencies, individuals, or any combination thereof, to carry out the purpose of the marketing program;

(H) Employ staff to carry out the purpose of the marketing program.

Sec. 936.04. (A) Retailers in this state may present the propane council with a petition signed by the lesser of twenty-five or ten per cent of all such retailers requesting that the council hold a referendum in accordance with section 936.05 of the Revised Code to establish or amend a marketing program for propane.

(B) At the time of presentation of the petition to the council under division (A) of this section, the petitioners also shall present the proposed program or amendment, which shall include all of the following:

(1) The rate of assessment to be made on the volume of odorized

propane purchased by a retailer from a wholesale distributor in this state, which shall not exceed five thousandths of a mill per gallon;

(2) Terms, conditions, limitations, and other eligibility qualifications for assessment;

(3) Procedures and eligibility requirements for a refund of the assessment.

(C) Before the council makes a decision to approve or disapprove a proposed program or amendment, the council shall publish in at least two appropriate periodicals designated by the council a notice that the program or amendment has been proposed and informing interested persons of the procedures for submitting comments regarding the proposal. After publishing the notice, the council shall provide interested persons with a copy of the proposed program or amendment and an opportunity to comment on the proposed program or amendment for thirty days after the publication of the notice. The petitioners may make changes to the proposed program or amendment based upon the comments received. The council may make technical changes to the proposal to ensure compliance with this chapter. Subsequent to any changes made by the petitioners or any technical changes made by the council to a proposed program or amendment, the council may approve or disapprove the proposed program or amendment.

(D) If the council approves the proposed program or amendment, with any changes made under division (C) of this section, the council shall hold a referendum in accordance with section 936.05 of the Revised Code to establish a marketing program for propane or to amend an existing program.

Sec. 936.05. (A) Not later than ninety days after the propane council has approved a marketing program proposed under section 936.04 of the Revised Code, or an amendment to such a program, the council shall determine by a referendum whether the eligible retailers, as determined under section 936.03 of the Revised Code, favor the proposed program or amendment. The council shall cause a ballot request form to be published not less than thirty days before the beginning of the election period established under division (B) of this section in at least two appropriate periodicals designated by the council and shall make the form available for reproduction to any qualified statewide propane association.

(B) In a referendum held under this section, each eligible retailer is entitled to one vote. The council shall establish a three-day period during which eligible retailers may vote either in person during normal business hours at polling places designated by the council or by mailing a ballot to such a polling place. The council shall send a mail-in ballot by first-class mail to any eligible retailer who requests one by sending in the ballot

request form provided for in division (A) of this section or by any additional method that the council may provide. A ballot that is returned by mail is not valid if it is postmarked later than the third day of the election period established by the council.

(C) A marketing program or an amendment to a marketing program is favored by retailers if a majority of the retailers who vote in the referendum vote in favor of the program or amendment.

Sec. 936.06. When the retailers who vote in a referendum held under section 936.05 of the Revised Code favor a proposed marketing program, the propane council shall order the program established.

Sec. 936.07. The director of agriculture shall monitor the actions of the propane council to ensure all of the following:

(A) A marketing program is self-supporting.

(B) The council keeps all records that are required for agencies of the state.

(C) All program operations are in accord with both of the following:

(1) The provisions of the marketing program;

(2) This chapter and procedures established under it.

Sec. 936.08. (A) For the purpose of a marketing program established under this chapter, the council may levy assessments on retailers at the time of purchase of odorized propane by a retailer from a wholesale distributor. The council shall base the assessments on the volume of odorized propane purchased by the retailer from the wholesale distributor.

(B) A marketing program shall require a refund of assessments collected under this section after receiving an application for a refund from a retailer who has been assessed and is eligible for a refund. The retailer shall submit the application for a refund on a form furnished by the council. The council shall ensure that refund forms are available where assessments for its program are withheld.

A retailer who desires a refund shall submit a request for a refund not later than thirty days after the end of the month for which the request is submitted. The council shall refund the assessment to the retailer not later than sixty days after the request for the refund is submitted.

(C) The propane council shall not use money from any assessments that it levies for any political or legislative purpose or for preferential treatment of one person to the detriment of another person who is affected by the marketing program that the council administers.

(D) If the propane council requests that a retailer seeking a refund provide additional information to support a refund request, any additional information provided to the council is not a public record under section

149.43 of the Revised Code, is confidential, and the propane council shall treat the information as confidential.

Sec. 936.09. (A) There is hereby established a fund for the marketing program that is established by the propane council under this chapter. The fund shall be in the custody of the treasurer of state, but shall not be part of the state treasury. Except as authorized in division (B) of this section, all money collected pursuant to section 936.08 of the Revised Code for the marketing program shall be paid into the fund for the marketing program and shall be disbursed only pursuant to a voucher signed by the chairperson of the council for use in defraying the costs of administration of the marketing program and for carrying out sections 936.03 and 936.11 of the Revised Code.

(B) In lieu of deposits in the fund established under division (A) of this section, the propane council may deposit all money collected pursuant to section 936.08 of the Revised Code with a bank as defined in section 1101.01 of the Revised Code. All money collected pursuant to section 936.08 of the Revised Code for the marketing program and deposited pursuant to this division also shall be used only in defraying the costs of administration of the marketing program and for carrying out sections 936.03 and 936.11 of the Revised Code.

(C) The council shall establish a fiscal year for its marketing program, shall publish an activity and financial report within sixty days of the end of each fiscal year, and shall make the report available to each retailer who pays an assessment or otherwise contributes to the marketing program that the council administers and to other interested persons.

(D) In addition to the report required by division (C) of this section, if the council deposits money in accordance with division (B) of this section, the council shall annually submit a financial statement prepared by a certified public accountant holding valid certification from the Ohio board of accountancy issued pursuant to Chapter 4701. of the Revised Code to the department of agriculture. The council shall file the financial statement with the department not more than one hundred fifty days after the end of each fiscal year.

(E) The council shall use money in the fund or deposited in a bank to promote the common good, welfare, and advancement of the propane industry, including, but not limited to, all of the following activities and programs:

- (1) Education;
- (2) Training;
- (3) Safety compliance;

(4) Advertising:

(5) Promotion:

(6) Customer rebates to encourage energy efficient appliance and equipment purchases by residential, commercial, or agricultural customers.

Sec. 936.10. (A) The director of agriculture temporarily may suspend the operation of a marketing program, or any part of a program, established under this chapter for any reason upon recommendation by the propane council for a period of not more than twelve consecutive months.

(B) At least once in each five years of operation, or at any time upon written petition by the lesser of twenty-five or ten per cent of the retailers in this state, the council shall hold a hearing as prescribed in Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to consider the continuation of the program.

(C) Not later than thirty days after the close of any hearing to consider the continuation of a marketing program, the council shall recommend continuation or termination of the program, shall give public notice, and shall notify each retailer of record, all parties appearing at the hearing, and other interested parties of the recommendation.

(D) When the council recommends termination of a marketing program, within forty-five days the council shall conduct a referendum to determine whether retailers favor the proposed termination. Retailers favor the termination of the program if a majority of the retailers who vote in the referendum vote in favor of termination of the program.

Sec. 936.11. (A) When retailers favor termination of a marketing program established under this chapter, the propane council shall terminate all operations of the program.

(B)(1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, upon termination of a program, the council shall return any remaining unobligated money to the retailers who paid the assessments levied under section 936.08 of the Revised Code during the immediately preceding twelve months and shall prorate the money accordingly.

(2) If a program is operated by a nonprofit corporation that is organized under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code for the purpose of carrying out the purposes identified in section 936.03 of the Revised Code, and if the nonprofit corporation is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and is described in section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, upon termination of the program, the nonprofit corporation shall distribute any remaining unobligated money to be used for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or to the federal, a state, or a local government to be used for a public purpose. If there remains any

unobligated money after the distribution by the nonprofit corporation, the court of common pleas of the county in which the principal office of the nonprofit corporation is located shall distribute the remaining unobligated money to be used for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, to the federal, a state, or a local government to be used for a public purpose, or to one or more organizations that are organized and operated exclusively for one or more of the purposes that are within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as the court determines is best to accomplish the exempt purposes of the nonprofit corporation.

Sec. 936.12. The propane council may institute an action at law or in equity that appears necessary to enforce compliance with this chapter, a procedure established under it, or a marketing program established under it.

Sec. 936.13. No retailer shall knowingly fail or refuse to withhold or remit any assessment levied under section 936.08 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 936.99. Whoever violates section 936.13 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

Sec. 939.02. The director of agriculture shall do all of the following:

(A) Provide administrative leadership to soil and water conservation districts in planning, budgeting, staffing, and administering district programs and the training of district supervisors and personnel in their duties, responsibilities, and authorities as prescribed in this chapter and Chapter 940. of the Revised Code;

(B) Administer this chapter and Chapter 940. of the Revised Code pertaining to state responsibilities and provide staff assistance to the Ohio soil and water conservation commission in exercising its statutory responsibilities;

(C) Assist in expediting state responsibilities for watershed development and other natural resource conservation works of improvement;

(D) Coordinate or support the development and implementation of cooperative programs and working agreements between soil and water conservation districts and the department of agriculture, department of natural resources, environmental protection agency, or other agencies of local, state, and federal government;. The cooperative programs and working agreements shall be for the support of farm, rural, suburban, and urban conservation programs.

(E) Subject to the approval of the Ohio soil and water conservation commission, adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that do or comply with all of the following:

(1) Establish technically feasible and economically reasonable standards

to achieve a level of management and conservation practices in farming operations that will abate wind or water erosion of the soil or abate the degradation of the waters of the state by residual farm products, manure, or soil sediment, including attached substances, and establish criteria for determination of the acceptability of such management and conservation practices;

(2) Establish procedures for administration of rules for agricultural pollution abatement and for enforcement of those rules;

(3) Specify the pollution abatement practices eligible for state cost sharing and determine the conditions for eligibility, the construction standards and specifications, the useful life, the maintenance requirements, and the limits of cost sharing for those practices. Eligible practices shall be limited to practices that address agricultural operations and that require expenditures that are likely to exceed the economic returns to the owner or operator and that abate soil erosion or degradation of the waters of the state by residual farm products, manure, or soil sediment, including attached pollutants.

(4) Establish procedures for administering grants to owners or operators of agricultural land or animal feeding operations for the implementation of operation and management plans;

(5) Do both of the following with regard to composting conducted in conjunction with agricultural operations:

(a) Establish methods, techniques, or practices for composting dead animals, or particular types of dead animals, that are to be used at such operations, as the director considers to be necessary or appropriate;

(b) Establish requirements and procedures governing the review and approval or disapproval of composting plans by the supervisors of soil and water conservation districts under division ~~(R)~~(S) of section 940.06 of the Revised Code.

(6) Establish best management practices for inclusion in operation and management plans;

(7) Establish the amount of civil penalties assessed by the director under division (A) of section 939.07 of the Revised Code for violation of rules adopted under division (E) of this section;

(8) Not conflict with air or water quality standards adopted pursuant to section 3704.03 or 6111.041 of the Revised Code. Compliance with rules adopted under this section does not affect liability for noncompliance with air or water quality standards adopted pursuant to section 3704.03 or 6111.041 of the Revised Code. The application of a level of management and conservation practices recommended under this section to control

windblown soil from farming operations creates a presumption of compliance with section 3704.03 of the Revised Code as that section applies to windblown soil.

(F) Cost share with landowners on practices established pursuant to division (E)(3) of this section as moneys are appropriated and available for that purpose. Any practice for which cost share is provided shall be maintained for its useful life. Failure to maintain a cost share practice for its useful life shall subject the landowner to full repayment to the department.

(G) Employ field assistants and other employees that are necessary for the performance of the work prescribed by Chapter 940. of the Revised Code, for performance of work of the department under this chapter, and as agreed to under working agreements or contractual arrangements with soil and water conservation districts, prescribe their duties, and fix their compensation in accordance with schedules that are provided by law for the compensation of state employees. All such employees of the department, unless specifically exempted by law, shall be employed subject to the classified civil service laws in force at the time of employment.

(H) In connection with new or relocated projects involving highways, underground cables, pipelines, railroads, and other improvements affecting soil and water resources, including surface and subsurface drainage:

(1) Provide engineering service that is mutually agreeable to the Ohio soil and water conservation commission and the director to aid in the design and installation of soil and water conservation practices as a necessary component of such projects;

(2) Maintain close liaison between the owners of lands on which the projects are executed, soil and water conservation districts, and authorities responsible for such projects;

(3) Review plans for such projects to ensure their compliance with standards developed under division (E) of this section in cooperation with the department of transportation or with any other interested agency that is engaged in soil or water conservation projects in the state in order to minimize adverse impacts on soil and water resources adjacent to or otherwise affected by these projects;

(4) Recommend measures to retard erosion and protect soil and water resources through the installation of water impoundment or other soil and water conservation practices;

(5) Cooperate with other agencies and subdivisions of the state to protect the agricultural status of rural lands adjacent to such projects and control adverse impacts on soil and water resources.

(I) Collect, analyze, inventory, and interpret all available information

pertaining to the origin, distribution, extent, use, and conservation of the soil resources of the state;

(J) Prepare and maintain up-to-date reports, maps, and other materials pertaining to the soil resources of the state and their use and make that information available to governmental agencies, public officials, conservation entities, and the public;

(K) Provide soil and water conservation districts with technical assistance including on-site soil investigations and soil interpretation reports on the suitability or limitations of soil to support a particular use or to plan soil conservation measures. The assistance shall be on terms that are mutually agreeable to the districts and the department of agriculture.

(L) Assist local government officials in utilizing land use planning and zoning, current agricultural use value assessment, development reviews, and land management activities;

(M) When necessary for the purposes of this chapter or Chapter 940. of the Revised Code, develop or approve operation and management plans. The director may designate an employee of the department to develop or approve operation and management plans in lieu of the director.

This section does not restrict the manure of domestic or farm animals defecated on land outside an animal feeding operation or runoff from that land into the waters of the state.

Sec. 939.04. (A) A person who owns or operates an agricultural operation, or owns the animals raised by the owner or operator of an agricultural operation, and who wishes to conduct composting of dead animals resulting from the agricultural operation shall do both of the following:

(1) Participate in an educational course concerning composting conducted by OSU extension and obtain a certificate of completion for the course;

(2) Use the appropriate method, technique, or practice of composting established in rules adopted under division (E)(5) of section 939.02 of the Revised Code.

(B) A person who fails to comply with division (A) of this section shall prepare and operate under a composting plan required by the director of agriculture under division (A)(2) of section 939.02 of the Revised Code. If the person's proposed composting plan is disapproved by the supervisors of the appropriate soil and water conservation district under division ~~(R)~~(S)(3) of section 940.06 of the Revised Code, the person may appeal the plan disapproval to the director, who shall afford the person a hearing. Following the hearing, the director shall uphold the plan disapproval or reverse it. If the

director reverses the disapproval, the plan shall be deemed approved.

Sec. 940.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Soil and water conservation district" means a district organized in accordance with this chapter.

(B) "Supervisor" means one of the members of the governing body of a district.

(C) "Landowner," "owner," or "owner of land" means an owner of record as shown by the records in the office of the county recorder. With respect to an improvement or a proposed improvement, "landowner," "owner," or "owner of land" also includes any public corporation and the director of any department, office, or institution of the state that is affected by the improvement or that would be affected by the proposed improvement, but that does not own any right, title, estate, or interest in or to any real property.

(D) "Land occupier" or "occupier of land" means any person, firm, or corporation that controls the use of land whether as landowner, lessee, renter, or tenant.

(E) "Due notice" means notice published at least twice, stating time and place, with an interval of at least thirteen days between the two publication dates, in a newspaper of general circulation within a soil and water conservation district.

(F) "Agricultural pollution" means failure to use management or conservation practices in farming or silvicultural operations to abate wind or water erosion of the soil or to abate the degradation of the waters of the state by residual farm products, manure, or soil sediment, including substances attached thereto.

(G) "Urban sediment and storm water runoff pollution" means failure to use management or conservation practices to abate wind or water erosion of the soil or to abate the degradation of the waters of the state by soil sediment or storm water runoff in conjunction with land grading, excavating, filling, or other ~~soil-disturbing~~ activities that disturb the soil and increase storm water runoff on land used or being developed for nonfarm commercial, industrial, residential, or other nonfarm purposes, except lands being used in a strip mine operation as defined in section 1513.01 of the Revised Code and except lands being used in a surface mining operation as defined in section 1514.01 of the Revised Code.

(H) "Uniform assessment" means an assessment that is both of the following:

(1) Based upon a complete appraisal of each parcel of land, together with all improvements thereon, within a project area and of the benefits or

damages brought about as a result of the project that is determined by criteria applied equally to all parcels within the project area;

(2) Levied upon the parcels at a uniform rate on the basis of the appraisal.

(I) "Varied assessment" means any assessment that does not meet the criteria established in division (H) of this section.

(J) "Project area" means an area determined and certified by the supervisors of a soil and water conservation district under section 940.25 of the Revised Code.

(K) "Benefit" or "benefits" means advantages to land and owners, to public corporations, and to the state resulting from drainage, conservation, control, and management of water and from environmental, wildlife, and recreational improvements. "Benefit" or "benefits" includes, but is not limited to, any of the following factors:

(1) Elimination or reduction of damage from flooding;

(2) Removal of water conditions that jeopardize public health, safety, or welfare;

(3) Increased value of land resulting from an improvement;

(4) Use of water for irrigation, storage, regulation of stream flow, soil conservation, water supply, or any other incidental purpose;

(5) Providing an outlet for the accelerated runoff from artificial drainage if a stream, watercourse, channel, or ditch that is under improvement is called upon to discharge functions for which it was not designed. Uplands that have been removed from their natural state by deforestation, cultivation, artificial drainage, urban development, or other human methods shall be considered to be benefited by an improvement that is required to dispose of the accelerated flow of water from the uplands.

(L) "Improvement" or "conservation works of improvement" means an improvement that is made under the authority established in division (C) of section 940.06 of the Revised Code.

(M) "Land" has the same meaning as in section 6131.01 of the Revised Code.

(N) "Manure," "operation and management plan," and "residual farm products" have the same meanings as in section 939.01 of the Revised Code.

(O) "Voluntary nutrient management plan" has the same meaning as in section 905.31 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 940.02. There is hereby established in the department of agriculture the Ohio soil and water conservation commission. The commission shall consist of seven members of equal status and authority, six of whom shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, and

one of whom shall be designated by resolution of the board of directors of the Ohio federation of soil and water conservation districts. The directors of agriculture, environmental protection, and natural resources, the vice-president for agricultural administration of the Ohio state university, and an officer of the Ohio federation of soil and water conservation districts, or their designees, may serve as ex officio members of the commission, but without the power to vote. A vacancy in the office of an appointed member shall be filled by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the remainder of that term. Of the appointed members, four shall be persons who have a knowledge of or interest in agricultural production and the natural resources of the state. One member shall represent rural interests and one member shall represent urban interests. Not more than three of the appointed members shall be members of the same political party.

Terms of office of the member designated by the board of directors of the federation and the members appointed by the governor shall be for four years, commencing on the first day of July and ending on the thirtieth day of June.

Each appointed member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the end of the term for which the member was appointed. Any appointed member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the member's successor takes office, or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first.

The commission shall organize by selecting from its members a chairperson and a vice-chairperson. The commission shall hold at least one regular meeting in each quarter of each calendar year and shall keep a record of its proceedings, which shall be open to the public for inspection. Special meetings may be called by the chairperson and shall be called by the chairperson upon receipt of a written request signed by two or more members of the commission. Written notice of the time and place of each meeting shall be sent to each member of the commission. A majority of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

The commission may adopt rules as necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter, subject to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

The governor may remove any appointed member of the commission at any time for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office, after giving to the member a copy of the charges against the member and an opportunity to be heard publicly in person or by counsel in the member's defense. Any such act of removal by the governor is final. A statement of

the findings of the governor, the reason for the governor's action, and the answer, if any, of the member shall be filed by the governor with the secretary of state and shall be open to public inspection.

All members of the commission shall be reimbursed for the necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members.

Upon recommendation by the commission, the director of agriculture shall designate an executive secretary and provide staff necessary to carry out the powers and duties of the commission.

The commission shall do all of the following:

(A) Determine distribution of funds under section 940.15 of the Revised Code, recommend to the director and other agencies the levels of appropriations to special funds established to assist soil and water conservation districts, and recommend the amount of federal funds to be requested and policies for the use of such funds in support of soil and water conservation district programs;

(B) Assist in keeping the supervisors of soil and water conservation districts informed of their powers and duties, program opportunities, and the activities and experience of all other districts, and facilitate the interchange of advice, experience, and cooperation between the districts;

(C) Seek the cooperation and assistance of the federal government or any of its agencies, and of agencies of this state, in the work of the districts;

(D) Adopt appropriate rules governing the conduct of elections provided for in this chapter, subject to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, provided that only owners and occupiers of lands situated within the boundaries of the districts or proposed districts to which the elections apply shall be eligible to vote in the elections;

(E) Recommend to the director priorities for planning and construction of small watershed projects, and make recommendations to the director concerning coordination of programs as proposed and implemented in agreements with soil and water conservation districts;

(F) Recommend to the ~~director~~ directors of agriculture, environmental protection, and natural resources, the governor, and the general assembly programs and legislation with respect to the operations of soil and water conservation districts that will encourage proper soil, water, and other natural resource management for farm, rural, suburban, and urban land and promote the economic and social development of the state;

(G) Recommend to the director of agriculture a procedure for coordination of a program of agricultural pollution abatement. Implementation of such a program shall be based on water quality standards adopted pursuant to section 6111.041 of the Revised Code. The director of

environmental protection may coordinate with the division of soil and water conservation in the department of agriculture and soil and water conservation districts for the abatement of agricultural pollution.

Sec. 940.06. The supervisors of a soil and water conservation district have the following powers in addition to their other powers:

(A) To conduct surveys, investigations, and research relating to the character of soil erosion, floodwater and sediment damages, and the preventive and control measures and works of improvement for flood prevention and the conservation, development, utilization, and disposal of water needed within the district, and to publish the results of those surveys, investigations, or research, provided that no district shall initiate any research program except in cooperation or after consultation with the Ohio agricultural research and development center;

(B) To develop plans for the conservation of soil resources, for the control and prevention of soil erosion, and for works of improvement for flood prevention and the conservation, development, utilization, and disposal of water within the district, and to publish those plans and information;

(C) To implement, construct, repair, maintain, and operate preventive and control measures and other works of improvement for natural resource conservation and development and flood prevention, and the conservation, development, utilization, and disposal of water within the district on lands owned or controlled by this state or any of its agencies and on any other lands within the district, which works may include any facilities authorized under state or federal programs, and to acquire, by purchase or gift, to hold, encumber, or dispose of, and to lease real and personal property or interests in such property for those purposes;

(D) To cooperate or enter into agreements with any occupier of lands within the district in the carrying on of natural resource conservation operations and works of improvement for flood prevention and the conservation, development, utilization, and management of natural resources within the district, subject to such conditions as the supervisors consider necessary;

(E) To accept donations, gifts, grants, and contributions in money, service, materials, or otherwise, and to use or expend them according to their terms;

(F) To adopt, amend, and rescind rules to carry into effect the purposes and powers of the district;

(G) To sue and plead in the name of the district, and be sued and impleaded in the name of the district, with respect to its contracts and, as

indicated in section 940.07 of the Revised Code, certain torts of its officers, employees, or agents acting within the scope of their employment or official responsibilities, or with respect to the enforcement of its obligations and covenants made under this chapter;

(H) To make and enter into all contracts, leases, and agreements and execute all instruments necessary or incidental to the performance of the duties and the execution of the powers of the district under this chapter, provided that all of the following apply:

(1) Except as provided in section 307.86 of the Revised Code regarding expenditures by boards of county commissioners, when the cost under any such contract, lease, or agreement, other than compensation for personal services or rental of office space, involves an expenditure of more than the amount established in that section regarding expenditures by boards of county commissioners, the supervisors shall make a written contract with the lowest and best bidder after advertisement, for not less than two nor more than four consecutive weeks preceding the day of the opening of bids, in a newspaper of general circulation within the district or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code and in such other publications as the supervisors determine. The notice shall state the general character of the work and materials to be furnished, the place where plans and specifications may be examined, and the time and place of receiving bids.

(2) Each bid for a contract shall contain the full name of every person interested in it.

(3) Each bid for a contract for the construction, demolition, alteration, repair, or reconstruction of an improvement shall meet the requirements of section 153.54 of the Revised Code.

(4) Each bid for a contract, other than a contract for the construction, demolition, alteration, repair, or reconstruction of an improvement, at the discretion of the supervisors, may be accompanied by a bond or certified check on a solvent bank in an amount not to exceed five per cent of the bid, conditioned that, if the bid is accepted, a contract shall be entered into.

(5) The supervisors may reject any and all bids.

(I) To charge, alter, and collect rentals and other charges for the use or services of any works of the district;

(J) To enter, either in person or by designated representatives, upon lands, private or public, in the necessary discharge of their duties;

(K) To enter into agreements or contracts with the department of agriculture for the determination, implementation, inspection, and funding of agricultural pollution abatement measures whereby landowners, operators, managers, and developers may meet adopted state standards for a

quality environment, except that failure of a district board of supervisors to negotiate an agreement or contract with the department authorizes the department to implement the required program;

(L) To conduct demonstrations and provide information to the public regarding practices and methods for natural resource conservation, development, and utilization;

(M) To enter into contracts or agreements with, and seek technical guidance and program support from, the director of environmental protection in furtherance of actions to abate urban sediment and storm water runoff pollution;

(N) To enter into contracts or agreements with the director of natural resources for partnership on state programs to assist with local needs relating to the management of wildlife, forestry, waterways, and other natural resources programs;

(O) To develop operation and management plans as necessary;

~~(P)~~(P) To determine whether operation and management plans developed under division (A) of section 939.03 of the Revised Code comply with the standards established under division (E)(1) of section 939.02 of the Revised Code and to approve or disapprove the plans, based on such compliance. If an operation and management plan is disapproved, the board shall provide a written explanation to the person who submitted the plan. The person may appeal the plan disapproval to the director of agriculture or the director's designee, who shall afford the person a hearing. Following the hearing, the director or the director's designee shall uphold the plan disapproval or reverse it. If the director or the director's designee reverses the plan disapproval, the plan shall be deemed approved under this division. In the event that any person operating or owning agricultural land or an animal feeding operation in accordance with an approved operation and management plan who, in good faith, is following that plan, causes agricultural pollution, the plan shall be revised in a fashion necessary to mitigate the agricultural pollution, as determined and approved by the board of supervisors of the soil and water conservation district.

~~(P)~~(Q) To develop timber harvest plans;

~~(Q)~~(R) To determine whether timber harvest plans developed under division (A) of section 1503.52 of the Revised Code comply with the standards established under division (A)(1) of section 1503.51 of the Revised Code and to approve or disapprove the plans based on such compliance. If a timber harvest plan is disapproved, the board shall provide a written explanation to the person who submitted the plan. The person may appeal the plan disapproval to the chief of the division of forestry or the

chief's designee, who shall afford the person a hearing. Following the hearing, the chief or the chief's designee shall uphold the plan disapproval or reverse it. If the chief or the chief's designee reverses the plan disapproval, the plan shall be deemed approved under this division.

~~(R)~~(S) With regard to composting conducted in conjunction with agricultural operations, to do all of the following:

(1) Upon request or upon their own initiative, inspect composting at any such operation to determine whether the composting is being conducted in accordance with section 939.04 of the Revised Code;

(2) If the board determines that composting is not being so conducted, request the director to take corrective actions under section 939.07 of the Revised Code that require the person who is conducting the composting to prepare a composting plan in accordance with rules adopted under division (E)(5)(a) of section 939.02 of the Revised Code and to operate in accordance with that plan or to operate in accordance with a previously prepared plan, as applicable;

(3) In accordance with rules adopted under division (E)(5)(b) of section 939.02 of the Revised Code, review and approve or disapprove any such composting plan. If a plan is disapproved, the board shall provide a written explanation to the person who submitted the plan.

As used in division ~~(R)~~(S) of this section, "composting" has the same meaning as in section 939.01 of the Revised Code.

~~(S)~~(T) With regard to conservation activities that are conducted in conjunction with agricultural operations, to assist the county auditor, upon request, in determining whether a conservation activity is a conservation practice for purposes of Chapter 929. or sections 5713.30 to 5713.37 and 5715.01 of the Revised Code.

As used in this division, "conservation practice" has the same meaning as in section 5713.30 of the Revised Code.

~~(T)~~(U) To develop and approve or disapprove voluntary nutrient management plans in accordance with section 905.323 of the Revised Code;

~~(U)~~(V) To do all acts necessary or proper to carry out the powers granted in this chapter.

The director of agriculture shall make recommendations to reduce the adverse environmental effects of each project that a soil and water conservation district plans to undertake under division (A), (B), (C), or (D) of this section and that will be funded in whole or in part by moneys authorized under section 940.17 of the Revised Code and shall disapprove any such project that the director finds will adversely affect the environment without equal or greater benefit to the public. The director's disapproval or

recommendations, upon the request of the district filed in accordance with rules adopted by the Ohio soil and water conservation commission, shall be reviewed by the commission, which may confirm the director's decision, modify it, or add recommendations to or approve a project the director has disapproved.

Any instrument by which real property is acquired pursuant to this section shall identify the agency of the state that has the use and benefit of the real property as specified in section 5301.012 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 956.01. As used in this chapter:

"Accredited veterinarian" means a veterinarian accredited by the United States department of agriculture.

"Adult dog" means a dog that is twelve months of age or older.

"Animal rescue for dogs" means an individual or organization recognized by the director of agriculture that keeps, houses, and maintains dogs and that is dedicated to the welfare, health, safety, and protection of dogs, provided that the individual or organization does not operate for profit, does not sell dogs for a profit, does not breed dogs, does not sell dogs to a dog broker or pet store, and does not purchase more than nine dogs in any given calendar year unless the dogs are purchased from a dog warden appointed under Chapter 955. of the Revised Code, a humane society, or another animal rescue for dogs. "Animal rescue for dogs" includes an individual or organization that offers spayed or neutered dogs for adoption and charges reasonable adoption fees to cover the costs of the individual or organization, including, but not limited to, costs related to spaying or neutering dogs.

"Animal shelter for dogs" means a facility that keeps, houses, and maintains dogs such as a dog pound operated by a municipal corporation, or by a county under Chapter 955. of the Revised Code, or that is operated by a humane society, animal welfare society, society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, or other nonprofit organization that is devoted to the welfare, protection, and humane treatment of dogs and other animals.

"Boarding kennel" means an establishment operating for profit that keeps, houses, and maintains dogs solely for the purpose of providing shelter, care, and feeding of the dogs in return for a fee or other consideration.

"Breeding dog" means an unsplayed adult female dog that is primarily used for producing offspring.

"Dog broker" means a person who buys, sells, or offers to sell dogs at wholesale for resale to another or who sells or gives one or more dogs to a pet store annually. "Dog broker" does not include an animal rescue for dogs,

an animal shelter for dogs, a humane society, a medical kennel for dogs, a research kennel for dogs, a pet store, or a veterinarian.

"Enrichment" means any modification in the environment of a confined dog that seeks to enhance the dog's physical and psychological well-being by providing stimuli that meets the dog's breed-specific needs.

"Exercise" means activity that allows a dog to extend to full stride, play, and engage in other types of mentally stimulating and social behaviors.

"High volume breeder" means an establishment that keeps, houses, and maintains six or more breeding dogs and does at least one of the following:

(1) In return for a fee or other consideration, sells five or more adult dogs or puppies in any calendar year to dog brokers or pet stores;

(2) In return for a fee or other consideration, sells forty or more puppies in any calendar year to the public; or

(3) Keeps, houses, and maintains, at any given time in a calendar year, more than forty puppies that are under four months of age, that have been bred on the premises of the establishment, and that have been primarily kept, housed, and maintained from birth on the premises of the establishment.

"Humane society" means an organization that is organized under section 1717.05 of the Revised Code.

"Environmental division of the Franklin county municipal court" means the environmental division of the Franklin county municipal court created in section 1901.011 of the Revised Code.

"Medical kennel for dogs" means a facility that is maintained by a veterinarian and operated primarily for the treatment of sick or injured dogs.

"Pet store" means an individual retail store to which both of the following apply: the store sells forty or more puppies or adult dogs in any calendar year to the public; and with regard to the sale of a dog from the store, the sales person, the buyer of a dog, and the dog for sale are physically present during the sales transaction so that the buyer may personally observe the dog and help ensure its health prior to taking custody. "Pet store" does not include an animal rescue for dogs, an animal shelter for dogs, a humane society, a medical kennel for dogs, ~~or~~ a research kennel for dogs, or a high volume breeder or any other dog breeder that maintains and sells dogs from the same premises where the dogs are bred and reared.

"Puppy" means a dog that is under twelve months of age.

"Research kennel for dogs" means a facility housing dogs that is maintained exclusively for research purposes.

"Thermoneutral zone" means the range of ambient temperature in which a dog is able to maintain normal body temperature without a change in

metabolic rate.

"Veterinarian" means either a veterinarian licensed in this state under Chapter 4741. of the Revised Code or a veterinarian licensed out of this state by an applicable state entity.

Sec. 956.031. In addition to complying with rules adopted under section 956.03 of the Revised Code, a high volume breeder shall do all of the following with regard to a dog that is kept, housed, and maintained by the breeder:

(A) Unless otherwise directed by a veterinarian, provide the dog, twice each day, with food that is all of the following:

- (1) Sufficient to maintain normal body condition and weight;
- (2) Unspoiled and uncontaminated;
- (3) Provided in accordance with a nutritional plan recommended by a veterinarian;

(4) Served in receptacles that are clean and sanitary.

A high volume breeder may temporarily withhold food when directed by a veterinarian to do so.

(B) Each day provide access to a continuous supply of potable water in clean and sanitary receptacles that is of sufficient quality and quantity to ensure maintenance of normal body condition and growth unless otherwise directed by a veterinarian.

(C) Keep or confine the dog in a primary enclosure that complies with all of the following:

(1) The interior of the enclosure is at least six inches higher than the head of the tallest dog housed in the enclosure when the dog is in a normal standing position.

(2) It allows each dog housed in the enclosure to turn in a complete circle, lie down, and fully extend its limbs.

(3) It is not stacked on top of another primary enclosure.

(4) It is cleaned at least once per day to remove excreta, dirt, grime, and other waste.

(D) On and after December 31, 2021, keep or confine the dog in a primary enclosure that has a minimum floor space in square inches equal to the following: (the length of the dog housed in the enclosure in inches, as measured from the tip of the nose to the base of the tail, + nine inches)² multiplied by two. For each additional dog that is kept or confined in a primary enclosure, the enclosure shall have additional floor space in square inches equal to the following: (length of each additional dog housed in the enclosure in inches, as measured from the tip of the nose to the base of the tail, + nine inches)².

As used in this division, "dog" means a puppy that is twelve weeks of age or older or an adult dog.

(E) On and after December 31, 2021, ensure that the minimum floor space provided in accordance with division (D) of this section is solid or consists of slats. If the floor space consists of slats, the high volume breeder shall ensure that all of the following apply:

(1) The spaces between the slats are not more than one-half inch in width.

(2) The slats are not less than three and one-half inches in width.

(3) All of the slats run in the same direction.

(4) The floor is level.

(F) On and after December 31, 2021, ensure that all flooring complies with the following:

(1) It consists of materials that can be cleaned and sanitized; are safe for the breed, size, and age of the dog; are free from protruding sharp edges; and are designed so that the paw of the dog is unable to extend through or become caught in the flooring.

(2) If the flooring surface consists of a material that is not solid, it has a solid resting area that can accommodate the full length of the dog while lying down.

(3) It does not sag, bend, or bounce.

(4) It does not consist of ~~wire made of metal, including~~ metal wire ~~that, unless the metal wire is coated with another material and the outer diameter of the coated metal measures six gauge or thicker.~~

(G) If the high volume breeder is using an indoor primary enclosure to house the dog, ensure that the enclosure is located in a facility that permits regulation of temperature, ventilation, and lighting, including diurnal lighting. The high volume breeder shall ensure that the lighting is sufficient, either through natural or artificial means, to observe the physical condition of the dog and to permit inspection and cleaning of the dog and the primary enclosure.

(H) Use an outdoor primary enclosure to house the dog only if a veterinarian approves such use;

(I) If the high volume breeder is using an outdoor primary enclosure to house the dog as provided in division (H) of this section and if climatic or ambient temperatures pose a threat to the health and welfare of the dog, take effective measures to eliminate the threat. If the high volume breeder has to take such measures, the high volume breeder shall consider the dog's age, breed, overall health, and acclimation to the environment. The high volume breeder shall not use an outdoor primary enclosure to house the dog if the

dog is unable to tolerate the prevalent temperatures within the dog's thermoneutral zone.

(J) House the dog with other dogs, except for reasons of health, biosecurity, breeding, and behavioral issues.

(K) If the dog is a puppy that is four months or younger, house the dog with an adult dog only if the adult dog is the puppy's dam or foster dam;

(L) If the dog is a female, breed the dog only if the dog has maintained a normal body condition and has been declared healthy by a veterinarian following a physical examination;

(M) If the dog is a female, ensure that the dog does not produce more than eight litters in its lifetime;

(N) Provide a clean, dry whelping area for each dam and her nursing puppies. The high volume breeder shall ensure that the area fully accommodates all puppies, allows the dam to lie fully recumbent and stand, and permits the dam to temporarily move away from her puppies as she chooses. The high volume breeder shall ensure that no other animals inhabit the whelping area other than the dam and her puppies.

(O) Provide the dog ~~with~~ an opportunity for daily exercise of at least thirty minutes. However, this requirement does not apply to an expectant female dog beginning fifty-two days after the first breeding date until the dog gives birth, postpartum female dog, or any other dog as directed by a veterinarian.

(P) Provide the dog an opportunity to safely access the outdoors during daylight hours; ~~However, this requirement does not apply to an expectant female dog beginning fifty-two days after the first breeding date and until the dog gives birth, a female dog that is nursing, or a puppy that is younger than twelve weeks of age.~~

(Q) Provide the dog with daily environmental enrichment in the dog's primary enclosure;

(R) Provide human interaction with the dog for at least fifteen minutes each day in addition to interaction that occurs during feeding and cleaning time. The interaction, at a minimum, shall include verbal and tactile stimulation in a positive and beneficial manner.

(S) Provide the dog appropriate medical care by a veterinarian, including prompt treatment for any significant disease, illness, or injury;

(T) If the dog is an adult dog, provide the dog with an annual physical examination by a veterinarian;

(U) Comply with a vaccination and parasite control program that is provided by a veterinarian and that is consistent with recommendations of the American veterinarian medical association or the American animal

hospital association;

(V) If a surgical or euthanasia procedure is required, use a veterinarian to perform the procedure.

Sec. 956.051. (A) No dog broker shall negligently sell, deliver, barter, auction, broker, give away, or transfer a live dog to a pet store in this state unless the dog was obtained from one of the following sources:

- (1) An animal rescue for dogs;
- (2) An animal shelter for dogs;
- (3) A humane society;

(4) A qualified breeder as defined in section 956.19 of the Revised Code.

(B) No dog broker shall negligently sell, deliver, barter, auction, broker, give away, or transfer to a pet store in this state any of the following:

(1) A dog that is less than eight weeks old;

(2) A dog without a health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian;

(3) A dog that does not have a permanent implanted identification microchip that is approved for use by the director of agriculture under rules adopted under section 956.03 of the Revised Code;

(4) A dog to a person who is younger than eighteen years of age as verified by valid photo identification;

(5) A dog acquired from a qualified breeder as defined in section 956.19 of the Revised Code unless the dog broker provides to the person acquiring the dog, at a time prior to the transaction for the acquisition of the dog, a written certification that includes all of the following information:

(a) The name of the breeder that bred the dog;

(b) The address, if available, of the breeder that bred the dog;

(c) The United States department of agriculture license number of the breeder that bred the dog, if applicable, and a copy of the most current United States department of agriculture inspection report for the breeder;

(d) The dog's birth date, if known;

(e) The date that the pet store took possession of the dog;

(f) The breed, gender, color, and any identifying marks of the dog;

(g) A document signed by an accredited veterinarian that describes any known disease, illness, or congenital or hereditary condition that adversely affects the health of the dog at the time of examination;

(h) A document signed by the dog broker certifying that all information required to be provided to the person acquiring the dog under this section is accurate. A dog broker shall keep a copy of the certification for a period of at least two years from the date of the acquisition. The dog broker shall

make the copy of the certification available for inspection or duplication by the department of agriculture.

(C) No dog broker shall recklessly alter or provide false information on a certification provided in accordance with division (B)(5) of this section.

~~(D) This section does not apply to any dog that is being sold, delivered, bartered, auctioned, given away, brokered, or transferred from the premises where the dog was bred and reared.~~

Sec. 956.20. (A) No owner, manager, or employee of a pet store shall negligently display, offer for sale, deliver, barter, auction, broker, give away, transfer, or sell any live dog from a pet store to a person unless the dog was obtained from one of the following sources:

- (1) An animal rescue for dogs;
- (2) An animal shelter for dogs;
- (3) A humane society;
- (4) A dog broker, provided that, if the dog broker originally obtained the dog from a breeder, the breeder is a qualified breeder;
- (5) A qualified breeder.

(B) No owner, manager, or employee of a pet store shall negligently sell, deliver, barter, auction, broker, give away, or transfer any of the following:

- (1) A dog that is less than eight weeks old;
- (2) A dog without a health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian;
- (3) A dog that does not have a permanent implanted identification microchip that is approved for use by the director of agriculture under rules adopted under section 956.03 of the Revised Code;

(4) A dog to a person who is younger than eighteen years of age as verified by valid photo identification;

(5) A dog acquired from a qualified breeder or a dog broker unless the owner, manager, or employee provides to the person acquiring the dog, at a time prior to the transaction for the acquisition of the dog, a written certification that includes all of the following information:

- (a) The name of the breeder that bred the dog;
- (b) The address, if available, of the breeder that bred the dog;
- (c) The United States department of agriculture license number of the breeder that bred the dog, if applicable, and a copy of the most current United States department of agriculture inspection report for the breeder;
- (d) The dog's birth date, if known;
- (e) The date that the pet store took possession of the dog;
- (f) The breed, gender, color, and any identifying marks of the dog;

(g) A document signed by an accredited veterinarian that describes any known disease, illness, or congenital or hereditary condition that adversely affects the health of the dog at the time of examination;

(h) A document signed by the owner, manager, or employee of the pet store certifying that all information required to be provided to the person acquiring the dog under division (B)(5) of this section is accurate. A pet store shall keep a copy of the certification for a period of at least two years from the date of the acquisition. The owner, manager, or an employee of the pet store shall make the copy of the certification available for inspection or duplication by the department of agriculture.

(6) A dog acquired from a qualified breeder or a dog broker unless all of the following information regarding the dog is available to the general public at the pet store:

- (a) The name of the breeder that bred the dog;
- (b) The address, if available, of the breeder that bred the dog;
- (c) The United States department of agriculture license number of the breeder that bred the dog, if applicable;
- (d) The dog's birth date, if known;
- (e) The breed of the dog.

(C) No owner, manager, or employee of a pet store shall recklessly alter or provide false information on a certification provided in accordance with division (B)(5) of this section.

~~(D) This section does not apply to any dog that is being sold, delivered, bartered, auctioned, given away, brokered, or transferred from the premises where the dog was bred and reared.~~

Sec. 991.02. (A) There is hereby created the Ohio expositions commission, which shall consist of the following ~~fourteen~~ fifteen members: nine members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate; the director of development, the director of natural resources, and the director of agriculture, or their designated representatives, who shall be ex officio members with voting rights of the commission; the dean of the college of food, agricultural, and environmental sciences of the Ohio state university as a nonvoting, ex officio member of the commission; and the chairperson of the standing committee in the house of representatives to which matters dealing with agriculture are generally referred and the chairperson of the standing committee in the senate to which matters dealing with agriculture are generally referred, who shall be nonvoting members. If the senate is not in session, recess appointments shall be made by the governor.

(B) Of the nine members of the commission appointed by the governor,

not more than five shall be from one political party, at least three members shall receive the major portion of their income from farming, and at least one member shall, at the time of appointment, be a member of the board of directors of an agricultural society that was organized in compliance with section 1711.01 or 1711.02 of the Revised Code. Terms of office shall be for six years, commencing on the second day of December and ending on the first day of December. Each member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the end of the term for which the member was appointed. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the remainder of that term. Any member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the member's successor takes office, or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first.

The term of each nonvoting, legislative member of the commission shall be for two years or until the end of the member's legislative term, whichever occurs first.

(C) The commission shall annually, during the month of December, select from among its members a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, who in the absence of the chairperson shall carry out the chairperson's duties, and a secretary, who may be a member or employee of the commission, to record the minutes of its meetings and to carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the commission, its chairperson, or its vice-chairperson.

(D) The director of agriculture, the director of natural resources, and the director of development, or their designated representatives, the dean of the college of food, agricultural, and environmental sciences of the Ohio state university, and the two legislators appointed to the commission, as members of the commission shall serve without compensation.

(E) Each of the members of the commission appointed by the governor shall be paid the rate established pursuant to division (J) of section 124.15 of the Revised Code. All members of the commission are entitled to their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as such members, payable from the appropriations for the commission.

(F) The commission shall hold at least one regular meeting in each quarter of each calendar year, and shall keep a record of its proceedings, which shall be open to the public for inspection. Special meetings may be called by the chairperson and shall be called by the chairperson upon receipt of a written request therefor signed by two or more members of the commission. Written notice of the time and place of each meeting shall be sent to each member of the commission. Six of the voting members of the

commission shall constitute a quorum.

(G) The commission shall employ and prescribe the powers and duties of a general manager who shall serve in the unclassified civil service at a salary fixed pursuant to section 124.14 of the Revised Code. The general manager may employ such assistant managers as the general manager and the commission may approve. At no time shall such assistant managers exceed four in number, one of whom shall be appointed in the classified civil service. The general manager may, subject to the approval of the commission, employ a fiscal officer and such other officers, employees, and consultants with such powers and duties as are necessary to carry out this chapter. With the approval of the commission and in order to implement this chapter, the general manager may employ and fix the compensation of seasonal employees; these employees shall be in the unclassified civil service, and the overtime pay requirements of section 124.18 of the Revised Code do not apply to them. The general manager shall be considered the appointing authority of the commission for purposes of Chapter 124. of the Revised Code.

(H) The governor may remove any appointed voting member of the commission at any time for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office.

Sec. 1181.23. (A) The superintendent of financial institutions may require persons licensed or registered by the division of financial institutions to participate in a multistate licensing system.

(B)(1) If the superintendent requires use of a multistate licensing system, the superintendent may establish, by rule, regulation, or order, requirements as necessary to enable information required by existing statutes providing for licensing or registration to be submitted to the superintendent through the multistate licensing system.

(2) The superintendent shall not adopt a requirement in conflict with a provision of the Revised Code, but may add to existing requirements with regard to all of the following:

(a) The manner of obtaining required criminal history records, civil or administrative records, or credit history records;

(b) The payment of fees required for the use of the multistate licensing system;

(c) The setting or resetting as necessary of renewal or reporting dates;

(d) The amending of or surrendering of a license or registration.

(C) Any person engaged in activity that requires licensure or registration pursuant to this section shall utilize the multistate licensing system for the application for, renewal of, amendment to, or surrender of a license or

registration, as well as for any other activity as the superintendent may require. Such a person shall pay all applicable charges to utilize the multistate licensing system.

(D) The superintendent is authorized to establish relationships or contacts with the multistate licensing system or other entities designated by the multistate licensing system to collect and maintain records and process transaction fees or other fees related to licensees and registrants.

(E) Any confidentiality or privilege arising under federal or state law with respect to any information or material provided to the multistate licensing system shall continue to apply to the information or material after the information or material is provided to the multistate licensing system. The information and material so provided may be released to any state or federal regulatory official with applicable oversight authority without the loss of confidentiality or privilege protections provided by federal law or the law of any state.

(F) The superintendent may use the documents, materials, or other information made available to the superintendent through the multistate licensing system in furtherance of any action brought by the superintendent.

Sec. 1321.73. (A) No person shall engage in the business of entering into or otherwise acquiring premium finance agreements in the state without first having obtained a license as a premium finance company from the division of financial institutions.

(B) The annual license fee shall be determined by the superintendent of financial institutions pursuant to section 1321.20 of the Revised Code. Licenses may be renewed from year to year as of the first day of July of each year, or annually on a different date established by the superintendent pursuant to section 1181.23 of the Revised Code, upon payment of the fee.

(C) The person to whom the license or the renewal thereof is issued shall file sworn answers, subject to the penalties of perjury, to such interrogatories as the division requires. The division may, at any time, require the applicant to fully disclose the identity of all stockholders, partners, officers, and employees, and it may, at its discretion, refuse to issue or renew a license in the name of any firm, partnership, or corporation if it is not satisfied that any officer, employee, stockholder, or partner thereof, who may materially influence the applicant's conduct, meets the standards provided by sections 1321.71 to 1321.83 of the Revised Code.

(D) Each applicant shall execute and file with the division proof that the applicant has a net worth of at least fifty thousand dollars, as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The proof is subject to the approval of the division.

Sec. 1346.04. As used in this section and sections 1346.05 to 1346.10 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Brand family" means all styles of cigarettes sold under the same trademark and differentiated from one another by means of additional modifiers or descriptors, including, but not limited to, "menthol," "lights," "kings," and "100s." "Brand family" includes cigarettes sold under any brand name (whether that name is used alone or in conjunction with any other word), trademark, logo, symbol, motto, selling message, recognizable pattern of colors, or other indicia of product identification identical or similar to, or identifiable with, a previous brand of cigarettes.

(B) "Cigarette," "Master Settlement Agreement," "qualified escrow fund," "tobacco product manufacturer," and "units sold" have the same meanings as in section 1346.01 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Nonparticipating manufacturer" means any tobacco product manufacturer that is not a participating manufacturer.

(D) "Participating manufacturer" means a participating manufacturer as that term is defined in section II(jj) of the Master Settlement Agreement and all amendments to that agreement.

(E) "Stamping agent" means a person who is authorized to affix tax stamps to packages or other containers of cigarettes under section 5743.03 of the Revised Code or a person who is required to pay the excise tax imposed on cigarettes and other tobacco products under sections 5743.03 and 5743.51 of the Revised Code, except for a vapor distributor licensed to engage solely in the distribution of vapor products under section 5743.61 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1347.08. (A) Every state or local agency that maintains a personal information system, upon the request and the proper identification of any person who is the subject of personal information in the system, shall:

(1) Inform the person of the existence of any personal information in the system of which the person is the subject;

(2) Except as provided in divisions (C) and (E)(2) of this section, permit the person, the person's legal guardian, or an attorney who presents a signed written authorization made by the person, to inspect all personal information in the system of which the person is the subject;

(3) Inform the person about the types of uses made of the personal information, including the identity of any users usually granted access to the system.

(B) Any person who wishes to exercise a right provided by this section may be accompanied by another individual of the person's choice.

(C)(1) A state or local agency, upon request, shall disclose medical,

psychiatric, or psychological information to a person who is the subject of the information or to the person's legal guardian, unless a physician, psychiatrist, or psychologist determines for the agency that the disclosure of the information is likely to have an adverse effect on the person, in which case the information shall be released to a physician, psychiatrist, or psychologist who is designated by the person or by the person's legal guardian.

(2) Upon the signed written request of either a licensed attorney at law or a licensed physician designated by the inmate, together with the signed written request of an inmate of a correctional institution under the administration of the department of rehabilitation and correction, the department shall disclose medical information to the designated attorney or physician as provided in division (C) of section 5120.21 of the Revised Code.

(D) If an individual who is authorized to inspect personal information that is maintained in a personal information system requests the state or local agency that maintains the system to provide a copy of any personal information that the individual is authorized to inspect, the agency shall provide a copy of the personal information to the individual. Each state and local agency may establish reasonable fees for the service of copying, upon request, personal information that is maintained by the agency.

(E)(1) This section regulates access to personal information that is maintained in a personal information system by persons who are the subject of the information, but does not limit the authority of any person, including a person who is the subject of personal information maintained in a personal information system, to inspect or have copied, pursuant to section 149.43 of the Revised Code, a public record as defined in that section.

(2) This section does not provide a person who is the subject of personal information maintained in a personal information system, the person's legal guardian, or an attorney authorized by the person, with a right to inspect or have copied, or require an agency that maintains a personal information system to permit the inspection of or to copy, a confidential law enforcement investigatory record or trial preparation record, as defined in divisions (A)(2) and (4) of section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

(F) This section does not apply to any of the following:

(1) The contents of an adoption file maintained by the department of health under sections 3705.12 to 3705.124 of the Revised Code;

(2) Information contained in the putative father registry established by section 3107.062 of the Revised Code, regardless of whether the information is held by the department of job and family services or, pursuant

to section 3111.69 of the Revised Code, the office of child support in the department or a child support enforcement agency;

(3) Papers, records, and books that pertain to an adoption and that are subject to inspection in accordance with section 3107.17 of the Revised Code;

(4) Records specified in division (A) of section 3107.52 of the Revised Code;

(5) Records that identify an individual described in division (A)(1) of section 3721.031 of the Revised Code, or that would tend to identify such an individual;

(6) Files and records that have been expunged under division (D)(1) or (2) of section 3721.23 of the Revised Code;

(7) Records that identify an individual described in division (A)(1) of section 3721.25 of the Revised Code, or that would tend to identify such an individual;

(8) Records that identify an individual described in division (A)(1) of section 5165.88 of the Revised Code, or that would tend to identify such an individual;

(9) Test materials, examinations, or evaluation tools used in an examination for licensure as a nursing home administrator that the board of executives of long-term services and supports administers under section ~~4751.04~~ 4751.15 of the Revised Code or contracts under that section with a private or government entity to administer;

(10) Information contained in a database established and maintained pursuant to section 5101.13 of the Revised Code;

(11) Information contained in a database established and maintained pursuant to section 5101.631 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1349.05. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Agency" and "license" have the same meanings as in section 119.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Crime" and "victim" have the same meanings as in section 2930.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Health care practitioner" means any of the following:

(a) An individual licensed under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery;

(b) An individual licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse;

(c) An individual licensed under Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code to practice as a physician assistant;

(d) An individual licensed under Chapter 4732. of the Revised Code to

practice as a psychologist:

(e) An individual licensed under Chapter 4734. of the Revised Code to practice as a chiropractor.

(B) No health care practitioner, with the intent to obtain professional employment for the health care practitioner, shall directly contact in person, by telephone, or by electronic means any party to a motor vehicle accident, any victim of a crime, or any witness to a motor vehicle accident or crime until thirty days after the date of the motor vehicle accident or crime. Any communication to obtain professional employment shall be sent via the United States postal service.

(C) No person who has been paid or given, or was offered to be paid or given, money or anything of value to solicit employment on behalf of another shall directly contact in person, by telephone, or by electronic means any party to a motor vehicle accident, any victim of a crime, or any witness to a motor vehicle accident or crime until thirty days after the date of the motor vehicle accident or crime. Any communication to solicit employment on behalf of another shall be sent via the United States postal service.

(D) If the attorney general believes that a health care practitioner or a person described in division (C) of this section has violated division (B) or (C) of this section, the attorney general shall issue a notice and conduct a hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. If, after the hearing, the attorney general determines that a violation of division (B) or (C) of this section occurred, the attorney general shall impose a fine of five thousand dollars for each violation to each health care practitioner or person described in division (C) of this section who sought to financially benefit from the solicitation. If the attorney general determines that a health care practitioner or person described in division (C) of this section has subsequently violated division (B) or (C) of this section, the attorney general shall impose a fine of twenty-five thousand dollars for each violation.

(E) After determining that a health care practitioner or person described in division (C) of this section has violated division (B) or (C) of this section on three separate occasions, and if that health care practitioner or person described in division (C) of this section holds a license issued by an agency, the attorney general shall notify that agency in writing of the three violations. On receipt of that notice, the agency shall suspend the health care practitioner's or the person's license without a prior hearing and shall afford the health care practitioner or the person a hearing on request in accordance with section 119.06 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1349.43. (A) As used in this section, "loan officer," "mortgage broker," and "nonbank mortgage lender" have the same meanings as in

section 1345.01 of the Revised Code.

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

(1) The enforcement actions taken by the superintendent of financial institutions for each violation of or failure to comply with any provision of Chapter 1322. of the Revised Code, upon final disposition of the action;

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

(3) All judgments by courts of this state, concerning which appellate remedies have been exhausted or lost by the expiration of the time for appeal, finding either of the following:

(a) A violation of any provision of Chapter 1322. of the Revised Code;

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

(C) The attorney general shall notify the department of all enforcement actions and judgments described in divisions (B)(2) and (3)(b) of this section.

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

(E) The electronic database maintained by the department in accordance with this section shall not include information that, pursuant to section 1322.36 of the Revised Code, is confidential.

(F) The department may use the multistate licensing system authorized in section 1181.23 of the Revised Code to fulfill its obligations under this section.

Sec. 1505.09. (A) There is hereby created in the state treasury the geological mapping fund, to be administered by the chief of the division of geological survey. Except as provided in ~~division (B)~~ divisions (C) and (D) of this section, the fund shall be used for both of the following purposes of performing:

(1) Performing the necessary field, laboratory, and administrative tasks to map and make public reports on the geology, geologic hazards, and energy and mineral resources of the state;

(2) The administration of the oil and gas leasing commission created in section 1509.71 of the Revised Code. The source

(B) The sources of money for the fund shall include, ~~but not be limited to,~~ the all of the following:

(1) The mineral severance tax as specified in section 5749.02 of the Revised Code transfers;

(2) Transfers made to the fund in accordance with section 6111.046 of the Revised Code, and the;

(3) Contributions that a person pays to the bureau of motor vehicles to obtain "Ohio geology" license plates under section 4503.515 of the Revised Code;

(4) The fees collected under rules adopted under section 1505.05 of the Revised Code. The

The chief may seek federal or other money in addition to the mineral severance tax and fees to carry out the purposes of this section. If the chief receives federal money for the purposes of this section, the chief shall deposit that money into the state treasury to the credit of a fund created by the controlling board to carry out those purposes. Other

Other money received by the chief for the purposes of this section in addition to the mineral severance tax, fees, and federal money shall be credited to the geological mapping fund.

(B)(C) Any money transferred to the geological mapping fund in accordance with section 6111.046 of the Revised Code shall be used by the chiefs of the divisions of mineral resources management, oil and gas resources management, geological survey, and water resources in the department of natural resources for the purpose of executing their duties under sections 6111.043 to 6111.047 of the Revised Code.

(D) The director of natural resources shall use contributions from "Ohio geology" license plates deposited into the fund for both of the following purposes in order of preference:

(1) To award grants to geology departments at state colleges and universities for graduate level research conducted at locations of geological interest in the state;

(2) To provide materials such as rock and mineral kits to state elementary and secondary schools to assist students in the study of geology.

The director shall award grants at least annually, but at the director's discretion, may award grants more frequently.

Sec. 1509.28. (A) The chief of the division of oil and gas resources management, upon the chief's own motion or upon application by the owners of sixty-five per cent of the land area overlying the pool, shall hold a hearing to consider the need for the operation as a unit of an entire pool or part thereof. In calculating the sixty-five per cent, an owner's entire interest in each tract in the proposed unit area, including any divided, undivided, partial, fee, or other interest in the tract, shall be included to the fullest

extent of that interest. An application by owners shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of ten thousand dollars and by such information as the chief may request.

The chief shall make an order providing for the unit operation of a pool or part thereof if the chief finds that such operation is reasonably necessary to increase substantially the ultimate recovery of oil and gas, and the value of the estimated additional recovery of oil or gas exceeds the estimated additional cost incident to conducting the operation. The order shall be upon terms and conditions that are just and reasonable and shall prescribe a plan for unit operations that shall include:

- (1) A description of the unitized area, termed the unit area;
- (2) A statement of the nature of the operations contemplated;
- (3) An allocation to the separately owned tracts in the unit area of all the oil and gas that is produced from the unit area and is saved, being the production that is not used in the conduct of operations on the unit area or not unavoidably lost. The allocation shall be in accord with the agreement, if any, of the interested parties. If there is no such agreement, the chief shall determine the value, from the evidence introduced at the hearing, of each separately owned tract in the unit area, exclusive of physical equipment, for development of oil and gas by unit operations, and the production allocated to each tract shall be the proportion that the value of each tract so determined bears to the value of all tracts in the unit area.

- (4) A provision for the credits and charges to be made in the adjustment among the owners in the unit area for their respective investments in wells, tanks, pumps, machinery, materials, and equipment contributed to the unit operations;

- (5) A provision providing how the expenses of unit operations, including capital investment, shall be determined and charged to the separately owned tracts and how the expenses shall be paid;

- (6) A provision, if necessary, for carrying or otherwise financing any person who is unable to meet the person's financial obligations in connection with the unit, allowing a reasonable interest charge for such service;

- (7) A provision for the supervision and conduct of the unit operations, in respect to which each person shall have a vote with a value corresponding to the percentage of the expenses of unit operations chargeable against the interest of that person;

- (8) The time when the unit operations shall commence, and the manner in which, and the circumstances under which, the unit operations shall terminate;

(9) Such additional provisions as are found to be appropriate for carrying on the unit operations, and for the protection or adjustment of correlative rights.

(B) No order of the chief providing for unit operations shall become effective unless and until the plan for unit operations prescribed by the chief has been approved in writing by those owners who, under the chief's order, will be required to pay at least sixty-five per cent of the costs of the unit operation, and also by the royalty or, with respect to unleased acreage, fee owners of sixty-five per cent of the acreage to be included in the unit. If the plan for unit operations has not been so approved by owners and royalty owners at the time the order providing for unit operations is made, the chief shall upon application and notice hold such supplemental hearings as may be required to determine if and when the plan for unit operations has been so approved. If the owners and royalty owners, or either, owning the required percentage of interest in the unit area do not approve the plan for unit operations within a period of six months from the date on which the order providing for unit operations is made, the order shall cease to be of force and shall be revoked by the chief.

An order providing for unit operations may be amended by an order made by the chief, in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as an original order providing for unit operations, provided that:

(1) If such an amendment affects only the rights and interests of the owners, the approval of the amendment by the royalty owners shall not be required.

(2) No such order of amendment shall change the percentage for allocation of oil and gas as established for any separately owned tract by the original order, except with the consent of all persons owning interest in the tract.

The chief, by an order, may provide for the unit operation of a pool or a part thereof that embraces a unit area established by a previous order of the chief. Such an order, in providing for the allocation of unit production, shall first treat the unit area previously established as a single tract, and the portion of the unit production so allocated thereto shall then be allocated among the separately owned tracts included in the previously established unit area in the same proportions as those specified in the previous order.

Oil and gas allocated to a separately owned tract shall be deemed, for all purposes, to have been actually produced from the tract, and all operations, including, but not limited to, the commencement, drilling, operation of, or production from a well upon any portion of the unit area shall be deemed for all purposes the conduct of such operations and production from any lease

or contract for lands any portion of which is included in the unit area. The operations conducted pursuant to the order of the chief shall constitute a fulfillment of all the express or implied obligations of each lease or contract covering lands in the unit area to the extent that compliance with such obligations cannot be had because of the order of the chief.

Oil and gas allocated to any tract, and the proceeds from the sale thereof, shall be the property and income of the several persons to whom, or to whose credit, the same are allocated or payable under the order providing for unit operations.

No order of the chief or other contract relating to the sale or purchase of production from a separately owned tract shall be terminated by the order providing for unit operations, but shall remain in force and apply to oil and gas allocated to the tract until terminated in accordance with the provisions thereof.

Notwithstanding divisions (A) to (H) of section 1509.73 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it, the chief shall issue an order for the unit operation of a pool or a part of a pool that encompasses a unit area for which all or a portion of the mineral rights are owned by the department of transportation.

Except to the extent that the parties affected so agree, no order providing for unit operations shall be construed to result in a transfer of all or any part of the title of any person to the oil and gas rights in any tract in the unit area. All property, whether real or personal, that may be acquired for the account of the owners within the unit area shall be the property of such owners in the proportion that the expenses of unit operations are charged.

Sec. 1509.31. (A)(1) No person shall operate a well in this state unless the person first registers with and obtains an identification number from the chief of the division of oil and gas resources management.

(2) Whenever the entire interest of an oil and gas lease is assigned or otherwise transferred, the assignor or transferor shall notify the holders of the royalty interests, and, if a well or wells exist on the lease, the division of oil and gas resources management, of the name and address of the assignee or transferee by certified mail, return receipt requested, not later than thirty days after the date of the assignment or transfer. When notice of any such assignment or transfer is required to be provided to the division, it shall be provided on a form prescribed and provided by the division and verified by both the assignor or transferor and by the assignee or transferee ~~and shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of one hundred dollars for each well.~~ The notice form applicable to assignments or transfers of a well to the owner

of the surface estate of the tract on which the well is located shall contain a statement informing the landowner that the well may require periodic servicing to maintain its productivity; that, upon assignment or transfer of the well to the landowner, the landowner becomes responsible for compliance with the requirements of this chapter and rules adopted under it, including, without limitation, the proper disposal of brine obtained from the well, the plugging of the well when it becomes incapable of producing oil or gas, and the restoration of the well site; and that, upon assignment or transfer of the well to the landowner, the landowner becomes responsible for the costs of compliance with the requirements of this chapter and rules adopted under it and the costs for operating and servicing the well.

(3) Notwithstanding division (A)(2) of this section, the assignee or transferee shall notify the division of oil and gas resources management of the assignment or transfer if both of the following apply:

(a) The assignor or transferor failed to notify the division of the assignment or transfer as required by division (A)(2) of this section;

(b) The assignor or transferor is deceased, dissolved, cannot be located, or is otherwise incapable of complying with the notification requirement.

The assignee or transferee shall notify the division of the assignment or transfer on a form prescribed and provided by the division. At a minimum, the form shall require the assignee or transferee to attest that the assignee or transferee is the owner. The division shall not charge a fee for such assignment or transfer when notice is provided in accordance with division (A)(3) of this section.

(B) When the entire interest of a well is proposed to be assigned or otherwise transferred to the landowner for use as an exempt domestic well, the owner who has been issued a permit under this chapter for the well shall submit to the chief of the division of oil and gas resources management an application for the assignment or transfer that contains all documents that the chief requires ~~and a nonrefundable fee of one hundred dollars~~. The application for such an assignment or transfer shall be prescribed and provided by the chief. The chief may approve the application if the application is accompanied by a release of all of the oil and gas leases that are included in the applicable formation of the drilling unit, the release is in a form such that the well ownership merges with the fee simple interest of the surface tract, and the release is in a form that may be recorded. However, if the owner of the well does not release the oil and gas leases associated with the well that is proposed to be assigned or otherwise transferred or if the fee simple tract that results from the merger of the well ownership with the fee simple interest of the surface tract is less than five acres, the

proposed exempt domestic well owner shall post a five thousand dollar bond with the division prior to the assignment or transfer of the well to ensure that the well will be properly plugged. The chief, for good cause, may modify the requirements of this section governing the assignment or transfer of the interests of a well to the landowner. Upon the assignment or transfer of the well, the owner of an exempt domestic well is not subject to the severance tax levied under section 5749.02 of the Revised Code, but is subject to all applicable fees established in this chapter.

(C) The owner holding a permit under section 1509.05 of the Revised Code is responsible for all obligations and liabilities imposed by this chapter and any rules, orders, and terms and conditions of a permit adopted or issued under it, and no assignment or transfer by the owner relieves the owner of the obligations and liabilities until and unless the assignee or transferee files with the division the information described in divisions (A)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (10), (11), and (12) of section 1509.06 of the Revised Code; obtains liability insurance coverage required by section 1509.07 of the Revised Code, except when none is required by that section; and executes and files a surety bond, negotiable certificates of deposit or irrevocable letters of credit, or cash, as described in that section. Instead of a bond, but only upon acceptance by the chief, the assignee or transferee may file proof of financial responsibility, described in section 1509.07 of the Revised Code. Section 1509.071 of the Revised Code applies to the surety bond, cash, and negotiable certificates of deposit and irrevocable letters of credit described in this section. Unless the chief approves a modification, each assignee or transferee shall operate in accordance with the plans and information filed by the permit holder pursuant to section 1509.06 of the Revised Code.

(D) If a mortgaged property that is being foreclosed is subject to an oil or gas lease, pipeline agreement, or other instrument related to the production or sale of oil or natural gas and the lease, agreement, or other instrument was recorded subsequent to the mortgage, and if the lease, agreement, or other instrument is not in default, the oil or gas lease, pipeline agreement, or other instrument, as applicable, has priority over all other liens, claims, or encumbrances on the property so that the oil or gas lease, pipeline agreement, or other instrument is not terminated or extinguished upon the foreclosure sale of the mortgaged property. If the owner of the mortgaged property was entitled to oil and gas royalties before the foreclosure sale, the oil or gas royalties shall be paid to the purchaser of the foreclosed property.

Sec. 1509.36. Any person adversely affected by an order by the chief of the division of oil and gas resources management may appeal to the oil and

gas commission for an order vacating or modifying the order.

The person so appealing to the commission shall be known as appellant and the chief shall be known as appellee. Appellant and appellee shall be deemed to be parties to the appeal.

The appeal shall be in writing and shall set forth the order complained of and the grounds upon which the appeal is based. The appeal shall be filed with the commission within thirty days after the date upon which the ~~appellant~~ person to whom the order was issued received ~~notice by certified mail~~ the order and, for all other persons adversely affected by the order, within thirty days after the date of the order complained of. Notice of the filing of the appeal shall be filed with the chief within three days after the appeal is filed with the commission.

Upon the filing of the appeal the commission promptly shall fix the time and place at which the hearing on the appeal will be held, and shall give the appellant and the chief at least ten days' written notice thereof by mail. The commission may postpone or continue any hearing upon its own motion or upon application of the appellant or of the chief.

The filing of an appeal provided for in this section does not automatically suspend or stay execution of the order appealed from, but upon application by the appellant the commission may suspend or stay the execution pending determination of the appeal upon such terms as the commission considers proper.

Either party to the appeal or any interested person who, pursuant to commission rules has been granted permission to appear, may submit such evidence as the commission considers admissible.

For the purpose of conducting a hearing on an appeal, the commission may require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, records, and papers, and it may, and at the request of any party it shall, issue subpoenas for witnesses or subpoenas duces tecum to compel the production of any books, records, or papers, directed to the sheriffs of the counties where the witnesses are found. The subpoenas shall be served and returned in the same manner as subpoenas in criminal cases are served and returned. The fees of sheriffs shall be the same as those allowed by the court of common pleas in criminal cases. Witnesses shall be paid the fees and mileage provided for under section 119.094 of the Revised Code. Such fees and mileage expenses incurred at the request of appellant shall be paid in advance by the appellant, and the remainder of those expenses shall be paid out of funds appropriated for the expenses of the division of oil and gas resources management.

In case of disobedience or neglect of any subpoena served on any

person, or the refusal of any witness to testify to any matter regarding which the witness may be lawfully interrogated, the court of common pleas of the county in which the disobedience, neglect, or refusal occurs, or any judge thereof, on application of the commission or any member thereof, shall compel obedience by attachment proceedings for contempt as in the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from that court or a refusal to testify therein. Witnesses at such hearings shall testify under oath, and any member of the commission may administer oaths or affirmations to persons who so testify.

At the request of any party to the appeal, a record of the testimony and other evidence submitted shall be taken by an official court reporter at the expense of the party making the request for the record. The record shall include all of the testimony and other evidence and the rulings on the admissibility thereof presented at the hearing. The commission shall pass upon the admissibility of evidence, but any party may at the time object to the admission of any evidence and except to the rulings of the commission thereon, and if the commission refuses to admit evidence the party offering same may make a proffer thereof, and such proffer shall be made a part of the record of the hearing.

If upon completion of the hearing the commission finds that the order appealed from was lawful and reasonable, it shall make a written order affirming the order appealed from; if the commission finds that the order was unreasonable or unlawful, it shall make a written order vacating the order appealed from and making the order that it finds the chief should have made. Every order made by the commission shall contain a written finding by the commission of the facts upon which the order is based.

Notice of the making of the order shall be given forthwith to each party to the appeal by mailing a certified copy thereof to each such party by certified mail.

The order of the commission is final unless vacated by the court of common pleas of Franklin county in an appeal as provided for in section 1509.37 of the Revised Code. Sections 1509.01 to 1509.37 of the Revised Code, providing for appeals relating to orders by the chief or by the commission, or relating to rules adopted by the chief, do not constitute the exclusive procedure that any person who believes the person's rights to be unlawfully affected by those sections or any official action taken thereunder must pursue in order to protect and preserve those rights, nor do those sections constitute a procedure that that person must pursue before that person may lawfully appeal to the courts to protect and preserve those rights.

Sec. 1509.50. (A) An oil and gas regulatory cost recovery assessment is hereby imposed by this section on an owner. An owner shall pay the assessment in the same manner as a severer who is required to file a return under section 5749.06 of the Revised Code. However, an owner may designate a severer who shall pay the owner's assessment on behalf of the owner on the return that the severer is required to file under that section. If a severer so pays an owner's assessment, the severer may recoup from the owner the amount of the assessment. Except for an exempt domestic well, the assessment imposed shall be in addition to the taxes levied on the severance of oil and gas under section 5749.02 of the Revised Code.

(B)(4) Except for an exempt domestic well, the oil and gas regulatory cost recovery assessment shall be calculated on a quarterly basis ~~and shall be one of the following as follows:~~

(a) ~~If the sum of ten cents per barrel of oil for all of the wells of the owner, one-half of one cent per one thousand cubic feet of natural gas for all of the wells of the owner, and the amount of the severance tax levied on each severer for all of the wells of the owner under divisions (A)(5) and (6) of section 5749.02 of the Revised Code, as applicable, is greater than the sum of fifteen dollars for each well owned by the owner, the amount of the assessment is the sum of ten cents per barrel of oil for all of the wells of the owner and one-half (1) One-half of one cent per one thousand cubic feet of natural gas for all of the wells of the owner:~~

~~(b) If the sum of ten;~~

~~(2) Ten cents per barrel of oil for all of the wells of the owner, one-half of one cent per one thousand cubic feet of natural gas for all of the wells of the owner, and the amount of the severance tax levied on each severer for all of the wells of the owner under divisions (A)(5) and (6) of section 5749.02 of the Revised Code, as applicable, is less than the sum of fifteen dollars for each well owned by the owner, the amount of the assessment is the sum of fifteen dollars for each well owned by the owner less the amount of the tax levied on each severer for all of the wells of the owner under divisions (A)(5) and (6) of section 5749.02 of the Revised Code, as applicable.~~

~~(2) The oil and gas regulatory cost recovery assessment for a well that becomes an exempt domestic well on and after June 30, 2010, shall be sixty dollars to be paid to the division of oil and gas resources management on the first day of July of each year.~~

(C) All money collected pursuant to this section shall be credited to the severance tax receipts fund. After the director of budget and management transfers money from the severance tax receipts fund as required in division (H) of section 5749.06 of the Revised Code, money in the severance tax

receipts fund from amounts collected pursuant to this section shall be credited to the oil and gas well fund created in section 1509.02 of the Revised Code.

(D) Except for purposes of revenue distribution as specified in division (B) of section 5749.02 of the Revised Code, the oil and gas regulatory cost recovery assessment imposed by this section shall be treated the same and equivalent for all purposes as the taxes levied on the severance of oil and gas under that section. However, the assessment imposed by this section is not a tax under Chapter 5749. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1521.01. As used in sections ~~1521.01 to 1521.05 and 1521.13 to 1521.18 of the Revised Code~~ this chapter:

(A) ~~"Consumptive use," "diversion," "Lake Erie drainage basin," "other great lakes states and provinces," "water resources," and "waters of the state" have the same meanings as in section 1501.30 of the Revised Code~~ means a use of water resources, other than a diversion, that results in a loss of that water to the basin from which it is withdrawn and includes, but is not limited to, evaporation, evapotranspiration, and incorporation of water into a product or agricultural crop.

(B) "Diversion" means a withdrawal of water resources from either the Lake Erie or Ohio river drainage basin and transfer to another basin without return. "Diversion" does not include evaporative loss within the basin of withdrawal.

(C) "Other great lakes states and provinces" means states other than this state that are parties to the great lakes basin compact under Chapter 6161. of the Revised Code and the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

(D) "Water resources" means any waters of the state that are available or may be made available to agricultural, industrial, commercial, and domestic users.

(E) "Waters of the state" includes all streams, lakes, ponds, marshes, watercourses, waterways, wells, springs, irrigation systems, drainage systems, and other bodies or accumulations of water, surface and underground, natural or artificial, regardless of the depth of the strata in which underground water is located, that are situated wholly or partly within or bordering upon this state or are within its jurisdiction.

(F) "Well" means any excavation, regardless of design or method of construction, created for any of the following purposes:

(1) Removing ground water from or recharging water into an aquifer, excluding subsurface drainage systems installed to enhance agricultural crop production or urban or suburban landscape management or to control seepage in dams, ~~dikes~~, and levees;

(2) Determining the quantity, quality, level, or movement of ground water in or the stratigraphy of an aquifer, excluding borings for instrumentation in dams, ~~dikes~~, levees, or highway embankments;

(3) Removing or exchanging heat from ground water, excluding horizontal trenches that are installed for water source heat pump systems.

~~(G)~~ (G) "Aquifer" means a consolidated or unconsolidated geologic formation or series of formations that are hydraulically interconnected and that have the ability to receive, store, or transmit water.

~~(D)~~ (H) "Ground water" means all water occurring in an aquifer.

~~(E)~~ (I) "Ground water stress area" means a definable geographic area in which ground water quantity is being affected by human activity or natural forces to the extent that continuous availability of supply is jeopardized by withdrawals.

~~(F)~~ (J) "Person" has the same meaning as in section 1.59 of the Revised Code and also includes the United States, the state, any political subdivision of the state, and any department, division, board, commission, agency, or instrumentality of the United States, the state, or a political subdivision of the state.

~~(G)~~ (K) "State agency" or "agency of the state" has the same meaning as "agency" in section 111.15 of the Revised Code.

~~(H)~~ (L) "Cone of depression" means a depression or low point in the water table or potentiometric surface of a body of ground water that develops around a location from which ground water is being withdrawn.

(M) "Facility" has the same meaning as in section 1522.10 of the Revised Code.

(N) "Hydrologic study area" means the area within a four-mile radius from the boundary of the withdrawal area.

(O) "Well field" means a contiguous land area containing two or more wells that provide water to a facility.

(P) "Withdrawal area" means the proposed well or well field location or locations.

(Q) "Development" means any artificial change to improved or unimproved real estate, including the construction of buildings and other structures, any substantial improvement of a structure, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavating, and drilling operations, and storage of equipment or materials.

~~(R)~~ (R) "Floodplain" means the area adjoining any river, stream, watercourse, or lake that has been or may be covered by flood water.

~~(S)~~ (S) "Floodplain management" means the implementation of an overall program of corrective and preventive measures for reducing flood

damage, including the collection and dissemination of flood information, construction of flood control works, nonstructural flood damage reduction techniques, and adoption of rules, ordinances, or resolutions governing development in floodplains.

~~(K)~~ (T) "One-hundred-year flood" means a flood having a one per cent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.

~~(L)~~ (U) "One-hundred-year floodplain" means that portion of a floodplain inundated by a one-hundred-year flood.

~~(M)~~ (V) "Structure" means a walled and roofed building, including, without limitation, gas or liquid storage tanks, ~~mobile homes~~, and manufactured homes.

~~(N)~~ (W) "Substantial improvement" means any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds fifty per cent of the market value of the structure before the start of construction of the improvement. "Substantial improvement" includes repairs to structures that have incurred substantial damage regardless of the actual repair work performed. "Substantial improvement" does not include either of the following:

(1) Any project for the improvement of a structure to correct existing violations of state or local health, sanitary, or safety code specifications that have been identified by the state or local code enforcement official having jurisdiction and that are the minimum necessary to ensure safe living conditions;

(2) Any alteration of an historic structure designated or listed pursuant to federal or state law, provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued listing or designation as an historic structure.

~~(O)~~ (X) "Substantial damage" means damage of any origin that is sustained by a structure if the cost of restoring the structure to its condition prior to the damage would equal or exceed fifty per cent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.

~~(P)~~ (Y) "National flood insurance program" means the national flood insurance program established in the "National Flood Insurance Act of 1968," 82 Stat. 572, 42 U.S.C. 4001, as amended, and regulations adopted under it.

~~(Q)~~ (Z) "Conservancy district" means a conservancy district established under Chapter 6101. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1521.03. The chief of the division of water resources shall do all of the following:

(A) Assist in an advisory capacity any properly constituted watershed district, conservancy district, or soil and water conservation district or any

county, municipal corporation, or other government agency of the state in the planning of works for ground water recharge, flood mitigation, floodplain management, flood control, flow capacity and stability of streams, rivers, and watercourses, or the establishment of water conservation practices, within the limits of the appropriations for those purposes;

(B) Have authority to conduct basic inventories of the water and related natural resources in each drainage basin in the state; to develop a plan on a watershed basis that will recognize the variety of uses to which water may be put and the need for its management for those uses; with the approval of the director of natural resources and the controlling board, to transfer appropriated or other funds, authorized for those inventories and plan, to any division of the department of natural resources or other state agencies for the purpose of developing pertinent data relating to the plan of water management; and to accept and expend moneys contributed by any person for implementing the development of the plan;

(C) Have authority to make detailed investigations of all factors relating to floods, floodplain management, and flood control in the state with particular attention to those factors bearing upon the hydraulic and hydrologic characteristics of rivers, streams, and watercourses, recognizing the variety of uses to which water and watercourses may be put;

(D) Cooperate with the United States or any agency thereof and with any political subdivision of the state in planning and constructing flood control works;

(E) Hold meetings or public hearings, whichever is considered appropriate by the chief, to assist in the resolution of conflicts between ground water users. Such meetings or hearings shall be called upon written request from boards of health of city or general health districts created by or under the authority of Chapter 3709. of the Revised Code or authorities having the duties of a board of health as authorized by section 3709.05 of the Revised Code, boards of county commissioners, boards of township trustees, legislative authorities of municipal corporations, or boards of directors of conservancy districts and may be called by the chief upon the request of any other person or at the chief's discretion. The chief shall collect and present at such meetings or hearings the available technical information relevant to the conflicts and to the ground water resource. The chief shall prepare a report, and may make recommendations, based upon the available technical data and the record of the meetings or hearings, about the use of the ground water resource. In making the report and any recommendations, the chief also may consider the factors listed in division (B) of section 1521.17 of the Revised Code. The technical information

presented, the report prepared, and any recommendations made under this division shall be presumed to be prima-facie authentic and admissible as evidence in any court pursuant to Evidence Rule 902.

(F) Perform stream or ground water gauging and may contract with the United States government or any other agency for the gauging of any streams or ground water within the state;

(G) Primarily with regard to water quantity, have authority to collect, study, map, and interpret all available information, statistics, and data pertaining to the availability, supply, use, conservation, and replenishment of the ground and surface waters in the state in coordination with other agencies of this state;

(H) Primarily with regard to water quantity and availability, be authorized to cooperate with and negotiate for the state with any agency of the United States government, of this state, or of any other state pertaining to the water resources of the state;

(I) Provide engineering support for the coastal management program established under Chapter 1506. of the Revised Code;

(J) Define "Lake Erie drainage basin" and "Ohio river drainage basin" for the purposes of this chapter and Chapter 1522. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1521.04. ~~(A) The chief of the division of water resources, with the approval of the director of natural resources,~~ may make loans and grants from the water management fund created in section ~~1501.32~~ 1521.22 of the Revised Code to governmental agencies for water management, water supply improvements, and planning ~~and~~ . The chief may administer grants from the federal government and from other public or private sources for carrying out those functions and for the performance of any acts that may be required by the United States or by any agency or department thereof as a condition for the participation by any governmental agency in any federal financial or technical assistance program. Direct and indirect costs of administration may be paid from the fund.

(B) The chief may use the water management fund for the any of the following purposes of administering :

(1) Administering the water diversion and consumptive use permit programs established ~~in sections 1501.30 to 1501.35 of the Revised Code under this chapter~~ and the withdrawal and consumptive use permit program established under ~~sections 1522.10 to 1522.24~~ Chapter 1522. of the Revised Code; ~~to~~

(2) To perform watershed and water resources studies for the purposes of water management planning; ~~and to~~

(3) To acquire, construct, reconstruct, improve, equip, maintain, operate,

and dispose of water management improvements. ~~The~~

(C) The chief may fix, alter, charge, and collect rates, fees, rentals, and other charges to be paid into the fund by governmental agencies and persons who are supplied with water by facilities constructed or operated by the department of natural resources in order to amortize and defray the cost of the construction, maintenance, and operation of those facilities.

Sec. 1521.06. (A) No dam may be constructed for the purpose of storing, conserving, or retarding water, or for any other purpose, nor shall any levee be constructed for the purpose of diverting or retaining flood water, unless the person or governmental agency desiring the construction has a construction permit for the dam or levee issued by the chief of the division of water resources.

A construction permit is not required under this section for:

(1) A dam that is or will be less than ten feet in height and that has or will have a storage capacity of not more than fifty acre-feet at the elevation of the top of the dam, as determined by the chief. For the purposes of this section, the height of a dam shall be measured from the natural stream bed or lowest ground elevation at the downstream or outside limit of the dam to the elevation of the top of the dam.

(2) A dam, regardless of height, that has or will have a storage capacity of not more than fifteen acre-feet at the elevation of the top of the dam, as determined by the chief;

(3) A dam, regardless of storage capacity, that is or will be six feet or less in height, as determined by the chief;

(4) A dam or levee that belongs to a class exempted by the chief;

(5) The repair, maintenance, improvement, alteration, or removal of a dam or levee that is subject to section 1521.062 of the Revised Code, unless the construction constitutes an enlargement or reconstruction of the structure as determined by the chief;

(6) A dam or impoundment constructed under Chapter 1513. of the Revised Code.

(B) Before a construction permit may be issued, three copies of the plans and specifications, including a detailed cost estimate, for the proposed construction, prepared by a registered professional engineer, together with any filing fee specified by rules adopted by the chief in accordance with division (I) of this section and the bond or other security required by section 1521.061 of the Revised Code, shall be filed with the chief. The detailed estimate of the cost shall include all costs associated with the construction of the dam or levee, including supervision and inspection of the construction by a registered professional engineer.

All fees collected pursuant to this section, and all fines collected pursuant to section 1521.99 of the Revised Code, shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the dam safety fund, which is hereby created. Expenditures from the fund shall be made by the chief for the purpose of administering this section and sections 1521.061 and 1521.062 of the Revised Code.

(C) The chief shall, within thirty days from the date of the receipt of the application, fee, and bond or other security, issue or deny a construction permit for the construction or may issue a construction permit conditioned upon the making of such changes in the plans and specifications for the construction as the chief considers advisable if the chief determines that the construction of the proposed dam or levee, in accordance with the plans and specifications filed, would endanger life, health, or property.

(D) The chief may deny a construction permit after finding that a dam or levee built in accordance with the plans and specifications would endanger life, health, or property, because of improper or inadequate design, or for such other reasons as the chief may determine.

In the event the chief denies a permit for the construction of the dam or levee, or issues a permit conditioned upon a making of changes in the plans or specifications for the construction, the chief shall state the reasons therefor and so notify, in writing, the person or governmental agency making the application for a permit. If the permit is denied, the chief shall return the bond or other security to the person or governmental agency making application for the permit.

The decision of the chief conditioning or denying a construction permit is subject to appeal as provided in Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. A dam or levee built substantially at variance from the plans and specifications upon which a construction permit was issued is in violation of this section. The chief may at any time inspect any dam or levee, or site upon which any dam or levee is to be constructed, in order to determine whether it complies with this section.

(E) A registered professional engineer shall inspect the construction for which the permit was issued during all phases of construction and shall furnish to the chief such regular reports of the engineer's inspections as the chief may require. When the chief finds that construction has been fully completed in accordance with the terms of the permit and the plans and specifications approved by the chief, the chief shall approve the construction. When one year has elapsed after approval of the completed construction, and the chief finds that within this period no fact has become apparent to indicate that the construction was not performed in accordance

with the terms of the permit and the plans and specifications approved by the chief, or that the construction as performed would endanger life, health, or property, the chief shall release the bond or other security. No bond or other security shall be released until one year after final approval by the chief, unless the dam or levee has been modified so that it will not retain water and has been approved as nonhazardous after determination by the chief that the dam or levee as modified will not endanger life, health, or property.

(F) When inspections required by this section are not being performed, the chief shall notify the person or governmental agency to which the permit has been issued that inspections are not being performed by the registered professional engineer and that the chief will inspect the remainder of the construction. Thereafter, the chief shall inspect the construction and the cost of inspection shall be charged against the owner. Failure of the registered professional engineer to submit required inspection reports shall be deemed notice that the engineer's inspections are not being performed.

(G) The chief may order construction to cease on any dam or levee that is being built in violation of this section, and may prohibit the retention of water behind any dam or levee that has been built in violation of this section. ~~The attorney general, upon written request of the chief, may bring an action for an injunction against any person who violates this section or to enforce an order or prohibition of the chief made pursuant to this section.~~

(H) The chief may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, for the design and construction of dams and levees for which a construction permit is required by this section or for which periodic inspection is required by section 1521.062 of the Revised Code, for deposit and forfeiture of bonds and other securities required by section 1521.061 of the Revised Code, for the periodic inspection, operation, repair, improvement, alteration, or removal of all dams and levees, as specified in section 1521.062 of the Revised Code, and for establishing classes of dams or levees that are exempt from the requirements of this section and section 1521.062 of the Revised Code as being of a size, purpose, or situation that does not present a substantial hazard to life, health, or property. The chief may, by rule, limit the period during which a construction permit issued under this section is valid. The rules may allow for the extension of the period during which a permit is valid upon written request, provided that the written request includes a revised construction cost estimate, and may require the payment of an additional filing fee for the requested extension. If a construction permit expires without an extension before construction is completed, the person or agency shall apply for a new permit, and shall not

continue construction until the new permit is issued.

(I) The chief shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing a filing fee schedule for purposes of division (B) of this section.

Sec. 1521.062. (A) All dams and levees constructed in this state and not exempted by this section or by the chief of the division of water resources under section 1521.06 of the Revised Code shall be inspected periodically by the chief, except for classes of dams that, in accordance with rules adopted under this section, are required to be inspected by registered professional engineers who have been approved for that purpose by the chief. The inspection shall ensure that continued operation and use of the dam or levee does not constitute a hazard to life, health, or property. Periodic inspections shall not be required of the following structures:

(1) A dam that is less than ten feet in height and has a storage capacity of not more than fifty acre-feet at the elevation of the top of the dam, as determined by the chief. For the purposes of this section, the height of a dam shall be measured from the natural stream bed or lowest ground elevation at the downstream or outside limit of the dam to the elevation of the top of the dam.

(2) A dam, regardless of height, that has a storage capacity of not more than fifteen acre-feet at the elevation of the top of the dam, as determined by the chief;

(3) A dam, regardless of storage capacity, that is six feet or less in height, as determined by the chief;

(4) A dam or levee belonging to a class exempted by the chief;

(5) A dam or levee that has been exempted in accordance with rules adopted under section 1521.064 of the Revised Code.

(B) In accordance with rules adopted under this section, the owner of a dam that is in a class of dams that is designated in the rules for inspection by registered professional engineers shall obtain the services of a registered professional engineer who has been approved by the chief to conduct the periodic inspection of dams pursuant to schedules and other standards and procedures established in the rules. The registered professional engineer shall prepare a report of the inspection in accordance with the rules and provide the inspection report to the dam owner who shall submit it to the chief. A dam that is designated under the rules for inspection by a registered professional engineer, but that is not inspected within a five-year period may be inspected by the chief at the owner's expense.

(C) Intervals between periodic inspections shall be determined by the chief, but shall not exceed five years.

(D) In the case of a dam or levee that the chief inspects, the chief shall furnish a report of the inspection to the owner of the dam or levee. With regard to a dam or levee that has been inspected, either by the chief or by a registered professional engineer, and that is the subject of an inspection report prepared or received by the chief, the chief shall inform the owner of any required repairs, maintenance, investigations, and other remedial and operational measures. The chief shall order the owner to perform such repairs, maintenance, investigations, or other remedial or operational measures as the chief considers necessary to safeguard life, health, or property. The order shall permit the owner a reasonable time in which to perform the needed repairs, maintenance, investigations, or other remedial measures, and the cost thereof shall be borne by the owner. All orders of the chief are subject to appeal as provided in Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. ~~The attorney general, upon written request of the chief, may bring an action for an injunction against any person who violates this section or to enforce an order of the chief made pursuant to this section.~~

(E) The owner of a dam or levee shall monitor, maintain, and operate the structure and its appurtenances safely in accordance with state rules, terms and conditions of permits, orders, and other requirements issued pursuant to this section or section 1521.06 of the Revised Code. The owner shall fully and promptly notify the division of water resources and other responsible authorities of any condition that threatens the safety of the structure and shall take all necessary actions to safeguard life, health, and property.

(F) Before commencing the repair, improvement, alteration, or removal of a dam or levee, the owner shall file an application including plans, specifications, and other required information with the division and shall secure written approval of the application by the chief. Emergency actions by the owner required to safeguard life, health, or property are exempt from this requirement. The chief may, by rule, define maintenance, repairs, or other remedial measures of a routine nature that are exempt from this requirement.

(G) The chief may remove or correct, at the expense of the owner, any unsafe structures found to be constructed or maintained in violation of this section or section 1521.06 of the Revised Code. In the case of an owner other than a governmental agency, the cost of removal or correction of any unsafe structure, together with a description of the property on which the unsafe structure is located, shall be certified by the chief to the county auditor and placed by the county auditor upon the tax duplicate. This cost is a lien upon the lands from the date of entry and shall be collected as other

taxes and returned to the division. In the case of an owner that is a governmental agency, the cost of removal or correction of any unsafe structure shall be recoverable from the owner by appropriate action in a court of competent jurisdiction.

(H) If the condition of any dam or levee is found, in the judgment of the chief, to be so dangerous to the safety of life, health, or property as not to permit time for the issuance and enforcement of an order relative to repair, maintenance, or operation, the chief shall employ any of the following remedial means necessary to protect life, health, and property:

- (1) Lower the water level of the lake or reservoir by releasing water;
- (2) Completely drain the lake or reservoir;
- (3) Take such other measures or actions as the chief considers necessary to safeguard life, health, and property.

The chief shall continue in full charge and control of the dam or levee until the structure is rendered safe. The cost of the remedy shall be recoverable from the owner of the structure by appropriate action in a court of competent jurisdiction.

(I) The chief may accept and expend gifts, bequests, and grants from the United States government or from any other public or private source and may contract with the United States government or any other agency or entity for the purpose of carrying out the dam safety functions set forth in this section and section 1521.06 of the Revised Code.

(J) In accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the chief may adopt, and may amend or rescind, rules that do all of the following:

(1) Designate classes of dams for which dam owners must obtain the services of a registered professional engineer to periodically inspect the dams and to prepare reports of the inspections for submittal to the chief;

(2) Establish standards in accordance with which the chief must approve or disapprove registered professional engineers to inspect dams together with procedures governing the approval process;

(3) Establish schedules, standards, and procedures governing periodic inspections and standards and procedures governing the preparation and submittal of inspection reports;

(4) Establish provisions regarding the enforcement of this section and rules adopted under it.

(K) The owner of a dam or levee shall notify the chief in writing of a change in ownership of the dam or levee prior to the exchange of the property.

Sec. 1521.063. (A) Except for the federal government, the owner of a dam, that is classified as a class I, class II, or class III dam under rules

adopted under section 1521.06 of the Revised Code and subject to section 1521.062 of the Revised Code shall pay an annual fee in accordance with the annual fee schedule established in rules adopted under division (B) of this section. The fee shall be paid to the division of water resources on or before the thirtieth day of June of each year.

All fees collected under this section shall be deposited in the dam safety fund created in section 1521.06 of the Revised Code. Any owner who fails to pay any annual fee required by this section within sixty days after the due date shall be assessed a penalty of ten per cent of the annual fee plus interest at the rate of one-half per cent per month from the due date until the date of payment.

There is hereby created the compliant dam discount program to be administered by the chief of the division of water resources. Under the program, the chief may reduce the amount of the annual fee that an owner of a dam is required to pay in accordance with rules adopted by the chief under division (B) of this section if the owner is in compliance with section 1521.062 of the Revised Code and has developed an emergency action plan pursuant to standards established in rules adopted under this section. The chief shall not discount an annual fee by more than twenty-five per cent of the total annual fee that is due. In addition, the chief shall not discount the annual fee that is due from the owner of a dam who has been assessed a penalty under this section.

(B)(1) The chief shall, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and subject to the prior approval of the director of natural resources, adopt, and may amend or rescind, rules for the collection of fees and the administration, implementation, and enforcement of this section.

(2) The chief shall, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, adopt rules for the establishment of an annual fee schedule for purposes of this section.

(3) The annual fee schedule must be based on the height of the dam, the linear foot length of the dam, and the per-acre foot of volume of water impounded by the dam. For purposes of this section, the height of a dam is the vertical height, to the nearest foot, as determined by the division under section 1521.062 of the Revised Code.

~~(C)(4)~~ No person, political subdivision, or state governmental agency shall violate or fail to comply with this section or any rule or order adopted or issued under it.

~~(2) The attorney general, upon written request of the chief, may commence an action against any such violator. Any action under division (C)(2) of this section is a civil action.~~

(D) As used in this section, "political subdivision" includes townships, municipal corporations, counties, school districts, municipal universities, park districts, sanitary districts, and conservancy districts and subdivisions thereof.

Sec. 1521.16. (A) Any person who owns a facility that has the capacity to withdraw waters of the state in an amount greater than one hundred thousand gallons per day from all sources and whose construction is completed before January 1, 1990, shall register the facility by January 1, 1991, with the chief of the division of water resources, and any person who owns a facility that has the capacity to withdraw waters of the state in such an amount and whose construction is completed on or after January 1, 1990, shall register the facility with the chief within three months after the facility is completed. The person shall register the facility using a form prescribed by the chief that shall include, without limitation, the name and address of the registrant and date of registration; the locations and sources of the facility's water supply; the facility's withdrawal capacity per day and the amount withdrawn from each source; the uses made of the water, places of use, and places of discharge; and such other information as the chief may require by rule.

The registration date of any facility whose construction was completed prior to January 1, 1990, and that is registered under this division prior to January 1, 1991, shall be January 1, 1990. The registration date of any facility whose construction was completed prior to January 1, 1990, and that is required to register under this division prior to January 1, 1991, but that is not registered prior to that date, and the registration date of any facility whose construction was completed after January 1, 1990, and that is required to register under this division shall be the date on which the registration is received by the chief.

(B) In accordance with division (D) of this section, the chief shall adopt rules establishing standards and criteria for determining when an area of ground water is a ground water stress area, the geographic limits of such an area, and a threshold withdrawal capacity for the area below which registration under this division shall not be required. At any time following the adoption of those rules, the chief may by order designate an area of ground water as a ground water stress area and shall establish in any such order a threshold withdrawal capacity for the area below which registration under this division shall not be required.

Following the designation of a ground water stress area, the chief immediately shall give notice by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the designated area that shall include a map delineating the

designated ground water stress area and a statement of the threshold withdrawal capacity established for the area below which registration under this division shall not be required. The notice shall not appear in the legal notices section of the newspaper. Any person who owns a facility in the designated ground water stress area that is not registered under division (A) of this section and that has the capacity to withdraw waters of the state in an amount greater than the threshold withdrawal capacity for the area from all sources shall register the facility with the chief not later than thirty days after publication of the notice. A person registering a facility under this division shall do so using a form prescribed by the chief. The form shall include the information specified in division (A) of this section.

(C) Any person who owns a facility registered under division (A) or (B) of this section shall file a report annually with the chief listing the amount of water withdrawn per day by the facility, the return flow per day, and any other information the chief may require by rule. ~~Any person who, under Chapter 6109. of the Revised Code, provides such information to the Ohio environmental protection agency is exempt from reporting under this division. The director of environmental protection shall provide the chief any such reported information upon request.~~

(D) The chief shall adopt, and may amend or rescind, rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to carry out this section.

(E)(1) No person knowingly shall fail to register a facility or file a report as required under this section.

(2) No person shall file a false registration or report under this section. Violation of division (E)(2) of this section is falsification under section 2921.13 of the Revised Code.

~~(F) At the request of the director of natural resources, the attorney general may commence a civil action to compel compliance with this section, in a court of common pleas, against any person who has violated or is violating division (E)(1) of this section. The court of common pleas in which a civil action is commenced under this division has jurisdiction to and shall compel compliance with this section upon a showing that the person against whom the action is brought has violated or is violating that division.~~

~~Any action under this division is a civil action, governed by the rules of civil procedure and other rules of practice and procedure applicable to civil actions.~~

~~Sec. 1501.31~~1521.21. (A) The ~~director of natural~~ chief of the division of water resources shall adopt, and may amend or rescind, rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for the implementation, administration, and enforcement of sections ~~1501.30 to 1501.35~~ 1521.21 to

1521.36 of the Revised Code.

(B) Sections ~~1501.30 to 1501.35~~ 1521.21 to 1521.36 of the Revised Code do not affect common law riparian rights.

Sec. ~~1501.32~~1521.22. (A)(1) No person shall divert more than one hundred thousand gallons per day of any waters of the state out of the Ohio river watershed to another basin without having a permit to do so issued by the ~~director of natural~~ chief of the division of water resources.

(2) An application for such a permit shall be filed with the ~~director~~ chief upon such forms as the ~~director~~ chief prescribes. The application shall state the quantity of water to be diverted, the purpose of the diversion, the life of the project for which the water is to be diverted, and such other information as the ~~director~~ chief may require by rule. Each application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of one thousand dollars, which shall be credited to the water management fund, which is hereby created.

(B) The ~~director~~ chief shall not approve a permit application filed under this section if the ~~director~~ chief determines that any of the following applies:

(1) During the life of the project for which the water is to be diverted, some or all of the water to be diverted will be needed for use within the Ohio river watershed.

(2) The proposed diversion would endanger the public health, safety, or welfare.

(3) The applicant has not demonstrated that the proposed diversion is a reasonable and beneficial use and is necessary to serve the applicant's present and future needs.

(4) The applicant has not demonstrated that reasonable efforts have been made to develop and conserve water resources in the importing basin and that further development of those resources would engender overriding, adverse economic, social, or environmental impacts.

(5) The proposed diversion is inconsistent with regional or state water resources plans.

(6) The proposed diversion, alone or in combination with other diversions and water losses, will have a significant adverse impact on in-stream uses or on economic or ecological aspects of water levels.

The ~~director~~ chief may hold public hearings upon any application for a permit.

(C) The ~~director~~ chief shall determine the period for which each permit approved under this section will be valid and specify the expiration date, but in no case shall a permit be valid beyond the life of the project as stated in the application.

The ~~director~~ chief shall establish rules providing for the transfer of

permits. A permit may be transferred on the conditions that the quantity of water diverted not be increased and that the purpose of the diversion not be changed.

(D)(1) Within a time established by rule, the ~~director~~ chief shall do one of the following:

(a) Notify the applicant that an application the applicant filed under this section is approved or denied and, if denied, the reason for denial;

(b) Notify the applicant of any modification necessary to qualify the application for approval.

(2) Any person who receives notice of a denial or modification under division (D)(1) of this section is entitled to a hearing under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code if the person sends a written request for a hearing to the ~~director~~ chief within thirty days after the date on which the notice is mailed or otherwise provided to the applicant.

(3) The chief shall issue a permit to an applicant whose application is approved under this section.

(E) The ~~director~~ chief shall revoke a permit under this section without a prior hearing if the ~~director~~ chief determines that the quantity of water being diverted exceeds the quantity stated in the permit application.

The ~~director~~ chief may suspend a permit if the ~~director~~ chief determines that the continued diversion of water will endanger the public health, safety, or welfare. Before suspending a permit, the ~~director~~ chief shall make a reasonable attempt to notify the permittee that the ~~director~~ chief intends to suspend the permit. If the attempt fails, notification shall be given as soon as practicable following the suspension. Within five days after the suspension, the ~~director~~ chief shall provide the permittee an opportunity to be heard and to present evidence that the continued diversion of water will not endanger the public health, safety, or welfare.

If the ~~director~~ chief determines before the expiration date of a suspended permit that the diversion of water can be resumed without danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, the ~~director~~ chief shall, upon request of the permittee, reinstate the permit.

(F) Any six or more residents of this state may petition the ~~director~~ chief for an investigation of a withdrawal of water resources that they allege is in violation of a permit issued under this section.

The petition shall identify the permittee and detail the reasons why the petitioners believe that grounds exist for the revocation or suspension of the permit under this section.

Upon receipt of the petition, the ~~director~~ chief shall send a copy to the permittee and, within sixty days, make a determination whether grounds

exist for revocation or suspension of the permit under this section.

(G) Each permittee shall submit to the ~~director~~ chief an annual report containing such information as the ~~director~~ chief may require by rule.

~~Sec. 1501.33~~1521.23. (A) Except as provided in divisions ~~(B), (C), and~~ (D) and (E) of this section, no person shall allow a facility that the person owns or operates to withdraw waters of the state in an amount that would result in a new or increased consumptive use of more than an average of two million gallons of water per day in any thirty-day period without first obtaining a permit from the ~~director of natural~~ chief of the division of water resources under section ~~1501.34~~ 1521.29 of the Revised Code. ~~Prior~~

~~(B)~~ Prior to developing a new or increased withdrawal or consumptive use capacity that would facilitate a withdrawal requiring a permit under ~~this~~ section 1521.29 of the Revised Code, an owner or operator of a facility shall submit an application for a permit to the ~~director~~ chief on a form the ~~director~~ chief prescribes. The ~~application~~ applicant shall declare and document all of the following in the application:

(1) The facility's current withdrawal capacity per day if the withdrawal is to occur at a facility already in operation;

(2) The total new or increased daily withdrawal capacity proposed for the facility;

(3) The locations and sources of water proposed to be withdrawn;

(4) The locations of proposed discharges or return flows;

(5) The locations and nature of proposed consumptive uses;

(6) The estimated average annual and monthly volumes and rates of withdrawal;

(7) The estimated average annual and monthly volumes and rates of consumptive use;

(8) The effects the withdrawal is anticipated to have with respect to existing uses of water resources;

(9) A description of other ways the applicant's need for water may be satisfied if the application is denied or modified;

(10) A description of the conservation practices the applicant intends to follow;

(11) All information required under sections 1521.24 to 1521.27 of the Revised Code if the sources of water for the proposed withdrawal are ground water;

~~(12)~~ Any other information the ~~director~~ chief may require by rule.

~~(C)~~ Each application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of one thousand dollars, which shall be credited to the water management fund created under section ~~1501.32~~ 1521.22 of the Revised Code.

~~(B)~~ (D) A major utility facility that is subject to regulation under Chapter 4906. of the Revised Code, a facility that is subject to regulation under Chapter 1514. of the Revised Code, or a facility that is required to obtain a permit under sections 1522.10 to 1522.30 of the Revised Code need not obtain a permit under section ~~1501.34~~ 1521.29 of the Revised Code.

~~(C)(1)~~ (E) A public water system, as ~~that term is~~ defined in section 6109.01 of the Revised Code, that withdraws waters of the state in an amount that would result in a new or increased consumptive use of more than two million gallons per day need not obtain a permit under section ~~1501.34~~ 1521.29 of the Revised Code if any one of the following applies:

~~(a)~~ (1) The public water system was in operation on June 29, 1988, and no substantial changes in the design capacity are proposed for that system ~~except as specified in division (C)(1)(e) of this section.~~

~~(b)~~ (2) A public water system that is proposed to be constructed or installed, or an existing system for which changes are proposed, encompasses only water distribution facilities.

~~(c) A public water system, other than one that encompasses only water distribution facilities, is proposed to be constructed or installed, or substantial changes in the design capacity of an existing system, other than one that encompasses only water distribution facilities, are proposed; the plans submitted for the system to the director of environmental protection under section 6109.07 of the Revised Code declare and document the information specified in division (A) of this section and rules adopted under it as determined by the director of natural resources; and the director of environmental protection has applied the criteria specified in division (A) of section 1501.34 of the Revised Code in reviewing and approving the plans as determined by the director of natural resources.~~

~~(2) Any public water system that withdraws waters of the state in an amount that would result in a new or increased consumptive use of more than two million gallons per day and that does not meet the criteria specified in division (C)(1)(a), (b), or (c) of this section shall obtain a permit under section 1501.34 of the Revised Code. A person who submits plans for such a system under section 6109.07 of the Revised Code may request the director of natural resources in writing to consider those plans as an application under this section. No later than twenty days after receiving the request, the director shall notify the person of one of the following:~~

~~(a) The plans declare and document the information specified in division (A) of this section and rules adopted under it and are accepted as an application under this section, and the person shall submit to the director the application fee required under division (A) of this section.~~

~~(b) Additional specified information is necessary before the director can accept the plans as an application.~~

~~(c) The plans do not meet the requirements of division (A) of this section and rules adopted under it and an application shall be submitted in accordance with this section.~~

~~(D) A facility that is required to obtain a permit under sections 1522.10 to 1522.21 of the Revised Code need not obtain a permit under section 1501.34 of the Revised Code.~~

Sec. ~~1501.35~~1521.231. Whenever any person submits an application under section ~~1501.33~~ 1521.23 of the Revised Code to withdraw water from the Lake Erie drainage basin that would result in a new or increased consumptive use totaling more than five million gallons per day ~~or whenever a major utility facility subject to regulation under Chapter 4906 of the Revised Code proposes to make such a withdrawal~~, the ~~director~~ chief of ~~natural~~ the division of water resources shall notify the governors and premiers of the other great lakes states and provinces, the appropriate water management agencies of those states and provinces, and, when appropriate, the international joint commission and shall solicit their comments and concerns regarding the application. In the event of an objection to the proposed consumptive use, the ~~director~~ chief shall consult with the affected great lakes states and provinces to consider the issues involved and seek mutually agreeable recommendations. Before rendering a decision on the permit application, the ~~director~~ chief shall consider the concerns, comments, and recommendations of the other great lakes states and provinces and the international joint commission.

Sec. 1521.24. Along with an application for a permit submitted under section 1521.23 of the Revised Code, an applicant that proposes to withdraw ground water shall submit data in a form prescribed by the chief of the division of water resources that includes all of the following:

(A) A hydrologic map consisting of a single map using the most recent USGS 7.5 minute topographic maps at a scale of 1:24,000 as a base or other approved format that shows all of the information described in section 1521.25 of the Revised Code;

(B) A hydrogeologic description in sufficient detail to determine the cone of depression for the proposed withdrawal that includes all of the information described in section 1521.26 of the Revised Code;

(C) A steady state ground water model that defines the projected cone of depression for the proposed withdrawal that complies with section 1521.27 of the Revised Code;

(D) Alternative water supply information that includes an analysis of the

availability and suitability of alternative water supply sources that will be utilized to fulfill the water supply replacement provisions of section 1521.35 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1521.25. An applicant shall show all of the following on the hydrologic map required under division (A) of section 1521.24 of the Revised Code:

(A) The proposed withdrawal area;

(B) The hydrologic study area;

(C) A line delineating the location of the cross sections required under division (E) of section 1521.26 of the Revised Code;

(D) The location of and assigned identification number for the selected water supply wells identified in division (D) of section 1521.26 of the Revised Code and all other water sources used for domestic, agricultural, or industrial use within the proposed withdrawal area and hydrologic study area;

(E) The location of any well, well field, reservoir, river, and water source not identified under division (D) of this section on or within the hydrologic study area that is used for a public water supply and the location of any facility registered under section 1521.16 of the Revised Code on or within the hydrologic study area;

(F) Any additional information that the chief of the division of water resources may require based on site-specific conditions.

Sec. 1521.26. An applicant shall include all of the following with the hydrogeologic description required under division (B) of section 1521.24 of the Revised Code:

(A) A detailed description of the geology within the proposed withdrawal and hydrologic study area down to the lowest level of any aquifer from which water is proposed to be withdrawn. The description must include the areal and structural geology of the withdrawal and hydrologic study area, and any other parameter that may affect the occurrence, availability, movement, or quantity of potentially affected ground waters. The description must be based on information available to the applicant from test borings, core drillings, well logs, and geologic literature and practices.

(B) Information related to the ground water hydrology for the proposed withdrawal and hydrologic study area including, at a minimum, all of the following:

(1) The elevation and the lateral extent of each aquifer, interbedded lithology, and overburden material;

(2) The thickness of each aquifer and a detailed lithologic description

from surface to base of the deepest aquifer, noting any changes in lithology over distance:

(3) Known uses of and withdrawals from the water in each aquifer;

(4) The transmissivity of each aquifer;

(5) The storativity of each aquifer;

(6) The hydraulic conductivity of each aquifer;

(7) The specific yield of each unconfined aquifer;

(8) The rate of discharge of any currently registered water withdrawals shown pursuant to division (E) of section 1521.25 of the Revised Code.

(C) A listing of the published information and data, and copies of the unpublished records and data, used in preparation of the items in divisions (A) and (B) of this section, including core descriptions, cuttings descriptions, stratigraphic descriptions, and pump or slug test records;

(D) A water supply inventory representing all aquifers submitted in a format prescribed by the chief of the division of water resources that, at a minimum, includes all of the following:

(1) All of the existing water wells within the study area if there are fewer than one hundred wells. If there are more than one hundred wells within the study area, the inventory must include one hundred wells plus twenty-five per cent of those wells in excess of one hundred, but shall not exceed a total of three hundred wells.

(2) A listing of water sources in the proposed withdrawal and hydrologic study area as shown pursuant to divisions (D) and (E) of section 1521.25 of the Revised Code. Such water sources must include the most recently drilled wells, represent all aquifers and producing zones within the aquifers, and reflect a uniform geographical distribution of wells within the study area. The listing must include, to the extent available, all of the following for each well:

(a) The map identification number listed under division (D) of section 1521.25 of the Revised Code;

(b) The department of natural resources, division of water resources number assigned to the log form required to be filed under section 1521.05 of the Revised Code;

(c) The township in which each well is located;

(d) The year the well was drilled;

(e) The latitude and longitude in NAD 83 of the well;

(f) The surface elevation of the well in feet;

(g) The total depth of the well in feet below the land surface;

(h) The depth to bedrock in feet;

(i) A description of unconsolidated material;

(j) The static water level of the well in feet below the land surface;

(k) The casing length in feet;

(l) The lithology of the screen interval/open borehole;

(m) The length of any well screen in feet;

(n) The test rate in gallons per minute;

(o) The duration of the test;

(p) The drawdown in feet.

(3) A listing of the location and type of any public water supply sources within the withdrawal and hydrologic study area;

(4) A copy of the division of water resources well logs for the wells listed in division (D) of this section.

Prior to submission of an application, an applicant may submit a request in writing to the chief to reduce the number or extent of the submittals required in division (D) of this section. The chief may grant the request only if the chief makes a written determination that this reduction will not diminish the level of accuracy in the ground water model. If the chief grants a reduction, the written request and determination shall be submitted with the permit application. If information required in the water supply inventory is unobtainable, the applicant shall submit a statement to that effect, giving the reasons therefor.

(E) A minimum of two perpendicular hydrogeologic cross sections of the same scale for the hydrologic study area based on available information. Such cross sections must be of uniform horizontal and uniform vertical scale, depict the information required in divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section, intersect the center of the proposed withdrawal, and include the data points used to construct the cross section.

(F) Any other information the chief may require.

For purposes of the hydrogeologic description and to establish pre-pumping water level conditions, the chief may require the applicant to monitor water levels from each aquifer from which water is proposed to be withdrawn. The applicant shall conduct such monitoring via the wells listed in division (D) of this section or new monitoring wells drilled by the applicant. The chief also may require pre-pumping tests.

Sec. 1521.27. (A) An applicant shall ensure that both of the following apply to the steady state ground water model required under division (C) of section 1521.24 of the Revised Code:

(1) It accurately reflects the ground water flow conditions associated with the hydrologic study area and is consistent with American society for testing and materials international standards.

(2) It is in the form of a three-dimensional ground water flow model

utilizing finite difference modeling software or other modeling software acceptable to the chief of the division of water resources.

(B) The applicant shall submit the model results in a format prescribed by the chief. The applicant shall include detailed explanations of the hydrologic and geologic parameters used to construct the model, including all of the following:

(1) The saturated thickness of each aquifer;

(2) The elevation of the static water level or potentiometric surface of each aquifer;

(3) Whether each aquifer is confined or unconfined;

(4) The pumping water level elevation at steady state conditions.

Sec. 1521.28. The chief of the division of water resources shall use the data submitted under sections 1521.24 to 1521.27 of the Revised Code to establish the geographic area defined by the ten-foot contour line of the projected cone of depression for any approved application for the withdrawal of ground water. However, the chief may designate a different contour line based upon water resource availability, seasonal variations, other water users in the hydrologic study area, or other ground water data available.

Sec. ~~1501.34~~1521.29. (A) The ~~director of natural~~ chief of the division of water resources shall not approve an application submitted under section ~~1501.33~~ 1521.23 of the Revised Code if ~~he~~ the chief determines that any of the following criteria apply:

(1) Public water rights in navigable waters will be adversely affected;

(2) The facility's current consumptive use, if any, does not incorporate maximum feasible conservation practices as determined by the ~~director~~ chief, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives;

(3) The proposed plans for the withdrawal, transportation, development, and consumptive use of water resources do not incorporate maximum feasible conservation practices as determined by the ~~director~~ chief, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives;

(4) The proposed withdrawal and consumptive uses do not reasonably promote the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare;

(5) The proposed withdrawal will have a significant detrimental effect on the quantity or quality of water resources and related land resources in this state, including a significant lowering of the water level within or the overdrafting of an aquifer;

(6) The proposed withdrawal is inconsistent with regional or state water

resources plans;

(7) Insufficient water is available for the withdrawal and other existing legal uses of water resources are not adequately protected;

(8) A significant diminution will occur in the amount of water available to existing wells or an interruption of existing ground water usage will occur within the geographic area established by the chief pursuant to section 1521.28 of the Revised Code without a suitable replacement water supply source;

(9) A withdrawal or consumptive use will cause irreparable material damage to an aquifer such that the aquifer may no longer yield the amount of water it did before the withdrawal or consumptive use proposed in the application.

(B) The ~~director~~ chief may hold public hearings upon any application for a permit submitted under section ~~1501.33~~ 1521.23 of the Revised Code. The ~~director~~ chief shall determine the period for which each permit approved under this section will be valid and specify the expiration date, but in no case shall a permit be valid beyond the life of the project as stated in the application. ~~The director shall establish rules providing for the transfer of permits. A permit may be transferred on the conditions that the quantity of water withdrawn not be increased and that the purposes of the withdrawal not be changed.~~

(C)(1) Within a time established by rule ninety days of receiving a complete application, the director chief shall do one of the following:

(a) Notify the applicant that ~~an~~ the applicant's application ~~he~~ submitted under section ~~1501.33~~ 1521.23 of the Revised Code is approved or denied and, if denied, the reason for denial;

(b) Notify the applicant of any modification necessary to qualify the application for approval.

(2) Any person who receives notice of a denial or modification under this division is entitled to a hearing under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code if the person sends a written request for a hearing to the ~~director~~ chief within thirty days after the date on which the notice is mailed or otherwise provided to the applicant.

~~(D) The director shall revoke a permit under this section without a prior hearing if he determines that the quantity of water being consumed exceeds the quantity stated in the permit application. The chief shall issue a permit to an applicant whose application is approved under this section.~~

~~The director may suspend a permit if he determines that the continued consumption of water under the permit will endanger the public health, safety, or welfare. Before suspending a permit, the director shall make a~~

~~reasonable attempt to notify the permittee that he intends to suspend the permit. If the attempt fails, notification shall be given as soon as practicable following the suspension. Within five days after the suspension, the director shall provide the permittee an opportunity to be heard and to present evidence that the continued consumption of water will not endanger the public health, safety, or welfare.~~

~~If the director determines, before the expiration date of a suspended permit, that the consumption of water can be resumed without danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, he shall, upon request of the permittee, reinstate the permit.~~

~~(E) Any six or more residents of this state may petition the director for an investigation of a withdrawal of water resources that they allege is in violation of a permit issued under this section.~~

~~The petition shall identify the permittee and detail the reasons why the petitioners believe that grounds exist for the revocation or suspension of the permit under this section.~~

~~Upon receipt of the petition, the director shall send a copy to the permittee and, within sixty days, make a determination whether grounds exist for revocation or suspension of the permit under this section.~~

~~(F) Each permittee under this section shall submit to the director an annual report containing such information as the director may require by rule.~~

Sec. 1521.30. (A) With regard to a permit issued under section 1521.29 of the Revised Code, the permittee shall submit to the chief of the division of water resources an annual report containing any information as the chief shall require by rule.

(B) If the facility for which a permit has been issued under section 1521.29 of the Revised Code withdraws ground water, the chief may require the continued monitoring and reporting of water levels in each aquifer via existing wells or new monitoring wells drilled by the permittee.

(C) With regard to a permit issued under section 1521.29 of the Revised Code, the permittee, at least once every five years, shall certify to the chief that the facility for which the permit has been issued is in compliance with the permit.

(D) The chief shall adopt rules for the transfer of permits issued under section 1521.29 of the Revised Code. The chief may allow a permit to be transferred on the condition that the quantity of water withdrawn not be increased and that the purposes of the withdrawal not be changed.

Sec. 1521.31. (A) The chief of the division of water resources may require a permittee that has been issued a permit under section 1521.29 of

the Revised Code to decrease its withdrawal and submit a revised ground water model under section 1521.27 of the Revised Code if either of the following applies:

(1) The permittee's reported ground water monitoring data conflicts with the permittee's ground water model.

(2) The results of the division of water resources' investigation of any written complaint under section 1521.36 of the Revised Code indicate that the permittee's withdrawal caused the diminution or interruption of a person's water supply.

(B) If so required under division (A) of this section, the permittee shall submit the revised ground water modeling using additional data that reflects the permittee's impact on ground water. Based upon the revised ground water modeling and additional data, the chief may amend the permit to decrease the withdrawal or establish a revised projected cone of depression.

(C) A permittee may request the chief to amend a permit issued under section 1521.29 of the Revised Code when another ground water user affects or has the potential to affect the projected cone of depression. The permittee shall submit with the request a revised ground water model using additional data that reflects the other ground water user's impact on ground water. Based on the revised ground water model and additional data, the chief may establish a revised projected cone of depression and amend the permit accordingly.

Sec. 1521.32. (A) The chief may suspend a permit issued under section 1521.29 of the Revised Code pursuant to an adjudication conducted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code if the chief determines one of the following:

(1) That the continued withdrawal or consumptive use of water under the permit will endanger the public health, safety, or welfare;

(2) That the withdrawal or consumptive use of water will result in a significant lowering of the water level within an aquifer, the overdrafting of an aquifer, or the imminent threat of irreparable material damage to an aquifer such that the aquifer will no longer yield the amount of water it did before the withdrawal or consumptive use.

(B) Before suspending a permit, the chief shall make a reasonable attempt to notify the permittee that the chief intends to suspend the permit. If the attempt fails, notification shall be given as soon as practicable following the suspension.

(C) Within five days after the suspension, the chief shall provide the permittee an opportunity for a hearing. At the hearing the permittee may present evidence that the continued withdrawal or consumptive use of water

is warranted because the reasons for suspension specified in division (A) of this section do not apply.

(D) Prior to the expiration of a suspended permit, a permittee may request the chief to amend the suspended permit. The chief may amend the permit and allow the withdrawal or consumptive use of water under it to be resumed if the chief determines that, under the amended permit, the reasons for suspension specified in division (A) of this section will no longer apply.

(E)(1) Any six or more residents of this state may petition the chief for an investigation of a withdrawal of water resources that they allege is in violation of a permit issued under section 1521.29 of the Revised Code.

(2) In the petition, the petitioners shall identify the permittee and detail the reasons why the petitioners believe that grounds exist for the suspension of the permit under this section or the revocation of the permit under section 1521.33 of the Revised Code.

(3) Upon receipt of the petition, the chief shall send a copy to the permittee and, within sixty days, make a determination whether grounds exist for suspension of the permit under this section or revocation of the permit under section 1521.33 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1521.33. The chief may revoke a permit issued under section 1521.29 of the Revised Code pursuant to an adjudication conducted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code if one of the following applies:

(A) The continued withdrawal or consumptive use of water under the permit will endanger the public health, safety, or welfare.

(B) The withdrawal or consumptive use of water will result in a significant lowering of the water level within an aquifer, the overdrafting of an aquifer, or the imminent threat of irreparable material damage to an aquifer such that the aquifer will no longer yield the amount of water it did before the withdrawal or consumptive use.

(C) The permittee has violated, is violating, or is threatening to violate any provision in sections 1521.23 to 1521.36 of the Revised Code, rules adopted under those sections, or a permit or order issued under those sections.

Sec. 1521.34. (A) For purposes of this section, "public water system" has the same meaning as in section 6109.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) The chief shall provide written notice to the director of environmental protection and the permittee at least ten business days prior to requiring a permittee that is a public water system to decrease its withdrawal, or prior to revoking, suspending, or amending the public water system's permit issued under section 1521.29 of the Revised Code. Nothing

in this section affects a public water system's obligation to comply with Chapter 6109. of the Revised Code and the rules adopted under it.

Sec. 1521.35. (A) An owner of real property that is located within the geographic area established under section 1521.28 of the Revised Code with respect to a permit issued under section 1521.29 of the Revised Code may submit a written complaint to the permittee or to the chief of the division of water resources informing the permittee or the chief that there is a diminution or interruption of the owner's water supply if both of the following apply:

(1) The owner obtains all or part of the owner's water supply for domestic, agricultural, industrial, or other legitimate use from ground water.

(2) There is a diminution or interruption of that water supply.

The owner shall include in the complaint the owner's name, address, and telephone number.

(B) If the chief receives a written complaint submitted in accordance with division (A) of this section, upon receipt the chief shall send a copy of the complaint to the permittee, and the permittee shall immediately respond by sending the chief a statement that explains how the permittee resolved or will resolve the complaint.

If the permittee receives the written complaint in accordance with division (A) of this section, the permittee shall send a copy of the complaint, within fourteen days after receiving the complaint, to the chief and include a statement that explains how the permittee resolved or will resolve the complaint. Nothing in this section relieves a permittee from performing the duties specified in division (C) of this section.

(C) Not later than seventy-two hours after the permittee receives the complaint and if the complaint is not resolved as verified by the chief, the permittee shall provide the owner with a supply of water that is comparable to the owner's water supply prior to the diminution or interruption of the owner's water supply. The chief shall approve the method of providing the water supply. The permittee shall maintain that water supply unless the chief determines that the permittee has rebutted the presumption established in division (D) of this section.

(D) A rebuttable presumption exists that the withdrawal by the permittee caused the diminution or interruption of the owner's water supply. However, not later than fourteen days after receipt of the complaint, the permittee may submit to the chief information showing that the permittee is not the proximate cause of the diminution or interruption of the owner's water supply. The chief shall evaluate the information submitted by the permittee to determine if the presumption is rebutted.

(E) If the permittee fails to rebut the presumption, the chief shall notify the permittee and the owner in writing that the permittee failed to rebut the presumption.

(F) If the permittee rebuts the presumption, the chief shall notify the permittee and the owner that the permittee rebutted the presumption. Upon receipt of that notice, the permittee may cease providing a supply of water to the owner under division (C) of this section.

(G) If, within fourteen days after receipt of the complaint, the permittee fails to submit to the chief information showing that the withdrawal is not the proximate cause of the diminution or interruption of the owner's water supply, such failure shall be considered a failure to rebut the presumption.

Sec. 1521.36. (A) An owner of real property that is located outside the geographic area established under section 1521.28 of the Revised Code with respect to a permit issued under section 1521.29 of the Revised Code may submit a written complaint to the permittee or to the chief of the division of water resources if both of the following apply:

(1) The owner obtains all or part of the owner's water supply for domestic, agricultural, industrial, or other legitimate use from ground water.

(2) There is a diminution or interruption of that water supply.

The owner shall include in the complaint the owner's name, address, and telephone number.

(B) If the chief receives the written complaint submitted under division (A) of this section, upon receipt the chief shall send the permittee a copy of the complaint. If the permittee receives the written complaint, upon receipt the permittee shall send the chief a copy of the complaint.

(C) The chief shall investigate the complaint. Upon completion of the investigation, the chief shall send the results of the investigation to the permittee and to the owner that submitted the complaint.

(D) The owner that submitted the complaint may resolve the diminution or interruption of the owner's water supply with the permittee or may commence a civil action for that purpose.

Sec. 1521.40. (A) No person shall violate any provision of this chapter, any rule or order adopted or issued under it, or any term or condition of a permit issued under it.

(B) The attorney general, upon written request of the chief of the division of water resources, shall bring an action for an injunction or other appropriate legal or equitable action against any person who has violated, is violating, or is threatening to violate any provision of this chapter, any rule or order adopted or issued under it, or any term or condition of a permit issued under it.

(C) A person who violates any provision of this chapter, any rule or order adopted or issued under it, or any term or condition of a permit issued under it is liable to the chief for any costs incurred by the division of water resources in investigating, mitigating, minimizing, removing, or abating the violation and conditions caused by it.

(D) Upon the request of the chief, the attorney general shall bring a civil action against the responsible person to recover those costs in the court of common pleas of Franklin county. Moneys recovered under this division shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the water management fund created in section 1521.22 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1521.99. (A) Whoever violates division (E)(1) of section 1521.05 or division (E)(1) of section 1521.16 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(B) Whoever violates section 1521.06 or 1521.062 of the Revised Code shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars for each offense. Each day of violation constitutes a separate offense.

(C) Whoever violates section 1521.22 of the Revised Code or the terms or conditions of a permit issued under that section shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars for each day of violation.

(D) Whoever violates section 1521.23 of the Revised Code or the terms or conditions of a permit issued under section 1521.29 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

Sec. 1522.10. As used in sections 1522.10 to ~~1522.24~~ 1522.30 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Baseline facility" means a facility identified in the baseline report or a facility added to the baseline report under section 1522.16 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Baseline facility abandonment" means the voluntary and affirmative termination of a baseline facility's withdrawal and consumptive use capacity as listed in the baseline report. "Baseline facility abandonment" does not include the nonuse or the transfer of a baseline facility's withdrawal and consumptive use capacity unless either of the following applies:

(1) The nonuse continues for fifteen consecutive years for a facility with a potential withdrawal from Lake Erie or a recognized navigational channel and the nonuse is not extended in accordance with division (B) of section 1522.16 of the Revised Code.

(2) For a facility to which division (B)(1) of this section does not apply, the nonuse continues for thirty-six consecutive months and is not extended in accordance with division (B) of section 1522.16 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Baseline report" means a list of the withdrawal and consumptive

use capacities of facilities that was developed for purposes of Section 4.12 of the great lakes-st. Lawrence river basin water resources compact by the department of natural resources and submitted to the great lakes-st. Lawrence river basin water resources council on December 8, 2009.

(D) "Capacity" means the ability of a facility's pumps, pipes, and other appurtenances to withdraw water presented in terms of withdrawal capacity, treatment capacity, distribution capacity, or other capacity-limiting factors.

(E) "Compact" means the great lakes-st. Lawrence river basin water resources compact set forth in section 1522.01 of the Revised Code.

(F) "Consumptive use" has the same meaning as in section 1522.01 of the Revised Code. For purposes of determining a new or increased capacity for consumptive use, "consumptive use" is the use based on a coefficient of consumptive use generally accepted in the scientific community that most accurately reflects the process at a facility or the use based on facility specific data, whichever is more accurate.

(G) "Diversion" has the same meaning as in section 1522.01 of the Revised Code.

(H) "Facility" means any site, installation, or building at which water withdrawal and consumptive use activities take place or are proposed to take place, that is located at a property or on contiguous properties, ~~and that is under the direction of either a private or public entity.~~ "Facility" includes any site, installation, building, or service area of a public water system at or within which water withdrawal and consumptive use activities take place.

(I) "Facility abandonment" means the voluntary and affirmative termination of a facility's withdrawal and consumptive use capacity as listed in a withdrawal and consumptive use permit issued under section 1522.12 of the Revised Code. "Facility abandonment" does not include the nonuse or the transfer of a facility's withdrawal and consumptive use capacity unless either of the following applies:

(1) The nonuse continues for fifteen consecutive years for a facility with a potential withdrawal from Lake Erie or a recognized navigational channel and the nonuse is not extended in accordance with division (B) of section 1522.16 of the Revised Code.

(2) For a facility to which division (I)(1) of this section does not apply, the nonuse continues for thirty-six consecutive months and is not extended in accordance with division (B) of section 1522.16 of the Revised Code.

(J) "High quality water" means a river or stream segment that has been designated by the environmental protection agency under Chapter 3745-1 of the Administrative Code as an exceptional warm water habitat, cold water habitat, outstanding state water, or superior high-quality water.

(K) "Increased capacity" does not include any capacity that results from alterations or changes made at a facility that replace existing capacity without increasing the capacity of the facility.

(L) "Public water system" has the same meaning as in section 6109.01 of the Revised Code.

(M) "Recognized navigation channel" means that portion of a river or stream extending from bank to bank that is a direct tributary of Lake Erie and that, as of ~~the effective date of this section~~ September 4, 2012, is a state or federally maintained navigation channel.

(N) "River or stream" means a body of water running or flowing, either continually or intermittently, on the earth's surface or a channel in which such flow occurs.

(O) "Water" means ground or surface water contained within the basin of the Lake Erie source watershed.

(P) "Aquifer," "cone of depression," "ground water," "hydrologic study area," "well," "well field," and "withdrawal area" have the same meanings as in section 1521.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1522.101. For purposes of sections 1522.10 to ~~1522.21~~ 1522.30 of the Revised Code, a reference to source watershed or the Lake Erie source watershed means the Lake Erie watershed considered as a whole.

Sec. 1522.11. (A) No person shall install or operate a facility or equipment that results in a new or increased diversion of any water out of the Lake Erie watershed to another watershed without first obtaining a permit to do so issued by the chief of the division of water resources. An application for such a permit shall be submitted to the chief on a form that the chief prescribes. An application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of one thousand dollars, which shall be credited to the water management fund created in section ~~1501.32~~ 1521.22 of the Revised Code.

(B) The chief shall approve a permit application submitted under this section only if the chief determines that it meets the criteria required to qualify as an exception to the prohibition against diversions established in Section 4.9 of the compact. The chief shall issue or deny a permit through issuance of an order.

Sec. 1522.12. (A) For purposes of the compact, ~~not later than one hundred eighty days after September 4, 2012, the chief of the division of water resources shall establish a program for the issuance of permits for the withdrawal and consumptive use of water from the Lake Erie watershed. Upon establishment of the program,~~ the owner or operator of a facility within the Lake Erie watershed that is not otherwise exempt under section

1522.14 of the Revised Code shall obtain a withdrawal and consumptive use permit from the chief of the division of water resources if the facility meets any of the following threshold criteria:

(1) The facility has a new or increased capacity for withdrawals or consumptive uses from Lake Erie or a recognized navigation channel of at least two and one-half million gallons per day.

(2) Except as provided in division (A)(3) of this section, the facility has a new or increased capacity for withdrawals or consumptive uses from any river or stream or from ground water in the Lake Erie watershed of at least one million gallons per day.

(3)(a) Except as provided in division (A)(3)(b) of this section, the facility has a new or increased capacity for withdrawals or consumptive uses from any river or stream in the Lake Erie watershed that is a high quality water of at least one hundred thousand gallons per day. Division (A)(3) of this section does not apply to withdrawals and consumptive uses from outstanding state waters that are designated as such by the environmental protection agency due to their exceptional recreational values.

(b) If a river or stream or segment thereof is designated as a high quality water as of September 4, 2012, the threshold established in division (A)(3)(a) of this section applies to the river or stream or segment thereof and the entire watershed upstream of that river, stream, or segment. If a river or stream or segment thereof is designated as a high quality water after September 4, 2012, the threshold established in division (A)(3)(a) of this section applies to the river or stream or segment thereof and the entire watershed upstream of that river, stream, or segment, provided that the director of environmental protection and the director of natural resources, or their designees, jointly determine that the proposed withdrawal or consumptive use would cause the high quality water to lose its designation as a high quality water. If the directors determine that the proposed withdrawal or consumptive use would not cause the high quality water to lose that designation, the threshold established in division (A)(2) of this section applies to the withdrawal or consumptive use at a point beginning one thousand feet upstream of the upstream end of the designated high quality water segment or at a point beginning two times the length of the river, stream, or segment that has been designated as a high quality water, whichever is greater.

~~Upon establishment of the withdrawal and consumptive use permit program under this division, the owner or operator of a facility that is not otherwise exempt under section 1522.14 of the Revised Code and that is subject to a threshold specified in division (A)(1) or (2) of this section, after~~

~~submitting an application for a permit under this section and a determination by the chief that the application is complete, may commence installation of the facility or equipment that will result in a new or increased withdrawal or consumptive use of water in the Lake Erie watershed prior to issuance of the withdrawal and consumptive use permit.~~

~~Upon establishment of the withdrawal and consumptive use permit program under this division, the (B)~~ An owner or operator of a facility that is not otherwise exempt under section 1522.14 of the Revised Code and that is subject to a threshold specified in division (A)~~(3)~~ of this section shall not install or operate the facility or equipment that will result in a new or increased withdrawal or consumptive use of water in the Lake Erie watershed without first obtaining a withdrawal and consumptive use permit.

~~(B)~~ (C) Permits issued under this section shall be issued only for the amount of withdrawal or consumptive use capacity of a facility that meets or exceeds threshold amounts established in division (A) of this section. A permit shall not be required for the portion of the withdrawal and consumptive use capacity of the facility below that threshold amount.

~~(C)~~ (D) An applicant for a permit shall submit an application to the chief on a form that the chief prescribes. The applicant shall include with the application all of the following:

- (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the applicant and of a contact person for the applicant;
- (2) The names, addresses, and other necessary contact information of any other owners and operators of the facility;
- (3) A description of all of the following:
 - (a) The facility's current withdrawal capacity per day if the withdrawal is to occur at a facility already in operation;
 - (b) The total new or increased daily withdrawal capacity proposed for the facility;
 - (c) The locations and sources of water proposed to be withdrawn;
 - (d) The locations of proposed discharges or return flows;
 - (e) The locations and nature of proposed consumptive uses and the applicable consumptive use coefficient for the facility;
 - (f) The estimated average annual and monthly volumes and rates of withdrawal;
 - (g) The estimated average annual and monthly volumes and rates of consumptive use;
 - (h) The environmentally sound and economically feasible water conservation measures to be undertaken by the applicant;
 - (i) Other ways the applicant's need for water may be satisfied if the

application is denied or modified;

~~(j)~~ (4) All information required in sections 1522.121 to 1522.124 of the Revised Code if the source of water for the proposed withdrawal is ground water;

~~(5)~~ (5) Any other information the chief may require to adequately consider the application-;

~~(4)(6)~~ (6) A nonrefundable application fee of one thousand dollars, the proceeds of which shall be credited to the water management fund created in section ~~1501.32~~1521.22 of the Revised Code.

~~(D)~~ (E) Provided that a facility meets all applicable permit conditions, a permit for the facility is valid until the facility is the subject of facility abandonment. Once every five years, the owner or operator of a facility shall certify to the chief that the facility is in compliance with the permit that has been issued for the facility.

~~(E)~~ (F) No person that is required to do so shall fail to apply for and receive a withdrawal and consumptive use permit.

~~(F)~~ (G) A permit issued under this section shall include terms and conditions restricting the withdrawal and consumptive use by a facility to amounts not exceeding the capacity of the facility.

~~(G)~~ (H) The chief shall issue or deny a permit not later than ninety days after receipt of a complete application. If applicable, the chief shall comply with the requirements regarding prior notice established in Section 4.6 of the compact. The chief shall issue or deny a permit through issuance of an order. The chief shall issue a permit if all applicable criteria for receiving the permit are met as provided in sections 1522.10 to ~~1522.24~~ 1522.30 of the Revised Code and neither of the following applies:

(1) A withdrawal or consumptive use will result in a significant lowering of the water level within an aquifer, the overdrafting of an aquifer, a significant diminution in the amount of water available in existing wells, or the interruption of existing ground water supplies within the geographic area established by the chief pursuant to section 1522.125 of the Revised Code without a suitable replacement water supply source.

(2) A withdrawal or consumptive use would cause irreparable material damage to an aquifer such that the aquifer could no longer yield the amount of water it did before the withdrawal or consumptive use proposed in the application.

(I) If the facility for which a permit has been issued under this section withdraws ground water, the chief may require the continued monitoring and reporting of water levels in each aquifer via existing wells or new monitoring wells drilled by the permittee.

Sec. 1522.121. Along with an application for a permit submitted under section 1522.12 of the Revised Code, an applicant that proposes to withdraw ground water shall submit data in a form prescribed by the chief of the division of water resources that includes all of the following:

(A) A hydrologic map consisting of a single map using the most recent USGS 7.5 minute topographic maps at a scale of 1:24,000 as a base or other approved format that shows all of the information described in section 1521.122 of the Revised Code;

(B) A hydrogeologic description in sufficient detail to determine the cone of depression for the proposed withdrawal that includes all of the information described in section 1522.123 of the Revised Code;

(C) A steady state ground water model that defines the projected cone of depression for the proposed withdrawal that complies with section 1522.124 of the Revised Code;

(D) Alternative water supply information that includes an analysis of the availability and suitability of alternative water supply sources that will be utilized to fulfill the water supply replacement provisions of section 1522.24 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1522.122. An applicant shall show all of the following on the hydrologic map required under division (A) of section 1522.121 of the Revised Code:

(A) The proposed withdrawal area;

(B) The hydrologic study area;

(C) A line delineating the location of the cross sections required under division (E) of section 1522.123 of the Revised Code;

(D) The location of and assigned identification number for the selected water supply wells identified in division (D) of section 1522.123 of the Revised Code and all other water sources used for domestic, agricultural, or industrial use within the proposed withdrawal area and hydrologic study area;

(E) The location of any well, well field, reservoir, river, and water source not identified under division (D) of this section on or within the hydrologic study area that is used for a public water supply and any facility registered under section 1521.16 of the Revised Code on or within the hydrologic study area;

(F) Any additional information that the chief of the division of water resources may require based on site-specific conditions.

Sec. 1522.123. An applicant shall include all of the following with the hydrogeologic description required under division (B) of section 1522.121 of the Revised Code:

(A) A detailed description of the geology within the proposed withdrawal and hydrologic study area down to the lowest level of any aquifer from which water is proposed to be withdrawn. The description must include the areal and structural geology of the withdrawal and hydrologic study area, and any other parameter that may affect the occurrence, availability, movement, or quantity of potentially affected ground waters. The description must be based on information available to the applicant from test borings, core drillings, well logs, and geologic literature and practices.

(B) Information related to the ground water hydrology for the proposed withdrawal and hydrologic study area including, at a minimum, all of the following:

(1) The elevation and the lateral extent of each aquifer, interbedded lithology, and overburden material;

(2) The thickness of each aquifer and a detailed lithologic description from surface to base of the deepest aquifer, noting any changes in lithology over distance;

(3) Known uses of and withdrawals from the water in each aquifer;

(4) The transmissivity of each aquifer;

(5) The storativity of each aquifer;

(6) The hydraulic conductivity of each aquifer;

(7) The specific yield of each unconfined aquifer;

(8) The rate of discharge of any currently registered water withdrawals shown pursuant to division (E) of section 1522.122 of the Revised Code;

(C) A listing of the published information and data, and copies of the unpublished records and data, used in preparation of the items in divisions (A) and (B) of this section including core descriptions, cuttings descriptions, stratigraphic descriptions, and pump or slug test records;

(D) A water supply inventory representing all aquifers submitted in a format prescribed by the chief of the division of water resources that, at a minimum, includes all of the following:

(1) All of the existing water wells within the study area if there are fewer than one hundred wells. If there are more than one hundred wells within the study area, the inventory must include one hundred wells plus twenty-five per cent of those wells in excess of one hundred, but shall not exceed a total of three hundred wells.

(2) A listing of water sources in the proposed withdrawal and hydrologic study area as shown pursuant to divisions (D) and (E) of section 1522.122 of the Revised Code. Such water sources must include the most recently drilled wells, represent all aquifers and producing zones within the

aquifers, and reflect a uniform geographical distribution of wells within the study area. The listing must include, to the extent available, all of the following for each well:

(a) The map identification number listed under division (D) of section 1522.122 of the Revised Code;

(b) The department of natural resources, division of water resources number assigned to the log form required to be filed under section 1521.05 of the Revised Code;

(c) The township in which each well is located;

(d) The year the well was drilled;

(e) The latitude and longitude in NAD 83 of the well;

(f) The surface elevation of the well in feet;

(g) The total depth of the well in feet below the land surface;

(h) The depth to bedrock in feet;

(i) A description of unconsolidated material;

(j) The static water level of the well in feet below the land surface;

(k) The casing length in feet;

(l) The lithology of the screen interval/open borehole;

(m) The length of any well screen in feet;

(n) The test rate in gallons per minute;

(o) The duration of the test;

(p) The drawdown in feet.

(3) A listing of the location and type of any public water supply sources within the withdrawal and hydrologic study area;

(4) A copy of the division of water resources well logs for the wells listed in division (D) of this section.

Prior to submission of an application, an applicant may submit a request in writing to the chief to reduce the number or extent of the submittals required in division (D) of this section. The chief may grant the request only if the chief makes a written determination that this reduction will not diminish the level of accuracy in the ground water model. If the chief grants a reduction, the written request and determination shall be submitted with the permit application. If information required in the water supply inventory of division (D) of this section is unobtainable, a statement to that effect shall be submitted, giving the reasons therefor.

(E) A minimum of two perpendicular hydrogeologic cross sections of the same scale for the hydrologic study area based on available information. Such cross sections must be of uniform horizontal and uniform vertical scale, depict the information required in divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section, intersect the center of the proposed withdrawal, and include the data

points used to construct the cross section.

(F) Any other information the chief may require.

For purposes of the hydrogeologic description and to establish pre-pumping water level conditions, the chief may require the applicant to monitor water levels from each aquifer from which water is proposed to be withdrawn. The applicant shall conduct such monitoring via the wells listed in division (D) of this section or new monitoring wells drilled by the applicant. The chief also may require pre-pumping tests.

Sec. 1522.124. (A) An applicant shall ensure that both of the following apply to the steady state ground water model required under division (C) of section 1522.121 of the Revised Code:

(1) It accurately reflects the ground water flow conditions associated with the hydrologic study area and is consistent with American society for testing and materials international standards.

(2) It is in the form of a three-dimensional ground water flow model utilizing finite difference modeling software or other modeling software acceptable to the chief of the division of water resources.

(B) The applicant shall submit the model results in a format prescribed by the chief. The applicant shall include detailed explanations of the hydrologic and geologic parameters used to construct the model, including all of the following:

(1) The saturated thickness of each aquifer;

(2) The elevation of the static water level or potentiometric surface of each aquifer;

(3) Whether each aquifer is confined or unconfined;

(4) The pumping water level elevation at steady state conditions.

Sec. 1522.125. The chief of the division of water resources shall use the data submitted under sections 1522.121 to 1522.124 of the Revised Code to establish the geographic area defined by the ten-foot contour line of the projected cone of depression for any approved application for the withdrawal of ground water. However, the chief may designate a different contour line based upon water resource availability, seasonal variations, other water users in the hydrologic study area, or other ground water data available.

Sec. 1522.13. (A) The chief of the division of water resources shall not issue a withdrawal and consumptive use permit for a facility if the chief determines that the facility ~~meets~~ does not meet all of the criteria established in Section 4.11 of the compact.

(B) In applying the provision of the decision-making standard established in Section 4.11.2 of the compact, the chief shall require that a

withdrawal or consumptive use will be implemented so as to ensure that the withdrawal or consumptive use will result in no significant individual or cumulative adverse impacts on the quantity or quality of the waters and water dependent natural resources of the great lakes basin considered as a whole or of the Lake Erie source watershed considered as a whole. As part of the evaluation of a permit application under Section 4.11.2 of the compact, the chief shall do all of the following:

(1) Rely on the best generally accepted scientific methods appropriate for this state derived from professionally accepted resources and practices;

(2) Consider the long-term mean annual inflow and outflow of the Lake Erie source watershed;

(3) Consider the withdrawal and the portion of the withdrawal that is not returned to the Lake Erie source watershed.

(C) Impacts of a withdrawal or consumptive use on the quantity or quality of waters and water dependent natural resources of more localized areas that affect less than the great lakes basin considered as a whole or the Lake Erie source watershed considered as a whole shall be considered as a part of the evaluation of whether a proposed withdrawal or consumptive use is reasonable as provided in Section 4.11.5 of the compact.

(D) The chief shall not submit an application for a withdrawal and consumptive use permit for regional review under Section 4.5.2(c)(ii) of the compact to the regional body as defined in Section 1.2 of the compact unless regional review is agreed to by the applicant.

(E) Nothing in sections 1522.10 to ~~1522.24~~ 1522.30 of the Revised Code shall be construed to affect, limit, diminish, or impair any rights validly established and existing under the laws of this state as of December 8, 2008, including, but not limited to, sections 1506.10 and 1521.17 of the Revised Code, or to limit a person's right to the reasonable use of ground water, water in a lake, or any other watercourse in contravention of Section 19b of Article I, Ohio Constitution.

Sec. 1522.14. The following are exempt from the requirement to obtain a withdrawal and consumptive use permit:

(A) A facility or proposed facility that has a withdrawal and consumptive use capacity or proposed capacity below the threshold amounts established in divisions (A)(1) to (3) of section 1522.12 of the Revised Code;

(B) A facility that has a new or increased withdrawal capacity above an applicable threshold amount established in section 1522.12 of the Revised Code if either of the following apply:

(1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, the new or

increased maximum daily withdrawal of the facility is less than the applicable threshold amount when averaged over any ninety-day period.

(2) The new or increased maximum daily withdrawal of the facility is less than the applicable threshold amount when averaged over any forty-five-day period with regard to a facility with withdrawals from a river or stream that is a high quality water when the withdrawals are made at a point where the area of the watershed of the river or stream is less than one hundred square miles but greater than fifty square miles.

Division (B) of this section does not apply to withdrawals of a facility from a river or stream that is a high quality water when the withdrawals are made at a point where the area of the watershed of the river or stream is fifty square miles or less.

(C) A baseline facility that has not increased its withdrawal and consumptive use capacity beyond the capacity listed in the baseline report and beyond the threshold amounts established in section 1522.12 of the Revised Code;

(D) An electric generating facility that increases its consumptive use due to a requirement imposed by a federal regulation that is unrelated to an increase in production at the facility;

(E) A facility making a withdrawal and consumptive use from an impoundment of water collected primarily from diffused surface water sources, including a farm pond, golf course pond, nursery pond, stormwater retention pond, or other private pond; or a facility making a withdrawal and consumptive use from any stream or river to augment the water supply of an impoundment of water if the impoundment is used, at least in part, for firefighting purposes. The exemption established by this division does not apply to a facility making a withdrawal and consumptive use for industrial purposes or for public water supply purposes.

(F) A facility that must temporarily establish a new or increased withdrawal and consumptive use capacity as a result of an emergency for the duration of that emergency that, without the new or increased withdrawal and consumptive use capacity, will result in imminent harm to human health or property;

(G) A facility that is establishing a new or is increasing its withdrawal and consumptive use capacity in compliance with an experimental use permit issued under section 1522.131 of the Revised Code;

(H) A facility that must temporarily establish a new or increased withdrawal and consumptive use capacity in order to respond to a humanitarian crisis for the duration of that crisis if the new or increased capacity is necessary to assist in the management of that crisis;

(I) A facility that is exempt from the requirement to obtain a permit under division ~~(B)~~ (D) or ~~(C)~~ (E) of section ~~1501.33~~ 1521.23 of the Revised Code;

(J) A facility that is subject to regulation under Chapter 1514. of the Revised Code;

(K) A facility that purchases all of its water from a public water system;

(L) A facility that is withdrawing or consumptively using water from an off-stream impoundment that has been substantially filled with a stream withdrawal by a baseline facility or with a stream withdrawal that is subject to a withdrawal and consumptive use permit;

(M) A facility that is increasing its withdrawal or consumptive use capacity directly related to supplying a major electric generating facility that is subject to regulation under Chapter 4906. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1522.15. (A)(1) Transfer of a withdrawal and consumptive use permit upon the sale or transfer of a facility may occur so long as the location of the facility, the source of water, and the withdrawal and consumptive use capacities do not change. Transfer of the baseline withdrawal and consumptive use capacity of a baseline facility upon the sale or transfer of the baseline facility may occur so long as the location of the facility, the source of water, and the withdrawal and consumptive use capacities do not change. Transferred capacity of a baseline facility does not require a withdrawal and consumptive use permit.

Notice of a transfer shall be provided to the chief of the division of water resources in a manner prescribed by the chief.

(2) If the owner of a facility for which a withdrawal and consumptive use permit has been issued sells or transfers a portion of the facility, transfer of the applicable portion of the withdrawal and consumptive use capacity authorized by the withdrawal and consumptive use permit may occur so long as the location of the facility, the source of water, and the total withdrawal and consumptive use capacities do not change. The permittee shall provide notice of such a transfer to the chief in a manner prescribed by the chief. Upon receipt of the notice and if a permit is required for the transferred portion based on the threshold amounts established in divisions (A)(1) to (3) of section 1522.12 of the Revised Code, the chief shall issue a new permit for the transferred portion of the facility to the transferee and a modified permit for the remaining portion of the facility to the original permittee upon a showing that the transferee will meet the conditions of the original permit and all applicable requirements of this chapter and rules adopted under it. Any new permit shall reflect the portion of the withdrawal and consumptive use capacity that has been transferred.

(3) If the owner of a baseline facility sells or transfers a portion of the baseline facility, transfer of the applicable portion of the withdrawal and consumptive use capacity listed in the baseline report for that facility may occur so long as the location of the facility, the source of water, and the total withdrawal and consumptive use capacities do not change. The owner shall provide notice of such a transfer to the chief in a manner prescribed by the chief. The chief shall not require the owner of the baseline facility or the transferee to obtain a withdrawal and consumptive use permit, but shall update the baseline report to reflect the transfer.

(4) The chief may deny a transfer under this section by issuing an order denying the transfer and sending written notice to the permittee and the transferee not later than thirty days after notice of the intended transfer. The chief shall deny the transfer if the chief determines that the transfer will result in noncompliance with this chapter, rules adopted under it, or the terms and conditions of a withdrawal and consumptive use permit.

(5) The chief shall remove a facility from the baseline report when the facility is subject to baseline facility abandonment. However, a baseline facility shall not be removed from the baseline report due to the transfer of the facility's baseline capacity.

(B) No person shall sell or transfer a withdrawal and consumptive use permit for purposes of evading the requirements established in sections 1522.10 to ~~1522.24~~ 1522.30 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1522.19. (A) The chief of the division of water resources may require a permittee that has been issued a permit under section 1522.12 of the Revised Code to decrease its withdrawal and submit a revised ground water model under section 1522.124 of the Revised Code if either of the following applies:

(1) The reported ground water monitoring data conflicts with the permittee's ground water model.

(2) The results of the division of water resources' investigation of any written complaint under section 1522.25 of the Revised Code indicate that the permittee's withdrawal caused the diminution or interruption of a person's water supply.

(B) If so required under division (A) of this section, the permittee shall submit the revised ground water modeling using additional data that reflects the permittee's impact on ground water. Based upon the revised ground water modeling and additional data, the chief may amend the permit to decrease the withdrawal or establish a revised projected cone of depression and amend the permit accordingly.

(C) A permittee may request the chief to amend a permit issued under

section 1522.12 of the Revised Code when another ground water user affects or has the potential to affect the projected cone of depression. The permittee shall submit with the request a revised ground water model using additional data that reflects the other ground water user's impact on ground water. Based upon the revised ground water model and additional data, the chief may establish a revised projected cone of depression and amend the permit accordingly.

Sec. 1522.20. (A)~~(4)~~ The chief of the division of water resources may issue an order of compliance to a person ~~that~~ if the chief determines one of the following:

(1) That the person has violated, is violating, or is threatening to violate any provisions of this chapter, rules adopted under it, or ~~permits a permit~~ or ~~orders~~ order issued under it;

(2) That the continued withdrawal or consumptive use of water under a permit issued to the person under section 1522.12 of the Revised Code will endanger the public health, safety, or welfare;

(3) That the withdrawal or consumptive use of water under a permit issued to the person under section 1522.12 of the Revised Code will result in a significant lowering of the water level within an aquifer, the overdrafting of an aquifer, or the imminent threat of irreparable material damage to an aquifer such that the aquifer will no longer yield the amount of water it did before the withdrawal or consumptive use. ~~The~~

(B) An order ~~shall be~~ of compliance issued under division (A) of this section is effective upon issuance ~~and~~ . The chief shall identify ~~the~~ all of the following in the order:

(1) ~~The facility where the violation has occurred, is occurring, or is threatened to occur, the specific violation, and to which the order applies;~~

(2) ~~The findings of fact and specific circumstances that led to the issuance of the order;~~

(3) ~~The~~ actions that the owner or operator of the facility must take to comply with the order. ~~The order~~

The chief shall ~~establish~~ fix and specify in the order a reasonable date by which the owner or operator must comply with the order.

(2) ~~An order issued under division (A)(1) of this section shall be (C)(1)~~ If a person that is issued an order of compliance under division (A) of this section does not comply with the order by the date specified in the order, the chief may issue a proposed order to suspend or revoke the permit issued to the person and may subsequently issue a final order to suspend or revoke the permit in accordance with section 1522.21 of the Revised Code.

(2) If the chief issues a proposed order to suspend or revoke a permit,

the chief, in the proposed order, shall identify all of the following:

(a) The facility to which the order applies;

(b) The findings of fact and specific circumstances that led to the issuance of the order;

(c) The actions that the permittee must take to comply with the order.

The chief shall fix and specify in the proposed order a reasonable date or time by which the permittee must comply. The chief shall state in the proposed order that the chief may issue a final order suspending or revoking the permit if the permittee fails to comply with the proposed order by that date or time.

(D) If the chief, after making a determination under division (A)(2) or (3) of this section, issues an order under division (A) of this section, a proposed order under division (C) of this section, or a final order to suspend a permit under section 1522.21 of the Revised Code, the permittee may request the chief to amend the permit or suspended permit prior to its expiration. The chief may amend the permit and allow the withdrawal or consumptive use of water under it to be resumed if the chief determines that, under the amended permit, the reasons for the order or suspension specified in division (A)(2) or (3) of this section, as applicable, will no longer apply.

(E) The chief shall issue an order or proposed order under this section, or a final order under section 1522.21 of the Revised Code in writing and shall contain a finding of the facts on which the order is based. ~~Notice~~ The chief shall provide notice of the order shall be given by certified mail to the applicable owner or operator of a facility. ~~Notice~~ The chief also shall be provided provide notice to a person who initiated a complaint that resulted in the order ~~and shall be posted~~ . The chief shall post the notice on the web site of the department of natural resources in a manner prescribed by the chief.

~~(B)(1) The chief, by order, may propose to suspend or revoke a permit issued under this chapter if the chief determines that any term or condition of the permit is being violated. The chief's order shall identify the facility where the violation allegedly occurred, describe the nature of the violation, and prescribe what action the permittee may take to bring the facility into compliance with the permit. The chief shall fix and specify in the order a reasonable date or time by which the permittee must comply. The order shall state that the chief may suspend or revoke the permit if the permittee fails to comply with the order by that date or time. If on that date or time the chief finds that the permittee has not complied with the order, the chief may issue a new order suspending or revoking the permit.~~

~~(2)~~ (F) The chief or the chief's designee may enter on private or public

lands and take action to mitigate, minimize, remove, or abate the conditions caused by a violation that is the subject of an order issued under division ~~(B)(1)~~ of that are the subject of an order or proposed order issued under this section.

~~(C) The attorney general, upon written request of the chief, shall bring an action for an injunction or other appropriate legal or equitable action against any person who has violated, is violating, or is threatening to violate any provision of this chapter, any rule or order adopted or issued under it, or any term or condition of a permit issued under it. The attorney general shall bring the action in the court of common pleas of Franklin county or the county where the applicable facility is located. In an action for injunction, any factual findings of the chief presented at a hearing conducted under division (A) of section 1522.21 of the Revised Code is prima facie evidence of the facts regarding the order that is the subject of the hearing.~~

~~(D) A person who violates any provision of this chapter, any rule or order adopted or issued under it, or any term or condition of a permit issued under it is liable to the chief for any costs incurred by the division of water resources in investigating, mitigating, minimizing, removing, or abating the violation and conditions caused by it. Upon the request of the chief, the attorney general shall bring a civil action against the responsible person to recover those costs in the court of common pleas of Franklin county. Moneys recovered under this division shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the water management fund created in section 1501.32 of the Revised Code.~~

Sec. 1522.21. (A) As used in this section, "person who is or will be aggrieved or adversely affected" means a person with a direct economic or property interest that is or will be adversely affected by an order or rule issued or adopted by the chief of the division of water resources under this chapter.

~~(B)(1) Before issuance of~~ The chief shall issue a proposed order indicating the chief's intent to issue a final order prior to issuing a final order denying that does one of the following:

(1) Denies the issuance of a permit under section 1522.11, 1522.12, or 1522.131 of the Revised Code, denying this chapter;

(2) Denies a transfer of a permit under section 1522.15 of the Revised Code, denying ;

(3) Denies a petition to the chief under section 1522.16 of the Revised Code, or denying ;

(4) Denies a request for confidentiality under section 1522.17 of the Revised Code, or before the issuance of a final order under section 1522.20

~~of the Revised Code, the chief shall issue a proposed order indicating the chief's intent to issue a final order;~~

(5) Suspends or revokes a permit issued under this chapter. If

(C)(1) If the chief receives a written objection from a person who is or will be aggrieved or adversely affected by the issuance of the final order, the chief shall conduct an adjudication hearing with respect to the proposed order in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. A person who is or will be aggrieved or adversely affected by the issuance of the final order and who submitted a written objection under this division may be a party to the adjudication.

~~(2) Any person who is issued a proposed order or a final order by the chief shall be a party in any administrative or legal proceeding in which the proposed order or final order is at issue. This division is in addition to any other rights that a person may have as a person aggrieved or adversely affected. If the chief proposes to suspend or revoke a permit after making a determination under division (A)(2) or (3) of section 1522.20 of the Revised Code, the permittee, at the hearing, may present evidence that the continued withdrawal or consumptive use of water is warranted because the reasons for suspension or revocation specified in division (A)(2) or (3) of that section, as applicable, do not apply.~~

~~(C)(D)(1) After the issuance of a final order, a person who is or will be aggrieved or adversely affected by the issuance of the order may appeal the order to the court of common pleas of Franklin county or the court of common pleas of the county in which the facility that is the subject of the order is located. Subject to the exceptions specified in section 2506.03 of the Revised Code, the court is confined to the record as certified to it by the chief if an adjudication hearing was conducted by the chief under division (B) (C) of this section. However, the court also may grant a request for the admission of additional evidence when satisfied that the additional evidence is newly discovered and could not with reasonable diligence have been ascertained prior to the hearing before the chief. If no adjudication hearing was conducted under division (B) (C) of this section, the court shall conduct a hearing de novo.~~

~~(2) The filing of an appeal under division (C)(D)(1) of this section does not automatically suspend the order that is the subject of the appeal. Upon application by the appellant, the court may suspend or stay the order, pending an immediate hearing on the appeal.~~

~~(3) If the court finds that the order was lawful and reasonable, it shall issue a written order affirming the order. If the court finds that the order was unreasonable or unlawful, it shall issue a written order vacating or~~

modifying the order. The judgment of the court is final unless reversed, vacated, or modified on appeal.

(4) ~~Attorney's~~ A court shall not award attorney's fees shall not be awarded to any party to an administrative or legal proceeding under this section.

(E) Any person who is issued a proposed order or a final order by the chief shall be a party in any administrative or legal proceeding in which the proposed order or final order is at issue. This division is in addition to any other rights that a person may have as a person aggrieved or adversely affected.

Sec. 1522.23. The chief of the division of water resources shall provide written notice to the director of environmental protection and the permittee at least ten business days prior to requiring a permittee that is a public water system to decrease its withdrawal, or prior to revoking, suspending, or amending the public water system's permit under this chapter. Nothing in this section affects a public water system's obligation to comply with Chapter 6109. of the Revised Code and the rules adopted under it.

Sec. 1522.24. (A) An owner of real property that is located within the geographic area established under section 1522.125 of the Revised Code with respect to a permit issued under section 1522.12 of the Revised Code may submit a written complaint to the permittee or to the chief of the division of water resources informing the permittee or the chief that there is a diminution or interruption of the owner's water supply if both of the following apply:

(1) The owner obtains all or part of the owner's water supply for domestic, agricultural, industrial, or other legitimate use from ground water.

(2) There is a diminution or interruption of that water supply.

The owner shall include in the complaint the owner's name, address, and telephone number.

(B) If the chief receives a written complaint submitted in accordance with division (A) of this section, upon receipt the chief shall send a copy of the complaint to the permittee, and the permittee shall immediately respond by sending the chief a statement that explains how the permittee resolved or will resolve the complaint.

If the permittee receives the written complaint in accordance with division (A) of this section, the permittee shall send a copy of the complaint, within fourteen days after receiving the complaint, to the chief and include a statement that explains how the permittee resolved or will resolve the complaint. Nothing in this section relieves a permittee from performing the duties specified in division (C) of this section.

(C) Not later than seventy-two hours after the permittee receives the complaint and if the complaint is not resolved as verified by the chief, the permittee shall provide the owner with a supply of water that is comparable to the owner's water supply prior to the diminution or interruption of the owner's water supply. The chief shall approve the method of providing the water supply. The permittee shall maintain that water supply unless the chief determines that the permittee has rebutted the presumption established in division (D) of this section.

(D) A rebuttable presumption exists that the withdrawal by the permittee caused the diminution or interruption of the owner's water supply. However, not later than fourteen days after receipt of the complaint, the permittee may submit to the chief information showing that the permittee is not the proximate cause of the diminution or interruption of the owner's water supply. The chief shall evaluate the information submitted by the permittee to determine if the presumption is rebutted.

(E) If the permittee fails to rebut the presumption, the chief shall notify the permittee and the owner in writing that the permittee failed to rebut the presumption.

(F) If the permittee rebuts the presumption, the chief shall notify the permittee and the owner that the permittee rebutted the presumption. Upon receipt of that notice, the permittee may cease providing a supply of water to the owner under division (C) of this section.

(G) If, within fourteen days after receipt of the complaint, the permittee fails to submit to the chief information showing that the withdrawal is not the proximate cause of the diminution or interruption of the owner's water supply, such failure shall be considered a failure to rebut the presumption.

Sec. 1522.25. (A) An owner of real property that is located outside the geographic area established under section 1522.125 of the Revised Code with respect to a permit issued under section 1522.12 of the Revised Code may submit a written complaint to the permittee or to the chief of the division of water resources if both of the following apply:

(1) The owner obtains all or part of the owner's water supply for domestic, agricultural, industrial, or other legitimate use from ground water.

(2) There is a diminution or interruption of that water supply.

The owner shall include in the complaint the owner's name, address, and telephone number.

(B) If the chief receives the written complaint submitted under division (A) of this section, upon receipt the chief shall send the permittee a copy of the complaint. If the permittee receives the written complaint, upon receipt the permittee shall send the chief a copy of the complaint.

(C) The chief shall investigate the complaint. Upon completion of the investigation, the chief shall send the results of the investigation to the permittee and to the owner that submitted the complaint.

(D) The owner that submitted the complaint may resolve the diminution or interruption of the owner's water supply with the permittee or may commence a civil action for that purpose.

Sec. ~~1522.19~~1522.30. (A) No person shall violate any provision of this chapter, any rule or order adopted or issued under it, or any term or condition of a permit issued under it.

(B)(1) The attorney general, upon written request of the chief of the division of water resources, shall bring an action for an injunction or other appropriate legal or equitable action against any person who has violated, is violating, or is threatening to violate any provision of this chapter, any rule or order adopted or issued under it, or any term or condition of a permit issued under it.

(2) The attorney general shall bring the action in the court of common pleas of Franklin county or the county where the applicable facility is located. In an action for injunction, any factual findings of the chief presented at a hearing conducted under section 1522.21 of the Revised Code is prima facie evidence of the facts regarding the order that is the subject of the hearing.

(C) A person who violates any provision of this chapter, any rule or order adopted or issued under it, or any term or condition of a permit issued under it is liable to the chief for any costs incurred by the division of water resources in investigating, mitigating, minimizing, removing, or abating the violation and conditions caused by it.

(D) Upon the request of the chief, the attorney general shall bring a civil action against the responsible person to recover those costs in the court of common pleas of Franklin county. Moneys recovered under this division shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the water management fund created in section 1521.22 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1533.10. (A) Except as provided in this section or division (A)(2) of section 1533.12 or section 1533.73 or 1533.731 of the Revised Code, no person shall hunt any wild bird or wild quadruped without a hunting license. Each day that any person hunts within the state without procuring such a license constitutes a separate offense.

(B)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, division (A) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code, or in rules adopted under division (B) of that section, each applicant for a hunting license shall pay an annual fee for each annual license in accordance with the following schedule:

Hunting license - resident	\$18.00
Hunting license - nonresident, and that is not a resident of a reciprocal state, ages 18 and older	\$174.00
Hunting license - nonresident, but that is a resident of a reciprocal state, ages 18 and older	\$18.00
Apprentice hunting license - resident	\$18.00
Apprentice hunting license - nonresident, and that is not a resident of a reciprocal state	\$174.00
Apprentice hunting license - nonresident, but that is a resident of a reciprocal state	\$18.00
Youth hunting license - resident and nonresident	\$9.00
Apprentice youth hunting license - resident	\$9.00
Senior hunting license - resident	\$9.00
Apprentice senior hunting license - resident	\$9.00

(2) Apprentice resident hunting licenses, apprentice youth hunting licenses, apprentice senior hunting licenses, and apprentice nonresident hunting licenses are subject to the requirements established under section 1533.102 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it.

(3) As used in division (B)(1) of this section:

(a) "Youth" means an applicant who is under the age of eighteen years at the time of application for a ~~permit~~ license.

(b) "Senior" means an applicant who is sixty-six years of age or older at the time of application for a ~~permit~~ license.

(c) "Reciprocal state" means a state that is a party to an agreement under section 1533.91 of the Revised Code.

(C) A resident of this state who owns lands in the state and the owner's children of any age and grandchildren under eighteen years of age may hunt on the lands without a hunting license. A resident of any other state who owns real property in this state, and the spouse and children living with the property owner, may hunt on that property without a license, provided that the state of residence of the real property owner allows residents of this state owning real property in that state, and the spouse and children living with the property owner, to hunt without a license. If the owner of land in this state is a limited liability company or a limited liability partnership that consists of three or fewer individual members or partners, as applicable, an individual member or partner who is a resident of this state and the member's or partner's children of any age and grandchildren under eighteen years of age may hunt on the land owned by the limited liability company or limited liability partnership without a hunting license. In addition, if the owner of land in this state is a trust that has a total of three or fewer trustees

and beneficiaries, an individual who is a trustee or beneficiary and who is a resident of this state and the individual's children of any age and grandchildren under eighteen years of age may hunt on the land owned by the trust without a hunting license. The tenant and children of the tenant, residing on lands in the state, may hunt on them without a hunting license.

(D) The chief of the division of wildlife may issue a small game hunting license expiring three days from the effective date of the license to a nonresident of the state, the fee for which ~~shall be~~ is thirty-nine dollars. No person shall take or possess deer, wild turkeys, fur-bearing animals, ducks, geese, brant, or any nongame animal while possessing only a small game hunting license. ~~A~~

A small game hunting license or an apprentice nonresident hunting license does not authorize the taking or possessing of ducks, geese, or brant without having obtained, in addition to the small game hunting license or the apprentice nonresident hunting license, a wetlands habitat stamp as provided in section 1533.112 of the Revised Code. A small game hunting license or an apprentice nonresident hunting license does not authorize the taking or possessing of deer, wild turkeys, or fur-bearing animals. A nonresident of the state who wishes to take or possess deer, wild turkeys, or fur-bearing animals in this state shall procure, respectively, a deer or wild turkey permit as provided in section 1533.11 of the Revised Code or a fur taker permit as provided in section 1533.111 of the Revised Code in addition to a nonresident hunting license, an apprentice nonresident hunting license, a special youth hunting license, or an apprentice youth hunting license, as applicable, as provided in this section.

(E) No person shall procure or attempt to procure a hunting license by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or any false statement.

(F)(1) This section does not authorize the taking and possessing of deer or wild turkeys without first having obtained, in addition to the hunting license required by this section, a deer or wild turkey permit as provided in section 1533.11 of the Revised Code or the taking and possessing of ducks, geese, or brant without first having obtained, in addition to the hunting license required by this section, a wetlands habitat stamp as provided in section 1533.112 of the Revised Code.

(2) This section does not authorize the hunting or trapping of fur-bearing animals without first having obtained, in addition to a hunting license required by this section, a fur taker permit as provided in section 1533.111 of the Revised Code.

(G)(1) No hunting license shall be issued unless it is accompanied by a written explanation of the law in section 1533.17 of the Revised Code and

the penalty for its violation, including a description of terms of imprisonment and fines that may be imposed.

(2) No hunting license, other than an apprentice hunting license, shall be issued unless the applicant presents to the agent authorized to issue the license a previously held hunting license or evidence of having held such a license in content and manner approved by the chief, a certificate of completion issued upon completion of a hunter education and conservation course approved by the chief, or evidence of equivalent training in content and manner approved by the chief. A previously held apprentice hunting license does not satisfy the requirement concerning the presentation of a previously held hunting license or evidence of it.

(3) No person shall issue a hunting license, except an apprentice hunting license, to any person who fails to present the evidence required by this section. No person shall purchase or obtain a hunting license, other than an apprentice hunting license, without presenting to the issuing agent the evidence required by this section. Issuance of a hunting license in violation of the requirements of this section is an offense by both the purchaser of the illegally obtained hunting license and the clerk or agent who issued the hunting license. Any hunting license issued in violation of this section is void.

(H) The chief, with approval of the wildlife council, shall adopt rules prescribing a hunter education and conservation course for first-time hunting license buyers, other than buyers of apprentice hunting licenses, and for volunteer instructors. The course shall consist of subjects including, but not limited to, hunter safety and health, use of hunting implements, hunting tradition and ethics, the hunter and conservation, the law in section 1533.17 of the Revised Code along with the penalty for its violation, including a description of terms of imprisonment and fines that may be imposed, and other law relating to hunting. Authorized personnel of the division or volunteer instructors approved by the chief shall conduct such courses with such frequency and at such locations throughout the state as to reasonably meet the needs of license applicants. The chief shall issue a certificate of completion to each person who successfully completes the course and passes an examination prescribed by the chief.

Sec. 1533.11. (A)(1) Except as provided in this section or section 1533.731 of the Revised Code, no person shall hunt deer on lands of another without first obtaining an annual deer permit. Except as provided in this section, no person shall hunt wild turkeys on lands of another without first obtaining an annual wild turkey permit. A deer or wild turkey permit is valid during the hunting license year in which the permit is purchased. Except as

provided in rules adopted under division (B) of that section, each applicant for a deer or wild turkey permit shall pay an annual fee for each permit in accordance with the following schedule:

Deer permit – resident	\$23.00
	<u>\$30.00</u>
Deer permit – nonresident, all ages	\$74.00
Youth deer permit – resident <u>and nonresident</u>	\$11.50
	<u>\$15.00</u>
Senior deer permit – resident	\$11.50
Wild turkey permit – resident	\$23.00
	<u>\$30.00</u>
Wild turkey permit – nonresident, all ages	\$28.00
	<u>\$37.00</u>
Youth wild turkey permit – resident <u>and nonresident</u>	\$11.50
	<u>\$15.00</u>
Senior wild turkey permit – resident	\$11.50

(2) As used in division (A)(1) of this section:

(a) "Resident" means an individual who has resided in this state for not less than six months preceding the date of making application for a permit.

(b) "Nonresident" means any individual who does not qualify as a resident.

(c) "Youth" means an applicant who is under the age of eighteen years at the time of application for a permit.

(d) "Senior" means an applicant who is sixty-six years of age or older at the time of application for a permit.

(3) The money received shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the wildlife fund, created in section 1531.17 of the Revised Code, exclusively for the use of the division of wildlife in the acquisition and development of land for deer or wild turkey management, for investigating deer or wild turkey problems, and for the stocking, management, and protection of deer or wild turkey.

(4) Every person, while hunting deer or wild turkey on lands of another, shall carry the person's deer or wild turkey permit and exhibit it to any enforcement officer so requesting. Failure to so carry and exhibit such a permit constitutes an offense under this section.

(5) The chief of the division of wildlife shall adopt any additional rules the chief considers necessary to carry out this section and section 1533.10 of the Revised Code.

(6) An owner who is a resident of this state or an owner who is exempt from obtaining a hunting license under section 1533.10 of the Revised Code

and the children of the owner of lands in this state may hunt deer or wild turkey thereon without a deer or wild turkey permit. If the owner of land in this state is a limited liability company or a limited liability partnership that consists of three or fewer individual members or partners, as applicable, an individual member or partner who is a resident of this state and the member's or partner's children of any age may hunt deer or wild turkey on the land owned by the limited liability company or limited liability partnership without a deer or wild turkey permit. In addition, if the owner of land in this state is a trust that has a total of three or fewer trustees and beneficiaries, an individual who is a trustee or beneficiary and who is a resident of this state and the individual's children of any age may hunt deer or wild turkey on the land owned by the trust without a deer or wild turkey permit. The tenant and children of the tenant may hunt deer or wild turkey on lands where they reside without a deer or wild turkey permit.

(B) A deer or wild turkey permit is not transferable. No person shall carry a deer or wild turkey permit issued in the name of another person.

(C) The wildlife refunds fund is hereby created in the state treasury. The fund shall consist of money received from application fees for deer permits that are not issued. Money in the fund shall be used to make refunds of such application fees.

(D) If the division establishes a system for the electronic submission of information regarding deer or wild turkey that are taken, the division shall allow the owner and the children of the owner of lands in this state to use the owner's name or address for purposes of submitting that information electronically via that system.

Sec. 1533.111. ~~(A) Except as provided in this section or division (A)(2) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code, no person shall hunt or trap fur-bearing animals on land of another without first obtaining some type of an annual fur taker permit. Each applicant for a fur taker permit or an apprentice fur taker permit shall pay an annual fee of fourteen dollars for the permit, except as otherwise provided in this section or unless the rules adopted under division (B) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code provide for issuance of a fur taker permit to the applicant free of charge. Except as provided in rules adopted under division (B)(2) of that section, each applicant who is a resident of this state and who at the time of application is sixty-six years of age or older shall procure a special senior fur taker permit or an apprentice senior fur taker permit, the fee for which shall be one half of the regular permit fee. Each applicant under the age of eighteen years shall procure a special youth fur taker permit or an apprentice youth fur taker permit, the fee for which shall be one half of the regular fur taker~~

~~permit fee. Each~~

(B)(1) Except as otherwise provided in rules adopted under division (B) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code, each applicant for a fur taker permit or an apprentice fur taker permit shall pay an annual fee for each annual permit in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Fur taker permit</u>	<u>\$14.00</u>
<u>Apprentice fur taker permit</u>	<u>\$14.00</u>
<u>Senior fur taker permit – resident only</u>	<u>\$7.00</u>
<u>Apprentice senior fur taker permit – resident only</u>	<u>\$7.00</u>
<u>Special youth fur taker permit</u>	<u>\$7.00</u>
<u>Apprentice youth fur taker permit</u>	<u>\$7.00</u>

(2) As used in division (B)(1) of this section:

(a) "Youth" means an applicant who is under the age of eighteen years at the time of application for a permit.

(b) "Senior" means an applicant who is sixty-six years of age or older at the time of application for a permit.

(C) Each type of fur taker permit is valid during the hunting license year in which the permit is purchased. The money received shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the fund established in section 1533.15 of the Revised Code. Apprentice fur taker permits and apprentice youth fur taker permits are subject to the requirements established under section 1533.102 of the Revised Code and rules adopted pursuant to it.

(D)(1) No person shall issue a fur taker permit ~~shall be issued to an applicant~~ unless it is accompanied by a written explanation of the law in section 1533.17 of the Revised Code and the penalty for its violation, including a description of terms of imprisonment and fines that may be imposed.

(2) No person shall issue a fur taker permit, other than an apprentice fur taker permit or an apprentice youth fur taker permit, ~~shall be issued to an applicant~~ unless the applicant presents to the agent authorized to issue a fur taker permit a previously held hunting license or trapping or fur taker permit or evidence of having held such a license or permit in content and manner approved by the chief of the division of wildlife, a certificate of completion issued upon completion of a trapper education course approved by the chief, or evidence of equivalent training in content and manner approved by the chief. A previously held apprentice hunting license, apprentice fur taker permit, or apprentice youth fur taker permit does not satisfy the requirement concerning the presentation of a previously held hunting license or fur taker permit or evidence of such a license or permit.

(3) No person shall issue a fur taker permit, other than an apprentice fur

taker permit or an apprentice youth fur taker permit, to any person who fails to present the evidence required by this section. No person shall purchase or obtain a fur taker permit, other than an apprentice fur taker permit or an apprentice youth fur taker permit, without presenting to the issuing agent the evidence required by this section. Issuance of a fur taker permit in violation of the requirements of this section is an offense by both the purchaser of the illegally obtained permit and the clerk or agent who issued the permit. Any fur taker permit issued in violation of this section is void.

(E) The chief, with approval of the wildlife council, shall adopt rules prescribing a trapper education course for first-time fur taker permit buyers, other than buyers of apprentice fur taker permits or apprentice youth fur taker permits, and for volunteer instructors. The course shall consist of subjects that include, but are not limited to, trapping techniques, animal habits and identification, trapping tradition and ethics, the trapper and conservation, the law in section 1533.17 of the Revised Code along with the penalty for its violation, including a description of terms of imprisonment and fines that may be imposed, and other law relating to trapping. Authorized personnel of the division of wildlife or volunteer instructors approved by the chief shall conduct the courses with such frequency and at such locations throughout the state as to reasonably meet the needs of permit applicants. The chief shall issue a certificate of completion to each person who successfully completes the course and passes an examination prescribed by the chief.

(E) Every person, while hunting or trapping fur-bearing animals on lands of another, shall carry the person's fur taker permit with the person's signature written on the permit. Failure to carry such a signed permit constitutes an offense under this section. The chief shall adopt any additional rules the chief considers necessary to carry out this section.

(G) An owner who is a resident of this state or an owner who is exempt from obtaining a hunting license under section 1533.10 of the Revised Code and the children of the owner of lands in this state may hunt or trap fur-bearing animals thereon without a fur taker permit. If the owner of land in this state is a limited liability company or a limited liability partnership that consists of three or fewer individual members or partners, as applicable, an individual member or partner who is a resident of this state and the member's or partner's children of any age may hunt or trap fur-bearing animals on the land owned by the limited liability company or limited liability partnership without a fur taker permit. In addition, if the owner of land in this state is a trust that has a total of three or fewer trustees and beneficiaries, an individual who is a trustee or beneficiary and who is a

resident of this state and the individual's children of any age may hunt or trap fur-bearing animals on the land owned by the trust without a fur taker permit. The tenant and children of the tenant may hunt or trap fur-bearing animals on lands where they reside without a fur taker permit.

(H) A fur taker permit is not transferable. No person shall carry a fur taker permit issued in the name of another person.

(I) A fur taker permit entitles a nonresident to take from this state fur-bearing animals taken and possessed by the nonresident as provided by law or division rule.

Sec. 1533.112. Except as provided in this section or unless otherwise provided by division rule, no person shall hunt ducks, geese, or brant on the lands of another without first obtaining an annual wetlands habitat stamp. The annual fee for the wetlands habitat stamp ~~shall be~~ is fourteen dollars for each stamp unless ~~the otherwise provided in~~ rules adopted under division (B) of section 1533.12 provide for issuance of a wetlands habitat stamp to the applicant free of charge of the Revised Code.

Moneys received from the stamp fee shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the wetlands habitat fund, which is hereby established. Moneys shall be paid from the fund on the order of the director of natural resources for the following purposes:

(A) Sixty per cent for projects that the division approves for the acquisition, development, management, or preservation of waterfowl areas within the state;

(B) Forty per cent for contribution by the division to an appropriate nonprofit organization for the acquisition, development, management, or preservation of lands and waters within the United States or Canada that provide or will provide habitat for waterfowl with migration routes that cross this state.

No moneys derived from the issuance of wetlands habitat stamps shall be spent for purposes other than those specified by this section. All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund.

Wetlands habitat stamps shall be furnished by and in a form prescribed by the chief of the division of wildlife and issued by clerks and other agents authorized to issue licenses and permits under section 1533.13 of the Revised Code. The record of stamps kept by the clerks and other agents shall be uniform throughout the state, in such form or manner as the director prescribes, and open at all reasonable hours to the inspection of any person. Unless otherwise provided by rule, each stamp shall remain in force until midnight of the thirty-first day of August next ensuing. Wetlands habitat stamps may be issued in any manner to any person on any date, whether or

not that date is within the period in which they are effective.

Every person to whom this section applies, while hunting ducks, geese, or brant, shall carry an unexpired wetlands habitat stamp that is validated by the person's signature written on the stamp in ink and shall exhibit the stamp to any enforcement officer so requesting. No person shall fail to carry and exhibit the person's stamp.

A wetlands habitat stamp is not transferable.

The chief shall establish a procedure to obtain subject matter to be printed on the wetlands habitat stamp and shall use, dispose of, or distribute the subject matter as the chief considers necessary. The chief also shall adopt rules necessary to administer this section.

This section does not apply to persons under sixteen years of age nor to persons exempted from procuring a hunting license under section 1533.10 or division (A)(2) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1533.32. (A) Except as provided in this section or division (A)(2) or (C) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code or as exempted at the discretion of the chief of the division of wildlife, no person, including nonresidents, shall take or catch any fish by angling in any of the waters in the state or engage in fishing in those waters without a license. No person shall take or catch frogs or turtles without a valid fishing license, except as provided in this section. Persons fishing in privately owned ponds, lakes, or reservoirs to or from which fish are not accustomed to migrate are exempt from the license requirements set forth in this section. Persons fishing in privately owned ponds, lakes, or reservoirs that are open to public fishing through an agreement or lease with the division of wildlife shall comply with the license requirements set forth in this section.

~~(B)(1) The fee for an annual license shall be forty nine dollars for a resident of a state that is not a party to an agreement under section 1533.91 of the Revised Code. The fee for an annual license shall be eighteen dollars for a resident of a state that is a party to such an agreement. The fee for an annual license for residents of this state shall be eighteen dollars unless the rules adopted under division (B) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code provide for issuance of a resident fishing license to the applicant free of charge. Except as provided in rules adopted under division (B)(2) of that section, each applicant who is a resident of this state and who at the time of application is sixty six years of age or older shall procure a special senior fishing license, the fee for which shall be one half of the annual resident fishing license fee.~~

(2) Except as otherwise provided in rules adopted under division (B) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code, each applicant for a fishing license

shall pay a fee for each license in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Annual fishing license – resident</u>	<u>\$24.00</u>
<u>Annual fishing license – nonresident that is not a resident of a reciprocal state</u>	<u>\$49.00</u>
<u>Annual fishing license – nonresident that is a resident of a reciprocal state</u>	<u>\$24.00</u>
<u>Annual senior fishing license – resident</u>	<u>\$9.00</u>
<u>Three-day tourist fishing license – nonresident that is not a resident of a reciprocal state</u>	<u>\$24.00</u>
<u>One-day fishing license</u>	<u>\$13.00</u>

(2) As used in division (B)(1) of this section:

(a) "Reciprocal state" means a state that is a party to an agreement under section 1533.91 of the Revised Code.

(b) "Senior" means an applicant who is sixty-six years of age or older at the time of application for a license.

(3) Any person under the age of sixteen years may take or catch frogs and turtles and take or catch fish by angling without a license.

(C)(1) The chief of the division of wildlife may issue a tourist's license expiring three days from the effective date of the license to a resident of a state that is not a party to an agreement under section 1533.91 of the Revised Code. ~~The fee for a tourist's license shall be eighteen dollars.~~

(2) The chief shall adopt rules under section 1531.10 of the Revised Code providing for the issuance of a one-day fishing license to a resident of this state or of any other state. ~~The fee for such a license shall be fifty-five per cent of the amount established under this section for a tourist's license, rounded up to the nearest whole dollar.~~ A one-day fishing license shall allow the holder to take or catch fish by angling in the waters in the state, engage in fishing in those waters, or take or catch frogs or turtles in those waters for one day without obtaining an annual license or a tourist's license under this section. At the request of a holder of a one-day fishing license who wishes to obtain an annual license, a clerk or agent authorized to issue licenses under section 1533.13 of the Revised Code, not later than the last day on which the one-day license would be valid if it were an annual license, shall credit the amount of the fee paid for the one-day license toward the fee charged for the annual license if so authorized by the chief. The clerk or agent shall issue the annual license upon presentation of the one-day license and payment of a fee in an amount equal to the difference between the fee for the annual license and the fee for the one-day license.

(3) Unless otherwise provided by division rule, each annual license shall begin on the date of issuance and expire a year from the date of issuance.

(4) Unless otherwise provided by division rule, each multi-year license issued in accordance with section 1533.321 of the Revised Code shall begin on the date of issuance and expire three years, five years, or ten years from the date of issuance, as applicable.

(5) No person shall alter a fishing license or possess a fishing license that has been altered.

(6) No person shall procure or attempt to procure a fishing license by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or any false statement.

(7) A resident of this state who owns land over, through, upon, or along which any water flows or stands, except where the land is in or borders on state parks or state-owned lakes, together with the members of the immediate families of such owners, may take frogs and turtles and may take or catch fish of the kind permitted to be taken or caught therefrom without procuring a license provided for in this section. This exemption extends to tenants actually residing upon such lands and to the members of the immediate families of the tenants. A resident of any other state who owns land in this state over, through, upon, or along which any water flows or stands, except where the land is in or borders on state parks or state-owned lakes, and the spouse and children living with the owner, may take frogs and turtles and may take or catch fish of the kind permitted to be taken or caught from that water without obtaining a license under this section, provided that the state of residence of the owner allows residents of this state owning real property in that state, and the spouse and children living with such a property owner, to take frogs and turtles and take or catch fish without a license. If the owner of such land in this state is a limited liability company or a limited liability partnership that consists of three or fewer individual members or partners, as applicable, an individual member or partner who is a resident of this state and the member's or partner's children of any age may take frogs and turtles and may take or catch fish of the kind permitted to be taken or caught therefrom without procuring a license provided for in this section. In addition, if the owner of such land in this state is a trust that has a total of three or fewer trustees and beneficiaries, an individual who is a trustee or beneficiary and who is a resident of this state and the individual's children of any age may take frogs and turtles and may take or catch fish of the kind permitted to be taken or caught therefrom without procuring a license provided for in this section. Residents of state or county institutions, charitable institutions, and military homes in this state may take frogs and turtles without procuring the required license, provided that a member of the institution or home has an identification card, which shall be carried on that person when fishing.

(8) Every fisher required to be licensed, while fishing or taking or attempting to take frogs or turtles, shall carry the license and exhibit it to any person. Failure to so carry and exhibit the license constitutes an offense under this section.

Sec. 1533.321. (A) The chief of the division of wildlife may issue any of the following:

(1) Multi-year hunting or fishing licenses for three-, five-, or ten-year terms to a resident of this state;

(2) Lifetime hunting or fishing licenses to a resident of this state;

(3) A package consisting of any combination of license, stamp, or permit that the chief is authorized to issue under this chapter.

(B) The chief may adopt rules in accordance with section 1531.10 of the Revised Code governing multi-year hunting and fishing licenses, lifetime hunting and fishing licenses, and combination packages, including rules establishing fees for the combination packages. The chief shall ensure that the price for a combination package is not discounted by more than five per cent of the total fees for the licenses, permits, or stamps that a person would otherwise pay for those licenses, permits, or stamps if the person purchased them individually.

(C)(1) The multi-year and lifetime license fund is hereby created in the state treasury. The fund shall consist of money received from application fees for multi-year and lifetime hunting and fishing licenses.

(2) Each fiscal year, a prorated amount of the money from each multi-year and lifetime license fee shall be transferred from the multi-year and lifetime license fund to the fund into which the applicable single year license fee would otherwise be deposited. The prorated amount shall equal the total amount of the fee charged for the license divided by the number of years the license is valid. The chief shall adopt rules in accordance with section 1531.10 of the Revised Code for the administration of this division, including establishing a system that prorates lifetime license fees for deposit each year into the wildlife fund created in section 1531.17 of the Revised Code.

(3) Each fiscal year, all previous year's investment earnings from the multi-year and lifetime license fund shall be transferred into the wildlife fund created in section 1531.17 of the Revised Code.

(D)(1) Each applicant for a multi-year or lifetime fishing license who is a resident of this state shall pay a fee for each license in accordance with the following schedule:

Senior 3-year fishing license	\$27.50
Senior 5-year fishing license	\$45.75

Senior lifetime fishing license	\$81.00
3-year fishing license	\$52.00
5-year fishing license	\$86.75
10-year fishing license	\$173.50
Lifetime fishing license	\$450.00
Youth lifetime fishing license	\$414.00

(2) As used in division (D)(1) of this section:

(a) "Youth" means an applicant who is under the age of sixteen years at the time of application for a ~~permit~~ license.

(b) "Senior" means an applicant who is sixty-six years of age or older at the time of application for a ~~permit~~ license.

(E)(1) Each applicant for a multi-year or lifetime hunting license who is a resident of this state shall pay a fee for each license in accordance with the following schedule:

Senior 3-year hunting license	\$27.50
Senior 5-year hunting license	\$45.75
Senior lifetime hunting license	\$81.00
Youth 3-year hunting license	\$27.50
Youth 5-year hunting license	\$45.75
Youth 10-year hunting license	\$91.50
Youth lifetime hunting license	\$414.00
3-year hunting license	\$52.00
5-year hunting license	\$86.75
10-year hunting license	\$173.50
Lifetime hunting license	\$450.00

(2) As used in division (E)(1) of this section:

(a) "Youth" means an applicant who is under the age of eighteen years at the time of application for a ~~permit~~ license.

(b) "Senior" means an applicant who is sixty-six years of age or older at the time of application for a ~~permit~~ license.

(F) If a person who is issued a multi-year hunting or fishing license or lifetime hunting or fishing license in accordance with division (A) of this section subsequently becomes a nonresident after issuance of the license, the person's license remains valid in this state during its term, regardless of residency status.

Sec. 1561.011. ~~Except as provided in section 1561.24 of the Revised Code, nothing~~ Nothing in this chapter applies to activities that are permitted and regulated under Chapter 1514. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1711.52. (A) The advisory council on amusement ride safety shall do both of the following:

~~(A)(1)~~ Study any subject pertaining to amusement ride safety, including administrative, engineering, and technical subjects, and make findings and recommendations to the director of agriculture in accordance with division (B) of this section;

~~(B)(2)~~ Prior to the adoption of any rules or amendments to those rules under division (B) of section 1711.53 and division (B) of section 1711.551 of the Revised Code, study the proposed rules to be adopted by the director regarding amusement ride safety, advise the director, and make findings and recommendations to the director; in accordance with division (B) of this section.

~~(C) Not later than December 31, 2006, prepare and submit a report to the governor, the speaker and the minority leader of the house of representatives, the president and the minority leader of the senate, and the director concerning the advisory council's recommendations for alternative funding sources for the amusement ride safety program established under this chapter~~(B) Prior to submitting any findings or recommendations, the advisory council shall vote on whether to submit such findings or recommendations to the director. The advisory council shall submit only those findings and recommendations that receive a majority vote of the advisory council.

~~(C)~~ The director shall make available to the advisory council any information, reports, and studies requested by the advisory council.

Sec. 1711.53. (A)(1) No person shall operate an amusement ride within the state without a permit issued by the director of agriculture under division (A)(2) of this section. The owner of an amusement ride, whether the ride is a temporary amusement ride or a permanent amusement ride, who desires to operate the amusement ride within the state shall, prior to the operation of the amusement ride and annually thereafter, submit to the department of agriculture an application for a permit, together with the appropriate permit and inspection fee, on a form to be furnished by the department. Prior to issuing any permit the department shall, within thirty days after the date on which it receives the application, inspect each amusement ride described in the application. The owner of an amusement ride shall have the amusement ride ready for inspection not later than two hours after the time that is requested by the person for the inspection.

(2) For each amusement ride found to comply with the rules adopted by the director under division (B) of this section and division (B) of section 1711.551 of the Revised Code, the director shall issue an annual permit, provided that evidence of liability insurance coverage for the amusement ride as required by section 1711.54 of the Revised Code is on file with the

department.

(3) The director shall issue with each permit a decal indicating that the amusement ride has been issued the permit. The owner of the amusement ride shall affix the decal on the ride at a location where the decal is easily visible to the patrons of the ride. A copy of the permit shall be kept on file at the same address as the location of the amusement ride identified on the permit, and shall be made available for inspection, upon reasonable demand, by any person. An owner may operate an amusement ride prior to obtaining a permit, provided that the operation is for the purpose of testing the amusement ride or training amusement ride operators and other employees of the owner and the amusement ride is not open to the public.

(B) The director, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall adopt rules providing for a schedule of fines, with no fine exceeding five thousand dollars, for violations of sections 1711.50 to 1711.57 of the Revised Code or any rules adopted under this division and for the classification of amusement rides and rules for the safe operation and inspection of all amusement rides as are necessary for amusement ride safety and for the protection of the general public. Rules adopted by the director for the safe operation and inspection of amusement rides shall be reasonable and based upon generally accepted engineering standards and practices. In adopting rules under this section, the director may adopt by reference, in whole or in part, the national fire code or the national electrical code (NEC) prepared by the national fire protection association, the standards of the American society for testing and materials (ASTM) or the American national standards institute (ANSI), or any other principles, tests, or standards of nationally recognized technical or scientific authorities. Insofar as is practicable and consistent with sections 1711.50 to 1711.57 of the Revised Code, rules adopted under this division shall be consistent with the rules of other states. The department shall cause sections 1711.50 to 1711.57 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted in accordance with this division and division (B) of section 1711.551 of the Revised Code to be published in pamphlet form and a copy to be furnished without charge to each owner of an amusement ride who holds a current permit or is an applicant therefor.

(C) With respect to an application for a permit for an amusement ride, an owner may apply to the director for a waiver or modification of any rule adopted under division (B) of this section if there are practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships for the amusement ride to comply with the rules. Any application shall set forth the reasons for the request. The director, with the approval of the advisory council on amusement ride safety, may waive or

modify the application of a rule to any amusement ride if the public safety is secure. Any authorization by the director under this division shall be in writing and shall set forth the conditions under which the waiver or modification is authorized, and the department shall retain separate records of all proceedings under this division.

(D)(1) The director shall employ and provide for training of a chief inspector and additional inspectors and employees as may be necessary to administer and enforce sections 1711.50 to 1711.57 of the Revised Code. The director may appoint or contract with other persons to perform inspections of amusement rides, provided that the persons meet the qualifications for inspectors established by rules adopted under division (B) of this section and are not owners, or employees of owners, of any amusement ride subject to inspection under sections 1711.50 to 1711.57 of the Revised Code. No person shall inspect an amusement ride who, within six months prior to the date of inspection, was an employee of the owner of the ride.

(2) Before the director contracts with other persons to inspect amusement rides, the director shall seek the advice of the advisory council on amusement ride safety on whether to contract with those persons. The advice shall not be binding upon the director. After having received the advice of the council, the director may proceed to contract with inspectors in accordance with the procedures specified in division (E)(2) of section 1711.11 of the Revised Code.

(3) With the advice and consent of the advisory council on amusement ride safety, the director may employ a special consultant to conduct an independent investigation of an amusement ride accident. This consultant need not be in the civil service of the state, but shall have qualifications to conduct the investigation acceptable to the council.

(E)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (E)(1) of this section, the department shall charge the following amusement ride fees:

Permit	\$	150
		<u>225</u>
Annual inspection and reinspection per ride:		
Kiddie rides	\$	100
Roller coaster	\$	1,200
Aerial lifts or bungee jumping facilities	\$	450
Go karts, per kart	\$	5
Other rides	\$	160
Midseason operational inspection per ride	\$	25
Expedited inspection per ride	\$	100

Failure to cancel scheduled inspection per ride	\$ 100
Failure to have amusement ride ready for inspection per ride	\$ 100

The go kart inspection fee is in addition to the inspection fee for the go kart track.

The director shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing an annual fee that is less than one hundred five dollars for an inspection and reinspection of an inflatable ride. In adopting the rules, the director shall ensure that the fee reasonably reflects the costs of inspection and reinspection of an inflatable ride. If the director issues a permit for an inflatable ride for a time period of less than one year, the director shall charge a prorated fee for the permit equal to one-twelfth of the annual permit fee multiplied by the number of full months for which the permit is issued.

The fees for an expedited inspection, failure to cancel a scheduled inspection, and failure to have an amusement ride ready for inspection do not apply to go karts.

As used in division (E)(1) of this section, "expedited inspection" means an inspection of an amusement ride by the department not later than ten days after the owner of the amusement ride files an application for a permit under this section.

(2) All fees and fines collected by the department under sections 1711.50 to 1711.57 of the Revised Code shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the amusement ride inspection fund, which is hereby created, and shall be used only for the purpose of administering and enforcing sections 1711.11 and 1711.50 to 1711.57 of the Revised Code.

(3) The owner of an amusement ride shall be required to pay a reinspection fee only if the reinspection was conducted at the owner's request under division (F) of this section, if the reinspection is required by division (F) of this section because of an accident, or if the reinspection is required by division (F) of section 1711.55 of the Revised Code. If a reinspection is conducted at the request of the chief officer of a fair, festival, or event where the ride is operating, the reinspection fee shall be charged to the fair, festival, or event.

(4) The rules adopted under division (B) of this section shall define "roller coaster," "aerial lifts," "go karts," and "other rides" for purposes of determining the fees under division (E) of this section. The rules shall define "other rides" to include go kart tracks.

(F) A reinspection of an amusement ride shall take place if an accident occurs, if the owner of the ride or the chief officer of the fair, festival, or

event where the ride is operating requests a reinspection, or if the reinspection is required by division (F) of section 1711.55 of the Revised Code.

(G) As a supplement to its annual inspection of a temporary amusement ride, the department may inspect the ride during each scheduled event, as listed in the schedule of events provided to the department by the owner pursuant to division (C) of section 1711.55 of the Revised Code, at which the ride is operated in this state. These supplemental inspections are in addition to any other inspection or reinspection of the ride as may be required under sections 1711.50 to 1711.57 of the Revised Code, and the owner of the temporary amusement ride is not required to pay an inspection or reinspection fee for this supplemental inspection. Nothing in this division shall be construed to prohibit the owner of a temporary amusement ride having a valid permit to operate in this state from operating the ride at a scheduled event before the department conducts a supplemental inspection.

(H) The department may annually conduct a midseason operational inspection of every amusement ride upon which it conducts an annual inspection pursuant to division (A) of this section. The midseason operational inspection is in addition to any other inspection or reinspection of the amusement ride as may be required pursuant to sections 1711.50 to 1711.57 of the Revised Code. The owner of an amusement ride shall submit to the department, at the time determined by the department, the midseason operational inspection fee specified in division (E) of this section. The director, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall adopt rules specifying the time period during which the department will conduct midseason operational inspections.

Sec. 1711.532. Not later than November 1, 2019, and annually thereafter, the director of agriculture shall submit a detailed financial report to the speaker of the house of representatives and to the president of the senate that includes all of the following information:

(A) The revenue from fees collected under section 1711.53 of the Revised Code and any other revenue collected for the amusement ride safety program during the twelve months immediately preceding the report's submission;

(B) Expenses relating to the operation of the department of agriculture's amusement ride safety program established under sections 1711.50 to 1711.57 of the Revised Code during the twelve months immediately preceding the report's submission;

(C) Any proposed changes to the fee schedule established under section 1711.53 of the Revised Code that the director determines are necessary for

purposes of issuing amusement ride permits and conducting amusement ride inspections and reinspections:

(D) The amount expended from any appropriations made for the department of agriculture's amusement ride safety program during the twelve months immediately preceding the report's submission;

(E) Any additional revenue that the director determines is necessary to meet the expenses of the amusement ride safety program during the twelve months immediately following the submission of the report;

(F) Any other information that the director determines is necessary to include in the report.

Sec. 1724.05. Each community improvement corporation shall prepare an annual financial report that conforms to rules prescribed by the auditor of state pursuant to section 117.20 of the Revised Code, that is prepared according to generally accepted accounting principles, and that is certified by the board of directors of the corporation or its treasurer or other chief fiscal officer to the best knowledge and belief of those persons certifying the report. The financial report shall be filed with the auditor of state within one hundred twenty days following the last day of the corporation's fiscal year, unless the auditor of state extends that deadline. The auditor of state may establish terms and conditions for granting any extension of that deadline. The financial report shall be published on the corporation's web site, or if the corporation does not have a web site, on the web site of the county in which the corporation is located.

Each community improvement corporation shall submit to audits by the auditor of state, the scope and frequency of which shall be in accordance with section 117.11 of the Revised Code as if the corporation were a public office subject to that section. However, a community improvement corporation may request in accordance with section ~~445.56~~ 117.115 of the Revised Code, as if the corporation were a public office subject to that section, the performance of any of those audits by an independent certified public accountant or firm of certified public accountants.

The auditor of state is authorized to receive and file the annual financial reports required by this section and the reports of all audits performed in accordance with this section. The auditor of state shall analyze those annual financial reports and the reports of those audits to determine whether the activities of a community improvement corporation involved are in accordance with this chapter.

Sec. 1726.11. Each development corporation incorporated under this chapter shall prepare an annual financial report that conforms to rules prescribed by the auditor of state pursuant to section 117.20 of the Revised

Code, that is prepared according to generally accepted accounting principles, and that is certified by the board of trustees of the corporation or its treasurer or other chief fiscal officer. The financial report shall be filed with the auditor of state within one hundred twenty days following the last day of the corporation's fiscal year, unless the auditor of state extends that deadline. The auditor of state may establish terms and conditions for granting any extension of that deadline.

Each development corporation shall submit to audits by the auditor of state, the scope and frequency of which shall be in accordance with section 117.11 of the Revised Code as if the corporation were a public office subject to that section. However, a development corporation may request in accordance with section ~~115.56~~ 117.115 of the Revised Code, as if the corporation were a public office subject to that section, the performance of any of those audits by an independent certified public accountant.

The auditor of state is authorized to receive and file the annual financial reports required by this section and the reports of all audits performed in accordance with this section. The auditor of state shall analyze those annual financial reports and the reports of those audits to determine whether the activities of the development corporation involved are in accordance with this chapter.

Sec. 1739.05. (A) A multiple employer welfare arrangement that is created pursuant to sections 1739.01 to 1739.22 of the Revised Code and that operates a group self-insurance program may be established only if any of the following applies:

(1) The arrangement has and maintains a minimum enrollment of three hundred employees of two or more employers.

(2) The arrangement has and maintains a minimum enrollment of three hundred self-employed individuals.

(3) The arrangement has and maintains a minimum enrollment of three hundred employees or self-employed individuals in any combination of divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section.

(B) A multiple employer welfare arrangement that is created pursuant to sections 1739.01 to 1739.22 of the Revised Code and that operates a group self-insurance program shall comply with all laws applicable to self-funded programs in this state, including sections 3901.04, 3901.041, 3901.19 to 3901.26, 3901.38, 3901.381 to 3901.3814, 3901.40, 3901.45, 3901.46, 3901.491, 3902.01 to 3902.14, 3923.041, 3923.24, 3923.282, 3923.30, 3923.301, 3923.38, 3923.581, 3923.602, 3923.63, 3923.80, 3923.84, 3923.85, 3923.851, 3923.86, 3923.87, 3923.89, 3923.90, 3924.031, 3924.032, and 3924.27 of the Revised Code.

(C) A multiple employer welfare arrangement created pursuant to sections 1739.01 to 1739.22 of the Revised Code shall solicit enrollments only through agents or solicitors licensed pursuant to Chapter 3905. of the Revised Code to sell or solicit sickness and accident insurance.

(D) A multiple employer welfare arrangement created pursuant to sections 1739.01 to 1739.22 of the Revised Code shall provide benefits only to individuals who are members, employees of members, or the dependents of members or employees, or are eligible for continuation of coverage under section 1751.53 or 3923.38 of the Revised Code or under Title X of the "Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985," 100 Stat. 227, 29 U.S.C.A. 1161, as amended.

(E) A multiple employer welfare arrangement created pursuant to sections 1739.01 to 1739.22 of the Revised Code is subject to, and shall comply with, sections 3903.81 to 3903.93 of the Revised Code in the same manner as other life or health insurers, as defined in section 3903.81 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1751.77. As used in sections 1751.77 to 1751.87 of the Revised Code, unless otherwise specifically provided or as otherwise required pursuant to applicable federal law or regulations:

(A) "Adverse determination" means a determination by a health insuring corporation or its designee utilization review organization that an admission, availability of care, continued stay, or other health care service has been reviewed and, based upon the information provided, the health care service does not meet the requirements for benefit payment under the health insuring corporation's policy, contract, or agreement, and coverage is therefore denied, reduced, or terminated.

(B) "Ambulatory review" means utilization review of health care services performed or provided in an outpatient setting.

(C) "Authorized person" means a parent, guardian, or other person authorized to act on behalf of an enrollee with respect to health care decisions.

(D) "Case management" means a coordinated set of activities conducted for individual patient management of serious, complicated, protracted, or other specified health conditions.

(E) "Certification" means a determination by a health insuring corporation or its designee utilization review organization that an admission, availability of care, continued stay, or other health care service has been reviewed and, based upon the information provided, the health care service satisfies the requirements for benefit payment under the health insuring corporation's policy, contract, or agreement.

(F) "Clinical peer" means a physician when an evaluation is to be made of the clinical appropriateness of health care services provided by a physician. If an evaluation is to be made of the clinical appropriateness of health care services provided by a provider who is not a physician, "clinical peer" means either a physician or a provider holding the same license as the provider who provided the health care services.

(G) "Clinical review criteria" means the written screening procedures, decision abstracts, clinical protocols, and practice guidelines used by a health insuring corporation to determine the necessity and appropriateness of health care services.

(H) "Concurrent review" means utilization review conducted during a patient's hospital stay or course of treatment.

(I) "Discharge planning" means the formal process for determining, prior to a patient's discharge from a health care facility, the coordination and management of the care that the patient is to receive following discharge from a health care facility.

(J) "Participating provider" means a provider or health care facility that, under a contract with a health insuring corporation or with its contractor or subcontractor, has agreed to provide health care services to enrollees with an expectation of receiving payment, other than coinsurance, copayments, or deductibles, directly or indirectly from the health insuring corporation.

(K) "Physician" means a provider who holds a ~~certificate~~ license issued under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code authorizing the practice of medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery or a comparable license ~~or certificate~~ from another state.

(L) "Prospective review" means utilization review that is conducted prior to an admission or a course of treatment.

(M) "Retrospective review" means utilization review of medical necessity that is conducted after health care services have been provided to a patient. "Retrospective review" does not include the review of a claim that is limited to an evaluation of reimbursement levels, veracity of documentation, accuracy of coding, or adjudication of payment.

(N) "Second opinion" means an opportunity or requirement to obtain a clinical evaluation by a provider other than the provider originally making a recommendation for proposed health care services to assess the clinical necessity and appropriateness of the proposed health care services.

(O) "Utilization review" means a process used to monitor the use of, or evaluate the clinical necessity, appropriateness, efficacy, or efficiency of, health care services, procedures, or settings. Areas of review may include ambulatory review, prospective review, second opinion, certification,

concurrent review, case management, discharge planning, or retrospective review.

(P) "Utilization review organization" means an entity that conducts utilization review, other than a health insuring corporation performing a review of its own health care plans.

Sec. 1751.92. Each health insuring corporation shall comply with the requirements of section 3959.20 of the Revised Code as they pertain to health plan issuers.

As used in this section, "health plan issuer" has the same meaning as in section 3922.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1901.123. (A)(1) Subject to reimbursement under division (B) of this section, the treasurer of the county in which a county-operated municipal court or other municipal court is located shall pay the per diem compensation to which an acting judge appointed pursuant to division (A)(2)(a), (B)(1), or (C)(1) of section 1901.121 of the Revised Code is entitled pursuant to division (A)(1) of section 1901.122 of the Revised Code.

(2) Subject to reimbursement under division ~~(B)~~(C) of this section, the ~~treasurer of the county in which a county-operated municipal court or other municipal court is located~~ supreme court shall pay the per diem compensation to which an assigned judge assigned pursuant to division (A)(1), (A)(2)(b), (B)(2), (C)(2), or (D) of section 1901.121 of the Revised Code is entitled pursuant to division (B) of section 1901.122 of the Revised Code.

(B) The treasurer of a county that, pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section, is required to pay any compensation to which an acting judge ~~or assigned judge~~ is entitled under division (A)(5) or (6) of section 141.04 of the Revised Code, shall submit to the administrative director of the supreme court quarterly requests for reimbursements of the per diem amounts so paid. The requests shall include verifications of the payment of those amounts and an affidavit from the acting judge ~~or assigned judge~~ stating the days and hours worked. The administrative director shall cause reimbursements of those amounts to be issued to the county if the administrative director verifies that those amounts were, in fact, so paid.

(C) The supreme court, pursuant to division (A)(2) of this section, is required to pay any compensation to which an assigned judge is entitled under division (A)(5) or (6) of section 141.04 of the Revised Code. Annually, on the first day of August, the administrative director of the supreme court shall issue a billing to the county treasurer of any county to which such a judge was assigned to a municipal court for reimbursement of

the county or local portion of the compensation previously paid by the state for the twelve-month period preceding the last day of June. The county or local portion of the compensation shall be that part of each per diem paid by the state which is proportional to the county or local shares of the total compensation of a resident judge of such court. The county treasurer shall forward the payment within thirty days. After forwarding the payment, the county treasurer shall seek reimbursement from the applicable local municipalities as appropriate.

Sec. 1901.26. (A) Subject to division (E) of this section, costs in a municipal court shall be fixed and taxed as follows:

(1)(a) The municipal court shall require an advance deposit for the filing of any new civil action or proceeding when required by division (C) of this section, subject to its waiver pursuant to that division, and in all other cases, by rule, shall establish a schedule of fees and costs to be taxed in any civil or criminal action or proceeding.

(b)(i) The legislative authority of a municipal corporation may by ordinance establish a schedule of fees to be taxed as costs in any civil, criminal, or traffic action or proceeding in a municipal court for the performance by officers or other employees of the municipal corporation's police department or marshal's office of any of the services specified in sections 311.17 and 509.15 of the Revised Code. No fee in the schedule shall be higher than the fee specified in section 311.17 of the Revised Code for the performance of the same service by the sheriff. If a fee established in the schedule conflicts with a fee for the same service established in another section of the Revised Code or a rule of court, the fee established in the other section of the Revised Code or the rule of court shall apply.

(ii) When an officer or employee of a municipal police department or marshal's office performs in a civil, criminal, or traffic action or proceeding in a municipal court a service specified in section 311.17 or 509.15 of the Revised Code for which a taxable fee has been established under this or any other section of the Revised Code, the applicable legal fees and any other extraordinary expenses, including overtime, provided for the service shall be taxed as costs in the case. The clerk of the court shall pay those legal fees and other expenses, when collected, into the general fund of the municipal corporation that employs the officer or employee.

(iii) If a bailiff of a municipal court performs in a civil, criminal, or traffic action or proceeding in that court a service specified in section 311.17 or 509.15 of the Revised Code for which a taxable fee has been established under this section or any other section of the Revised Code, the fee for the service is the same and is taxable to the same extent as if the service had

been performed by an officer or employee of the police department or marshal's office of the municipal corporation in which the court is located. The clerk of that court shall pay the fee, when collected, into the general fund of the entity or entities that fund the bailiff's salary, in the same prorated amount as the salary is funded.

(iv) Division (A)(1)(b) of this section does not authorize or require any officer or employee of a police department or marshal's office of a municipal corporation or any bailiff of a municipal court to perform any service not otherwise authorized by law.

(2) The municipal court, by rule, may require an advance deposit for the filing of any civil action or proceeding and publication fees as provided in section 2701.09 of the Revised Code. The court shall waive the requirement for advance deposit for a party that the court determines qualifies as an indigent litigant as set forth in section 2323.311 of the Revised Code.

(3) When a jury trial is demanded in any civil action or proceeding, the party making the demand may be required to make an advance deposit as fixed by rule of court, unless the court determines that the party qualifies as an indigent litigant as set forth in section 2323.311 of the Revised Code. If a jury is called, the fees of a jury shall be taxed as costs.

(4) In any civil or criminal action or proceeding, each witness shall receive twelve dollars for each full day's attendance and six dollars for each half day's attendance. Each witness in a municipal court that is not a county-operated municipal court also shall receive fifty and one-half cents for each mile necessarily traveled to and from the witness's place of residence to the action or proceeding.

(5) A reasonable charge for driving, towing, carting, storing, keeping, and preserving motor vehicles and other personal property recovered or seized in any proceeding may be taxed as part of the costs in a trial of the cause, in an amount that shall be fixed by rule of court.

(6) Chattel property seized under any writ or process issued by the court shall be preserved pending final disposition for the benefit of all persons interested and may be placed in storage when necessary or proper for that preservation. The custodian of any chattel property so stored shall not be required to part with the possession of the property until a reasonable charge, to be fixed by the court, is paid.

(7) The municipal court, as it determines, may refund all deposits and advance payments of fees and costs, including those for jurors and summoning jurors, when they have been paid by the losing party.

(8) Charges for the publication of legal notices required by statute or order of court may be taxed as part of the costs, as provided by section 7.13

of the Revised Code.

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

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

(c) Any fee or charge assessed under division (B)(1)(a) or (b) of this section on the filing of a civil action or proceeding shall be waived if the court determines that the person on whom the fee or charge is assessed qualifies as an indigent litigant as set forth in section 2323.311 of the Revised Code.

(d) All moneys collected under division (B) of this section shall be paid to the county treasurer if the court is a county-operated municipal court or to the city treasurer if the court is not a county-operated municipal court for deposit into either a general special projects fund or a fund established for a specific special project. Moneys from a fund of that nature shall be disbursed upon an order of the court in an amount no greater than the actual cost to the court of a project. If a specific fund is terminated because of the discontinuance of a program or service established under division (B) of this section, the municipal court may order that moneys remaining in the fund be transferred to an account established under this division for a similar purpose.

(2) As used in division (B) of this section:

(a) "Criminal cause" means a charge alleging the violation of a statute or ordinance, or subsection of a statute or ordinance, that requires a separate finding of fact or a separate plea before disposition and of which the defendant may be found guilty, whether filed as part of a multiple charge on a single summons, citation, or complaint or as a separate charge on a single summons, citation, or complaint. "Criminal cause" does not include separate

violations of the same statute or ordinance, or subsection of the same statute or ordinance, unless each charge is filed on a separate summons, citation, or complaint.

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

(C) The municipal court shall collect in all its divisions except the small claims division the sum of twenty-six dollars as additional filing fees in each new civil action or proceeding for the charitable public purpose of providing financial assistance to legal aid societies that operate within the state and to support the office of the state public defender. The municipal court shall collect in its small claims division the sum of eleven dollars as additional filing fees in each new civil action or proceeding for the charitable public purpose of providing financial assistance to legal aid societies that operate within the state and to support the office of the state public defender. This division does not apply to any execution on a judgment, proceeding in aid of execution, or other post-judgment proceeding arising out of a civil action. The filing fees required to be collected under this division shall be in addition to any other court costs imposed in the action or proceeding and shall be collected at the time of the filing of the action or proceeding. The court shall not waive the payment of the additional filing fees in a new civil action or proceeding unless the court waives the advanced payment of all filing fees in the action or proceeding for the party that the court determines is qualified as an indigent litigant as set forth in section 2323.311 of the Revised Code. All such moneys collected during a month except for an amount equal to up to one per cent of those moneys retained to cover administrative costs shall be transmitted on or before the twentieth day of the following month by the clerk of the court to the treasurer of state in a manner prescribed by the treasurer of state or by the Ohio ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation. The treasurer of state shall deposit four per cent of the funds collected under this division to the credit of the civil case filing fee fund established under section 120.07 of the Revised Code and ninety-six per cent of the funds collected under this division to the credit of the legal aid fund established under section 120.52 of the Revised Code.

The court may retain up to one per cent of the moneys it collects under this division to cover administrative costs, including the hiring of any additional personnel necessary to implement this division. If the court fails to transmit to the treasurer of state the moneys the court collects under this division in a manner prescribed by the treasurer of state or by the Ohio ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation, the court shall forfeit the moneys the court retains under this division to cover administrative costs, including the

hiring of any additional personnel necessary to implement this division, and shall transmit to the treasurer of state all moneys collected under this division, including the forfeited amount retained for administrative costs, for deposit in the legal aid fund.

(D) In the Cleveland municipal court, reasonable charges for investigating titles of real estate to be sold or disposed of under any writ or process of the court may be taxed as part of the costs.

(E) Under the circumstances described in sections 2969.21 to 2969.27 of the Revised Code, the clerk of the municipal court shall charge the fees and perform the other duties specified in those sections.

(F) As used in this section:

(1) "Full day's attendance" means a day on which a witness is required or requested to be present at an action or proceeding before and after twelve noon, regardless of whether the witness actually testifies.

(2) "Half day's attendance" means a day on which a witness is required or requested to be present at an action or proceeding either before or after twelve noon, but not both, regardless of whether the witness actually testifies.

Sec. 1907.143. (A)(1) Subject to reimbursement under division (B) of this section, the treasurer of the county in which a county court is located shall pay the per diem compensation to which an acting judge appointed pursuant to division (A)(2)(b), (B)(1), or (C)(1) of section 1907.141 of the Revised Code is entitled pursuant to division (A) of section 1907.142 of the Revised Code.

(2) Subject to reimbursement under division ~~(B)(C)~~ of this section, the ~~treasurer of the county in which a county court is located~~ supreme court shall pay the per diem compensation to which an assigned judge assigned pursuant to division (A)(1), (A)(2)(b), (B)(2), or (C)(2) of section 1907.141 of the Revised Code is entitled pursuant to division (B) of section 1907.142 of the Revised Code.

(B) The treasurer of a county that, pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section, is required to pay any compensation to which an acting judge ~~or assigned judge~~ is entitled under division (A)(5) or (6) of section 141.04 of the Revised Code, shall submit to the administrative director of the supreme court quarterly requests for reimbursements of the per diem amounts so paid. The requests shall include verifications of the payment of those amounts and an affidavit from the acting judge ~~or assigned judge~~ stating the days and hours worked. The administrative director shall cause reimbursements of those amounts to be issued to the county if the administrative director verifies that those amounts were, in fact, so paid.

(C) The supreme court, pursuant to division (A)(2) of this section, is required to pay any compensation to which an assigned judge is entitled under division (A)(5) or (6) of section 141.04 of the Revised Code. Annually, on the first day of August, the administrative director of the supreme court shall issue a billing to the county treasurer of any county to which such a judge was assigned to a county court for reimbursement of the county portion of the compensation previously paid by the state for the twelve-month period preceding the last day of June. The county portion of the compensation shall be that part of each per diem paid by the state which is proportional to the county shares of the total compensation of a resident judge of such court. The county treasurer shall forward the payment within thirty days. After forwarding the payment, the county treasurer shall seek reimbursement from the applicable local municipalities as appropriate.

Sec. 1907.24. (A) Subject to division (C) of this section, a county court shall fix and tax fees and costs as follows:

(1) The county court shall require an advance deposit for the filing of any new civil action or proceeding when required by division (C) of this section, subject to its waiver pursuant to that division, and, in all other cases, shall establish a schedule of fees and costs to be taxed in any civil or criminal action or proceeding.

(2) The county court by rule may require an advance deposit for the filing of a civil action or proceeding and publication fees as provided in section 2701.09 of the Revised Code. The court shall waive an advance deposit requirement for a party that the court determines qualifies as an indigent litigant as set forth in section 2323.311 of the Revised Code.

(3) When a party demands a jury trial in a civil action or proceeding, the county court may require the party to make an advance deposit as fixed by rule of court, unless the court determines that the party qualifies as an indigent litigant as set forth in section 2323.311 of the Revised Code. If a jury is called, the county court shall tax the fees of a jury as costs.

(4) In a civil or criminal action or proceeding, the county court shall fix the fees of witnesses in accordance with sections 2335.06 and 2335.08 of the Revised Code.

(5) A county court may tax as part of the costs in a trial of the cause, in an amount fixed by rule of court, a reasonable charge for driving, towing, carting, storing, keeping, and preserving motor vehicles and other personal property recovered or seized in a proceeding.

(6) The court shall preserve chattel property seized under a writ or process issued by the court pending final disposition for the benefit of all interested persons. The court may place the chattel property in storage when

necessary or proper for its preservation. The custodian of chattel property so stored shall not be required to part with the possession of the property until a reasonable charge, to be fixed by the court, is paid.

(7) The county court, as it determines, may refund all deposits and advance payments of fees and costs, including those for jurors and summoning jurors, when they have been paid by the losing party.

(8) The court may tax as part of costs charges for the publication of legal notices required by statute or order of court, as provided by section 7.13 of the Revised Code.

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

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

(c) Any fee or charge assessed under division (B)(1)(a) or (b) of this section on the filing of a civil action or proceeding shall be waived if the court determines that the person on whom the fee or charge is assessed qualifies as an indigent litigant as set forth in section 2323.311 of the Revised Code.

(d) All moneys collected under division (B) of this section shall be paid to the county treasurer for deposit into either a general special projects fund or a fund established for a specific special project. Moneys from a fund of that nature shall be disbursed upon an order of the court in an amount no greater than the actual cost to the court of a project. If a specific fund is terminated because of the discontinuance of a program or service established under division (B) of this section, the county court may order that moneys remaining in the fund be transferred to an account established under this division for a similar purpose.

(2) As used in division (B) of this section:

(a) "Criminal cause" means a charge alleging the violation of a statute or ordinance, or subsection of a statute or ordinance, that requires a separate finding of fact or a separate plea before disposition and of which the defendant may be found guilty, whether filed as part of a multiple charge on a single summons, citation, or complaint or as a separate charge on a single summons, citation, or complaint. "Criminal cause" does not include separate violations of the same statute or ordinance, or subsection of the same statute or ordinance, unless each charge is filed on a separate summons, citation, or complaint.

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

(C) Subject to division (E) of this section, the county court shall collect in all its divisions except the small claims division the sum of twenty-six dollars as additional filing fees in each new civil action or proceeding for the charitable public purpose of providing financial assistance to legal aid societies that operate within the state and to support the office of the state public defender. Subject to division (E) of this section, the county court shall collect in its small claims division the sum of eleven dollars as additional filing fees in each new civil action or proceeding for the charitable public purpose of providing financial assistance to legal aid societies that operate within the state and to support the office of the state public defender. This division does not apply to any execution on a judgment, proceeding in aid of execution, or other post-judgment proceeding arising out of a civil action. The filing fees required to be collected under this division shall be in addition to any other court costs imposed in the action or proceeding and shall be collected at the time of the filing of the action or proceeding. The court shall not waive the payment of the additional filing fees in a new civil action or proceeding unless the court waives the advanced payment of all filing fees in the action or proceeding for the party that the court determines is qualified as an indigent litigant as set forth in section 2323.311 of the Revised Code. All such moneys collected during a month except for an amount equal to up to one per cent of those moneys retained to cover administrative costs shall be transmitted on or before the twentieth day of the following month by the clerk of the court to the treasurer of state in a manner prescribed by the treasurer of state or by the Ohio ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation. The treasurer of state shall deposit four per cent of the funds collected under this division to the credit of the civil case filing fee fund established under section 120.07 of the Revised Code and ninety-six per cent of the funds collected under this division to the credit of the legal aid fund established under section 120.52

of the Revised Code.

The court may retain up to one per cent of the moneys it collects under this division to cover administrative costs, including the hiring of any additional personnel necessary to implement this division. If the court fails to transmit to the treasurer of state the moneys the court collects under this division in a manner prescribed by the treasurer of state or by the Ohio ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation, the court shall forfeit the moneys the court retains under this division to cover administrative costs, including the hiring of any additional personnel necessary to implement this division, and shall transmit to the treasurer of state all moneys collected under this division, including the forfeited amount retained for administrative costs, for deposit in the legal aid fund.

(D) The county court shall establish by rule a schedule of fees for miscellaneous services performed by the county court or any of its judges in accordance with law. If judges of the court of common pleas perform similar services, the fees prescribed in the schedule shall not exceed the fees for those services prescribed by the court of common pleas.

(E) Under the circumstances described in sections 2969.21 to 2969.27 of the Revised Code, the clerk of the county court shall charge the fees and perform the other duties specified in those sections.

Sec. 2151.23. (A) The juvenile court has exclusive original jurisdiction under the Revised Code as follows:

(1) Concerning any child who on or about the date specified in the complaint, indictment, or information is alleged to have violated section 2151.87 of the Revised Code or an order issued under that section or to be a juvenile traffic offender or a delinquent, unruly, abused, neglected, or dependent child and, based on and in relation to the allegation pertaining to the child, concerning the parent, guardian, or other person having care of a child who is alleged to be an unruly child for being an habitual truant or who is alleged to be a delinquent child for violating a court order regarding the child's prior adjudication as an unruly child for being an habitual truant;

(2) Subject to divisions (G), (I), (K), and (V) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, to determine the custody of any child not a ward of another court of this state;

(3) To hear and determine any application for a writ of habeas corpus involving the custody of a child;

(4) To exercise the powers and jurisdiction given the probate division of the court of common pleas in Chapter 5122. of the Revised Code, if the court has probable cause to believe that a child otherwise within the jurisdiction of the court is a mentally ill person subject to court order, as

defined in section 5122.01 of the Revised Code;

(5) To hear and determine all criminal cases charging adults with the violation of any section of this chapter;

(6) To hear and determine all criminal cases in which an adult is charged with a violation of division (C) of section 2919.21, division (B)(1) of section 2919.22, section 2919.222, division (B) of section 2919.23, or section 2919.24 of the Revised Code, provided the charge is not included in an indictment that also charges the alleged adult offender with the commission of a felony arising out of the same actions that are the basis of the alleged violation of division (C) of section 2919.21, division (B)(1) of section 2919.22, section 2919.222, division (B) of section 2919.23, or section 2919.24 of the Revised Code;

(7) Under the interstate compact on juveniles in section 2151.56 of the Revised Code;

(8) Concerning any child who is to be taken into custody pursuant to section 2151.31 of the Revised Code, upon being notified of the intent to take the child into custody and the reasons for taking the child into custody;

(9) To hear and determine requests for the extension of temporary custody agreements, and requests for court approval of permanent custody agreements, that are filed pursuant to section 5103.15 of the Revised Code;

(10) To hear and determine applications for consent to marry pursuant to section 3101.04 of the Revised Code;

(11) Subject to divisions (G), (I), (K), and (V) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, to hear and determine a request for an order for the support of any child if the request is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation of domestic violence, or an action for support brought under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code;

(12) Concerning an action commenced under section 121.38 of the Revised Code;

(13) To hear and determine violations of section 3321.38 of the Revised Code;

(14) To exercise jurisdiction and authority over the parent, guardian, or other person having care of a child alleged to be a delinquent child, unruly child, or juvenile traffic offender, based on and in relation to the allegation pertaining to the child;

(15) To conduct the hearings, and to make the determinations, adjudications, and orders authorized or required under sections 2152.82 to 2152.86 and Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code regarding a child who has been adjudicated a delinquent child and to refer the duties conferred upon

the juvenile court judge under sections 2152.82 to 2152.86 and Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code to magistrates appointed by the juvenile court judge in accordance with Juvenile Rule 40;

(16) To hear and determine a petition for a protection order against a child under section 2151.34 or 3113.31 of the Revised Code and to enforce a protection order issued or a consent agreement approved under either section against a child until a date certain but not later than the date the child attains nineteen years of age;

(17) Concerning emancipated young adults under sections 2151.45 to 2151.455 of the Revised Code.

(B) Except as provided in divisions (G) and (I) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, the juvenile court has original jurisdiction under the Revised Code:

(1) To hear and determine all cases of misdemeanors charging adults with any act or omission with respect to any child, which act or omission is a violation of any state law or any municipal ordinance;

(2) To determine the paternity of any child alleged to have been born out of wedlock pursuant to sections 3111.01 to 3111.18 of the Revised Code;

(3) Under the uniform interstate family support act in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code;

(4) To hear and determine an application for an order for the support of any child, if the child is not a ward of another court of this state;

(5) To hear and determine an action commenced under section 3111.28 of the Revised Code;

(6) To hear and determine a motion filed under section 3119.961 of the Revised Code;

(7) To receive filings under section 3109.74 of the Revised Code, and to hear and determine actions arising under sections 3109.51 to 3109.80 of the Revised Code.

(8) To enforce an order for the return of a child made under the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction pursuant to section 3127.32 of the Revised Code;

(9) To grant any relief normally available under the laws of this state to enforce a child custody determination made by a court of another state and registered in accordance with section 3127.35 of the Revised Code.

(C) The juvenile court, except as to juvenile courts that are a separate division of the court of common pleas or a separate and independent juvenile court, has jurisdiction to hear, determine, and make a record of any action for divorce or legal separation that involves the custody or care of

children and that is filed in the court of common pleas and certified by the court of common pleas with all the papers filed in the action to the juvenile court for trial, provided that no certification of that nature shall be made to any juvenile court unless the consent of the juvenile judge first is obtained. After a certification of that nature is made and consent is obtained, the juvenile court shall proceed as if the action originally had been begun in that court, except as to awards for spousal support or support due and unpaid at the time of certification, over which the juvenile court has no jurisdiction.

(D) The juvenile court, except as provided in ~~divisions (G) and~~ division (I) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, has jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters as to custody and support of children duly certified by the court of common pleas to the juvenile court after a divorce decree has been granted, including jurisdiction to modify the judgment and decree of the court of common pleas as the same relate to the custody and support of children.

(E) The juvenile court, except as provided in ~~divisions (G) and~~ division (I) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, has jurisdiction to hear and determine the case of any child certified to the court by any court of competent jurisdiction if the child comes within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court as defined by this section.

(F)(1) The juvenile court shall exercise its jurisdiction in child custody matters in accordance with sections 3109.04 and 3127.01 to 3127.53 of the Revised Code and, as applicable, sections 5103.20 to 5103.22 or 5103.23 to 5103.237 of the Revised Code.

(2) The juvenile court shall exercise its jurisdiction in child support matters in accordance with section 3109.05 of the Revised Code.

(G) Any juvenile court that makes or modifies an order for child support shall comply with Chapters 3119., 3121., 3123., and 3125. of the Revised Code. If any person required to pay child support under an order made by a juvenile court on or after April 15, 1985, or modified on or after December 1, 1986, is found in contempt of court for failure to make support payments under the order, the court that makes the finding, in addition to any other penalty or remedy imposed, shall assess all court costs arising out of the contempt proceeding against the person and require the person to pay any reasonable attorney's fees of any adverse party, as determined by the court, that arose in relation to the act of contempt.

(H) If a child who is charged with an act that would be an offense if committed by an adult was fourteen years of age or older and under eighteen years of age at the time of the alleged act and if the case is transferred for criminal prosecution pursuant to section 2152.12 of the Revised Code,

except as provided in section 2152.121 of the Revised Code, the juvenile court does not have jurisdiction to hear or determine the case subsequent to the transfer. The court to which the case is transferred for criminal prosecution pursuant to that section has jurisdiction subsequent to the transfer to hear and determine the case in the same manner as if the case originally had been commenced in that court, subject to section 2152.121 of the Revised Code, including, but not limited to, jurisdiction to accept a plea of guilty or another plea authorized by Criminal Rule 11 or another section of the Revised Code and jurisdiction to accept a verdict and to enter a judgment of conviction pursuant to the Rules of Criminal Procedure against the child for the commission of the offense that was the basis of the transfer of the case for criminal prosecution, whether the conviction is for the same degree or a lesser degree of the offense charged, for the commission of a lesser-included offense, or for the commission of another offense that is different from the offense charged.

(I) If a person under eighteen years of age allegedly commits an act that would be a felony if committed by an adult and if the person is not taken into custody or apprehended for that act until after the person attains twenty-one years of age, the juvenile court does not have jurisdiction to hear or determine any portion of the case charging the person with committing that act. In those circumstances, divisions (A) and (B) of section 2152.12 of the Revised Code do not apply regarding the act, and the case charging the person with committing the act shall be a criminal prosecution commenced and heard in the appropriate court having jurisdiction of the offense as if the person had been eighteen years of age or older when the person committed the act. All proceedings pertaining to the act shall be within the jurisdiction of the court having jurisdiction of the offense, and that court has all the authority and duties in the case that it has in other criminal cases in that court.

(J) In exercising its exclusive original jurisdiction under division (A)(16) of this section with respect to any proceedings brought under section 2151.34 or 3113.31 of the Revised Code in which the respondent is a child, the juvenile court retains all dispositional powers consistent with existing rules of juvenile procedure and may also exercise its discretion to adjudicate proceedings as provided in sections 2151.34 and 3113.31 of the Revised Code, including the issuance of protection orders or the approval of consent agreements under those sections.

Sec. 2151.233. ~~The (A)~~ Except as provided in division (B) of this section, the juvenile court shall not exercise jurisdiction under division (A)(2), (A)(11), or (B)(4) of section 2151.23 of the Revised Code or section

2151.231 of the Revised Code and the domestic relations court shall have jurisdiction to determine custody or support regarding a child if any of the following apply:

~~(A)~~(1) The child's parents are married to each other.

~~(B)~~(2) The child's parents ~~are not married~~ were married to each other but no longer are married to each other and there is an existing order for custody or support regarding the child or ~~the child's sibling~~ another child of the same parents over which the juvenile court does not have jurisdiction.

~~(C)~~(3) The determination is ancillary to the parents' pending or prior action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation.

(B) Division (A) of this section does not apply to any case or proceeding brought under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or to any case or proceeding initiated or originating outside of this state.

(C) This section shall apply to all cases and proceedings initiated on or after March 22, 2019.

(D) As used in this section and sections 2151.234 to 2151.236 of the Revised Code, "domestic relations court" means the division of a court of common pleas that has domestic relations jurisdiction.

Sec. 2151.234. Section 2151.233 of the Revised Code shall not affect the authority of the juvenile court to issue a custody or support order under division (A)(1) of section 2151.23 of the Revised Code or when granting custody of the child to a relative or placing a child under a kinship care agreement.

Sec. 2151.235. (A) A Upon its own motion, the motion of a court with domestic relations jurisdiction, or the motion of any interested party, a juvenile court may transfer jurisdiction over an action or an order it has issued for child support or custody as follows:

(1) To the appropriate common pleas court with domestic relations jurisdiction, if the parents of the child subject to the action or order are married to each other and are not parties to a proceeding described in division ~~(A)(3)~~(C) of this section;

(2) To the appropriate common pleas court with domestic relations jurisdiction, if the parents of ~~the~~ that child are not married were married to each other but no longer are married to each other and there is an existing order for custody or support regarding the child or ~~the child's sibling~~ another child of the same parents over which the juvenile court does not have jurisdiction;

(3) ~~To the common pleas court exercising jurisdiction over a pending divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, or annulment proceeding to which the parents of the child subject to the action or order are parties;~~

~~(4)~~ To the common pleas court exercising jurisdiction over a protection order issued under section 3113.31 of the Revised Code if ~~the~~ that child or both parents of ~~the~~ that child are subject to both a child support order and the protection order.

~~(B) Jurisdiction of the action or order described in division (A) of this section shall be transferred and the receiving court shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the action or order if the following requirements are met:~~

~~(1) The common pleas court with domestic relations jurisdiction, juvenile court, or an interested party makes a motion to transfer jurisdiction;~~

~~(2) The court receiving jurisdiction consents to the transfer;~~

~~(3) The juvenile court certifies all or~~ Any transfer made pursuant to division (A) of this section shall require the consent of the appropriate court of common pleas with domestic relations jurisdiction.

(C) Upon its own motion, the motion of a court with domestic relations jurisdiction, or the motion of any interested party, a juvenile court shall transfer, and the domestic relations court shall accept, jurisdiction over an action or an order it has issued for child support or custody to the appropriate common pleas court exercising jurisdiction over a pending divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, or annulment proceeding to which the parents of the child subject to the action or order are parties.

(D) In all cases transferred under division (A) or (C) of this section, all of the following apply:

(1) The juvenile court shall do all of the following:

(a) Issue an order granting the request to transfer;

(b) Certify the relevant part of the record in the action or related to the order to the court receiving jurisdiction, unless the authorizing statute for the domestic and juvenile courts has combined them into a domestic relations division of the same court or designated them as a family court and the transfer would be within the court of the same county.

(c) Notify and serve the county child support enforcement agency administering the case of all transfers in writing.

(2) The domestic relations court receiving jurisdiction shall do both of the following:

(a) Issue an order accepting or denying the transfer;

(b) Notify and serve the county child support enforcement agency that is receiving the case or that would have received the case, in writing, of the order accepting or denying the transfer.

(3) When a child support enforcement agency is notified of a transfer under division (D)(1) or (2) of this section, the agency shall take any appropriate action regarding the matter.

(E) When the juvenile court action or order being transferred is due to a pending divorce, dissolution, legal separation, or annulment proceeding in a common pleas court with domestic relations jurisdiction:

(1) The juvenile court and domestic relations court shall retain concurrent jurisdiction during the pendency of the action or order.

(2) The transfer shall be completed and included in final orders that are issued regarding child support or custody in the domestic relations action.

(3) If the domestic relations action is dismissed without final orders being issued regarding child support or custody, the transfer is not completed and the juvenile court action or order remains within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. The domestic relations court shall notify the juvenile court, the child support enforcement agency in the county of the juvenile court, and the parties of the dismissed action.

~~(C)~~(F) This section applies to all orders in effect prior to March 22, 2019, and all actions or proceedings pending or initiated; on or after the effective date of H.B. 595 of the 132nd general assembly March 22, 2019.

Sec. 2151.236. If a child is subject to a support order issued by a common pleas court with domestic relations jurisdiction and if a juvenile court adjudicates the child to be delinquent, unruly, abused, neglected, or dependent and grants custody of the child to an individual or entity other than as set forth in the order issued by the common pleas court with domestic relations jurisdiction, the juvenile court shall notify the common pleas court with domestic relations jurisdiction and the child support enforcement agency serving the county of that court. The child support enforcement agency shall review the child support order ~~pursuant to sections 3119.60 and 3119.63 to 3119.76 of the Revised Code~~ and take appropriate action. Any objection to an administrative order issued as an appropriate action taken under this section shall be filed in the domestic relations court.

Sec. 2151.353. (A) If a child is adjudicated an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the court may make any of the following orders of disposition:

- (1) Place the child in protective supervision;
- (2) Commit the child to the temporary custody of any of the following:
 - (a) A public children services agency;
 - (b) A private child placing agency;
 - (c) Either parent;
 - (d) A relative residing within or outside the state;
 - (e) A probation officer for placement in a certified foster home;
 - (f) Any other person approved by the court.
- (3) Award legal custody of the child to either parent or to any other

person who, prior to the dispositional hearing, files a motion requesting legal custody of the child or is identified as a proposed legal custodian in a complaint or motion filed prior to the dispositional hearing by any party to the proceedings. A person identified in a complaint or motion filed by a party to the proceedings as a proposed legal custodian shall be awarded legal custody of the child only if the person identified signs a statement of understanding for legal custody that contains at least the following provisions:

(a) That it is the intent of the person to become the legal custodian of the child and the person is able to assume legal responsibility for the care and supervision of the child;

(b) That the person understands that legal custody of the child in question is intended to be permanent in nature and that the person will be responsible as the custodian for the child until the child reaches the age of majority. Responsibility as custodian for the child shall continue beyond the age of majority if, at the time the child reaches the age of majority, the child is pursuing a diploma granted by the board of education or other governing authority, successful completion of the curriculum of any high school, successful completion of an individualized education program developed for the student by any high school, or an age and schooling certificate. Responsibility beyond the age of majority shall terminate when the child ceases to continuously pursue such an education, completes such an education, or is excused from such an education under standards adopted by the state board of education, whichever occurs first.

(c) That the parents of the child have residual parental rights, privileges, and responsibilities, including, but not limited to, the privilege of reasonable visitation, consent to adoption, the privilege to determine the child's religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support;

(d) That the person understands that the person must be present in court for the dispositional hearing in order to affirm the person's intention to become legal custodian, to affirm that the person understands the effect of the custodianship before the court, and to answer any questions that the court or any parties to the case may have.

(4) Commit the child to the permanent custody of a public children services agency or private child placing agency, if the court determines in accordance with division (E) of section 2151.414 of the Revised Code that the child cannot be placed with one of the child's parents within a reasonable time or should not be placed with either parent and determines in accordance with division (D)(1) of section 2151.414 of the Revised Code that the permanent commitment is in the best interest of the child. If the

court grants permanent custody under this division, the court, upon the request of any party, shall file a written opinion setting forth its findings of fact and conclusions of law in relation to the proceeding.

(5) Place the child in a planned permanent living arrangement with a public children services agency or private child placing agency, if a public children services agency or private child placing agency requests the court to place the child in a planned permanent living arrangement and if the court finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that a planned permanent living arrangement is in the best interest of the child, that the child is sixteen years of age or older, and that one of the following exists:

(a) The child, because of physical, mental, or psychological problems or needs, is unable to function in a family-like setting and must remain in residential or institutional care now and for the foreseeable future beyond the date of the dispositional hearing held pursuant to section 2151.35 of the Revised Code.

(b) The parents of the child have significant physical, mental, or psychological problems and are unable to care for the child because of those problems, adoption is not in the best interest of the child, as determined in accordance with division (D)(1) of section 2151.414 of the Revised Code, and the child retains a significant and positive relationship with a parent or relative.

(c) The child has been counseled on the permanent placement options available to the child, and is unwilling to accept or unable to adapt to a permanent placement.

(6) Order the removal from the child's home until further order of the court of the person who committed abuse as described in section 2151.031 of the Revised Code against the child, who caused or allowed the child to suffer neglect as described in section 2151.03 of the Revised Code, or who is the parent, guardian, or custodian of a child who is adjudicated a dependent child and order any person not to have contact with the child or the child's siblings.

(B)(1) When making a determination on whether to place a child in a planned permanent living arrangement pursuant to division (A)(5)(b) or (c) of this section, the court shall consider all relevant information that has been presented to the court, including information gathered from the child, the child's guardian ad litem, and the public children services agency or private child placing agency.

(2) A child who is placed in a planned permanent living arrangement pursuant to division (A)(5)(b) or (c) of this section shall be placed in an independent living setting or in a family setting in which the caregiver has

been provided by the agency that has custody of the child with a notice that addresses the following:

(a) The caregiver understands that the planned permanent living arrangement is intended to be permanent in nature and that the caregiver will provide a stable placement for the child through the child's emancipation or until the court releases the child from the custody of the agency, whichever occurs first.

(b) The caregiver is expected to actively participate in the youth's independent living case plan, attend agency team meetings and court hearings as appropriate, complete training, as provided in division (B) of section 5103.035 of the Revised Code, related to providing the child independent living services, and assist in the child's transition into adulthood.

(3) The department of job and family services shall develop a model notice to be provided by an agency that has custody of a child to a caregiver under division (B)(2) of this section. The agency may modify the model notice to apply to the needs of the agency.

(C) No order for permanent custody or temporary custody of a child or the placement of a child in a planned permanent living arrangement shall be made pursuant to this section unless the complaint alleging the abuse, neglect, or dependency contains a prayer requesting permanent custody, temporary custody, or the placement of the child in a planned permanent living arrangement as desired, the summons served on the parents of the child contains as is appropriate a full explanation that the granting of an order for permanent custody permanently divests them of their parental rights, a full explanation that an adjudication that the child is an abused, neglected, or dependent child may result in an order of temporary custody that will cause the removal of the child from their legal custody until the court terminates the order of temporary custody or permanently divests the parents of their parental rights, or a full explanation that the granting of an order for a planned permanent living arrangement will result in the removal of the child from their legal custody if any of the conditions listed in divisions (A)(5)(a) to (c) of this section are found to exist, and the summons served on the parents contains a full explanation of their right to be represented by counsel and to have counsel appointed pursuant to Chapter 120. of the Revised Code if they are indigent.

If after making disposition as authorized by division (A)(2) of this section, a motion is filed that requests permanent custody of the child, the court may grant permanent custody of the child to the movant in accordance with section 2151.414 of the Revised Code.

(D) If the court issues an order for protective supervision pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section, the court may place any reasonable restrictions upon the child, the child's parents, guardian, or custodian, or any other person, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

(1) Order a party, within forty-eight hours after the issuance of the order, to vacate the child's home indefinitely or for a specified period of time;

(2) Order a party, a parent of the child, or a physical custodian of the child to prevent any particular person from having contact with the child;

(3) Issue an order restraining or otherwise controlling the conduct of any person which conduct would not be in the best interest of the child.

(E) As part of its dispositional order, the court shall journalize a case plan for the child. The journalized case plan shall not be changed except as provided in section 2151.412 of the Revised Code.

(F)(1) The court shall retain jurisdiction over any child for whom the court issues an order of disposition pursuant to division (A) of this section or pursuant to section 2151.414 or 2151.415 of the Revised Code until the child attains the age of eighteen years if the child is not mentally retarded, developmentally disabled, or physically impaired, the child attains the age of twenty-one years if the child is mentally retarded, developmentally disabled, or physically impaired, or the child is adopted and a final decree of adoption is issued, except that the court may retain jurisdiction over the child and continue any order of disposition under division (A) of this section or under section 2151.414 or 2151.415 of the Revised Code for a specified period of time to enable the child to graduate from high school or vocational school. ~~The court shall retain jurisdiction over a person who meets the requirements described in division (A)(1) of section 5101.1411 of the Revised Code and who is subject to a voluntary participation agreement that is in effect.~~ The court shall make an entry continuing its jurisdiction under this division in the journal.

(2) Any public children services agency, any private child placing agency, the department of job and family services, or any party, other than any parent whose parental rights with respect to the child have been terminated pursuant to an order issued under division (A)(4) of this section, by filing a motion with the court, may at any time request the court to modify or terminate any order of disposition issued pursuant to division (A) of this section or section 2151.414 or 2151.415 of the Revised Code. The court shall hold a hearing upon the motion as if the hearing were the original dispositional hearing and shall give all parties to the action and the guardian ad litem notice of the hearing pursuant to the Juvenile Rules. If applicable,

the court shall comply with section 2151.42 of the Revised Code.

(G) Any temporary custody order issued pursuant to division (A) of this section shall terminate one year after the earlier of the date on which the complaint in the case was filed or the child was first placed into shelter care, except that, upon the filing of a motion pursuant to section 2151.415 of the Revised Code, the temporary custody order shall continue and not terminate until the court issues a dispositional order under that section. In resolving the motion, the court shall not order an existing temporary custody order to continue beyond two years after the date on which the complaint was filed or the child was first placed into shelter care, whichever date is earlier, regardless of whether any extensions have been previously ordered pursuant to division (D) of section 2151.415 of the Revised Code.

(H)(1) No later than one year after the earlier of the date the complaint in the case was filed or the child was first placed in shelter care, a party may ask the court to extend an order for protective supervision for six months or to terminate the order. A party requesting extension or termination of the order shall file a written request for the extension or termination with the court and give notice of the proposed extension or termination in writing before the end of the day after the day of filing it to all parties and the child's guardian ad litem. If a public children services agency or private child placing agency requests termination of the order, the agency shall file a written status report setting out the facts supporting termination of the order at the time it files the request with the court. If no party requests extension or termination of the order, the court shall notify the parties that the court will extend the order for six months or terminate it and that it may do so without a hearing unless one of the parties requests a hearing. All parties and the guardian ad litem shall have seven days from the date a notice is sent pursuant to this division to object to and request a hearing on the proposed extension or termination.

(a) If it receives a timely request for a hearing, the court shall schedule a hearing to be held no later than thirty days after the request is received by the court. The court shall give notice of the date, time, and location of the hearing to all parties and the guardian ad litem. At the hearing, the court shall determine whether extension or termination of the order is in the child's best interest. If termination is in the child's best interest, the court shall terminate the order. If extension is in the child's best interest, the court shall extend the order for six months.

(b) If it does not receive a timely request for a hearing, the court may extend the order for six months or terminate it without a hearing and shall journalize the order of extension or termination not later than fourteen days

after receiving the request for extension or termination or after the date the court notifies the parties that it will extend or terminate the order. If the court does not extend or terminate the order, it shall schedule a hearing to be held no later than thirty days after the expiration of the applicable fourteen-day time period and give notice of the date, time, and location of the hearing to all parties and the child's guardian ad litem. At the hearing, the court shall determine whether extension or termination of the order is in the child's best interest. If termination is in the child's best interest, the court shall terminate the order. If extension is in the child's best interest, the court shall issue an order extending the order for protective supervision six months.

(2) If the court grants an extension of the order for protective supervision pursuant to division (H)(1) of this section, a party may, prior to termination of the extension, file with the court a request for an additional extension of six months or for termination of the order. The court and the parties shall comply with division (H)(1) of this section with respect to extending or terminating the order.

(3) If a court grants an extension pursuant to division (H)(2) of this section, the court shall terminate the order for protective supervision at the end of the extension.

(I) The court shall not issue a dispositional order pursuant to division (A) of this section that removes a child from the child's home unless the court complies with section 2151.419 of the Revised Code and includes in the dispositional order the findings of fact required by that section.

(J) If a motion or application for an order described in division (A)(6) of this section is made, the court shall not issue the order unless, prior to the issuance of the order, it provides to the person all of the following:

- (1) Notice and a copy of the motion or application;
- (2) The grounds for the motion or application;
- (3) An opportunity to present evidence and witnesses at a hearing regarding the motion or application;
- (4) An opportunity to be represented by counsel at the hearing.

(K) The jurisdiction of the court shall terminate one year after the date of the award or, if the court takes any further action in the matter subsequent to the award, the date of the latest further action subsequent to the award, if the court awards legal custody of a child to either of the following:

- (1) A legal custodian who, at the time of the award of legal custody, resides in a county of this state other than the county in which the court is located;
- (2) A legal custodian who resides in the county in which the court is

located at the time of the award of legal custody, but moves to a different county of this state prior to one year after the date of the award or, if the court takes any further action in the matter subsequent to the award, one year after the date of the latest further action subsequent to the award.

The court in the county in which the legal custodian resides then shall have jurisdiction in the matter.

Sec. 2151.3516. A parent may voluntarily deliver his or her child who is not older than thirty days, without intent to return for the child, to a either of the following:

(A) A person specified in section 2151.3517 of the Revised Code ~~or a:~~

(B) A newborn safety incubator ~~provided by an entity described in that section~~ that meets the requirements of section 2151.3532 of the Revised Code.

~~Sec. 2151.3532. Not later than one hundred eighty days after the effective date of this section, the~~ (A) To take possession of a child delivered in accordance with sections 2151.3516 and 2151.3517 of the Revised Code, a law enforcement agency, hospital, or emergency medical service organization may install a newborn safety incubator at a facility or location under the agency's, hospital's, or organization's control if all of the following are the case:

(1) A parent may deliver his or her child to the incubator in an anonymous manner and without having to enter the facility or location at which the incubator has been installed.

(2) The facility or location posts signs on or near the incubator explaining its use and operation.

(3) The incubator locks after a child is placed inside so that a person outside the facility or location is unable to access the child.

(4) The incubator provides a controlled environment for the care and protection of the child placed inside.

(5) The incubator notifies a centralized location in the facility or location at which it has been installed within thirty seconds of a child being placed inside the incubator.

(6) The incubator triggers a 9-1-1 call if the facility or location does not respond within a reasonable amount of time after a child has been placed inside the incubator.

(7) Only a peace officer, hospital employee, or emergency medical service worker supervises the incubator and takes possession of a child placed inside.

(B) A law enforcement agency, hospital, or emergency medical service organization that installs a newborn safety incubator is not required to have

one or more peace officers, hospital employees, or emergency medical service workers present at all times at the facility or location at which the incubator has been installed if both of the following are the case:

(1) An officer, employee, or worker can arrive at the facility or location within seven minutes of a child being placed inside the incubator.

(2) The agency, hospital, or organization submits to the department of health a written statement confirming that an officer, employee, or worker can arrive at the facility or location within the seven-minute period.

The department is prohibited from requiring the agency, hospital, or organization to submit anything other than the written statement described in division (B)(2) of this section as proof that an officer, employee, or worker can arrive at the facility or location within seven minutes of a child being placed inside the incubator.

~~(C) The director of the department of health shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing establishing standards and procedures for the use and operation of newborn safety incubators provided by entities described in section 2151.3517 of the Revised Code. The rules shall provide for address all of the following:~~

~~(A)(1) Sanitation standards;~~

~~(B)(2) Procedures to provide for providing emergency care for to a child delivered to an incubator;~~

~~(C)(3) Manufacturing and manufacturer standards;~~

~~(D) Design and function requirements that include the following:~~

~~(1) Take (4) Procedures for installing an incubator, taking into account installation at a law enforcement agency, a hospital, or an emergency medical service organization;~~

~~(2) Allow a child to be placed anonymously from outside the facility;~~

~~(3) Lock the incubator after a child is placed in it so that a person outside the facility is unable to access the child;~~

~~(4) Provide a controlled environment for the care and protection of the child;~~

~~(5) Provide notification to a centralized location in the facility within thirty seconds of a child being placed in the incubator;~~

~~(6) Trigger a 9-1-1 call if a facility does not respond within a reasonable amount of time after a child is placed in the facility's incubator.~~

~~(E) Operating policies, supervision, and maintenance requirements for an incubator, including requirements that only a peace officer, emergency medical service worker, or hospital employee supervise the incubator and take custody of a child placed in it (5) Policies for operating, supervising, and maintaining an incubator;~~

- ~~(F)(6)~~ Qualifications for persons to install incubators;
- ~~(G)(7)~~ Procedures and forms for the registration of qualified incubator installers;
- ~~(H)(8)~~ Costs for registering and regulating incubators and fees to cover those costs;
- ~~(I) Creating and posting signs to be placed near or on incubators to provide information about using them;~~
- ~~(J)(9)~~ Enforcement of and remedies for violations for failure to comply with the requirements governing incubators;
- ~~(K)(10)~~ Any other requirement standards and procedures the department director considers necessary to ensure the safety and welfare of a child placed in an incubator.

Sec. 2151.421. (A)(1)(a) No person described in division (A)(1)(b) of this section who is acting in an official or professional capacity and knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect based on facts that would cause a reasonable person in a similar position to suspect, that a child under eighteen years of age, or a person under twenty-one years of age with a developmental disability or physical impairment, has suffered or faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental wound, injury, disability, or condition of a nature that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of the child shall fail to immediately report that knowledge or reasonable cause to suspect to the entity or persons specified in this division. Except as otherwise provided in this division or section 5120.173 of the Revised Code, the person making the report shall make it to the public children services agency or a peace officer in the county in which the child resides or in which the abuse or neglect is occurring or has occurred. If the person making the report is a peace officer, the officer shall make it to the public children services agency in the county in which the child resides or in which the abuse or neglect is occurring or has occurred. In the circumstances described in section 5120.173 of the Revised Code, the person making the report shall make it to the entity specified in that section.

(b) Division (A)(1)(a) of this section applies to any person who is an attorney; health care professional; practitioner of a limited branch of medicine as specified in section 4731.15 of the Revised Code; licensed school psychologist; independent marriage and family therapist or marriage and family therapist; coroner; administrator or employee of a child day-care center; administrator or employee of a residential camp, child day camp, or private, nonprofit therapeutic wilderness camp; administrator or employee of a certified child care agency or other public or private children services agency; school teacher; school employee; school authority; peace officer;

agent of a county humane society; person, other than a cleric, rendering spiritual treatment through prayer in accordance with the tenets of a well-recognized religion; employee of a county department of job and family services who is a professional and who works with children and families; superintendent or regional administrator employed by the department of youth services; superintendent, board member, or employee of a county board of developmental disabilities; investigative agent contracted with by a county board of developmental disabilities; employee of the department of developmental disabilities; employee of a facility or home that provides respite care in accordance with section 5123.171 of the Revised Code; employee of an entity that provides homemaker services; employee of a qualified organization as defined in section 2151.90 of the Revised Code; a host family as defined in section 2151.90 of the Revised Code; foster caregiver; a person performing the duties of an assessor pursuant to Chapter 3107. or 5103. of the Revised Code; third party employed by a public children services agency to assist in providing child or family related services; court appointed special advocate; or guardian ad litem.

(c) If two or more health care professionals, after providing health care services to a child, determine or suspect that the child has been or is being abused or neglected, the health care professionals may designate one of the health care professionals to report the abuse or neglect. A single report made under this division shall meet the reporting requirements of division (A)(1) of this section.

(2) Except as provided in division (A)(3) of this section, an attorney or a physician is not required to make a report pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section concerning any communication the attorney or physician receives from a client or patient in an attorney-client or physician-patient relationship, if, in accordance with division (A) or (B) of section 2317.02 of the Revised Code, the attorney or physician could not testify with respect to that communication in a civil or criminal proceeding.

(3) The client or patient in an attorney-client or physician-patient relationship described in division (A)(2) of this section is deemed to have waived any testimonial privilege under division (A) or (B) of section 2317.02 of the Revised Code with respect to any communication the attorney or physician receives from the client or patient in that attorney-client or physician-patient relationship, and the attorney or physician shall make a report pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section with respect to that communication, if all of the following apply:

(a) The client or patient, at the time of the communication, is a child

under eighteen years of age or is a person under twenty-one years of age with a developmental disability or physical impairment.

(b) The attorney or physician knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect based on facts that would cause a reasonable person in similar position to suspect that the client or patient has suffered or faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental wound, injury, disability, or condition of a nature that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of the client or patient.

(c) The abuse or neglect does not arise out of the client's or patient's attempt to have an abortion without the notification of her parents, guardian, or custodian in accordance with section 2151.85 of the Revised Code.

(4)(a) No cleric and no person, other than a volunteer, designated by any church, religious society, or faith acting as a leader, official, or delegate on behalf of the church, religious society, or faith who is acting in an official or professional capacity, who knows, or has reasonable cause to believe based on facts that would cause a reasonable person in a similar position to believe, that a child under eighteen years of age, or a person under twenty-one years of age with a developmental disability or physical impairment, has suffered or faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental wound, injury, disability, or condition of a nature that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of the child, and who knows, or has reasonable cause to believe based on facts that would cause a reasonable person in a similar position to believe, that another cleric or another person, other than a volunteer, designated by a church, religious society, or faith acting as a leader, official, or delegate on behalf of the church, religious society, or faith caused, or poses the threat of causing, the wound, injury, disability, or condition that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect shall fail to immediately report that knowledge or reasonable cause to believe to the entity or persons specified in this division. Except as provided in section 5120.173 of the Revised Code, the person making the report shall make it to the public children services agency or a peace officer in the county in which the child resides or in which the abuse or neglect is occurring or has occurred. In the circumstances described in section 5120.173 of the Revised Code, the person making the report shall make it to the entity specified in that section.

(b) Except as provided in division (A)(4)(c) of this section, a cleric is not required to make a report pursuant to division (A)(4)(a) of this section concerning any communication the cleric receives from a penitent in a cleric-penitent relationship, if, in accordance with division (C) of section 2317.02 of the Revised Code, the cleric could not testify with respect to that communication in a civil or criminal proceeding.

(c) The penitent in a cleric-penitent relationship described in division

(A)(4)(b) of this section is deemed to have waived any testimonial privilege under division (C) of section 2317.02 of the Revised Code with respect to any communication the cleric receives from the penitent in that cleric-penitent relationship, and the cleric shall make a report pursuant to division (A)(4)(a) of this section with respect to that communication, if all of the following apply:

(i) The penitent, at the time of the communication, is a child under eighteen years of age or is a person under twenty-one years of age with a developmental disability or physical impairment.

(ii) The cleric knows, or has reasonable cause to believe based on facts that would cause a reasonable person in a similar position to believe, as a result of the communication or any observations made during that communication, the penitent has suffered or faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental wound, injury, disability, or condition of a nature that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of the penitent.

(iii) The abuse or neglect does not arise out of the penitent's attempt to have an abortion performed upon a child under eighteen years of age or upon a person under twenty-one years of age with a developmental disability or physical impairment without the notification of her parents, guardian, or custodian in accordance with section 2151.85 of the Revised Code.

(d) Divisions (A)(4)(a) and (c) of this section do not apply in a cleric-penitent relationship when the disclosure of any communication the cleric receives from the penitent is in violation of the sacred trust.

(e) As used in divisions (A)(1) and (4) of this section, "cleric" and "sacred trust" have the same meanings as in section 2317.02 of the Revised Code.

(B) Anyone who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect based on facts that would cause a reasonable person in similar circumstances to suspect, that a child under eighteen years of age, or a person under twenty-one years of age with a developmental disability or physical impairment, has suffered or faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental wound, injury, disability, or other condition of a nature that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of the child may report or cause reports to be made of that knowledge or reasonable cause to suspect to the entity or persons specified in this division. Except as provided in section 5120.173 of the Revised Code, a person making a report or causing a report to be made under this division shall make it or cause it to be made to the public children services agency or to a peace officer. In the circumstances described in section 5120.173 of the Revised Code, a person making a

report or causing a report to be made under this division shall make it or cause it to be made to the entity specified in that section.

(C) Any report made pursuant to division (A) or (B) of this section shall be made forthwith either by telephone or in person and shall be followed by a written report, if requested by the receiving agency or officer. The written report shall contain:

(1) The names and addresses of the child and the child's parents or the person or persons having custody of the child, if known;

(2) The child's age and the nature and extent of the child's injuries, abuse, or neglect that is known or reasonably suspected or believed, as applicable, to have occurred or of the threat of injury, abuse, or neglect that is known or reasonably suspected or believed, as applicable, to exist, including any evidence of previous injuries, abuse, or neglect;

(3) Any other information, including, but not limited to, results and reports of any medical examinations, tests, or procedures performed under division (D) of this section, that might be helpful in establishing the cause of the injury, abuse, or neglect that is known or reasonably suspected or believed, as applicable, to have occurred or of the threat of injury, abuse, or neglect that is known or reasonably suspected or believed, as applicable, to exist.

(D)(1) Any person, who is required by division (A) of this section to report child abuse or child neglect that is known or reasonably suspected or believed to have occurred, may take or cause to be taken color photographs of areas of trauma visible on a child and, if medically necessary for the purpose of diagnosing or treating injuries that are suspected to have occurred as a result of child abuse or child neglect, perform or cause to be performed radiological examinations and any other medical examinations of, and tests or procedures on, the child.

(2) The results and any available reports of examinations, tests, or procedures made under division (D)(1) of this section shall be included in a report made pursuant to division (A) of this section. Any additional reports of examinations, tests, or procedures that become available shall be provided to the public children services agency, upon request.

(3) If a health care professional provides health care services in a hospital, children's advocacy center, or emergency medical facility to a child about whom a report has been made under division (A) of this section, the health care professional may take any steps that are reasonably necessary for the release or discharge of the child to an appropriate environment. Before the child's release or discharge, the health care professional may obtain information, or consider information obtained, from other entities or

individuals that have knowledge about the child. Nothing in division (D)(3) of this section shall be construed to alter the responsibilities of any person under sections 2151.27 and 2151.31 of the Revised Code.

(4) A health care professional may conduct medical examinations, tests, or procedures on the siblings of a child about whom a report has been made under division (A) of this section and on other children who reside in the same home as the child, if the professional determines that the examinations, tests, or procedures are medically necessary to diagnose or treat the siblings or other children in order to determine whether reports under division (A) of this section are warranted with respect to such siblings or other children. The results of the examinations, tests, or procedures on the siblings and other children may be included in a report made pursuant to division (A) of this section.

(5) Medical examinations, tests, or procedures conducted under divisions (D)(1) and (4) of this section and decisions regarding the release or discharge of a child under division (D)(3) of this section do not constitute a law enforcement investigation or activity.

(E)(1) When a peace officer receives a report made pursuant to division (A) or (B) of this section, upon receipt of the report, the peace officer who receives the report shall refer the report to the appropriate public children services agency, unless an arrest is made at the time of the report that results in the appropriate public children services agency being contacted concerning the possible abuse or neglect of a child or the possible threat of abuse or neglect of a child.

(2) When a public children services agency receives a report pursuant to this division or division (A) or (B) of this section, upon receipt of the report, the public children services agency shall do both of the following:

(a) Comply with section 2151.422 of the Revised Code;

(b) If the county served by the agency is also served by a children's advocacy center and the report alleges sexual abuse of a child or another type of abuse of a child that is specified in the memorandum of understanding that creates the center as being within the center's jurisdiction, comply regarding the report with the protocol and procedures for referrals and investigations, with the coordinating activities, and with the authority or responsibility for performing or providing functions, activities, and services stipulated in the interagency agreement entered into under section 2151.428 of the Revised Code relative to that center.

(F) No peace officer shall remove a child about whom a report is made pursuant to this section from the child's parents, stepparents, or guardian or any other persons having custody of the child without consultation with the

public children services agency, unless, in the judgment of the officer, and, if the report was made by physician, the physician, immediate removal is considered essential to protect the child from further abuse or neglect. The agency that must be consulted shall be the agency conducting the investigation of the report as determined pursuant to section 2151.422 of the Revised Code.

(G)(1) Except as provided in section 2151.422 of the Revised Code or in an interagency agreement entered into under section 2151.428 of the Revised Code that applies to the particular report, the public children services agency shall investigate, within twenty-four hours, each report of child abuse or child neglect that is known or reasonably suspected or believed to have occurred and of a threat of child abuse or child neglect that is known or reasonably suspected or believed to exist that is referred to it under this section to determine the circumstances surrounding the injuries, abuse, or neglect or the threat of injury, abuse, or neglect, the cause of the injuries, abuse, neglect, or threat, and the person or persons responsible. The investigation shall be made in cooperation with the law enforcement agency and in accordance with the memorandum of understanding prepared under division (K) of this section. A representative of the public children services agency shall, at the time of initial contact with the person subject to the investigation, inform the person of the specific complaints or allegations made against the person. The information shall be given in a manner that is consistent with division (I)(1) of this section and protects the rights of the person making the report under this section.

A failure to make the investigation in accordance with the memorandum is not grounds for, and shall not result in, the dismissal of any charges or complaint arising from the report or the suppression of any evidence obtained as a result of the report and does not give, and shall not be construed as giving, any rights or any grounds for appeal or post-conviction relief to any person. The public children services agency shall report each case to the uniform statewide automated child welfare information system that the department of job and family services shall maintain in accordance with section 5101.13 of the Revised Code. The public children services agency shall submit a report of its investigation, in writing, to the law enforcement agency.

(2) The public children services agency shall make any recommendations to the county prosecuting attorney or city director of law that it considers necessary to protect any children that are brought to its attention.

(H)(1)(a) Except as provided in divisions (H)(1)(b) and (I)(3) of this

section, any person, health care professional, hospital, institution, school, health department, or agency shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability for injury, death, or loss to person or property that otherwise might be incurred or imposed as a result of any of the following:

(i) Participating in the making of reports pursuant to division (A) of this section or in the making of reports in good faith, pursuant to division (B) of this section;

(ii) Participating in medical examinations, tests, or procedures under division (D) of this section;

(iii) Providing information used in a report made pursuant to division (A) of this section or providing information in good faith used in a report made pursuant to division (B) of this section;

(iv) Participating in a judicial proceeding resulting from a report made pursuant to division (A) of this section or participating in good faith in a proceeding resulting from a report made pursuant to division (B) of this section.

(b) Immunity under division (H)(1)(a)(ii) of this section shall not apply when a health care provider has deviated from the standard of care applicable to the provider's profession.

(c) Notwithstanding section 4731.22 of the Revised Code, the physician-patient privilege shall not be a ground for excluding evidence regarding a child's injuries, abuse, or neglect, or the cause of the injuries, abuse, or neglect in any judicial proceeding resulting from a report submitted pursuant to this section.

(2) In any civil or criminal action or proceeding in which it is alleged and proved that participation in the making of a report under this section was not in good faith or participation in a judicial proceeding resulting from a report made under this section was not in good faith, the court shall award the prevailing party reasonable attorney's fees and costs and, if a civil action or proceeding is voluntarily dismissed, may award reasonable attorney's fees and costs to the party against whom the civil action or proceeding is brought.

(I)(1) Except as provided in divisions (I)(4) and (O) of this section, a report made under this section is confidential. The information provided in a report made pursuant to this section and the name of the person who made the report shall not be released for use, and shall not be used, as evidence in any civil action or proceeding brought against the person who made the report. Nothing in this division shall preclude the use of reports of other incidents of known or suspected abuse or neglect in a civil action or proceeding brought pursuant to division (N) of this section against a person

who is alleged to have violated division (A)(1) of this section, provided that any information in a report that would identify the child who is the subject of the report or the maker of the report, if the maker of the report is not the defendant or an agent or employee of the defendant, has been redacted. In a criminal proceeding, the report is admissible in evidence in accordance with the Rules of Evidence and is subject to discovery in accordance with the Rules of Criminal Procedure.

(2)(a) Except as provided in division (I)(2)(b) of this section, no person shall permit or encourage the unauthorized dissemination of the contents of any report made under this section.

(b) A health care professional that obtains the same information contained in a report made under this section from a source other than the report may disseminate the information, if its dissemination is otherwise permitted by law.

(3) A person who knowingly makes or causes another person to make a false report under division (B) of this section that alleges that any person has committed an act or omission that resulted in a child being an abused child or a neglected child is guilty of a violation of section 2921.14 of the Revised Code.

(4) If a report is made pursuant to division (A) or (B) of this section and the child who is the subject of the report dies for any reason at any time after the report is made, but before the child attains eighteen years of age, the public children services agency or peace officer to which the report was made or referred, on the request of the child fatality review board or the director of health pursuant to guidelines established under section 3701.70 of the Revised Code, shall submit a summary sheet of information providing a summary of the report to the review board of the county in which the deceased child resided at the time of death or to the director. On the request of the review board or director, the agency or peace officer may, at its discretion, make the report available to the review board or director. If the county served by the public children services agency is also served by a children's advocacy center and the report of alleged sexual abuse of a child or another type of abuse of a child is specified in the memorandum of understanding that creates the center as being within the center's jurisdiction, the agency or center shall perform the duties and functions specified in this division in accordance with the interagency agreement entered into under section 2151.428 of the Revised Code relative to that advocacy center.

(5) A public children services agency shall advise a person alleged to have inflicted abuse or neglect on a child who is the subject of a report made

pursuant to this section, including a report alleging sexual abuse of a child or another type of abuse of a child referred to a children's advocacy center pursuant to an interagency agreement entered into under section 2151.428 of the Revised Code, in writing of the disposition of the investigation. The agency shall not provide to the person any information that identifies the person who made the report, statements of witnesses, or police or other investigative reports.

(J) Any report that is required by this section, other than a report that is made to the state highway patrol as described in section 5120.173 of the Revised Code, shall result in protective services and emergency supportive services being made available by the public children services agency on behalf of the children about whom the report is made, in an effort to prevent further neglect or abuse, to enhance their welfare, and, whenever possible, to preserve the family unit intact. The agency required to provide the services shall be the agency conducting the investigation of the report pursuant to section 2151.422 of the Revised Code.

(K)(1) Each public children services agency shall prepare a memorandum of understanding that is signed by all of the following:

(a) If there is only one juvenile judge in the county, the juvenile judge of the county or the juvenile judge's representative;

(b) If there is more than one juvenile judge in the county, a juvenile judge or the juvenile judges' representative selected by the juvenile judges or, if they are unable to do so for any reason, the juvenile judge who is senior in point of service or the senior juvenile judge's representative;

(c) The county peace officer;

(d) All chief municipal peace officers within the county;

(e) Other law enforcement officers handling child abuse and neglect cases in the county;

(f) The prosecuting attorney of the county;

(g) If the public children services agency is not the county department of job and family services, the county department of job and family services;

(h) The county humane society;

(i) If the public children services agency participated in the execution of a memorandum of understanding under section 2151.426 of the Revised Code establishing a children's advocacy center, each participating member of the children's advocacy center established by the memorandum.

(2) A memorandum of understanding shall set forth the normal operating procedure to be employed by all concerned officials in the execution of their respective responsibilities under this section and division (C) of section 2919.21, division (B)(1) of section 2919.22, division (B) of

section 2919.23, and section 2919.24 of the Revised Code and shall have as two of its primary goals the elimination of all unnecessary interviews of children who are the subject of reports made pursuant to division (A) or (B) of this section and, when feasible, providing for only one interview of a child who is the subject of any report made pursuant to division (A) or (B) of this section. A failure to follow the procedure set forth in the memorandum by the concerned officials is not grounds for, and shall not result in, the dismissal of any charges or complaint arising from any reported case of abuse or neglect or the suppression of any evidence obtained as a result of any reported child abuse or child neglect and does not give, and shall not be construed as giving, any rights or any grounds for appeal or post-conviction relief to any person.

(3) A memorandum of understanding shall include all of the following:

(a) The roles and responsibilities for handling emergency and nonemergency cases of abuse and neglect;

(b) Standards and procedures to be used in handling and coordinating investigations of reported cases of child abuse and reported cases of child neglect, methods to be used in interviewing the child who is the subject of the report and who allegedly was abused or neglected, and standards and procedures addressing the categories of persons who may interview the child who is the subject of the report and who allegedly was abused or neglected.

(4) If a public children services agency participated in the execution of a memorandum of understanding under section 2151.426 of the Revised Code establishing a children's advocacy center, the agency shall incorporate the contents of that memorandum in the memorandum prepared pursuant to this section.

(5) The clerk of the court of common pleas in the county may sign the memorandum of understanding prepared under division (K)(1) of this section. If the clerk signs the memorandum of understanding, the clerk shall execute all relevant responsibilities as required of officials specified in the memorandum.

(L)(1) Except as provided in division (L)(4) or (5) of this section, a person who is required to make a report pursuant to division (A) of this section may make a reasonable number of requests of the public children services agency that receives or is referred the report, or of the children's advocacy center that is referred the report if the report is referred to a children's advocacy center pursuant to an interagency agreement entered into under section 2151.428 of the Revised Code, to be provided with the following information:

(a) Whether the agency or center has initiated an investigation of the report;

(b) Whether the agency or center is continuing to investigate the report;

(c) Whether the agency or center is otherwise involved with the child who is the subject of the report;

(d) The general status of the health and safety of the child who is the subject of the report;

(e) Whether the report has resulted in the filing of a complaint in juvenile court or of criminal charges in another court.

(2) A person may request the information specified in division (L)(1) of this section only if, at the time the report is made, the person's name, address, and telephone number are provided to the person who receives the report.

When a peace officer or employee of a public children services agency receives a report pursuant to division (A) or (B) of this section the recipient of the report shall inform the person of the right to request the information described in division (L)(1) of this section. The recipient of the report shall include in the initial child abuse or child neglect report that the person making the report was so informed and, if provided at the time of the making of the report, shall include the person's name, address, and telephone number in the report.

Each request is subject to verification of the identity of the person making the report. If that person's identity is verified, the agency shall provide the person with the information described in division (L)(1) of this section a reasonable number of times, except that the agency shall not disclose any confidential information regarding the child who is the subject of the report other than the information described in those divisions.

(3) A request made pursuant to division (L)(1) of this section is not a substitute for any report required to be made pursuant to division (A) of this section.

(4) If an agency other than the agency that received or was referred the report is conducting the investigation of the report pursuant to section 2151.422 of the Revised Code, the agency conducting the investigation shall comply with the requirements of division (L) of this section.

(5) A health care professional who made a report under division (A) of this section, or on whose behalf such a report was made as provided in division (A)(1)(c) of this section, may authorize a person to obtain the information described in division (L)(1) of this section if the person requesting the information is associated with or acting on behalf of the health care professional who provided health care services to the child about

whom the report was made.

(M) The director of job and family services shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section. The department of job and family services may enter into a plan of cooperation with any other governmental entity to aid in ensuring that children are protected from abuse and neglect. The department shall make recommendations to the attorney general that the department determines are necessary to protect children from child abuse and child neglect.

(N) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is liable for compensatory and exemplary damages to the child who would have been the subject of the report that was not made. A person who brings a civil action or proceeding pursuant to this division against a person who is alleged to have violated division (A)(1) of this section may use in the action or proceeding reports of other incidents of known or suspected abuse or neglect, provided that any information in a report that would identify the child who is the subject of the report or the maker of the report, if the maker is not the defendant or an agent or employee of the defendant, has been redacted.

(O)(1) As used in this division:

(a) "Out-of-home care" includes a nonchartered nonpublic school if the alleged child abuse or child neglect, or alleged threat of child abuse or child neglect, described in a report received by a public children services agency allegedly occurred in or involved the nonchartered nonpublic school and the alleged perpetrator named in the report holds a certificate, permit, or license issued by the state board of education under section 3301.071 or Chapter 3319. of the Revised Code.

(b) "Administrator, director, or other chief administrative officer" means the superintendent of the school district if the out-of-home care entity subject to a report made pursuant to this section is a school operated by the district.

(2) No later than the end of the day following the day on which a public children services agency receives a report of alleged child abuse or child neglect, or a report of an alleged threat of child abuse or child neglect, that allegedly occurred in or involved an out-of-home care entity, the agency shall provide written notice of the allegations contained in and the person named as the alleged perpetrator in the report to the administrator, director, or other chief administrative officer of the out-of-home care entity that is the subject of the report unless the administrator, director, or other chief administrative officer is named as an alleged perpetrator in the report. If the administrator, director, or other chief administrative officer of an

out-of-home care entity is named as an alleged perpetrator in a report of alleged child abuse or child neglect, or a report of an alleged threat of child abuse or child neglect, that allegedly occurred in or involved the out-of-home care entity, the agency shall provide the written notice to the owner or governing board of the out-of-home care entity that is the subject of the report. The agency shall not provide witness statements or police or other investigative reports.

(3) No later than three days after the day on which a public children services agency that conducted the investigation as determined pursuant to section 2151.422 of the Revised Code makes a disposition of an investigation involving a report of alleged child abuse or child neglect, or a report of an alleged threat of child abuse or child neglect, that allegedly occurred in or involved an out-of-home care entity, the agency shall send written notice of the disposition of the investigation to the administrator, director, or other chief administrative officer and the owner or governing board of the out-of-home care entity. The agency shall not provide witness statements or police or other investigative reports.

(P) As used in this section:

(1) "Children's advocacy center" and "sexual abuse of a child" have the same meanings as in section 2151.425 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Health care professional" means an individual who provides health-related services including a physician, hospital intern or resident, dentist, podiatrist, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, visiting nurse, licensed psychologist, speech pathologist, audiologist, person engaged in social work or the practice of professional counseling, and employee of a home health agency. "Health care professional" does not include a practitioner of a limited branch of medicine as specified in section 4731.15 of the Revised Code, licensed school psychologist, independent marriage and family therapist or marriage and family therapist, or coroner.

(3) "Investigation" means the public children services agency's response to an accepted report of child abuse or neglect through either an alternative response or a traditional response.

(4) "Peace officer" means a sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, police officer of a township or joint police district, marshal, deputy marshal, municipal police officer, or a state highway patrol trooper.

Sec. 2151.424. (A) If a child has been placed in a certified foster home or is in the custody of, or has been placed with, ~~a relative of the child, other than a parent of the child~~ kinship caregiver as defined in section 5101.85 of the Revised Code, a court, prior to conducting any hearing pursuant to division (F)(2) or (3) of section 2151.412 or section 2151.28, 2151.33,

2151.35, 2151.414, 2151.415, 2151.416, or 2151.417 of the Revised Code with respect to the child, shall notify the foster caregiver or ~~relative kinship caregiver~~ relative kinship caregiver of the date, time, and place of the hearing. At the hearing, the foster caregiver or ~~relative kinship caregiver~~ relative kinship caregiver shall have the right to ~~present evidence~~ be heard.

(B) If a public children services agency or private child placing agency has permanent custody of a child and a petition to adopt the child has been filed under Chapter 3107. of the Revised Code, the agency, prior to conducting a review under section 2151.416 of the Revised Code, or a court, prior to conducting a hearing under division (F)(2) or (3) of section 2151.412 or section 2151.416 or 2151.417 of the Revised Code, shall notify the prospective adoptive parent of the date, time, and place of the review or hearing. At the review or hearing, the prospective adoptive parent shall have the right to ~~present evidence~~ be heard.

(C) The notice and the opportunity to ~~present evidence~~ be heard do not make the foster caregiver, ~~relative kinship caregiver~~, or prospective adoptive parent a party in the action or proceeding pursuant to which the review or hearing is conducted.

Sec. 2151.45. As used in sections 2151.45 to 2151.455 of the Revised Code, "emancipated young adult" and "representative" have the same meanings as in section 5101.141 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 2151.451. The juvenile court of the county in which an emancipated young adult described under division (A)(1) of section 5101.1411 of the Revised Code resides shall have jurisdiction over the emancipated young adult for purposes of sections 2151.45 to 2151.455 of the Revised Code. A juvenile court, on its own motion or the motion of any party, may transfer a proceeding under those sections to a juvenile court with jurisdiction as provided in this section.

Sec. 2151.452. A juvenile court shall do both of the following regarding an emancipated young adult described under division (A)(1) of section 5101.1411 of the Revised Code:

(A) Not later than one hundred eighty days after the voluntary participation agreement becomes effective, make a determination as to whether the emancipated young adult's best interest is served by continuing the care and placement with the department of job and family services or its representative. An emancipated young adult shall not be eligible for continued care and placement if the court finds it is not in the emancipated young adult's best interest.

(B) Not later than twelve months after the date that the voluntary participation agreement is signed, and annually thereafter, make a

determination as to whether reasonable efforts have been made to prepare the emancipated young adult for independence.

Sec. 2151.453. If any determination required under division (B) of section 2151.452 of the Revised Code is not timely made, the federal payments for foster care under division (A)(1) of section 5101.1411 of the Revised Code for the emancipated young adult shall be suspended. The payments shall resume upon a subsequent determination that reasonable efforts have been made to prepare the emancipated young adult for independence, but only if both of the following apply:

(A) The emancipated young adult complies with division (A)(1) of section 5101.1411 of the Revised Code.

(B) There has been a timely determination of best interest under division (A) of section 2151.452 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 2151.454. For purposes of a determination under section 2151.452 of the Revised Code, the department of job and family services or its representative may file any documents and appear before the court in relation to such filings. Nothing in this section shall prohibit an emancipated young adult from obtaining legal representation pursuant to section 2151.455 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 2151.455. (A) An emancipated young adult is entitled to representation by legal counsel at all stages of proceedings conducted under section 2151.45 to 2151.455 of the Revised Code.

(B) If, as an indigent person, the emancipated young adult is unable to employ counsel, the emancipated young adult is entitled to have counsel provided pursuant to Chapter 120. of the Revised Code.

(C) If an emancipated young adult appears without counsel, the court shall determine whether the emancipated young adult knows of the right to counsel, and to be provided with counsel, if indigent.

(D) The court may continue the case to enable an emancipated young adult to obtain counsel, to be represented by the county public defender or the joint county public defender, or to be appointed counsel upon request pursuant to Chapter 120. of the Revised Code.

(E) Upon written request, prior to any hearing involving the emancipated young adult, any report concerning an emancipated young adult that is used in, or is pertinent to, a hearing, shall for good cause shown be made available to any attorney representing the emancipated young adult and to any attorney representing any other party to the case.

Sec. 2151.86. (A)(1) The appointing or hiring officer of any entity that appoints or employs any person responsible for a child's care in out-of-home care shall request the superintendent of BCII to conduct a criminal records

check with respect to any person who is under final consideration for appointment or employment as a person responsible for a child's care in out-of-home care, ~~except that section 3319.39 of the Revised Code shall apply instead of this section if.~~ The request shall be made at the time of initial application for appointment or employment and every four years thereafter. If the out-of-home care entity is a public school, educational service center, or chartered nonpublic school, then section 3319.39 of the Revised Code shall apply instead. If the out-of-home care entity is a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, type B family day-care home, certified in-home aide, or child day camp, then section 5104.013 of the Revised Code shall apply instead.

(2) At the times specified in this division, the administrative director of an agency, or attorney, who arranges an adoption for a prospective adoptive parent shall request the superintendent of BCII to conduct a criminal records check with respect to that prospective adoptive parent and a criminal records check with respect to all persons eighteen years of age or older who reside with the prospective adoptive parent. The administrative director or attorney shall request a criminal records check pursuant to this division at the time of the initial home study, every four years after the initial home study at the time of an update, and at the time that an adoptive home study is completed as a new home study.

(3) Before a recommending agency submits a recommendation to the department of job and family services on whether the department should issue a certificate to a foster home under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code, and every four years thereafter prior to a recertification under that section, the administrative director of the agency shall request that the superintendent of BCII conduct a criminal records check with respect to the prospective foster caregiver and a criminal records check with respect to all other persons eighteen years of age or older who reside with the foster caregiver.

~~(B)(1) If a person subject to a criminal records check under division (A)(1) of this section does not present proof that the person has been a resident of this state for the five year period immediately prior to the date upon which the criminal records check is requested or does not provide evidence that within that five year period the superintendent of BCII has requested information about the person from the federal bureau of investigation in a criminal records check, the appointing or hiring officer shall request that the superintendent of BCII obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as a part of the criminal records check, including fingerprint based checks of national crime information databases~~

~~as described in 42 U.S.C. 671. If a person subject to a criminal records check under division (A)(1) of this section presents proof that the person has been a resident of this state for that five-year period, the appointing or hiring officer or attorney may request that the superintendent of BCII include information from the federal bureau of investigation in the criminal records check, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as described in 42 U.S.C. 671. When the appointing or hiring officer requests, at the time of initial application for appointment or employment, a criminal records check for a person subject to division (A)(1) of this section, the officer shall request that the superintendent of BCII obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as part of the criminal records check, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as described in 42 U.S.C. 671, for the person subject to the criminal records check. In all other cases in which the appointing or hiring officer requests a criminal records check for a person pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section, the officer may request that the superintendent of BCII obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as part of the criminal records check, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as described in 42 U.S.C. 671, for the person subject to the criminal records check.~~

When the administrative director of an agency, or attorney, who arranges an adoption for a prospective parent requests, at the time of the initial home study, a criminal records check for a person pursuant to division (A)(2) of this section, the administrative director or attorney shall request that the superintendent of BCII obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as part of the criminal records check, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as described in 42 U.S.C. 671, for the person subject to the criminal records check. In all other cases in which the administrative director of an agency, or attorney, who arranges an adoption for a prospective parent requests a criminal records check for a person pursuant to division (A)(2) of this section, the administrative director or attorney may request that the superintendent of BCII include information from the federal bureau of investigation in the criminal records check, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as described in 42 U.S.C. 671.

When the administrative director of a recommending agency requests, before submitting a recommendation to the department of job and family services on whether the department should issue a certificate to a foster

home under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code, a criminal records check for a person pursuant to division (A)(3) of this section, the administrative director shall request that the superintendent of BCII obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as part of a criminal records check, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as described in 42 U.S.C. 671, for the person subject to the criminal records check. In all other cases in which the administrative director of a recommending agency requests a criminal records check for a person pursuant to division (A)(3) of this section, the administrative director may request that the superintendent of BCII include information from the federal bureau of investigation in the criminal records check, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as described in 42 U.S.C. 671.

Prior to a hearing on a final decree of adoption or interlocutory order of adoption by a probate court, the administrative director of an agency, or an attorney, who arranges an adoption for a prospective parent shall provide to the clerk of the probate court either of the following:

(a) Any information received pursuant to a request made under this division from the superintendent of BCII or the federal bureau of investigation as part of the criminal records check, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as described in 42 U.S.C. 671, for the person subject to the criminal records check;

(b) Written notification that the person subject to a criminal records check pursuant to this division failed upon request to provide the information necessary to complete the form or failed to provide impressions of the person's fingerprints as required under division (B)(2) of this section.

(2) An appointing or hiring officer, administrative director, or attorney required by division (A) of this section to request a criminal records check shall provide to each person subject to a criminal records check a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and a standard impression sheet to obtain fingerprint impressions prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, obtain the completed form and impression sheet from the person, and forward the completed form and impression sheet to the superintendent of BCII at the time the criminal records check is requested.

Any person subject to a criminal records check who receives pursuant to this division a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and a copy of an impression sheet prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section and who is requested to

complete the form and provide a set of fingerprint impressions shall complete the form or provide all the information necessary to complete the form and shall provide the impression sheet with the impressions of the person's fingerprints. If a person subject to a criminal records check, upon request, fails to provide the information necessary to complete the form or fails to provide impressions of the person's fingerprints, the appointing or hiring officer shall not appoint or employ the person as a person responsible for a child's care in out-of-home care, a probate court may not issue a final decree of adoption or an interlocutory order of adoption making the person an adoptive parent, and the department of job and family services shall not issue a certificate authorizing the prospective foster caregiver to operate a foster home.

(C)(1) No appointing or hiring officer shall appoint or employ a person as a person responsible for a child's care in out-of-home care, the department of job and family services shall not issue a certificate under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code authorizing a prospective foster caregiver to operate a foster home, and no probate court shall issue a final decree of adoption or an interlocutory order of adoption making a person an adoptive parent if the person or, in the case of a prospective foster caregiver or prospective adoptive parent, any person eighteen years of age or older who resides with the prospective foster caregiver or prospective adoptive parent previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the violations described in division (A)(4) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, unless the person meets rehabilitation standards established in rules adopted under division (F) of this section.

~~(2) The appointing or hiring officer may appoint or employ a person as a person responsible for a child's care in out-of-home care conditionally until the criminal records check required by this section is completed and the officer receives the results of the criminal records check. If the results of the criminal records check indicate that, pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, the person subject to the criminal records check does not qualify for appointment or employment, the officer shall release the person from appointment or employment.~~

~~(3) Prior to certification or recertification under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code, the prospective foster caregiver subject to a criminal records check under division (A)(3) of this section shall notify the recommending agency of the revocation of any foster home license, certificate, or other similar authorization in another state occurring within the five years prior to the date of application to become a foster caregiver in this state. The failure of a prospective foster caregiver to notify the recommending agency of any~~

revocation of that type in another state that occurred within that five-year period shall be grounds for denial of the person's foster home application or the revocation of the person's foster home certification, whichever is applicable. If a person has had a revocation in another state within the five years prior to the date of the application, the department of job and family services shall not issue a foster home certificate to the prospective foster caregiver.

(D) The appointing or hiring officer, administrative director, or attorney shall pay to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation the fee prescribed pursuant to division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code for each criminal records check conducted in accordance with that section upon a request pursuant to division (A) of this section. The officer, director, or attorney may charge the person subject to the criminal records check a fee for the costs the officer, director, or attorney incurs in obtaining the criminal records check. A fee charged under this division shall not exceed the amount of fees the officer, director, or attorney pays for the criminal records check. If a fee is charged under this division, the officer, director, or attorney shall notify the person who is the applicant at the time of the person's initial application for appointment or employment, an adoption to be arranged, or a certificate to operate a foster home of the amount of the fee and that, unless the fee is paid, the person who is the applicant will not be considered for appointment or employment or as an adoptive parent or foster caregiver.

(E) The report of any criminal records check conducted by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code and pursuant to a request made under division (A) of this section is not a public record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall not be made available to any person other than the following:

(1) The person who is the subject of the criminal records check or the person's representative;

(2) The appointing or hiring officer, administrative director, or attorney requesting the criminal records check or the officer's, director's, or attorney's representative;

(3) The department of job and family services, a county department of job and family services, or a public children services agency;

(4) Any court, hearing officer, or other necessary individual involved in a case dealing with the denial of employment, a final decree of adoption or interlocutory order of adoption, or a foster home certificate.

(F) The director of job and family services shall adopt rules in

accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section. The rules shall include rehabilitation standards a person who has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense listed in division (A)(4) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code must meet for an appointing or hiring officer to appoint or employ the person as a person responsible for a child's care in out-of-home care, a probate court to issue a final decree of adoption or interlocutory order of adoption making the person an adoptive parent, or the department to issue a certificate authorizing the prospective foster caregiver to operate a foster home or not revoke a foster home certificate for a violation specified in section 5103.0328 of the Revised Code.

(G) An appointing or hiring officer, administrative director, or attorney required by division (A) of this section to request a criminal records check shall inform each person who is the applicant, at the time of the person's initial application for appointment or employment, an adoption to be arranged, or a foster home certificate, that the person subject to the criminal records check is required to provide a set of impressions of the person's fingerprints and that a criminal records check is required to be conducted and satisfactorily completed in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

(H) As used in this section:

(1) "Children's hospital" means any of the following:

(a) A hospital registered under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code that provides general pediatric medical and surgical care, and in which at least seventy-five per cent of annual inpatient discharges for the preceding two calendar years were individuals less than eighteen years of age;

(b) A distinct portion of a hospital registered under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code that provides general pediatric medical and surgical care, has a total of at least one hundred fifty registered pediatric special care and pediatric acute care beds, and in which at least seventy-five per cent of annual inpatient discharges for the preceding two calendar years were individuals less than eighteen years of age;

(c) A distinct portion of a hospital, if the hospital is registered under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code as a children's hospital and the children's hospital meets all the requirements of division (H)(1)(a) of this section.

(2) "Criminal records check" has the same meaning as in section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Person responsible for a child's care in out-of-home care" has the same meaning as in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, except that it does not include a prospective employee of the department of youth services

or a person responsible for a child's care in a hospital or medical clinic other than a children's hospital.

(4) "Person subject to a criminal records check" means the following:

(a) A person who is under final consideration for appointment or employment as a person responsible for a child's care in out-of-home care;

(b) A prospective or current adoptive parent;

(c) A prospective or current foster caregiver;

(d) A person eighteen years old or older who resides with a prospective or current foster caregiver or a prospective or current adoptive parent.

(5) "Recommending agency" means a public children services agency, private child placing agency, or private noncustodial agency to which the department of job and family services has delegated a duty to inspect and approve foster homes.

(6) "Superintendent of BCII" means the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation.

Sec. 2151.87. (A) As used in this section:

~~(1) "Alternative nicotine product," "cigarette," and "tobacco~~ "Tobacco product" have has the same meanings meaning as in section 2927.02 of the Revised Code.

~~(2) "Youth smoking education program" means a private or public agency program that is related to tobacco use, prevention, and cessation, that is carried out or funded by the department of health pursuant to section 3701.84 of the Revised Code, that utilizes educational methods focusing on the negative health effects of smoking and using tobacco products, and that is not more than twelve hours in duration.~~

(B) No child shall do any of the following unless accompanied by a parent, spouse ~~who is eighteen years of age or older~~, or legal guardian of the child, each of whom shall be twenty-one years of age or older:

(1) Use, consume, or possess ~~cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes;~~

(2) Purchase or attempt to purchase ~~cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes;~~

(3) Order, pay for, or share the cost of ~~cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes;~~

(4) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, accept or receive ~~cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes.~~

(C) No child shall knowingly furnish false information concerning that child's name, age, or other identification for the purpose of obtaining ~~cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers~~

~~used to roll cigarettes.~~

(D) A juvenile court shall not adjudicate a child a delinquent or unruly child for a violation of ~~division (B)(1), (2), (3), or (4) or (C)~~ of this section.

(E)(1) It is not a violation of division (B)(4) of this section for a child to accept or receive ~~cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes~~ if the child is required to do so in the performance of the child's duties as an employee of that child's employer and the child's acceptance or receipt of ~~cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes~~ occurs exclusively within the scope of the child's employment.

(2) It is not a violation of division (B)(1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section if the child possesses, purchases or attempts to purchase, orders, pays for, shares the cost of, or accepts or receives ~~cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes~~ while participating in an inspection or compliance check conducted by a federal, state, local, or corporate entity at a location at which ~~cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes~~ are sold or distributed.

~~(3) It is not a violation of division (B)(1) or (4) of this section for a child to accept, receive, use, consume, or possess cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes while participating in a research protocol if all of the following apply:~~

~~(a) The parent, guardian, or legal custodian of the child has consented in writing to the child participating in the research protocol.~~

~~(b) An institutional human subjects protection review board, or an equivalent entity, has approved the research protocol.~~

~~(c) The child is participating in the research protocol at the facility or location specified in the research protocol.~~

(F) If a juvenile court finds that a child violated ~~division (B)(1), (2), (3), or (4) or (C)~~ of this section, the court may ~~do either or both of the following:~~

~~(1) Require the child to attend a youth smoking education program or other smoking treatment program approved by the court, if one is available;~~

~~(2) Impose a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.~~

(G) If a child disobeys a juvenile court order issued pursuant to ~~division (F)~~ of this section, the court may do any or all of the following:

~~(1) Increase the fine imposed upon the child under division (F)(2) of this section;~~

~~(2) Require~~ require the child to perform not more than twenty hours of community service;

~~(3) Suspend for a period of thirty days the temporary instruction permit,~~

~~probationary driver's license, or driver's license issued to the child.~~

~~(H) A child alleged or found to have violated division (B) or (C) of this section shall not be detained under any provision of this chapter or any other provision of the Revised Code.~~

~~(G) Division (B) of this section does not apply to a child if the parent, spouse, or legal guardian of the child is eighteen years of age on or before October 1, 2019. The version of division (B) of this section that was in effect prior to the effective date of this amendment applies to such a child.~~

~~Sec. 2151.90. (A) As used in sections 2151.90 to 2151.9011 of the Revised Code:~~

~~(1) "Host family" means any individual who provides care in the individual's private residence for a child or single-family group, at the request of the child's custodial parent, guardian, or legal custodian, under a host family agreement. The individual also may provide care for the individual's own child or children. The term "host family" excludes a foster home.~~

~~(2) "Qualified organization" means a private association, organization, corporation, nonprofit, or other entity that is not a Title IV-E reimbursable setting and that has established a program that does all of the following:~~

~~(a) Provides resources and services to assist, support, and educate parents, host families, children, or any person hosting a child under a host family agreement on a temporary basis;~~

~~(b) Requires a criminal records check on the intended host family and all adults residing in the host family's household;~~

~~(c) Requires a background check in the central registry of abuse and neglect of this state from the department of job and family services for the intended host family and all adults residing in the host family's household;~~

~~(d) Ensures that the host family is trained on the rights, duties, responsibilities, and limitations as outlined in the host family agreement;~~

~~(e) Conduct in-home supervision of a child who is the subject of the host family agreement while the agreement is in force as follows:~~

~~(i) For hostings of fewer than thirty days, within two business days of placement and then at least once a week thereafter;~~

~~(ii) For hostings of thirty days but less than ninety days, within two business days of placement and then twice a month;~~

~~(iii) For hostings of ninety days or more, within two business days of placement and then an option for less frequent supervision, as determined in accordance with the best interests of the child.~~

~~(f) Plans for the return of the child who is the subject of the host family agreement to the child's parents, guardian, or legal custodian.~~

"Qualified organization" excludes any entity that accepts public money intended for foster care or kinship care funding or the placement of children by a public children services agency, private noncustodial agency, or private child placing agency.

(3) "Temporary basis" means a period of time not to exceed one year, except as provided in section 2151.901 of the Revised Code.

(B) A child may be hosted by a host family only when all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(1) The hosting is done on a temporary basis.

(2) The hosting is done under a host family agreement entered into with a qualified organization's assistance.

(3) Either one or both of the child's parents, or the child's guardian or legal custodian, are incarcerated, incapacitated, receiving medical, psychiatric, or psychological treatment, on active military service, or subject to other circumstances under which the hosting is appropriate.

(4) The host family provides care only to that child or only to a single-family group, in addition to the host family's own child or children if applicable.

Sec. 2151.901. Upon the request of the child's parent, guardian, legal custodian, host family, or the qualified organization that arranged the host family agreement, a juvenile court may alter the period during which a host family agreement is in effect if the court determines there are extenuating circumstances.

Sec. 2151.902. A public children services agency shall not file a complaint under section 2151.27 of the Revised Code because a child is hosted by a host family in compliance with section 2151.90 of the Revised Code, unless the agency determines that factors other than the hosting warrant filing the complaint.

Sec. 2151.903. The presumption that a child hosted under a host family agreement is abandoned under section 2151.011 of the Revised Code may be rebutted if the hosting complied with section 2151.90 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 2151.904. (A) Before a qualified organization provides for hosting of a child with a host family and every four years thereafter, a prospective host family and all other persons eighteen years of age or older who reside in the host family's home shall request, and shall provide to the qualified organization the results of, the following for the host family and all other persons eighteen years of age or older who reside in the home:

(1) A criminal records check, as defined under division (G) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, and information from the federal bureau of

investigation, as part of the criminal records check, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as described in 42 U.S.C. 671;

(2) A background check in the central registry of abuse and neglect of this state from the department of job and family services.

(B) A person subject to division (A) of this section may request the criminal records check and information required under division (A)(1) of this section from either of the following:

(1) The superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation;

(2) Any entity authorized, on behalf of the person, to request the superintendent to conduct the criminal records check and provide the information.

(C) If a person subject to division (A) of this section fails to provide the results of the criminal records and background checks and the information required under that division to the qualified organization, the organization shall not authorize hosting with the host family.

Sec. 2151.906. A qualified organization shall not authorize hosting with a host family if any person eighteen years of age or older who resides with the prospective host family previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the violations described in division (A)(4) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, unless all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(A) If the offense was a misdemeanor, or would be a misdemeanor if the conviction occurred at the time that hosting is being considered, at least three years have elapsed from the date the person was fully discharged from any imprisonment or probation arising from the conviction.

(B) If the offense was a felony, at least ten years have elapsed since the person was fully discharged from imprisonment or probation arising from the conviction.

(C) The victim of the offense was not one of the following:

(1) A person under the age of eighteen;

(2) A functionally impaired person as defined in section 2903.10 of the Revised Code;

(3) A person with a developmental disability as defined in section 5123.01 of the Revised Code;

(4) A person with a mental illness as defined in section 5122.01 of the Revised Code;

(5) A person sixty years of age or older.

(D) Hosting in the host family's home will not jeopardize in any way the

health, safety, or welfare of the child to be hosted. The following factors shall be considered in determining whether this condition is satisfied:

- (1) The person's age at the time of the offense;
- (2) The nature and seriousness of the offense;
- (3) The circumstances under which the offense was committed;
- (4) The degree of participation of the person involved in the offense;
- (5) The time elapsed since the person was fully discharged from imprisonment or probation;
- (6) The likelihood that the circumstances leading to the offense will recur;
- (7) Whether the person is a repeat offender;
- (8) The person's employment record;
- (9) The person's efforts at rehabilitation and the results of those efforts;
- (10) Whether any criminal proceedings are pending against the person;
- (11) Any other factors the qualified organization considers relevant.

Sec. 2151.907. The report of any criminal records check conducted pursuant to a request made under section 2151.904 of the Revised Code is not a public record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall not be made available to any person other than the following:

- (A) The person who is the subject of the criminal records check or the person's representative;
- (B) The administrative director of the qualified organization or the director's representative;
- (C) Any court, hearing officer, or other necessary individual involved in a case regarding a qualified organization's decision not to authorize hosting with the host family to which either of the following apply:
 - (1) The host family was subject to the criminal records check.
 - (2) The host family resided with the person subject to the criminal records check.

Sec. 2151.908. A qualified organization shall develop and implement written policies and procedures for employees, including policies and procedures on all of the following topics:

- (A) Familiarization of the employee with emergency and safety procedures;
- (B) The principles and practices of child care;
- (C) Administrative structure, procedures, and overall program goals of the qualified organization;
- (D) Appropriate techniques of behavior management;
- (E) Techniques and methodologies for crisis management;
- (F) Familiarization of the employee with the disciplinary procedures

outlined in rule 5101:2-9-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code, the discipline and behavior intervention policies required by rule 5101:2-5-13 of the Ohio Administrative Code, and any other similar requirements;

(G) Procedures for reporting suspected child abuse or neglect under section 2151.421 of the Revised Code;

(H) An emergency medical plan;

(I) Universal precautions;

(J) Knowledge and skills to understand and address the issues confronting adolescents.

Sec. 2151.909. A qualified organization shall develop and implement written policies and procedures for host family training. Training shall include all of the following topics:

(A) The legal rights and responsibilities of host families;

(B) The qualified organization's policies and procedures regarding host families;

(C) The effects that separation and attachment issues have on children and their families;

(D) The effects of physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, and substance abuse on normal human growth and development, as well as information on reporting child abuse and neglect;

(E) Behavior management techniques;

(F) Cultural competence;

(G) Prevention, recognition, and management of communicable diseases;

(H) Community health and social services available to children and their families;

(I) Training on appropriate and positive behavioral intervention techniques;

(J) Education advocacy training;

(K) The host family's responsibility to report abuse or neglect of a child under section 2151.9011 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 2151.9010. A host family shall not be subject to certification or supervision by the director of job and family services under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 2151.9011. A host family shall immediately report knowledge or reasonable cause to suspect based on facts that would cause a reasonable person in a similar position to suspect, that the child who is subject to the host family agreement, has suffered or faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental wound, injury, disability, or condition of a nature that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of the child to an employee of a

qualified organization.

Sec. 2301.32. (A) In any county in which a county department of probation has been established under division (A) of section 2301.27 of the Revised Code and complies with standards and conditions prescribed by the adult parole authority created by section 5149.02 of the Revised Code, an agreement may be entered into between the court of common pleas and the authority under which the county department of probation may receive supplemental investigation or supervisory services from the authority.

(B) In any county in which a county department of probation has not been established under division (A) of section 2301.27 of the Revised Code, an agreement may be entered into between the court of common pleas of that county and the adult parole authority under which the court of common pleas may place defendants under a community control sanction in charge of the authority, and, in consideration of those placements, the county shall pay to the state from time to time the amounts that are provided for in the agreement.

(C) In lieu of an agreement made under division (A) or (B) of this section, the adult parole authority may offer a county funding for probation services, provided that the general assembly has appropriated sufficient funds for that purpose. If the county accepts funds under this section, the adult parole authority is relieved of its duties to supervise offenders placed on community control by courts of that county under division (A)(2) of section 2929.15 of the Revised Code.

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

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

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

(B)(1) The court of common pleas of any county may determine that, for the efficient operation of the court, additional funds are required to make technological advances in or to computerize the office of the clerk of the court of common pleas and, upon that determination, authorize and direct the clerk of the court of common pleas to charge an additional fee, not to exceed twenty dollars, on the filing of each cause of action or appeal, on the filing, docketing, and endorsing of each certificate of judgment, or on the docketing and indexing of each aid in execution or petition to vacate, revive, or modify a judgment under divisions (A), (P), (Q), (T), and (U) of section 2303.20 of the Revised Code and not to exceed one dollar each for the services described in divisions (B), (C), (D), (F), (H), and (L) of section 2303.20 of the Revised Code. Subject to division (B)(2) of this section, all moneys collected under division (B)(1) of this section shall be paid to the county treasurer to be disbursed, upon an order of the court of common pleas and subject to appropriation by the board of county commissioners, in an amount no greater than the actual cost to the court of procuring and maintaining technology and computer systems for the office of the clerk of the court of common pleas.

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

(C) The court of common pleas shall collect the sum of twenty-six dollars as additional filing fees in each new civil action or proceeding for the charitable public purpose of providing financial assistance to legal aid

societies that operate within the state and to support the office of the state public defender. This division does not apply to a juvenile division of a court of common pleas, except that an additional filing fee of fifteen dollars shall apply to custody, visitation, and parentage actions; to a probate division of a court of common pleas, except that the additional filing fees shall apply to name change, guardianship, adoption, and decedents' estate proceedings; or to an execution on a judgment, proceeding in aid of execution, or other post-judgment proceeding arising out of a civil action. The filing fees required to be collected under this division shall be in addition to any other filing fees imposed in the action or proceeding and shall be collected at the time of the filing of the action or proceeding. The court shall not waive the payment of the additional filing fees in a new civil action or proceeding unless the court waives the advanced payment of all filing fees in the action or proceeding. All such moneys collected during a month except for an amount equal to up to one per cent of those moneys retained to cover administrative costs shall be transmitted on or before the twentieth day of the following month by the clerk of the court to the treasurer of state in a manner prescribed by the treasurer of state or by the Ohio ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation. The treasurer of state shall deposit four per cent of the funds collected under this division to the credit of the civil case filing fee fund established under section 120.07 of the Revised Code and ninety-six per cent of the funds collected under this division to the credit of the legal aid fund established under section 120.52 of the Revised Code.

The court may retain up to one per cent of the moneys it collects under this division to cover administrative costs, including the hiring of any additional personnel necessary to implement this division. If the court fails to transmit to the treasurer of state the moneys the court collects under this division in a manner prescribed by the treasurer of state or by the Ohio ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation, the court shall forfeit the moneys the court retains under this division to cover administrative costs, including the hiring of any additional personnel necessary to implement this division, and shall transmit to the treasurer of state all moneys collected under this division, including the forfeited amount retained for administrative costs, for deposit in the legal aid fund.

(D) On and after the thirtieth day after December 9, 1994, the court of common pleas shall collect the sum of thirty-two dollars as additional filing fees in each new action or proceeding for annulment, divorce, or dissolution of marriage for the purpose of funding shelters for victims of domestic violence pursuant to sections 3113.35 to 3113.39 of the Revised Code. The

filing fees required to be collected under this division shall be in addition to any other filing fees imposed in the action or proceeding and shall be collected at the time of the filing of the action or proceeding. The court shall not waive the payment of the additional filing fees in a new action or proceeding for annulment, divorce, or dissolution of marriage unless the court waives the advanced payment of all filing fees in the action or proceeding. On or before the twentieth day of each month, all moneys collected during the immediately preceding month pursuant to this division shall be deposited by the clerk of the court into the county treasury in the special fund used for deposit of additional marriage license fees as described in section 3113.34 of the Revised Code. Upon their deposit into the fund, the moneys shall be retained in the fund and expended only as described in section 3113.34 of the Revised Code.

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

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

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

division for a similar purpose.

(2) As used in division (E) of this section:

(a) "Criminal cause" means a charge alleging the violation of a statute or ordinance, or subsection of a statute or ordinance, that requires a separate finding of fact or a separate plea before disposition and of which the defendant may be found guilty, whether filed as part of a multiple charge on a single summons, citation, or complaint or as a separate charge on a single summons, citation, or complaint. "Criminal cause" does not include separate violations of the same statute or ordinance, or subsection of the same statute or ordinance, unless each charge is filed on a separate summons, citation, or complaint.

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

Sec. 2305.011. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Nature" means the phenomena of the physical world collectively, including plants, animals, the landscape, other features and products of the earth, the natural environment or wilderness, and generally areas that are not human or human creations, have not been substantially altered by humans, or that persist despite human intervention.

(2) "Ecosystem" means a complex community of living organisms in conjunction with their physical environments, all interacting and linked together as a system through nutrient cycles and energy flows in a particular unit of space.

(B) Nature or any ecosystem does not have standing to participate in or bring an action in any court of common pleas.

(C)(1) No person, on behalf of or representing nature or an ecosystem, shall bring an action in any court of common pleas.

(2) No person shall bring an action in any court of common pleas against a person who is acting on behalf of or representing nature or an ecosystem.

(3) No person, on behalf of or representing nature or an ecosystem, shall intervene in any manner, such as by filing a counterclaim, cross-claim, or third-party complaint, in any action brought in any court of common pleas.

(D) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the state or any of its agencies from enforcing the laws pertaining to environmental pollution, conservation, wild animals, or other natural communities or ecosystems.

Sec. 2305.231. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Dentist" means a person who is licensed under Chapter 4715. of the Revised Code to practice dentistry.

(2) "Physician" means a person ~~who holds a certificate issued by the state medical board~~ authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery.

(3) "Registered nurse" means a nurse who is licensed as a registered nurse under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code.

(4) "Therapeutic recreation" means adoptive recreation services to persons with illnesses or disabling conditions in order to do any of the following:

- (a) Restore, remediate, or rehabilitate;
- (b) Improve functioning and independence;
- (c) Reduce or eliminate the effects of illness or disability.

(B) No physician who volunteers the physician's services as a team physician or team podiatrist to a school's athletics program, no dentist who volunteers the dentist's services as a team dentist to a school's athletics program, and no registered nurse who volunteers the registered nurse's services as a team nurse to a school's athletics program is liable in damages in a civil action for administering emergency medical care, emergency dental care, other emergency professional care, or first aid treatment to a participant in an athletic event involving the school, at the scene of the event or while the participant is being transported to a hospital, physician's or dentist's office, or other medical or dental facility, or for acts performed in administering the care or treatment, unless the acts of the physician, dentist, or registered nurse constitute willful or wanton misconduct.

(C)(1) No physician who volunteers the physician's services as a camp physician at a camp that specializes in therapeutic recreation, and no registered nurse who volunteers the registered nurse's services at such a camp, is liable in damages in a civil action for either of the following:

(a) Administering medical care, or emergency professional care, or first aid treatment to a participant in the camp or while the participant is being transported to a hospital, physician's or dentist's office, or other medical or dental facility;

(b) Acts performed in administering that care or treatment.

(2) Division (C)(1) of this section does not apply if the acts of the physician or registered nurse constitute willful or wanton misconduct.

(D) This section does not apply if the administration of emergency medical care, emergency dental care, other emergency professional care, or first aid treatment is rendered for remuneration, or with the expectation of remuneration, from the recipient of the care or treatment or from someone on the recipient's behalf.

Sec. 2305.41. As used in sections 2305.41 to 2305.49 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Disabled condition" means the condition of being unconscious, semiconscious, incoherent, or otherwise incapacitated to communicate.

(B) "Disabled person" means a person in a disabled condition.

(C) "Emergency symbol" means the caduceus inscribed within a six-barred cross used by the American medical association to denote emergency information.

(D) "Identifying device" means an identifying bracelet, necklace, metal tag, or similar device bearing the emergency symbol and the information needed in an emergency.

(E) "Identification card" means any card containing the holder's name, type of medical condition, physician's name, and other medical information. "Identification card" does not include any license or permit issued pursuant to Chapter 4507. of the Revised Code.

(F) "Medical practitioner" means an individual ~~who holds a current valid certificate issued~~ authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code ~~authorizing the~~ to practice of medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.

(G) "Paramedic" has the meaning given in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 2317.54. No hospital, home health agency, ambulatory surgical facility, or provider of a hospice care program or pediatric respite care program shall be held liable for a physician's failure to obtain an informed consent from the physician's patient prior to a surgical or medical procedure or course of procedures, unless the physician is an employee of the hospital, home health agency, ambulatory surgical facility, or provider of a hospice care program or pediatric respite care program.

Written consent to a surgical or medical procedure or course of procedures shall, to the extent that it fulfills all the requirements in divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section, be presumed to be valid and effective, in the absence of proof by a preponderance of the evidence that the person who sought such consent was not acting in good faith, or that the execution of the consent was induced by fraudulent misrepresentation of material facts, or that the person executing the consent was not able to communicate effectively in spoken and written English or any other language in which the consent is written. Except as herein provided, no evidence shall be admissible to impeach, modify, or limit the authorization for performance of the procedure or procedures set forth in such written consent.

(A) The consent sets forth in general terms the nature and purpose of the

procedure or procedures, and what the procedures are expected to accomplish, together with the reasonably known risks, and, except in emergency situations, sets forth the names of the physicians who shall perform the intended surgical procedures.

(B) The person making the consent acknowledges that such disclosure of information has been made and that all questions asked about the procedure or procedures have been answered in a satisfactory manner.

(C) The consent is signed by the patient for whom the procedure is to be performed, or, if the patient for any reason including, but not limited to, competence, minority, or the fact that, at the latest time that the consent is needed, the patient is under the influence of alcohol, hallucinogens, or drugs, lacks legal capacity to consent, by a person who has legal authority to consent on behalf of such patient in such circumstances, including either of the following:

(1) The parent, whether the parent is an adult or a minor, of the parent's minor child;

(2) An adult whom the parent of the minor child has given written authorization to consent to a surgical or medical procedure or course of procedures for the parent's minor child.

Any use of a consent form that fulfills the requirements stated in divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section has no effect on the common law rights and liabilities, including the right of a physician to obtain the oral or implied consent of a patient to a medical procedure, that may exist as between physicians and patients on July 28, 1975.

As used in this section the term "hospital" has the same meaning as in section 2305.113 of the Revised Code; "home health agency" has the same meaning as in section 5101.61 of the Revised Code; "ambulatory surgical facility" has the same meaning as in ~~division (A) of~~ section 3702.30 of the Revised Code; and "hospice care program" and "pediatric respite care program" have the same meanings as in section 3712.01 of the Revised Code. The provisions of this division apply to hospitals, doctors of medicine, doctors of osteopathic medicine, and doctors of podiatric medicine.

Sec. 2925.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Administer," "controlled substance," "controlled substance analog," "dispense," "distribute," "hypodermic," "manufacturer," "official written order," "person," "pharmacist," "pharmacy," "sale," "schedule I," "schedule II," "schedule III," "schedule IV," "schedule V," and "wholesaler" have the same meanings as in section 3719.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Drug dependent person" and "drug of abuse" have the same

meanings as in section 3719.011 of the Revised Code.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(g) An amount equal to or exceeding three grams of a compound,

mixture, preparation, or substance that is or contains any amount of a schedule II stimulant, or any of its salts or isomers, that is not in a final dosage form manufactured by a person authorized by the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the federal drug abuse control laws.

(2) An amount equal to or exceeding one hundred twenty grams or thirty times the maximum daily dose in the usual dose range specified in a standard pharmaceutical reference manual of a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance that is or contains any amount of a schedule III or IV substance other than an anabolic steroid or a schedule III opiate or opium derivative;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) A violation of division (A) of section 2913.02 that constitutes theft of drugs, or a violation of section 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.041, 2925.05, 2925.06, 2925.11, 2925.12, 2925.13, 2925.22, 2925.23, 2925.24,

2925.31, 2925.32, 2925.36, or 2925.37 of the Revised Code;

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

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

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

(H) "Felony drug abuse offense" means any drug abuse offense that would constitute a felony under the laws of this state, any other state, or the United States.

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

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

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

(b) Any aerosol propellant;

(c) Any fluorocarbon refrigerant;

(d) Any anesthetic gas.

(2) Gamma Butyrolactone;

(3) 1,4 Butanediol.

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

(K) "Possess" or "possession" means having control over a thing or substance, but may not be inferred solely from mere access to the thing or substance through ownership or occupation of the premises upon which the thing or substance is found.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(4) Any substance other than a controlled substance that a reasonable person would believe to be a controlled substance because of its similarity in shape, size, and color, or its markings, labeling, packaging, distribution, or the price for which it is sold or offered for sale.

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

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

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

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

(2) Any other parcel of real property that is owned or leased by a board of education of a school, the governing authority of a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, or the governing body of a nonpublic school for which the state board of education prescribes minimum standards under section 3301.07 of the Revised Code and on which some of the instruction, extracurricular activities, or training of the school is conducted, whether or not any instruction, extracurricular activities, or training provided by the school is being conducted on the parcel of real property at the time a criminal offense is committed.

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

(T) "Disciplinary counsel" means the disciplinary counsel appointed by the board of commissioners on grievances and discipline of the supreme court under the Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio.

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

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

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

(1) A person who has received a certificate or temporary certificate as a certified public accountant or who has registered as a public accountant under Chapter 4701. of the Revised Code and who holds an Ohio permit issued under that chapter;

(2) A person who holds a certificate of qualification to practice architecture issued or renewed and registered under Chapter 4703. of the Revised Code;

(3) A person who is registered as a landscape architect under Chapter 4703. of the Revised Code or who holds a permit as a landscape architect issued under that chapter;

(4) A person licensed under Chapter 4707. of the Revised Code;

(5) A person who has been issued a certificate of registration as a

registered barber under Chapter 4709. of the Revised Code;

(6) A person licensed and regulated to engage in the business of a debt pooling company by a legislative authority, under authority of Chapter 4710. of the Revised Code;

(7) A person who has been issued a cosmetologist's license, hair designer's license, manicurist's license, esthetician's license, natural hair stylist's license, advanced cosmetologist's license, advanced hair designer's license, advanced manicurist's license, advanced esthetician's license, advanced natural hair stylist's license, cosmetology instructor's license, hair design instructor's license, manicurist instructor's license, esthetics instructor's license, natural hair style instructor's license, independent contractor's license, or tanning facility permit under Chapter 4713. of the Revised Code;

(8) A person who has been issued a license to practice dentistry, a general anesthesia permit, a conscious sedation permit, a limited resident's license, a limited teaching license, a dental hygienist's license, or a dental hygienist's teacher's certificate under Chapter 4715. of the Revised Code;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(16) A person who is authorized to practice as a physician assistant under Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code;

(17) A person who has been issued a license to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code or has been issued a certificate to practice a limited branch of medicine under that chapter;

(18) A person licensed as a psychologist or school psychologist under Chapter 4732. of the Revised Code;

(19) A person registered to practice the profession of engineering or surveying under Chapter 4733. of the Revised Code;

(20) A person who has been issued a license to practice chiropractic under Chapter 4734. of the Revised Code;

(21) A person licensed to act as a real estate broker or real estate salesperson under Chapter 4735. of the Revised Code;

(22) A person registered as a registered sanitarian under Chapter 4736. of the Revised Code;

(23) A person licensed to operate or maintain a junkyard under Chapter 4737. of the Revised Code;

(24) A person who has been issued a motor vehicle salvage dealer's license under Chapter 4738. of the Revised Code;

(25) A person who has been licensed to act as a steam engineer under Chapter 4739. of the Revised Code;

(26) A person who has been issued a license or temporary permit to practice veterinary medicine or any of its branches, or who is registered as a graduate animal technician under Chapter 4741. of the Revised Code;

(27) A person who has been issued a hearing aid dealer's or fitter's license or trainee permit under Chapter 4747. of the Revised Code;

(28) A person who has been issued a class A, class B, or class C license or who has been registered as an investigator or security guard employee under Chapter 4749. of the Revised Code;

(29) A person licensed ~~and registered~~ to practice as a nursing home administrator under Chapter 4751. of the Revised Code;

(30) A person licensed to practice as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist under Chapter 4753. of the Revised Code;

(31) A person issued a license as an occupational therapist or physical therapist under Chapter 4755. of the Revised Code;

(32) A person who is licensed as a licensed professional clinical counselor, licensed professional counselor, social worker, independent social worker, independent marriage and family therapist, or marriage and family therapist, or registered as a social work assistant under Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code;

(33) A person issued a license to practice dietetics under Chapter 4759.

of the Revised Code;

(34) A person who has been issued a license or limited permit to practice respiratory therapy under Chapter 4761. of the Revised Code;

(35) A person who has been issued a real estate appraiser certificate under Chapter 4763. of the Revised Code;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Z) "Hashish" means the resin or a preparation of the resin contained in marihuana, whether in solid form or in a liquid concentrate, liquid extract, or liquid distillate form.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Fentanyl;

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

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

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

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

(6) 3-methylfentanyl (N-[3-methyl-1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidyl]-N-phenylpropanamide);

(7) 3-methylthiofentanyl (N-[3-methyl-1-[2-(thienyl)ethyl]-4-piperidinyl]-N-phenylpropanamide);

(8) Para-fluorofentanyl (N-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-[1-(2-phenethyl)-4-piperidinyl]propanamide);

(9) Thiofentanyl (N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-thienyl)ethyl-4-piperidinyl]-propanamide);

(10) Alfentanil;

(11) Carfentanil;

(12) Remifentanil;

(13) Sufentanil;

(14) Acetyl-alpha-methylfentanyl (N-[1-(1-methyl-2-phenethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-N-phenylacetamide); and

(15) Any compound that meets all of the following fentanyl pharmacophore requirements to bind at the mu receptor, as identified by a report from an established forensic laboratory, including acetylfentanyl, furanylfentanyl, valerylfentanyl, butyrylfentanyl, isobutyrylfentanyl, 4-methoxybutyrylfentanyl, para-fluorobutyrylfentanyl, acrylfentanyl, and ortho-fluorofentanyl:

(a) A chemical scaffold consisting of both of the following:

(i) A five, six, or seven member ring structure containing a nitrogen, whether or not further substituted;

(ii) An attached nitrogen to the ring, whether or not that nitrogen is enclosed in a ring structure, including an attached aromatic ring or other lipophilic group to that nitrogen.

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

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

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

(LL) "First degree felony mandatory prison term" means one of the definite prison terms prescribed in division (A)(1)(b) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code for a felony of the first degree, except that if the violation for which sentence is being imposed is committed on or after the effective date of this amendment, it means one of the minimum prison terms prescribed in division (A)(1)(a) of that section for a felony of the first degree.

(MM) "Second degree felony mandatory prison term" means one of the definite prison terms prescribed in division (A)(2)(b) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code for a felony of the second degree, except that if the violation for which sentence is being imposed is committed on or after the effective date of this amendment, it means one of the minimum prison terms prescribed in division (A)(2)(a) of that section for a felony of the second degree.

(NN) "Maximum first degree felony mandatory prison term" means the maximum definite prison term prescribed in division (A)(1)(b) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code for a felony of the first degree, except that if the violation for which sentence is being imposed is committed on or after the effective date of this amendment, it means the longest minimum prison term prescribed in division (A)(1)(a) of that section for a felony of the first

degree.

(OO) "Maximum second degree felony mandatory prison term" means the maximum definite prison term prescribed in division (A)(2)(b) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code for a felony of the second degree, except that if the violation for which sentence is being imposed is committed on or after the effective date of this amendment, it means the longest minimum prison term prescribed in division (A)(2)(a) of that section for a felony of the second degree.

Sec. 2927.02. (A) As used in this section and sections 2927.021 and 2927.022 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Age verification" means a service provided by an independent third party (other than a manufacturer, producer, distributor, wholesaler, or retailer of cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes) that compares information available from a commercially available database, or aggregate of databases, that regularly are used by government and businesses for the purpose of age and identity verification to personal information provided during an internet sale or other remote method of sale to establish that the purchaser is ~~eighteen~~ twenty-one years of age or older.

(2)(a) "Alternative nicotine product" means, subject to division (A)(2)(b) of this section, an electronic ~~cigarette~~ smoking device, vapor product, or any other product or device that consists of or contains nicotine that can be ingested into the body by any means, including, but not limited to, chewing, smoking, absorbing, dissolving, or inhaling.

(b) "Alternative nicotine product" does not include any of the following:

(i) Any cigarette or other tobacco product;

(ii) Any product that is a "drug" as that term is defined in 21 U.S.C. 321(g)(1);

(iii) Any product that is a "device" as that term is defined in 21 U.S.C. 321(h);

(iv) Any product that is a "combination product" as described in 21 U.S.C. 353(g).

(3) ~~"Child" has the same meaning as in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(4)~~ "Cigarette" includes clove cigarettes and hand-rolled cigarettes.

~~(5)~~(4) "Distribute" means to furnish, give, or provide cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes to the ultimate consumer of the cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes.

~~(6)~~(a)(5) "Electronic smoking device" means, ~~subject to~~

~~division (A)(6)(b) of this section, any electronic product or device that produces a vapor that delivers~~ any device that can be used to deliver aerosolized or vaporized nicotine or any other substance to the person inhaling from the device to simulate smoking and that is likely to be offered to or purchased by consumers as including an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic e-cigarette, hookah, vaping pen, or electronic pipe. "Electronic smoking device" includes any component, part, or accessory of such a device, whether or not sold separately, and includes any substance intended to be aerosolized or vaporized during the use of the device. "Electronic smoking device" does not include any product that is a drug, device, or combination product, as those terms are defined or described in 21 U.S.C. 321 and 353(g).

~~(b) "Electronic cigarette" does not include any item, product, or device described in divisions (A)(2)(b)(i) to (iv) of this section.~~

~~(7)(6)~~ "Proof of age" means a driver's license, a commercial driver's license, a military identification card, a passport, or an identification card issued under sections 4507.50 to 4507.52 of the Revised Code that shows that a person is eighteen years of age or older.

~~(8)(7)~~ "Tobacco product" means any product that is made or derived from tobacco or that contains any form of nicotine, if it is intended for human consumption or is likely to be consumed, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to, a cigarette, an electronic smoking device, a cigar, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, or snuff, or snus. "Tobacco product" also means any component or accessory used in the consumption of a tobacco product, such as filters, rolling papers, pipes, blunt or hemp wraps, and liquids used in electronic smoking devices, whether or not they contain nicotine. "Tobacco product" does not include any product that is a drug, device, or combination product, as those terms are defined or described in 21 U.S.C. 321 and 353(g).

~~(9)(8)~~ "Vapor product" means a product, other than a cigarette or other tobacco product as defined in Chapter 5743. of the Revised Code, that contains or is made or derived from nicotine and that is intended and marketed for human consumption, including by smoking, inhaling, snorting, or sniffing. "Vapor product" includes any component, part, or additive that is intended for use in an electronic smoking device, a mechanical heating element, battery, or electronic circuit and is used to deliver the product. "Vapor product" does not include any product that is a drug, device, or combination product, as those terms are defined or described in 21 U.S.C. 321 and 353(g). "Vapor product" includes any product containing nicotine,

regardless of concentration.

(9) "Vending machine" has the same meaning as "coin machine" in section 2913.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) No manufacturer, producer, distributor, wholesaler, or retailer of cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes, no agent, employee, or representative of a manufacturer, producer, distributor, wholesaler, or retailer of cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes, and no other person shall do any of the following:

(1) Give, sell, or otherwise distribute cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes to any ~~child~~ person under twenty-one years of age;

(2) Give away, sell, or distribute cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes in any place that does not have posted in a conspicuous place a legibly printed sign in letters at least one-half inch high stating that giving, selling, or otherwise distributing cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes to a person under ~~eighteen~~ twenty-one years of age is prohibited by law;

(3) Knowingly furnish any false information regarding the name, age, or other identification of any ~~child~~ person under twenty-one years of age with purpose to obtain cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes for that ~~child~~ person;

(4) Manufacture, sell, or distribute in this state any pack or other container of cigarettes containing fewer than twenty cigarettes or any package of roll-your-own tobacco containing less than six-tenths of one ounce of tobacco;

(5) Sell cigarettes or alternative nicotine products in a smaller quantity than that placed in the pack or other container by the manufacturer;

(6) Give, sell, or otherwise distribute alternative nicotine products, papers used to roll cigarettes, or tobacco products other than cigarettes over the internet or through another remote method without age verification.

(C) No person shall sell or offer to sell cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products by or from a vending machine, except in the following locations:

(1) An area within a factory, business, office, or other place not open to the general public;

(2) An area to which ~~children~~ persons under twenty-one years of age are not generally permitted access;

(3) Any other place not identified in division (C)(1) or (2) of this

section, upon all of the following conditions:

(a) The vending machine is located within the immediate vicinity, plain view, and control of the person who owns or operates the place, or an employee of that person, so that all cigarettes, other tobacco product, and alternative nicotine product purchases from the vending machine will be readily observed by the person who owns or operates the place or an employee of that person. For the purpose of this section, a vending machine located in any unmonitored area, including an unmonitored coatroom, restroom, hallway, or outer waiting area, shall not be considered located within the immediate vicinity, plain view, and control of the person who owns or operates the place, or an employee of that person.

(b) The vending machine is inaccessible to the public when the place is closed.

(c) A clearly visible notice is posted in the area where the vending machine is located that states the following in letters that are legibly printed and at least one-half inch high:

"It is illegal for any person under the age of 21 to purchase tobacco or alternative nicotine products."

(D) The following are affirmative defenses to a charge under division (B)(1) of this section:

(1) The ~~child~~ person under twenty-one years of age was accompanied by a parent, spouse who is ~~eighteen~~ twenty-one years of age or older, or legal guardian of the ~~child~~ person under twenty-one years of age.

(2) The person who gave, sold, or distributed cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes to a ~~child~~ person under twenty-one years of age under division (B)(1) of this section is a parent, spouse who is ~~eighteen~~ twenty-one years of age or older, or legal guardian of the ~~child~~ person under twenty-one years of age.

(E) It is not a violation of division (B)(1) or (2) of this section for a person to give or otherwise distribute to a ~~child~~ person under twenty-one years of age cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes while the ~~child~~ person under twenty-one years of age is participating in a research protocol if all of the following apply:

(1) The parent, guardian, or legal custodian of the ~~child~~ person under twenty-one years of age has consented in writing to the ~~child~~ person under twenty-one years of age participating in the research protocol.

(2) An institutional human subjects protection review board, or an equivalent entity, has approved the research protocol.

(3) The ~~child~~ person under twenty-one years of age is participating in

the research protocol at the facility or location specified in the research protocol.

(F)(1) Whoever violates division (B)(1), (2), (4), (5), or (6) or (C) of this section is guilty of illegal distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products. Except as otherwise provided in this division, illegal distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of division (B)(1), (2), (4), (5), or (6) or (C) of this section, illegal distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products is a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(2) Whoever violates division (B)(3) of this section is guilty of permitting ~~children~~ a person under twenty-one years of age to use cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products. Except as otherwise provided in this division, permitting ~~children~~ a person under twenty-one years of age to use cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of division (B)(3) of this section, permitting ~~children~~ a person under twenty-one years of age to use cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products is a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(G) Any cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes that are given, sold, or otherwise distributed to a ~~child~~ person under twenty-one years of age in violation of this section and that are used, possessed, purchased, or received by a ~~child~~ person under twenty-one years of age in violation of section 2151.87 of the Revised Code are subject to seizure and forfeiture as contraband under Chapter 2981. of the Revised Code.

(H) This section shall not apply to a person who is eighteen years of age on or before October 1, 2019. The version of this section that was in effect prior to the effective date of this amendment shall apply to a person who is eighteen years of age on or before October 1, 2019.

Sec. 2927.022. (A) A seller or an agent or employee of a seller may not be found guilty of a charge of a violation of section 2927.02 of the Revised Code in which the age of the purchaser or other recipient of cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products is an element of the alleged violation, if the seller, agent, or employee raises and proves as an affirmative defense that all of the following occurred:

(1) A card holder attempting to purchase or receive cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products presented a driver's or

commercial driver's license or an identification card.

(2) A transaction scan of the driver's or commercial driver's license or identification card that the card holder presented indicated that the license or card was valid.

(3) The cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products were sold, given away, or otherwise distributed to the card holder in reasonable reliance upon the identification presented and the completed transaction scan.

(B) In determining whether a seller or an agent or employee of a seller has proven the affirmative defense provided by division (A) of this section, the trier of fact in the action for the alleged violation of section 2927.02 of the Revised Code shall consider any written policy that the seller has adopted and implemented and that is intended to prevent violations of section 2927.02 of the Revised Code. For purposes of division (A)(3) of this section, the trier of fact shall consider that reasonable reliance upon the identification presented and the completed transaction scan may require a seller or an agent or employee of a seller to exercise reasonable diligence to determine, and that the use of a transaction scan device does not excuse a seller or an agent or employee of a seller from exercising reasonable diligence to determine, the following:

(1) Whether a person to whom the seller or agent or employee of a seller sells, gives away, or otherwise distributes cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products is ~~eighteen~~ twenty-one years of age or older;

(2) Whether the description and picture appearing on the driver's or commercial driver's license or identification card presented by a card holder is that of the card holder.

(C) In any criminal action in which the affirmative defense provided by division (A) of this section is raised, the registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy registrar who issued an identification card under sections 4507.50 to 4507.52 of the Revised Code shall be permitted to submit certified copies of the records of that issuance in lieu of the testimony of the personnel of or contractors with the bureau of motor vehicles in the action.

Sec. 2927.024. (A) No person who is eighteen years of age or older but younger than twenty-one years of age shall knowingly furnish false information concerning that person's name, age, or other identification for the purpose of obtaining tobacco products.

(B) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is guilty of furnishing false information to obtain tobacco products. Except as otherwise provided in this division, furnishing false information to obtain tobacco products is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If the offender previously has been

convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of division (A) of this section, furnishing false information to obtain tobacco products is a misdemeanor of the third degree.

Sec. 2929.13. (A) Except as provided in division (E), (F), or (G) of this section and unless a specific sanction is required to be imposed or is precluded from being imposed pursuant to law, a court that imposes a sentence upon an offender for a felony may impose any sanction or combination of sanctions on the offender that are provided in sections 2929.14 to 2929.18 of the Revised Code.

If the offender is eligible to be sentenced to community control sanctions, the court shall consider the appropriateness of imposing a financial sanction pursuant to section 2929.18 of the Revised Code or a sanction of community service pursuant to section 2929.17 of the Revised Code as the sole sanction for the offense. Except as otherwise provided in this division, if the court is required to impose a mandatory prison term for the offense for which sentence is being imposed, the court also shall impose any financial sanction pursuant to section 2929.18 of the Revised Code that is required for the offense and may impose any other financial sanction pursuant to that section but may not impose any additional sanction or combination of sanctions under section 2929.16 or 2929.17 of the Revised Code.

If the offender is being sentenced for a fourth degree felony OVI offense or for a third degree felony OVI offense, in addition to the mandatory term of local incarceration or the mandatory prison term required for the offense by division (G)(1) or (2) of this section, the court shall impose upon the offender a mandatory fine in accordance with division (B)(3) of section 2929.18 of the Revised Code and may impose whichever of the following is applicable:

(1) For a fourth degree felony OVI offense for which sentence is imposed under division (G)(1) of this section, an additional community control sanction or combination of community control sanctions under section 2929.16 or 2929.17 of the Revised Code. If the court imposes upon the offender a community control sanction and the offender violates any condition of the community control sanction, the court may take any action prescribed in division (B) of section 2929.15 of the Revised Code relative to the offender, including imposing a prison term on the offender pursuant to that division.

(2) For a third or fourth degree felony OVI offense for which sentence is imposed under division (G)(2) of this section, an additional prison term as described in division (B)(4) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code or a

community control sanction as described in division (G)(2) of this section.

(B)(1)(a) Except as provided in division (B)(1)(b) of this section, if an offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a felony of the fourth or fifth degree that is not an offense of violence or that is a qualifying assault offense, the court shall sentence the offender to a community control sanction or combination of community control sanctions if all of the following apply:

(i) The offender previously has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony offense.

(ii) The most serious charge against the offender at the time of sentencing is a felony of the fourth or fifth degree.

~~(iii) If the court made a request of the department of rehabilitation and correction pursuant to division (B)(1)(c) of this section, the department, within the forty-five day period specified in that division, provided the court with the names of, contact information for, and program details of one or more community control sanctions that are available for persons sentenced by the court.~~

~~(iv) The offender previously has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor offense of violence that the offender committed within two years prior to the offense for which sentence is being imposed.~~

(b) The court has discretion to impose a prison term upon an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a felony of the fourth or fifth degree that is not an offense of violence or that is a qualifying assault offense if any of the following apply:

(i) The offender committed the offense while having a firearm on or about the offender's person or under the offender's control.

(ii) If the offense is a qualifying assault offense, the offender caused serious physical harm to another person while committing the offense, and, if the offense is not a qualifying assault offense, the offender caused physical harm to another person while committing the offense.

(iii) The offender violated a term of the conditions of bond as set by the court.

~~(iv) The court made a request of the department of rehabilitation and correction pursuant to division (B)(1)(c) of this section, and the department, within the forty-five day period specified in that division, did not provide the court with the name of, contact information for, and program details of any community control sanction that is available for persons sentenced by the court.~~

~~(v) The offense is a sex offense that is a fourth or fifth degree felony violation of any provision of Chapter 2907. of the Revised Code.~~

~~(vi)~~(v) In committing the offense, the offender attempted to cause or made an actual threat of physical harm to a person with a deadly weapon.

~~(vii)~~(vi) In committing the offense, the offender attempted to cause or made an actual threat of physical harm to a person, and the offender previously was convicted of an offense that caused physical harm to a person.

~~(viii)~~(vii) The offender held a public office or position of trust, and the offense related to that office or position; the offender's position obliged the offender to prevent the offense or to bring those committing it to justice; or the offender's professional reputation or position facilitated the offense or was likely to influence the future conduct of others.

~~(ix)~~(viii) The offender committed the offense for hire or as part of an organized criminal activity.

~~(x)~~(ix) The offender at the time of the offense was serving, or the offender previously had served, a prison term.

~~(xi)~~(x) The offender committed the offense while under a community control sanction, while on probation, or while released from custody on a bond or personal recognizance.

~~(c) If a court that is sentencing an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a felony of the fourth or fifth degree that is not an offense of violence or that is a qualifying assault offense believes that no community control sanctions are available for its use that, if imposed on the offender, will adequately fulfill the overriding principles and purposes of sentencing, the court shall contact the department of rehabilitation and correction and ask the department to provide the court with the names of, contact information for, and program details of one or more community control sanctions that are available for persons sentenced by the court. Not later than forty five days after receipt of a request from a court under this division, the department shall provide the court with the names of, contact information for, and program details of one or more community control sanctions that are available for persons sentenced by the court, if any. Upon making a request under this division that relates to a particular offender, a court shall defer sentencing of that offender until it receives from the department the names of, contact information for, and program details of one or more community control sanctions that are available for persons sentenced by the court or for forty five days, whichever is the earlier.~~

~~If the department provides the court with the names of, contact information for, and program details of one or more community control sanctions that are available for persons sentenced by the court within the forty five day period specified in this division, the court shall impose upon~~

~~the offender a community control sanction under division (B)(1)(a) of this section, except that the court may impose a prison term under division (B)(1)(b) of this section if a factor described in division (B)(1)(b)(i) or (ii) of this section applies. If the department does not provide the court with the names of, contact information for, and program details of one or more community control sanctions that are available for persons sentenced by the court within the forty five day period specified in this division, the court may impose upon the offender a prison term under division (B)(1)(b)(iv) of this section.~~

(d) A sentencing court may impose an additional penalty under division (B) of section 2929.15 of the Revised Code upon an offender sentenced to a community control sanction under division (B)(1)(a) of this section if the offender violates the conditions of the community control sanction, violates a law, or leaves the state without the permission of the court or the offender's probation officer.

(2) If division (B)(1) of this section does not apply, except as provided in division (E), (F), or (G) of this section, in determining whether to impose a prison term as a sanction for a felony of the fourth or fifth degree, the sentencing court shall comply with the purposes and principles of sentencing under section 2929.11 of the Revised Code and with section 2929.12 of the Revised Code.

(C) Except as provided in division (D), (E), (F), or (G) of this section, in determining whether to impose a prison term as a sanction for a felony of the third degree or a felony drug offense that is a violation of a provision of Chapter 2925. of the Revised Code and that is specified as being subject to this division for purposes of sentencing, the sentencing court shall comply with the purposes and principles of sentencing under section 2929.11 of the Revised Code and with section 2929.12 of the Revised Code.

(D)(1) Except as provided in division (E) or (F) of this section, for a felony of the first or second degree, for a felony drug offense that is a violation of any provision of Chapter 2925., 3719., or 4729. of the Revised Code for which a presumption in favor of a prison term is specified as being applicable, and for a violation of division (A)(4) or (B) of section 2907.05 of the Revised Code for which a presumption in favor of a prison term is specified as being applicable, it is presumed that a prison term is necessary in order to comply with the purposes and principles of sentencing under section 2929.11 of the Revised Code. Division (D)(2) of this section does not apply to a presumption established under this division for a violation of division (A)(4) of section 2907.05 of the Revised Code.

(2) Notwithstanding the presumption established under division (D)(1)

of this section for the offenses listed in that division other than a violation of division (A)(4) or (B) of section 2907.05 of the Revised Code, the sentencing court may impose a community control sanction or a combination of community control sanctions instead of a prison term on an offender for a felony of the first or second degree or for a felony drug offense that is a violation of any provision of Chapter 2925., 3719., or 4729. of the Revised Code for which a presumption in favor of a prison term is specified as being applicable if it makes both of the following findings:

(a) A community control sanction or a combination of community control sanctions would adequately punish the offender and protect the public from future crime, because the applicable factors under section 2929.12 of the Revised Code indicating a lesser likelihood of recidivism outweigh the applicable factors under that section indicating a greater likelihood of recidivism.

(b) A community control sanction or a combination of community control sanctions would not demean the seriousness of the offense, because one or more factors under section 2929.12 of the Revised Code that indicate that the offender's conduct was less serious than conduct normally constituting the offense are applicable, and they outweigh the applicable factors under that section that indicate that the offender's conduct was more serious than conduct normally constituting the offense.

(E)(1) Except as provided in division (F) of this section, for any drug offense that is a violation of any provision of Chapter 2925. of the Revised Code and that is a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree, the applicability of a presumption under division (D) of this section in favor of a prison term or of division (B) or (C) of this section in determining whether to impose a prison term for the offense shall be determined as specified in section 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05, 2925.06, 2925.11, 2925.13, 2925.22, 2925.23, 2925.36, or 2925.37 of the Revised Code, whichever is applicable regarding the violation.

(2) If an offender who was convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony violates the conditions of a community control sanction imposed for the offense solely by reason of producing positive results on a drug test or by acting pursuant to division (B)(2)(b) of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code with respect to a minor drug possession offense, the court, as punishment for the violation of the sanction, shall not order that the offender be imprisoned unless the court determines on the record either of the following:

(a) The offender had been ordered as a sanction for the felony to participate in a drug treatment program, in a drug education program, or in narcotics anonymous or a similar program, and the offender continued to

use illegal drugs after a reasonable period of participation in the program.

(b) The imprisonment of the offender for the violation is consistent with the purposes and principles of sentencing set forth in section 2929.11 of the Revised Code.

(3) A court that sentences an offender for a drug abuse offense that is a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree may require that the offender be assessed by a properly credentialed professional within a specified period of time. The court shall require the professional to file a written assessment of the offender with the court. If the offender is eligible for a community control sanction and after considering the written assessment, the court may impose a community control sanction that includes addiction services and recovery supports included in a community-based continuum of care established under section 340.032 of the Revised Code. If the court imposes addiction services and recovery supports as a community control sanction, the court shall direct the level and type of addiction services and recovery supports after considering the assessment and recommendation of community addiction services providers.

(F) Notwithstanding divisions (A) to (E) of this section, the court shall impose a prison term or terms under sections 2929.02 to 2929.06, section 2929.14, section 2929.142, or section 2971.03 of the Revised Code and except as specifically provided in section 2929.20, divisions (C) to (I) of section 2967.19, or section 2967.191 of the Revised Code or when parole is authorized for the offense under section 2967.13 of the Revised Code shall not reduce the term or terms pursuant to section 2929.20, section 2967.19, section 2967.193, or any other provision of Chapter 2967. or Chapter 5120. of the Revised Code for any of the following offenses:

(1) Aggravated murder when death is not imposed or murder;

(2) Any rape, regardless of whether force was involved and regardless of the age of the victim, or an attempt to commit rape if, had the offender completed the rape that was attempted, the offender would have been guilty of a violation of division (A)(1)(b) of section 2907.02 of the Revised Code and would be sentenced under section 2971.03 of the Revised Code;

(3) Gross sexual imposition or sexual battery, if the victim is less than thirteen years of age and if any of the following applies:

(a) Regarding gross sexual imposition, the offender previously was convicted of or pleaded guilty to rape, the former offense of felonious sexual penetration, gross sexual imposition, or sexual battery, and the victim of the previous offense was less than thirteen years of age;

(b) Regarding gross sexual imposition, the offense was committed on or after August 3, 2006, and evidence other than the testimony of the victim

was admitted in the case corroborating the violation.

(c) Regarding sexual battery, either of the following applies:

(i) The offense was committed prior to August 3, 2006, the offender previously was convicted of or pleaded guilty to rape, the former offense of felonious sexual penetration, or sexual battery, and the victim of the previous offense was less than thirteen years of age.

(ii) The offense was committed on or after August 3, 2006.

(4) A felony violation of section 2903.04, 2903.06, 2903.08, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2905.32, 2907.07, 2921.321, or 2923.132 of the Revised Code if the section requires the imposition of a prison term;

(5) A first, second, or third degree felony drug offense for which section 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05, 2925.06, 2925.11, 2925.13, 2925.22, 2925.23, 2925.36, 2925.37, 3719.99, or 4729.99 of the Revised Code, whichever is applicable regarding the violation, requires the imposition of a mandatory prison term;

(6) Any offense that is a first or second degree felony and that is not set forth in division (F)(1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section, if the offender previously was convicted of or pleaded guilty to aggravated murder, murder, any first or second degree felony, or an offense under an existing or former law of this state, another state, or the United States that is or was substantially equivalent to one of those offenses;

(7) Any offense that is a third degree felony and either is a violation of section 2903.04 of the Revised Code or an attempt to commit a felony of the second degree that is an offense of violence and involved an attempt to cause serious physical harm to a person or that resulted in serious physical harm to a person if the offender previously was convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following offenses:

(a) Aggravated murder, murder, involuntary manslaughter, rape, felonious sexual penetration as it existed under section 2907.12 of the Revised Code prior to September 3, 1996, a felony of the first or second degree that resulted in the death of a person or in physical harm to a person, or complicity in or an attempt to commit any of those offenses;

(b) An offense under an existing or former law of this state, another state, or the United States that is or was substantially equivalent to an offense listed in division (F)(7)(a) of this section that resulted in the death of a person or in physical harm to a person.

(8) Any offense, other than a violation of section 2923.12 of the Revised Code, that is a felony, if the offender had a firearm on or about the offender's person or under the offender's control while committing the felony, with respect to a portion of the sentence imposed pursuant to

division (B)(1)(a) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code for having the firearm;

(9) Any offense of violence that is a felony, if the offender wore or carried body armor while committing the felony offense of violence, with respect to the portion of the sentence imposed pursuant to division (B)(1)(d) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code for wearing or carrying the body armor;

(10) Corrupt activity in violation of section 2923.32 of the Revised Code when the most serious offense in the pattern of corrupt activity that is the basis of the offense is a felony of the first degree;

(11) Any violent sex offense or designated homicide, assault, or kidnapping offense if, in relation to that offense, the offender is adjudicated a sexually violent predator;

(12) A violation of division (A)(1) or (2) of section 2921.36 of the Revised Code, or a violation of division (C) of that section involving an item listed in division (A)(1) or (2) of that section, if the offender is an officer or employee of the department of rehabilitation and correction;

(13) A violation of division (A)(1) or (2) of section 2903.06 of the Revised Code if the victim of the offense is a peace officer, as defined in section 2935.01 of the Revised Code, or an investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, as defined in section 2903.11 of the Revised Code, with respect to the portion of the sentence imposed pursuant to division (B)(5) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code;

(14) A violation of division (A)(1) or (2) of section 2903.06 of the Revised Code if the offender has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to three or more violations of division (A) or (B) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code or an equivalent offense, as defined in section 2941.1415 of the Revised Code, or three or more violations of any combination of those divisions and offenses, with respect to the portion of the sentence imposed pursuant to division (B)(6) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code;

(15) Kidnapping, in the circumstances specified in section 2971.03 of the Revised Code and when no other provision of division (F) of this section applies;

(16) Kidnapping, abduction, compelling prostitution, promoting prostitution, engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, a violation of division (A)(1) or (2) of section 2907.323 of the Revised Code that involves a minor, or endangering children in violation of division (B)(1), (2), (3), (4), or (5) of section 2919.22 of the Revised Code, if the offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a specification as described in section 2941.1422 of the Revised Code that was included in the indictment, count in the indictment,

or information charging the offense;

(17) A felony violation of division (A) or (B) of section 2919.25 of the Revised Code if division (D)(3), (4), or (5) of that section, and division (D)(6) of that section, require the imposition of a prison term;

(18) A felony violation of section 2903.11, 2903.12, or 2903.13 of the Revised Code, if the victim of the offense was a woman that the offender knew was pregnant at the time of the violation, with respect to a portion of the sentence imposed pursuant to division (B)(8) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code;

(19)(a) Any violent felony offense if the offender is a violent career criminal and had a firearm on or about the offender's person or under the offender's control during the commission of the violent felony offense and displayed or brandished the firearm, indicated that the offender possessed a firearm, or used the firearm to facilitate the offense, with respect to the portion of the sentence imposed under division (K) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code.

(b) As used in division (F)(19)(a) of this section, "violent career criminal" and "violent felony offense" have the same meanings as in section 2923.132 of the Revised Code;

(20) Any violation of division (A)(1) of section 2903.11 of the Revised Code if the offender used an accelerant in committing the violation and the serious physical harm to another or another's unborn caused by the violation resulted in a permanent, serious disfigurement or permanent, substantial incapacity or any violation of division (A)(2) of that section if the offender used an accelerant in committing the violation, the violation caused physical harm to another or another's unborn, and the physical harm resulted in a permanent, serious disfigurement or permanent, substantial incapacity, with respect to a portion of the sentence imposed pursuant to division (B)(9) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code. The provisions of this division and of division (D)(2) of section 2903.11, divisions (B)(9) and (C)(6) of section 2929.14, and section 2941.1425 of the Revised Code shall be known as "Judy's Law."

(21) Any violation of division (A) of section 2903.11 of the Revised Code if the victim of the offense suffered permanent disabling harm as a result of the offense and the victim was under ten years of age at the time of the offense, with respect to a portion of the sentence imposed pursuant to division (B)(10) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code.

(22) A felony violation of section 2925.03, 2925.05, or 2925.11 of the Revised Code, if the drug involved in the violation is a fentanyl-related compound or a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance containing a

fentanyl-related compound and the offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a specification of the type described in division (B) of section 2941.1410 of the Revised Code that was included in the indictment, count in the indictment, or information charging the offense, with respect to the portion of the sentence imposed under division (B)(11) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code.

(G) Notwithstanding divisions (A) to (E) of this section, if an offender is being sentenced for a fourth degree felony OVI offense or for a third degree felony OVI offense, the court shall impose upon the offender a mandatory term of local incarceration or a mandatory prison term in accordance with the following:

(1) If the offender is being sentenced for a fourth degree felony OVI offense and if the offender has not been convicted of and has not pleaded guilty to a specification of the type described in section 2941.1413 of the Revised Code, the court may impose upon the offender a mandatory term of local incarceration of sixty days or one hundred twenty days as specified in division (G)(1)(d) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code. The court shall not reduce the term pursuant to section 2929.20, 2967.193, or any other provision of the Revised Code. The court that imposes a mandatory term of local incarceration under this division shall specify whether the term is to be served in a jail, a community-based correctional facility, a halfway house, or an alternative residential facility, and the offender shall serve the term in the type of facility specified by the court. A mandatory term of local incarceration imposed under division (G)(1) of this section is not subject to any other Revised Code provision that pertains to a prison term except as provided in division (A)(1) of this section.

(2) If the offender is being sentenced for a third degree felony OVI offense, or if the offender is being sentenced for a fourth degree felony OVI offense and the court does not impose a mandatory term of local incarceration under division (G)(1) of this section, the court shall impose upon the offender a mandatory prison term of one, two, three, four, or five years if the offender also is convicted of or also pleads guilty to a specification of the type described in section 2941.1413 of the Revised Code or shall impose upon the offender a mandatory prison term of sixty days or one hundred twenty days as specified in division (G)(1)(d) or (e) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code if the offender has not been convicted of and has not pleaded guilty to a specification of that type. Subject to divisions (C) to (I) of section 2967.19 of the Revised Code, the court shall not reduce the term pursuant to section 2929.20, 2967.19, 2967.193, or any other provision of the Revised Code. The offender shall serve the one-, two-, three-, four-,

or five-year mandatory prison term consecutively to and prior to the prison term imposed for the underlying offense and consecutively to any other mandatory prison term imposed in relation to the offense. In no case shall an offender who once has been sentenced to a mandatory term of local incarceration pursuant to division (G)(1) of this section for a fourth degree felony OVI offense be sentenced to another mandatory term of local incarceration under that division for any violation of division (A) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code. In addition to the mandatory prison term described in division (G)(2) of this section, the court may sentence the offender to a community control sanction under section 2929.16 or 2929.17 of the Revised Code, but the offender shall serve the prison term prior to serving the community control sanction. The department of rehabilitation and correction may place an offender sentenced to a mandatory prison term under this division in an intensive program prison established pursuant to section 5120.033 of the Revised Code if the department gave the sentencing judge prior notice of its intent to place the offender in an intensive program prison established under that section and if the judge did not notify the department that the judge disapproved the placement. Upon the establishment of the initial intensive program prison pursuant to section 5120.033 of the Revised Code that is privately operated and managed by a contractor pursuant to a contract entered into under section 9.06 of the Revised Code, both of the following apply:

(a) The department of rehabilitation and correction shall make a reasonable effort to ensure that a sufficient number of offenders sentenced to a mandatory prison term under this division are placed in the privately operated and managed prison so that the privately operated and managed prison has full occupancy.

(b) Unless the privately operated and managed prison has full occupancy, the department of rehabilitation and correction shall not place any offender sentenced to a mandatory prison term under this division in any intensive program prison established pursuant to section 5120.033 of the Revised Code other than the privately operated and managed prison.

(H) If an offender is being sentenced for a sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense that is a felony committed on or after January 1, 1997, the judge shall require the offender to submit to a DNA specimen collection procedure pursuant to section 2901.07 of the Revised Code.

(I) If an offender is being sentenced for a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense committed on or after January 1, 1997, the judge shall include in the sentence a summary of the offender's duties imposed under sections 2950.04, 2950.041, 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the

Revised Code and the duration of the duties. The judge shall inform the offender, at the time of sentencing, of those duties and of their duration. If required under division (A)(2) of section 2950.03 of the Revised Code, the judge shall perform the duties specified in that section, or, if required under division (A)(6) of section 2950.03 of the Revised Code, the judge shall perform the duties specified in that division.

(J)(1) Except as provided in division (J)(2) of this section, when considering sentencing factors under this section in relation to an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to an attempt to commit an offense in violation of section 2923.02 of the Revised Code, the sentencing court shall consider the factors applicable to the felony category of the violation of section 2923.02 of the Revised Code instead of the factors applicable to the felony category of the offense attempted.

(2) When considering sentencing factors under this section in relation to an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to an attempt to commit a drug abuse offense for which the penalty is determined by the amount or number of unit doses of the controlled substance involved in the drug abuse offense, the sentencing court shall consider the factors applicable to the felony category that the drug abuse offense attempted would be if that drug abuse offense had been committed and had involved an amount or number of unit doses of the controlled substance that is within the next lower range of controlled substance amounts than was involved in the attempt.

(K) As used in this section:

(1) "Community addiction services provider" has the same meaning as in section 5119.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Drug abuse offense" has the same meaning as in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Minor drug possession offense" has the same meaning as in section 2925.11 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Qualifying assault offense" means a violation of section 2903.13 of the Revised Code for which the penalty provision in division (C)(8)(b) or (C)(9)(b) of that section applies.

(L) At the time of sentencing an offender for any sexually oriented offense, if the offender is a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender relative to that offense and the offender does not serve a prison term or jail term, the court may require that the offender be monitored by means of a global positioning device. If the court requires such monitoring, the cost of monitoring shall be borne by the offender. If the offender is indigent, the cost of compliance shall be paid by the crime victims reparations fund.

Sec. 2929.15. (A)(1) If in sentencing an offender for a felony the court

is not required to impose a prison term, a mandatory prison term, or a term of life imprisonment upon the offender, the court may directly impose a sentence that consists of one or more community control sanctions authorized pursuant to section 2929.16, 2929.17, or 2929.18 of the Revised Code. If the court is sentencing an offender for a fourth degree felony OVI offense under division (G)(1) of section 2929.13 of the Revised Code, in addition to the mandatory term of local incarceration imposed under that division and the mandatory fine required by division (B)(3) of section 2929.18 of the Revised Code, the court may impose upon the offender a community control sanction or combination of community control sanctions in accordance with sections 2929.16 and 2929.17 of the Revised Code. If the court is sentencing an offender for a third or fourth degree felony OVI offense under division (G)(2) of section 2929.13 of the Revised Code, in addition to the mandatory prison term or mandatory prison term and additional prison term imposed under that division, the court also may impose upon the offender a community control sanction or combination of community control sanctions under section 2929.16 or 2929.17 of the Revised Code, but the offender shall serve all of the prison terms so imposed prior to serving the community control sanction.

The duration of all community control sanctions imposed upon an offender under this division shall not exceed five years. If the offender absconds or otherwise leaves the jurisdiction of the court in which the offender resides without obtaining permission from the court or the offender's probation officer to leave the jurisdiction of the court, or if the offender is confined in any institution for the commission of any offense while under a community control sanction, the period of the community control sanction ceases to run until the offender is brought before the court for its further action. If the court sentences the offender to one or more nonresidential sanctions under section 2929.17 of the Revised Code, the court shall impose as a condition of the nonresidential sanctions that, during the period of the sanctions, the offender must abide by the law and must not leave the state without the permission of the court or the offender's probation officer. The court may impose any other conditions of release under a community control sanction that the court considers appropriate, including, but not limited to, requiring that the offender not ingest or be injected with a drug of abuse and submit to random drug testing as provided in division (D) of this section to determine whether the offender ingested or was injected with a drug of abuse and requiring that the results of the drug test indicate that the offender did not ingest or was not injected with a drug of abuse.

(2)(a) If a court sentences an offender to any community control sanction or combination of community control sanctions authorized pursuant to section 2929.16, 2929.17, or 2929.18 of the Revised Code, the court shall place the offender under the general control and supervision of a department of probation in the county that serves the court for purposes of reporting to the court a violation of any condition of the sanctions, any condition of release under a community control sanction imposed by the court, a violation of law, or the departure of the offender from this state without the permission of the court or the offender's probation officer. Alternatively, if the offender resides in another county and a county department of probation has been established in that county or that county is served by a multicounty probation department established under section 2301.27 of the Revised Code, the court may request the court of common pleas of that county to receive the offender into the general control and supervision of that county or multicounty department of probation for purposes of reporting to the court a violation of any condition of the sanctions, any condition of release under a community control sanction imposed by the court, a violation of law, or the departure of the offender from this state without the permission of the court or the offender's probation officer, subject to the jurisdiction of the trial judge over and with respect to the person of the offender, and to the rules governing that department of probation.

If there is no department of probation in the county that serves the court, the court shall place the offender, regardless of the offender's county of residence, under the general control and supervision of the adult parole authority, unless the court has entered into an agreement with the authority as described in division (B) or (C) of section 2301.32 of the Revised Code, or under an entity authorized under division (B) of section 2301.27 of the Revised Code to provide probation and supervisory services to counties for purposes of reporting to the court a violation of any of the sanctions, any condition of release under a community control sanction imposed by the court, a violation of law, or the departure of the offender from this state without the permission of the court or the offender's probation officer.

(b) If the court imposing sentence upon an offender sentences the offender to any community control sanction or combination of community control sanctions authorized pursuant to section 2929.16, 2929.17, or 2929.18 of the Revised Code, and if the offender violates any condition of the sanctions, any condition of release under a community control sanction imposed by the court, violates any law, or departs the state without the permission of the court or the offender's probation officer, the public or

private person or entity that operates or administers the sanction or the program or activity that comprises the sanction shall report the violation or departure directly to the sentencing court, or shall report the violation or departure to the county or multicounty department of probation with general control and supervision over the offender under division (A)(2)(a) of this section or the officer of that department who supervises the offender, or, if there is no such department with general control and supervision over the offender under that division, to the adult parole authority unless the court has entered into an agreement with the authority as described in division (B) or (C) of section 2301.32 of the Revised Code, or to an entity authorized under division (B) of section 2301.27 of the Revised Code to provide probation and supervisory services to the county. If the public or private person or entity that operates or administers the sanction or the program or activity that comprises the sanction reports the violation or departure to the county or multicounty department of probation, the adult parole authority, or any other entity providing probation and supervisory services to the county, the department's, authority's, or other entity's officers may treat the offender as if the offender were on probation and in violation of the probation, and shall report the violation of the condition of the sanction, any condition of release under a community control sanction imposed by the court, the violation of law, or the departure from the state without the required permission to the sentencing court.

(3) If an offender who is eligible for community control sanctions under this section admits to being drug addicted or the court has reason to believe that the offender is drug addicted, and if the offense for which the offender is being sentenced was related to the addiction, the court may require that the offender be assessed by a properly credentialed professional within a specified period of time and shall require the professional to file a written assessment of the offender with the court. If a court imposes treatment and recovery support services as a community control sanction, the court shall direct the level and type of treatment and recovery support services after consideration of the written assessment, if available at the time of sentencing, and recommendations of the professional and other treatment and recovery support services providers.

(4) If an assessment completed pursuant to division (A)(3) of this section indicates that the offender is addicted to drugs or alcohol, the court may include in any community control sanction imposed for a violation of section 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05, 2925.06, 2925.11, 2925.13, 2925.22, 2925.23, 2925.36, or 2925.37 of the Revised Code a requirement that the offender participate in alcohol and drug addiction services and

recovery supports certified under section 5119.36 of the Revised Code or offered by a properly credentialed community addiction services provider.

(B)(1) If the conditions of a community control sanction are violated or if the offender violates a law or leaves the state without the permission of the court or the offender's probation officer, the sentencing court may impose upon the violator one or more of the following penalties:

(a) A longer time under the same sanction if the total time under the sanctions does not exceed the five-year limit specified in division (A) of this section;

(b) A more restrictive sanction under section 2929.16, 2929.17, or 2929.18 of the Revised Code, including but not limited to, a new term in a community-based correctional facility, halfway house, or jail pursuant to division (A)(6) of section 2929.16 of the Revised Code;

(c) A prison term on the offender pursuant to section 2929.14 of the Revised Code and division (B)(3) of this section, provided that a prison term imposed under this division is subject to the following limitations, as applicable:

(i) If the prison term is imposed for any technical violation of the conditions of a community control sanction imposed for a felony of the fifth degree or for any violation of law committed while under a community control sanction imposed for such a felony that consists of a new criminal offense and that is not a felony, the prison term shall not exceed ninety days.

(ii) If the prison term is imposed for any technical violation of the conditions of a community control sanction imposed for a felony of the fourth degree that is not an offense of violence and is not a sexually oriented offense or for any violation of law committed while under a community control sanction imposed for such a felony that consists of a new criminal offense and that is not a felony, the prison term shall not exceed one hundred eighty days.

(2) If an offender was acting pursuant to division (B)(2)(b) of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code and in so doing violated the conditions of a community control sanction based on a minor drug possession offense, as defined in section 2925.11 of the Revised Code, the sentencing court may consider the offender's conduct in seeking or obtaining medical assistance for another in good faith or for self or may consider the offender being the subject of another person seeking or obtaining medical assistance in accordance with that division as a mitigating factor before imposing any of the penalties described in division (B)(1) of this section.

(3) The prison term, if any, imposed upon a violator pursuant to this division and division (B)(1) of this section shall be within the range of

prison terms described in this division and shall not exceed the prison term specified in the notice provided to the offender at the sentencing hearing pursuant to division (B)(2) of section 2929.19 of the Revised Code. The court may reduce the longer period of time that the offender is required to spend under the longer sanction, the more restrictive sanction, or a prison term imposed pursuant to division (B)(1) of this section by the time the offender successfully spent under the sanction that was initially imposed. Except as otherwise specified in this division, the prison term imposed under this division and division (B)(1) of this section shall be within the range of prison terms available as a definite term for the offense for which the sanction that was violated was imposed. If the offense for which the sanction that was violated was imposed is a felony of the first or second degree committed on or after ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ March 22, 2019, the prison term so imposed under this division shall be within the range of prison terms available as a minimum term for the offense under division (A)(1)(a) or (2)(a) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code.

(C) If an offender, for a significant period of time, fulfills the conditions of a sanction imposed pursuant to section 2929.16, 2929.17, or 2929.18 of the Revised Code in an exemplary manner, the court may reduce the period of time under the sanction or impose a less restrictive sanction, but the court shall not permit the offender to violate any law or permit the offender to leave the state without the permission of the court or the offender's probation officer.

(D)(1) If a court under division (A)(1) of this section imposes a condition of release under a community control sanction that requires the offender to submit to random drug testing, the department of probation, the adult parole authority, or any other entity that has general control and supervision of the offender under division (A)(2)(a) of this section may cause the offender to submit to random drug testing performed by a laboratory or entity that has entered into a contract with any of the governmental entities or officers authorized to enter into a contract with that laboratory or entity under section 341.26, 753.33, or 5120.63 of the Revised Code.

(2) If no laboratory or entity described in division (D)(1) of this section has entered into a contract as specified in that division, the department of probation, the adult parole authority, or any other entity that has general control and supervision of the offender under division (A)(2)(a) of this section shall cause the offender to submit to random drug testing performed by a reputable public laboratory to determine whether the individual who is the subject of the drug test ingested or was injected with a drug of abuse.

(3) A laboratory or entity that has entered into a contract pursuant to section 341.26, 753.33, or 5120.63 of the Revised Code shall perform the random drug tests under division (D)(1) of this section in accordance with the applicable standards that are included in the terms of that contract. A public laboratory shall perform the random drug tests under division (D)(2) of this section in accordance with the standards set forth in the policies and procedures established by the department of rehabilitation and correction pursuant to section 5120.63 of the Revised Code. An offender who is required under division (A)(1) of this section to submit to random drug testing as a condition of release under a community control sanction and whose test results indicate that the offender ingested or was injected with a drug of abuse shall pay the fee for the drug test if the department of probation, the adult parole authority, or any other entity that has general control and supervision of the offender requires payment of a fee. A laboratory or entity that performs the random drug testing on an offender under division (D)(1) or (2) of this section shall transmit the results of the drug test to the appropriate department of probation, the adult parole authority, or any other entity that has general control and supervision of the offender under division (A)(2)(a) of this section.

Sec. 2929.34. (A) A person who is convicted of or pleads guilty to aggravated murder, murder, or an offense punishable by life imprisonment and who is sentenced to a term of life imprisonment or a prison term pursuant to that conviction shall serve that term in an institution under the control of the department of rehabilitation and correction.

(B)(1) A person who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a felony other than aggravated murder, murder, or an offense punishable by life imprisonment and who is sentenced to a term of imprisonment or a prison term pursuant to that conviction shall serve that term as follows:

(a) Subject to divisions (B)(1)(b), (B)(2), and (B)(3) of this section, in an institution under the control of the department of rehabilitation and correction if the term is a prison term or as otherwise determined by the sentencing court pursuant to section 2929.16 of the Revised Code if the term is not a prison term;

(b) In a facility of a type described in division (G)(1) of section 2929.13 of the Revised Code, if the offender is sentenced pursuant to that division.

(2) If the term is a prison term, the person may be imprisoned in a jail that is not a minimum security jail pursuant to agreement under section 5120.161 of the Revised Code between the department of rehabilitation and correction and the local authority that operates the jail.

(3)(a) As used in divisions (B)(3)(a) to (d) of this section:

(i) ~~"Target county" means Franklin county, Cuyahoga county, Hamilton county, Summit county, Montgomery county, Lucas county, Butler county, Stark county, Lorain county, and Mahoning county.~~

(ii) ~~"Voluntary, "voluntary county"~~ means any county in which the board of county commissioners of the county and the administrative judge of the general division of the court of common pleas of the county enter into an agreement of the type described in division (B)(3)(b) of this section and in which the agreement has not been terminated as described in that division.

(b) In any voluntary county ~~other than a target county~~, the board of county commissioners of the county and the administrative judge of the general division of the court of common pleas of the county may agree to having the county participate in the procedures regarding local and state confinement established under division (B)(3)(c) of this section. A board of county commissioners and an administrative judge of a court of common pleas that enter into an agreement of the type described in this division may terminate the agreement, but a termination under this division shall take effect only at the end of the state fiscal biennium in which the termination decision is made.

(c) Except as provided in division (B)(3)(d) of this section, on and after July 1, 2018, no person sentenced by the court of common pleas of a ~~target county or of a~~ voluntary county to a prison term ~~that is twelve months or less~~ for a felony of the fifth degree shall serve the term in an institution under the control of the department of rehabilitation and correction. The person shall instead serve the sentence as a term of confinement in a facility of a type described in division (C) or (D) of this section. Nothing in this division relieves the state of its obligation to pay for the cost of confinement of the person in a community-based correctional facility under division (D) of this section.

(d) Division (B)(3)(c) of this section does not apply to any person to whom any of the following apply:

(i) The felony of the fifth degree was an offense of violence, as defined in section 2901.01 of the Revised Code, a sex offense under Chapter 2907. of the Revised Code, a violation of section 2925.03 of the Revised Code, or any offense for which a mandatory prison term is required.

(ii) The person previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any felony offense of violence, as defined in section 2901.01 of the Revised Code, unless the felony of the fifth degree for which the person is being sentenced is a violation of division (I)(1) of section 2903.43 of the Revised Code.

(iii) The person previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any felony sex offense under Chapter 2907. of the Revised Code.

(iv) The person's sentence is required to be served concurrently to any other sentence imposed upon the person for a felony that is required to be served in an institution under the control of the department of rehabilitation and correction.

(C) A person who is convicted of or pleads guilty to one or more misdemeanors and who is sentenced to a jail term or term of imprisonment pursuant to the conviction or convictions shall serve that term in a county, multicounty, municipal, municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse; in a community alternative sentencing center or district community alternative sentencing center when authorized by section 307.932 of the Revised Code; or, if the misdemeanor or misdemeanors are not offenses of violence, in a minimum security jail.

(D) Nothing in this section prohibits the commitment, referral, or sentencing of a person who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a felony to a community-based correctional facility.

Sec. 2941.51. (A) Counsel appointed to a case or selected by an indigent person under division (E) of section 120.16 or division (E) of section 120.26 of the Revised Code, or otherwise appointed by the court, except for counsel appointed by the court to provide legal representation for a person charged with a violation of an ordinance of a municipal corporation, shall be paid for their services by the county the compensation and expenses that the trial court approves. Each request for payment shall include a financial disclosure form completed by the indigent person on a form prescribed by the state public defender. Compensation and expenses shall not exceed the amounts fixed by the board of county commissioners pursuant to division (B) of this section.

(B) The board of county commissioners shall establish a schedule of fees by case or on an hourly basis to be paid by the county for legal services provided by appointed counsel. Prior to establishing such schedule, the board shall request the bar association or associations of the county to submit a proposed schedule for cases other than capital cases. The schedule submitted shall be subject to the review, amendment, and approval of the board of county commissioners, except with respect to capital cases. With respect to capital cases, the schedule shall provide for fees by case or on an hourly basis to be paid to counsel in the amount or at the rate set by the capital case attorney fee council pursuant to division (D) of section 120.33 of the Revised Code, and the board of county commissioners shall approve that amount or rate.

With respect to capital cases, counsel shall be paid compensation and expenses in accordance with the amount or at the rate set by the capital case attorney fee council pursuant to division (D) of section 120.33 of the Revised Code.

(C) In a case where counsel have been appointed to conduct an appeal under Chapter 120. of the Revised Code, such compensation shall be fixed by the court of appeals or the supreme court, as provided in divisions (A) and (B) of this section.

(D) The fees and expenses approved by the court under this section shall not be taxed as part of the costs and shall be paid by the county. However, if the person represented has, or reasonably may be expected to have, the means to meet some part of the cost of the services rendered to the person, the person shall pay the county an amount that the person reasonably can be expected to pay. Pursuant to section 120.04 of the Revised Code, the county shall pay to the state public defender a percentage of the payment received from the person in an amount proportionate to the percentage of the costs of the person's case that were paid to the county by the state public defender pursuant to this section. The money paid to the state public defender shall be credited to the client payment fund created pursuant to division (B)(5) of section 120.04 of the Revised Code.

(E) The county auditor shall draw a warrant on the county treasurer for the payment of such counsel in the amount fixed by the court, plus the expenses that the court fixes and certifies to the auditor. The county auditor shall report periodically, but not less than annually, to the board of county commissioners and to the Ohio public defender commission the amounts paid out pursuant to the approval of the court under this section, separately stating costs and expenses that are reimbursable under section 120.35 of the Revised Code. The board, after review and approval of the auditor's report, may then certify it to the state public defender for reimbursement. The request for reimbursement shall be accompanied by a financial disclosure form completed by each indigent person for whom counsel was provided on a form prescribed by the state public defender. The state public defender shall review the report and, in accordance with the standards, guidelines, and maximums established pursuant to divisions (B)(7) and (8) of section 120.04 of the Revised Code and the payment determination provisions of section 120.34 of the Revised Code, pay ~~fifty per cent of the total~~ cost, other than costs and expenses that are reimbursable under section 120.35 of the Revised Code, if any, of paying appointed counsel in each county and pay ~~fifty per cent of~~ costs and expenses that are reimbursable under section 120.35 of the Revised Code, if any, to the board. The amount of payments

the state public defender is to make shall be determined as specified in section 120.34 of the Revised Code.

(F) If any county system for paying appointed counsel fails to maintain the standards for the conduct of the system established by the rules of the Ohio public defender commission pursuant to divisions (B) and (C) of section 120.03 of the Revised Code or the standards established by the state public defender pursuant to division (B)(7) of section 120.04 of the Revised Code, the commission shall notify the board of county commissioners of the county that the county system for paying appointed counsel has failed to comply with its rules. Unless the board corrects the conduct of its appointed counsel system to comply with the rules within ninety days after the date of the notice, the state public defender may deny all or part of the county's reimbursement from the state provided for in this section.

Sec. 2950.08. (A) Subject to division (B) of this section, the statements, information, photographs, fingerprints, and material required by sections 2950.04, 2950.041, 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code and provided by a person who registers, who provides notice of a change of residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address and registers the new residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address, or who provides verification of a current residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address pursuant to those sections and that are in the possession of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation and the information in the possession of the bureau that was received by the bureau pursuant to section 2950.14 of the Revised Code shall not be open to inspection by the public or by any person other than the following persons:

(1) A regularly employed peace officer or other law enforcement officer;

(2) An authorized employee of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation for the purpose of providing information to a board, administrator, or person pursuant to division (F) or (G) of section 109.57 of the Revised Code;

(3) The registrar of motor vehicles, or an employee of the registrar of motor vehicles, for the purpose of verifying and updating any of the information so provided, upon the request of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation;

(4) The director of job and family services, or an employee of the director, for the purpose of complying with division (D) of section 5104.013 of the Revised Code.

(B) Division (A) of this section does not apply to any information that is

contained in the internet sex offender and child-victim offender database established by the attorney general under division (A)(11) of section 2950.13 of the Revised Code regarding offenders and that is disseminated as described in that division.

Sec. 3105.011. (A) The court of common pleas including divisions of courts of domestic relations, has full equitable powers and jurisdiction appropriate to the determination of all domestic relations matters. This section is not a determination by the general assembly that such equitable powers and jurisdiction do not exist with respect to any such matter.

(B) For purposes of this section, "domestic relations matters" means both of the following:

(1) Any matter committed to the jurisdiction of the division of domestic relations of common pleas courts under section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, as well as a complaint for child support and allocation of parental rights and responsibilities, including the enforcement and modification of such orders;

(2) Actions and proceedings under Chapters 3105., 3109., 3111., 3113., 3115., 3119., 3121., 3123., 3125., and 3127. of the Revised Code, actions pursuant to section 2151.231 of the Revised Code, all actions removed from the jurisdiction of the juvenile court pursuant to section 2151.233 of the Revised Code, and all matters transferred by the juvenile court pursuant to section 2151.235 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3107.035. (A) At the time of the initial home study, and every two years thereafter, if the home study is updated, and until it becomes part of a final decree of adoption or an interlocutory order of adoption, the agency or attorney that arranges an adoption for the prospective adoptive parent shall conduct a search of the United States department of justice national sex offender public web site regarding the prospective adoptive parent and all persons eighteen years of age or older who reside with the prospective adoptive parent.

(B) A petition for adoption may be denied based solely on the results of the search of the national sex offender public web site.

(C) The director of job and family services shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code necessary for the implementation and execution of this section.

Sec. 3107.14. (A) The petitioner and the person sought to be adopted shall appear at the hearing on the petition, unless the presence of either is excused by the court for good cause shown.

(B) The court may continue the hearing from time to time to permit further observation, investigation, or consideration of any facts or

circumstances affecting the granting of the petition, and may examine the petitioners separate and apart from each other.

(C) If, at the conclusion of the hearing, the court finds that the required consents have been obtained or excused and that the adoption is in the best interest of the person sought to be adopted as supported by the evidence, it may issue, subject to division (C)(1)~~(a)~~ of section 2151.86, section 3107.064, and division (E) of section 3107.09 of the Revised Code, and any other limitations specified in this chapter, a final decree of adoption or an interlocutory order of adoption, which by its own terms automatically becomes a final decree of adoption on a date specified in the order, which, except as provided in division (B) of section 3107.13 of the Revised Code, shall not be less than six months or more than one year from the date the person to be adopted is placed in the petitioner's home, unless sooner vacated by the court for good cause shown. In determining whether the adoption is in the best interest of the person sought to be adopted, the court shall not consider the age of the petitioner if the petitioner is old enough to adopt as provided by section 3107.03 of the Revised Code.

In an interlocutory order of adoption, the court shall provide for observation, investigation, and a further report on the adoptive home during the interlocutory period.

(D) If the requirements for a decree under division (C) of this section have not been satisfied or the court vacates an interlocutory order of adoption, or if the court finds that a person sought to be adopted was placed in the home of the petitioner in violation of law, the court shall dismiss the petition and may determine the agency or person to have temporary or permanent custody of the person, which may include the agency or person that had custody prior to the filing of the petition or the petitioner, if the court finds it is in the best interest of the person as supported by the evidence, or if the person is a minor, the court may certify the case to the juvenile court of the county where the minor is then residing for appropriate action and disposition.

(E) The issuance of a final decree or interlocutory order of adoption for an adult adoption under division (A)(4) of section 3107.02 of the Revised Code shall not disqualify that adult for services under section 2151.82 or 2151.83 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3109.061. Nothing in sections 2151.233 to 2151.236 and 2301.03 of the Revised Code shall be construed to prevent a domestic relations court from certifying a case to a juvenile court under division (D)(2) of section 3109.04 of the Revised Code or section 3109.06 of the Revised Code. Consent of the juvenile court shall not be required for the certification.

As used in this section, "domestic relations court" has the same meaning as in section 2151.233 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3119.023. (A) At least once every four years, the department of job and family services shall review the basic child support schedule issued by the department pursuant to section 3119.021 of the Revised Code to determine whether child support orders issued in accordance with that schedule and the worksheets created under rules adopted under section 3119.022 of the Revised Code adequately provide for the needs of children who are subject to the child support orders. ~~The department may consider the adequacy and appropriateness of the current schedule, whether there are substantial and permanent changes in household consumption and savings patterns, particularly those resulting in substantial and permanent changes in the per cent of total household expenditures on children, and whether there have been substantial and permanent changes to the federal and state income tax code other than inflationary adjustments to such things as the exemption amount and income tax brackets, and other factors when conducting its review.~~ The review is in addition to, and independent of, any schedule update completed as set forth in section 3119.021 of the Revised Code. The department shall prepare a report of its review and include recommendations for statutory changes, and submit a copy of the report to both houses of the general assembly.

(B) Each review shall include all of the following:

(1) Consideration of all of the following:

(a) Economic data on the cost of raising children;

(b) Labor market data, such as unemployment rates, employment rates, hours worked, and earnings, by occupation and skill level for the state and local job markets;

(c) The impact of guidelines policies and amounts on custodial and noncustodial parents who have family incomes below two hundred per cent of the federal poverty level;

(d) Factors that influence employment rates among noncustodial parents and compliance with child support orders.

(2) Analysis of all of the following, to be used to ensure that deviations from the basic child support schedule are limited and that support amounts are appropriate based on criteria established under division (G) of section 3119.05 of the Revised Code:

(a) Case data on the application of and deviations from the basic child support schedule, as gathered through sampling or other methods;

(b) Rates of default, child support orders with imputed income, and orders determined using low-income adjustments such as a self-support

reserve or another method as determined by the state:

(c) A comparison of payments on child support orders by case characteristics, including whether the order was entered by default, based on imputed income, or determined using the low-income adjustment, as described in division (B)(2)(b) of this section.

(3) Meaningful opportunity for public input, including input from low-income custodial and noncustodial parents and their representatives.

(C) For each review, the department shall establish a child support guideline advisory council to assist the department in the completion of its reviews and reports. Each council shall be composed of:

(1) Obligors;

(2) Obligees;

(3) Judges of courts of common pleas who have jurisdiction over domestic relations and juvenile court cases that involve the determination of child support;

(4) Attorneys whose practice includes a significant number of domestic relations or juvenile court cases that involve the determination of child support;

(5) Representatives of child support enforcement agencies;

(6) Other persons interested in the welfare of children;

(7) Three members of the senate appointed by the president of the senate, not more than two of whom are members of the same political party; and

(8) Three members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, not more than two of whom are members of the same political party.

~~(C)~~(D) The department shall consider input from the council prior to the completion of any report under this section. The department shall submit its report on or before the first day of March of every fourth year after 2015.

~~(D)~~(E) The department shall publish on the internet and make accessible to the public all of the following:

(1) All reports of the council;

(2) The membership of the council;

(3) The effective date of new or modified guidelines adopted after the review;

(4) The date of the next review.

(F) The advisory council shall cease to exist at the time that the department submits its review to the general assembly under this section.

~~(E)~~(G) Any expenses incurred by an advisory council shall be paid by the department.

Sec. 3119.05. When a court computes the amount of child support required to be paid under a court child support order or a child support enforcement agency computes the amount of child support to be paid pursuant to an administrative child support order, all of the following apply:

(A) The parents' current and past income and personal earnings shall be verified by electronic means or with suitable documents, including, but not limited to, paystubs, employer statements, receipts and expense vouchers related to self-generated income, tax returns, and all supporting documentation and schedules for the tax returns.

(B) The annual amount of any court-ordered spousal support actually paid, excluding any ordered payment on arrears, shall be deducted from the annual income of that parent to the extent that payment of that court-ordered spousal support is verified by supporting documentation.

(C) The court or agency shall adjust the amount of child support paid by a parent to give credit for children not included in the current calculation. When calculating the adjusted amount, the court or agency shall use the schedule and do the following:

(1) Determine the amount of child support that each parent would be ordered to pay for all children for whom the parent has the legal duty to support, according to each parent's annual income. If the number of children subject to the order is greater than six, multiply the amount for three children in accordance with division (C)(4) of this section to determine the amount of child support.

(2) Compute a child support credit amount for each parent's children who are not subject to this order by dividing the amount determined in division (C)(1) of this section by the total number of children whom the parent is obligated to support and multiplying that number by the number of the parent's children who are not subject to this order.

(3) Determine the adjusted income of the parents by subtracting the credit for minor children not subject to this order computed under division (C)(2) of this section, from the annual income of each parent for the children each has a duty to support that are not subject to this order.

(4) If the number of children is greater than six, multiply the amount for three children by:

- (a) 1.440 for seven children;
- (b) 1.540 for eight children;
- (c) 1.638 for nine children;
- (d) 1.734 for ten children;
- (e) 1.827 for eleven children;
- (f) 1.919 for twelve children;

- (g) 2.008 for thirteen children;
- (h) 2.096 for fourteen children;
- (i) 2.182 for more than fourteen children.

(D) When the court or agency calculates the annual income of a parent, it shall include the lesser of the following as income from overtime and bonuses:

(1) The yearly average of all overtime, commissions, and bonuses received during the three years immediately prior to the time when the person's child support obligation is being computed;

(2) The total overtime, commissions, and bonuses received during the year immediately prior to the time when the person's child support obligation is being computed.

(E) When the court or agency calculates the annual income of a parent, it shall not include any income earned by the spouse of that parent.

(F) The court shall issue a separate medical support order for extraordinary medical expenses, including orthodontia, dental, optical, and psychological services.

If the court makes an order for payment of private education, and other appropriate expenses, it shall do so by issuing a separate order.

The court may consider these expenses in adjusting a child support order.

(G) When a court or agency calculates the amount of child support to be paid pursuant to a court child support order or an administrative child support order, the following shall apply:

(1) The court or agency shall apply the basic child support schedule to the parents' combined annual incomes and to each parent's individual income.

(2) If the combined annual income of both parents or the individual annual income of a parent is an amount that is between two amounts set forth in the first column of the schedule, the court or agency may use the basic child support obligation that corresponds to the higher of the two amounts in the first column of the schedule, use the basic child support obligation that corresponds to the lower of the two amounts in the first column of the schedule, or calculate a basic child support obligation that is between those two amounts and corresponds proportionally to the parents' actual combined annual income or the individual parent's annual income.

(3) If the annual individual income of either or both of the parents is within the self-sufficiency reserve in the basic child support schedule, the court or agency shall do both of the following:

- (a) Calculate the basic child support obligation for the parents using the

schedule amount applicable to the combined annual income and the schedule amount applicable to the income in the self-sufficiency reserve;

(b) Determine the lesser of the following amounts to be the applicable basic child support obligation:

(i) The amount that results from using the combined annual income of the parents not in the self-sufficiency reserve of the schedule; or

(ii) The amount that results from using the individual parent's income within the self-sufficiency reserve of the schedule.

(H) When the court or agency calculates annual income, the court or agency, when appropriate, may average income over a reasonable period of years.

(I) Unless it would be unjust or inappropriate and therefore not in the best interests of the child, a court or agency shall not determine a parent to be voluntarily unemployed or underemployed and shall not impute income to that parent if any of the following conditions exist:

(1) The parent is receiving recurring monetary income from means-tested public assistance benefits, including cash assistance payments under the Ohio works first program established under Chapter 5107. of the Revised Code, general assistance under former Chapter 5113. of the Revised Code, supplemental security income, or means-tested veterans' benefits;

(2) The parent is approved for social security disability insurance benefits because of a mental or physical disability, or the court or agency determines that the parent is unable to work based on medical documentation that includes a physician's diagnosis and a physician's opinion regarding the parent's mental or physical disability and inability to work.

(3) The parent has proven that the parent has made continuous and diligent efforts without success to find and accept employment, including temporary employment, part-time employment, or employment at less than the parent's previous salary or wage.

(4) The parent is complying with court-ordered family reunification efforts in a child abuse, neglect, or dependency proceeding, to the extent that compliance with those efforts limits the parent's ability to earn income.

(5) The parent is ~~incarcerated or~~ institutionalized for a period of twelve months or more with no other available income or assets, ~~unless the parent is incarcerated for an offense relating to the abuse or neglect of a child who is the subject of the support order or an offense under Title XXIX of the Revised Code against the obligee or a child who is the subject of the support order.~~

(J) When a court or agency calculates the income of a parent, it shall not

determine a parent to be voluntarily unemployed or underemployed and shall not impute income to that parent if the parent is incarcerated.

~~(K)~~ When a court or agency requires a parent to pay an amount for that parent's failure to support a child for a period of time prior to the date the court modifies or issues a court child support order or an agency modifies or issues an administrative child support order for the current support of the child, the court or agency shall calculate that amount using the basic child support schedule, worksheets, and child support laws in effect, and the incomes of the parents as they existed, for that prior period of time.

~~(K)~~~~(L)~~ A court or agency may disregard a parent's additional income from overtime or additional employment when the court or agency finds that the additional income was generated primarily to support a new or additional family member or members, or under other appropriate circumstances.

~~(L)~~~~(M)~~ If both parents involved in the immediate child support determination have a prior order for support relative to a minor child or children born to both parents, the court or agency shall collect information about the existing order or orders and consider those together with the current calculation for support to ensure that the total of all orders for all children of the parties does not exceed the amount that would have been ordered if all children were addressed in a single judicial or administrative proceeding.

~~(M)~~~~(N)~~ A support obligation of a parent with annual income subject to the self-sufficiency reserve of the basic child support schedule shall not exceed the support obligation that would result from application of the schedule without the reserve.

~~(N)~~~~(O)~~ Any non-means tested benefit received by the child or children subject to the order resulting from the claims of either parent shall be deducted from that parent's annual child support obligation after all other adjustments have been made. If that non-means tested benefit exceeds the child support obligation of the parent from whose claim the benefit is realized, the child support obligation for that parent shall be zero.

~~(O)~~~~(P)~~ As part of the child support calculation, the parents shall be ordered to share the costs of child care. Subject to the limitations in this division, a child support obligor shall pay an amount equal to the obligor's income share of the child care cost incurred for the child or children subject to the order.

(1) The child care cost used in the calculation:

(a) Shall be for the child determined to be necessary to allow a parent to work, or for activities related to employment training;

(b) Shall be verifiable by credible evidence as determined by a court or child support enforcement agency;

(c) Shall exclude any reimbursed or subsidized child care cost, including any state or federal tax credit for child care available to the parent or caretaker, whether or not claimed;

(d) Shall not exceed the maximum state-wide average cost estimate ~~issued by the department of job and family services, using the data collected and reported as required in section 5104.04 of the Revised Code~~ determined in accordance with 45 C.F.R. 98.45.

(2) When the annual income of the obligor is subject to the self-sufficiency reserve of the basic support schedule, the share of the child care cost paid by the obligor shall be equal to the lower of the obligor's income share of the child care cost, or fifty per cent of the child care cost.

(Q) As used in this section, a parent is considered "incarcerated" if the parent is confined under a sentence imposed for an offense or serving a term of imprisonment, jail, or local incarceration, or other term under a sentence imposed by a government entity authorized to order such confinement.

Sec. 3119.23. The court may consider any of the following factors in determining whether to grant a deviation pursuant to section 3119.22 of the Revised Code:

(A) Special and unusual needs of the child or children, including needs arising from the physical or psychological condition of the child or children;

(B) Other court-ordered payments;

(C) Extended parenting time or extraordinary costs associated with parenting time, including extraordinary travel expenses when exchanging the child or children for parenting time;

(D) The financial resources and the earning ability of the child or children;

(E) The relative financial resources, including the disparity in income between parties or households, other assets, and the needs of each parent;

(F) The obligee's income, if the obligee's annual income is equal to or less than one hundred per cent of the federal poverty level;

(G) Benefits that either parent receives from remarriage or sharing living expenses with another person;

(H) The amount of federal, state, and local taxes actually paid or estimated to be paid by a parent or both of the parents;

(I) Significant in-kind contributions from a parent, including, but not limited to, direct payment for lessons, sports equipment, schooling, or clothing;

(J) Extraordinary work-related expenses incurred by either parent;

(K) The standard of living and circumstances of each parent and the standard of living the child would have enjoyed had the marriage continued or had the parents been married;

(L) The educational opportunities that would have been available to the child had the circumstances requiring a child support order not arisen;

(M) The responsibility of each parent for the support of others, including support of a child or children with disabilities who are not subject to the support order;

(N) Post-secondary educational expenses paid for by a parent for the parent's own child or children, regardless of whether the child or children are emancipated;

(O) Costs incurred or reasonably anticipated to be incurred by the parents in compliance with court-ordered reunification efforts in child abuse, neglect, or dependency cases;

(P) Extraordinary child care costs required for the child or children that exceed the maximum state-wide average cost estimate ~~provided as described~~ in division ~~(O)~~(P)(1)(d) of section 3119.05 of the Revised Code, including extraordinary costs associated with caring for a child or children with specialized physical, psychological, or educational needs;

(Q) Any other relevant factor.

If the court grants a deviation based on division (Q) of this section, it shall specifically state in the order the facts that are the basis for the deviation.

Sec. 3119.27. (A) A court that issues or modifies a court support order, or an administrative agency that issues or modifies an administrative child support order, shall impose on the obligor under the support order a processing charge in the amount of two per cent of the support payment to be collected under a support order. No court or agency may call the charge a poundage fee.

(B) In each child support case that is a Title IV-D case, the department of job and family services shall annually claim ~~twenty-five~~ thirty-five dollars from the processing charge described in division (A) of this section for federal reporting purposes if the obligee has never received assistance under Title IV-A and the department has collected at least five hundred fifty dollars of child support for the obligee. The director of job and family services shall adopt rules under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this division, and the department shall implement this division not later than March 31, 2008.

(C) As used in this section:

(1) "Annual" means the period as defined in regulations issued by the

United States secretary of health and human services to implement the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-171).

(2) "Title IV-A" has the same meaning as in section 5107.02 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Title IV-D case" has the same meaning as in section 3125.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3119.29. As used in this section and sections 3119.30 to 3119.56 of the Revised Code:

~~(A) "Family coverage" means the health insurance plan that provides coverage for the children who are the subject of a child support order.~~

~~(B)~~ "Health care coverage" means such medical support that includes coverage under a health insurance coverage or a public health care plan, payment of costs of premiums, copayments, and deductibles, or payment for medical expenses incurred on behalf of the child.

~~(C)~~(B) "Health insurance coverage" means accessible private health insurance that provides primary care services within thirty miles from the residence of the child subject to the child support order.

~~(D)~~(C) "Health plan administrator" means any entity authorized under Title XXXIX of the Revised Code to engage in the business of insurance in this state, any health insuring corporation, any legal entity that is self-insured and provides benefits to its employees or members, and the administrator of any such entity or corporation.

~~(E)~~(D) "National medical support notice" means a form required by the "Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998," P.L. 105-200, 112 Stat. 659, 42 U.S.C. 666(a)(19), as amended, and jointly developed and promulgated by the secretary of health and human services and the secretary of labor in federal regulations adopted under that act as modified by the department of job and family services under section 3119.291 of the Revised Code.

~~(F)~~(E) "Person required to provide health insurance coverage" means the obligor, obligee, or both, required by the court under a court child support order or by the child support enforcement agency under an administrative child support order to provide health insurance coverage pursuant to section 3119.30 of the Revised Code.

~~(G)~~(F) "Reasonable cost" means that the cost of private health insurance coverage to the person required to provide health insurance coverage for the children who are the subject of the child support order does not exceed an amount equal to five per cent of the annual income of that person. ~~For purposes of this division, the cost of health insurance is an amount equal to the difference in cost between self-only and family coverage.~~

~~However, if the United States secretary of health and human services issues a regulation that redefines "reasonable cost" or a similar term or phrase, or clarifies the elements of cost used when determining reasonable cost relating to the provision of health care for children in a child support order, and if those changes are substantively different than the definitions and terms used in this section, those terms shall have the meaning as defined by the United States secretary of health and human services.~~

Sec. 3119.30. (A) In any action or proceeding in which a child support order is issued or modified, the court, with respect to court child support orders, and the child support enforcement agency, with respect to administrative child support orders, shall determine the person or persons responsible for the health care coverage of the children subject to the child support order and shall include provisions for the health care coverage of the children in the child support order. The order shall specify that the obligor and obligee are both liable for the health care expenses for the children who are not covered by private health insurance according to a formula established by each court, with respect to a court child support order, or each child support enforcement agency, with respect to an administrative child support order.

(B) The child support obligee is rebuttably presumed to be the appropriate parent to provide health insurance coverage for the children subject to the child support order. The order shall specify that the obligee must provide the health insurance coverage unless rebutted pursuant to division (B)(1) of this section.

(1) The court or child support enforcement agency may consider the following factors to rebut the presumption when determining if the child support obligor is the appropriate parent to provide health insurance coverage:

(a) The obligor already has health insurance coverage for the child that is reasonable in cost;

(b) The obligor already has health insurance coverage in place for the child that is not reasonable in cost, but the obligor wishes to be named the health insurance obligor and provide coverage under division (A)(2)(a) of section 3119.302 of the Revised Code;

(c) The obligor can obtain health insurance coverage for the child that is reasonable in cost through an employer or other source. For employer-based coverage, the court or child support enforcement agency shall consider the length of time the obligor has worked with the employer and the stability of the insurance.

(d) The obligee is a non-parent individual or agency that has no duty to

provide medical support.

(2) If ~~private~~ health insurance coverage for the children is not available at a reasonable cost to the obligor or the obligee at the time the court or agency issues the order, the order shall include a requirement that the obligee obtain ~~private~~ health ~~insurance~~ care coverage for the children not later than thirty days after it becomes available to the obligee at a reasonable cost, and to inform the child support enforcement agency when ~~private~~ health ~~insurance~~ care coverage for the children has been obtained.

(3) If ~~private~~ health insurance coverage becomes available to the obligor at a reasonable cost, the obligor shall inform the child support enforcement agency and may seek a modification of health ~~insurance~~ care coverage from the court with respect to a court child support order, or from the agency with respect to an administrative support order.

(C) When a child support order is issued or modified, the order shall include a cash medical support amount consistent with division (B) of section 3119.302 of the Revised Code for each child subject to the order. The cash medical support amount shall be ordered based on the number of children subject to the order and split between the parties using the parents' income share.

(D) Any cash medical support paid pursuant to division (C) of this section shall be paid through the department of job and family services by the obligor to either the obligee if the children are not medicaid recipients, or to the department of medicaid when a medicaid assignment is in effect for any child under the support order.

(E) The cost of providing health insurance coverage for a child subject to an order shall be defrayed by a credit against that parent's annual income when calculating support as required under section 3119.02 of the Revised Code using the basic child support schedule and applicable worksheet. The credit shall be equal to the total actual out-of-pocket cost for health insurance premiums for the coverage. Any credit given will be less any subsidy, including a premium tax credit or cost-sharing reduction received by the parent providing coverage.

(F) Both parents may be ordered to provide health care coverage and pay cash medical support if the obligee is a nonparent individual or agency that has no duty to provide medical support.

Sec. 3119.302. (A) When the court, with respect to a court child support order, or the child support enforcement agency, with respect to an administrative child support order, determines the person or persons responsible for the health care coverage of the children subject to the order pursuant to section 3119.30 of the Revised Code, all of the following apply:

(1) The court or agency shall consider any ~~private~~ health insurance coverage in which the obligor, obligee, or children, are enrolled at the time the court or agency issues the order.

(2) If the cost of ~~private~~ health insurance coverage to either parent exceeds a reasonable cost, that parent shall not be ordered to provide ~~private~~ health insurance coverage for the child except as follows:

(a) When the parent requests to obtain or maintain the ~~private~~ health insurance coverage that exceeds a reasonable cost;

(b) When the court determines that it is in the best interest of the children for a parent to obtain and maintain ~~private~~ health insurance coverage that exceeds a reasonable cost and the cost will not impose an undue financial burden on either parent. If the court makes such a determination, the court must include the facts and circumstances of the determination in the child support order.

(3) If ~~private~~ health insurance coverage is available at a reasonable cost to either parent through a group policy, contract, or plan, and the court determines that it is not in the best interest of the children to utilize the available ~~private~~ health insurance coverage, the court shall state the facts and circumstances of the determination in the child support order.

(4) Notwithstanding division ~~(C)~~(B) of section 3119.29 of the Revised Code, the court or agency may do either of the following:

(a) Permit primary care services to be farther than thirty miles if residents in part or all of the immediate geographic area customarily travel farther distances ;

(b) Require primary care services be accessible by public transportation if public transportation is the obligee's only source of transportation.

If the court or agency makes either accessibility determination, it shall include this accessibility determination in the child support order.

(B) The director of job and family services shall periodically update the amount of the cash medical support obligation to be paid pursuant to division (C) of section 3119.30 of the Revised Code. The updates shall be made in consideration of the medical expenditure panel survey, conducted by the United States department of health and human services for health care research and quality. The amount shall be based on the most recent survey year data available and shall be calculated by multiplying the total amount expended for health services for children by the percentage that is out-of-pocket divided by the number of individuals less than eighteen years of age that have any private insurance.

Sec. 3119.31. In any action or proceeding in which a court or child support enforcement agency is determining the person responsible for the

health care coverage of the children who are or will be the subject of a child support order, each party shall provide to the court or child support enforcement agency a list of any group health insurance policies, contracts, or plans available to the party and the cost ~~for self only and family of~~ coverage under the available policies, contracts, or plans.

Sec. 3119.32. A child support order shall contain all of the following:

(A)(1) If the obligor, obligee, or both obligor and obligee, are required under section 3119.30 of the Revised Code to provide ~~private~~ health insurance care coverage for the children, a requirement that whoever is required to provide ~~private~~ health insurance care coverage provide to the other, not later than thirty days after the issuance of the order, information regarding the benefits, limitations, and exclusions of the coverage, copies of any ~~insurance~~ forms necessary to receive reimbursement, payment, or other benefits under the coverage, and a copy of any necessary ~~insurance cards~~ proof of coverage;

(2) If the obligor, obligee, or both obligor and obligee, are required under section 3119.30 of the Revised Code to provide ~~private~~ health insurance care coverage for the children, a requirement that whoever is required to provide ~~private~~ health insurance care coverage provide to the child support enforcement agency, not later than thirty days after the issuance of the order, documentation that verifies that coverage is being provided as ordered.

(B) A statement setting forth the name and address of the individual who is to be reimbursed for medical expenses.

(C) A requirement that a person required to provide ~~private~~ health insurance care coverage for the children designate the children as covered dependents under any ~~private~~ health insurance care coverage policy, contract, or plan ~~for which the person contracts~~.

(D) A requirement that the obligor, the obligee, or both of them under a formula established by the court, with respect to a court child support order, or the child support enforcement agency, with respect to an administrative child support order, pay extraordinary medical expenses for the children.

(E) A notice that the employer of the person required to obtain ~~private~~ health insurance care coverage through that employer is required to release to the other parent, any person subject to an order issued under section 3109.19 of the Revised Code, or the child support enforcement agency on written request any necessary information on the ~~private~~ health insurance care coverage, including the name and address of the health plan administrator and any policy, contract, or plan number, and to otherwise comply with this section and any order or notice issued under this section.

(F) A statement setting forth the full name and date of birth of each child who is the subject of the child support order.

(G) A notice that states the following: "If the person required to obtain ~~private~~ health care ~~insurance~~ coverage for the children subject to this child support order obtains new employment, the agency shall comply with the requirements of section 3119.34 of the Revised Code, which may result in the issuance of a notice requiring the new employer to take whatever action is necessary to enroll the children in private health care insurance coverage provided by the new employer, when insurance is not being provided by any other source."

Sec. 3125.25. The director of job and family services shall adopt rules under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing the operation of support enforcement by child support enforcement agencies. The rules shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

(A) Provisions relating to plans of cooperation between the agencies and boards of county commissioners entered into under section 3125.12 of the Revised Code;

(B) Provisions for the compromise and waiver of child support arrearages owed to the state and federal government, consistent with Title IV-D of the "Social Security Act," 88 Stat. 2351 (1975), 42 U.S.C. 651 et seq., as amended;

(C) Requirements for public hearings by the agencies;

(D) Provisions for appeals of agency decisions under procedures established by the director;

(E) Provisions requiring the investigation and documentation of the factual basis for establishment and modification of support obligations in accordance with Title IV-D of the "Social Security Act," 88 Stat. 2351 (1975), 42 U.S.C. 651 et seq., and any regulations promulgated by the United States department of health and human services;

(F) Provisions establishing criteria for child support enforcement agencies to initiate an action under section 2705.031 of the Revised Code in any case administered under Title IV-D of the "Social Security Act," 88 Stat. 2351 (1975), 42 U.S.C. 651 et seq.

Sec. 3301.07. The state board of education shall exercise under the acts of the general assembly general supervision of the system of public education in the state. In addition to the powers otherwise imposed on the state board under the provisions of law, the board shall have the powers described in this section.

(A) The state board shall exercise policy forming, planning, and evaluative functions for the public schools of the state except as otherwise

provided by law.

(B)(1) The state board shall exercise leadership in the improvement of public education in this state, and administer the educational policies of this state relating to public schools, and relating to instruction and instructional material, building and equipment, transportation of pupils, administrative responsibilities of school officials and personnel, and finance and organization of school districts, educational service centers, and territory. Consultative and advisory services in such matters shall be provided by the board to school districts and educational service centers of this state.

(2) The state board also shall develop a standard of financial reporting which shall be used by each school district board of education and each governing board of an educational service center, each governing authority of a community school established under Chapter 3314., each governing body of a STEM school established under Chapter 3328., and each board of trustees of a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code to make its financial information and annual budgets for each school building under its control available to the public in a format understandable by the average citizen. The format shall show, both at the district and at the school building level, revenue by source; expenditures for salaries, wages, and benefits of employees, showing such amounts separately for classroom teachers, other employees required to hold licenses issued pursuant to sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code, and all other employees; expenditures other than for personnel, by category, including utilities, textbooks and other educational materials, equipment, permanent improvements, pupil transportation, extracurricular athletics, and other extracurricular activities; and per pupil expenditures. The format shall also include information on total revenue and expenditures, per pupil revenue, and expenditures for both classroom and nonclassroom purposes, as defined by the standards adopted under section 3302.20 of the Revised Code in the aggregate and for each subgroup of students, as defined by section 3317.40 of the Revised Code, that receives services provided for by state or federal funding.

(3) Each school district board, governing authority, governing body, or board of trustees, or its respective designee, shall annually report, to the department of education, all financial information required by the standards for financial reporting, as prescribed by division (B)(2) of this section and adopted by the state board. The department shall make all reports submitted pursuant to this division available in such a way that allows for comparison between financial information included in these reports and financial information included in reports produced prior to July 1, 2013. The

department shall post these reports in a prominent location on its web site and shall notify each school when reports are made available.

(C) The state board shall administer and supervise the allocation and distribution of all state and federal funds for public school education under the provisions of law, and may prescribe such systems of accounting as are necessary and proper to this function. It may require county auditors and treasurers, boards of education, educational service center governing boards, treasurers of such boards, teachers, and other school officers and employees, or other public officers or employees, to file with it such reports as it may prescribe relating to such funds, or to the management and condition of such funds.

(D)(1) Wherever in Titles IX, XXIII, XXIX, XXXIII, XXXVII, XLVII, and LI of the Revised Code a reference is made to standards prescribed under this section or division (D) of this section, that reference shall be construed to refer to the standards prescribed under division (D)(2) of this section, unless the context specifically indicates a different meaning or intent.

(2) The state board shall formulate and prescribe minimum standards to be applied to all elementary and secondary schools in this state for the purpose of providing children access to a general education of high quality according to the learning needs of each individual, including students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged students, ~~limited English proficient students~~ learners, and students identified as gifted. Such standards shall provide adequately for: the licensing of teachers, administrators, and other professional personnel and their assignment according to training and qualifications; efficient and effective instructional materials and equipment, including library facilities; the proper organization, administration, and supervision of each school, including regulations for preparing all necessary records and reports and the preparation of a statement of policies and objectives for each school; the provision of safe buildings, grounds, health and sanitary facilities and services; admission of pupils, and such requirements for their promotion from grade to grade as will assure that they are capable and prepared for the level of study to which they are certified; requirements for graduation; and such other factors as the board finds necessary.

The state board shall base any standards governing the promotion of students or requirements for graduation on the ability of students, at any grade level, to earn credits or advance upon demonstration of mastery of knowledge and skills through competency-based learning models. Credits of grade level advancement shall not require a minimum number of days or

hours in a classroom.

The state board shall base any standards governing the assignment of staff on ensuring each school has a sufficient number of teachers to ensure a student has an appropriate level of interaction to meet each student's personal learning goals.

In the formulation and administration of such standards for nonpublic schools the board shall also consider the particular needs, methods and objectives of those schools, provided they do not conflict with the provision of a general education of a high quality and provided that regular procedures shall be followed for promotion from grade to grade of pupils who have met the educational requirements prescribed.

(3) In addition to the minimum standards required by division (D)(2) of this section, the state board may formulate and prescribe the following additional minimum operating standards for school districts:

(a) Standards for the effective and efficient organization, administration, and supervision of each school district with a commitment to high expectations for every student based on the learning needs of each individual, including students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged students, ~~limited English proficient students~~ learners, and students identified as gifted, and commitment to closing the achievement gap without suppressing the achievement levels of higher achieving students so that all students achieve core knowledge and skills in accordance with the statewide academic standards adopted under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code;

(b) Standards for the establishment of business advisory councils under section 3313.82 of the Revised Code;

(c) Standards for school district buildings that may require the effective and efficient organization, administration, and supervision of each school district building with a commitment to high expectations for every student based on the learning needs of each individual, including students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged students, ~~limited English proficient students~~ learners, and students identified as gifted, and commitment to closing the achievement gap without suppressing the achievement levels of higher achieving students so that all students achieve core knowledge and skills in accordance with the statewide academic standards adopted under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code.

(E) The state board may require as part of the health curriculum information developed under section 2108.34 of the Revised Code promoting the donation of anatomical gifts pursuant to Chapter 2108. of the Revised Code and may provide the information to high schools, educational service centers, and joint vocational school district boards of education;

(F) The state board shall prepare and submit annually to the governor and the general assembly a report on the status, needs, and major problems of the public schools of the state, with recommendations for necessary legislative action and a ten-year projection of the state's public and nonpublic school enrollment, by year and by grade level.

(G) The state board shall prepare and submit to the director of budget and management the biennial budgetary requests of the state board of education, for its agencies and for the public schools of the state.

(H) The state board shall cooperate with federal, state, and local agencies concerned with the health and welfare of children and youth of the state.

(I) The state board shall require such reports from school districts and educational service centers, school officers, and employees as are necessary and desirable. The superintendents and treasurers of school districts and educational service centers shall certify as to the accuracy of all reports required by law or state board or state department of education rules to be submitted by the district or educational service center and which contain information necessary for calculation of state funding. Any superintendent who knowingly falsifies such report shall be subject to license revocation pursuant to section 3319.31 of the Revised Code.

(J) In accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the state board shall adopt procedures, standards, and guidelines for the education of children with disabilities pursuant to Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code, including procedures, standards, and guidelines governing programs and services operated by county boards of developmental disabilities pursuant to section 3323.09 of the Revised Code.

(K) For the purpose of encouraging the development of special programs of education for academically gifted children, the state board shall employ competent persons to analyze and publish data, promote research, advise and counsel with boards of education, and encourage the training of teachers in the special instruction of gifted children. The board may provide financial assistance out of any funds appropriated for this purpose to boards of education and educational service center governing boards for developing and conducting programs of education for academically gifted children.

(L) The state board shall require that all public schools emphasize and encourage, within existing units of study, the teaching of energy and resource conservation as recommended to each district board of education by leading business persons involved in energy production and conservation, beginning in the primary grades.

(M) The state board shall formulate and prescribe minimum standards

requiring the use of phonics as a technique in the teaching of reading in grades kindergarten through three. In addition, the state board shall provide in-service training programs for teachers on the use of phonics as a technique in the teaching of reading in grades kindergarten through three.

(N) The state board may adopt rules necessary for carrying out any function imposed on it by law, and may provide rules as are necessary for its government and the government of its employees, and may delegate to the superintendent of public instruction the management and administration of any function imposed on it by law. It may provide for the appointment of board members to serve on temporary committees established by the board for such purposes as are necessary. Permanent or standing committees shall not be created.

(O) Upon application from the board of education of a school district, the superintendent of public instruction may issue a waiver exempting the district from compliance with the standards adopted under divisions (B)(2) and (D) of this section, as they relate to the operation of a school operated by the district. The state board shall adopt standards for the approval or disapproval of waivers under this division. The state superintendent shall consider every application for a waiver, and shall determine whether to grant or deny a waiver in accordance with the state board's standards. For each waiver granted, the state superintendent shall specify the period of time during which the waiver is in effect, which shall not exceed five years. A district board may apply to renew a waiver.

Sec. 3301.0710. The state board of education shall adopt rules establishing a statewide program to assess student achievement. The state board shall ensure that all assessments administered under the program are aligned with the academic standards and model curricula adopted by the state board and are created with input from Ohio parents, Ohio classroom teachers, Ohio school administrators, and other Ohio school personnel pursuant to section 3301.079 of the Revised Code.

The assessment program shall be designed to ensure that students who receive a high school diploma demonstrate at least high school levels of achievement in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

(A)(1) The state board shall prescribe all of the following:

(a) Two statewide achievement assessments, one each designed to measure the level of English language arts and mathematics skill expected at the end of third grade;

(b) Two statewide achievement assessments, one each designed to measure the level of English language arts and mathematics skill expected at

the end of fourth grade;

(c) Three statewide achievement assessments, one each designed to measure the level of English language arts, mathematics, and science skill expected at the end of fifth grade;

(d) Two statewide achievement assessments, one each designed to measure the level of English language arts and mathematics skill expected at the end of sixth grade;

(e) Two statewide achievement assessments, one each designed to measure the level of English language arts and mathematics skill expected at the end of seventh grade;

(f) Three statewide achievement assessments, one each designed to measure the level of English language arts, mathematics, and science skill expected at the end of eighth grade.

(2) The state board shall determine and designate at least five ranges of scores on each of the achievement assessments described in divisions (A)(1) and (B)(1) of this section. Each range of scores shall be deemed to demonstrate a level of achievement so that any student attaining a score within such range has achieved one of the following:

- (a) An advanced level of skill;
- (b) An accelerated level of skill;
- (c) A proficient level of skill;
- (d) A basic level of skill;
- (e) A limited level of skill.

(3) For the purpose of implementing division (A) of section 3313.608 of the Revised Code, the state board shall determine and designate a level of achievement, not lower than the level designated in division (A)(2)(e) of this section, on the third grade English language arts assessment for a student to be promoted to the fourth grade. The state board shall review and adjust upward the level of achievement designated under this division each year the test is administered until the level is set equal to the level designated in division (A)(2)(c) of this section.

(4) Each school district or school shall teach and assess social studies in at least the fourth and sixth grades. Any assessment in such area shall be determined by the district or school and may be formative or summative in nature. The results of such assessment shall not be reported to the department of education.

(B)(1) The assessments prescribed under division (B)(1) of this section shall collectively be known as the Ohio graduation tests. The state board shall prescribe five statewide high school achievement assessments, one each designed to measure the level of reading, writing, mathematics,

science, and social studies skill expected at the end of tenth grade. The state board shall designate a score in at least the range designated under division (A)(2)(c) of this section on each such assessment that shall be deemed to be a passing score on the assessment as a condition toward granting high school diplomas under sections 3313.61, 3313.611, 3313.612, and 3325.08 of the Revised Code until the assessment system prescribed by section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code is implemented in accordance with division (B)(2) of this section.

(2) The state board shall prescribe an assessment system in accordance with section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code that shall replace the Ohio graduation tests beginning with students who enter the ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2014.

(3) The state board may enter into a reciprocal agreement with the appropriate body or agency of any other state that has similar statewide achievement assessment requirements for receiving high school diplomas, under which any student who has met an achievement assessment requirement of one state is recognized as having met the similar requirement of the other state for purposes of receiving a high school diploma. For purposes of this section and sections 3301.0711 and 3313.61 of the Revised Code, any student enrolled in any public high school in this state who has met an achievement assessment requirement specified in a reciprocal agreement entered into under this division shall be deemed to have attained at least the applicable score designated under this division on each assessment required by division (B)(1) or (2) of this section that is specified in the agreement.

(C) The superintendent of public instruction shall designate dates and times for the administration of the assessments prescribed by divisions (A) and (B) of this section.

In prescribing administration dates pursuant to this division, the superintendent shall designate the dates in such a way as to allow a reasonable length of time between the administration of assessments prescribed under this section and any administration of the national assessment of educational progress given to students in the same grade level pursuant to section 3301.27 of the Revised Code or federal law.

(D) The state board shall prescribe a practice version of each Ohio graduation test described in division (B)(1) of this section that is of comparable length to the actual test.

(E) Any committee established by the department of education for the purpose of making recommendations to the state board regarding the state board's designation of scores on the assessments described by this section

shall inform the state board of the probable percentage of students who would score in each of the ranges established under division (A)(2) of this section on the assessments if the committee's recommendations are adopted by the state board. To the extent possible, these percentages shall be disaggregated by gender, major racial and ethnic groups, ~~limited English proficient students~~ learners, economically disadvantaged students, students with disabilities, and migrant students.

Sec. 3301.0711. (A) The department of education shall:

(1) Annually furnish to, grade, and score all assessments required by divisions (A)(1) and (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code to be administered by city, local, exempted village, and joint vocational school districts, except that each district shall score any assessment administered pursuant to division (B)(10) of this section. Each assessment so furnished shall include the data verification code of the student to whom the assessment will be administered, as assigned pursuant to division (D)(2) of section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code. In furnishing the practice versions of Ohio graduation tests prescribed by division (D) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code, the department shall make the tests available on its web site for reproduction by districts. In awarding contracts for grading assessments, the department shall give preference to Ohio-based entities employing Ohio residents.

(2) Adopt rules for the ethical use of assessments and prescribing the manner in which the assessments prescribed by section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code shall be administered to students.

(B) Except as provided in divisions (C) and (J) of this section, the board of education of each city, local, and exempted village school district shall, in accordance with rules adopted under division (A) of this section:

(1) Administer the English language arts assessments prescribed under division (A)(1)(a) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code twice annually to all students in the third grade who have not attained the score designated for that assessment under division (A)(2)(c) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code.

(2) Administer the mathematics assessment prescribed under division (A)(1)(a) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least once annually to all students in the third grade.

(3) Administer the assessments prescribed under division (A)(1)(b) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least once annually to all students in the fourth grade.

(4) Administer the assessments prescribed under division (A)(1)(c) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least once annually to all students

in the fifth grade.

(5) Administer the assessments prescribed under division (A)(1)(d) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least once annually to all students in the sixth grade.

(6) Administer the assessments prescribed under division (A)(1)(e) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least once annually to all students in the seventh grade.

(7) Administer the assessments prescribed under division (A)(1)(f) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least once annually to all students in the eighth grade.

(8) Except as provided in division (B)(9) of this section, administer any assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code as follows:

(a) At least once annually to all tenth grade students and at least twice annually to all students in eleventh or twelfth grade who have not yet attained the score on that assessment designated under that division;

(b) To any person who has successfully completed the curriculum in any high school or the individualized education program developed for the person by any high school pursuant to section 3323.08 of the Revised Code but has not received a high school diploma and who requests to take such assessment, at any time such assessment is administered in the district.

(9) In lieu of the board of education of any city, local, or exempted village school district in which the student is also enrolled, the board of a joint vocational school district shall administer any assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least twice annually to any student enrolled in the joint vocational school district who has not yet attained the score on that assessment designated under that division. A board of a joint vocational school district may also administer such an assessment to any student described in division (B)(8)(b) of this section.

(10) If the district has a three-year average graduation rate of not more than seventy-five per cent, administer each assessment prescribed by division (D) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code in September to all ninth grade students who entered ninth grade prior to July 1, 2014.

Except as provided in section 3313.614 of the Revised Code for administration of an assessment to a person who has fulfilled the curriculum requirement for a high school diploma but has not passed one or more of the required assessments, the assessments prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code shall not be administered after the date specified in the rules adopted by the state board of education under

division (D)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

(11)(a) Except as provided in ~~division~~ divisions (B)(11)(b) and (c) of this section, administer the assessments prescribed by division (B)(2) of section 3301.0710 and section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code in accordance with the timeline and plan for implementation of those assessments prescribed by rule of the state board adopted under division (D)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code;

(b) A student who has presented evidence to the district or school of having satisfied the condition prescribed by division (A)(1) of section 3313.618 of the Revised Code to qualify for a high school diploma prior to the date of the administration of the assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code shall not be required to take that assessment. However, no board shall prohibit a student who is not required to take such assessment from taking the assessment.

(c) A student shall not be required to retake the Algebra I end-of-course examination or the English language arts II end-of-course examination prescribed under division (B)(2) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code in grades nine through twelve if the student demonstrates at least a proficient level of skill, as prescribed under division (B)(5)(a) of that section, or achieves a competency score, as prescribed under division (B)(10) of that section, in an administration of the examination prior to grade nine.

(C)(1)(a) In the case of a student receiving special education services under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code, the individualized education program developed for the student under that chapter shall specify the manner in which the student will participate in the assessments administered under this section, except that a student with significant cognitive disabilities to whom an alternate assessment is administered in accordance with division (C)(1) of this section and a student determined to have a disability that includes an intellectual disability as outlined in guidance issued by the department shall not be required to take the assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code. The individualized education program may excuse the student from taking any particular assessment required to be administered under this section if it instead specifies an alternate assessment method approved by the department of education as conforming to requirements of federal law for receipt of federal funds for disadvantaged pupils. To the extent possible, the individualized education program shall not excuse the student from taking an assessment unless no reasonable accommodation can be made to enable the student to take the assessment. No board shall prohibit a student who is

not required to take an assessment under division (C)(1) of this section from taking the assessment.

(b) Any alternate assessment approved by the department for a student under this division shall produce measurable results comparable to those produced by the assessment it replaces in order to allow for the student's results to be included in the data compiled for a school district or building under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code.

(c)(i) Any student enrolled in a chartered nonpublic school who has been identified, based on an evaluation conducted in accordance with section 3323.03 of the Revised Code or section 504 of the "Rehabilitation Act of 1973," 87 Stat. 355, 29 U.S.C.A. 794, as amended, as a child with a disability shall be excused from taking any particular assessment required to be administered under this section if either of the following apply:

(I) A plan developed for the student pursuant to rules adopted by the state board excuses the student from taking that assessment.

(II) The chartered nonpublic school develops a written plan in which the school, in consultation with the student's parents, determines that an assessment or alternative assessment with accommodations does not accurately assess the student's academic performance. The plan shall include an academic profile of the student's academic performance and shall be reviewed annually to determine if the student's needs continue to require excusal from taking the assessment.

(ii) A student with significant cognitive disabilities to whom an alternate assessment is administered in accordance with division (C)(1) of this section and a student determined to have a disability that includes an intellectual disability as outlined in guidance issued by the department shall not be required to take the assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

(iii) In the case of any student so excused from taking an assessment under division (C)(1)(c) of this section, the chartered nonpublic school shall not prohibit the student from taking the assessment.

(2) A district board may, for medical reasons or other good cause, excuse a student from taking an assessment administered under this section on the date scheduled, but that assessment shall be administered to the excused student not later than nine days following the scheduled date. The district board shall annually report the number of students who have not taken one or more of the assessments required by this section to the state board not later than the thirtieth day of June.

(3) As used in this division, "~~limited English proficient student learner~~" has the same meaning as in 20 U.S.C. 7801.

No school district board shall excuse any ~~limited English proficient student~~ learner from taking any particular assessment required to be administered under this section, except as follows:

(a) Any ~~limited English proficient student~~ learner who has been enrolled in United States schools for less than two years and for whom no appropriate accommodations are available based on guidance issued by the department shall not be required to take the assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

(b) Any ~~limited English proficient student~~ learner who has been enrolled in United States schools for less than one full school year shall not be required to take any reading, writing, or English language arts assessment.

However, no board shall prohibit a ~~limited an English proficient student~~ learner who is not required to take an assessment under division (C)(3) of this section from taking the assessment. A board may permit any ~~limited English proficient student~~ learner to take an assessment required to be administered under this section with appropriate accommodations, as determined by the department. For each ~~limited English proficient student~~ learner, each school district shall annually assess that student's progress in learning English, in accordance with procedures approved by the department.

(4)(a) The governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school may excuse a ~~limited an English proficient student~~ learner from taking any assessment administered under this section.

(b) No governing authority shall require a ~~limited an English proficient student~~ learner who has been enrolled in United States schools for less than two years and for whom no appropriate accommodations are available based on guidance issued by the department to take the assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

(c) No governing authority shall prohibit a ~~limited an English proficient student~~ learner from taking an assessment from which the student was excused under division (C)(4) of this section.

(D)(1) In the school year next succeeding the school year in which the assessments prescribed by division (A)(1) or (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code or former division (A)(1), (A)(2), or (B) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to September 11, 2001, are administered to any student, the board of education of any school district in which the student is enrolled in that year shall provide to the student intervention services commensurate with the student's performance, including any intensive intervention required under section 3313.608 of the Revised Code, in any skill in which the student failed to demonstrate at least

a score at the proficient level on the assessment.

(2) Following any administration of the assessments prescribed by division (D) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code to ninth grade students, each school district that has a three-year average graduation rate of not more than seventy-five per cent shall determine for each high school in the district whether the school shall be required to provide intervention services to any students who took the assessments. In determining which high schools shall provide intervention services based on the resources available, the district shall consider each school's graduation rate and scores on the practice assessments. The district also shall consider the scores received by ninth grade students on the English language arts and mathematics assessments prescribed under division (A)(1)(f) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code in the eighth grade in determining which high schools shall provide intervention services.

Each high school selected to provide intervention services under this division shall provide intervention services to any student whose results indicate that the student is failing to make satisfactory progress toward being able to attain scores at the proficient level on the Ohio graduation tests. Intervention services shall be provided in any skill in which a student demonstrates unsatisfactory progress and shall be commensurate with the student's performance. Schools shall provide the intervention services prior to the end of the school year, during the summer following the ninth grade, in the next succeeding school year, or at any combination of those times.

(E) Except as provided in section 3313.608 of the Revised Code and division (N) of this section, no school district board of education shall utilize any student's failure to attain a specified score on an assessment administered under this section as a factor in any decision to deny the student promotion to a higher grade level. However, a district board may choose not to promote to the next grade level any student who does not take an assessment administered under this section or make up an assessment as provided by division (C)(2) of this section and who is not exempt from the requirement to take the assessment under division (C)(3) of this section.

(F) No person shall be charged a fee for taking any assessment administered under this section.

(G)(1) Each school district board shall designate one location for the collection of assessments administered in the spring under division (B)(1) of this section and those administered under divisions (B)(2) to (7) of this section. Each district board shall submit the assessments to the entity with which the department contracts for the scoring of the assessments as follows:

(a) If the district's total enrollment in grades kindergarten through twelve during the first full school week of October was less than two thousand five hundred, not later than the Friday after all of the assessments have been administered;

(b) If the district's total enrollment in grades kindergarten through twelve during the first full school week of October was two thousand five hundred or more, but less than seven thousand, not later than the Monday after all of the assessments have been administered;

(c) If the district's total enrollment in grades kindergarten through twelve during the first full school week of October was seven thousand or more, not later than the Tuesday after all of the assessments have been administered.

However, any assessment that a student takes during the make-up period described in division (C)(2) of this section shall be submitted not later than the Friday following the day the student takes the assessment.

(2) The department or an entity with which the department contracts for the scoring of the assessment shall send to each school district board a list of the individual scores of all persons taking a state achievement assessment as follows:

(a) Except as provided in division (G)(2)(b) or (c) of this section, within forty-five days after the administration of the assessments prescribed by sections 3301.0710 and 3301.0712 of the Revised Code, but in no case shall the scores be returned later than the thirtieth day of June following the administration;

(b) In the case of the third-grade English language arts assessment, within forty-five days after the administration of that assessment, but in no case shall the scores be returned later than the fifteenth day of June following the administration;

(c) In the case of the writing component of an assessment or end-of-course examination in the area of English language arts, except for the third-grade English language arts assessment, the results may be sent after forty-five days of the administration of the writing component, but in no case shall the scores be returned later than the thirtieth day of June following the administration.

(3) For assessments administered under this section by a joint vocational school district, the department or entity shall also send to each city, local, or exempted village school district a list of the individual scores of any students of such city, local, or exempted village school district who are attending school in the joint vocational school district.

(4) Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, a school district, other

public school, or chartered nonpublic school may administer the third-grade English language arts or mathematics assessment, or both, in a paper format in any school year for which the district board of education or school governing body adopts a resolution indicating that the district or school chooses to administer the assessment in a paper format. The board or governing body shall submit a copy of the resolution to the department of education not later than the first day of May prior to the school year for which it will apply. If the resolution is submitted, the district or school shall administer the assessment in a paper format to all students in the third grade, except that any student whose individualized education program or plan developed under section 504 of the "Rehabilitation Act of 1973," 87 Stat. 355, 29 U.S.C. 794, as amended, specifies that taking the assessment in an online format is an appropriate accommodation for the student may take the assessment in an online format.

(H) Individual scores on any assessments administered under this section shall be released by a district board only in accordance with section 3319.321 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted under division (A) of this section. No district board or its employees shall utilize individual or aggregate results in any manner that conflicts with rules for the ethical use of assessments adopted pursuant to division (A) of this section.

(I) Except as provided in division (G) of this section, the department or an entity with which the department contracts for the scoring of the assessment shall not release any individual scores on any assessment administered under this section. The state board shall adopt rules to ensure the protection of student confidentiality at all times. The rules may require the use of the data verification codes assigned to students pursuant to division (D)(2) of section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code to protect the confidentiality of student scores.

(J) Notwithstanding division (D) of section 3311.52 of the Revised Code, this section does not apply to the board of education of any cooperative education school district except as provided under rules adopted pursuant to this division.

(1) In accordance with rules that the state board shall adopt, the board of education of any city, exempted village, or local school district with territory in a cooperative education school district established pursuant to divisions (A) to (C) of section 3311.52 of the Revised Code may enter into an agreement with the board of education of the cooperative education school district for administering any assessment prescribed under this section to students of the city, exempted village, or local school district who are attending school in the cooperative education school district.

(2) In accordance with rules that the state board shall adopt, the board of education of any city, exempted village, or local school district with territory in a cooperative education school district established pursuant to section 3311.521 of the Revised Code shall enter into an agreement with the cooperative district that provides for the administration of any assessment prescribed under this section to both of the following:

(a) Students who are attending school in the cooperative district and who, if the cooperative district were not established, would be entitled to attend school in the city, local, or exempted village school district pursuant to section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code;

(b) Persons described in division (B)(8)(b) of this section.

Any assessment of students pursuant to such an agreement shall be in lieu of any assessment of such students or persons pursuant to this section.

(K)(1)(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (K)(1) or (2) of this section, each chartered nonpublic school for which at least sixty-five per cent of its total enrollment is made up of students who are participating in state scholarship programs shall administer the ~~elementary~~ assessments prescribed by division (A) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code or an alternative standardized assessment determined by the department. In accordance with procedures and deadlines prescribed by the department, the parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the school who is not participating in a state scholarship program may submit notice to the chief administrative officer of the school that the parent or guardian does not wish to have the student take the ~~elementary~~ assessments prescribed for the student's grade level under division (A) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code. If a parent or guardian submits an opt-out notice, the school shall not administer the assessments to that student. This option does not apply to any assessment required for a high school diploma under section 3313.612 of the Revised Code.

(b) Any chartered nonpublic school that enrolls students who are participating in state scholarship programs may administer an alternative standardized assessment determined by the department instead of the assessments prescribed by division (A) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code.

Each chartered nonpublic school subject to division (K)(1)(a) or (b) of this section shall report the results of each assessment administered under those divisions to the department.

(2) A chartered nonpublic school may submit to the superintendent of public instruction a request for a waiver from administering the elementary assessments prescribed by division (A) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised

Code. The state superintendent shall approve or disapprove a request for a waiver submitted under division (K)(2) of this section. No waiver shall be approved for any school year prior to the 2015-2016 school year.

To be eligible to submit a request for a waiver, a chartered nonpublic school shall meet the following conditions:

(a) At least ninety-five per cent of the students enrolled in the school are children with disabilities, as defined under section 3323.01 of the Revised Code, or have received a diagnosis by a school district or from a physician, including a neuropsychiatrist or psychiatrist, or a psychologist who is authorized to practice in this or another state as having a condition that impairs academic performance, such as dyslexia, dyscalculia, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or Asperger's syndrome.

(b) The school has solely served a student population described in division (K)(1)(a) of this section for at least ten years.

(c) The school provides to the department at least five years of records of internal testing conducted by the school that affords the department data required for accountability purposes, including diagnostic assessments and nationally standardized norm-referenced achievement assessments that measure reading and math skills.

(3) Any chartered nonpublic school that is not subject to division (K)(1) of this section may participate in the assessment program by administering any of the assessments prescribed by division (A) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code. The chief administrator of the school shall specify which assessments the school will administer. Such specification shall be made in writing to the superintendent of public instruction prior to the first day of August of any school year in which assessments are administered and shall include a pledge that the nonpublic school will administer the specified assessments in the same manner as public schools are required to do under this section and rules adopted by the department.

(4) The department of education shall furnish the assessments prescribed by section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code to each chartered nonpublic school that is subject to division (K)(1) of this section or participates under division (K)(3) of this section.

(L) If a chartered nonpublic school is educating students in grades nine through twelve, the following shall apply:

(1) Except as provided in division (L)(4) of this section, for a student who is enrolled in a chartered nonpublic school that is accredited through the independent schools association of the central states and who is attending the school under a state scholarship program, the student shall either take all of the assessments prescribed by division (B) of section

3301.0712 of the Revised Code or take an alternative assessment approved by the department under section 3313.619 of the Revised Code. However, a student who is excused from taking an assessment under division (C) of this section or has presented evidence to the chartered nonpublic school of having satisfied the condition prescribed by division (A)(1) of section 3313.618 of the Revised Code to qualify for a high school diploma prior to the date of the administration of the assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code shall not be required to take that assessment. No governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school shall prohibit a student who is not required to take such assessment from taking the assessment.

(2) For a student who is enrolled in a chartered nonpublic school that is accredited through the independent schools association of the central states, and who is not attending the school under a state scholarship program, the student shall not be required to take any assessment prescribed under section 3301.0712 or 3313.619 of the Revised Code.

(3)(a) Except as provided in divisions (L)(3)(b) and (4) of this section, for a student who is enrolled in a chartered nonpublic school that is not accredited through the independent schools association of the central states, regardless of whether the student is attending or is not attending the school under a state scholarship program, the student shall do one of the following:

(i) Take all of the assessments prescribed by division (B) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code;

(ii) Take only the assessment prescribed by division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code, provided that the student's school publishes the results of that assessment for each graduating class. The published results of that assessment shall include the overall composite scores, mean scores, twenty-fifth percentile scores, and seventy-fifth percentile scores for each subject area of the assessment.

(iii) Take an alternative assessment approved by the department under section 3313.619 of the Revised Code.

(b) A student who is excused from taking an assessment under division (C) of this section or has presented evidence to the chartered nonpublic school of having satisfied the condition prescribed by division (A)(1) of section 3313.618 of the Revised Code to qualify for a high school diploma prior to the date of the administration of the assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code shall not be required to take that assessment. No governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school shall prohibit a student who is not required to take such assessment from taking the assessment.

(4) The assessments prescribed by sections 3301.0712 and 3313.619 of the Revised Code shall not be administered to any student attending the school, if the school meets all of the following conditions:

(a) At least ninety-five per cent of the students enrolled in the school are children with disabilities, as defined under section 3323.01 of the Revised Code, or have received a diagnosis by a school district or from a physician, including a neuropsychologist or psychiatrist, or a psychologist who is authorized to practice in this or another state as having a condition that impairs academic performance, such as dyslexia, dyscalculia, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or Asperger's syndrome.

(b) The school has solely served a student population described in division (L)(4)(a) of this section for at least ten years.

(c) The school makes available to the department at least five years of records of internal testing conducted by the school that affords the department data required for accountability purposes, including growth in student achievement in reading or mathematics, or both, as measured by nationally norm-referenced assessments that have developed appropriate standards for students.

Division (L)(4) of this section applies to any student attending such school regardless of whether the student receives special education or related services and regardless of whether the student is attending the school under a state scholarship program.

(M)(1) The superintendent of the state school for the blind and the superintendent of the state school for the deaf shall administer the assessments described by sections 3301.0710 and 3301.0712 of the Revised Code. Each superintendent shall administer the assessments in the same manner as district boards are required to do under this section and rules adopted by the department of education and in conformity with division (C)(1)(a) of this section.

(2) The department of education shall furnish the assessments described by sections 3301.0710 and 3301.0712 of the Revised Code to each superintendent.

(N) Notwithstanding division (E) of this section, a school district may use a student's failure to attain a score in at least the proficient range on the mathematics assessment described by division (A)(1)(a) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code or on an assessment described by division (A)(1)(b), (c), (d), (e), or (f) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code as a factor in retaining that student in the current grade level.

(O)(1) In the manner specified in divisions (O)(3), (4), (6), and (7) of this section, the assessments required by division (A)(1) of section

3301.0710 of the Revised Code shall become public records pursuant to section 149.43 of the Revised Code on the thirty-first day of July following the school year that the assessments were administered.

(2) The department may field test proposed questions with samples of students to determine the validity, reliability, or appropriateness of questions for possible inclusion in a future year's assessment. The department also may use anchor questions on assessments to ensure that different versions of the same assessment are of comparable difficulty.

Field test questions and anchor questions shall not be considered in computing scores for individual students. Field test questions and anchor questions may be included as part of the administration of any assessment required by division (A)(1) or (B) of section 3301.0710 and division (B) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

(3) Any field test question or anchor question administered under division (O)(2) of this section shall not be a public record. Such field test questions and anchor questions shall be redacted from any assessments which are released as a public record pursuant to division (O)(1) of this section.

(4) This division applies to the assessments prescribed by division (A) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code.

(a) The first administration of each assessment, as specified in former section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code, shall be a public record.

(b) For subsequent administrations of each assessment prior to the 2011-2012 school year, not less than forty per cent of the questions on the assessment that are used to compute a student's score shall be a public record. The department shall determine which questions will be needed for reuse on a future assessment and those questions shall not be public records and shall be redacted from the assessment prior to its release as a public record. However, for each redacted question, the department shall inform each city, local, and exempted village school district of the statewide academic standard adopted by the state board under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code and the corresponding benchmark to which the question relates. The preceding sentence does not apply to field test questions that are redacted under division (O)(3) of this section.

(c) The administrations of each assessment in the 2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2013-2014 school years shall not be a public record.

(5) Each assessment prescribed by division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code shall not be a public record.

(6)(a) Except as provided in division (O)(6)(b) of this section, for the administrations in the 2014-2015, 2015-2016, and 2016-2017 school years,

questions on the assessments prescribed under division (A) of section 3301.0710 and division (B)(2) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code and the corresponding preferred answers that are used to compute a student's score shall become a public record as follows:

(i) Forty per cent of the questions and preferred answers on the assessments on the thirty-first day of July following the administration of the assessment;

(ii) Twenty per cent of the questions and preferred answers on the assessment on the thirty-first day of July one year after the administration of the assessment;

(iii) The remaining forty per cent of the questions and preferred answers on the assessment on the thirty-first day of July two years after the administration of the assessment.

The entire content of an assessment shall become a public record within three years of its administration.

The department shall make the questions that become a public record under this division readily accessible to the public on the department's web site. Questions on the spring administration of each assessment shall be released on an annual basis, in accordance with this division.

(b) No questions and corresponding preferred answers shall become a public record under division (O)(6) of this section after July 31, 2017.

(7) Division (O)(7) of this section applies to the assessments prescribed by division (A) of section 3301.0710 and division (B)(2) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

Beginning with the assessments administered in the spring of the 2017-2018 school year, not less than forty per cent of the questions on each assessment that are used to compute a student's score shall be a public record. The department shall determine which questions will be needed for reuse on a future assessment and those questions shall not be public records and shall be redacted from the assessment prior to its release as a public record. However, for each redacted question, the department shall inform each city, local, and exempted village school district of the corresponding statewide academic standard adopted by the state board under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code and the corresponding benchmark to which the question relates. The department is not required to provide corresponding standards and benchmarks to field test questions that are redacted under division (O)(3) of this section.

(P) As used in this section:

(1) "Three-year average" means the average of the most recent consecutive three school years of data.

(2) "Dropout" means a student who withdraws from school before completing course requirements for graduation and who is not enrolled in an education program approved by the state board of education or an education program outside the state. "Dropout" does not include a student who has departed the country.

(3) "Graduation rate" means the ratio of students receiving a diploma to the number of students who entered ninth grade four years earlier. Students who transfer into the district are added to the calculation. Students who transfer out of the district for reasons other than dropout are subtracted from the calculation. If a student who was a dropout in any previous year returns to the same school district, that student shall be entered into the calculation as if the student had entered ninth grade four years before the graduation year of the graduating class that the student joins.

(4) "State scholarship programs" means the educational choice scholarship pilot program established under sections 3310.01 to 3310.17 of the Revised Code, the autism scholarship program established under section 3310.41 of the Revised Code, the Jon Peterson special needs scholarship program established under sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code, and the pilot project scholarship program established under sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code.

(5) "Other public school" means a community school established under Chapter 3314., a STEM school established under Chapter 3326., or a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3301.0712. (A) The state board of education, the superintendent of public instruction, and the chancellor of higher education shall develop a system of college and work ready assessments as described in division (B) of this section to assess whether each student upon graduating from high school is ready to enter college or the workforce. Beginning with students who enter the ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2014, the system shall replace the Ohio graduation tests prescribed in division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code as a measure of student academic performance and one determinant of eligibility for a high school diploma in the manner prescribed by rule of the state board adopted under division (D) of this section.

(B) The college and work ready assessment system shall consist of the following:

(1) Nationally standardized assessments that measure college and career readiness and are used for college admission. The assessments shall be selected jointly by the state superintendent and the chancellor, and one of

which shall be selected by each school district or school to administer to its students. The assessments prescribed under division (B)(1) of this section shall be administered to all eleventh-grade students in the spring of the school year.

(2) ~~Seven~~ (a) Except as provided in division (B)(2)(b) of this section, seven end-of-course examinations, one in each of the areas of English language arts I, English language arts II, science, Algebra I, geometry, American history, and American government. The end-of-course examinations shall be selected jointly by the state superintendent and the chancellor in consultation with faculty in the appropriate subject areas at institutions of higher education of the university system of Ohio. Advanced placement examinations and international baccalaureate examinations, as prescribed under section 3313.6013 of the Revised Code, in the areas of science, American history, and American government may be used as end-of-course examinations in accordance with division (B)(4)(a)(i) of this section. Final course grades for courses taken under any other advanced standing program, as prescribed under section 3313.6013 of the Revised Code, in the areas of science, American history, and American government may be used in lieu of end-of-course examinations in accordance with division (B)(4)(a)(ii) of this section.

(b) Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2019, five end-of-course examinations, one in each areas of English language arts II, science, Algebra I, American history, and American government. However, only the end-of-course examinations in English language arts II and Algebra I shall be required for graduation.

The department of education shall, as necessary to implement division (B)(2)(b) of this section, seek a waiver from the United States secretary of education for testing requirements prescribed under federal law to allow for the use and implementation of Algebra I as the primary assessment of high school mathematics. If the department does not receive a waiver under this division, the end-of-course examinations for students described in division (B)(2)(b) of this section also shall include an end-of-course examination in the area of geometry. However, the geometry end-of-course examination shall not be required for graduation.

(3)(a) Not later than July 1, 2013, each school district board of education shall adopt interim end-of-course examinations that comply with the requirements of divisions (B)(3)(b)(i) and (ii) of this section to assess mastery of American history and American government standards adopted under division (A)(1)(b) of section 3301.079 of the Revised Code and the topics required under division (M) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code.

Each high school of the district shall use the interim examinations until the state superintendent and chancellor select end-of-course examinations in American history and American government under division (B)(2) of this section.

(b) Not later than July 1, 2014, the state superintendent and the chancellor shall select the end-of-course examinations in American history and American government.

(i) The end-of-course examinations in American history and American government shall require demonstration of mastery of the American history and American government content for social studies standards adopted under division (A)(1)(b) of section 3301.079 of the Revised Code and the topics required under division (M) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code.

(ii) At least twenty per cent of the end-of-course examination in American government shall address the topics on American history and American government described in division (M) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code.

(4)(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, both of the following shall apply:

(i) If a student is enrolled in an appropriate advanced placement or international baccalaureate course, that student shall take the advanced placement or international baccalaureate examination in lieu of the science, American history, or American government end-of-course examinations prescribed under division (B)(2) of this section. The state board shall specify the score levels for each advanced placement examination and international baccalaureate examination for purposes of calculating the minimum cumulative performance score that demonstrates the level of academic achievement necessary to earn a high school diploma.

(ii) If a student is enrolled in an appropriate course under any other advanced standing program, as described in section 3313.6013 of the Revised Code, that student shall not be required to take the science, American history, or American government end-of-course examination, whichever is applicable, prescribed under division (B)(2) of this section. Instead, that student's final course grade shall be used in lieu of the applicable end-of-course examination prescribed under that section. The state superintendent, in consultation with the chancellor, shall adopt guidelines for purposes of calculating the corresponding final course grades that demonstrate the level of academic achievement necessary to earn a high school diploma.

Division (B)(4)(a)(ii) of this section shall apply only to courses for

which students receive transcribed credit, as defined in section 3365.01 of the Revised Code. It shall not apply to remedial or developmental courses.

(b) No student shall take a substitute examination or examination prescribed under division (B)(4)(a) of this section in place of the end-of-course examinations in English language arts I, English language arts II, Algebra I, or geometry prescribed under division (B)(2) of this section.

(c) The state board shall consider additional assessments that may be used, beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, as substitute examinations in lieu of the end-of-course examinations prescribed under division (B)(2) of this section.

(5) The state board shall do all of the following:

(a) Determine and designate at least five ranges of scores on each of the end-of-course examinations prescribed under division (B)(2) of this section, and substitute examinations prescribed under division (B)(4) of this section. Not later than sixty days after the designation of ranges of scores, the state superintendent, or the state superintendent's designee, shall conduct a public presentation before the standing committees of the house of representatives and the senate that consider primary and secondary education legislation regarding the designated range of scores. Each range of scores shall be considered to demonstrate a level of achievement so that any student attaining a score within such range has achieved one of the following:

- (i) An advanced level of skill;
- (ii) An accelerated level of skill;
- (iii) A proficient level of skill;
- (iv) A basic level of skill;
- (v) A limited level of skill.

(b) Determine a method by which to calculate a cumulative performance score based on the results of a student's end-of-course examinations or substitute examinations;

(c) Determine the minimum cumulative performance score that demonstrates the level of academic achievement necessary to earn a high school diploma; under division (A)(2) of section 3313.618 of the Revised Code. However, the state board shall not determine a new minimum cumulative performance score after the effective date of this amendment.

(d) Develop a table of corresponding score equivalents for the end-of-course examinations and substitute examinations in order to calculate student performance consistently across the different examinations.

A score of two on an advanced placement examination or a score of two or three on an international baccalaureate examination shall be considered equivalent to a proficient level of skill as specified under division

(B)(5)(a)(iii) of this section.

(6)(a) A student who meets both of the following conditions shall not be required to take an end-of-course examination:

(i) The student received high school credit prior to July 1, 2015, for a course for which the end-of-course examination is prescribed.

(ii) The examination was not available for administration prior to July 1, 2015.

Receipt of credit for the course described in division (B)(6)(a)(i) of this section shall satisfy the requirement to take the end-of-course examination. A student exempted under division (B)(6)(a) of this section may take the applicable end-of-course examination at a later date.

(b) For purposes of determining whether a student who is exempt from taking an end-of-course examination under division (B)(6)(a) of this section has attained the cumulative score prescribed by division (B)(5)(c) of this section, such student shall select either of the following:

(i) The student is considered to have attained a proficient score on the end-of-course examination from which the student is exempt;

(ii) The student's final course grade shall be used in lieu of a score on the end-of-course examination from which the student is exempt.

The state superintendent, in consultation with the chancellor, shall adopt guidelines for purposes of calculating the corresponding final course grades and the minimum cumulative performance score that demonstrates the level of academic achievement necessary to earn a high school diploma.

(7)(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, the state board may replace the algebra I end-of-course examination prescribed under division (B)(2) of this section with an algebra II end-of-course examination, beginning with the 2016-2017 school year for students who enter ninth grade on or after July 1, 2016.

(b) If the state board replaces the algebra I end-of-course examination with an algebra II end-of-course examination as authorized under division (B)(7)(a) of this section, both of the following shall apply:

(i) A student who is enrolled in an advanced placement or international baccalaureate course in algebra II shall take the advanced placement or international baccalaureate examination in lieu of the algebra II end-of-course examination.

(ii) A student who is enrolled in an algebra II course under any other advanced standing program, as described in section 3313.6013 of the Revised Code, shall not be required to take the algebra II end-of-course examination. Instead, that student's final course grade shall be used in lieu of the examination.

(c) If a school district or school utilizes an integrated approach to mathematics instruction, the district or school may do either or both of the following:

(i) Administer an integrated mathematics I end-of-course examination in lieu of the prescribed algebra I end-of-course examination;

(ii) Administer an integrated mathematics II end-of-course examination in lieu of the prescribed geometry end-of-course examination.

(8)(a) For students entering the ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2014, but prior to July 1, 2015, the assessment in the area of science shall be physical science or biology. For students entering the ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2015, the assessment in the area of science shall be biology.

(b) Until July 1, 2019, the department ~~of education~~ shall make available the end-of-course examination in physical science for students who entered the ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2014, but prior to July 1, 2015, and who wish to retake the examination.

(c) Not later than July 1, 2016, the state board shall adopt rules prescribing the requirements for the end-of-course examination in science for students who entered the ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2014, but prior to July 1, 2015, and who have not met the requirement prescribed by section 3313.618 of the Revised Code by July 1, 2019, due to a student's failure to satisfy division (A)(2) of section 3313.618 of the Revised Code.

(9) Neither the state board nor the department of education shall develop or administer an end-of-course examination in the area of world history.

(10) Not later than March 1, 2020, the department, in consultation with the chancellor and the governor's office of workforce transformation, shall determine a competency score for both of the Algebra I and English language arts II end-of-course examinations for the purpose of graduation eligibility.

(C) The state board shall convene a group of national experts, state experts, and local practitioners to provide advice, guidance, and recommendations for the alignment of standards and model curricula to the assessments and in the design of the end-of-course examinations prescribed by this section.

(D) Upon completion of the development of the assessment system, the state board shall adopt rules prescribing all of the following:

(1) A timeline and plan for implementation of the assessment system, including a phased implementation if the state board determines such a phase-in is warranted;

(2) The date after which a person shall meet the requirements of the entire assessment system as a prerequisite for a diploma of adult education under section 3313.611 of the Revised Code;

(3) Whether and the extent to which a person may be excused from an American history end-of-course examination and an American government end-of-course examination under division (H) of section 3313.61 and division (B)(3) of section 3313.612 of the Revised Code;

(4) The date after which a person who has fulfilled the curriculum requirement for a diploma but has not passed one or more of the required assessments at the time the person fulfilled the curriculum requirement shall meet the requirements of the entire assessment system as a prerequisite for a high school diploma under division (B) of section 3313.614 of the Revised Code;

(5) The extent to which the assessment system applies to students enrolled in a dropout recovery and prevention program for purposes of division (F) of section 3313.603 and section 3314.36 of the Revised Code.

(E) Not later than forty-five days prior to the state board's adoption of a resolution directing the department to file the rules prescribed by division (D) of this section in final form under section 119.04 of the Revised Code, the superintendent of public instruction shall present the assessment system developed under this section to the respective committees of the house of representatives and senate that consider education legislation.

(F)(1) Any person enrolled in a nonchartered nonpublic school or any person who has been excused from attendance at school for the purpose of home instruction under section 3321.04 of the Revised Code may choose to participate in the system of assessments administered under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section. However, no such person shall be required to participate in the system of assessments.

(2) The department shall adopt rules for the administration and scoring of any assessments under division (F)(1) of this section.

(G) Not later than December 31, 2014, the state board shall select at least one nationally recognized job skills assessment. Each school district shall administer that assessment to those students who opt to take it. The state shall reimburse a school district for the costs of administering that assessment. The state board shall establish the minimum score a student must attain on the job skills assessment in order to demonstrate a student's workforce readiness and employability. The administration of the job skills assessment to a student under this division shall not exempt a school district from administering the assessments prescribed in division (B) of this section to that student.

Sec. 3301.0714. (A) The state board of education shall adopt rules for a statewide education management information system. The rules shall require the state board to establish guidelines for the establishment and maintenance of the system in accordance with this section and the rules adopted under this section. The guidelines shall include:

(1) Standards identifying and defining the types of data in the system in accordance with divisions (B) and (C) of this section;

(2) Procedures for annually collecting and reporting the data to the state board in accordance with division (D) of this section;

(3) Procedures for annually compiling the data in accordance with division (G) of this section;

(4) Procedures for annually reporting the data to the public in accordance with division (H) of this section;

(5) Standards to provide strict safeguards to protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable student data.

(B) The guidelines adopted under this section shall require the data maintained in the education management information system to include at least the following:

(1) Student participation and performance data, for each grade in each school district as a whole and for each grade in each school building in each school district, that includes:

(a) The numbers of students receiving each category of instructional service offered by the school district, such as regular education instruction, vocational education instruction, specialized instruction programs or enrichment instruction that is part of the educational curriculum, instruction for gifted students, instruction for students with disabilities, and remedial instruction. The guidelines shall require instructional services under this division to be divided into discrete categories if an instructional service is limited to a specific subject, a specific type of student, or both, such as regular instructional services in mathematics, remedial reading instructional services, instructional services specifically for students gifted in mathematics or some other subject area, or instructional services for students with a specific type of disability. The categories of instructional services required by the guidelines under this division shall be the same as the categories of instructional services used in determining cost units pursuant to division (C)(3) of this section.

(b) The numbers of students receiving support or extracurricular services for each of the support services or extracurricular programs offered by the school district, such as counseling services, health services, and extracurricular sports and fine arts programs. The categories of services

required by the guidelines under this division shall be the same as the categories of services used in determining cost units pursuant to division (C)(4)(a) of this section.

(c) Average student grades in each subject in grades nine through twelve;

(d) Academic achievement levels as assessed under sections 3301.0710, 3301.0711, and 3301.0712 of the Revised Code;

(e) The number of students designated as having a disabling condition pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code;

(f) The numbers of students reported to the state board pursuant to division (C)(2) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code;

(g) Attendance rates and the average daily attendance for the year. For purposes of this division, a student shall be counted as present for any field trip that is approved by the school administration.

(h) Expulsion rates;

(i) Suspension rates;

(j) Dropout rates;

(k) Rates of retention in grade;

(l) For pupils in grades nine through twelve, the average number of carnegie units, as calculated in accordance with state board of education rules;

(m) Graduation rates, to be calculated in a manner specified by the department of education that reflects the rate at which students who were in the ninth grade three years prior to the current year complete school and that is consistent with nationally accepted reporting requirements;

(n) Results of diagnostic assessments administered to kindergarten students as required under section 3301.0715 of the Revised Code to permit a comparison of the academic readiness of kindergarten students. However, no district shall be required to report to the department the results of any diagnostic assessment administered to a kindergarten student, except for the language and reading assessment described in division (A)(2) of section 3301.0715 of the Revised Code, if the parent of that student requests the district not to report those results.

(o) Beginning on ~~the first day of July that next succeeds the effective date of this amendment~~ 1, 2018, for each disciplinary action which is required to be reported under division (B)(4) of this section, districts and schools also shall include an identification of the person or persons, if any, at whom the student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed. The person or persons shall be identified by the respective classification at the district or school, such as student, teacher, or

nonteaching employee, but shall not be identified by name.

Division (B)(1)(o) of this section does not apply after the date that is two years following the submission of the report required by Section 733.13 of H.B. 49 of the 132nd general assembly.

(p) The number of students earning each state diploma seal included in the system prescribed under division (A) of section 3313.6114 of the Revised Code:

(q) The number of students demonstrating competency for graduation using each option described in divisions (B)(1)(a) to (c) of section 3313.618 of the Revised Code:

(r) The number of students completing each foundational and supporting option as part of the demonstration of competency for graduation pursuant to division (B)(1)(b) of section 3313.618 of the Revised Code.

(2) Personnel and classroom enrollment data for each school district, including:

(a) The total numbers of licensed employees and nonlicensed employees and the numbers of full-time equivalent licensed employees and nonlicensed employees providing each category of instructional service, instructional support service, and administrative support service used pursuant to division (C)(3) of this section. The guidelines adopted under this section shall require these categories of data to be maintained for the school district as a whole and, wherever applicable, for each grade in the school district as a whole, for each school building as a whole, and for each grade in each school building.

(b) The total number of employees and the number of full-time equivalent employees providing each category of service used pursuant to divisions (C)(4)(a) and (b) of this section, and the total numbers of licensed employees and nonlicensed employees and the numbers of full-time equivalent licensed employees and nonlicensed employees providing each category used pursuant to division (C)(4)(c) of this section. The guidelines adopted under this section shall require these categories of data to be maintained for the school district as a whole and, wherever applicable, for each grade in the school district as a whole, for each school building as a whole, and for each grade in each school building.

(c) The total number of regular classroom teachers teaching classes of regular education and the average number of pupils enrolled in each such class, in each of grades kindergarten through five in the district as a whole and in each school building in the school district.

(d) The number of lead teachers employed by each school district and each school building.

(3)(a) Student demographic data for each school district, including information regarding the gender ratio of the school district's pupils, the racial make-up of the school district's pupils, the number of ~~limited~~ English ~~proficient students~~ learners in the district, and an appropriate measure of the number of the school district's pupils who reside in economically disadvantaged households. The demographic data shall be collected in a manner to allow correlation with data collected under division (B)(1) of this section. Categories for data collected pursuant to division (B)(3) of this section shall conform, where appropriate, to standard practices of agencies of the federal government.

(b) With respect to each student entering kindergarten, whether the student previously participated in a public preschool program, a private preschool program, or a head start program, and the number of years the student participated in each of these programs.

(4) Any data required to be collected pursuant to federal law.

(C) The education management information system shall include cost accounting data for each district as a whole and for each school building in each school district. The guidelines adopted under this section shall require the cost data for each school district to be maintained in a system of mutually exclusive cost units and shall require all of the costs of each school district to be divided among the cost units. The guidelines shall require the system of mutually exclusive cost units to include at least the following:

(1) Administrative costs for the school district as a whole. The guidelines shall require the cost units under this division (C)(1) to be designed so that each of them may be compiled and reported in terms of average expenditure per pupil in formula ADM in the school district, as determined pursuant to section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(2) Administrative costs for each school building in the school district. The guidelines shall require the cost units under this division (C)(2) to be designed so that each of them may be compiled and reported in terms of average expenditure per full-time equivalent pupil receiving instructional or support services in each building.

(3) Instructional services costs for each category of instructional service provided directly to students and required by guidelines adopted pursuant to division (B)(1)(a) of this section. The guidelines shall require the cost units under division (C)(3) of this section to be designed so that each of them may be compiled and reported in terms of average expenditure per pupil receiving the service in the school district as a whole and average expenditure per pupil receiving the service in each building in the school district and in terms of a total cost for each category of service and, as a

breakdown of the total cost, a cost for each of the following components:

(a) The cost of each instructional services category required by guidelines adopted under division (B)(1)(a) of this section that is provided directly to students by a classroom teacher;

(b) The cost of the instructional support services, such as services provided by a speech-language pathologist, classroom aide, multimedia aide, or librarian, provided directly to students in conjunction with each instructional services category;

(c) The cost of the administrative support services related to each instructional services category, such as the cost of personnel that develop the curriculum for the instructional services category and the cost of personnel supervising or coordinating the delivery of the instructional services category.

(4) Support or extracurricular services costs for each category of service directly provided to students and required by guidelines adopted pursuant to division (B)(1)(b) of this section. The guidelines shall require the cost units under division (C)(4) of this section to be designed so that each of them may be compiled and reported in terms of average expenditure per pupil receiving the service in the school district as a whole and average expenditure per pupil receiving the service in each building in the school district and in terms of a total cost for each category of service and, as a breakdown of the total cost, a cost for each of the following components:

(a) The cost of each support or extracurricular services category required by guidelines adopted under division (B)(1)(b) of this section that is provided directly to students by a licensed employee, such as services provided by a guidance counselor or any services provided by a licensed employee under a supplemental contract;

(b) The cost of each such services category provided directly to students by a nonlicensed employee, such as janitorial services, cafeteria services, or services of a sports trainer;

(c) The cost of the administrative services related to each services category in division (C)(4)(a) or (b) of this section, such as the cost of any licensed or nonlicensed employees that develop, supervise, coordinate, or otherwise are involved in administering or aiding the delivery of each services category.

(D)(1) The guidelines adopted under this section shall require school districts to collect information about individual students, staff members, or both in connection with any data required by division (B) or (C) of this section or other reporting requirements established in the Revised Code. The guidelines may also require school districts to report information about

individual staff members in connection with any data required by division (B) or (C) of this section or other reporting requirements established in the Revised Code. The guidelines shall not authorize school districts to request social security numbers of individual students. The guidelines shall prohibit the reporting under this section of a student's name, address, and social security number to the state board of education or the department of education. The guidelines shall also prohibit the reporting under this section of any personally identifiable information about any student, except for the purpose of assigning the data verification code required by division (D)(2) of this section, to any other person unless such person is employed by the school district or the information technology center operated under section 3301.075 of the Revised Code and is authorized by the district or technology center to have access to such information or is employed by an entity with which the department contracts for the scoring or the development of state assessments. The guidelines may require school districts to provide the social security numbers of individual staff members and the county of residence for a student. Nothing in this section prohibits the state board of education or department of education from providing a student's county of residence to the department of taxation to facilitate the distribution of tax revenue.

(2)(a) The guidelines shall provide for each school district or community school to assign a data verification code that is unique on a statewide basis over time to each student whose initial Ohio enrollment is in that district or school and to report all required individual student data for that student utilizing such code. The guidelines shall also provide for assigning data verification codes to all students enrolled in districts or community schools on the effective date of the guidelines established under this section. The assignment of data verification codes for other entities, as described in division (D)(2)(d) of this section, the use of those codes, and the reporting and use of associated individual student data shall be coordinated by the department in accordance with state and federal law.

School districts shall report individual student data to the department through the information technology centers utilizing the code. The entities described in division (D)(2)(d) of this section shall report individual student data to the department in the manner prescribed by the department.

(b)(i) Except as provided in sections 3301.941, 3310.11, 3310.42, 3310.63, 3313.978, and 3317.20 of the Revised Code, and in division (D)(2)(b)(ii) of this section, at no time shall the state board or the department have access to information that would enable any data verification code to be matched to personally identifiable student data.

(ii) For the purpose of making per-pupil payments to community schools under division (C) of section 3314.08 of the Revised Code, the department shall have access to information that would enable any data verification code to be matched to personally identifiable student data.

(c) Each school district and community school shall ensure that the data verification code is included in the student's records reported to any subsequent school district, community school, or state institution of higher education, as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, in which the student enrolls. Any such subsequent district or school shall utilize the same identifier in its reporting of data under this section.

(d) The director of any state agency that administers a publicly funded program providing services to children who are younger than compulsory school age, as defined in section 3321.01 of the Revised Code, including the directors of health, job and family services, mental health and addiction services, and developmental disabilities, shall request and receive, pursuant to sections 3301.0723 and 5123.0423 of the Revised Code, a data verification code for a child who is receiving those services.

(E) The guidelines adopted under this section may require school districts to collect and report data, information, or reports other than that described in divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section for the purpose of complying with other reporting requirements established in the Revised Code. The other data, information, or reports may be maintained in the education management information system but are not required to be compiled as part of the profile formats required under division (G) of this section or the annual statewide report required under division (H) of this section.

(F) Beginning with the school year that begins July 1, 1991, the board of education of each school district shall annually collect and report to the state board, in accordance with the guidelines established by the board, the data required pursuant to this section. A school district may collect and report these data notwithstanding section 2151.357 or 3319.321 of the Revised Code.

(G) The state board shall, in accordance with the procedures it adopts, annually compile the data reported by each school district pursuant to division (D) of this section. The state board shall design formats for profiling each school district as a whole and each school building within each district and shall compile the data in accordance with these formats. These profile formats shall:

(1) Include all of the data gathered under this section in a manner that facilitates comparison among school districts and among school buildings

within each school district;

(2) Present the data on academic achievement levels as assessed by the testing of student achievement maintained pursuant to division (B)(1)(d) of this section.

(H)(1) The state board shall, in accordance with the procedures it adopts, annually prepare a statewide report for all school districts and the general public that includes the profile of each of the school districts developed pursuant to division (G) of this section. Copies of the report shall be sent to each school district.

(2) The state board shall, in accordance with the procedures it adopts, annually prepare an individual report for each school district and the general public that includes the profiles of each of the school buildings in that school district developed pursuant to division (G) of this section. Copies of the report shall be sent to the superintendent of the district and to each member of the district board of education.

(3) Copies of the reports received from the state board under divisions (H)(1) and (2) of this section shall be made available to the general public at each school district's offices. Each district board of education shall make copies of each report available to any person upon request and payment of a reasonable fee for the cost of reproducing the report. The board shall annually publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district, at least twice during the two weeks prior to the week in which the reports will first be available, a notice containing the address where the reports are available and the date on which the reports will be available.

(I) Any data that is collected or maintained pursuant to this section and that identifies an individual pupil is not a public record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

(J) As used in this section:

(1) "School district" means any city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district and, in accordance with section 3314.17 of the Revised Code, any community school. As used in division (L) of this section, "school district" also includes any educational service center or other educational entity required to submit data using the system established under this section.

(2) "Cost" means any expenditure for operating expenses made by a school district excluding any expenditures for debt retirement except for payments made to any commercial lending institution for any loan approved pursuant to section 3313.483 of the Revised Code.

(K) Any person who removes data from the information system established under this section for the purpose of releasing it to any person

not entitled under law to have access to such information is subject to section 2913.42 of the Revised Code prohibiting tampering with data.

(L)(1) In accordance with division (L)(2) of this section and the rules adopted under division (L)(10) of this section, the department of education may sanction any school district that reports incomplete or inaccurate data, reports data that does not conform to data requirements and descriptions published by the department, fails to report data in a timely manner, or otherwise does not make a good faith effort to report data as required by this section.

(2) If the department decides to sanction a school district under this division, the department shall take the following sequential actions:

(a) Notify the district in writing that the department has determined that data has not been reported as required under this section and require the district to review its data submission and submit corrected data by a deadline established by the department. The department also may require the district to develop a corrective action plan, which shall include provisions for the district to provide mandatory staff training on data reporting procedures.

(b) Withhold up to ten per cent of the total amount of state funds due to the district for the current fiscal year and, if not previously required under division (L)(2)(a) of this section, require the district to develop a corrective action plan in accordance with that division;

(c) Withhold an additional amount of up to twenty per cent of the total amount of state funds due to the district for the current fiscal year;

(d) Direct department staff or an outside entity to investigate the district's data reporting practices and make recommendations for subsequent actions. The recommendations may include one or more of the following actions:

(i) Arrange for an audit of the district's data reporting practices by department staff or an outside entity;

(ii) Conduct a site visit and evaluation of the district;

(iii) Withhold an additional amount of up to thirty per cent of the total amount of state funds due to the district for the current fiscal year;

(iv) Continue monitoring the district's data reporting;

(v) Assign department staff to supervise the district's data management system;

(vi) Conduct an investigation to determine whether to suspend or revoke the license of any district employee in accordance with division (N) of this section;

(vii) If the district is issued a report card under section 3302.03 of the

Revised Code, indicate on the report card that the district has been sanctioned for failing to report data as required by this section;

(viii) If the district is issued a report card under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and incomplete or inaccurate data submitted by the district likely caused the district to receive a higher performance rating than it deserved under that section, issue a revised report card for the district;

(ix) Any other action designed to correct the district's data reporting problems.

(3) Any time the department takes an action against a school district under division (L)(2) of this section, the department shall make a report of the circumstances that prompted the action. The department shall send a copy of the report to the district superintendent or chief administrator and maintain a copy of the report in its files.

(4) If any action taken under division (L)(2) of this section resolves a school district's data reporting problems to the department's satisfaction, the department shall not take any further actions described by that division. If the department withheld funds from the district under that division, the department may release those funds to the district, except that if the department withheld funding under division (L)(2)(c) of this section, the department shall not release the funds withheld under division (L)(2)(b) of this section and, if the department withheld funding under division (L)(2)(d) of this section, the department shall not release the funds withheld under division (L)(2)(b) or (c) of this section.

(5) Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, the department may use its own staff or an outside entity to conduct an audit of a school district's data reporting practices any time the department has reason to believe the district has not made a good faith effort to report data as required by this section. If any audit conducted by an outside entity under division (L)(2)(d)(i) or (5) of this section confirms that a district has not made a good faith effort to report data as required by this section, the district shall reimburse the department for the full cost of the audit. The department may withhold state funds due to the district for this purpose.

(6) Prior to issuing a revised report card for a school district under division (L)(2)(d)(viii) of this section, the department may hold a hearing to provide the district with an opportunity to demonstrate that it made a good faith effort to report data as required by this section. The hearing shall be conducted by a referee appointed by the department. Based on the information provided in the hearing, the referee shall recommend whether the department should issue a revised report card for the district. If the referee affirms the department's contention that the district did not make a

good faith effort to report data as required by this section, the district shall bear the full cost of conducting the hearing and of issuing any revised report card.

(7) If the department determines that any inaccurate data reported under this section caused a school district to receive excess state funds in any fiscal year, the district shall reimburse the department an amount equal to the excess funds, in accordance with a payment schedule determined by the department. The department may withhold state funds due to the district for this purpose.

(8) Any school district that has funds withheld under division (L)(2) of this section may appeal the withholding in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(9) In all cases of a disagreement between the department and a school district regarding the appropriateness of an action taken under division (L)(2) of this section, the burden of proof shall be on the district to demonstrate that it made a good faith effort to report data as required by this section.

(10) The state board of education shall adopt rules under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement division (L) of this section.

(M) No information technology center or school district shall acquire, change, or update its student administration software package to manage and report data required to be reported to the department unless it converts to a student software package that is certified by the department.

(N) The state board of education, in accordance with sections 3319.31 and 3319.311 of the Revised Code, may suspend or revoke a license as defined under division (A) of section 3319.31 of the Revised Code that has been issued to any school district employee found to have willfully reported erroneous, inaccurate, or incomplete data to the education management information system.

(O) No person shall release or maintain any information about any student in violation of this section. Whoever violates this division is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(P) The department shall disaggregate the data collected under division (B)(1)(n) of this section according to the race and socioeconomic status of the students assessed.

(Q) If the department cannot compile any of the information required by division (H) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code based upon the data collected under this section, the department shall develop a plan and a reasonable timeline for the collection of any data necessary to comply with that division.

Sec. 3301.52. As used in sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Preschool program" means either of the following:

(1) A child care program for preschool children that is operated by a school district board of education or an eligible nonpublic school.

(2) A child care program for preschool children age three or older that is operated by a county board of developmental disabilities or a community school.

(B) "Preschool child" or "child" means a child who has not entered kindergarten and is not of compulsory school age.

(C) "Parent, guardian, or custodian" means the person or government agency that is or will be responsible for a child's school attendance under section 3321.01 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Superintendent" means the superintendent of a school district or the chief administrative officer of a community school or an eligible nonpublic school.

(E) "Director" means the director, head teacher, elementary principal, or site administrator who is the individual on site and responsible for supervision of a preschool program.

(F) "Preschool staff member" means a preschool employee whose primary responsibility is care, teaching, or supervision of preschool children.

(G) "Nonteaching employee" means a preschool program or school child program employee whose primary responsibilities are duties other than care, teaching, and supervision of preschool children or school children.

(H) "Eligible nonpublic school" means a nonpublic school chartered as described in division (B)(~~8~~)(7) of section 5104.02 of the Revised Code or chartered by the state board of education for any combination of grades one through twelve, regardless of whether it also offers kindergarten.

(I) "School child program" means a child care program for only school children that is operated by a school district board of education, county board of developmental disabilities, community school, or eligible nonpublic school.

(J) "School child" means a child who is enrolled in or is eligible to be enrolled in a grade of kindergarten or above but is less than fifteen years old.

(K) "School child program staff member" means an employee whose primary responsibility is the care, teaching, or supervision of children in a school child program.

(L) "Child care" means administering to the needs of infants, toddlers, preschool children, and school children outside of school hours by persons

other than their parents or guardians, custodians, or relatives by blood, marriage, or adoption for any part of the twenty-four-hour day in a place or residence other than a child's own home.

(M) "Child day-care center;" and "publicly funded child care;" ~~and~~ "~~school-age child care center~~" have the same meanings as in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code.

(N) "Community school" means either of the following:

(1) A community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code that is sponsored by an entity that is rated "exemplary" under section 3314.016 of the Revised Code.

(2) A community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code that has received, on its most recent report card, either of the following:

(a) If the school offers any of grade levels four through twelve, a grade of "C" or better for the overall value-added progress dimension under division (C)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and for the performance index score under division (C)(1)(b) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code;

(b) If the school does not offer a grade level higher than three, a grade of "C" or better for making progress in improving literacy in grades kindergarten through three under division (C)(1)(g) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3301.53. (A) The state board of education, in consultation with the director of job and family services, shall formulate and prescribe by rule adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code minimum standards to be applied to preschool programs operated by school district boards of education, county boards of developmental disabilities, community schools, or eligible nonpublic schools. The rules shall include the following:

(1) Standards ensuring that the preschool program is located in a safe and convenient facility that accommodates the enrollment of the program, is of the quality to support the growth and development of the children according to the program objectives, and meets the requirements of section 3301.55 of the Revised Code;

(2) Standards ensuring that supervision, discipline, and programs will be administered according to established objectives and procedures;

(3) Standards ensuring that preschool staff members and nonteaching employees are recruited, employed, assigned, evaluated, and provided inservice education without discrimination on the basis of age, color, national origin, race, or sex; and that preschool staff members and nonteaching employees are assigned responsibilities in accordance with

written position descriptions commensurate with their training and experience;

(4) A requirement that boards of education intending to establish a preschool program demonstrate a need for a preschool program prior to establishing the program;

(5) Requirements that children participating in preschool programs have been immunized to the extent considered appropriate by the state board to prevent the spread of communicable disease;

(6) Requirements that the parents of preschool children complete the emergency medical authorization form specified in section 3313.712 of the Revised Code.

(B) The state board of education in consultation with the director of job and family services shall ensure that the rules adopted by the state board under sections 3301.52 to 3301.58 of the Revised Code are consistent with and meet or exceed the requirements of Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code with regard to child day-care centers that serve preschool children. The state board and the director of job and family services shall review all such rules at least once every five years.

(C) The state board of education, in consultation with the director of job and family services, shall adopt rules for school child programs that are consistent with and meet or exceed the requirements of the rules adopted for ~~school-age child-care~~ child day-care centers that serve school-age children under Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3301.68. (A) The department of education shall establish a consolidated school mandate report for school districts. The report shall be distributed and monitored by the department. Each district or school shall complete and file the report not later than the thirtieth day of November each year. The report shall require each district or school to denote "yes" to indicate compliance or "no" to indicate noncompliance with the items prescribed under division (B) of this section, and to provide any other information that the department requests regarding those items. If a district or school denotes "no" on any item, it shall provide, within thirty days, to its board of education a written explanation for why that item was not completed and a written plan of action for accurately and efficiently addressing the problem.

(B) The report shall contain the following items:

(1) Training on the use of physical restraint or seclusion on students pursuant to section 3319.46 of the Revised Code;

(2) Training on harassment, intimidation, or bullying pursuant to sections 3313.666, 3313.667, and 3319.073 of the Revised Code;

(3) Training on the use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and an automated external defibrillator under sections 3313.60, 3313.6023, 3313.717, and 3314.16 of the Revised Code, ~~and training on crisis prevention intervention;~~

~~(4) The establishment of a wellness committee;~~

~~(5)~~ The reporting of a district's or school's compliance with nutritional standards prescribed under section 3313.814 of the Revised Code;

~~(6)~~(5) Screening of pupils for hearing, vision, speech and communications, and health or medical problems and for any developmental disorders pursuant to section 3313.673 of the Revised Code;

~~(7)~~(6) Compliance with intradistrict and interdistrict open enrollment provisions in sections 3313.97 and 3313.98 of the Revised Code.

(C) Except as provided in division (D) of section 3313.814 of the Revised Code, the department shall not require a separate report for any of the items listed in division (B) of this section.

Sec. 3302.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Performance index score" means the average of the totals derived from calculations, for each subject area, of the weighted proportion of untested students and students scoring at each level of skill described in division (A)(2) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code on the state achievement assessments, as follows:

(1) For the assessments prescribed by division (A)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code, the average for each of the subject areas of English language arts, mathematics, and science.

(2) For the assessments prescribed by division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 and division (B)(2) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code, the average for each of the subject areas of English language arts and mathematics.

The department of education shall assign weights such that students who do not take an assessment receive a weight of zero and students who take an assessment receive progressively larger weights dependent upon the level of skill attained on the assessment. The department shall assign additional weights to students who have been permitted to pass over a subject in accordance with a student acceleration policy adopted under section 3324.10 of the Revised Code. If such a student attains the proficient score prescribed under division (A)(2)(c) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code or higher on an assessment, the department shall assign the student the weight prescribed for the next higher scoring level. If such a student attains the advanced score, prescribed under division (A)(2)(a) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code, on an assessment, the department

shall assign to the student an additional proportional weight, as approved by the state board. For each school year that such a student's score is included in the performance index score and the student attains the proficient score on an assessment, that additional weight shall be assigned to the student on a subject-by-subject basis.

Students shall be included in the "performance index score" in accordance with division ~~(K)~~(J)(2) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Subgroup" means a subset of the entire student population of the state, a school district, or a school building and includes each of the following:

- (1) Major racial and ethnic groups;
- (2) Students with disabilities;
- (3) Economically disadvantaged students;
- (4) ~~Limited English proficient students~~ learners;

(5) Students identified as gifted in superior cognitive ability and specific academic ability fields under Chapter 3324. of the Revised Code. For students who are gifted in specific academic ability fields, the department shall use data for those students with specific academic ability in math and reading. If any other academic field is assessed, the department shall also include data for students with specific academic ability in that field.

(6) Students in the lowest quintile for achievement statewide, as determined by a method prescribed by the state board of education.

(C) "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001" includes the statutes codified at 20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq. and any amendments, waivers, or both thereto, rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to those statutes, guidance documents, and any other policy directives regarding implementation of that act issued by the United States department of education.

(D) "Adequate yearly progress" means a measure of annual academic performance as calculated in accordance with the "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001."

(E) "Supplemental educational services" means additional academic assistance, such as tutoring, remediation, or other educational enrichment activities, that is conducted outside of the regular school day by a provider approved by the department in accordance with the "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001."

(F) "Value-added progress dimension" means a measure of academic gain for a student or group of students over a specific period of time that is calculated by applying a statistical methodology to individual student achievement data derived from the achievement assessments prescribed by section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code. The "value-added progress

dimension" shall be developed and implemented in accordance with section 3302.021 of the Revised Code.

(G)(1) "Four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate" means the number of students who graduate in four years or less with a regular high school diploma divided by the number of students who form the adjusted cohort for the graduating class.

(2) "Five-year adjusted cohort graduation rate" means the number of students who graduate in five years with a regular high school diploma divided by the number of students who form the adjusted cohort for the four-year graduation rate.

(H) "State institution of higher education" has the same meaning as in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code.

(I) "Annual measurable objectives" means a measure of student progress determined in accordance with an agreement between the department of education and the United States department of education.

(J) "Community school" means a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code.

(K) "STEM school" means a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code.

(L) "Entitled to attend school in the district" means entitled to attend school in a school district under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3302.03. Annually, Not later than the thirty-first day of July of each year, the department of education shall submit preliminary report card data for overall academic performance and for each separate performance measure for each school district, and each school building, in accordance with this section.

Annually, not later than the fifteenth day of September or the preceding Friday when that day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the department ~~of education~~ shall assign a letter grade for overall academic performance and for each separate performance measure for each school district, and each school building in a district, in accordance with this section. The state board shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to establish performance criteria for each letter grade and prescribe a method by which the department assigns each letter grade. For a school building to which any of the performance measures do not apply, due to grade levels served by the building, the state board shall designate the performance measures that are applicable to the building and that must be calculated separately and used to calculate the building's overall grade. The department shall issue annual report cards reflecting the performance of each school district, each building

within each district, and for the state as a whole using the performance measures and letter grade system described in this section. The department shall include on the report card for each district and each building within each district the most recent two-year trend data in student achievement for each subject and each grade.

(A)(1) For the 2012-2013 school year, the department shall issue grades as described in division (E) of this section for each of the following performance measures:

(a) Annual measurable objectives;

(b) Performance index score for a school district or building. Grades shall be awarded as a percentage of the total possible points on the performance index system as adopted by the state board. In adopting benchmarks for assigning letter grades under division (A)(1)(b) of this section, the state board of education shall designate ninety per cent or higher for an "A," at least seventy per cent but not more than eighty per cent for a "C," and less than fifty per cent for an "F."

(c) The extent to which the school district or building meets each of the applicable performance indicators established by the state board under section 3302.02 of the Revised Code and the percentage of applicable performance indicators that have been achieved. In adopting benchmarks for assigning letter grades under division (A)(1)(c) of this section, the state board shall designate ninety per cent or higher for an "A."

(d) The four- and five-year adjusted cohort graduation rates.

In adopting benchmarks for assigning letter grades under division (A)(1)(d), (B)(1)(d), or (C)(1)(d) of this section, the department shall designate a four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate of ninety-three per cent or higher for an "A" and a five-year cohort graduation rate of ninety-five per cent or higher for an "A."

(e) The overall score under the value-added progress dimension of a school district or building, for which the department shall use up to three years of value-added data as available. The letter grade assigned for this growth measure shall be as follows:

(i) A score that is at least ~~two~~ one standard ~~errors~~ error of measure above the mean score shall be designated as an "A."

(ii) A score that is ~~at least~~ less than one standard error of measure above but ~~less~~ greater than ~~two~~ one standard ~~errors~~ error of measure ~~above~~ below the mean score shall be designated as a "B."

(iii) A score that is less than or equal to one standard error of measure ~~above~~ below the mean score but greater than ~~or equal to one~~ two standard ~~error~~ errors of measure below the mean score shall be designated as a "C."

(iv) A score that is ~~not greater~~ less than one or equal to two standard ~~error errors~~ of measure below the mean score but is greater than ~~or equal to two~~ three standard errors of measure below the mean score shall be designated as a "D."

(v) A score that is ~~not greater~~ less than two or equal to three standard errors of measure below the mean score shall be designated as an "F."

Whenever the value-added progress dimension is used as a graded performance measure, whether as an overall measure or as a measure of separate subgroups, the grades for the measure shall be calculated in the same manner as prescribed in division (A)(1)(e) of this section.

(f) The value-added progress dimension score for a school district or building disaggregated for each of the following subgroups: students identified as gifted, students with disabilities, and students whose performance places them in the lowest quintile for achievement on a statewide basis. Each subgroup shall be a separate graded measure.

(2) Not later than April 30, 2013, the state board of education shall adopt a resolution describing the performance measures, benchmarks, and grading system for the 2012-2013 school year and, not later than June 30, 2013, shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that prescribe the methods by which the performance measures under division (A)(1) of this section shall be assessed and assigned a letter grade, including performance benchmarks for each letter grade.

At least forty-five days prior to the state board's adoption of rules to prescribe the methods by which the performance measures under division (A)(1) of this section shall be assessed and assigned a letter grade, the department shall conduct a public presentation before the standing committees of the house of representatives and the senate that consider education legislation describing such methods, including performance benchmarks.

(3) There shall not be an overall letter grade for a school district or building for the 2012-2013 school year.

(B)(1) For the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years, the department shall issue grades as described in division (E) of this section for each of the following performance measures:

(a) Annual measurable objectives;

(b) Performance index score for a school district or building. Grades shall be awarded as a percentage of the total possible points on the performance index system as created by the department. In adopting benchmarks for assigning letter grades under division (B)(1)(b) of this section, the state board shall designate ninety per cent or higher for an "A,"

at least seventy per cent but not more than eighty per cent for a "C," and less than fifty per cent for an "F."

(c) The extent to which the school district or building meets each of the applicable performance indicators established by the state board under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and the percentage of applicable performance indicators that have been achieved. In adopting benchmarks for assigning letter grades under division (B)(1)(c) of this section, the state board shall designate ninety per cent or higher for an "A."

(d) The four- and five-year adjusted cohort graduation rates;

(e) The overall score under the value-added progress dimension of a school district or building, for which the department shall use up to three years of value-added data as available.

(f) The value-added progress dimension score for a school district or building disaggregated for each of the following subgroups: students identified as gifted in superior cognitive ability and specific academic ability fields under Chapter 3324. of the Revised Code, students with disabilities, and students whose performance places them in the lowest quintile for achievement on a statewide basis. Each subgroup shall be a separate graded measure.

(g) Whether a school district or building is making progress in improving literacy in grades kindergarten through three, as determined using a method prescribed by the state board. The state board shall adopt rules to prescribe benchmarks and standards for assigning grades to districts and buildings for purposes of division (B)(1)(g) of this section. In adopting benchmarks for assigning letter grades under divisions (B)(1)(g) and (C)(1)(g) of this section, the state board shall determine progress made based on the reduction in the total percentage of students scoring below grade level, or below proficient, compared from year to year on the reading and writing diagnostic assessments administered under section 3301.0715 of the Revised Code and the third grade English language arts assessment under section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code, as applicable. The state board shall designate for a "C" grade a value that is not lower than the statewide average value for this measure. No grade shall be issued under divisions (B)(1)(g) and (C)(1)(g) of this section for a district or building in which less than five per cent of students have scored below grade level on the diagnostic assessment administered to students in kindergarten under division (B)(1) of section 3313.608 of the Revised Code.

(h) For a high mobility school district or building, an additional value-added progress dimension score. For this measure, the department shall use value-added data from the most recent school year available and

shall use assessment scores for only those students to whom the district or building has administered the assessments prescribed by section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code for each of the two most recent consecutive school years.

As used in this division, "high mobility school district or building" means a school district or building where at least twenty-five per cent of its total enrollment is made up of students who have attended that school district or building for less than one year.

(2) In addition to the graded measures in division (B)(1) of this section, the department shall include on a school district's or building's report card all of the following without an assigned letter grade:

(a) The percentage of students enrolled in a district or building participating in advanced placement classes and the percentage of those students who received a score of three or better on advanced placement examinations;

(b) The number of a district's or building's students who have earned at least three college credits through dual enrollment or advanced standing programs, such as the post-secondary enrollment options program under Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code and state-approved career-technical courses offered through dual enrollment or statewide articulation, that appear on a student's transcript or other official document, either of which is issued by the institution of higher education from which the student earned the college credit. The credits earned that are reported under divisions (B)(2)(b) and (C)(2)(c) of this section shall not include any that are remedial or developmental and shall include those that count toward the curriculum requirements established for completion of a degree.

(c) The percentage of students enrolled in a district or building who have taken a national standardized test used for college admission determinations and the percentage of those students who are determined to be remediation-free in accordance with standards adopted under division (F) of section 3345.061 of the Revised Code;

(d) The percentage of the district's or the building's students who receive industry-recognized credentials as approved under section 3313.6113 of the Revised Code.

(e) The percentage of students enrolled in a district or building who are participating in an international baccalaureate program and the percentage of those students who receive a score of four or better on the international baccalaureate examinations.

(f) The percentage of the district's or building's students who receive an honors diploma under division (B) of section 3313.61 of the Revised Code.

(3) Not later than December 31, 2013, the state board shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that prescribe the methods by which the performance measures under divisions (B)(1)(f) and (B)(1)(g) of this section will be assessed and assigned a letter grade, including performance benchmarks for each grade.

At least forty-five days prior to the state board's adoption of rules to prescribe the methods by which the performance measures under division (B)(1) of this section shall be assessed and assigned a letter grade, the department shall conduct a public presentation before the standing committees of the house of representatives and the senate that consider education legislation describing such methods, including performance benchmarks.

(4) There shall not be an overall letter grade for a school district or building for the 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, and 2016-2017 school years.

(C)(1) For the 2014-2015 school year and each school year thereafter, the department shall issue grades as described in division (E) of this section for each of the performance measures prescribed in division (C)(1) of this section. The graded measures are as follows:

(a) Annual measurable objectives. For the 2017-2018 school year, the department shall not include any subgroup data in the annual measurable objectives that includes data from fewer than twenty-five students. For the 2018-2019 school year, the department shall not include any subgroup data in the annual measurable objectives that includes data from fewer than twenty students. Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, the department shall not include any subgroup data in the annual measurable objectives that includes data from fewer than fifteen students.

(b) Performance index score for a school district or building. Grades shall be awarded as a percentage of the total possible points on the performance index system as created by the department. In adopting benchmarks for assigning letter grades under division (C)(1)(b) of this section, the state board shall designate ninety per cent or higher for an "A," at least seventy per cent but not more than eighty per cent for a "C," and less than fifty per cent for an "F."

(c) The extent to which the school district or building meets each of the applicable performance indicators established by the state board under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and the percentage of applicable performance indicators that have been achieved. In adopting benchmarks for assigning letter grades under division (C)(1)(c) of this section, the state board shall designate ninety per cent or higher for an "A."

(d) The four- and five-year adjusted cohort graduation rates;

(e) The overall score under the value-added progress dimension, or another measure of student academic progress if adopted by the state board, of a school district or building, for which the department shall use up to three years of value-added data as available.

In adopting benchmarks for assigning letter grades for overall score on value-added progress dimension under division (C)(1)(e) of this section, the state board shall prohibit the assigning of a grade of "A" for that measure unless the district's or building's grade assigned for value-added progress dimension for all subgroups under division (C)(1)(f) of this section is a ~~"B"~~ "C" or higher.

For the metric prescribed by division (C)(1)(e) of this section, the state board may adopt a student academic progress measure to be used instead of the value-added progress dimension. If the state board adopts such a measure, it also shall prescribe a method for assigning letter grades for the new measure that is comparable to the method prescribed in division (A)(1)(e) of this section.

(f) The value-added progress dimension score of a school district or building disaggregated for each of the following subgroups: students identified as gifted in superior cognitive ability and specific academic ability fields under Chapter 3324. of the Revised Code, students with disabilities, and students whose performance places them in the lowest quintile for achievement on a statewide basis, as determined by a method prescribed by the state board. Each subgroup shall be a separate graded measure.

The state board may adopt student academic progress measures to be used instead of the value-added progress dimension. If the state board adopts such measures, it also shall prescribe a method for assigning letter grades for the new measures that is comparable to the method prescribed in division (A)(1)(e) of this section.

(g) Whether a school district or building is making progress in improving literacy in grades kindergarten through three, as determined using a method prescribed by the state board. The state board shall adopt rules to prescribe benchmarks and standards for assigning grades to a district or building for purposes of division (C)(1)(g) of this section. The state board shall designate for a "C" grade a value that is not lower than the statewide average value for this measure. No grade shall be issued under division (C)(1)(g) of this section for a district or building in which less than five per cent of students have scored below grade level on the kindergarten diagnostic assessment under division (B)(1) of section 3313.608 of the Revised Code.

(h) For a high mobility school district or building, an additional value-added progress dimension score. For this measure, the department shall use value-added data from the most recent school year available and shall use assessment scores for only those students to whom the district or building has administered the assessments prescribed by section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code for each of the two most recent consecutive school years.

As used in this division, "high mobility school district or building" means a school district or building where at least twenty-five per cent of its total enrollment is made up of students who have attended that school district or building for less than one year.

(2) In addition to the graded measures in division (C)(1) of this section, the department shall include on a school district's or building's report card all of the following without an assigned letter grade:

(a) The percentage of students enrolled in a district or building who have taken a national standardized test used for college admission determinations and the percentage of those students who are determined to be remediation-free in accordance with the standards adopted under division (F) of section 3345.061 of the Revised Code;

(b) The percentage of students enrolled in a district or building participating in advanced placement classes and the percentage of those students who received a score of three or better on advanced placement examinations;

(c) The percentage of a district's or building's students who have earned at least three college credits through advanced standing programs, such as the college credit plus program under Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code and state-approved career-technical courses offered through dual enrollment or statewide articulation, that appear on a student's college transcript issued by the institution of higher education from which the student earned the college credit. The credits earned that are reported under divisions (B)(2)(b) and (C)(2)(c) of this section shall not include any that are remedial or developmental and shall include those that count toward the curriculum requirements established for completion of a degree.

(d) The percentage of the district's or building's students who receive an honor's diploma under division (B) of section 3313.61 of the Revised Code;

(e) The percentage of the district's or building's students who receive industry-recognized credentials as approved under section 3313.6113 of the Revised Code;

(f) The percentage of students enrolled in a district or building who are participating in an international baccalaureate program and the percentage of

those students who receive a score of four or better on the international baccalaureate examinations;

(g) The results of the college and career-ready assessments administered under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code;

(h) Whether the school district or building has implemented a positive behavior intervention and supports framework in compliance with the requirements of section 3319.46 of the Revised Code, notated as a "yes" or "no" answer.

(3) The state board shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that establish a method to assign an overall grade for a school district or school building for the 2017-2018 school year and each school year thereafter. The rules shall group the performance measures in divisions (C)(1) and (2) of this section into the following components:

(a) Gap closing, which shall include the performance measure in division (C)(1)(a) of this section;

(b) Achievement, which shall include the performance measures in divisions (C)(1)(b) and (c) of this section;

(c) Progress, which shall include the performance measures in divisions (C)(1)(e) and (f) of this section;

(d) Graduation, which shall include the performance measure in division (C)(1)(d) of this section;

(e) Kindergarten through third-grade literacy, which shall include the performance measure in division (C)(1)(g) of this section;

(f) Prepared for success, which shall include the performance measures in divisions (C)(2)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) of this section. The state board shall develop a method to determine a grade for the component in division (C)(3)(f) of this section using the performance measures in divisions (C)(2)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) of this section. When available, the state board may incorporate the performance measure under division (C)(2)(g) of this section into the component under division (C)(3)(f) of this section. When determining the overall grade for the prepared for success component prescribed by division (C)(3)(f) of this section, no individual student shall be counted in more than one performance measure. However, if a student qualifies for more than one performance measure in the component, the state board may, in its method to determine a grade for the component, specify an additional weight for such a student that is not greater than or equal to 1.0. In determining the overall score under division (C)(3)(f) of this section, the state board shall ensure that the pool of students included in the performance measures aggregated under that division are all of the students included in the four- and five-year adjusted graduation

cohort.

In the rules adopted under division (C)(3) of this section, the state board shall adopt a method for determining a grade for each component in divisions (C)(3)(a) to (f) of this section. The state board also shall establish a method to assign an overall grade of "A," "B," "C," "D," or "F" using the grades assigned for each component. The method the state board adopts for assigning an overall grade shall give equal weight to the components in divisions (C)(3)(b) and (c) of this section.

At least forty-five days prior to the state board's adoption of rules to prescribe the methods for calculating the overall grade for the report card, as required by this division, the department shall conduct a public presentation before the standing committees of the house of representatives and the senate that consider education legislation describing the format for the report card, weights that will be assigned to the components of the overall grade, and the method for calculating the overall grade.

(D) On or after July 1, 2015, the state board may develop a measure of student academic progress for high school students using only data from assessments in English language arts and mathematics. If the state board develops this measure, each school district and applicable school building shall be assigned a separate letter grade for it not sooner than the 2017-2018 school year. The district's or building's grade for that measure shall not be included in determining the district's or building's overall letter grade.

(E) The letter grades assigned to a school district or building under this section shall be as follows:

- (1) "A" for a district or school making excellent progress;
- (2) "B" for a district or school making above average progress;
- (3) "C" for a district or school making average progress;
- (4) "D" for a district or school making below average progress;
- (5) "F" for a district or school failing to meet minimum progress.

(F) When reporting data on student achievement and progress, the department shall disaggregate that data according to the following categories:

- (1) Performance of students by grade-level;
- (2) Performance of students by race and ethnic group;
- (3) Performance of students by gender;
- (4) Performance of students grouped by those who have been enrolled in a district or school for three or more years;
- (5) Performance of students grouped by those who have been enrolled in a district or school for more than one year and less than three years;
- (6) Performance of students grouped by those who have been enrolled in

a district or school for one year or less;

(7) Performance of students grouped by those who are economically disadvantaged;

(8) Performance of students grouped by those who are enrolled in a conversion community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code;

(9) Performance of students grouped by those who are classified as ~~limited English proficient~~ learners;

(10) Performance of students grouped by those who have disabilities;

(11) Performance of students grouped by those who are classified as migrants;

(12) Performance of students grouped by those who are identified as gifted in superior cognitive ability and the specific academic ability fields of reading and math pursuant to Chapter 3324. of the Revised Code. In disaggregating specific academic ability fields for gifted students, the department shall use data for those students with specific academic ability in math and reading. If any other academic field is assessed, the department shall also include data for students with specific academic ability in that field as well.

(13) Performance of students grouped by those who perform in the lowest quintile for achievement on a statewide basis, as determined by a method prescribed by the state board.

The department may disaggregate data on student performance according to other categories that the department determines are appropriate. To the extent possible, the department shall disaggregate data on student performance according to any combinations of two or more of the categories listed in divisions (F)(1) to (13) of this section that it deems relevant.

In reporting data pursuant to division (F) of this section, the department shall not include in the report cards any data statistical in nature that is statistically unreliable or that could result in the identification of individual students. For this purpose, the department shall not report student performance data for any group identified in division (F) of this section that contains less than ten students. If the department does not report student performance data for a group because it contains less than ten students, the department shall indicate on the report card that is why data was not reported.

(G) The department may include with the report cards any additional education and fiscal performance data it deems valuable.

(H) The department shall include on each report card a list of additional information collected by the department that is available regarding the

district or building for which the report card is issued. When available, such additional information shall include student mobility data disaggregated by race and socioeconomic status, college enrollment data, and the reports prepared under section 3302.031 of the Revised Code.

The department shall maintain a site on the world wide web. The report card shall include the address of the site and shall specify that such additional information is available to the public at that site. The department shall also provide a copy of each item on the list to the superintendent of each school district. The district superintendent shall provide a copy of any item on the list to anyone who requests it.

(I)(1)(a) Except as provided in division (I)(1)(b) of this section, for any district that sponsors a conversion community school under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, the department shall combine data regarding the academic performance of students enrolled in the community school with comparable data from the schools of the district for the purpose of determining the performance of the district as a whole on the report card issued for the district under this section or section 3302.033 of the Revised Code.

(b) The department shall not combine data from any conversion community school that a district sponsors if a majority of the students enrolled in the conversion community school are enrolled in a dropout prevention and recovery program that is operated by the school, as described in division (A)(4)(a) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code. The department shall include as an addendum to the district's report card the ratings and performance measures that are required under section 3314.017 of the Revised Code for any community school to which division (I)(1)(b) of this section applies. This addendum shall include, at a minimum, the data specified in divisions (C)(1)(a), (C)(2), and (C)(3) of section 3314.017 of the Revised Code.

(2) Any district that leases a building to a community school located in the district or that enters into an agreement with a community school located in the district whereby the district and the school endorse each other's programs may elect to have data regarding the academic performance of students enrolled in the community school combined with comparable data from the schools of the district for the purpose of determining the performance of the district as a whole on the district report card. Any district that so elects shall annually file a copy of the lease or agreement with the department.

(3) Any municipal school district, as defined in section 3311.71 of the Revised Code, that sponsors a community school located within the district's

territory, or that enters into an agreement with a community school located within the district's territory whereby the district and the community school endorse each other's programs, may exercise either or both of the following elections:

(a) To have data regarding the academic performance of students enrolled in that community school combined with comparable data from the schools of the district for the purpose of determining the performance of the district as a whole on the district's report card;

(b) To have the number of students attending that community school noted separately on the district's report card.

The election authorized under division (I)(3)(a) of this section is subject to approval by the governing authority of the community school.

Any municipal school district that exercises an election to combine or include data under division (I)(3) of this section, by the first day of October of each year, shall file with the department documentation indicating eligibility for that election, as required by the department.

~~(J) The department shall include on each report card the percentage of teachers in the district or building who are properly certified or licensed teachers, as defined in section 3319.074 of the Revised Code, and a comparison of that percentage with the percentages of such teachers in similar districts and buildings.~~

~~(K)~~(1) In calculating English language arts, mathematics, or science assessment passage rates used to determine school district or building performance under this section, the department shall include all students taking an assessment with accommodation or to whom an alternate assessment is administered pursuant to division (C)(1) or (3) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code.

(2) In calculating performance index scores, rates of achievement on the performance indicators established by the state board under section 3302.02 of the Revised Code, and annual measurable objectives for determining adequate yearly progress for school districts and buildings under this section, the department shall do all of the following:

(a) Include for each district or building only those students who are included in the ADM certified for the first full school week of October and are continuously enrolled in the district or building through the time of the spring administration of any assessment prescribed by division (A)(1) or (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 or division (B) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code that is administered to the student's grade level;

(b) Include cumulative totals from both the fall and spring administrations of the third grade English language arts achievement

assessment;

(c) Except as required by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, exclude for each district or building any ~~limited English proficient student learner~~ who has been enrolled in United States schools for less than one full school year.

~~(L)~~(K) Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year and at least once every three years thereafter, the state board of education shall review and may adjust the benchmarks for assigning letter grades to the performance measures and components prescribed under divisions (C)(3) and (D) of this section.

Sec. 3302.061. (A) A school district board of education shall review each application received under section 3302.06 of the Revised Code and, within sixty days after receipt of the application, shall approve or disapprove the application. In reviewing applications, the board shall give preference to applications that propose innovations in one or more of the following areas:

- (1) Curriculum;
 - (2) Student assessments, other than the assessments prescribed by sections 3301.0710 and 3301.0712 of the Revised Code;
 - (3) Class scheduling;
 - (4) Accountability measures, including innovations that expand the number and variety of measures used in order to collect more complete data about student academic performance. For this purpose, schools may consider use of measures such as end-of-course examinations, portfolios of student work, nationally or internationally normed assessments, the percentage of students enrolling in post-secondary education, or the percentage of students simultaneously obtaining a high school diploma and an associate's degree or certification to work in an industry or career field.
 - (5) Provision of student services, including services for students who are disabled, identified as gifted under Chapter 3324. of the Revised Code, ~~limited English proficient learners~~, at risk of academic failure or dropping out, or at risk of suspension or expulsion;
 - (6) Provision of health, counseling, or other social services to students;
 - (7) Preparation of students for transition to higher education or the workforce;
 - (8) Teacher recruitment, employment, and evaluation;
 - (9) Compensation for school personnel;
 - (10) Professional development;
 - (11) School governance and the roles and responsibilities of principals;
 - (12) Use of financial or other resources.
- (B)(1) If the board approves an application seeking designation as an

innovation school, it shall so designate the school that submitted the application. If the board approves an application seeking designation as an innovation school zone, it shall so designate the participating schools that submitted the application.

(2) If the board disapproves an application, it shall provide a written explanation of the basis for its decision to the school or schools that submitted the application. The school or schools may reapply for designation as an innovation school or innovation school zone at any time.

(C) The board may approve an application that allows an innovation school or a school participating in an innovation school zone to determine the compensation of board employees working in the school, but the total compensation for all such employees shall not exceed the financial resources allocated to the school by the board. The school shall not be required to comply with the salary schedule adopted by the board under section 3311.78, 3317.14, or 3317.141 of the Revised Code. The board may approve an application that allows an innovation school or a school participating in an innovation school zone to remove board employees from the school, but no employee shall be terminated except as provided in section 3311.82, 3319.081, or 3319.16 of the Revised Code.

(D) The board may do either of the following at any time:

(1) Designate a school as an innovation school by creating an innovation plan for that school and offering the school an opportunity to participate in the plan's creation;

(2) Designate as an innovation school zone two or more schools that share common interests based on factors such as geographical proximity or similar educational programs or that serve the same classes of students as they advance to higher grade levels, by creating an innovation plan for those schools and offering the schools an opportunity to participate in the plan's creation.

Sec. 3302.18. (A)(1) If a community learning center process is initiated under section 3302.17 of the Revised Code for any school building operated by a city, exempted village, or local school district or a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, the district board of education or community school governing authority shall create a school action team for the school building. The team shall consist of twelve members, as follows:

(a) Seven individuals, consisting of parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school and members of the community who are not teachers or nonteaching employees, as elected by their peers;

(b) Five teachers and nonteaching employees who are assigned to the

school building and are not parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school, as elected by their peers.

(2) To assist a school action team initiated under section 3302.17 of the Revised Code, the district board, community school governing authority, or community partner shall select an individual who is employed by the district, school, or community partner to serve as the resource coordinator for the community learning center. The school action team shall make recommendations to the board, governing authority, or community partner on potential candidates. The resource coordinator shall not be considered a member of a school action team. The resource coordinator shall assist in the development and coordination of programs and services for the community learning center.

(B) All members of a school action team shall serve as voting members. Terms of office shall be for three years, and vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

Members shall serve without compensation.

(C) In addition to the responsibilities listed in section 3302.17 of the Revised Code, the school action team shall do all of the following:

(1) Monitor and assist in the implementation of the school improvement plan, if adopted;

(2) Meet with candidates for principal and other administrative positions and make recommendations to the superintendent and board of education of the district or governing authority of the community school;

(3) Advise on school budgets;

(4) Establish ongoing mechanisms that engage students, parents, and community members in the school;

(5) Continue to collect feedback and information from parents using an annual survey;

(6) Develop and approve a written parent involvement policy that outlines the role of parents and guardians in the school;

(7) Monitor school progress on data related to academic achievement; attendance, suspensions, and expulsions; graduation rates; and reclassifications disaggregated by major racial and ethnic groups, ~~limited~~ English ~~proficient students~~ learners, economically disadvantaged students, and students with disabilities;

(8) Receive regular updates from the principal on policy matters affecting the school and provide advice on such matters;

(9) Meet regularly with parents and community members to discuss policy matters affecting the school.

Sec. 3310.02. (A) The educational choice scholarship pilot program is

hereby established. Under the program, the department of education annually shall pay scholarships to attend chartered nonpublic schools in accordance with section 3310.08 of the Revised Code for up to the following number of eligible students:

- (1) Thirty thousand in the 2011-2012 school year;
- (2) Sixty thousand in the 2012-2013 school year and thereafter.

For any school year for which the number of applications for scholarships timely submitted for the program exceeds ninety per cent of the maximum number of scholarships permitted under division (A) of this section, the department shall increase the maximum number of scholarships permitted for the following school year by five per cent. The department shall make the increased number of scholarships available for each subsequent school year until the department is again required to increase the number of scholarships under division (A) of this section.

If the number of students who apply for a scholarship exceeds the maximum number of scholarships permitted under division (A) of this section, priority shall be given to those students applying for a scholarship under section 3310.03 of the Revised Code in accordance with division (B) of this section.

~~(B) If the number of students who apply for a scholarship exceeds the number of scholarships available under division (A) of this section for the applicable school year, the~~ The department shall award scholarships under section 3310.03 of the Revised Code in the following order of priority:

- (1) First, to eligible students who received scholarships in the prior school year;
- (2) Second, to eligible students with family incomes at or below two hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines, as defined in section 5101.46 of the Revised Code, who qualify under divisions (A) and (E) of section 3310.03 of the Revised Code. If the number of students described in division (B)(2) of this section who apply for a scholarship exceeds the number of available scholarships after awards are made under division (B)(1) of this section, the department shall select students described in division (B)(2) of this section by lot to receive any remaining scholarships.

(3) Third, to other eligible students who qualify under divisions (A) and (E) of section 3310.03 of the Revised Code. If the number of students described in division (B)(3) of this section who apply for a scholarship exceeds the number of available scholarships after awards are made under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section, the department shall select students described in division (B)(3) of this section by lot to receive any remaining scholarships.

(4) Fourth, to eligible students with family incomes at or below two hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines who qualify under division (D) of section 3310.03 of the Revised Code. If the number of students described in division (B)(4) of this section who apply for a scholarship exceeds the number of available scholarships after awards are made under divisions (B)(1) to (3) of this section, the department shall select students described in division (B)(4) of this section by lot to receive any remaining scholarships.

(5) Fifth, to other eligible students who qualify under division (D) of section 3310.03 of the Revised Code. If the number of students described in division (B)(5) of this section who apply for a scholarship exceeds the number of available scholarships after awards are made under divisions (B)(1) to (4) of this section, the department shall select students described in division (B)(5) of this section by lot to receive any remaining scholarships.

(6) Sixth, to eligible students with family incomes at or below two hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines who qualify under division (B) of section 3310.03 of the Revised Code. If the number of students described in division (B)(6) of this section who apply for a scholarship exceeds the number of available scholarships after awards are made under divisions (B)(1) to (5) of this section, the department shall select students described in division (B)(6) of this section by lot to receive any remaining scholarships.

(7) Seventh, to other eligible students who qualify under division (B) of section 3310.03 of the Revised Code. If the number of students described in division (B)(7) of this section who apply for a scholarship exceeds the number of available scholarships after awards are made under divisions (B)(1) to (6) of this section, the department shall select students described in division (B)(7) of this section by lot to receive any remaining scholarships.

Sec. 3310.03. A student is an "eligible student" for purposes of the educational choice scholarship pilot program if the student's resident district is not a school district in which the pilot project scholarship program is operating under sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code and the student satisfies one of the conditions in division (A), (B), (C), (D), or (E) of this section:

(A)(1) The student is enrolled in a school building operated by the student's resident district that, on the report card issued under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code published prior to the first day of July of the school year for which a scholarship is sought, did not receive a rating as described in division ~~(H)~~(I) of this section, and to which any or a combination of any of the following apply for two of the three most recent

report cards published prior to the first day of July of the school year for which a scholarship is sought:

(a) The building was declared to be in a state of academic emergency or academic watch under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code as that section existed prior to March 22, 2013.

(b) The building received a grade of "D" or "F" for the performance index score under division (A)(1)(b) or (B)(1)(b) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and for the value-added progress dimension under division (A)(1)(e) or (B)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for the 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, or 2015-2016 school year; or if the building serves only grades ten through twelve, the building received a grade of "D" or "F" for the performance index score under division (A)(1)(b) or (B)(1)(b) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and had a four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate of less than seventy-five per cent.

(c) The building received an overall grade of "D" or "F" under division (C)(3) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code or a grade of "F" for the value-added progress dimension under division (C)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for the 2016-2017 school year or any school year thereafter.

(2) The student will be enrolling in any of grades kindergarten through twelve in this state for the first time in the school year for which a scholarship is sought, will be at least five years of age by the first day of January of the school year for which a scholarship is sought, and otherwise would be assigned under section 3319.01 of the Revised Code in the school year for which a scholarship is sought, to a school building described in division (A)(1) of this section.

(3) The student is enrolled in a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code but otherwise would be assigned under section 3319.01 of the Revised Code to a building described in division (A)(1) of this section.

(4) The student is enrolled in a school building operated by the student's resident district or in a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code and otherwise would be assigned under section 3319.01 of the Revised Code to a school building described in division (A)(1) of this section in the school year for which the scholarship is sought.

(5) The student will be both enrolling in any of grades kindergarten through twelve in this state for the first time and at least five years of age by the first day of January of the school year for which a scholarship is sought, or is enrolled in a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, and all of the following apply to the student's resident

district:

(a) The district has in force an intradistrict open enrollment policy under which no student in the student's grade level is automatically assigned to a particular school building;

(b) In the most recent rating published prior to the first day of July of the school year for which scholarship is sought, the district did not receive a rating described in division ~~(H)~~(I) of this section, and in at least two of the three most recent report cards published prior to the first day of July of that school year, any or a combination of the following apply to the district:

(i) The district was declared to be in a state of academic emergency under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to March 22, 2013.

(ii) The district received a grade of "D" or "F" for the performance index score under division (A)(1)(b) or (B)(1)(b) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and for the value-added progress dimension under division (A)(1)(e) or (B)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for the 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, or 2015-2016 school year.

(c) The district received an overall grade of "D" or "F" under division (C)(3) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code or a grade of "F" for the value-added progress dimension under division (C)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for the 2016-2017 school year or any school year thereafter.

(6) Beginning in the ~~2016-2017~~ 2019-2020 school year, the student is ~~enrolled in or will be enrolling in~~ meets both of the following conditions:

(a) The student was enrolled in a public or nonpublic school or was homeschooled in the prior school year and completed any of grades eight through eleven in that school year.

(b) The student would be assigned to a building in the school year for which the scholarship is sought that serves either:

(i) Serves any of grades nine through twelve and that received a grade of "D" or "F" for the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate under division (A)(1)(d), (B)(1)(d), or (C)(1)(d) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code in two of the three most recent report cards published prior to the first day of July of the school year for which a scholarship is sought;

(ii) Is a building described in division (A)(1) of this section.

Any student who was awarded a scholarship under division (A)(6) of this section as it existed prior to the effective date of this amendment may continue to receive scholarships in subsequent school years until the student completes grade twelve, as long as the student meets the criteria prescribed by division (F) of this section.

(B)(1) The student is enrolled in a school building operated by the student's resident district and to which both of the following apply:

(a) The building was ranked, for at least two of the three most recent rankings prior to the first day of July of the school year for which a scholarship is sought, in the lowest ten per cent of all buildings operated by city, local, and exempted village school districts according to performance index score as determined by the department of education.

(b) The building was not declared to be excellent or effective, or the equivalent of such ratings as determined by the department, under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code in the most recent rating published prior to the first day of July of the school year for which a scholarship is sought.

(2) The student will be enrolling in any of grades kindergarten through twelve in this state for the first time in the school year for which a scholarship is sought, will be at least five years of age, as defined in section 3321.01 of the Revised Code, by the first day of January of the school year for which a scholarship is sought, and otherwise would be assigned under section 3319.01 of the Revised Code in the school year for which a scholarship is sought, to a school building described in division (B)(1) of this section.

(3) The student is enrolled in a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code but otherwise would be assigned under section 3319.01 of the Revised Code to a building described in division (B)(1) of this section.

(4) The student is enrolled in a school building operated by the student's resident district or in a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code and otherwise would be assigned under section 3319.01 of the Revised Code to a school building described in division (B)(1) of this section in the school year for which the scholarship is sought.

(C) The student is enrolled in a nonpublic school at the time the school is granted a charter by the state board of education under section 3301.16 of the Revised Code and the student meets the standards of division (B) of section 3310.031 of the Revised Code.

(D) For the 2016-2017 school year and each school year thereafter, the student is in any of grades kindergarten through three, is enrolled in a school building that is operated by the student's resident district or will be enrolling in any of grades kindergarten through twelve in this state for the first time in the school year for which a scholarship is sought, and to which both of the following apply:

(1) The building, in at least two of the three most recent ratings of school buildings published prior to the first day of July of the school year

for which a scholarship is sought, received a grade of "D" or "F" for making progress in improving literacy in grades kindergarten through three under division (B)(1)(g) or (C)(1)(g) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code;

(2) The building did not receive a grade of "A" for making progress in improving literacy in grades kindergarten through three under division (B)(1)(g) or (C)(1)(g) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code in the most recent rating published prior to the first day of July of the school year for which a scholarship is sought.

(E) The student's resident district is subject to section 3302.10 of the Revised Code and the student either:

(1) Is enrolled in a school building operated by the resident district or in a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code;

(2) Will be both enrolling in any of grades kindergarten through twelve in this state for the first time and at least five years of age by the first day of January of the school year for which a scholarship is sought.

(F) A student who receives a scholarship under the educational choice scholarship pilot program remains an eligible student and may continue to receive scholarships in subsequent school years until the student completes grade twelve, so long as all of the following apply:

(1) The student's resident district remains the same, or the student transfers to a new resident district and otherwise would be assigned in the new resident district to a school building described in division (A)(1), (B)(1), (D), or (E) of this section.

(2) Except as provided in divisions (K)(1) and (L) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code, the student takes each assessment prescribed for the student's grade level under section 3301.0710 or 3301.0712 of the Revised Code while enrolled in a chartered nonpublic school.

(3) In each school year that the student is enrolled in a chartered nonpublic school, the student is absent from school for not more than twenty days that the school is open for instruction, not including excused absences.

(G)(1) The department shall cease awarding first-time scholarships pursuant to divisions (A)(1) to (4) of this section with respect to a school building that, in the most recent ratings of school buildings published under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code prior to the first day of July of the school year, ceases to meet the criteria in division (A)(1) of this section. The department shall cease awarding first-time scholarships pursuant to division (A)(5) of this section with respect to a school district that, in the most recent ratings of school districts published under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code prior to the first day of July of the school year, ceases to meet the criteria in division (A)(5) of this section.

(2) The department shall cease awarding first-time scholarships pursuant to divisions (B)(1) to (4) of this section with respect to a school building that, in the most recent ratings of school buildings under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code prior to the first day of July of the school year, ceases to meet the criteria in division (B)(1) of this section.

(3) The department shall cease awarding first-time scholarships pursuant to division (D) of this section with respect to a school building that, in the most recent ratings of school buildings under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code prior to the first day of July of the school year, ceases to meet the criteria in division (D) of this section.

(4) The department shall cease awarding first-time scholarships pursuant to division (E) of this section with respect to a school district subject to section 3302.10 of the Revised Code when the academic distress commission established for the district ceases to exist.

(5) However, students who have received scholarships in the prior school year remain eligible students pursuant to division (F) of this section.

(H) The state board of education shall adopt rules defining excused absences for purposes of division (F)(3) of this section.

(I)(1) A student who satisfies only the conditions prescribed in divisions (A)(1) to (4) of this section shall not be eligible for a scholarship if the student's resident building meets any of the following in the most recent rating under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code published prior to the first day of July of the school year for which a scholarship is sought:

(a) The building has an overall designation of excellent or effective under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to March 22, 2013.

(b) For the 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, or 2015-2016 school year, the building has a grade of "A" or "B" for the performance index score under division (A)(1)(b) or (B)(1)(b) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and for the value-added progress dimension under division (A)(1)(e) or (B)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code; or if the building serves only grades ten through twelve, the building received a grade of "A" or "B" for the performance index score under division (A)(1)(b) or (B)(1)(b) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and had a four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate of greater than or equal to seventy-five per cent.

(c) For the 2016-2017 school year or any school year thereafter, the building has a grade of "A" or "B" under division (C)(3) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and a grade of "A" for the value-added progress dimension under division (C)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code; or if the building serves only grades ten through twelve, the building

received a grade of "A" or "B" for the performance index score under division (C)(1)(b) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and had a four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate of greater than or equal to seventy-five per cent.

(2) A student who satisfies only the conditions prescribed in division (A)(5) of this section shall not be eligible for a scholarship if the student's resident district meets any of the following in the most recent rating under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code published prior to the first day of July of the school year for which a scholarship is sought:

(a) The district has an overall designation of excellent or effective under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to March 22, 2013.

(b) The district has a grade of "A" or "B" for the performance index score under division (A)(1)(b) or (B)(1)(b) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and for the value-added progress dimension under division (A)(1)(e) or (B)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for the 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016 school years.

(c) The district has an overall grade of "A" or "B" under division (C)(3) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and a grade of "A" for the value-added progress dimension under division (C)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for the 2016-2017 school year or any school year thereafter.

Sec. 3310.032. (A) A student is an "eligible student" for purposes of the expansion of the educational choice scholarship pilot program under this section if the student's resident district is not a school district in which the pilot project scholarship program is operating under sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code, the student is not eligible for an educational choice scholarship under section 3310.03 of the Revised Code, and the student's family income is at or below two hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines, as defined in section 5101.46 of the Revised Code.

(B) In each fiscal year for which the general assembly appropriates funds for purposes of this section, the department of education shall pay scholarships to attend chartered nonpublic schools in accordance with section 3310.08 of the Revised Code. The number of scholarships awarded under this section shall not exceed the number that can be funded with appropriations made by the general assembly for this purpose.

(C) Scholarships under this section shall be awarded as follows:

(1) For the 2013-2014 school year, to eligible students who are entering kindergarten in that school year for the first time;

(2) For each subsequent school year through the 2019-2020 school year, scholarships shall be awarded to eligible students in the next grade level

above the highest grade level awarded in the preceding school year, in addition to the grade levels for which students received scholarships in the preceding school year;

(3) Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, to eligible students who are entering any of grades kindergarten through twelve in that school year for the first time.

(D) If the number of eligible students who apply for a scholarship under this section exceeds the scholarships available based on the appropriation for this section, the department shall award scholarships in the following order of priority:

(1) First, to eligible students who received scholarships under this section in the prior school year;

(2) Second, to eligible students with family incomes at or below one hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines. If the number of students described in division (D)(2) of this section who apply for a scholarship exceeds the number of available scholarships after awards are made under division (D)(1) of this section, the department shall select students described in division (D)(2) of this section by lot to receive any remaining scholarships.

(3) Third, to other eligible students who qualify under this section. If the number of students described in division (D)(3) of this section exceeds the number of available scholarships after awards are made under divisions (D)(1) and (2) of this section, the department shall select students described in division (D)(3) of this section by lot to receive any remaining scholarships.

(E) Subject to divisions (E)(1) to (3) of this section, a student who receives a scholarship under this section remains an eligible student and may continue to receive scholarships under this section in subsequent school years until the student completes grade twelve, so long as the student satisfies the conditions specified in divisions (F)(2) and (3) of section 3310.03 of the Revised Code.

Once a scholarship is awarded under this section, the student shall remain eligible for that scholarship for the current school year and subsequent school years even if the student's family income rises above the amount specified in division (A) of this section, provided the student remains enrolled in a chartered nonpublic school, however:

(1) If the student's family income is above two hundred per cent but at or below three hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines, the student shall receive a scholarship in the amount of seventy-five per cent of the full scholarship amount.

(2) If the student's family income is above three hundred per cent but at or below four hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines, the student shall receive a scholarship in the amount of fifty per cent of the full scholarship amount.

(3) If the student's family income is above four hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines, the student is no longer eligible to receive an educational choice scholarship.

Sec. 3310.035. (A) A student who is eligible for an educational choice scholarship under both sections 3310.03 and 3310.032 of the Revised Code, and applies for a scholarship for the first time after September 29, 2013, shall receive a scholarship under section 3310.03 of the Revised Code.

(B) A student who is eligible under both sections 3310.03 and 3310.032 of the Revised Code and received a scholarship in the previous school year shall continue to receive the scholarship under the section from which the student received the scholarship in the previous school year, so long as:

(1) The number of students who apply for a scholarship does not exceed the number of scholarships available under division (A) of section 3310.02 of the Revised Code.

(2) A student who receives a scholarship under section 3310.03 of the Revised Code satisfies with the conditions specified in divisions (F)(1) to (3) of that section, and a student who receives a scholarship under section 3310.032 satisfies with the conditions specified in divisions ~~(E)~~(G)(2) and (3) of section 3310.03 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3310.08. (A) As used in this section, "tuition discount" means any deduction from the base tuition amount per student charged by the school, to which the student's family is entitled due to one or more of the following conditions:

(1) The student's family has multiple children enrolled in the same school.

(2) The student's family is a member of or affiliated with a religious or secular organization that provides oversight of the school or from which the school has agreed to enroll students.

(3) The student's parent is an employee of the school.

(4) Some other qualification not based on the income of the student's family or the student's athletic or academic ability and for which all students in the school may qualify.

(B) The amount paid for an eligible student under the educational choice scholarship pilot program and the expansion of the program under section 3310.032 of the Revised Code shall be the lesser of the following:

(1) The base tuition of the chartered nonpublic school in which the

student is enrolled ~~or the~~ minus the total amount of any applicable tuition discounts for which the student qualifies;

(2) The maximum amount prescribed in section 3310.09 of the Revised Code.

~~(B)(C)~~(1) The department of education shall pay to the parent of each eligible student for whom a scholarship is awarded under the program, or to the student if at least eighteen years of age, periodic partial payments of the scholarship.

(2) The department shall proportionately reduce or terminate the payments for any student who withdraws from a chartered nonpublic school prior to the end of the school year.

~~(C)(D)~~(1) The department shall deduct from the payments made to each school district under Chapter 3317., and if necessary, sections 321.24 and 323.156 of the Revised Code, the amount paid under division ~~(B)(C)~~ of this section for each eligible student who qualifies for a scholarship under section 3310.03 of the Revised Code and who is entitled under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code to attend school in the district. In the case of a student entitled to attend school in a school district under division (B)(2)(a) of section 3313.64 or division (C) of section 3313.65 of the Revised Code, the department shall deduct the payments from the school district in whose formula ADM the student is included, as that term is defined in section 3317.02 of the Revised Code.

(2) If the department reduces or terminates payments to a parent or a student, as prescribed in division ~~(B)(C)~~(2) of this section, and the student enrolls in the schools of the student's resident district or in a community school, established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, before the end of the school year, the department shall proportionally restore to the resident district the amount deducted for that student under division ~~(C)(D)~~(1) of this section.

Sec. 3310.16. ~~(A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, for~~ For the 2013-2014 2020-2021 school year and each school year thereafter, the department of education shall ~~conduct two application periods~~ accept, process, and award scholarships each year for the educational choice scholarship pilot program under sections 3310.03 and 3310.032 of the Revised Code, as follows:

~~(1) The first~~ (A) A priority application period shall open ~~not sooner than~~ on the first day of February prior to the first day of July of the school year for which a scholarship is sought and run not less than seventy-five days. The department shall award scholarships under this division not later than the thirtieth day of June prior to the first day of July of the school year for

which a scholarship is sought.

~~(2) The second application period shall open not sooner than the first day of July of the school year for which the scholarship is sought and run not less than thirty days.~~

~~(B) If the scholarships awarded under section 3310.032 of the Revised Code in the first application period for any school year use the entirety of the amount appropriated by the general assembly for such scholarships for that school year, the department need not conduct a second application period for scholarships under that section. If, after the first application period, there are funds remaining to award scholarships under section 3310.032 of the Revised Code, the department shall conduct a second application period in accordance with division (A)(2) of this section.~~

~~(C) Not later than the thirty first day of May of each school year, the department shall determine whether funds remain available for income-based scholarships under the educational choice scholarship program after the first application period. The department shall continue to award scholarships after the priority application period closes. If the department awards a scholarship after the beginning of the school year, the department shall prorate the amount of the scholarship based on how much of the school year remains. The department shall continue to award income-based scholarships under section 3310.032 of the Revised Code only so long as funds appropriated by the general assembly for such scholarships for that school year remain available.~~

Sec. 3311.242. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Eligible township" means a township that contains the territory of two or more school districts.

(2) "Qualified electors" means electors residing within the territory proposed to be transferred.

(B) The board of education of a school district with territory in an eligible township shall promptly do both of the following regarding a proposal to transfer territory from the district to another school district to which the territory is adjoining if a petition that is certified under division (C) of this section requests such a transfer:

(1) File the proposal, together with a map showing the boundaries of the territory to be transferred, with the state board of education;

(2) Certify the proposal to the board of elections of the county in which the eligible township is located for the purposes of having the proposal placed on the ballot at the next general or primary election which occurs not less than ninety days after the date of the certification or at a special election, the date of which shall be specified in the certification, which date

shall not be less than ninety days after the date of the certification.

(C) Upon receiving a petition of transfer signed by at least ten per cent of qualified electors voting at the last general election, the board of education shall cause the board of elections to check the sufficiency of signatures on the petition. If the board of elections determines the petition has been signed by at least ten per cent of qualified electors voting at the last general election, the board of elections shall certify the petition to the board of education for the purposes of division (B) of this section.

(D) Upon certification of a proposal under division (B)(2) of this section, the board of elections shall make the necessary arrangements for the submission of the question whether to approve the transfer to the qualified electors to vote thereon, and the election shall be conducted and canvassed and the results shall be certified in the same manner as in regular elections for the election of members of a district board of education.

(E) If the proposal submitted to qualified electors under division (D) of this section is approved by at least a majority of the electors voting on the proposal, both of the following shall apply:

(1) The board of education of the district from which the territory is being transferred shall notify the state board of education of the results of the vote.

(2) The board of trustees of the eligible township shall enter into negotiations with the board of education of the district to which the territory is being transferred regarding the terms of the proposal to transfer the territory.

(F) If the board of trustees of the eligible township and the board of education to which the territory is being transferred enter into a formal agreement based on negotiations under division (E)(2) of this section, the board of education shall file the proposal and a copy of the formal agreement with the state board. However, the district board of education shall not be required to enter into a formal agreement.

(G) The state board shall approve any proposal submitted under division (F) of this section and thereafter provide written notification of the approval to the board of education of the district from which the territory is being transferred and the board of education to which the territory is being transferred.

(H) Upon receipt of the written notification from the state board under division (G) of this section, the board of education of the district to which the territory is being transferred shall file a map showing the boundaries of the territory transferred with the county auditor of the county in which the eligible township is located. In addition, the two district boards and the

township board of trustees shall execute an equitable division of the funds and indebtedness between the districts. Thereafter, the transfer shall be complete and the legal title of the school property in the territory transferred shall be vested in the board of education of the district to which the territory is transferred.

Sec. 3311.78. Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, a municipal school district shall be subject to this section instead of sections 3317.13, 3317.14, and 3317.141 of the Revised Code.

(A) As used in this section, "principal" includes an assistant principal.

(B) The board of education of each municipal school district annually shall adopt a differentiated salary schedule for teachers based upon performance as described in division (D) of this section. The board also annually shall adopt a differentiated salary schedule for principals based upon performance as described in division (D) of this section.

For each teacher or principal hired on or after October 1, 2012, the board shall determine the teacher's or principal's initial placement on the applicable salary schedule based on years of experience and area of licensure and any other factors the board considers appropriate. For each teacher hired prior to October 1, 2012, the board shall initially place the teacher on the applicable salary schedule so that the teacher's annual salary on the schedule is comparable to the teacher's annual salary for the school year immediately prior to the school year covered by the schedule. For each principal hired prior to October 1, 2012, the board shall initially place the principal on the applicable salary schedule consistent with the principal's employment contract.

(C) The salary of a teacher shall not be reduced unless such reduction is accomplished as part of a negotiated collective bargaining agreement. The salary of a principal shall not be reduced during the term of the principal's employment contract unless such reduction is by mutual agreement of the board and the principal or is part of a uniform plan affecting the entire district.

(D) For purposes of the schedules, the board shall measure a teacher's or principal's performance by considering all of the following:

(1) The level of license issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code that the teacher or principal holds;

(2) ~~In the case of a teacher, whether the teacher is a properly certified or licensed teacher, as defined in section 3319.074 of the Revised Code;~~

(3) Ratings received by the teacher or principal on performance evaluations conducted under section 3311.80 or 3311.84 of the Revised Code;

~~(4)~~(3) Any specialized training and experience in the assigned position.

(E) The salary schedules adopted under this section may provide for additional compensation for teachers or principals who perform duties, not contracted for under a supplemental contract, that the board determines warrant additional compensation. Those duties may include, but are not limited to, assignment to a school building eligible for funding under Title I of the "Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965," 20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.; assignment to a building in "school improvement" status under the "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001," as defined in section 3302.01 of the Revised Code; teaching in a grade level or subject area in which the board has determined there is a shortage within the district; assignment to a hard-to-staff school, as determined by the board; or teaching in a school with an extended school day or school year.

(F) The chief executive officer of the district, or the chief executive officer's designee, annually shall review the salary of each teacher and principal and make a recommendation to the board. Based on the recommendation, the board may increase a teacher's or principal's salary based on the teacher's or principal's performance and duties as provided for in divisions (D) and (E) of this section. The performance-based increase for a teacher or principal rated as accomplished shall be greater than the performance-based increase for a teacher or principal rated as skilled. Notwithstanding division (C) of this section, division (C) of section 3319.02, and section 3319.12 of the Revised Code, the board may decrease the teacher's or principal's salary if the teacher or principal will perform fewer or different duties described in division (E) of this section in the school year for which the salary is decreased.

(G) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code, the requirements of this section prevail over any conflicting provisions of a collective bargaining agreement entered into on or after October 1, 2012. However, the board and the teachers' labor organization shall negotiate the implementation of the differentiated salary schedule for teachers and may negotiate additional factors regarding teacher salaries, provided those factors are consistent with this section.

Sec. 3311.79. (A) When assigning teachers to schools of a municipal school district prior to the start of a school year, teachers may apply for open positions. All applicants shall be considered. Applicants may be interviewed by a building level team comprised of the building principal, a representative of the district teachers' labor organization, a parent, a staff member in the same job classification as the posted position, and any other members mutually agreed upon by the principal and the labor organization

representative. When openings occur, the principal and labor organization representative shall mutually select the members of the building level team. Interviews by the building level team shall not be delayed due to the unavailability of duly notified team members. The team shall make recommendations whether to assign a teacher to an open position in the building based on how suitably the teacher's credentials fulfill the needs of the particular school. For this purpose, the building level team shall consider the following credentials:

(1) The level of license issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code that the teacher holds;

(2) The number of subject areas the teacher is licensed to teach;

~~(3) Whether the teacher would be a properly certified or licensed teacher, as defined in section 3319.074 of the Revised Code, in the open position;~~

~~(4)~~ The results of the teacher's performance evaluations conducted under section 3311.80 of the Revised Code;

~~(5)~~(4) Whether the teacher has recently taught and been evaluated in the subject areas the teacher would teach at the school;

~~(6)~~(5) Any specialized training or experience the teacher possesses that are relevant to the open position;

~~(7)~~(6) Any other credentials established by the district chief executive officer or a building level team.

(B) The building level team shall make its recommendations to the district chief executive officer or the chief executive officer's designee for the chief executive officer's or designee's final approval of the assignment.

(C) In the event that open positions in one or more school buildings have not been filled through the procedures set forth in divisions (A) and (B) of this section, or if the building level team has not been able to reach a consensus on a candidate, by ten days prior to the first work day for teachers of the school year, the district chief executive officer or the chief executive officer's designee shall assign teachers to any of those open positions based on the best interests of the district. In making an assignment under this division, the chief executive officer or the chief executive officer's designee shall take into consideration all input from the building level team members.

(D) In the event that a position opens after the first student day of the school year, the building level team interview and recommendation procedures set forth in divisions (A) and (B) of this section shall be used to fill the open position. If any positions remain open, or if the building level team has not been able to reach a consensus on a candidate, after a reasonable period of time as determined by the chief executive officer or the

chief executive officer's designee, the chief executive officer or the chief executive officer's designee shall assign teachers to any of those open positions based on the best interests of the district. In making an assignment under this division, the chief executive officer or the chief executive officer's designee shall take into consideration all input from the building level team members.

(E) In the event it becomes necessary to assign, reassign, or transfer a teacher, whether voluntarily or involuntarily on the part of the teacher, for the purpose of promoting the best interests of the district, the chief executive officer or the chief executive officer's designee shall first meet with the teacher, the principals of the affected buildings, and a representative of the district teachers' labor organization. The assignment, reassignment, or transfer shall not be delayed due to the unavailability of the meeting participants who have been duly notified.

(F) The district chief executive officer or a building level team shall not use seniority or continuing contract status as the primary factor in determining any teacher's assignment to a school.

(G) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code, the requirements of this section prevail over any conflicting provisions of a collective bargaining agreement entered into on or after October 1, 2012. However, the board and the teachers' labor organization shall negotiate regarding the implementation of this section, including the processes by which each building level team conducts its interviews and makes recommendations, consistent with this section.

Sec. 3312.01. (A) The educational regional service system is hereby established. The system shall support state and regional education initiatives and efforts to improve school effectiveness and student achievement. Services, including special education and related services, shall be provided under the system to school districts, community schools established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, and chartered nonpublic schools.

It is the intent of the general assembly that the educational regional service system reduce the unnecessary duplication of programs and services and provide for a more streamlined and efficient delivery of educational services without reducing the availability of the services needed by school districts and schools.

(B) The educational regional service system shall consist of the following:

(1) The advisory councils and subcommittees established under sections 3312.03 and 3312.05 of the Revised Code;

(2) A fiscal agent for each of the regions as configured under section

3312.02 of the Revised Code;

(3) Educational service centers, information technology centers established under section 3301.075 of the Revised Code, and other regional education service providers.

(C) Educational service centers shall provide the services that they are specifically required to provide by the Revised Code and may enter into agreements pursuant to section 3313.843, 3313.844, or 3313.845 of the Revised Code for the provision of other services, which may include any of the following:

- (1) Assistance in improving student performance;
- (2) Services to enable a school district or school to operate more efficiently or economically;
- (3) Professional development for teachers or administrators;
- (4) Assistance in the recruitment and retention of teachers and administrators;
- (5) Applying for any state or federal grant on behalf of a school district;
- (6) Any other educational, administrative, or operational services.

In addition to implementing state and regional education initiatives and school improvement efforts under the educational regional service system, educational service centers shall implement state or federally funded initiatives assigned to the service centers by the general assembly or the department of education.

Any educational service center selected to be a fiscal agent for its region pursuant to section 3312.07 of the Revised Code shall continue to operate as an educational service center for the part of the region that comprises its territory.

(D) An educational service center shall be considered a school district for the purposes of eligibility in applying for any state or federal grant.

(E) Information technology centers may enter into agreements for the provision of services pursuant to section 3312.10 of the Revised Code.

~~(E)~~(F) No school district, community school, or chartered nonpublic school shall be required to purchase services from an educational service center or information technology center in the region in which the district or school is located, except that a local school district shall receive any services required by the Revised Code to be provided by an educational service center to the local school districts in its territory from the educational service center in whose territory the district is located.

Sec. 3313.411. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "College-preparatory boarding school" means a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code.

(2) "Community school" means a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code.

(3) "High-performing community school" has the same meaning as in section 3313.413 of the Revised Code.

(4) "STEM school" means a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code.

(5) "Unused school facilities" means any real property that has been used by a school district for school operations, including, but not limited to, academic instruction or administration, since July 1, 1998, but has not been used in that capacity for ~~two years~~ one year.

(B)(1) Except as provided in section 3313.412 of the Revised Code, on and after June 30, 2011, any school district board of education shall offer any unused school facilities it owns in its corporate capacity for lease or sale to the governing authorities of community schools, the boards of trustees of any college-preparatory boarding schools, and the governing bodies of any STEM schools, that are located within the territory of the district. Not later than sixty days after the district board makes the offer, interested governing authorities, boards of trustees, and governing bodies shall notify the district treasurer in writing of the intention to lease or purchase the property.

The district board shall give priority to the governing authorities of high-performing community schools that are located within the territory of the district.

(2) At the same time that a district board makes the offer required under division (B)(1) of this section, the board also may, but shall not be required to, offer that property for sale or lease to the governing authorities of community schools with plans, stipulated in their contracts entered into under section 3314.03 of the Revised Code, either to relocate their operations to the territory of the district or to add facilities, as authorized by division (B)(3) or (4) of section 3314.05 of the Revised Code, to be located within the territory of the district.

(C)(1) If, not later than sixty days after the district board makes the offer, only one governing authority of a high-performing community school offered the property under division (B) of this section notifies the district treasurer in writing of the intention to purchase the property pursuant to that division, the district board shall sell the property to that party for the appraised fair market value of the property as determined in an appraisal of the property that is not more than one year old.

If, not later than sixty days after the district board makes the offer, more than one governing authority of a high-performing community school offered the property under division (B) of this section notifies the district

treasurer in writing of the intention to purchase the property pursuant to that division, the board shall conduct a public auction in the manner required for auctions of district property under division (A) of section 3313.41 of the Revised Code. Only the governing authorities of high-performing community schools that notified the district treasurer of the intention to purchase the property pursuant to division (B) of this section are eligible to bid at the auction. The district board is not obligated to accept any bid for the property that is lower than the appraised fair market value of the property as determined in an appraisal that is not more than one year old.

(2) If, not later than sixty days after the district board makes the offer, no governing authority of a high-performing community school notifies the district treasurer of its intention to purchase the property pursuant to division (B) of this section, the board shall then proceed with the offers from all other start-up community schools, college-preparatory boarding schools, and STEM schools made pursuant to that division.

If more than one such entity notifies the district treasurer of its intention to purchase the property pursuant to division (B) of this section, the board shall conduct a public auction in the manner required for auctions of district property under division (A) of section 3313.41 of the Revised Code. Only the entities that notified the district treasurer pursuant to division (B) of this section are eligible to bid at the auction.

(3) If more than one governing authority of a high-performing community school notifies the district treasurer in writing of the intention to lease the property pursuant to division (B) of this section, the district board shall conduct a lottery to select from among those governing authorities the one qualified governing authority to which the district board shall lease the property.

If no such governing authority of a high-performing community school notifies the district treasurer of its intention to lease the property pursuant to division (B) of this section, the board shall then proceed with the offers from all other start-up community schools, college-preparatory boarding schools, and STEM schools made pursuant to that division. If more than one other start-up community school, college-preparatory boarding school, or STEM school notified the district treasurer of its intention to lease the property pursuant to division (B) of this section, the district board shall conduct a lottery to select from among those parties the one qualified party to which the district board shall lease the property.

(4) The lease price offered by a district board to a community school, college-preparatory boarding school, or STEM school under this section shall not be higher than the fair market value for such a leasehold as

determined in an appraisal that is not more than one year old.

(5) If no qualified party offered the property under division (B) of this section accepts the offer to lease or buy the property within sixty days after the offer is made, the district board may offer the property to any other entity in accordance with divisions (A) to (F) of section 3313.41 of the Revised Code.

(D) Notwithstanding division (B) of this section, a school district board may renew any agreement it originally entered into prior to June 30, 2011, to lease real property to an entity other than a community school, college-preparatory boarding school, or STEM school. Nothing in this section shall affect the leasehold arrangements between the district board and that other entity.

(E)(1) Except as provided in division (E)(2) of this section, the governing authority of a community school, board of trustees of a college-preparatory boarding school, or governing body of a STEM school shall not sell any property purchased under division (B) of this section within five years of purchasing that property.

(2) The governing authority, board of trustees, or governing body may sell a property purchased under division (B) of this section within five years of the purchase, only if the governing authority, board of trustees, or governing body sells or transfers that property to another entity described in that division.

Sec. 3313.5315. Any student from a country or province outside the United States; who attends an elementary or secondary school in this state ~~that began operating a dormitory on its campus prior to 2014~~, shall be permitted to participate in interscholastic athletics at that school on the same basis as students who are residents of this state, so long as the student holds an F-1 visa issued by the United States department of state. Such a student shall not be denied the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics solely because the student's parents do not reside in this state.

No school district, school, interscholastic conference, or organization that regulates interscholastic conferences or events shall have a rule, bylaw, or other regulation that conflicts with this section.

Sec. 3313.5316. A city, local, or exempted village school district, interscholastic conference, or organization that regulates interscholastic athletics shall have the same pupil transfer rules for public schools and nonpublic schools.

No district, interscholastic conference, or organization that regulates interscholastic athletics shall adopt a rule, bylaw, or other regulation contrary to this section.

Sec. 3313.603. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "One unit" means a minimum of one hundred twenty hours of course instruction, except that for a laboratory course, "one unit" means a minimum of one hundred fifty hours of course instruction.

(2) "One-half unit" means a minimum of sixty hours of course instruction, except that for physical education courses, "one-half unit" means a minimum of one hundred twenty hours of course instruction.

(B) Beginning September 15, 2001, except as required in division (C) of this section and division (C) of section 3313.614 of the Revised Code, the requirements for graduation from every high school shall include twenty units earned in grades nine through twelve and shall be distributed as follows:

(1) English language arts, four units;

(2) Health, one-half unit;

(3) Mathematics, three units;

(4) Physical education, one-half unit;

(5) Science, two units until September 15, 2003, and three units thereafter, which at all times shall include both of the following:

(a) Biological sciences, one unit;

(b) Physical sciences, one unit.

(6) History and government, one unit, which shall comply with division (M) of this section and shall include both of the following:

(a) American history, one-half unit;

(b) American government, one-half unit.

(7) Social studies, two units.

Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2017, the two units of instruction prescribed by division (B)(7) of this section shall include at least one-half unit of instruction in the study of world history and civilizations.

(8) Elective units, seven units until September 15, 2003, and six units thereafter.

Each student's electives shall include at least one unit, or two half units, chosen from among the areas of business/technology, fine arts, and/or foreign language.

(C) Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2010, except as provided in divisions (D) to (F) of this section, the requirements for graduation from every public and chartered nonpublic high school shall include twenty units that are designed to prepare students for the workforce and college. The units shall be distributed as follows:

- (1) English language arts, four units;
- (2) Health, one-half unit, which shall include instruction in nutrition and the benefits of nutritious foods and physical activity for overall health;
- (3) Mathematics, four units, which shall include one unit of algebra II or the equivalent of algebra II, or one unit of advanced computer science as described in the standards adopted pursuant to division (A)(4) of section 3301.079 of the Revised Code. However, students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2015, and who are pursuing a career-technical instructional track shall not be required to take algebra II or advanced computer science, and instead may complete a career-based pathway mathematics course approved by the department of education as an alternative.

For students who choose to take advanced computer science in lieu of algebra II under division (C)(3) of this section, the school shall communicate to those students that some institutions of higher education may require algebra II for the purpose of college admission. Also, the parent, guardian, or legal custodian of each student who chooses to take advanced computer science in lieu of algebra II shall sign and submit to the school a document containing a statement acknowledging that not taking algebra II may have an adverse effect on college admission decisions.

- (4) Physical education, one-half unit;
- (5) Science, three units with inquiry-based laboratory experience that engages students in asking valid scientific questions and gathering and analyzing information, which shall include the following, or their equivalent:
 - (a) Physical sciences, one unit;
 - (b) Life sciences, one unit;
 - (c) Advanced study in one or more of the following sciences, one unit:
 - (i) Chemistry, physics, or other physical science;
 - (ii) Advanced biology or other life science;
 - (iii) Astronomy, physical geology, or other earth or space science;
 - (iv) Computer science.

No student shall substitute a computer science course for a life sciences or biology course under division (C)(5) of this section.

- (6) History and government, one unit, which shall comply with division (M) of this section and shall include both of the following:
 - (a) American history, one-half unit;
 - (b) American government, one-half unit.
- (7) Social studies, two units.

Each school shall integrate the study of economics and financial

literacy, as expressed in the social studies academic content standards adopted by the state board of education under division (A)(1) of section 3301.079 of the Revised Code and the academic content standards for financial literacy and entrepreneurship adopted under division (A)(2) of that section, into one or more existing social studies credits required under division (C)(7) of this section, or into the content of another class, so that every high school student receives instruction in those concepts. In developing the curriculum required by this paragraph, schools shall use available public-private partnerships and resources and materials that exist in business, industry, and through the centers for economics education at institutions of higher education in the state.

Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2017, the two units of instruction prescribed by division (C)(7) of this section shall include at least one-half unit of instruction in the study of world history and civilizations.

(8) Five units consisting of one or any combination of foreign language, fine arts, business, career-technical education, family and consumer sciences, technology which may include computer science, agricultural education, a junior reserve officer training corps (JROTC) program approved by the congress of the United States under title 10 of the United States Code, or English language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies courses not otherwise required under division (C) of this section.

Ohioans must be prepared to apply increased knowledge and skills in the workplace and to adapt their knowledge and skills quickly to meet the rapidly changing conditions of the twenty-first century. National studies indicate that all high school graduates need the same academic foundation, regardless of the opportunities they pursue after graduation. The goal of Ohio's system of elementary and secondary education is to prepare all students for and seamlessly connect all students to success in life beyond high school graduation, regardless of whether the next step is entering the workforce, beginning an apprenticeship, engaging in post-secondary training, serving in the military, or pursuing a college degree.

The requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section are the standard expectation for all students entering ninth grade for the first time at a public or chartered nonpublic high school on or after July 1, 2010. A student may satisfy this expectation through a variety of methods, including, but not limited to, integrated, applied, career-technical, and traditional coursework.

Stronger coordination between high schools and institutions of higher education is necessary to prepare students for more challenging academic

endeavors and to lessen the need for academic remediation in college, thereby reducing the costs of higher education for Ohio's students, families, and the state. The state board and the chancellor of higher education shall develop policies to ensure that only in rare instances will students who complete the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section require academic remediation after high school.

School districts, community schools, and chartered nonpublic schools shall integrate technology into learning experiences across the curriculum in order to maximize efficiency, enhance learning, and prepare students for success in the technology-driven twenty-first century. Districts and schools shall use distance and web-based course delivery as a method of providing or augmenting all instruction required under this division, including laboratory experience in science. Districts and schools shall utilize technology access and electronic learning opportunities provided by the broadcast educational media commission, chancellor, the Ohio learning network, education technology centers, public television stations, and other public and private providers.

(D) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, a student who enters ninth grade on or after July 1, 2010, and before July 1, 2016, may qualify for graduation from a public or chartered nonpublic high school even though the student has not completed the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(1) During the student's third year of attending high school, as determined by the school, the student and the student's parent, guardian, or custodian sign and file with the school a written statement asserting the parent's, guardian's, or custodian's consent to the student's graduating without completing the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section and acknowledging that one consequence of not completing those requirements is ineligibility to enroll in most state universities in Ohio without further coursework.

(2) The student and parent, guardian, or custodian fulfill any procedural requirements the school stipulates to ensure the student's and parent's, guardian's, or custodian's informed consent and to facilitate orderly filing of statements under division (D)(1) of this section. Annually, each district or school shall notify the department of the number of students who choose to qualify for graduation under division (D) of this section and the number of students who complete the student's success plan and graduate from high school.

(3) The student and the student's parent, guardian, or custodian and a

representative of the student's high school jointly develop a student success plan for the student in the manner described in division (C)(1) of section 3313.6020 of the Revised Code that specifies the student matriculating to a two-year degree program, acquiring a business and industry-recognized credential, or entering an apprenticeship.

(4) The student's high school provides counseling and support for the student related to the plan developed under division (D)(3) of this section during the remainder of the student's high school experience.

(5)(a) Except as provided in division (D)(5)(b) of this section, the student successfully completes, at a minimum, the curriculum prescribed in division (B) of this section.

(b) Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2014, a student shall be required to complete successfully, at the minimum, the curriculum prescribed in division (B) of this section, except as follows:

(i) Mathematics, four units, one unit which shall be one of the following:

(I) Probability and statistics;

(II) Computer science;

(III) Applied mathematics or quantitative reasoning;

(IV) Any other course approved by the department using standards established by the superintendent not later than October 1, 2014.

(ii) Elective units, five units;

(iii) Science, three units as prescribed by division (B) of this section which shall include inquiry-based laboratory experience that engages students in asking valid scientific questions and gathering and analyzing information.

The department, in collaboration with the chancellor, shall analyze student performance data to determine if there are mitigating factors that warrant extending the exception permitted by division (D) of this section to high school classes beyond those entering ninth grade before July 1, 2016. The department shall submit its findings and any recommendations not later than December 1, 2015, to the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives, the president and minority leader of the senate, the chairpersons and ranking minority members of the standing committees of the house of representatives and the senate that consider education legislation, the state board of education, and the superintendent of public instruction.

(E) Each school district and chartered nonpublic school retains the authority to require an even more challenging minimum curriculum for high

school graduation than specified in division (B) or (C) of this section. A school district board of education, through the adoption of a resolution, or the governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school may stipulate any of the following:

(1) A minimum high school curriculum that requires more than twenty units of academic credit to graduate;

(2) An exception to the district's or school's minimum high school curriculum that is comparable to the exception provided in division (D) of this section but with additional requirements, which may include a requirement that the student successfully complete more than the minimum curriculum prescribed in division (B) of this section;

(3) That no exception comparable to that provided in division (D) of this section is available.

If a school district or chartered nonpublic school requires a foreign language as an additional graduation requirement under division (E) of this section, a student may apply one unit of instruction in computer coding to satisfy one unit of foreign language. If a student applies more than one computer coding course to satisfy the foreign language requirement, the courses shall be sequential and progressively more difficult.

(F) A student enrolled in a dropout prevention and recovery program, which program has received a waiver from the department, may qualify for graduation from high school by successfully completing a competency-based instructional program administered by the dropout prevention and recovery program in lieu of completing the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section. The department shall grant a waiver to a dropout prevention and recovery program, within sixty days after the program applies for the waiver, if the program meets all of the following conditions:

(1) The program serves only students not younger than sixteen years of age and not older than twenty-one years of age.

(2) The program enrolls students who, at the time of their initial enrollment, either, or both, are at least one grade level behind their cohort age groups or experience crises that significantly interfere with their academic progress such that they are prevented from continuing their traditional programs.

(3) The program requires students to attain at least the applicable score designated for each of the assessments prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code or, to the extent prescribed by rule of the state board under division (D)(5) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code, division (B)(2) of that section.

(4) The program develops a student success plan for the student in the manner described in division (C)(1) of section 3313.6020 of the Revised Code that specifies the student's matriculating to a two-year degree program, acquiring a business and industry-recognized credential, or entering an apprenticeship.

(5) The program provides counseling and support for the student related to the plan developed under division (F)(4) of this section during the remainder of the student's high school experience.

(6) The program requires the student and the student's parent, guardian, or custodian to sign and file, in accordance with procedural requirements stipulated by the program, a written statement asserting the parent's, guardian's, or custodian's consent to the student's graduating without completing the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section and acknowledging that one consequence of not completing those requirements is ineligibility to enroll in most state universities in Ohio without further coursework.

(7) Prior to receiving the waiver, the program has submitted to the department an instructional plan that demonstrates how the academic content standards adopted by the state board under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code will be taught and assessed.

(8) Prior to receiving the waiver, the program has submitted to the department a policy on career advising that satisfies the requirements of section 3313.6020 of the Revised Code, with an emphasis on how every student will receive career advising.

(9) Prior to receiving the waiver, the program has submitted to the department a written agreement outlining the future cooperation between the program and any combination of local job training, postsecondary education, nonprofit, and health and social service organizations to provide services for students in the program and their families.

Divisions (F)(8) and (9) of this section apply only to waivers granted on or after July 1, 2015.

If the department does not act either to grant the waiver or to reject the program application for the waiver within sixty days as required under this section, the waiver shall be considered to be granted.

(G) Every high school may permit students below the ninth grade to take advanced work. If a high school so permits, it shall award high school credit for successful completion of the advanced work and shall count such advanced work toward the graduation requirements of division (B) or (C) of this section if the advanced work was both:

(1) Taught by a person who possesses a license or certificate issued

under section 3301.071, 3319.22, or 3319.222 of the Revised Code that is valid for teaching high school;

(2) Designated by the board of education of the city, local, or exempted village school district, the board of the cooperative education school district, or the governing authority of the chartered nonpublic school as meeting the high school curriculum requirements.

Each high school shall record on the student's high school transcript all high school credit awarded under division (G) of this section. In addition, if the student completed a seventh- or eighth-grade fine arts course described in division (K) of this section and the course qualified for high school credit under that division, the high school shall record that course on the student's high school transcript.

(H) The department shall make its individual academic career plan available through its Ohio career information system web site for districts and schools to use as a tool for communicating with and providing guidance to students and families in selecting high school courses.

(I) A school district or chartered nonpublic school may integrate academic content in a subject area for which the state board has adopted standards under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code into a course in a different subject area, including a career-technical education course, in accordance with guidance for integrated coursework developed by the department. Upon successful completion of an integrated course, a student may receive credit for both subject areas that were integrated into the course. Units earned for subject area content delivered through integrated academic and career-technical instruction are eligible to meet the graduation requirements of division (B) or (C) of this section.

For purposes of meeting graduation requirements, if an end-of-course examination has been prescribed under section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code for the subject area delivered through integrated instruction, the school district or school may administer the related subject area examinations upon the student's completion of the integrated course.

Nothing in division (I) of this section shall be construed to excuse any school district, chartered nonpublic school, or student from any requirement in the Revised Code related to curriculum, assessments, or the awarding of a high school diploma.

(J)(1) The state board, in consultation with the chancellor, shall adopt a statewide plan implementing methods for students to earn units of high school credit based on a demonstration of subject area competency, instead of or in combination with completing hours of classroom instruction. The state board shall adopt the plan not later than March 31, 2009, and

commence phasing in the plan during the 2009-2010 school year. The plan shall include a standard method for recording demonstrated proficiency on high school transcripts. Each school district and community school shall comply with the state board's plan adopted under this division and award units of high school credit in accordance with the plan. The state board may adopt existing methods for earning high school credit based on a demonstration of subject area competency as necessary prior to the 2009-2010 school year.

(2) Not later than December 31, 2015, the state board shall update the statewide plan adopted pursuant to division (J)(1) of this section to also include methods for students enrolled in seventh and eighth grade to meet curriculum requirements based on a demonstration of subject area competency, instead of or in combination with completing hours of classroom instruction. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, each school district and community school also shall comply with the updated plan adopted pursuant to this division and permit students enrolled in seventh and eighth grade to meet curriculum requirements based on subject area competency in accordance with the plan.

(3) Not later than December 31, 2017, the department shall develop a framework for school districts and community schools to use in granting units of high school credit to students who demonstrate subject area competency through work-based learning experiences, internships, or cooperative education. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, each district and community school shall comply with the framework. Each district and community school also shall review any policy it has adopted regarding the demonstration of subject area competency to identify ways to incorporate work-based learning experiences, internships, and cooperative education into the policy in order to increase student engagement and opportunities to earn units of high school credit.

(K) This division does not apply to students who qualify for graduation from high school under division (D) or (F) of this section, or to students pursuing a career-technical instructional track as determined by the school district board of education or the chartered nonpublic school's governing authority. Nevertheless, the general assembly encourages such students to consider enrolling in a fine arts course as an elective.

Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2010, each student enrolled in a public or chartered nonpublic high school shall complete two semesters or the equivalent of fine arts to graduate from high school. The coursework may be completed in any of grades seven to twelve. Each student who completes a fine arts course in

grade seven or eight may elect to count that course toward the five units of electives required for graduation under division (C)(8) of this section, if the course satisfied the requirements of division (G) of this section. In that case, the high school shall award the student high school credit for the course and count the course toward the five units required under division (C)(8) of this section. If the course in grade seven or eight did not satisfy the requirements of division (G) of this section, the high school shall not award the student high school credit for the course but shall count the course toward the two semesters or the equivalent of fine arts required by this division.

(L) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, the board of education of each school district and the governing authority of each chartered nonpublic school may adopt a policy to excuse from the high school physical education requirement each student who, during high school, has participated in interscholastic athletics, marching band, show choir, or cheerleading for at least two full seasons or in the junior reserve officer training corps for at least two full school years. If the board or authority adopts such a policy, the board or authority shall not require the student to complete any physical education course as a condition to graduate. However, the student shall be required to complete one-half unit, consisting of at least sixty hours of instruction, in another course of study. In the case of a student who has participated in the junior reserve officer training corps for at least two full school years, credit received for that participation may be used to satisfy the requirement to complete one-half unit in another course of study.

(M) It is important that high school students learn and understand United States history and the governments of both the United States and the state of Ohio. Therefore, beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2012, the study of American history and American government required by divisions (B)(6) and (C)(6) of this section shall include the study of all of the following documents:

- (1) The Declaration of Independence;
- (2) The Northwest Ordinance;
- (3) The Constitution of the United States with emphasis on the Bill of Rights;
- (4) The Ohio Constitution.

The study of each of the documents prescribed in divisions (M)(1) to (4) of this section shall include study of that document in its original context.

The study of American history and government required by divisions (B)(6) and (C)(6) of this section shall include the historical evidence of the role of documents such as the Federalist Papers and the Anti-Federalist

Papers to firmly establish the historical background leading to the establishment of the provisions of the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

(N) A student may apply one unit of instruction in computer science to satisfy one unit of mathematics or one unit of science under division (C) of this section as the student chooses, regardless of the field of certification of the teacher who teaches the course, so long as that teacher meets the licensure requirements prescribed by section 3319.236 of the Revised Code and, prior to teaching the course, completes a professional development program determined to be appropriate by the district board.

If a student applies more than one computer science course to satisfy curriculum requirements under that division, the courses shall be sequential and progressively more difficult or cover different subject areas within computer science.

Sec. 3313.608. (A)(1) Beginning with students who enter third grade in the school year that starts July 1, 2009, and until June 30, 2013, unless the student is excused under division (C) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code from taking the assessment described in this section, for any student who does not attain at least the equivalent level of achievement designated under division (A)(3) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code on the assessment prescribed under that section to measure skill in English language arts expected at the end of third grade, each school district, in accordance with the policy adopted under section 3313.609 of the Revised Code, shall do one of the following:

(a) Promote the student to fourth grade if the student's principal and reading teacher agree that other evaluations of the student's skill in reading demonstrate that the student is academically prepared to be promoted to fourth grade;

(b) Promote the student to fourth grade but provide the student with intensive intervention services in fourth grade;

(c) Retain the student in third grade.

(2) Beginning with students who enter third grade in the 2013-2014 school year, unless the student is excused under division (C) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code from taking the assessment described in this section, no school district shall promote to fourth grade any student who does not attain at least the equivalent level of achievement designated under division (A)(3) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code on the assessment prescribed under that section to measure skill in English language arts expected at the end of third grade, unless one of the following applies:

(a) The student is ~~a limited~~ an English ~~proficient student learner~~ who has been enrolled in United States schools for less than three full school

years and has had less than three years of instruction in an English as a second language program.

(b) The student is a child with a disability entitled to special education and related services under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code and the student's individualized education program exempts the student from retention under this division.

(c) The student demonstrates an acceptable level of performance on an alternative standardized reading assessment as determined by the department of education.

(d) All of the following apply:

(i) The student is a child with a disability entitled to special education and related services under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code.

(ii) The student has taken the third grade English language arts achievement assessment prescribed under section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code.

(iii) The student's individualized education program or plan under section 504 of the "Rehabilitation Act of 1973," 87 Stat. 355, 29 U.S.C. 794, as amended, shows that the student has received intensive remediation in reading for two school years but still demonstrates a deficiency in reading.

(iv) The student previously was retained in any of grades kindergarten to three.

(e)(i) The student received intensive remediation for reading for two school years but still demonstrates a deficiency in reading and was previously retained in any of grades kindergarten to three.

(ii) A student who is promoted under division (A)(2)(e)(i) of this section shall continue to receive intensive reading instruction in grade four. The instruction shall include an altered instructional day that includes specialized diagnostic information and specific research-based reading strategies for the student that have been successful in improving reading among low-performing readers.

(B)(1) Beginning in the 2012-2013 school year, to assist students in meeting the third grade guarantee established by this section, each school district board of education shall adopt policies and procedures with which it annually shall assess the reading skills of each student, except those students with significant cognitive disabilities or other disabilities as authorized by the department on a case-by-case basis, enrolled in kindergarten to third grade and shall identify students who are reading below their grade level. The reading skills assessment shall be completed by the thirtieth day of September for students in grades one to three, and by the first day of November for students in kindergarten. Each district shall use the diagnostic

assessment to measure reading ability for the appropriate grade level adopted under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code, or a comparable tool approved by the department of education, to identify such students. The policies and procedures shall require the students' classroom teachers to be involved in the assessment and the identification of students reading below grade level. The assessment may be administered electronically using live, two-way video and audio connections whereby the teacher administering the assessment may be in a separate location from the student.

(2) For each student identified by the diagnostic assessment prescribed under this section as having reading skills below grade level, the district shall do both of the following:

(a) Provide to the student's parent or guardian, in writing, all of the following:

(i) Notification that the student has been identified as having a substantial deficiency in reading;

(ii) A description of the current services that are provided to the student;

(iii) A description of the proposed supplemental instructional services and supports that will be provided to the student that are designed to remediate the identified areas of reading deficiency;

(iv) Notification that if the student attains a score in the range designated under division (A)(3) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code on the assessment prescribed under that section to measure skill in English language arts expected at the end of third grade, the student shall be retained unless the student is exempt under division (A) of this section. The notification shall specify that the assessment under section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code is not the sole determinant of promotion and that additional evaluations and assessments are available to the student to assist parents and the district in knowing when a student is reading at or above grade level and ready for promotion.

(b) Provide intensive reading instruction services and regular diagnostic assessments to the student immediately following identification of a reading deficiency until the development of the reading improvement and monitoring plan required by division (C) of this section. These intervention services shall include research-based reading strategies that have been shown to be successful in improving reading among low-performing readers and instruction targeted at the student's identified reading deficiencies.

(3) For each student retained under division (A) of this section, the district shall do all of the following:

(a) Provide intense remediation services until the student is able to read at grade level. The remediation services shall include intensive interventions

in reading that address the areas of deficiencies identified under this section including, but not limited to, not less than ninety minutes of reading instruction per day, and may include any of the following:

- (i) Small group instruction;
- (ii) Reduced teacher-student ratios;
- (iii) More frequent progress monitoring;
- (iv) Tutoring or mentoring;
- (v) Transition classes containing third and fourth grade students;
- (vi) Extended school day, week, or year;
- (vii) Summer reading camps.

(b) Establish a policy for the mid-year promotion of a student retained under division (A) of this section who demonstrates that the student is reading at or above grade level;

(c) Provide each student with a teacher who satisfies one or more of the criteria set forth in division (H) of this section.

The district shall offer the option for students to receive applicable services from one or more providers other than the district. Providers shall be screened and approved by the district or the department of education. If the student participates in the remediation services and demonstrates reading proficiency in accordance with standards adopted by the department prior to the start of fourth grade, the district shall promote the student to that grade.

(4) For each student retained under division (A) of this section who has demonstrated proficiency in a specific academic ability field, each district shall provide instruction commensurate with student achievement levels in that specific academic ability field.

As used in this division, "specific academic ability field" has the same meaning as in section 3324.01 of the Revised Code.

(C) For each student required to be provided intervention services under this section, the district shall develop a reading improvement and monitoring plan within sixty days after receiving the student's results on the diagnostic assessment or comparable tool administered under division (B)(1) of this section. The district shall involve the student's parent or guardian and classroom teacher in developing the plan. The plan shall include all of the following:

- (1) Identification of the student's specific reading deficiencies;
- (2) A description of the additional instructional services and support that will be provided to the student to remediate the identified reading deficiencies;
- (3) Opportunities for the student's parent or guardian to be involved in the instructional services and support described in division (C)(2) of this

section;

(4) A process for monitoring the extent to which the student receives the instructional services and support described in division (C)(2) of this section;

(5) A reading curriculum during regular school hours that does all of the following:

(a) Assists students to read at grade level;

(b) Provides scientifically based and reliable assessment;

(c) Provides initial and ongoing analysis of each student's reading progress.

(6) A statement that if the student does not attain at least the equivalent level of achievement designated under division (A)(3) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code on the assessment prescribed under that section to measure skill in English language arts expected by the end of third grade, the student may be retained in third grade.

Each student with a reading improvement and monitoring plan under this division who enters third grade after July 1, 2013, shall be assigned to a teacher who satisfies one or more of the criteria set forth in division (H) of this section.

The district shall report any information requested by the department about the reading improvement monitoring plans developed under this division in the manner required by the department.

(D) Each school district shall report annually to the department on its implementation and compliance with this section using guidelines prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction. The superintendent of public instruction annually shall report to the governor and general assembly the number and percentage of students in grades kindergarten through four reading below grade level based on the diagnostic assessments administered under division (B) of this section and the achievement assessments administered under divisions (A)(1)(a) and (b) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code in English language arts, aggregated by school district and building; the types of intervention services provided to students; and, if available, an evaluation of the efficacy of the intervention services provided.

(E) Any summer remediation services funded in whole or in part by the state and offered by school districts to students under this section shall meet the following conditions:

(1) The remediation methods are based on reliable educational research.

(2) The school districts conduct assessment before and after students participate in the program to facilitate monitoring results of the remediation services.

(3) The parents of participating students are involved in programming decisions.

(F) Any intervention or remediation services required by this section shall include intensive, explicit, and systematic instruction.

(G) This section does not create a new cause of action or a substantive legal right for any person.

(H)(1) Except as provided under divisions (H)(2), (3), and (4) of this section, each student described in division (B)(3) or (C) of this section who enters third grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2013, shall be assigned a teacher who has at least one year of teaching experience and who satisfies one or more of the following criteria:

(a) The teacher holds a reading endorsement on the teacher's license and has attained a passing score on the corresponding assessment for that endorsement, as applicable.

(b) The teacher has completed a master's degree program with a major in reading.

(c) The teacher was rated "most effective" for reading instruction consecutively for the most recent two years based on assessments of student growth measures developed by a vendor and that is on the list of student assessments approved by the state board under division (B)(2) of section 3319.112 of the Revised Code.

(d) The teacher was rated "above expected value added," in reading instruction, as determined by criteria established by the department, for the most recent, consecutive two years.

(e) The teacher has earned a passing score on a rigorous test of principles of scientifically research-based reading instruction as approved by the state board.

(f) The teacher holds an educator license for teaching grades pre-kindergarten through three or four through nine issued on or after July 1, 2017.

(2) Notwithstanding division (H)(1) of this section, a student described in division (B)(3) or (C) of this section who enters third grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2013, may be assigned to a teacher with less than one year of teaching experience provided that the teacher meets one or more of the criteria described in divisions (H)(1)(a) to (f) of this section and that teacher is assigned a teacher mentor who meets the qualifications of division (H)(1) of this section.

(3) Notwithstanding division (H)(1) of this section, a student described in division (B)(3) or (C) of this section who enters third grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2013, but prior to July 1, 2016, may be assigned to a

teacher who holds an alternative credential approved by the department or who has successfully completed training that is based on principles of scientifically research-based reading instruction that has been approved by the department. Beginning on July 1, 2014, the alternative credentials and training described in division (H)(3) of this section shall be aligned with the reading competencies adopted by the state board of education under section 3301.077 of the Revised Code.

(4) Notwithstanding division (H)(1) of this section, a student described in division (B)(3) or (C) of this section who enters third grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2013, may receive reading intervention or remediation services under this section from an individual employed as a speech-language pathologist who holds a license issued by the state speech and hearing professionals board under Chapter 4753. of the Revised Code and a professional pupil services license as a school speech-language pathologist issued by the state board of education.

(5) A teacher, other than a student's teacher of record, may provide any services required under this section, so long as that other teacher meets the requirements of division (H) of this section and the teacher of record and the school principal agree to the assignment. Any such assignment shall be documented in the student's reading improvement and monitoring plan.

As used in this division, "teacher of record" means the classroom teacher to whom a student is assigned.

(I) Notwithstanding division (H) of this section, a teacher may teach reading to any student who is an English language learner, and has been in the United States for three years or less, or to a student who has an individualized education program developed under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code if that teacher holds an alternative credential approved by the department or has successfully completed training that is based on principles of scientifically research-based reading instruction that has been approved by the department. Beginning on July 1, 2014, the alternative credentials and training described in this division shall be aligned with the reading competencies adopted by the state board of education under section 3301.077 of the Revised Code.

(J) If, on or after June 4, 2013, a school district or community school cannot furnish the number of teachers needed who satisfy one or more of the criteria set forth in division (H) of this section for the 2013-2014 school year, the school district or community school shall develop and submit a staffing plan by June 30, 2013. The staffing plan shall include criteria that will be used to assign a student described in division (B)(3) or (C) of this section to a teacher, credentials or training held by teachers currently

teaching at the school, and how the school district or community school will meet the requirements of this section. The school district or community school shall post the staffing plan on its web site for the applicable school year.

Not later than March 1, 2014, and on the first day of March in each year thereafter, a school district or community school that has submitted a plan under this division shall submit to the department a detailed report of the progress the district or school has made in meeting the requirements under this section.

A school district or community school may request an extension of a staffing plan beyond the 2013-2014 school year. Extension requests must be submitted to the department not later than the thirtieth day of April prior to the start of the applicable school year. The department may grant extensions valid through the 2015-2016 school year.

Until June 30, 2015, the department annually shall review all staffing plans and report to the state board not later than the thirtieth day of June of each year the progress of school districts and community schools in meeting the requirements of this section.

(K) The department of education shall designate one or more staff members to provide guidance and assistance to school districts and community schools in implementing the third grade guarantee established by this section, including any standards or requirements adopted to implement the guarantee and to provide information and support for reading instruction and achievement.

Sec. 3313.6024. (A) Annually, beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, each school district shall report to the department of education, in the manner prescribed by the department, the types of prevention-focused programs, services, and supports used to assist students in developing the knowledge and skills to engage in healthy behaviors and decision-making and to increase their awareness of the dangers and consequences of risky behaviors, including substance abuse, suicide, bullying, and other harmful behaviors. The district shall report the following information regarding such programs, services, and supports for each building operated by the district and for each of grades kindergarten through twelve served by the building:

(1) Curriculum and instruction provided during the school day;

(2) Programs and supports provided outside of the classroom or outside of the school day;

(3) Professional development for teachers, administrators, and other staff;

(4) Partnerships with community coalitions and organizations to provide

prevention services and resources to students and their families:

(5) School efforts to engage parents and the community;

(6) Activities designed to communicate with and learn from other schools or professionals with expertise in prevention education.

(B) The department may use information reported under this section, and any other information collected by the department pursuant to law, as a factor in the distribution of any funding available for prevention-focused programs, services, and supports.

Sec. 3313.61. (A) A diploma shall be granted by the board of education of any city, exempted village, or local school district that operates a high school to any person to whom all of the following apply:

(1) The person has successfully completed the curriculum in any high school or the individualized education program developed for the person by any high school pursuant to section 3323.08 of the Revised Code, or has qualified under division (D) or (F) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code, provided that no school district shall require a student to remain in school for any specific number of semesters or other terms if the student completes the required curriculum early;

(2) Subject to section 3313.614 of the Revised Code, the person has met the assessment requirements of division (A)(2)(a) or (b) of this section, as applicable.

(a) If the person entered the ninth grade prior to July 1, 2014, the person either:

(i) Has attained at least the applicable scores designated under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code on all the assessments required by that division unless the person was excused from taking any such assessment pursuant to section 3313.532 of the Revised Code or unless division (H) or (L) of this section applies to the person;

(ii) Has satisfied the alternative conditions prescribed in section 3313.615 of the Revised Code.

(b) If the person entered the ninth grade on or after July 1, 2014, the person has met the requirement prescribed by section 3313.618 of the Revised Code, except to the extent that the person is excused from an assessment prescribed by that section pursuant to section 3313.532 of the Revised Code or division (H) or (L) of this section.

(3) The person is not eligible to receive an honors diploma granted pursuant to division (B) of this section.

Except as provided in divisions (C), (E), (J), and (L) of this section, no diploma shall be granted under this division to anyone except as provided under this division.

(B) In lieu of a diploma granted under division (A) of this section, an honors diploma shall be granted, in accordance with rules of the state board, by any such district board to anyone who accomplishes all of the following:

(1) Successfully completes the curriculum in any high school or the individualized education program developed for the person by any high school pursuant to section 3323.08 of the Revised Code;

(2) Subject to section 3313.614 of the Revised Code, has met the assessment requirements of division (B)(2)(a) or (b) of this section, as applicable.

(a) If the person entered the ninth grade prior to July 1, 2014, the person either:

(i) Has attained at least the applicable scores designated under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code on all the assessments required by that division;

(ii) Has satisfied the alternative conditions prescribed in section 3313.615 of the Revised Code.

(b) If the person entered the ninth grade on or after July 1, 2014, the person has met the requirement prescribed under section 3313.618 of the Revised Code.

(3) Has met additional criteria established by the state board for the granting of such a diploma.

An honors diploma shall not be granted to a student who is subject to the requirements prescribed in division (C) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code but elects the option of division (D) or (F) of that section. Except as provided in divisions (C), (E), and (J) of this section, no honors diploma shall be granted to anyone failing to comply with this division and no more than one honors diploma shall be granted to any student under this division.

The state board shall adopt rules prescribing the granting of honors diplomas under this division. These rules may prescribe the granting of honors diplomas that recognize a student's achievement as a whole or that recognize a student's achievement in one or more specific subjects or both. The rules may prescribe the granting of an honors diploma recognizing technical expertise for a career-technical student. In any case, the rules shall designate two or more criteria for the granting of each type of honors diploma the board establishes under this division and the number of such criteria that must be met for the granting of that type of diploma. The number of such criteria for any type of honors diploma shall be at least one less than the total number of criteria designated for that type and no one or more particular criteria shall be required of all persons who are to be granted

that type of diploma.

(C) Any district board administering any of the assessments required by section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code to any person requesting to take such assessment pursuant to division (B)(8)(b) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code shall award a diploma to such person if the person attains at least the applicable scores designated under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code on all the assessments administered and if the person has previously attained the applicable scores on all the other assessments required by division (B)(1) of that section or has been exempted or excused from attaining the applicable score on any such assessment pursuant to division (H) or (L) of this section or from taking any such assessment pursuant to section 3313.532 of the Revised Code.

(D) Each diploma awarded under this section shall be signed by the president and treasurer of the issuing board, the superintendent of schools, and the principal of the high school. Each diploma shall bear the date of its issue, be in such form as the district board prescribes, and be paid for out of the district's general fund.

(E) A person who is a resident of Ohio and is eligible under state board of education minimum standards to receive a high school diploma based in whole or in part on credits earned while an inmate of a correctional institution operated by the state or any political subdivision thereof, shall be granted such diploma by the correctional institution operating the programs in which such credits were earned, and by the board of education of the school district in which the inmate resided immediately prior to the inmate's placement in the institution. The diploma granted by the correctional institution shall be signed by the director of the institution, and by the person serving as principal of the institution's high school and shall bear the date of issue.

(F) Persons who are not residents of Ohio but who are inmates of correctional institutions operated by the state or any political subdivision thereof, and who are eligible under state board of education minimum standards to receive a high school diploma based in whole or in part on credits earned while an inmate of the correctional institution, shall be granted a diploma by the correctional institution offering the program in which the credits were earned. The diploma granted by the correctional institution shall be signed by the director of the institution and by the person serving as principal of the institution's high school and shall bear the date of issue.

(G) The state board of education shall provide by rule for the administration of the assessments required by sections 3301.0710 and

3301.0712 of the Revised Code to inmates of correctional institutions.

(H) Any person to whom all of the following apply shall be exempted from attaining the applicable score on the assessment in social studies designated under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code, any American history end-of-course examination and any American government end-of-course examination required under division (B) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code if such an exemption is prescribed by rule of the state board under division (D)(3) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code, or the test in citizenship designated under former division (B) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to September 11, 2001:

- (1) The person is not a citizen of the United States;
- (2) The person is not a permanent resident of the United States;
- (3) The person indicates no intention to reside in the United States after the completion of high school.

(I) Notwithstanding division (D) of section 3311.19 and division (D) of section 3311.52 of the Revised Code, this section and section 3313.611 of the Revised Code do not apply to the board of education of any joint vocational school district or any cooperative education school district established pursuant to divisions (A) to (C) of section 3311.52 of the Revised Code.

(J) Upon receipt of a notice under division (D) of section 3325.08 or division (D) of section 3328.25 of the Revised Code that a student has received a diploma under either section, the board of education receiving the notice may grant a high school diploma under this section to the student, except that such board shall grant the student a diploma if the student meets the graduation requirements that the student would otherwise have had to meet to receive a diploma from the district. The diploma granted under this section shall be of the same type the notice indicates the student received under section 3325.08 or 3328.25 of the Revised Code.

(K) As used in this division, "~~limited English proficient student~~ learner" has the same meaning as in division (C)(3) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code.

Notwithstanding division (C)(3) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code, no ~~limited English proficient student~~ learner who has not either attained the applicable scores designated under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code on all the assessments required by that division, or met the requirement prescribed by section 3313.618 of the Revised Code, shall be awarded a diploma under this section.

(L) Any student described by division (A)(1) of this section may be

awarded a diploma without meeting the requirement prescribed by section 3313.618 of the Revised Code provided an individualized education program specifically exempts the student from meeting such requirement. This division does not negate the requirement for a student to take the assessments prescribed by section 3301.0710 or under division (B) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code, or alternate assessments required by division (C)(1) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code, for the purpose of assessing student progress as required by federal law.

Sec. 3313.611. (A) The state board of education shall adopt, by rule, standards for awarding high school credit equivalent to credit for completion of high school academic and vocational education courses to applicants for diplomas under this section. The standards may permit high school credit to be granted to an applicant for any of the following:

- (1) Work experiences or experiences as a volunteer;
- (2) Completion of academic, vocational, or self-improvement courses offered to persons over the age of twenty-one by a chartered public or nonpublic school;
- (3) Completion of academic, vocational, or self-improvement courses offered by an organization, individual, or educational institution other than a chartered public or nonpublic school;
- (4) Other life experiences considered by the board to provide knowledge and learning experiences comparable to that gained in a classroom setting.

(B) The board of education of any city, exempted village, or local school district that operates a high school shall grant a diploma of adult education to any applicant if all of the following apply:

- (1) The applicant is a resident of the district;
- (2) The applicant is over the age of twenty-one and has not been issued a diploma as provided in section 3313.61 of the Revised Code;
- (3) Subject to section 3313.614 of the Revised Code, the applicant has met the assessment requirements of division (B)(3)(a) or (b) of this section, as applicable.

(a) Prior to July 1, 2014, the applicant either:

(i) Has attained the applicable scores designated under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code on all of the assessments required by that division or was excused or exempted from any such assessment pursuant to section 3313.532 or was exempted from attaining the applicable score on any such assessment pursuant to division (H) or (L) of section 3313.61 of the Revised Code;

(ii) Has satisfied the alternative conditions prescribed in section 3313.615 of the Revised Code.

(b) On or after July 1, 2014, has met the requirement prescribed by section 3313.618 of the Revised Code, except and only to the extent that the applicant is excused from some portion of that section pursuant to section 3313.532 of the Revised Code or division (H) or (L) of section 3313.61 of the Revised Code.

(4) The district board determines, in accordance with the standards adopted under division (A) of this section, that the applicant has attained sufficient high school credits, including equivalent credits awarded under such standards, to qualify as having successfully completed the curriculum required by the district for graduation.

(C) If a district board determines that an applicant is not eligible for a diploma under division (B) of this section, it shall inform the applicant of the reason the applicant is ineligible and shall provide a list of any courses required for the diploma for which the applicant has not received credit. An applicant may reapply for a diploma under this section at any time.

(D) If a district board awards an adult education diploma under this section, the president and treasurer of the board and the superintendent of schools shall sign it. Each diploma shall bear the date of its issuance, be in such form as the district board prescribes, and be paid for from the district's general fund, except that the state board may by rule prescribe standard language to be included on each diploma.

(E) As used in this division, "~~limited English proficient student learner~~" has the same meaning as in division (C)(3) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code.

Notwithstanding division (C)(3) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code, no ~~limited English proficient student learner~~ who has not either attained the applicable scores designated under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code on all the assessments required by that division, or has not met the requirement prescribed by section 3313.618 of the Revised Code, shall be awarded a diploma under this section.

Sec. 3313.612. (A) No nonpublic school chartered by the state board of education shall grant a high school diploma to any person unless, subject to section 3313.614 of the Revised Code, the person has met the assessment requirements of division (A)(1) or (2) of this section, as applicable.

(1) If the person entered the ninth grade prior to July 1, 2014, the person has attained at least the applicable scores designated under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code on all the assessments required by that division, or has satisfied the alternative conditions prescribed in section 3313.615 of the Revised Code.

(2) If the person entered the ninth grade on or after July 1, 2014, the

person has met the requirement prescribed by section 3313.618 or 3313.619 of the Revised Code.

(B) This section does not apply to any of the following:

(1) Any person with regard to any assessment from which the person was excused pursuant to division (C)(1)(c) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code;

(2) Except as provided in division (B)(4) of this section, any person who attends a nonpublic school accredited through the independent schools association of the central states, except for a student attending the school under a state scholarship program as defined in section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code;

(3) Any person with regard to the social studies assessment under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code, any American history end-of-course examination and any American government end-of-course examination required under division (B) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code if such an exemption is prescribed by rule of the state board of education under division (D)(3) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code, or the citizenship test under former division (B) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to September 11, 2001, if all of the following apply:

(a) The person is not a citizen of the United States;

(b) The person is not a permanent resident of the United States;

(c) The person indicates no intention to reside in the United States after completion of high school.

(4) Any person who attends a chartered nonpublic school that satisfies the requirements of division (L)(4) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code. In the case of such a student, the student's chartered nonpublic school shall determine the student's eligibility for graduation based on the standards of the school's accrediting body.

(C) As used in this division, "~~limited English proficient student learner~~" has the same meaning as in division (C)(3) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code.

Notwithstanding division (C)(3) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code, no ~~limited English proficient student learner~~ who has not either attained the applicable scores designated under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code on all the assessments required by that division, or met the requirement prescribed by section 3313.618 or 3313.619 of the Revised Code, shall be awarded a diploma under this section.

(D) The state board shall not impose additional requirements or assessments for the granting of a high school diploma under this section that

are not prescribed by this section.

(E) The department of education shall furnish the assessment administered by a nonpublic school pursuant to division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3313.617. Not later than June 30, 2020, each board of education of a school district and governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school shall adopt a policy regarding students who are at risk of not qualifying for a high school diploma. The policy shall require the district or school to do all of the following:

(A) Develop criteria for identifying at-risk students, which shall include a student's lack of adequate progress in meeting the terms of a graduation plan developed or updated under division (E) of this section. The criteria also may include other factors, such as if a student has issues regarding excessive absences or misconduct.

(B) Develop procedures for identifying at-risk students. The procedures shall include a method for determining if a student is not making adequate progress in meeting the terms of a graduation plan developed or updated under division (E) of this section. The procedures shall allow for a student to be identified as at risk in each of grades nine through twelve. The procedures also may include the identification of students in other grades.

(C) Develop a notification process in which the district or school shall notify an at-risk student's parent, guardian, or custodian in each year in which the student has been identified as at risk. The notification process shall at least include providing a written notification to the at-risk student's parent, guardian, or custodian, which shall include all of the following:

(1) A statement that the student is at risk of not qualifying for a high school diploma;

(2) A description of the district's or school's curriculum requirements, or the student's individualized education program, and, as appropriate, the graduation conditions prescribed under section 3313.618 or 3313.619 of the Revised Code;

(3) A description of any additional instructional or support services available to the at-risk student through the district or school.

(D) Assist at-risk students with additional instructional or support services to help the students qualify for a high school diploma. The instructional and support services may include any of the following:

(1) Mentoring programs;

(2) Tutoring programs;

(3) High school credit through demonstrations of subject area competency under division (J) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code;

(4) Adjusted curriculum options;

(5) Career-technical programs;

(6) Mental health services;

(7) Physical health care services;

(8) Family engagement and support services.

(E)(1) Develop a graduation plan for each student enrolled in grades nine through twelve in the district or school. The graduation plan shall address the student's academic pathway to meet the curriculum requirements specified by the district or school and satisfy the graduation conditions, as appropriate, under section 3313.618 or 3313.619 of the Revised Code.

(2) The graduation plan shall be developed jointly by the student and a representative of the district or school and updated each school year in which the student is enrolled in the district or school, until the student qualifies for a high school diploma. The district or school shall invite a student's parent, guardian, or custodian to assist in developing and updating the graduation plan.

(3) A district or school shall include a student's lack of progress in meeting the terms of a graduation plan developed or updated under this division as both a criterion for identifying at-risk students under division (A) of this section and a procedure for identifying at-risk students under division (B) of this section.

(4) A graduation plan developed under this section shall supplement a school district's policy on career advising adopted under section 3313.6020 of the Revised Code.

(5) A school district may use the individualized education program developed for a student pursuant to section 3323.08 of the Revised Code in lieu of developing a graduation plan under this division, if the individualized education program contains academic goals substantively similar to a graduation plan.

Sec. 3313.618. (A) In addition to the ~~applicable~~ curriculum requirements specified by the board of education of a school district or governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school, each student entering ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2014, but prior to July 1, 2019, shall satisfy at least one of the following conditions or the conditions prescribed under division (B) of this section in order to qualify for a high school diploma:

(1) Be remediation-free, in accordance with standards adopted under division (F) of section 3345.061 of the Revised Code, on each of the nationally standardized assessments in English, mathematics, and reading;

(2) Attain a score specified under division (B)(5)(c) of section

3301.0712 of the Revised Code on the end-of-course examinations prescribed under division (B) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

(3) Attain a score that demonstrates workforce readiness and employability on a nationally recognized job skills assessment selected by the state board of education under division (G) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code and obtain either an industry-recognized credential, ~~as described under division (B)(2)(d) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code,~~ or a license issued by a state agency or board for practice in a vocation that requires an examination for issuance of that license.

~~The~~ For the purposes of this division, the industry-recognized credentials and licenses shall be as approved under section 3313.6113 of the Revised Code.

A student may choose to qualify for a high school diploma by satisfying any of the separate requirements prescribed by divisions (A)(1) to (3) of this section. If the student's school district or school does not administer the examination prescribed by one of those divisions that the student chooses to take to satisfy the requirements of this section, the school district or school may require that student to arrange for the applicable scores to be sent directly to the district or school by the company or organization that administers the examination.

(B) In addition to the curriculum requirements specified by the district board or school governing authority, each student entering ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2019, shall satisfy the following conditions in order to qualify for a high school diploma:

(1) Attain a competency score as determined under division (B)(10) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code on each of the Algebra I and English language arts II end-of-course examinations prescribed under division (B)(2) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

School districts shall offer remedial support to any student who fails to attain a competency score on one or both of the Algebra I and English language arts II end-of-course examinations.

Following the first administration of the exam, if a student fails to attain a competency score on one or both of the Algebra I and English language arts II end-of-course examinations that student must retake the respective examination at least once.

If a student fails to attain a competency score on a retake examination, the student may demonstrate competency in the failed subject area through one of the following options:

(a) Earn course credit taken through the college credit plus program established under Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code in the failed subject

area:

(b) Complete two of the following options, one of which must be foundational:

(i) Foundational options to demonstrate competency, which include earning a score of proficient or higher on three or more state technical assessments aligned with section 3313.903 of the Revised Code in a single career pathway, obtaining an industry-recognized credential approved under section 3313.6113 of the Revised Code, completing a pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship in the student's chosen career field, or providing evidence of acceptance into an apprenticeship program after high school that is restricted to participants eighteen years of age or older;

(ii) Supporting options to demonstrate competency, which include completing two hundred fifty hours of a work-based learning experience with evidence of positive evaluations, obtaining an OhioMeansJobs-readiness seal under section 3313.6112 of the Revised Code, or attaining a workforce readiness score, as determined by the department of education, on the nationally recognized job skills assessment selected by the state board under division (G) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

(c) Provide evidence that the student has enlisted in a branch of the armed services of the United States as defined in section 5910.01 of the Revised Code.

For any students receiving special education and related services under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code, the individualized education program developed for the student under that chapter shall specify the manner in which the student will participate in the assessments administered under this division.

(2) Earn at least two of the state diploma seals prescribed under division (A) of section 3313.6114 of the Revised Code, at least one of which shall be any of the following:

(a) The state seal of biliteracy established under section 3313.6111 of the Revised Code;

(b) The OhioMeansJobs-readiness seal established under section 3313.6112 of the Revised Code;

(c) One of the state diploma seals established under divisions (C)(1) to (7) of section 3313.6114 of the Revised Code.

(C) The state board of education shall not create or require any additional assessment for the granting of any type of high school diploma other than as prescribed by this section. Except as provided in sections 3313.6111 and, 3313.6112, and 3313.6114 of the Revised Code, the state

board or the superintendent of public instruction shall not create any endorsement or designation that may be affiliated with a high school diploma.

Sec. 3313.6110. (A) A person who has completed the final year of instruction at home, as authorized under section 3321.04 of the Revised Code, and has successfully fulfilled the high school curriculum applicable to that person may be granted a high school diploma by the person's parent, guardian, or other person having charge or care of a child, as defined in division (A)(1) of section 3321.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) Beginning with diplomas issued on or after July 1, 2015, each diploma granted under division (A) of this section shall be accompanied by the official letter of excuse issued by the district superintendent for the student's final year of home education.

(C) A person who has graduated from a nonchartered nonpublic school in Ohio and who has successfully fulfilled that school's high school curriculum may be granted a high school diploma by the governing authority of that school.

(D) Notwithstanding anything in the Revised Code to the contrary, a diploma granted under this section shall serve as proof of the successful completion of that person's applicable high school curriculum and satisfactory to fulfill any legal requirement to show such proof.

(E) For the purposes of an application for employment, a diploma granted under this section shall be considered proof of completion of a high school education, regardless of whether the person to which the diploma was granted participated in the assessments prescribed by division (A)(1) or (B)(1) or (2) of section 3301.0710 and section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

(F) A diploma granted under division (A) of this section may include a state seal of biliteracy ~~or~~, an OhioMeansJobs-readiness seal, or a state diploma seal that may be assigned to the student's diploma, by the parent, guardian, or other person having charge or care of the student, in the same manner as prescribed for diplomas and transcripts issued by school districts and chartered nonpublic schools under sections 3313.6111 ~~and~~, 3113.6112, and 3313.6114 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3313.6114. (A) The state board of education shall establish a system of state diploma seals for the purposes of allowing a student to qualify for graduation under section 3313.618 of the Revised Code. State diploma seals may be attached or affixed to the high school diploma of a student enrolled in a public or chartered nonpublic school. The system of state diploma seals shall consist of all of the following:

(1) The state seal of biliteracy established under section 3313.6111 of the Revised Code;

(2) The OhioMeansJobs-readiness seal established under section 3313.6112 of the Revised Code;

(3) The state diploma seals prescribed under division (C) of this section.

(B) A school district, community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code, or chartered nonpublic school shall attach or affix the state seals prescribed under division (C) of this section to the diploma and transcript of a student enrolled in the district or school who meets the requirements established under that division.

(C) The state board shall establish all of the following state diploma seals:

(1) An industry-recognized credential seal. A student shall meet the requirement for this seal by earning an industry-recognized credential approved under section 3313.6113 of the Revised Code that is aligned to a job that is determined to be in demand in this state and its regions under section 6301.11 of the Revised Code.

(2) A college-ready seal. A student shall meet the requirement for this seal by attaining a score that is remediation-free, in accordance with standards adopted under division (F) of section 3345.061 of the Revised Code, on a nationally standardized assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

(3) A military enlistment seal. A student shall meet the requirement for this seal by doing either of the following:

(a) Providing evidence that the student has enlisted in a branch of the armed services of the United States as defined in section 5910.01 of the Revised Code;

(b) Participating in a junior reserve officer training program approved by the congress of the United States under title 10 of the United States Code.

(4) A citizenship seal. A student shall meet the requirement for this seal by doing any of the following:

(a) Demonstrating at least a proficient level of skill as prescribed under division (B)(5)(a) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code on both the American history and American government end-of-course examinations prescribed under division (B)(2) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code;

(b) Attaining a score level prescribed under division (B)(5)(d) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code that is at least the equivalent of a proficient level of skill in appropriate advanced placement or international

baccalaureate examinations in lieu of the American history and American government end-of-course examinations;

(c) Attaining a final course grade that is the equivalent of a "B" or higher in appropriate courses taken through the college credit plus program established under Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code in lieu of the American history and American government end-of-course examinations.

(5) A science seal. A student shall meet the requirement for this seal by doing any of the following:

(a) Demonstrating at least a proficient level of skill as prescribed under division (B)(5)(a) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code on the science end-of-course examination prescribed under division (B)(2) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code;

(b) Attaining a score level prescribed under division (B)(5)(d) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code that is at least the equivalent of a proficient level of skill in an appropriate advanced placement or international baccalaureate examination in lieu of the science end-of-course examination;

(c) Attaining a final course grade that is the equivalent of a "B" or higher in an appropriate course taken through the college credit plus program established under Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code in lieu of the science end-of-course examination.

(6) An honors diploma seal. A student shall meet the requirement for this seal by meeting the additional criteria for an honors diploma under division (B) of section 3313.61 of the Revised Code.

(7) A technology seal. A student shall meet the requirement for this seal by doing any of the following:

(a) Subject to division (B)(5)(d) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code, attaining a score level that is at least the equivalent of a proficient level of skill in an appropriate advanced placement or international baccalaureate examination;

(b) Attaining a final course grade that is the equivalent of a "B" or higher in an appropriate course taken through the college credit plus program established under Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code;

(c) Completing a course offered through the student's district or school that meets guidelines developed by the department of education. However, a district or school shall not be required to offer a course that meets guidelines developed by the department.

(8) A community service seal. A student shall meet the requirement for this seal by completing a community service project that is aligned with guidelines adopted by the student's district board or school governing authority.

(9) A fine and performing arts seal. A student shall meet the requirement for this seal by demonstrating skill in the fine or performing arts according to an evaluation that is aligned with guidelines adopted by the student's district board or school governing authority.

(10) A student engagement seal. A student shall meet the requirement for this seal by participating in extracurricular activities such as athletics, clubs, or student government to a meaningful extent, as determined by guidelines adopted by the student's district board or school governing authority.

(D) Each district or school shall develop guidelines for at least one of the state seals prescribed under divisions (C)(8) to (10) of this section.

(E) Each district or school shall maintain appropriate records to identify students who have met the requirements prescribed under division (C) of this section for earning the state seals established under that division.

(F) The department shall prepare and deliver to each district or school an appropriate mechanism for assigning a state diploma seal established under division (C) of this section.

(G) A student shall not be charged a fee to be assigned a state seal prescribed under division (C) of this section on the student's diploma and transcript.

Sec. 3313.813. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Outdoor education center" means a public or nonprofit private entity that provides to pupils enrolled in any public or chartered nonpublic elementary or secondary school an outdoor educational curriculum that the school considers to be part of its educational program.

(2) "Outside-school-hours care center" has the meaning established in 7 C.F.R. 226.2.

(B) The state board of education shall establish standards for a school lunch program, school breakfast program, child and adult care food program, special food service program for children, summer food service program for children, special milk program for children, food service equipment assistance program, and commodity distribution program established under the "National School Lunch Act," 60 Stat. 230 (1946), 42 U.S.C. 1751, as amended, and the "Child Nutrition Act of 1966," 80 Stat. 885, 42 U.S.C. 1771, as amended. Any board of education of a school district, nonprofit private school, outdoor education center, child care institution, outside-school-hours care center, or summer camp desiring to participate in such a program or required to participate under this section shall, if eligible to participate under the "National School Lunch Act," as amended, or the "Child Nutrition Act of 1966," as amended, make

application to the state board of education for assistance. The board shall administer the allocation and distribution of all state and federal funds for these programs.

(C) The state board of education shall require the board of education of each school district to establish and maintain a school breakfast, lunch, and summer food service program pursuant to the "National School Lunch Act" and the "Child Nutrition Act of 1966," as described in divisions (C)(1) to (4) of this section.

(1) The state board shall require the board of education in each school district to establish a breakfast program in every school where at least one-fifth of the pupils in the school are eligible under federal requirements for free breakfasts and to establish a lunch program in every school where at least one-fifth of the pupils are eligible for free lunches. The board of education required to establish a breakfast program under this division may make a charge in accordance with federal requirements for each reduced price breakfast or paid breakfast to cover the cost incurred in providing that meal.

(2) The state board shall require the board of education in each school district to establish a breakfast program in every school in which the parents of at least one-half of the children enrolled in the school have requested that the breakfast program be established. The board of education required to establish a program under this division may make a charge in accordance with federal requirements for each meal to cover all or part of the costs incurred in establishing such a program.

A breakfast program established under division (C)(1) or (2) of this section shall be operated in accordance with section 3313.818 of the Revised Code in any school meeting the conditions prescribed by that section.

(3) The state board shall require the board of education in each school district to establish one of the following for summer intervention services described in division (D) of section 3301.0711 or provided under section 3313.608 of the Revised Code, and any other summer intervention program required by law:

(a) An extension of the school breakfast program pursuant to the "National School Lunch Act" and the "Child Nutrition Act of 1966";

(b) An extension of the school lunch program pursuant to those acts;

(c) A summer food service program pursuant to those acts.

(4)(a) If the board of education of a school district determines that, for financial reasons, it cannot comply with division (C)(1) or (3) of this section, the district board may choose not to comply with either or both

divisions, except as provided in divisions (C)(4)(b) and (c) of this section. The district board publicly shall communicate to the residents of the district, in the manner it determines appropriate, its decision not to comply.

(b) If a district board chooses not to comply with division (C)(1) of this section, the state board nevertheless shall require the district board to establish a breakfast program in every school where at least one-third of the pupils in the school are eligible under federal requirements for free breakfasts and to establish a lunch program in every school where at least one-third of the pupils are eligible for free lunches. The district board may make a charge in accordance with federal requirements for each reduced price breakfast or paid breakfast to cover the cost incurred in providing that meal.

(c) If the board of education of a school district chooses not to comply with division (C)(3) of this section, the state board nevertheless shall require the district board to permit an approved summer food service program sponsor to use school facilities located in a school building attendance area where at least one-half of the pupils are eligible for free lunches.

The department of education shall post in a prominent location on the department's web site a list of approved summer food service program sponsors that may use school facilities under this division.

Subject to the provisions of sections 3313.75 and 3313.77 of the Revised Code, a school district may charge the summer food service program sponsor a reasonable fee for the use of school facilities that may include the actual cost of custodial services, charges for the use of school equipment, and a prorated share of the utility costs as determined by the district board. A school district shall require the summer food service program sponsor to indemnify and hold harmless the district from any potential liability resulting from the operation of the summer food service program under this division. For this purpose, the district shall either add the summer food service program sponsor, as an additional insured party, to the district's existing liability insurance policy or require the summer food service program sponsor to submit evidence of a separate liability insurance policy, for an amount approved by the district board. The summer food service program sponsor shall be responsible for any costs incurred in obtaining coverage under either option.

(d) If a school district cannot for good cause comply with the requirements of division (C)(2) or (4)(b) or (c) of this section at the time the state board determines that a district is subject to these requirements, the state board shall grant a reasonable extension of time. Good cause for an extension of time shall include, but need not be limited to, economic

impossibility of compliance with the requirements at the time the state board determines that a district is subject to them.

(D)(1) The state board shall accept the application of any outdoor education center in the state making application for participation in a program pursuant to division (B) of this section.

(2) For purposes of participation in any program pursuant to this section, the board shall certify any outdoor education center making application as an educational unit that is part of the educational system of the state, if the center:

(a) Meets the definition of an outdoor education center;

(b) Provides its outdoor education curriculum to pupils on an overnight basis so that pupils are in residence at the center for more than twenty-four consecutive hours;

(c) Operates under public or nonprofit private ownership in a single building or complex of buildings.

(3) The board shall approve any outdoor education center certified under this division for participation in the program for which the center is making application on the same basis as any other applicant for that program.

(E) Any school district board of education or chartered nonpublic school that participates in a breakfast program pursuant to this section may offer breakfast to pupils in their classrooms during the school day. However, any school that is subject to section 3313.818 of the Revised Code shall offer breakfast to pupils in accordance with that section.

(F) Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, in each fiscal year in which the general assembly appropriates funds for purposes of this division, the board of education of each school district and each chartered nonpublic school that participates in a breakfast program pursuant to this section shall provide a breakfast free of charge to each pupil who is eligible under federal requirements for a reduced price breakfast.

Sec. 3313.818. (A)(1) The department of education shall establish a program under which public schools that meet the conditions prescribed in this section shall offer breakfast to all students either before or during the school day. Each of the following shall apply:

(a) In the first school year after the effective date of this section, the program shall apply to any public school in which seventy per cent or more of the students enrolled in the school during the previous school year were eligible under federal requirements for free or reduced-price breakfasts or lunches.

(b) In the second school year after the effective date of this section, the

program shall apply to any public school in which sixty per cent or more of the students enrolled in the school during the previous school year were eligible under federal requirements for free or reduced-price breakfasts or lunches.

(c) In the third school year after the enactment date of this section and every school year thereafter, the program shall apply to any public school in which fifty per cent or more of the students enrolled in the school during the previous school year were eligible under federal requirements for free or reduced-price breakfasts or lunches.

(2) The district superintendent or building principal, in consultation with the building staff, shall determine the model for serving breakfast under the program. Each breakfast served under the program shall comply with federal meal patterns and nutritional standards and with section 3313.814 of the Revised Code. A school district board of education may make a charge in accordance with federal requirements for each meal to cover all or part of the costs incurred in operating the program.

(B) The department shall publish a list of public schools that meet the conditions of division (A) of this section. The department shall offer technical assistance to school districts and schools regarding the implementation of a school breakfast program that complies with this section and the submission of claims for reimbursement under the federal school breakfast program.

(C)(1) The department shall monitor each school participating in the program and ensure that each participating school complies with the requirements of this section.

(2) If the board of education of a school district determines that, for financial reasons, a school under the board's control cannot comply with the requirements of this section or the board already has a successful breakfast program or partnership in place, the district board may choose not to comply with those requirements.

(D) Not later than the thirty-first day of December of each school year, the department shall provide statistical reports on its web site that specify the number and percentage of students participating in school breakfast programs disaggregated by school district and individual schools, including community schools, established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, and STEM schools, established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code.

(E) Not later than the thirty-first day of December of each school year, the department shall prepare a report on the implementation and effectiveness of the program established under this section and submit the report to the general assembly, in accordance with section 101.68 of the

Revised Code, and to the governor. The report shall include:

(1) The number of students and participation rates in the free and reduced-price breakfast programs under this section for each school building;

(2) The type of breakfast model used by each school building participating in the breakfast program;

(3) The number of students and participation rates in free or reduced-price lunch for each school building.

Sec. 3313.843. (A) Notwithstanding division (D) of section 3311.52 of the Revised Code, this section does not apply to any cooperative education school district.

(B)(1) The board of education of each city, exempted village, or local school district with an average daily student enrollment of sixteen thousand or less, reported for the district on the most recent report card issued under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code, shall enter into an agreement with the governing board of an educational service center, under which the educational service center governing board will provide services to the district.

(2) The board of education of a city, exempted village, or local school district with an average daily student enrollment of more than sixteen thousand may enter into an agreement with the governing board of an educational service center, under which the educational service center governing board will provide services to the district.

(3) Services provided under an agreement entered into under division (B)(1) or (2) of this section shall be specified in the agreement, and may include any of the following: supervisory teachers; in-service and continuing education programs for district personnel; curriculum services; research and development programs; academic instruction for which the governing board employs teachers pursuant to section 3319.02 of the Revised Code; assistance in the provision of special accommodations and classes for students with disabilities; or any other services the district board and service center governing board agree can be better provided by the service center and are not provided under an agreement entered into under section 3313.845 of the Revised Code. Services included in the agreement shall be provided to the district in the manner specified in the agreement. The district board of education shall reimburse the educational service center governing board pursuant to division (H) of this section.

(C) Any agreement entered into pursuant to this section shall be filed with the department of education by the first day of July of the school year for which the agreement is in effect.

(D)(1) An agreement for services from an educational service center entered into under this section may be terminated by the school district board of education, at its option, by notifying the governing board of the service center by March 1, 2012, or by the first day of January of any odd-numbered year thereafter, that the district board intends to terminate the agreement in that year, and that termination shall be effective on the thirtieth day of June of that year. The failure of a district board to notify an educational service center of its intent to terminate an agreement by March 1, 2012, shall result in renewal of the existing agreement for the following school year. Thereafter, the failure of a district board to notify an educational service center of its intent to terminate an agreement by the first day of January of an odd-numbered year shall result in renewal of the existing agreement for the following two school years.

(2) If the school district that terminates an agreement for services under division (D)(1) of this section is also subject to the requirement of division (B)(1) of this section, the district board shall enter into a new agreement with any educational service center so that the new agreement is effective on the first day of July of that same year.

(3) If all moneys owed by a school district to an educational service center under an agreement for services terminated under division (D)(1) of this section have been paid in full by the effective date of the termination, the governing board of the service center shall submit an affidavit to the department certifying that fact not later than fifteen days after the termination's effective date. Notwithstanding anything in the Revised Code to the contrary, until the department receives such an affidavit, it shall not make any payments to any other educational service center with which the district enters into an agreement under this section for services that the educational service center provides to the district.

(E) An educational service center may apply to any state or federal agency for competitive grants. It may also apply to any private entity for additional funds.

(F) Not later than January 1, 2014, each educational service center shall post on its web site a list of all of the services that it provides and the corresponding cost for each of those services.

(G)(1) For purposes of calculating any state operating subsidy to be paid to an educational service center for the operation of that service center and any services required under Title XXXIII of the Revised Code to be provided by the service center to a school district, the service center's student count shall be the sum of the total student counts of all the school districts with which the educational service center has entered into an

agreement under this section.

(2) When a district enters into a new agreement with a new educational service center, the department of education shall ensure that the state operating subsidy for services provided to the district is paid to the new educational service center and that the educational service center with which the district previously had an agreement is no longer paid a state operating subsidy for providing services to that district.

(H) Pursuant to division (B) of section 3317.023 of the Revised Code, the department annually shall deduct from each school district that enters into an agreement with an educational service center under this section, and pay to the service center, an amount equal to six dollars and fifty cents times the school district's total student count. The district board of education, or the district superintendent acting on behalf of the district board, may agree to pay an amount in excess of six dollars and fifty cents per student in total student count. If a majority of the boards of education, or superintendents acting on behalf of the boards, of the districts that entered into an agreement under this section approve an amount in excess of six dollars and fifty cents per student in total student count, each district shall pay the excess amount to the service center.

(I)(1) An educational service center may enter into a contract to purchase supplies, materials, equipment, and services, which may include those specified in division (B) of this section or Chapter 3312. of the Revised Code, or the delivery of such services, on behalf of a school district or political subdivision that has entered into an agreement with the service center under this section or section 3313.844, 3313.845, or 3313.846 of the Revised Code.

(2) Purchases made by a school district or political subdivision that has entered into an agreement with the service center as described in this division are exempt from competitive bidding required by law for the purchase of supplies, materials, equipment, or services. No political subdivision shall make any purchase under this division when the political subdivision has received bids for such purchase, unless the same terms, conditions, and specifications at a lower price can be made for such purchase under this division.

(J) Any school district, community school, or STEM school that has entered into an agreement with an educational service center under this section or section 3313.844 or 3313.845 of the Revised Code shall be in compliance with federal law and exempt from competitive bidding requirements for personnel-based services pursuant to the authority granted to the Ohio department of education under federal law, provided the service

center has met the following conditions:

(1) It is in compliance with division (F) of this section.

(2) It has been designated "high performing" under rule of the state board of education.

(3) It has been found to be substantially in compliance with audit rules and guidelines in its most recent audit by the auditor of state.

(K) For purposes of this section, a school district's "total student count" means the average daily student enrollment reported on the most recent report card issued for the district pursuant to section 3302.03 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3313.978. (A) Annually by the first day of November, the superintendent of public instruction shall notify the pilot project school district of the number of initial scholarships that the state superintendent will be awarding in each of grades kindergarten through twelve.

The state superintendent shall provide information about the scholarship program to all students residing in the district, shall accept applications from any such students ~~until such date as shall be established by the state superintendent as a deadline for applications~~ during the application periods established under division (H) of this section, and shall establish criteria for the selection of students to receive scholarships from among all those applying prior to the deadline, which criteria shall give preference to students from low-income families. The state superintendent shall notify students of their selection prior to ~~the fifteenth day of January~~ a date established by the state superintendent.

(1) A student receiving a pilot project scholarship may utilize it at an alternative public school by notifying the district superintendent, at any time before the beginning of the school year, of the name of the public school in an adjacent school district to which the student has been accepted pursuant to section 3327.06 of the Revised Code.

(2) A student may decide to utilize a pilot project scholarship at a registered private school in the district if all of the following conditions are met:

(a) By the fifteenth day of February of the preceding school year, or at any time prior to the start of the school year, the parent makes an application on behalf of the student to a registered private school.

(b) The registered private school notifies the parent and the state superintendent as follows that the student has been admitted:

(i) By the fifteenth day of March of the preceding school year if the student filed an application by the fifteenth day of February and was admitted by the school pursuant to division (A) of section 3313.977 of the

Revised Code;

(ii) Within one week of the decision to admit the student if the student is admitted pursuant to division (C) of section 3313.977 of the Revised Code.

(c) The student actually enrolls in the registered private school to which the student was first admitted or in another registered private school in the district or in a public school in an adjacent school district.

(B) The state superintendent shall also award in any school year tutorial assistance grants to a number of students equal to the number of students who receive scholarships under division (A) of this section. Tutorial assistance grants shall be awarded solely to students who are enrolled in the public schools of the district in a grade level covered by the pilot project. Tutorial assistance grants may be used solely to obtain tutorial assistance from a provider approved pursuant to division (D) of section 3313.976 of the Revised Code.

All students wishing to obtain tutorial assistance grants shall make application to the state superintendent by the first day of the school year in which the assistance will be used. The state superintendent shall award assistance grants in accordance with criteria the superintendent shall establish.

(C)(1) In the case of basic scholarships for students in grades kindergarten through eight, the scholarship amount shall not exceed the lesser of the net tuition charges of the alternative school the scholarship recipient attends or four thousand six hundred fifty dollars.

In the case of basic scholarships for students in grades nine through twelve, the scholarship amount shall not exceed the lesser of the net tuition charges of the alternative school the scholarship recipient attends or six thousand dollars.

The net tuition and fees charged to a student shall be the tuition amount specified by the alternative school minus all other financial aid, discounts, and adjustments received for the student. In cases where discounts are offered for multiple students from the same family, and not all students in the same family are scholarship recipients, the net tuition amount attributable to the scholarship recipient shall be the lowest net tuition to which the family is entitled.

(2) The state superintendent shall provide for an increase in the basic scholarship amount in the case of any student who is a mainstreamed student with a disability and shall further increase such amount in the case of any separately educated student with a disability. Such increases shall take into account the instruction, related services, and transportation costs of educating such students.

(3) In the case of tutorial assistance grants, the grant amount shall not exceed the lesser of the provider's actual charges for such assistance or:

(a) Before fiscal year 2007, a percentage established by the state superintendent, not to exceed twenty per cent, of the amount of the pilot project school district's average basic scholarship amount;

(b) In fiscal year 2007 and thereafter, four hundred dollars.

(D)(1) Annually by the first day of November, the state superintendent shall estimate the maximum per-pupil scholarship amounts for the ensuing school year. The state superintendent shall make this estimate available to the general public at the offices of the district board of education together with the forms required by division (D)(2) of this section.

(2) Annually by the fifteenth day of January, the chief administrator of each registered private school located in the pilot project district and the principal of each public school in such district shall complete a parental information form and forward it to the president of the board of education. The parental information form shall be prescribed by the department of education and shall provide information about the grade levels offered, the numbers of students, tuition amounts, achievement test results, and any sectarian or other organizational affiliations.

(E)(1) Only for the purpose of administering the pilot project scholarship program, the department may request from any of the following entities the data verification code assigned under division (D)(2) of section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code to any student who is seeking a scholarship under the program:

(a) The school district in which the student is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code;

(b) If applicable, the community school in which the student is enrolled;

(c) The independent contractor engaged to create and maintain data verification codes.

(2) Upon a request by the department under division (E)(1) of this section for the data verification code of a student seeking a scholarship or a request by the student's parent for that code, the school district or community school shall submit that code to the department or parent in the manner specified by the department. If the student has not been assigned a code, because the student will be entering kindergarten during the school year for which the scholarship is sought, the district shall assign a code to that student and submit the code to the department or parent by a date specified by the department. If the district does not assign a code to the student by the specified date, the department shall assign a code to the student.

The department annually shall submit to each school district the name and data verification code of each student residing in the district who is entering kindergarten, who has been awarded a scholarship under the program, and for whom the department has assigned a code under this division.

(3) The department shall not release any data verification code that it receives under division (E) of this section to any person except as provided by law.

(F) Any document relative to the pilot project scholarship program that the department holds in its files that contains both a student's name or other personally identifiable information and the student's data verification code shall not be a public record under section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

(G)(1) The department annually shall compile the scores attained by scholarship students enrolled in registered private schools on the assessments administered to the students pursuant to division (A)(11) of section 3313.976 of the Revised Code. The scores shall be aggregated as follows:

(a) By school district, which shall include all scholarship students residing in the pilot project school district who are enrolled in a registered private school and were required to take an assessment pursuant to division (A)(11) of section 3313.976 of the Revised Code;

(b) By registered private school, which shall include all scholarship students enrolled in that school who were required to take an assessment pursuant to division (A)(11) of section 3313.976 of the Revised Code.

(2) The department shall disaggregate the student performance data described in division (G)(1) of this section according to the following categories:

(a) Grade level;

(b) Race and ethnicity;

(c) Gender;

(d) Students who have participated in the scholarship program for three or more years;

(e) Students who have participated in the scholarship program for more than one year and less than three years;

(f) Students who have participated in the scholarship program for one year or less;

(g) Economically disadvantaged students.

(3) The department shall post the student performance data required under divisions (G)(1) and (2) of this section on its web site and shall include that data in the information about the scholarship program provided

to students under division (A) of this section. In reporting student performance data under this division, the department shall not include any data that is statistically unreliable or that could result in the identification of individual students. For this purpose, the department shall not report performance data for any group that contains less than ten students.

(4) The department shall provide the parent of each scholarship student enrolled in a registered private school with information comparing the student's performance on the assessments administered pursuant to division (A)(11) of section 3313.976 of the Revised Code with the average performance of similar students enrolled in the building operated by the pilot project school district that the scholarship student would otherwise attend. In calculating the performance of similar students, the department shall consider age, grade, race and ethnicity, gender, and socioeconomic status.

(H)(1) Except as provided in division (H)(2) of this section, for scholarships awarded the 2020-2021 school year and for each school year thereafter, the department shall conduct two application periods each year for the pilot project scholarship program, as follows:

(a) The first application period shall open not sooner than the first day of February prior to the first day of July of the school year for which a scholarship is sought and run not less than seventy-five days.

(b) The second application period shall open not sooner than the first day of July of the school year for which the scholarship is sought and run not less than thirty days.

(2) If the pilot scholarships awarded in the first application period for any school year use the entirety of the amount appropriated by the general assembly for such scholarships for that school year, the department need not conduct a second application period for scholarships. If, after the first application period, there are funds remaining to award, the department shall conduct a second application period in accordance with division (H)(1)(b) of this section.

(3) Not later than the thirty-first day of May of each school year, the department shall determine whether funds remain available for scholarships under the pilot project scholarship program after the first application period.

(4) For scholarships awarded for any school year prior to the 2020-2021 school year, the state superintendent shall establish a deadline for a single application period.

Sec. 3314.016. This section applies to any entity that sponsors a community school, regardless of whether section 3314.021 or 3314.027 of the Revised Code exempts the entity from the requirement to be approved

for sponsorship under divisions (A)(2) and (B)(1) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code. The office of Ohio school sponsorship established under section 3314.029 of the Revised Code shall be rated under division (B) of this section, but divisions (A) and (C) of this section do not apply to the office.

(A) An entity that sponsors a community school shall be permitted to enter into contracts under section 3314.03 of the Revised Code to sponsor additional community schools only if the entity meets all of the following criteria:

(1) The entity is in compliance with all provisions of this chapter requiring sponsors of community schools to report data or information to the department of education.

(2) The entity is not rated as "ineffective" under division (B)(6) of this section.

(3) Except as set forth in sections 3314.021 and 3314.027 of the Revised Code, the entity has received approval from and entered into an agreement with the department of education pursuant to section 3314.015 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) The department shall develop and implement an evaluation system that annually rates and assigns an overall rating to each entity that sponsors a community school. The department, not later than the first day of February of each year, shall post on the department's web site the framework for the evaluation system, including technical documentation that the department intends to use to rate sponsors for the next school year. The department shall solicit public comment on the evaluation system for thirty consecutive days. Not later than the first day of April of each year, the department shall compile and post on the department's web site all public comments that were received during the public comment period. The evaluation system shall be posted on the department's web site by the fifteenth day of July of each school year. Any changes to the evaluation system after that date shall take effect the following year. The evaluation system shall be based on the following components:

(a) Academic performance of students enrolled in community schools sponsored by the same entity. The academic performance component shall be derived from the performance measures prescribed for the state report cards under section 3302.03 or 3314.017 of the Revised Code, and shall be based on the performance of the schools for the school year for which the evaluation is conducted. In addition to the academic performance for a specific school year, the academic performance component shall also include year-to-year changes in the overall sponsor portfolio. For a

community school for which no graded performance measures are applicable or available, the department shall use nonreport card performance measures specified in the contract between the community school and the sponsor under division (A)(4) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code.

(b) Adherence by a sponsor to the quality practices prescribed by the department under division (B)(3) of this section. For a sponsor that was rated "effective" or "exemplary" on its most recent rating, the department may evaluate that sponsor's adherence to quality practices once over a period of three years. If the department elects to evaluate a sponsor once over a period of three years, the most recent rating for a sponsor's adherence to quality practices shall be used when determining an annual overall rating conducted under this section.

(c) Compliance with all applicable laws and administrative rules by an entity that sponsors a community school.

(2) In calculating an academic performance component, the department shall exclude all community schools that have been in operation for not more than two full school years and all community schools described in division (A)(4)(b) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code. However, the academic performance of the community schools described in division (A)(4)(b) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code shall be reported, but shall not be used as a factor when determining a sponsoring entity's rating under this section.

(3) The department, in consultation with entities that sponsor community schools, shall prescribe quality practices for community school sponsors and develop an instrument to measure adherence to those quality practices. The quality practices shall be based on standards developed by the national association of charter school authorizers or any other nationally organized community school organization.

(4)(a) The department may permit peer review of a sponsor's adherence to the quality practices prescribed under division (B)(3) of this section. Peer reviewers shall be limited to individuals employed by sponsors rated "effective" or "exemplary" on the most recent ratings conducted under this section.

(b) The department shall require individuals participating in peer review under division (B)(4)(a) of this section to complete training approved or established by the department.

(c) The department may enter into an agreement with another entity to provide training to individuals conducting peer review of sponsors. Prior to entering into an agreement with an entity, the department shall review and approve of the entity's training program.

(5) Not later than July 1, 2013, the state board of education shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code prescribing standards for measuring compliance with applicable laws and rules under division (B)(1)(c) of this section.

(6) The department annually shall rate all entities that sponsor community schools as either "exemplary," "effective," "ineffective," or "poor," based on the components prescribed by division (B) of this section, where each component is weighted equally. A separate rating shall be given by the department for each component of the evaluation system.

The department shall publish the ratings between the first day of October and the fifteenth day of November.

Prior to the publication of the final ratings, the department shall designate and provide notice of a period of at least ten business days during which each sponsor may review the information used by the department to determine the sponsor's rating on the components prescribed by ~~divisions~~ division (B)(1)(~~b~~) and (~~e~~) of this section. If the sponsor believes there is an error in the department's evaluation, the sponsor may request adjustments to the rating of ~~either~~ any of those components based on documentation previously submitted as part of an evaluation. The sponsor shall provide to the department any necessary evidence or information to support the requested adjustments. The department shall review the evidence and information, determine whether an adjustment is valid, and promptly notify the sponsor of its determination and reasons. If any adjustments to the data could result in a change to the rating on the applicable component or to the overall rating, the department shall recalculate the ratings prior to publication.

The department shall provide training on an annual basis regarding the evaluation system prescribed under this section. The training shall, at a minimum, describe methodology, timelines, and data required for the evaluation system. The first training session shall occur not later than March 2, 2016. Beginning in 2018, the training shall be made available to each entity that sponsors a community school by the fifteenth day of July of each year and shall include guidance on any changes made to the evaluation system.

(7)(a) Entities with an overall rating of "exemplary" for at least two consecutive years may take advantage of the following incentives:

(i) Renewal of the written agreement with the department, not to exceed ten years, provided that the entity consents to continued evaluation of adherence to quality practices as described in division (B)(1)(b) of this section;

(ii) The ability to extend the term of the contract between the sponsoring entity and the community school beyond the term described in the written agreement with the department;

(iii) An exemption from the preliminary agreement and contract adoption and execution deadline requirements prescribed in division (D) of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code;

(iv) An exemption from the automatic contract expiration requirement, should a new community school fail to open by the thirtieth day of September of the calendar year in which the community school contract is executed;

(v) No limit on the number of community schools the entity may sponsor;

(vi) No territorial restrictions on sponsorship.

An entity may continue to sponsor any community schools with which it entered into agreements under division (B)(7)(a)(v) or (vi) of this section while rated "exemplary," notwithstanding the fact that the entity later receives a lower overall rating.

(b) Entities with an overall rating of "exemplary" or "effective" for at least three consecutive years shall be evaluated by the department once every three years.

~~(c)~~(i) Entities that receive an overall rating of "ineffective" shall be prohibited from sponsoring any new or additional community schools during the time in which the sponsor is rated as "ineffective" and shall be subject to a quality improvement plan based on correcting the deficiencies that led to the "ineffective" rating, with timelines and benchmarks that have been established by the department.

(ii) Entities that receive an overall rating of "ineffective" on their three most recent ratings shall have all sponsorship authority revoked. Within thirty days after receiving its third rating of "ineffective," the entity may appeal the revocation of its sponsorship authority to the superintendent of public instruction, who shall appoint an independent hearing officer to conduct a hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The hearing shall be conducted within thirty days after receipt of the notice of appeal. Within forty-five days after the hearing is completed, the state board of education shall determine whether the revocation is appropriate based on the hearing conducted by the independent hearing officer, and if determined appropriate, the revocation shall be confirmed.

~~(e)~~(d) Entities that receive an overall rating of "poor" shall have all sponsorship authority revoked. Within thirty days after receiving a rating of "poor," the entity may appeal the revocation of its sponsorship authority to

the superintendent of public instruction, who shall appoint an independent hearing officer to conduct a hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The hearing shall be conducted within thirty days after receipt of the notice of appeal. Within forty-five days after the hearing is completed, the state board of education shall determine whether the revocation is appropriate based on the hearing conducted by the independent hearing officer, and if determined appropriate, the revocation shall be confirmed.

(8) For the 2014-2015 school year and each school year thereafter, student academic performance prescribed under division (B)(1)(a) of this section shall include student academic performance data from community schools that primarily serve students enrolled in a dropout prevention and recovery program.

(C) If the governing authority of a community school enters into a contract with a sponsor prior to the date on which the sponsor is prohibited from sponsoring additional schools under division (A) of this section and the school has not opened for operation as of that date, that contract shall be void and the school shall not open until the governing authority secures a new sponsor by entering into a contract with the new sponsor under section 3314.03 of the Revised Code. However, the department's office of Ohio school sponsorship, established under section 3314.029 of the Revised Code, may assume the sponsorship of the school until the earlier of the expiration of two school years or until a new sponsor is secured by the school's governing authority. A community school sponsored by the department under this division shall not be included when calculating the maximum number of directly authorized community schools permitted under division (A)(3) of section 3314.029 of the Revised Code.

(D) When an entity's authority to sponsor schools is revoked pursuant to division (B)(7)(b) or (c) of this section, the office of Ohio school sponsorship shall assume sponsorship of any schools with which the original sponsor has contracted for the remainder of that school year. The office may continue sponsoring those schools until the earlier of:

(1) The expiration of two school years from the time that sponsorship is revoked;

(2) When a new sponsor is secured by the governing authority pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code.

Any community school sponsored under this division shall not be counted for purposes of directly authorized community schools under division (A)(3) of section 3314.029 of the Revised Code.

(E) The department shall recalculate the rating for the 2017-2018 school

year for each sponsor of a community school that receives recalculated ratings pursuant to division (I) of section 3314.017 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3314.017. (A) The state board of education shall prescribe by rules, adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, an academic performance rating and report card system that satisfies the requirements of this section for community schools that primarily serve students enrolled in dropout prevention and recovery programs as described in division (A)(4)(a) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code, to be used in lieu of the system prescribed under sections 3302.03 and 3314.012 of the Revised Code beginning with the 2012-2013 school year. Each such school shall comply with the testing and reporting requirements of the system as prescribed by the state board.

(B) Nothing in this section shall at any time relieve a school from its obligations under the "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001" to make "adequate yearly progress," as both that act and that term are defined in section 3302.01 of the Revised Code, or a school's amenability to the provisions of section 3302.04 or 3302.041 of the Revised Code. The department of education shall continue to report each school's performance as required by the act and to enforce applicable sanctions under section 3302.04 or 3302.041 of the Revised Code.

(C) The rules adopted by the state board shall prescribe the following performance indicators for the rating and report card system required by this section:

(1) Graduation rate for each of the following student cohorts:

(a) The number of students who graduate in four years or less with a regular high school diploma divided by the number of students who form the adjusted cohort for the graduating class;

(b) The number of students who graduate in five years with a regular high school diploma divided by the number of students who form the adjusted cohort for the four-year graduation rate;

(c) The number of students who graduate in six years with a regular high school diploma divided by the number of students who form the adjusted cohort for the four-year graduation rate;

(d) The number of students who graduate in seven years with a regular high school diploma divided by the number of students who form the adjusted cohort for the four-year graduation rate;

(e) The number of students who graduate in eight years with a regular high school diploma divided by the number of students who form the adjusted cohort for the four-year graduation rate.

(2) The percentage of twelfth-grade students currently enrolled in the

school who have attained the designated passing score on all of the ~~applicable~~ state high school achievement assessments required under division (B)(1) ~~or (2)~~ of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code or the cumulative performance score on the end-of-course examinations prescribed under division (B)(2) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code, whichever applies, and other students enrolled in the school, regardless of grade level, who are within three months of their twenty-second birthday and have attained the designated passing score on all of the ~~applicable~~ state high school achievement assessments or the cumulative performance score on the end-of-course examinations, whichever applies, by their twenty-second birthday;

(3) Annual measurable objectives as defined in section 3302.01 of the Revised Code;

(4) Growth in student achievement in reading, or mathematics, or both as measured by separate nationally norm-referenced assessments that have developed appropriate standards for students enrolled in dropout prevention and recovery programs, adopted or approved by the state board.

(D)(1) The state board's rules shall prescribe the expected performance levels and benchmarks for each of the indicators prescribed by division (C) of this section based on the data gathered by the department under division ~~(F)~~(G) of this section. Based on a school's level of attainment or nonattainment of the expected performance levels and benchmarks for each of the indicators, the department shall rate each school in one of the following categories:

- (a) Exceeds standards;
- (b) Meets standards;
- (c) Does not meet standards.

(2) The state board's rules shall establish all of the following:

(a) Not later than June 30, 2013, performance levels and benchmarks for the indicators described in divisions (C)(1) to (3) of this section;

(b) Not later than December 31, 2014, both of the following:

(i) Performance levels and benchmarks for the indicator described in division (C)(4) of this section;

(ii) Standards for awarding a community school described in division (A)(4)(a) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code an overall designation, which shall be calculated as follows:

(I) Thirty per cent of the score shall be based on the indicators described in division (C)(1) of this section that are applicable to the school year for which the overall designation is granted.

(II) Thirty per cent of the score shall be based on the indicators

described in division (C)(4) of this section.

(III) Twenty per cent of the score shall be based on the indicators described in division (C)(2) of this section.

(IV) Twenty per cent of the score shall be based on the indicators described in division (C)(3) of this section.

(3) If both of the indicators described in divisions (C)(1) and (2) of this section improve by ten per cent for two consecutive years, a school shall be rated not less than "meets standards."

The rating and the relevant performance data for each school shall be posted on the department's web site, and a copy of the rating and data shall be provided to the governing authority of the community school.

(E)(1) For the 2012-2013 school year, the department shall issue a report card including the following performance measures, but without a performance rating as described in divisions (D)(1)(a) to (c) of this section, for each community school described in division (A)(4)(a) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code:

(a) The graduation rates as described in divisions (C)(1)(a) to (c) of this section;

(b) The percentage of twelfth-grade students and other students who have attained a designated passing score on high school achievement assessments as described in division (C)(2) of this section;

(c) The statewide average for the graduation rates and assessment passage rates described in divisions (C)(1)(a) to (c) and (C)(2) of this section;

(d) Annual measurable objectives described in division (C)(3) of this section.

(2) For the 2013-2014 school year, the department shall issue a report card including the following performance measures for each community school described in division (A)(4)(a) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code:

(a) The graduation rates described in divisions (C)(1)(a) to (d) of this section, including a performance rating as described in divisions (D)(1)(a) to (c) of this section;

(b) The percentage of twelfth-grade students and other students who have attained a designated passing score on high school achievement assessments as described in division (C)(2) of this section, including a performance rating as described in divisions (D)(1)(a) to (c) of this section;

(c) Annual measurable objectives described in division (C)(3) of this section, including a performance rating as described in divisions (D)(1)(a) to (c) of this section;

(d) Both of the following without an assigned rating:

(i) Growth in annual student achievement in reading and mathematics described in division (C)(4) of this section, if available;

(ii) Student outcome data, including postsecondary credit earned, nationally recognized career or technical certification, military enlistment, job placement, and attendance rate.

(3) Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, and annually thereafter, the department shall issue a report card for each community school described in division (A)(4)(a) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code that includes all of the following performance measures, including a performance rating for each measure as described in divisions (D)(1)(a) to (c) of this section:

(a) The graduation rates as described in division (C)(1) of this section;

(b) The percentage of twelfth-grade students and other students who have attained a designated passing score on high school achievement assessments as described in division (C)(2) of this section;

(c) Annual measurable objectives described in division (C)(3) of this section, including a performance rating as described in divisions (D)(1)(a) to (c) of this section;

(d) Growth in annual student achievement in reading and mathematics as described in division (C)(4) of this section;

(e) An overall performance designation for the school calculated under rules adopted under division (D)(2) of this section.

The department shall also include student outcome data, including postsecondary credit earned, nationally recognized career or technical certification, military enlistment, job placement, attendance rate, and progress on closing achievement gaps for each school. This information shall not be included in the calculation of a school's performance rating.

(F) Not later than the thirty-first day of July of each year, the department shall submit preliminary report card data for overall academic performance for each performance measure prescribed in division (E)(3) of this section for each community school to which this section applies.

(G) In developing the rating and report card system required by this section, during the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years, the department shall gather and analyze data as determined necessary from each community school described in division (A)(4)(a) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code. Each such school shall cooperate with the department by supplying requested data and administering required assessments, including sample assessments for purposes of measuring student achievement growth as described in division (C)(4) of this section. The department shall consult

with stakeholder groups in performing its duties under this division.

The department shall also identify one or more states that have established or are in the process of establishing similar academic performance rating systems for dropout prevention and recovery programs and consult with the departments of education of those states in developing the system required by this section.

~~(G)~~(H) Not later than December 31, 2014, the state board shall review the performance levels and benchmarks for performance indicators in the report card issued under this section and may revise them based on the data collected under division ~~(F)~~(G) of this section.

(I) For the purposes of division (F) of section 3314.351 of the Revised Code, the department shall recalculate the ratings for each school under division (E)(3) of this section for the 2017-2018 school year and calculate the ratings under that division for the 2018-2019 school year using the indicators prescribed by division (C) of this section, as it exists on and after the effective date of this amendment.

(J) The state board shall coordinate a study committee consisting of one member of the Ohio senate appointed by the president of the senate, one member of the Ohio house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, one representative of the governor's office, one school district superintendent appointed by the state board, and one chief administrator of a community school appointed by the state board. This committee shall conduct a study regarding the classification, authorization, and report card ratings of community schools that primarily serve students enrolled in dropout prevention and recovery programs as described in division (A)(4)(a) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code that offer two or more of the following educational models:

(1) Blended learning, as that term is defined in section 3301.079 of the Revised Code;

(2) Portfolio learning, as defined by the members of the committee;

(3) Credit flexibility, which permits credits to be awarded based on a student's demonstration of subject area competency.

The state board, on behalf of the committee, shall submit the committee's recommendations to the general assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code not later than six months after the effective date of this amendment.

Sec. 3314.02. (A) As used in this chapter:

(1) "Sponsor" means the board of education of a school district or the governing board of an educational service center that agrees to the conversion of all or part of a school or building under division (B) of this

section, or an entity listed in division (C)(1) of this section, which has been approved by the department of education to sponsor community schools or is exempted by section 3314.021 or 3314.027 of the Revised Code from obtaining approval, and with which the governing authority of a community school enters into a contract under section 3314.03 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Pilot project area" means the school districts included in the territory of the former community school pilot project established by former Section 50.52 of Am. Sub. H.B. No. 215 of the 122nd general assembly.

(3) "Challenged school district" means any of the following:

(a) A school district that is part of the pilot project area;

(b) A school district that meets one of the following conditions:

(i) On March 22, 2013, the district was in a state of academic emergency or in a state of academic watch under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code, as that section existed prior to March 22, 2013;

(ii) For two of the 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016 school years, the district received a grade of "D" or "F" for the performance index score and a grade of "F" for the value-added progress dimension under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code;

(iii) For the 2016-2017 school year and for any school year thereafter, the district has received an overall grade of "D" or "F" under division (C)(3) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code, or, for at least two of the three most recent school years, the district received a grade of "F" for the value-added progress dimension under division (C)(1)(e) of that section.

(c) A big eight school district;

(d) A school district ranked in the lowest five per cent of school districts according to performance index score under section 3302.21 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Big eight school district" means a school district that for fiscal year 1997 had both of the following:

(a) A percentage of children residing in the district and participating in the predecessor of Ohio works first greater than thirty per cent, as reported pursuant to section 3317.10 of the Revised Code;

(b) An average daily membership greater than twelve thousand, as reported pursuant to former division (A) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(5) "New start-up school" means a community school other than one created by converting all or part of an existing public school or educational service center building, as designated in the school's contract pursuant to division (A)(17) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code.

(6) "Urban school district" means one of the state's twenty-one urban

school districts as defined in division (O) of section 3317.02 of the Revised Code as that section existed prior to July 1, 1998.

(7) "Internet- or computer-based community school" means a community school established under this chapter in which the enrolled students work primarily from their residences on assignments in nonclassroom-based learning opportunities provided via an internet- or other computer-based instructional method that does not rely on regular classroom instruction or via comprehensive instructional methods that include internet-based, other computer-based, and noncomputer-based learning opportunities unless a student receives career-technical education under section 3314.086 of the Revised Code.

A community school that operates mainly as an internet- or computer-based community school and provides career-technical education under section 3314.086 of the Revised Code shall be considered an internet- or computer-based community school, even if it provides some classroom-based instruction, so long as it provides instruction via the methods described in this division.

(8) "Operator" or "management company" means either of the following:

(a) An individual or organization that manages the daily operations of a community school pursuant to a contract between the operator or management company and the school's governing authority;

(b) A nonprofit organization that provides programmatic oversight and support to a community school under a contract with the school's governing authority and that retains the right to terminate its affiliation with the school if the school fails to meet the organization's quality standards.

(9) "Alliance municipal school district" has the same meaning as in section 3311.86 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) Any person or group of individuals may initially propose under this division the conversion of all or a portion of a public school to a community school. The proposal shall be made to the board of education of the city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district in which the public school is proposed to be converted.

(2) Any person or group of individuals may initially propose under this division the conversion of all or a portion of a building operated by an educational service center to a community school. The proposal shall be made to the governing board of the service center.

On or after July 1, 2017, except as provided in section 3314.027 of the Revised Code, any educational service center that sponsors a community school shall be approved by and enter into a written agreement with the

department as described in section 3314.015 of the Revised Code.

(3) Upon receipt of a proposal, and after an agreement has been entered into pursuant to section 3314.015 of the Revised Code, a board may enter into a preliminary agreement with the person or group proposing the conversion of the public school or service center building, indicating the intention of the board to support the conversion to a community school. A proposing person or group that has a preliminary agreement under this division may proceed to finalize plans for the school, establish a governing authority for the school, and negotiate a contract with the board. Provided the proposing person or group adheres to the preliminary agreement and all provisions of this chapter, the board shall negotiate in good faith to enter into a contract in accordance with section 3314.03 of the Revised Code and division (C) of this section.

(4) The sponsor of a conversion community school proposed to open in an alliance municipal school district shall be subject to approval by the department of education for sponsorship of that school using the criteria established under division (A) of section 3311.87 of the Revised Code.

Division (B)(4) of this section does not apply to a sponsor that, on or before September 29, 2015, was exempted under section 3314.021 or 3314.027 of the Revised Code from the requirement to be approved for sponsorship under divisions (A)(2) and (B)(1) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code.

(5) A school established in accordance with division (B) of this section that later enters into a sponsorship contract with an entity that is not a school district or educational service center shall, at the time of entering into the new contract, be deemed a community school established in accordance with division (C) of this section.

(C)(1) Any person or group of individuals may propose under this division the establishment of a new start-up school to be located in a challenged school district. The proposal may be made to any of the following entities:

(a) The board of education of the district in which the school is proposed to be located;

(b) The board of education of any joint vocational school district with territory in the county in which is located the majority of the territory of the district in which the school is proposed to be located;

(c) The board of education of any other city, local, or exempted village school district having territory in the same county where the district in which the school is proposed to be located has the major portion of its territory;

(d) The governing board of any educational service center, regardless of the location of the proposed school, may sponsor a new start-up school in any challenged school district in the state if all of the following are satisfied:

(i) If applicable, it satisfies the requirements of division (E) of section 3311.86 of the Revised Code;

(ii) It is approved to do so by the department;

(iii) It enters into an agreement with the department under section 3314.015 of the Revised Code.

(e) A sponsoring authority designated by the board of trustees of any of the thirteen state universities listed in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code or the board of trustees itself as long as a mission of the proposed school to be specified in the contract under division (A)(2) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code and as approved by the department under division (B)(3) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code will be the practical demonstration of teaching methods, educational technology, or other teaching practices that are included in the curriculum of the university's teacher preparation program approved by the state board of education;

(f) Any qualified tax-exempt entity under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as long as all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(i) The entity has been in operation for at least five years prior to applying to be a community school sponsor.

(ii) The entity has assets of at least five hundred thousand dollars and a demonstrated record of financial responsibility.

(iii) The department has determined that the entity is an education-oriented entity under division (B)(4) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code and the entity has a demonstrated record of successful implementation of educational programs.

(iv) The entity is not a community school.

(g) The mayor of a city in which the majority of the territory of a school district to which section 3311.60 of the Revised Code applies is located, regardless of whether that district has created the position of independent auditor as prescribed by that section. The mayor's sponsorship authority under this division is limited to community schools that are located in that school district. Such mayor may sponsor community schools only with the approval of the city council of that city, after establishing standards with which community schools sponsored by the mayor must comply, and after entering into a sponsor agreement with the department as prescribed under section 3314.015 of the Revised Code. The mayor shall establish the standards for community schools sponsored by the mayor not later than one

hundred eighty days after July 15, 2013, and shall submit them to the department upon their establishment. The department shall approve the mayor to sponsor community schools in the district, upon receipt of an application by the mayor to do so. Not later than ninety days after the department's approval of the mayor as a community school sponsor, the department shall enter into the sponsor agreement with the mayor.

Any entity described in division (C)(1) of this section may enter into a preliminary agreement pursuant to division (C)(2) of this section with the proposing person or group, provided that entity has been approved by and entered into a written agreement with the department pursuant to section 3314.015 of the Revised Code.

(2) A preliminary agreement indicates the intention of an entity described in division (C)(1) of this section to sponsor the community school. A proposing person or group that has such a preliminary agreement may proceed to finalize plans for the school, establish a governing authority as described in division (E) of this section for the school, and negotiate a contract with the entity. Provided the proposing person or group adheres to the preliminary agreement and all provisions of this chapter, the entity shall negotiate in good faith to enter into a contract in accordance with section 3314.03 of the Revised Code.

(3) A new start-up school that is established in a school district described in either division (A)(3)(b) or (d) of this section may continue in existence once the school district no longer meets the conditions described in either division, provided there is a valid contract between the school and a sponsor.

(4) A copy of every preliminary agreement entered into under this division shall be filed with the superintendent of public instruction.

(D) A majority vote of the board of a sponsoring entity and a majority vote of the members of the governing authority of a community school shall be required to adopt a contract and convert the public school or educational service center building to a community school or establish the new start-up school. Beginning September 29, 2005, adoption of the contract shall occur not later than the fifteenth day of March, and signing of the contract shall occur not later than the fifteenth day of May, prior to the school year in which the school will open. The governing authority shall notify the department of education when the contract has been signed. Subject to sections 3314.013 and 3314.016 of the Revised Code, an unlimited number of community schools may be established in any school district provided that a contract is entered into for each community school pursuant to this chapter.

(E)(1) As used in this division, "immediate relatives" are limited to spouses, children, parents, grandparents, and siblings, as well as in-laws residing in the same household as the person serving on the governing authority.

Each new start-up community school established under this chapter shall be under the direction of a governing authority which shall consist of a board of not less than five individuals.

(2)(a) No person shall serve on the governing authority or operate the community school under contract with the governing authority under any of the following circumstances:

(i) The person owes the state any money or is in a dispute over whether the person owes the state any money concerning the operation of a community school that has closed.

(ii) The person would otherwise be subject to division (B) of section 3319.31 of the Revised Code with respect to refusal, limitation, or revocation of a license to teach, if the person were a licensed educator.

(iii) The person has pleaded guilty to or been convicted of theft in office under section 2921.41 of the Revised Code, or has pleaded guilty to or been convicted of a substantially similar offense in another state.

(b) No person shall serve on the governing authority or engage in the financial day-to-day management of the community school under contract with the governing authority unless and until that person has submitted to a criminal records check in the manner prescribed by section 3319.39 of the Revised Code.

(c) Each sponsor of a community school shall annually verify that a finding for recovery has not been issued by the auditor of state against any individual or individuals who propose to create a community school or any member of the governing authority, the operator, or any employee of each community school with responsibility for fiscal operations or authorization to expend money on behalf of the school.

(3) No person shall serve on the governing authorities of more than five start-up community schools at the same time.

(4)(a) For a community school established under this chapter that is not sponsored by a school district or an educational service center, no present or former member, or immediate relative of a present or former member, of the governing authority shall be an owner, employee, or consultant of the community school's sponsor or operator, unless at least one year has elapsed since the conclusion of the person's membership on the governing authority.

(b) For a community school established under this chapter that is sponsored by a school district or an educational service center, no present or

former member, or immediate relative of a present or former member, of the governing authority shall:

(i) Be an officer of the district board or service center governing board that serves as the community school's sponsor, unless at least one year has elapsed since the conclusion of the person's membership on the governing authority;

(ii) Serve as an employee of, or a consultant for, the department, division, or section of the sponsoring district or service center that is directly responsible for sponsoring community schools, or have supervisory authority over such a department, division, or section, unless at least one year has elapsed since the conclusion of the person's membership on the governing authority.

(5) The governing authority of a start-up or conversion community school may provide by resolution for the compensation of its members. However, no individual who serves on the governing authority of a start-up or conversion community school shall be compensated more than one hundred twenty-five dollars per meeting of that governing authority and no such individual shall be compensated more than a total amount of five thousand dollars per year for all governing authorities upon which the individual serves. Each member of the governing authority may be paid compensation for attendance at an approved training program, provided that such compensation shall not exceed sixty dollars a day for attendance at a training program three hours or less in length and one hundred twenty-five dollars a day for attendance at a training program longer than three hours in length.

(6) No person who is the employee of a school district or educational service center shall serve on the governing authority of any community school sponsored by that school district or service center.

(7) Each member of the governing authority of a community school shall annually file a disclosure statement setting forth the names of any immediate relatives or business associates employed by any of the following within the previous three years:

(a) The sponsor or operator of that community school;

(b) A school district or educational service center that has contracted with that community school;

(c) A vendor that is or has engaged in business with that community school.

(8) No person who is a member of a school district board of education shall serve on the governing authority of any community school.

(F)(1) A new start-up school that is established prior to August 15,

2003, in an urban school district that is not also a big-eight school district may continue to operate after that date and the contract between the school's governing authority and the school's sponsor may be renewed, as provided under this chapter, after that date, but no additional new start-up schools may be established in such a district unless the district is a challenged school district as defined in this section as it exists on and after that date.

(2) A community school that was established prior to June 29, 1999, and is located in a county contiguous to the pilot project area and in a school district that is not a challenged school district may continue to operate after that date, provided the school complies with all provisions of this chapter. The contract between the school's governing authority and the school's sponsor may be renewed, but no additional start-up community school may be established in that district unless the district is a challenged school district.

(3) Any educational service center that, on June 30, 2007, sponsors a community school that is not located in a county within the territory of the service center or in a county contiguous to such county may continue to sponsor that community school on and after June 30, 2007, and may renew its contract with the school. However, the educational service center shall not enter into a contract with any additional community school, unless the governing board of the service center has entered into an agreement with the department authorizing the service center to sponsor a community school in any challenged school district in the state.

Sec. 3314.0211. (A) No community school to which either of the following applies shall be eligible to merge with one or more other community schools under this section:

(1) The school has met the performance criteria for required closure specified in division (A) of section 3314.35 or division (A) of section 3314.351 of the Revised Code for at least one of the two most recent school years.

(2) The school has been notified of the sponsor's intent to terminate or not renew the school's contract pursuant to section 3314.07 of the Revised Code.

(B) Two or more community schools may merge upon the adoption of a resolution by the governing authority of each school involved in the merger. Any merger shall take effect on the first day of July of the year specified in the resolution.

(C) Not less than sixty days prior to the effective date of a merger under division (B) of this section, each community school involved in the merger shall do both of the following:

(1) Provide a copy of the resolution to the school's sponsor;

(2) Notify the department of education of all of the following:

(a) The impending merger;

(b) The effective date of the merger;

(c) The school that will be designated as the surviving school in accordance with section 1702.41 of the Revised Code;

(d) The entity that will sponsor the surviving school.

(D) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Revised Code, the governing authority of the surviving community school shall enter into a new contract with the school's sponsor under section 3314.03 of the Revised Code.

(E) No sponsor shall do either of the following:

(1) Assign the sponsor's existing contract with a merging community school to the sponsor of the surviving community school;

(2) Assume an existing contract from the sponsor of a community school involved in a merger under division (B) of this section.

Division (E) of this section shall not apply to the office of Ohio school sponsorship established under section 3314.029 of the Revised Code.

(F)(1) The department shall issue a report card under section 3302.03 or 3314.017 of the Revised Code for the surviving community school.

(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in division (B) of section 3314.012 of the Revised Code, all report card ratings associated with the surviving school, whether issued before or after the merger, shall be used for purposes of section 3314.35 or 3314.351 of the Revised Code and any other matter that is based on report card ratings or measures.

(G) Nothing in this section shall exempt a community school from closure under section 3314.35 or 3314.351 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3314.03. A copy of every contract entered into under this section shall be filed with the superintendent of public instruction. The department of education shall make available on its web site a copy of every approved, executed contract filed with the superintendent under this section.

(A) Each contract entered into between a sponsor and the governing authority of a community school shall specify the following:

(1) That the school shall be established as either of the following:

(a) A nonprofit corporation established under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code, if established prior to April 8, 2003;

(b) A public benefit corporation established under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code, if established after April 8, 2003.

(2) The education program of the school, including the school's mission, the characteristics of the students the school is expected to attract, the ages

and grades of students, and the focus of the curriculum;

(3) The academic goals to be achieved and the method of measurement that will be used to determine progress toward those goals, which shall include the statewide achievement assessments;

(4) Performance standards, including but not limited to all applicable report card measures set forth in section 3302.03 or 3314.017 of the Revised Code, by which the success of the school will be evaluated by the sponsor;

(5) The admission standards of section 3314.06 of the Revised Code and, if applicable, section 3314.061 of the Revised Code;

(6)(a) Dismissal procedures;

(b) A requirement that the governing authority adopt an attendance policy that includes a procedure for automatically withdrawing a student from the school if the student without a legitimate excuse fails to participate in seventy-two consecutive hours of the learning opportunities offered to the student.

(7) The ways by which the school will achieve racial and ethnic balance reflective of the community it serves;

(8) Requirements for financial audits by the auditor of state. The contract shall require financial records of the school to be maintained in the same manner as are financial records of school districts, pursuant to rules of the auditor of state. Audits shall be conducted in accordance with section 117.10 of the Revised Code.

(9) An addendum to the contract outlining the facilities to be used that contains at least the following information:

(a) A detailed description of each facility used for instructional purposes;

(b) The annual costs associated with leasing each facility that are paid by or on behalf of the school;

(c) The annual mortgage principal and interest payments that are paid by the school;

(d) The name of the lender or landlord, identified as such, and the lender's or landlord's relationship to the operator, if any.

(10) Qualifications of teachers, including a requirement that the school's classroom teachers be licensed in accordance with sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code, except that a community school may engage noncertificated persons to teach up to twelve hours per week pursuant to section 3319.301 of the Revised Code.

(11) That the school will comply with the following requirements:

(a) The school will provide learning opportunities to a minimum of twenty-five students for a minimum of nine hundred twenty hours per

school year.

(b) The governing authority will purchase liability insurance, or otherwise provide for the potential liability of the school.

(c) The school will be nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations, and will not be operated by a sectarian school or religious institution.

(d) The school will comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 109.65, 121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 3301.0710, 3301.0711, 3301.0712, 3301.0715, 3301.0729, 3301.948, 3313.472, 3313.50, 3313.536, 3313.539, 3313.5310, 3313.608, 3313.609, 3313.6012, 3313.6013, 3313.6014, 3313.6015, 3313.6020, 3313.6024, 3313.643, 3313.648, 3313.6411, 3313.66, 3313.661, 3313.662, 3313.666, 3313.667, 3313.668, 3313.67, 3313.671, 3313.672, 3313.673, 3313.69, 3313.71, 3313.716, 3313.718, 3313.719, 3313.7112, 3313.721, 3313.80, 3313.814, 3313.816, 3313.817, 3313.818, 3313.86, 3313.89, 3313.96, 3319.073, ~~3319.074~~, 3319.321, 3319.39, 3319.391, 3319.41, 3319.46, 3321.01, 3321.041, 3321.13, 3321.14, 3321.141, 3321.17, 3321.18, 3321.19, 3321.191, 3327.10, 4111.17, 4113.52, and 5705.391 and Chapters 117., 1347., 2744., 3365., 3742., 4112., 4123., 4141., and 4167. of the Revised Code as if it were a school district and will comply with section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code in the manner specified in section 3314.17 of the Revised Code.

(e) The school shall comply with Chapter 102. and section 2921.42 of the Revised Code.

(f) The school will comply with sections 3313.61, 3313.611, ~~and 3313.614, 3313.617, 3313.618, and 3313.6114~~ of the Revised Code, except that for students who enter ninth grade for the first time before July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 3313.61 and 3313.611 of the Revised Code that a person must successfully complete the curriculum in any high school prior to receiving a high school diploma may be met by completing the curriculum adopted by the governing authority of the community school rather than the curriculum specified in Title XXXIII of the Revised Code or any rules of the state board of education. Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 3313.61 and 3313.611 of the Revised Code that a person must successfully complete the curriculum of a high school prior to receiving a high school diploma shall be met by completing the requirements prescribed in division (C) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code, unless the person qualifies under division (D) or (F) of that section. Each school shall comply with the plan for awarding high school credit based on demonstration of subject area competency, and beginning with the 2017-2018 school year,

with the updated plan that permits students enrolled in seventh and eighth grade to meet curriculum requirements based on subject area competency adopted by the state board of education under divisions (J)(1) and (2) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, the school shall comply with the framework for granting units of high school credit to students who demonstrate subject area competency through work-based learning experiences, internships, or cooperative education developed by the department under division (J)(3) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code.

(g) The school governing authority will submit within four months after the end of each school year a report of its activities and progress in meeting the goals and standards of divisions (A)(3) and (4) of this section and its financial status to the sponsor and the parents of all students enrolled in the school.

(h) The school, unless it is an internet- or computer-based community school, will comply with section 3313.801 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district.

(i) If the school is the recipient of moneys from a grant awarded under the federal race to the top program, Division (A), Title XIV, Sections 14005 and 14006 of the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009," Pub. L. No. 111-5, 123 Stat. 115, the school will pay teachers based upon performance in accordance with section 3317.141 and will comply with section 3319.111 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district.

(j) If the school operates a preschool program that is licensed by the department of education under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code, the school shall comply with sections 3301.50 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and the minimum standards for preschool programs prescribed in rules adopted by the state board under section 3301.53 of the Revised Code.

(k) The school will comply with sections 3313.6021 and 3313.6023 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district unless it is either of the following:

(i) An internet- or computer-based community school;

(ii) A community school in which a majority of the enrolled students are children with disabilities as described in division (A)(4)(b) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code.

(12) Arrangements for providing health and other benefits to employees;

(13) The length of the contract, which shall begin at the beginning of an academic year. No contract shall exceed five years unless such contract has been renewed pursuant to division (E) of this section.

(14) The governing authority of the school, which shall be responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract;

(15) A financial plan detailing an estimated school budget for each year of the period of the contract and specifying the total estimated per pupil expenditure amount for each such year.

(16) Requirements and procedures regarding the disposition of employees of the school in the event the contract is terminated or not renewed pursuant to section 3314.07 of the Revised Code;

(17) Whether the school is to be created by converting all or part of an existing public school or educational service center building or is to be a new start-up school, and if it is a converted public school or service center building, specification of any duties or responsibilities of an employer that the board of education or service center governing board that operated the school or building before conversion is delegating to the governing authority of the community school with respect to all or any specified group of employees provided the delegation is not prohibited by a collective bargaining agreement applicable to such employees;

(18) Provisions establishing procedures for resolving disputes or differences of opinion between the sponsor and the governing authority of the community school;

(19) A provision requiring the governing authority to adopt a policy regarding the admission of students who reside outside the district in which the school is located. That policy shall comply with the admissions procedures specified in sections 3314.06 and 3314.061 of the Revised Code and, at the sole discretion of the authority, shall do one of the following:

(a) Prohibit the enrollment of students who reside outside the district in which the school is located;

(b) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in districts adjacent to the district in which the school is located;

(c) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in any other district in the state.

(20) A provision recognizing the authority of the department of education to take over the sponsorship of the school in accordance with the provisions of division (C) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code;

(21) A provision recognizing the sponsor's authority to assume the operation of a school under the conditions specified in division (B) of section 3314.073 of the Revised Code;

(22) A provision recognizing both of the following:

(a) The authority of public health and safety officials to inspect the facilities of the school and to order the facilities closed if those officials find

that the facilities are not in compliance with health and safety laws and regulations;

(b) The authority of the department of education as the community school oversight body to suspend the operation of the school under section 3314.072 of the Revised Code if the department has evidence of conditions or violations of law at the school that pose an imminent danger to the health and safety of the school's students and employees and the sponsor refuses to take such action.

(23) A description of the learning opportunities that will be offered to students including both classroom-based and non-classroom-based learning opportunities that is in compliance with criteria for student participation established by the department under division (H)(2) of section 3314.08 of the Revised Code;

(24) The school will comply with sections 3302.04 and 3302.041 of the Revised Code, except that any action required to be taken by a school district pursuant to those sections shall be taken by the sponsor of the school. However, the sponsor shall not be required to take any action described in division (F) of section 3302.04 of the Revised Code.

(25) Beginning in the 2006-2007 school year, the school will open for operation not later than the thirtieth day of September each school year, unless the mission of the school as specified under division (A)(2) of this section is solely to serve dropouts. In its initial year of operation, if the school fails to open by the thirtieth day of September, or within one year after the adoption of the contract pursuant to division (D) of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code if the mission of the school is solely to serve dropouts, the contract shall be void.

(26) Whether the school's governing authority is planning to seek designation for the school as a STEM school equivalent under section 3326.032 of the Revised Code;

(27) That the school's attendance and participation policies will be available for public inspection;

(28) That the school's attendance and participation records shall be made available to the department of education, auditor of state, and school's sponsor to the extent permitted under and in accordance with the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, as amended, and any regulations promulgated under that act, and section 3319.321 of the Revised Code;

(29) If a school operates using the blended learning model, as defined in section 3301.079 of the Revised Code, all of the following information:

(a) An indication of what blended learning model or models will be

used;

(b) A description of how student instructional needs will be determined and documented;

(c) The method to be used for determining competency, granting credit, and promoting students to a higher grade level;

(d) The school's attendance requirements, including how the school will document participation in learning opportunities;

(e) A statement describing how student progress will be monitored;

(f) A statement describing how private student data will be protected;

(g) A description of the professional development activities that will be offered to teachers.

(30) A provision requiring that all moneys the school's operator loans to the school, including facilities loans or cash flow assistance, must be accounted for, documented, and bear interest at a fair market rate;

(31) A provision requiring that, if the governing authority contracts with an attorney, accountant, or entity specializing in audits, the attorney, accountant, or entity shall be independent from the operator with which the school has contracted.

(32) A provision requiring the governing authority to adopt an enrollment and attendance policy that requires a student's parent to notify the community school in which the student is enrolled when there is a change in the location of the parent's or student's primary residence.

(33) A provision requiring the governing authority to adopt a student residence and address verification policy for students enrolling in or attending the school.

(B) The community school shall also submit to the sponsor a comprehensive plan for the school. The plan shall specify the following:

(1) The process by which the governing authority of the school will be selected in the future;

(2) The management and administration of the school;

(3) If the community school is a currently existing public school or educational service center building, alternative arrangements for current public school students who choose not to attend the converted school and for teachers who choose not to teach in the school or building after conversion;

(4) The instructional program and educational philosophy of the school;

(5) Internal financial controls.

When submitting the plan under this division, the school shall also submit copies of all policies and procedures regarding internal financial controls adopted by the governing authority of the school.

(C) A contract entered into under section 3314.02 of the Revised Code between a sponsor and the governing authority of a community school may provide for the community school governing authority to make payments to the sponsor, which is hereby authorized to receive such payments as set forth in the contract between the governing authority and the sponsor. The total amount of such payments for monitoring, oversight, and technical assistance of the school shall not exceed three per cent of the total amount of payments for operating expenses that the school receives from the state.

(D) The contract shall specify the duties of the sponsor which shall be in accordance with the written agreement entered into with the department of education under division (B) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code and shall include the following:

(1) Monitor the community school's compliance with all laws applicable to the school and with the terms of the contract;

(2) Monitor and evaluate the academic and fiscal performance and the organization and operation of the community school on at least an annual basis;

(3) Report on an annual basis the results of the evaluation conducted under division (D)(2) of this section to the department of education and to the parents of students enrolled in the community school;

(4) Provide technical assistance to the community school in complying with laws applicable to the school and terms of the contract;

(5) Take steps to intervene in the school's operation to correct problems in the school's overall performance, declare the school to be on probationary status pursuant to section 3314.073 of the Revised Code, suspend the operation of the school pursuant to section 3314.072 of the Revised Code, or terminate the contract of the school pursuant to section 3314.07 of the Revised Code as determined necessary by the sponsor;

(6) Have in place a plan of action to be undertaken in the event the community school experiences financial difficulties or closes prior to the end of a school year.

(E) Upon the expiration of a contract entered into under this section, the sponsor of a community school may, with the approval of the governing authority of the school, renew that contract for a period of time determined by the sponsor, but not ending earlier than the end of any school year, if the sponsor finds that the school's compliance with applicable laws and terms of the contract and the school's progress in meeting the academic goals prescribed in the contract have been satisfactory. Any contract that is renewed under this division remains subject to the provisions of sections 3314.07, 3314.072, and 3314.073 of the Revised Code.

(F) If a community school fails to open for operation within one year after the contract entered into under this section is adopted pursuant to division (D) of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code or permanently closes prior to the expiration of the contract, the contract shall be void and the school shall not enter into a contract with any other sponsor. A school shall not be considered permanently closed because the operations of the school have been suspended pursuant to section 3314.072 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3314.06. The governing authority of each community school established under this chapter shall adopt admission procedures that specify the following:

(A) That, except as otherwise provided in this section, admission to the school shall be open to any individual age five to twenty-two entitled to attend school pursuant to section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code in a school district in the state.

Additionally, except as otherwise provided in this section, admission to the school may be open on a tuition basis to any individual age five to twenty-two who is not a resident of this state. The school shall not receive state funds under section 3314.08 of the Revised Code for any student who is not a resident of this state.

An individual younger than five years of age may be admitted to the school in accordance with division (A)(2) of section 3321.01 of the Revised Code. The school shall receive funds for an individual admitted under that division in the manner provided under section 3314.08 of the Revised Code.

If the school operates a program that uses the Montessori method endorsed by the American Montessori society, the Montessori accreditation council for teacher education, or the association Montessori internationale as its primary method of instruction, admission to the school may be open to individuals younger than five years of age, ~~but~~. The department of education shall pay the school an amount equal to the formula amount, as defined in section 3317.02 of the Revised Code, for each of these students younger than four years of age. However, the school shall not receive any other funds under this chapter for those individuals. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this chapter, individuals younger than five years of age who are enrolled in a Montessori program shall be offered at least four hundred fifty-five hours of learning opportunities per school year.

If the school operates a preschool program that is licensed by the department of education under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code, admission to the school may be open to individuals who are younger than five years of age, but the school shall not receive funds under this chapter for those individuals.

(B)(1) That admission to the school may be limited to students who have attained a specific grade level or are within a specific age group; to students that meet a definition of "at-risk," as defined in the contract; to residents of a specific geographic area within the district, as defined in the contract; or to separate groups of autistic students and nondisabled students, as authorized in section 3314.061 of the Revised Code and as defined in the contract.

(2) For purposes of division (B)(1) of this section, "at-risk" students may include those students identified as gifted students under section 3324.03 of the Revised Code.

(C) Whether enrollment is limited to students who reside in the district in which the school is located or is open to residents of other districts, as provided in the policy adopted pursuant to the contract.

(D)(1) That there will be no discrimination in the admission of students to the school on the basis of race, creed, color, disability, or sex except that:

(a) The governing authority may do either of the following for the purpose described in division (G) of this section:

(i) Establish a single-gender school for either sex;

(ii) Establish single-gender schools for each sex under the same contract, provided substantially equal facilities and learning opportunities are offered for both boys and girls. Such facilities and opportunities may be offered for each sex at separate locations.

(b) The governing authority may establish a school that simultaneously serves a group of students identified as autistic and a group of students who are not disabled, as authorized in section 3314.061 of the Revised Code. However, unless the total capacity established for the school has been filled, no student with any disability shall be denied admission on the basis of that disability.

(2) That upon admission of any student with a disability, the community school will comply with all federal and state laws regarding the education of students with disabilities.

(E) That the school may not limit admission to students on the basis of intellectual ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, or athletic ability, except that a school may limit its enrollment to students as described in division (B) of this section.

(F) That the community school will admit the number of students that does not exceed the capacity of the school's programs, classes, grade levels, or facilities.

(G) That the purpose of single-gender schools that are established shall be to take advantage of the academic benefits some students realize from

single-gender instruction and facilities and to offer students and parents residing in the district the option of a single-gender education.

(H) That, except as otherwise provided under division (B) of this section or section 3314.061 of the Revised Code, if the number of applicants exceeds the capacity restrictions of division (F) of this section, students shall be admitted by lot from all those submitting applications, except preference shall be given to students attending the school the previous year and to students who reside in the district in which the school is located. Preference may be given to siblings of students attending the school the previous year. Preference also may be given to students who are the children of full-time staff members employed by the school, provided the total number of students receiving this preference is less than five per cent of the school's total enrollment.

Notwithstanding divisions (A) to (H) of this section, in the event the racial composition of the enrollment of the community school is violative of a federal desegregation order, the community school shall take any and all corrective measures to comply with the desegregation order.

Sec. 3314.08. (A) As used in this section:

(1)(a) "Category one career-technical education student" means a student who is receiving the career-technical education services described in division (A) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code.

(b) "Category two career-technical student" means a student who is receiving the career-technical education services described in division (B) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code.

(c) "Category three career-technical student" means a student who is receiving the career-technical education services described in division (C) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code.

(d) "Category four career-technical student" means a student who is receiving the career-technical education services described in division (D) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code.

(e) "Category five career-technical education student" means a student who is receiving the career-technical education services described in division (E) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code.

(2)(a) "Category one ~~limited English proficient student~~ learner" means a ~~limited~~ an English ~~proficient student~~ learner described in division (A) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code.

(b) "Category two ~~limited English proficient student~~ learner" means a ~~limited~~ an English ~~proficient student~~ learner described in division (B) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code.

(c) "Category three ~~limited English proficient student~~ learner" means a

~~limited an English proficient student~~ learner described in division (C) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code.

(3)(a) "Category one special education student" means a student who is receiving special education services for a disability specified in division (A) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code.

(b) "Category two special education student" means a student who is receiving special education services for a disability specified in division (B) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code.

(c) "Category three special education student" means a student who is receiving special education services for a disability specified in division (C) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code.

(d) "Category four special education student" means a student who is receiving special education services for a disability specified in division (D) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code.

(e) "Category five special education student" means a student who is receiving special education services for a disability specified in division (E) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code.

(f) "Category six special education student" means a student who is receiving special education services for a disability specified in division (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Formula amount" has the same meaning as in section 3317.02 of the Revised Code.

(5) "IEP" has the same meaning as in section 3323.01 of the Revised Code.

(6) "Resident district" means the school district in which a student is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(7) "State education aid" has the same meaning as in section 5751.20 of the Revised Code.

(B) The state board of education shall adopt rules requiring both of the following:

(1) The board of education of each city, exempted village, and local school district to annually report the number of students entitled to attend school in the district who are enrolled in each grade kindergarten through twelve in a community school established under this chapter, and for each child, the community school in which the child is enrolled.

(2) The governing authority of each community school established under this chapter to annually report all of the following:

(a) The number of students enrolled in grades one through twelve and the full-time equivalent number of students enrolled in kindergarten in the

school who are not receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP;

(b) The number of enrolled students in grades one through twelve and the full-time equivalent number of enrolled students in kindergarten, who are receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP;

(c) The number of students reported under division (B)(2)(b) of this section receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP for a disability described in each of divisions (A) to (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(d) The full-time equivalent number of students reported under divisions (B)(2)(a) and (b) of this section who are enrolled in career-technical education programs or classes described in each of divisions (A) to (E) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code that are provided by the community school;

(e) The number of students reported under divisions (B)(2)(a) and (b) of this section who are not reported under division (B)(2)(d) of this section but who are enrolled in career-technical education programs or classes described in each of divisions (A) to (E) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code at a joint vocational school district or another district in the career-technical planning district to which the school is assigned;

(f) The number of students reported under divisions (B)(2)(a) and (b) of this section who are category one to three ~~limited English proficient students~~ learners described in each of divisions (A) to (C) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code;

(g) The number of students reported under divisions (B)(2)(a) and (b) of this section who are economically disadvantaged, as defined by the department. A student shall not be categorically excluded from the number reported under division (B)(2)(g) of this section based on anything other than family income.

(h) For each student, the city, exempted village, or local school district in which the student is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(i) The number of students enrolled in a preschool program operated by the school that is licensed by the department of education under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code who are not receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP.

A school district board and a community school governing authority shall include in their respective reports under division (B) of this section any child admitted in accordance with division (A)(2) of section 3321.01 of the Revised Code.

A governing authority of a community school shall not include in its report under divisions (B)(2)(a) to (h) of this section any student for whom tuition is charged under division (F) of this section.

(C)(1) Except as provided in division (C)(2) of this section, and subject to divisions (C)(3), (4), (5), (6), and (7) of this section, on a full-time equivalency basis, for each student enrolled in a community school established under this chapter, the department of education annually shall deduct from the state education aid of a student's resident district and, if necessary, from the payment made to the district under sections 321.24 and 323.156 of the Revised Code and pay to the community school the sum of the following:

- (a) An opportunity grant in an amount equal to the formula amount;
- (b) The per pupil amount of targeted assistance funds calculated under division (A) of section 3317.0217 of the Revised Code for the student's resident district, as determined by the department, X 0.25;
- (c) Additional state aid for special education and related services provided under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code as follows:
 - (i) If the student is a category one special education student, the amount specified in division (A) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;
 - (ii) If the student is a category two special education student, the amount specified in division (B) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;
 - (iii) If the student is a category three special education student, the amount specified in division (C) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;
 - (iv) If the student is a category four special education student, the amount specified in division (D) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;
 - (v) If the student is a category five special education student, the amount specified in division (E) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;
 - (vi) If the student is a category six special education student, the amount specified in division (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code.
- (d) If the student is in kindergarten through third grade, an additional amount of \$320;
- (e) If the student is economically disadvantaged, an additional amount equal to the following:
 - \$272 X the resident district's economically disadvantaged index
- (f) ~~Limited English proficiency learner~~ funds as follows:
 - (i) If the student is a category one ~~limited English proficient student learner~~, the amount specified in division (A) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code;
 - (ii) If the student is a category two ~~limited English proficient student learner~~, the amount specified in division (B) of section 3317.016 of the

Revised Code;

(iii) If the student is a category three ~~limited English proficient student~~ learner, the amount specified in division (C) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code.

(g) If the student is reported under division (B)(2)(d) of this section, career-technical education funds as follows:

(i) If the student is a category one career-technical education student, the amount specified in division (A) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code;

(ii) If the student is a category two career-technical education student, the amount specified in division (B) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code;

(iii) If the student is a category three career-technical education student, the amount specified in division (C) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code;

(iv) If the student is a category four career-technical education student, the amount specified in division (D) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code;

(v) If the student is a category five career-technical education student, the amount specified in division (E) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code.

Deduction and payment of funds under division (C)(1)(g) of this section is subject to approval by the lead district of a career-technical planning district or the department of education under section 3317.161 of the Revised Code.

(2) When deducting from the state education aid of a student's resident district for students enrolled in an internet- or computer-based community school and making payments to such school under this section, the department shall make the deductions and payments described in only divisions (C)(1)(a), (c), and (g) of this section.

No deductions or payments shall be made for a student enrolled in such school under division (C)(1)(b), (d), (e), or (f) of this section.

(3)(a) If a community school's costs for a fiscal year for a student receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP for a disability described in divisions (B) to (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code exceed the threshold catastrophic cost for serving the student as specified in division (B) of section 3317.0214 of the Revised Code, the school may submit to the superintendent of public instruction documentation, as prescribed by the superintendent, of all its costs for that student. Upon submission of documentation for a student of the type and in

the manner prescribed, the department shall pay to the community school an amount equal to the school's costs for the student in excess of the threshold catastrophic costs.

(b) The community school shall report under division (C)(3)(a) of this section, and the department shall pay for, only the costs of educational expenses and the related services provided to the student in accordance with the student's individualized education program. Any legal fees, court costs, or other costs associated with any cause of action relating to the student may not be included in the amount.

(4) In any fiscal year, a community school receiving funds under division (C)(1)(g) of this section shall spend those funds only for the purposes that the department designates as approved for career-technical education expenses. Career-technical education expenses approved by the department shall include only expenses connected to the delivery of career-technical programming to career-technical students. The department shall require the school to report data annually so that the department may monitor the school's compliance with the requirements regarding the manner in which funding received under division (C)(1)(g) of this section may be spent.

(5) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 3313.90 of the Revised Code, except as provided in division (C)(9) of this section, all funds received under division (C)(1)(g) of this section shall be spent in the following manner:

(a) At least seventy-five per cent of the funds shall be spent on curriculum development, purchase, and implementation; instructional resources and supplies; industry-based program certification; student assessment, credentialing, and placement; curriculum specific equipment purchases and leases; career-technical student organization fees and expenses; home and agency linkages; work-based learning experiences; professional development; and other costs directly associated with career-technical education programs including development of new programs.

(b) Not more than twenty-five per cent of the funds shall be used for personnel expenditures.

(6) A community school shall spend the funds it receives under division (C)(1)(e) of this section in accordance with section 3317.25 of the Revised Code.

(7) If the sum of the payments computed under divisions (C)(1) and (8)(a) of this section for the students entitled to attend school in a particular school district under sections 3313.64 and 3313.65 of the Revised Code

exceeds the sum of that district's state education aid and its payment under sections 321.24 and 323.156 of the Revised Code, the department shall calculate and apply a proration factor to the payments to all community schools under that division for the students entitled to attend school in that district.

(8)(a) Subject to division (C)(7) of this section, the department annually shall pay to each community school, including each internet- or computer-based community school, an amount equal to the following:

(The number of students reported by the community school under division (B)(2)(e) of this section X the formula amount X .20)

(b) For each payment made to a community school under division (C)(8)(a) of this section, the department shall deduct from the state education aid of each city, local, and exempted village school district and, if necessary, from the payment made to the district under sections 321.24 and 323.156 of the Revised Code an amount equal to the following:

(The number of the district's students reported by the community school under division (B)(2)(e) of this section X the formula amount X .20)

(9) The department may waive the requirement in division (C)(5) of this section for any community school that exclusively provides one or more career-technical workforce development programs in arts and communications that are not equipment-intensive, as determined by the department.

(D) A board of education sponsoring a community school may utilize local funds to make enhancement grants to the school or may agree, either as part of the contract or separately, to provide any specific services to the community school at no cost to the school.

(E) A community school may not levy taxes or issue bonds secured by tax revenues.

(F) No community school shall charge tuition for the enrollment of any student who is a resident of this state. A community school may charge tuition for the enrollment of any student who is not a resident of this state.

(G)(1)(a) A community school may borrow money to pay any necessary and actual expenses of the school in anticipation of the receipt of any portion of the payments to be received by the school pursuant to division (C) of this section. The school may issue notes to evidence such borrowing. The proceeds of the notes shall be used only for the purposes for which the anticipated receipts may be lawfully expended by the school.

(b) A school may also borrow money for a term not to exceed fifteen years for the purpose of acquiring facilities.

(2) Except for any amount guaranteed under section 3318.50 of the

Revised Code, the state is not liable for debt incurred by the governing authority of a community school.

(H) The department of education shall adjust the amounts subtracted and paid under division (C) of this section to reflect any enrollment of students in community schools for less than the equivalent of a full school year. The state board of education within ninety days after April 8, 2003, shall adopt in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code rules governing the payments to community schools under this section including initial payments in a school year and adjustments and reductions made in subsequent periodic payments to community schools and corresponding deductions from school district accounts as provided under division (C) of this section. For purposes of this section:

(1) A student shall be considered enrolled in the community school for any portion of the school year the student is participating at a college under Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code.

(2) A student shall be considered to be enrolled in a community school for the period of time beginning on the later of the date on which the school both has received documentation of the student's enrollment from a parent and the student has commenced participation in learning opportunities as defined in the contract with the sponsor, or thirty days prior to the date on which the student is entered into the education management information system established under section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code. For purposes of applying this division and divisions (H)(3) and (4) of this section to a community school student, "learning opportunities" shall be defined in the contract, which shall describe both classroom-based and non-classroom-based learning opportunities and shall be in compliance with criteria and documentation requirements for student participation which shall be established by the department. Any student's instruction time in non-classroom-based learning opportunities shall be certified by an employee of the community school. A student's enrollment shall be considered to cease on the date on which any of the following occur:

(a) The community school receives documentation from a parent terminating enrollment of the student.

(b) The community school is provided documentation of a student's enrollment in another public or private school.

(c) The community school ceases to offer learning opportunities to the student pursuant to the terms of the contract with the sponsor or the operation of any provision of this chapter.

Except as otherwise specified in this paragraph, beginning in the 2011-2012 school year, any student who completed the prior school year in

an internet- or computer-based community school shall be considered to be enrolled in the same school in the subsequent school year until the student's enrollment has ceased as specified in division (H)(2) of this section. The department shall continue subtracting and paying amounts for the student under division (C) of this section without interruption at the start of the subsequent school year. However, if the student without a legitimate excuse fails to participate in the first seventy-two consecutive hours of learning opportunities offered to the student in that subsequent school year, the student shall be considered not to have re-enrolled in the school for that school year and the department shall recalculate the payments to the school for that school year to account for the fact that the student is not enrolled.

(3) The department shall determine each community school student's percentage of full-time equivalency based on the percentage of learning opportunities offered by the community school to that student, reported either as number of hours or number of days, is of the total learning opportunities offered by the community school to a student who attends for the school's entire school year. However, no internet- or computer-based community school shall be credited for any time a student spends participating in learning opportunities beyond ten hours within any period of twenty-four consecutive hours. Whether it reports hours or days of learning opportunities, each community school shall offer not less than nine hundred twenty hours of learning opportunities during the school year.

(4) With respect to the calculation of full-time equivalency under division (H)(3) of this section, the department shall waive the number of hours or days of learning opportunities not offered to a student because the community school was closed during the school year due to disease epidemic, hazardous weather conditions, law enforcement emergencies, inoperability of school buses or other equipment necessary to the school's operation, damage to a school building, or other temporary circumstances due to utility failure rendering the school building unfit for school use, so long as the school was actually open for instruction with students in attendance during that school year for not less than the minimum number of hours required by this chapter. The department shall treat the school as if it were open for instruction with students in attendance during the hours or days waived under this division.

(I) The department of education shall reduce the amounts paid under this section to reflect payments made to colleges under section 3365.07 of the Revised Code.

(J)(1) No student shall be considered enrolled in any internet- or computer-based community school or, if applicable to the student, in any

community school that is required to provide the student with a computer pursuant to division (C) of section 3314.22 of the Revised Code, unless both of the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) The student possesses or has been provided with all required hardware and software materials and all such materials are operational so that the student is capable of fully participating in the learning opportunities specified in the contract between the school and the school's sponsor as required by division (A)(23) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code;

(b) The school is in compliance with division (A) of section 3314.22 of the Revised Code, relative to such student.

(2) In accordance with policies adopted by the superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with the auditor of state, the department shall reduce the amounts otherwise payable under division (C) of this section to any community school that includes in its program the provision of computer hardware and software materials to any student, if such hardware and software materials have not been delivered, installed, and activated for each such student in a timely manner or other educational materials or services have not been provided according to the contract between the individual community school and its sponsor.

The superintendent of public instruction and the auditor of state shall jointly establish a method for auditing any community school to which this division pertains to ensure compliance with this section.

The superintendent, auditor of state, and the governor shall jointly make recommendations to the general assembly for legislative changes that may be required to assure fiscal and academic accountability for such schools.

(K)(1) If the department determines that a review of a community school's enrollment is necessary, such review shall be completed and written notice of the findings shall be provided to the governing authority of the community school and its sponsor within ninety days of the end of the community school's fiscal year, unless extended for a period not to exceed thirty additional days for one of the following reasons:

(a) The department and the community school mutually agree to the extension.

(b) Delays in data submission caused by either a community school or its sponsor.

(2) If the review results in a finding that additional funding is owed to the school, such payment shall be made within thirty days of the written notice. If the review results in a finding that the community school owes moneys to the state, the following procedure shall apply:

(a) Within ten business days of the receipt of the notice of findings, the

community school may appeal the department's determination to the state board of education or its designee.

(b) The board or its designee shall conduct an informal hearing on the matter within thirty days of receipt of such an appeal and shall issue a decision within fifteen days of the conclusion of the hearing.

(c) If the board has enlisted a designee to conduct the hearing, the designee shall certify its decision to the board. The board may accept the decision of the designee or may reject the decision of the designee and issue its own decision on the matter.

(d) Any decision made by the board under this division is final.

(3) If it is decided that the community school owes moneys to the state, the department shall deduct such amount from the school's future payments in accordance with guidelines issued by the superintendent of public instruction.

(L) The department shall not subtract from a school district's state aid account and shall not pay to a community school under division (C) of this section any amount for any of the following:

(1) Any student who has graduated from the twelfth grade of a public or nonpublic high school;

(2) Any student who is not a resident of the state;

(3) Any student who was enrolled in the community school during the previous school year when assessments were administered under section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code but did not take one or more of the assessments required by that section and was not excused pursuant to division (C)(1) or (3) of that section, unless the superintendent of public instruction grants the student a waiver from the requirement to take the assessment and a parent is not paying tuition for the student pursuant to section 3314.26 of the Revised Code. The superintendent may grant a waiver only for good cause in accordance with rules adopted by the state board of education.

(4) Any student who has attained the age of twenty-two years, except for veterans of the armed services whose attendance was interrupted before completing the recognized twelve-year course of the public schools by reason of induction or enlistment in the armed forces and who apply for enrollment in a community school not later than four years after termination of war or their honorable discharge. If, however, any such veteran elects to enroll in special courses organized for veterans for whom tuition is paid under federal law, or otherwise, the department shall not subtract from a school district's state aid account and shall not pay to a community school under division (C) of this section any amount for that veteran.

Sec. 3314.088. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Base per pupil amount" has the same meaning as in section 3317.0219 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Eligible school district" has the same meaning as in division (C)(1) of section 3317.0219 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Resident district" has the same meaning as in section 3314.08 of the Revised Code.

(B) Subject to division (E) of this section, for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the department of education shall calculate and pay to each community school that is not an internet- or computer-based community school student wellness and success funds, on a full-time equivalency basis, for each student enrolled in the school in the immediately preceding fiscal year in an amount equal to the following:

(The base per pupil amount of the student's resident district for that fiscal year + the scaled amount of the student's resident district, if any, computed under division (B)(4) of section 3317.0219 of the Revised Code)

However, each community school shall receive a minimum payment of \$25,000, for fiscal year 2020, or \$36,000, for fiscal year 2021.

(C) Subject to division (E) of this section, for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the department shall pay student wellness and success funds to each internet- or computer-based community school in an amount equal to \$25,000, for fiscal year 2020, or \$36,000, for fiscal year 2021.

(D) Subject to division (E) of this section, for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the department shall pay to each community school that is not an internet- or computer-based community school student wellness and success enhancement funds, on a full-time equivalency basis, for each student enrolled in the school in the immediately preceding fiscal year whose resident district is an eligible school district, in an amount equal to the following:

The amount paid to the student's resident district under division (C)(2) of section 3317.0219 of the Revised Code for that fiscal year / the enrolled ADM of the student's resident district for the immediately preceding fiscal year

(E) The department shall pay funds under divisions (B), (C), and (D) of this section as follows:

(1) One-half of the amount shall be paid not later than the thirty-first day of October of the fiscal year for which the payment is calculated.

(2) One-half of the amount shall be paid not later than the twenty-eighth day of February of the fiscal year for which the payment is calculated.

Upon making a payment for a fiscal year under this section, the

department shall not make any reconciliations or adjustments to that payment.

(F) A community school that receives a payment under this section shall comply with section 3317.26 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3314.18. (A) Subject to division (C) of this section, the governing authority of each community school shall establish a breakfast program pursuant to the "National School Lunch Act," 60 Stat. 230 (1946), 42 U.S.C. 1751, as amended, and the "Child Nutrition Act of 1966," 80 Stat. 885, 42 U.S.C. 1771, as amended, if at least one-fifth of the pupils in the school are eligible under federal requirements for free breakfasts, and shall establish a lunch program pursuant to those acts if at least one-fifth of the pupils are eligible for free lunches. The governing authority required to establish a breakfast program under this division may make a charge in accordance with federal requirements for each reduced price breakfast or paid breakfast to cover the cost incurred in providing that meal.

A breakfast program established under this section shall be operated in accordance with section 3313.818 of the Revised Code in any community school meeting the conditions prescribed by that section.

(B) Subject to division (C) of this section, the governing authority of each community school shall establish one of the following for summer intervention services described in division (D) of section 3301.0711 or provided under section 3313.608 of the Revised Code, and any other summer intervention program required by law:

(1) An extension of the school breakfast program pursuant to the "National School Lunch Act" and the "Child Nutrition Act of 1966";

(2) An extension of the school lunch program pursuant to those acts;

(3) A summer food service program pursuant to those acts.

(C) If the governing authority of a community school determines that, for financial reasons, it cannot comply with division (A) or (B) of this section, the governing authority may choose not to comply with either or both divisions. In that case, the governing authority shall communicate to the parents of its students, in the manner it determines appropriate, its decision not to comply.

(D) The governing authority of each community school required to establish a school breakfast, school lunch, or summer food service program under this section shall apply for state and federal funds allocated by the state board of education under division (B) of section 3313.813 of the Revised Code and shall comply with the state board's standards adopted under that division.

(E) The governing authority of any community school required to

establish a breakfast program under this section or that elects to participate in a breakfast program pursuant to the "National School Lunch Act" and the "Child Nutrition Act of 1966" may offer breakfast to pupils in their classrooms during the school day. However, any community school that is subject to section 3313.818 of the Revised Code shall offer breakfast to pupils in accordance with that section.

(F) Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, in each fiscal year in which the general assembly appropriates funds for purposes of this division, the governing authority of each community school required to establish a breakfast program under this section or that elects to participate in a breakfast program pursuant to the "National School Lunch Act" and the "Child Nutrition Act of 1966" shall provide a breakfast free of charge to each pupil who is eligible under federal requirements for a reduced price breakfast.

(G) This section does not apply to internet- or computer-based community schools.

Sec. 3314.19. The sponsor of each community school ~~annually~~ shall provide the following assurances in writing to the department of education not later than ten business days prior to the opening of the ~~school~~ school's first year of operation or, if the school is not an internet- or computer-based community school and it changes the building from which it operates, the opening of the first year it operates from the new building:

(A) That a current copy of the contract between the sponsor and the governing authority of the school entered into under section 3314.03 of the Revised Code has been filed with the department and that any subsequent modifications to that contract will be filed with the department;

(B) That the school has submitted to the sponsor a plan for providing special education and related services to students with disabilities and has demonstrated the capacity to provide those services in accordance with Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code and federal law;

(C) That the school has a plan and procedures for administering the achievement and diagnostic assessments prescribed by sections 3301.0710, 3301.0712, and 3301.0715 of the Revised Code;

(D) That school personnel have the necessary training, knowledge, and resources to properly use and submit information to all databases maintained by the department for the collection of education data, including the education management information system established under section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code in accordance with methods and timelines established under section 3314.17 of the Revised Code;

(E) That all required information about the school has been submitted to

the Ohio education directory system or any successor system;

(F) That the school will enroll at least the minimum number of students required by division (A)(11)(a) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code in the school year for which the assurances are provided;

(G) That all classroom teachers are licensed in accordance with sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code, except for noncertificated persons engaged to teach up to twelve hours per week pursuant to section 3319.301 of the Revised Code;

(H) That the school's fiscal officer is in compliance with section 3314.011 of the Revised Code;

(I) That the school has complied with sections 3319.39 and 3319.391 of the Revised Code with respect to all employees and that the school has conducted a criminal records check of each of its governing authority members;

(J) That the school holds all of the following:

(1) Proof of property ownership or a lease for the facilities used by the school;

(2) A certificate of occupancy;

(3) Liability insurance for the school, as required by division (A)(11)(b) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code, that the sponsor considers sufficient to indemnify the school's facilities, staff, and governing authority against risk;

(4) A satisfactory health and safety inspection;

(5) A satisfactory fire inspection;

(6) A valid food permit, if applicable.

(K) That the sponsor has conducted a pre-opening site visit to the school for the school year for which the assurances are provided;

(L) That the school has designated a date it will open for the school year for which the assurances are provided that is in compliance with division (A)(25) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code;

(M) That the school has met all of the sponsor's requirements for opening and any other requirements of the sponsor.

(N) That, for any school that operates using the blended learning model, as defined in section 3301.079 of the Revised Code, the sponsor has reviewed the following information, submitted by the school:

(1) An indication of what blended learning model or models will be used;

(2) A description of how student instructional needs will be determined and documented;

(3) The method to be used for determining competency, granting credit,

and promoting students to a higher grade level;

(4) The school's attendance requirements, including how the school will document participation in learning opportunities;

(5) A statement describing how student progress will be monitored;

(6) A statement describing how private student data will be protected;

(7) A description of the professional development activities that will be offered to teachers.

Sec. 3314.21. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Harmful to juveniles" has the same meaning as in section 2907.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Obscene" has the same meaning as in division (F) of section 2907.01 of the Revised Code as that division has been construed by the supreme court of this state.

(3) "Teacher of record" means a teacher who is responsible for the overall academic development and achievement of a student and not merely the student's instruction in any single subject.

~~(B)(4) It~~ (1) It is the intent of the general assembly that teachers employed by internet- or computer-based community schools conduct visits with their students in person throughout the school year.

(2) Each internet- or computer-based community school shall retain an affiliation with at least one full-time teacher of record licensed in accordance with division (A)(10) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code.

(3) Each student enrolled in an internet- or computer-based community school shall be assigned to at least one teacher of record. No teacher of record shall be primarily responsible for the academic development and achievement of more than one hundred twenty-five students enrolled in the internet- or computer-based community school that has retained that teacher.

(C) For any internet- or computer-based community school, the contract between the sponsor and the governing authority of the school described in section 3314.03 of the Revised Code shall specify each of the following:

(1) A requirement that the school use a filtering device or install filtering software that protects against internet access to materials that are obscene or harmful to juveniles on each computer provided to students for instructional use. The school shall provide such device or software at no cost to any student who works primarily from the student's residence on a computer obtained from a source other than the school.

(2) A plan for fulfilling the intent of the general assembly specified in division (B)(1) of this section. The plan shall indicate the number of times teachers will visit each student throughout the school year and the manner in which those visits will be conducted.

(3) That the school will set up a central base of operation and the sponsor will maintain a representative within fifty miles of that base of operation to provide monitoring and assistance.

(D)(1) Annually, each internet- or computer-based community school shall prepare and submit to the department of education, in a time and manner prescribed by the department, a report that contains information about all of the following:

(a) Classroom size;

(b) The ratio of teachers to students per classroom;

(c) The number of student-teacher meetings conducted in person or by video conference;

(d) Any other information determined necessary by the department.

(2) The department annually shall prepare and submit to the state board of education a report that contains the information received under division (D)(1) of this section.

Sec. 3314.35. (A)(1) Except as provided in division (A)(4) of this section, this section applies to any community school that meets one of the following criteria after July 1, 2009, but before July 1, 2011:

(a) The school does not offer a grade level higher than three and has been declared to be in a state of academic emergency under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for three of the four most recent school years.

(b) The school satisfies all of the following conditions:

(i) The school offers any of grade levels four to eight but does not offer a grade level higher than nine.

(ii) The school has been declared to be in a state of academic emergency under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for two of the three most recent school years.

(iii) In at least two of the three most recent school years, the school showed less than one standard year of academic growth in either reading or mathematics, as determined by the department of education in accordance with rules adopted under division (A) of section 3302.021 of the Revised Code.

(c) The school offers any of grade levels ten to twelve and has been declared to be in a state of academic emergency under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for three of the four most recent school years.

(2) Except as provided in division (A)(4) of this section, this section applies to any community school that meets one of the following criteria after July 1, 2011, but before July 1, 2013:

(a) The school does not offer a grade level higher than three and has been declared to be in a state of academic emergency under section 3302.03

of the Revised Code for two of the three most recent school years.

(b) The school satisfies all of the following conditions:

(i) The school offers any of grade levels four to eight but does not offer a grade level higher than nine.

(ii) The school has been declared to be in a state of academic emergency under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for two of the three most recent school years.

(iii) In at least two of the three most recent school years, the school showed less than one standard year of academic growth in either reading or mathematics, as determined by the department in accordance with rules adopted under division (A) of section 3302.021 of the Revised Code.

(c) The school offers any of grade levels ten to twelve and has been declared to be in a state of academic emergency under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for two of the three most recent school years.

(3) Except as provided in division (A)(4) of this section, this section applies to any community school that meets one of the following criteria on or after July 1, 2013:

(a) The school does not offer a grade level higher than three and, for ~~two~~ ~~of~~ the three most recent school years, satisfies any of the following criteria:

(i) The school has been declared to be in a state of academic emergency under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code, as it existed prior to March 22, 2013;

(ii) The school has received a grade of "F" in improving literacy in grades kindergarten through three under division (B)(1)(g) or (C)(1)(g) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code;

(iii) The school has received an overall grade of "F" under division (C) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code.

(b) The school offers any of grade levels four to eight but does not offer a grade level higher than nine and, for ~~two~~ ~~of~~ the three most recent school years, satisfies any of the following criteria:

(i) The school has been declared to be in a state of academic emergency under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code, as it existed prior to March 22, 2013, and the school showed less than one standard year of academic growth in either reading or mathematics, as determined by the department in accordance with rules adopted under division (A) of section 3302.021 of the Revised Code;

(ii) The school has received a grade of "F" for the performance index score under division (A)(1)(b), (B)(1)(b), or (C)(1)(b) and a grade of "F" for the value-added progress dimension under division (A)(1)(e), (B)(1)(e), or (C)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code;

(iii) The school has received an overall grade of "F" under division (C) and a grade of "F" for the value-added progress dimension under division (C)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code.

(c) The school offers any of grade levels ten to twelve and, for ~~two of~~ the three most recent school years, satisfies any of the following criteria:

(i) The school has been declared to be in a state of academic emergency under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code, as it existed prior to March 22, 2013;

(ii) The school has received a grade of "F" for the performance index score under division (A)(1)(b), (B)(1)(b), or (C)(1)(b) and has not met annual measurable objectives under division (A)(1)(a), (B)(1)(a), or (C)(1)(a) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code;

(iii) The school has received an overall grade of "F" under division (C) and a grade of "F" for the value-added progress dimension under division (C)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code.

For purposes of division (A)(3) of this section only, the department of education shall calculate the value-added progress dimension for a community school using assessment scores for only those students to whom the school has administered the achievement assessments prescribed by section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code for at least the two most recent school years but using value-added data from only the most recent school year.

(4) This section does not apply to either of the following:

(a) Any community school in which a majority of the students are enrolled in a dropout prevention and recovery program that is operated by the school. Rather, such schools shall be subject to closure only as provided in section 3314.351 of the Revised Code. However, prior to July 1, 2014, a community school in which a majority of the students are enrolled in a dropout prevention and recovery program shall be exempt from this section only if it has been granted a waiver under section 3314.36 of the Revised Code.

(b) Any community school in which a majority of the enrolled students are children with disabilities receiving special education and related services in accordance with Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code.

(B) Any community school to which this section applies shall permanently close at the conclusion of the school year in which the school first becomes subject to this section. The sponsor and governing authority of the school shall comply with all procedures for closing a community school adopted by the department under division (E) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code. The governing authority of the school shall not enter into a

contract with any other sponsor under section 3314.03 of the Revised Code after the school closes.

(C) In accordance with division (B) of section 3314.012 of the Revised Code, the department shall not consider the performance ratings assigned to a community school for its first two years of operation when determining whether the school meets the criteria prescribed by division (A)(1) or (2) of this section.

(D) Nothing in this section or in any other provision of the Revised Code prohibits the sponsor of a community school from exercising its option not to renew a contract for any reason or from terminating a contract prior to its expiration for any of the reasons set forth in section 3314.07 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3314.351. (A) This section applies to any community school in which a majority of the students are enrolled in a dropout prevention and recovery program. ~~Beginning on or after July 1, 2014~~ Except as provided in division (F) of this section, any such community school that has received a designation of "does not meet standards," as described in division (D)(1) of section 3314.017 of the Revised Code on the report card issued under that section, for ~~at least two of~~ the three most recent school years shall be subject to closure in accordance with this section.

(B) Not later than the first day of September in each school year, the department of education shall notify each school subject to closure under this section that the school must close not later than the thirtieth day of the following June.

A school so notified shall close as required.

(C) A school that opens on or after July 1, 2014, shall not be subject to closure under this section for its first two years of operation. A school that is in operation prior to July 1, 2014, shall not be subject to closure under this section until after August 31, 2016.

(D) The sponsor and governing authority of the school shall comply with all procedures for closing a community school adopted by the department under division (E) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code. The governing authority of the school shall not enter into a contract with any other sponsor under section 3314.03 of the Revised Code after the school closes.

(E) Nothing in this section or in any other provision of the Revised Code prohibits the sponsor of a community school from exercising its option not to renew a contract for any reason or from terminating a contract prior to its expiration for any of the reasons set forth in section 3314.07 of the Revised Code.

(F) Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, no school shall be subject to closure under this section based on the report card issued for that school for the 2017-2018 or 2018-2019 school year if the school received an overall rating of "meets standards" or "exceeds standards" for the 2017-2018 or 2018-2019 school year pursuant to division (I) of section 3314.017 of the Revised Code. However, no school permanently closed under this section prior to the 2019-2020 school year shall be eligible to reopen based on the calculated or recalculated ratings under division (I) of section 3314.017 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3314.353. Not later than the thirty-first day of August each year, the department of education shall publish separate lists of the following:

(A) Community schools that have become subject to permanent closure under section 3314.35 or 3314.351 of the Revised Code;

(B) Community schools that are at risk of becoming subject to permanent closure under section 3314.35 or 3314.351 of the Revised Code if their academic performance, as prescribed in those sections, does not improve on the next state report cards issued under section 3302.03 or 3314.017 of the Revised Code;

(C) All "challenged school districts" in which new start-up community schools may be located, as prescribed in section 3314.02 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3314.354. Not later than the thirty-first day of July of each year, the department of education shall submit preliminary data on community schools at risk of becoming subject to permanent closure under section 3314.35 or 3314.351 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3317.016. The amounts for ~~limited English proficient students~~ learners shall be as follows:

(A) An amount of \$1,515 for each student who has been enrolled in schools in the United States for 180 school days or less and was not previously exempted from taking the spring administration of either of the state's English language arts assessments prescribed by section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code (reading or writing).

(B) An amount of \$1,136 for each student who has been enrolled in schools in the United States for more than 180 school days or was previously exempted from taking the spring administration of either of the state's English language arts assessments prescribed by section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code (reading or writing).

(C) An amount of \$758 for each student who does not qualify for inclusion under division (A) or (B) of this section and is in a trial-mainstream period, as defined by the department.

Sec. 3317.02. As used in this chapter:

(A)(1) "Category one career-technical education ADM" means the enrollment of students during the school year on a full-time equivalency basis in career-technical education programs described in division (A) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code and certified under division (B)(11) or (D)(2)(h) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Category two career-technical education ADM" means the enrollment of students during the school year on a full-time equivalency basis in career-technical education programs described in division (B) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code and certified under division (B)(12) or (D)(2)(i) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Category three career-technical education ADM" means the enrollment of students during the school year on a full-time equivalency basis in career-technical education programs described in division (C) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code and certified under division (B)(13) or (D)(2)(j) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Category four career-technical education ADM" means the enrollment of students during the school year on a full-time equivalency basis in career-technical education programs described in division (D) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code and certified under division (B)(14) or (D)(2)(k) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(5) "Category five career-technical education ADM" means the enrollment of students during the school year on a full-time equivalency basis in career-technical education programs described in division (E) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code and certified under division (B)(15) or (D)(2)(l) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) "Category one ~~limited~~ English ~~proficient~~ learner ADM" means the full-time equivalent number of ~~limited~~ English ~~proficient~~ learners described in division (A) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code and certified under division (B)(16) or (D)(2)(m) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Category two ~~limited~~ English ~~proficient~~ learner ADM" means the full-time equivalent number of ~~limited~~ English ~~proficient~~ learners described in division (B) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code and certified under division (B)(17) or (D)(2)(n) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Category three ~~limited~~ English ~~proficient~~ learner ADM" means the full-time equivalent number of ~~limited~~ English ~~proficient~~ learners described in division (C) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code and certified under division (B)(18) or (D)(2)(o) of section 3317.03 of the

Revised Code.

(C)(1) "Category one special education ADM" means the full-time equivalent number of children with disabilities receiving special education services for the disability specified in division (A) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code and certified under division (B)(5) or (D)(2)(b) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Category two special education ADM" means the full-time equivalent number of children with disabilities receiving special education services for those disabilities specified in division (B) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code and certified under division (B)(6) or (D)(2)(c) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Category three special education ADM" means the full-time equivalent number of students receiving special education services for those disabilities specified in division (C) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, and certified under division (B)(7) or (D)(2)(d) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Category four special education ADM" means the full-time equivalent number of students receiving special education services for those disabilities specified in division (D) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code and certified under division (B)(8) or (D)(2)(e) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(5) "Category five special education ADM" means the full-time equivalent number of students receiving special education services for the disabilities specified in division (E) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code and certified under division (B)(9) or (D)(2)(f) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(6) "Category six special education ADM" means the full-time equivalent number of students receiving special education services for the disabilities specified in division (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code and certified under division (B)(10) or (D)(2)(g) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Economically disadvantaged index for a school district" means the square of the quotient of that district's percentage of students in its total ADM who are identified as economically disadvantaged as defined by the department of education, divided by the percentage of students in the statewide total ADM identified as economically disadvantaged. For purposes of this calculation:

(1) For a city, local, or exempted village school district, the "statewide total ADM" equals the sum of the total ADM for all city, local, and exempted village school districts combined.

(2) For a joint vocational school district, the "statewide total ADM" equals the sum of the formula ADM for all joint vocational school districts combined.

(E)(1) "Formula ADM" means, for a city, local, or exempted village school district, the enrollment reported under division (A) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code, as verified by the superintendent of public instruction and adjusted if so ordered under division (K) of that section, and as further adjusted by the department of education, as follows:

(a) Count only twenty per cent of the number of joint vocational school district students counted under division (A)(3) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code;

(b) Add twenty per cent of the number of students who are entitled to attend school in the district under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code and are enrolled in another school district under a career-technical education compact.

(2) "Formula ADM" means, for a joint vocational school district, the final number verified by the superintendent of public instruction, based on the enrollment reported and certified under division (D) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code, as adjusted, if so ordered, under division (K) of that section.

(F) "Formula amount" means \$6,010, for fiscal year 2018, and \$6,020, for fiscal year 2019.

(G) "FTE basis" means a count of students based on full-time equivalency, in accordance with rules adopted by the department of education pursuant to section 3317.03 of the Revised Code. In adopting its rules under this division, the department shall provide for counting any student in category one, two, three, four, five, or six special education ADM or in category one, two, three, four, or five career-technical education ADM in the same proportion the student is counted in formula ADM.

(H) "Internet- or computer-based community school" has the same meaning as in section 3314.02 of the Revised Code.

(I) "Medically fragile child" means a child to whom all of the following apply:

(1) The child requires the services of a doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine at least once a week due to the instability of the child's medical condition.

(2) The child requires the services of a registered nurse on a daily basis.

(3) The child is at risk of institutionalization in a hospital, skilled nursing facility, or intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

(J)(1) A child may be identified as having an "other health impairment-major" if the child's condition meets the definition of "other health impaired" established in rules previously adopted by the state board of education and if either of the following apply:

(a) The child is identified as having a medical condition that is among those listed by the superintendent of public instruction as conditions where a substantial majority of cases fall within the definition of "medically fragile child."

(b) The child is determined by the superintendent of public instruction to be a medically fragile child. A school district superintendent may petition the superintendent of public instruction for a determination that a child is a medically fragile child.

(2) A child may be identified as having an "other health impairment-minor" if the child's condition meets the definition of "other health impaired" established in rules previously adopted by the state board of education but the child's condition does not meet either of the conditions specified in division (J)(1)(a) or (b) of this section.

(K) "Preschool child with a disability" means a child with a disability, as defined in section 3323.01 of the Revised Code, who is at least age three but is not of compulsory school age, as defined in section 3321.01 of the Revised Code, and who is not currently enrolled in kindergarten.

(L) "Preschool scholarship ADM" means the number of preschool children with disabilities certified under division (B)(3)(h) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(M) "Related services" includes:

(1) Child study, special education supervisors and coordinators, speech and hearing services, adaptive physical development services, occupational or physical therapy, teacher assistants for children with disabilities whose disabilities are described in division (B) of section 3317.013 or division (B)(3) of this section, behavioral intervention, interpreter services, work study, nursing services, and specialized integrative services as those terms are defined by the department;

(2) Speech and language services provided to any student with a disability, including any student whose primary or only disability is a speech and language disability;

(3) Any related service not specifically covered by other state funds but specified in federal law, including but not limited to, audiology and school psychological services;

(4) Any service included in units funded under former division (O)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code;

(5) Any other related service needed by children with disabilities in accordance with their individualized education programs.

(N) "School district," unless otherwise specified, means city, local, and exempted village school districts.

(O) "State education aid" has the same meaning as in section 5751.20 of the Revised Code.

(P) "State share index" means the state share index calculated for a district under section 3317.017 of the Revised Code.

(Q) "Taxes charged and payable" means the taxes charged and payable against real and public utility property after making the reduction required by section 319.301 of the Revised Code, plus the taxes levied against tangible personal property.

(R)(1) For purposes of section 3317.017 of the Revised Code, "three-year average valuation" means the average of total taxable value for tax years 2014, 2015, and 2016.

(2) For purposes of sections 3317.0217, 3317.0218, and 3317.16 of the Revised Code, "three-year average valuation" means the following:

(a) For fiscal year 2018, the average of total taxable value for tax years 2014, 2015, and 2016;

(b) For fiscal year 2019, the average of total taxable value for tax years 2015, 2016, and 2017.

(S) "Total ADM" means, for a city, local, or exempted village school district, the enrollment reported under division (A) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code, as verified by the superintendent of public instruction and adjusted if so ordered under division (K) of that section.

(T) "Total special education ADM" means the sum of categories one through six special education ADM.

(U) "Total taxable value" means the sum of the amounts certified for a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district under divisions (A)(1) and (2) of section 3317.021 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3317.022. (A) The department of education shall compute and distribute state core foundation funding to each eligible school district for the fiscal year, using the information obtained under section 3317.021 of the Revised Code in the calendar year in which the fiscal year begins, as prescribed in the following divisions:

(1) An opportunity grant calculated according to the following formula:

The formula amount X (formula ADM + preschool scholarship ADM)
X the district's state share index

(2) Targeted assistance funds calculated under divisions (A) and (B) of section 3317.0217 of the Revised Code;

(3) Additional state aid for special education and related services provided under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code calculated as the sum of the following:

(a) The district's category one special education ADM X the amount specified in division (A) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code X the district's state share index;

(b) The district's category two special education ADM X the amount specified in division (B) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code X the district's state share index;

(c) The district's category three special education ADM X the amount specified in division (C) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code X the district's state share index;

(d) The district's category four special education ADM X the amount specified in division (D) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code X the district's state share index;

(e) The district's category five special education ADM X the amount specified in division (E) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code X the district's state share index;

(f) The district's category six special education ADM X the amount specified in division (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code X the district's state share index.

(4) Kindergarten through third grade literacy funds calculated according to the following formula:

$(\$193 \times \text{formula ADM for grades kindergarten through three} \times \text{the district's state share index}) + (\$127 \times \text{formula ADM for grades kindergarten through three})$

For purposes of this calculation, the department shall subtract from a district's formula ADM for grades kindergarten through three the number of students reported under division (B)(3)(e) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code as enrolled in an internet- or computer-based community school who are in grades kindergarten through three.

(5) Economically disadvantaged funds calculated according to the following formula:

$\$272 \times (\text{the district's economically disadvantaged index}) \times \text{the number of students who are economically disadvantaged as certified under division (B)(21) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code}$

(6) ~~Limited English proficiency learner~~ limited English proficient learner funds calculated as the sum of the following:

(a) The district's category one ~~limited English proficiency learner~~ limited English proficient learner ADM X the amount specified in division (A) of section 3317.016 of the Revised

Code X the district's state share index;

(b) The district's category two ~~limited~~ English ~~proficient~~ learner ADM X the amount specified in division (B) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code X the district's state share index;

(c) The district's category three ~~limited~~ English ~~proficient~~ learner ADM X the amount specified in division (C) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code X the district's state share index.

(7)(a) Gifted identification funds calculated according to the following formula:

\$5.05 X the district's formula ADM

(b) Gifted unit funding calculated under section 3317.051 of the Revised Code.

(8) Career-technical education funds calculated as the sum of the following:

(a) The district's category one career-technical education ADM X the amount specified in division (A) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code X the district's state share index;

(b) The district's category two career-technical education ADM X the amount specified in division (B) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code X the district's state share index;

(c) The district's category three career-technical education ADM X the amount specified in division (C) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code X the district's state share index;

(d) The district's category four career-technical education ADM X the amount specified in division (D) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code X the district's state share index;

(e) The district's category five career-technical education ADM X the amount specified in division (E) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code X the district's state share index.

Payment of funds under division (A)(8) of this section is subject to approval under section 3317.161 of the Revised Code.

(9) Career-technical education associated services funds calculated according to the following formula:

The district's state share index X the amount for career-technical education associated services specified in section 3317.014 of the Revised Code X the sum of categories one through five career-technical education ADM

(10) Capacity aid funds calculated under section 3317.0218 of the Revised Code;

(11) A graduation bonus calculated under section 3317.0215 of the Revised Code;

(12) A third-grade reading bonus calculated under section 3317.0216 of the Revised Code.

(B) In any fiscal year, a school district shall spend for purposes that the department designates as approved for special education and related services expenses at least the amount calculated as follows:

(The formula amount X the total special education ADM) + (the district's category one special education ADM X the amount specified in division (A) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code) + (the district's category two special education ADM X the amount specified in division (B) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code) + (the district's category three special education ADM X the amount specified in division (C) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code) + (the district's category four special education ADM X the amount specified in division (D) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code) + (the district's category five special education ADM X the amount specified in division (E) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code) + (the district's category six special education ADM X the amount specified in division (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code)

The purposes approved by the department for special education expenses shall include, but shall not be limited to, identification of children with disabilities, compliance with state rules governing the education of children with disabilities and prescribing the continuum of program options for children with disabilities, provision of speech language pathology services, and the portion of the school district's overall administrative and overhead costs that are attributable to the district's special education student population.

The scholarships deducted from the school district's account under sections 3310.41 and 3310.55 of the Revised Code shall be considered to be an approved special education and related services expense for the purpose of the school district's compliance with this division.

(C) In any fiscal year, a school district receiving funds under division (A)(8) of this section shall spend those funds only for the purposes that the department designates as approved for career-technical education expenses. Career-technical education expenses approved by the department shall include only expenses connected to the delivery of career-technical programming to career-technical students. The department shall require the school district to report data annually so that the department may monitor the district's compliance with the requirements regarding the manner in which funding received under division (A)(8) of this section may be spent.

(D) In any fiscal year, a school district receiving funds under division (A)(9) of this section, or through a transfer of funds pursuant to division (I)

of section 3317.023 of the Revised Code, shall spend those funds only for the purposes that the department designates as approved for career-technical education associated services expenses, which may include such purposes as apprenticeship coordinators, coordinators for other career-technical education services, career-technical evaluation, and other purposes designated by the department. The department may deny payment under division (A)(9) of this section to any district that the department determines is not operating those services or is using funds paid under division (A)(9) of this section, or through a transfer of funds pursuant to division (I) of section 3317.023 of the Revised Code, for other purposes.

(E) All funds received under division (A)(8) of this section shall be spent in the following manner:

(1) At least seventy-five per cent of the funds shall be spent on curriculum development, purchase, and implementation; instructional resources and supplies; industry-based program certification; student assessment, credentialing, and placement; curriculum specific equipment purchases and leases; career-technical student organization fees and expenses; home and agency linkages; work-based learning experiences; professional development; and other costs directly associated with career-technical education programs including development of new programs.

(2) Not more than twenty-five per cent of the funds shall be used for personnel expenditures.

(F) A school district shall spend the funds it receives under division (A)(5) of this section in accordance with section 3317.25 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3317.023. (A) The amounts required to be paid to a district under this chapter shall be adjusted by the amount of the computations made under divisions (B) to (K) of this section.

As used in this section:

(1) "Career-technical planning district" or "CTPD" means a school district or group of school districts designated by the department of education as being responsible for the planning for and provision of career-technical education services to students within the district or group. A community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code or a STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code that is serving students in any of grades seven through twelve shall be assigned to a career-technical planning district by the department.

(2) "Lead district" means a school district, including a joint vocational school district, designated by the department as a CTPD, or designated to

provide primary career-technical education leadership within a CTPD composed of a group of districts, community schools assigned to the CTPD, and STEM schools assigned to the CTPD.

(B) If a local, city, or exempted village school district to which a governing board of an educational service center provides services pursuant to an agreement entered into under section 3313.843 of the Revised Code, deduct the amount of the payment required for the reimbursement of the governing board under that section.

(C)(1) If the district is required to pay to or entitled to receive tuition from another school district under division (C)(2) or (3) of section 3313.64 or section 3313.65 of the Revised Code, or if the superintendent of public instruction is required to determine the correct amount of tuition and make a deduction or credit under section 3317.08 of the Revised Code, deduct and credit such amounts as provided in division (J) of section 3313.64 or section 3317.08 of the Revised Code.

(2) For each child for whom the district is responsible for tuition or payment under division (A)(1) of section 3317.082 or section 3323.091 of the Revised Code, deduct the amount of tuition or payment for which the district is responsible.

(D) If the district has been certified by the superintendent of public instruction under section 3313.90 of the Revised Code as not in compliance with the requirements of that section, deduct an amount equal to ten per cent of the amount computed for the district under this chapter.

(E) If the district has received a loan from a commercial lending institution for which payments are made by the superintendent of public instruction pursuant to division (E)(3) of section 3313.483 of the Revised Code, deduct an amount equal to such payments.

(F)(1) If the district is a party to an agreement entered into under division (D), (E), or (F) of section 3311.06 or division (B) of section 3311.24 of the Revised Code and is obligated to make payments to another district under such an agreement, deduct an amount equal to such payments if the district school board notifies the department in writing that it wishes to have such payments deducted.

(2) If the district is entitled to receive payments from another district that has notified the department to deduct such payments under division (F)(1) of this section, add the amount of such payments.

(G) If the district is required to pay an amount of funds to a cooperative education district pursuant to a provision described by division (B)(4) of section 3311.52 or division (B)(8) of section 3311.521 of the Revised Code, deduct such amounts as provided under that provision and credit those

amounts to the cooperative education district for payment to the district under division (B)(1) of section 3317.19 of the Revised Code.

(H)(1) If a district is educating a student entitled to attend school in another district pursuant to a shared education contract, compact, or cooperative education agreement other than an agreement entered into pursuant to section 3313.842 of the Revised Code, credit to that educating district on an FTE basis both of the following:

(a) An amount equal to the formula amount.

(b) Any amount applicable to the student pursuant to section 3317.013 or 3317.014 of the Revised Code.

(2) Deduct any amount credited pursuant to division (H)(1) of this section from amounts paid to the school district in which the student is entitled to attend school pursuant to section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(3) If the district is required by a shared education contract, compact, or cooperative education agreement to make payments to an educational service center, deduct the amounts from payments to the district and add them to the amounts paid to the service center ~~pursuant to section 3317.11 of the Revised Code.~~

(I)(1) If a district, including a joint vocational school district, is a lead district of a CTPD, credit to that district the amount calculated for each school district within that CTPD under division (A)(9) of section 3317.022 of the Revised Code or division (A)(6) of section 3317.16 of the Revised Code, as applicable.

(2) Deduct from each appropriate district that is not a lead district, the amount attributable to that district that is credited to a lead district under division (I)(1) of this section.

(J) If the department pays a joint vocational school district under division (C)(3) of section 3317.16 of the Revised Code for excess costs of providing special education and related services to a student with a disability, as calculated under division (C)(1) of that section, the department shall deduct the amount of that payment from the city, local, or exempted village school district that is responsible as specified in that section for the excess costs.

(K)(1) If the district reports an amount of excess cost for special education services for a child under division (C) of section 3323.14 of the Revised Code, the department shall pay that amount to the district.

(2) If the district reports an amount of excess cost for special education services for a child under division (C) of section 3323.14 of the Revised Code, the department shall deduct that amount from the district of residence

of that child.

Sec. 3317.028. (A) On or before May 15, 2007, and the fifteenth day of May in each calendar year thereafter, the tax commissioner shall determine for each school district whether the taxable value of all utility tangible personal property subject to taxation by the district in the preceding tax year was less ~~or greater~~ than the taxable value of such property during the second preceding tax year. If any decrease exceeds ten per cent of the district's tangible personal property taxable value included in the total taxable value used in the district's state aid computation for the fiscal year that ends in the current calendar year, ~~or if any increase exceeds ten per cent of the district's total taxable value used in the district's state education aid computation for the fiscal year that ends in the current calendar year~~, the tax commissioner shall certify all of the following to the department of education and the office of budget and management:

(1) The district's total taxable value for the preceding tax year;

(2) The ~~decrease or increase~~ change in taxes charged and payable on the district's total taxable value for the preceding tax year and the second preceding tax year;

(3) The taxable value of the utility tangible personal property ~~increase or decrease~~, which shall be considered a change in valuation;

(4) The ~~decrease or increase~~ change in taxes charged and payable on such change in taxable value calculated in the same manner as in division (A)(3) of section 3317.021 of the Revised Code.

~~(B)(4)~~ Upon receipt of a certification specified in this section, the department of education shall replace the three-year average valuations that were used in computing the district's state education aid for the fiscal year that ends in the current calendar year with the taxable value certified under division (A)(1) of this section and shall recompute the state education aid for such fiscal year without applying any funding limitations enacted by the general assembly to the computation. ~~Subject to division (B)(2) of this section, the~~ The department shall pay to ~~or deduct from~~ the district an amount equal to the lesser of the following:

~~(a)(1)~~ (1) The positive difference between the district's state education aid prior to the recomputation under this section and the district's recomputed state education aid;

~~(b)(2)~~ (2) The ~~increase or decrease~~ absolute value of the amount certified under division (A)(2) of this section.

The payment date shall be determined by the director of budget and management. The director shall select a payment date that is not earlier than the first day of June of the current fiscal year and not later than the

thirty-first day of July of the following fiscal year. The department of education shall not pay the district under this section prior to approval by the director of budget and management to make that payment.

~~(2)(a) If an increase in the taxable value of the utility tangible personal property is certified for a district under division (A)(2) of this section, the department shall not make a payment to the district under division (B)(1) of this section. The department may, however, deduct funds from the district under division (B)(1) of this section.~~

~~(b) If a decrease in the taxable value of the utility tangible personal property is certified for a district under division (A)(2) of this section, the department shall not deduct funds from the district under division (B)(1) of this section. The department may, however, make a payment to the district under division (B)(1) of this section.~~

(C) If a school district received a grant from the catastrophic expenditures account pursuant to division (C) of section 3316.20 of the Revised Code on the basis of the same circumstances for which a recomputation is made under this section, the amount of the recomputation shall be reduced and transferred in accordance with division (C) of section 3316.20 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3317.0219. (A) As used in this section:

(1) A district's "base per pupil amount" means the following:

(a) For a district in the highest quintile determined under division (B)(2) of this section, \$250, for fiscal year 2020, and \$360, for fiscal year 2021.

(b) For a district in the second highest quintile determined under division (B)(2) of this section, \$200, for fiscal year 2020, and \$290, for fiscal year 2021.

(c) For a district in the third highest quintile determined under division (B)(2) of this section, \$110, for fiscal year 2020, and \$155, for fiscal year 2021.

(d) For a district in the fourth highest quintile determined under division (B)(2) of this section, \$50, for fiscal year 2020, and \$70, for fiscal year 2021.

(e) For a district in the fifth highest quintile determined under division (B)(2) of this section, \$20, for fiscal year 2020, and \$30, for fiscal year 2021.

(2) "Base poverty percentage" for a quintile determined under division (B)(2) of this section means the poverty percentage of the district ranked lowest in that quintile.

(3) "Enrolled ADM" means, for a city, local, or exempted village school district, the enrollment reported under division (A) of section 3317.03 of the

Revised Code, as verified by the superintendent of public instruction and adjusted if so ordered under division (K) of that section, and as further adjusted by the department of education, as follows:

(a) Add the students counted under division (A)(1)(b) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(b) Subtract the students counted under divisions (A)(2)(a), (b), (d), (g), (h), (i), and (j) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(c) Subtract the students counted under division (A)(3) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(B) Subject to division (D) of this section, for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the department of education shall calculate and pay student wellness and success funds to city, local, and exempted village school districts as follows:

(1) Using the most recent five-year estimates published by the United States census bureau in the American community survey or its successor report, compute the poverty percentage for each district, which equals the following quotient:

The number of children younger than eighteen years old residing in the district who live in a household with a family income below one hundred eighty-five per cent of the federal poverty guidelines, as defined in section 5101.46 of the Revised Code / the total number of children younger than eighteen years old residing in the district

(2) Rank all city, local, and exempted village school districts in order of poverty percentage calculated under division (B)(1) of this section, from the district with the highest percentage to the district with the lowest percentage, and group the districts into quintiles.

(3) Determine each district's enrolled ADM for the immediately preceding fiscal year. If a district's enrolled ADM for the immediately preceding fiscal year is determined to be less than five, the district's enrolled ADM, for purposes of computations under this section, shall be zero.

(4) For each district that is not in the highest quintile determined under division (B)(2) of this section, compute the district's scaled amount, which is equal to the following quotient:

[(The district's poverty percentage computed under division (B)(1) of this section – the base poverty percentage of the district's quintile) / (the base poverty percentage of the quintile that is the next highest quintile compared to the district's quintile – the base poverty percentage of the district's quintile)] X (the base per pupil amount for a district in the quintile that is the next highest quintile compared to the district's quintile – the district's base per pupil amount)

(5) Compute a district's payment as follows:

(a) Subject to division (B)(5)(c) of this section, if a district is in the highest quintile determined under division (B)(2) of this section, the district's payment shall be equal to the following amount:

The district's base per pupil amount for that fiscal year X the district's enrolled ADM determined under division (B)(3) of this section

(b) Subject to division (B)(5)(c) of this section, if a district is not in the highest quintile determined under division (B)(2) of this section, the district's payment shall be equal to the following amount:

(The district's base per pupil amount for that fiscal year + the district's scaled amount computed under division (B)(4) of this section for that fiscal year) X the district's enrolled ADM determined under division (B)(3) of this section

(c) If the computation of a district's payment under division (B)(5)(a) or (b) of this section is greater than zero but less than \$25,000, for fiscal year 2020, or \$36,000, for fiscal year 2021, the district's payment shall be equal to \$25,000, for fiscal year 2020, or \$36,000, for fiscal year 2021.

If the computation of a district's payment under division (B)(5)(a) or (b) of this section is equal to zero, the district's payment shall be equal to zero.

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

(a) "Eligible school district" means a city, local, or exempted village school district that received supplemental targeted assistance funding under division (B) of section 3317.0217 of the Revised Code for fiscal year 2019.

(b) A district's "enhancement percentage for a fiscal year" means the square of the quotient of the poverty percentage calculated for the district for that fiscal year under division (B)(1) of this section divided by 0.36.

(2) Subject to division (D) of this section, for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the department shall pay student wellness and success enhancement funds to each eligible city, local, and exempted village school district in an amount equal to the following product:

(\$50, for fiscal year 2020, or \$75, for fiscal year 2021) X the district's enhancement percentage for that fiscal year X the district's enrolled ADM for the immediately preceding fiscal year

(D) The department shall pay funds under divisions (B) and (C) of this section as follows:

(1) One-half of the amount shall be paid not later than the thirty-first day of October of the fiscal year for which the payment is calculated.

(2) One-half of the amount shall be paid not later than the twenty-eighth day of February of the fiscal year for which the payment is calculated.

Upon making a payment for a fiscal year under this section, the

department shall not make any reconciliations or adjustments to that payment.

(E) A city, local, or exempted village school district that receives a payment under this section shall comply with section 3317.26 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3317.03. (A) The superintendent of each city, local, and exempted village school district shall report to the state board of education as of the last day of October, March, and June of each year the enrollment of students receiving services from schools under the superintendent's supervision, and the numbers of other students entitled to attend school in the district under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code the superintendent is required to report under this section, so that the department of education can calculate the district's formula ADM, total ADM, category one through five career-technical education ADM, category one through three ~~limited~~ English ~~proficient~~ learner ADM, category one through six special education ADM, preschool scholarship ADM, transportation ADM, and, for purposes of provisions of law outside of Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code, average daily membership.

(1) The enrollment reported by the superintendent during the reporting period shall consist of the number of students in grades kindergarten through twelve receiving any educational services from the district, except that the following categories of students shall not be included in the determination:

(a) Students enrolled in adult education classes;

(b) Adjacent or other district students enrolled in the district under an open enrollment policy pursuant to section 3313.98 of the Revised Code;

(c) Students receiving services in the district pursuant to a compact, cooperative education agreement, or a contract, but who are entitled to attend school in another district pursuant to section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code;

(d) Students for whom tuition is payable pursuant to sections 3317.081 and 3323.141 of the Revised Code;

(e) Students receiving services in the district through a scholarship awarded under either section 3310.41 or sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code.

When reporting students under division (A)(1) of this section, the superintendent also shall report the district where each student is entitled to attend school pursuant to sections 3313.64 and 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(2) The department of education shall compile a list of all students reported to be enrolled in a district under division (A)(1) of this section and

of the students entitled to attend school in the district pursuant to section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code on an FTE basis but receiving educational services in grades kindergarten through twelve from one or more of the following entities:

(a) A community school pursuant to Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, including any participation in a college pursuant to Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code while enrolled in such community school;

(b) An alternative school pursuant to sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code as described in division (I)(2)(a) or (b) of this section;

(c) A college pursuant to Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code, except when the student is enrolled in the college while also enrolled in a community school pursuant to Chapter 3314., a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326., or a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code;

(d) An adjacent or other school district under an open enrollment policy adopted pursuant to section 3313.98 of the Revised Code;

(e) An educational service center or cooperative education district;

(f) Another school district under a cooperative education agreement, compact, or contract;

(g) A chartered nonpublic school with a scholarship paid under section 3310.08 of the Revised Code, if the students qualified for the scholarship under section 3310.03 of the Revised Code;

(h) An alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under either section 3310.41 or sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code.

As used in this section, "alternative public provider" and "registered private provider" have the same meanings as in section 3310.41 or 3310.51 of the Revised Code, as applicable.

(i) A science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, including any participation in a college pursuant to Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code while enrolled in the school;

(j) A college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code, including any participation in a college pursuant to Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code while enrolled in the school.

(3) The department also shall compile a list of the students entitled to attend school in the district under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code who are enrolled in a joint vocational school district or under a career-technical education compact, excluding any students so entitled to

attend school in the district who are enrolled in another school district through an open enrollment policy as reported under division (A)(2)(d) of this section and then enroll in a joint vocational school district or under a career-technical education compact.

The department shall provide each city, local, and exempted village school district with an opportunity to review the list of students compiled under divisions (A)(2) and (3) of this section to ensure that the students reported accurately reflect the enrollment of students in the district.

(B) To enable the department of education to obtain the data needed to complete the calculation of payments pursuant to this chapter, each superintendent shall certify from the reports provided by the department under division (A) of this section all of the following:

(1) The total student enrollment in regular learning day classes included in the report under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section for each of the individual grades kindergarten through twelve in schools under the superintendent's supervision;

(2) The unduplicated count of the number of preschool children with disabilities enrolled in the district for whom the district is eligible to receive funding under section 3317.0213 of the Revised Code adjusted for the portion of the year each child is so enrolled, in accordance with the disability categories prescribed in section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(3) The number of children entitled to attend school in the district pursuant to section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code who are:

(a) Participating in a pilot project scholarship program established under sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code as described in division (I)(2)(a) or (b) of this section;

(b) Enrolled in a college under Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code, except when the student is enrolled in the college while also enrolled in a community school pursuant to Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326., or a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code;

(c) Enrolled in an adjacent or other school district under section 3313.98 of the Revised Code;

(d) Enrolled in a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code that is not an internet- or computer-based community school as defined in section 3314.02 of the Revised Code, including any participation in a college pursuant to Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code while enrolled in such community school;

(e) Enrolled in an internet- or computer-based community school, as

defined in section 3314.02 of the Revised Code, including any participation in a college pursuant to Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code while enrolled in the school;

(f) Enrolled in a chartered nonpublic school with a scholarship paid under section 3310.08 of the Revised Code and who qualified for the scholarship under section 3310.03 of the Revised Code;

(g) Enrolled in kindergarten through grade twelve in an alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under section 3310.41 of the Revised Code;

(h) Enrolled as a preschool child with a disability in an alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under section 3310.41 of the Revised Code;

(i) Participating in a program operated by a county board of developmental disabilities or a state institution;

(j) Enrolled in a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, including any participation in a college pursuant to Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code while enrolled in the school;

(k) Enrolled in a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code, including any participation in a college pursuant to Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code while enrolled in the school;

(l) Enrolled in an alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code.

(4) The total enrollment of pupils in joint vocational schools;

(5) The combined enrollment of children with disabilities reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section receiving special education services for the category one disability described in division (A) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, including children attending a special education program operated by an alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code;

(6) The combined enrollment of children with disabilities reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section receiving special education services for category two disabilities described in division (B) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, including children attending a special education program operated by an alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code;

(7) The combined enrollment of children with disabilities reported under

division (A)(1) or (2) of this section receiving special education services for category three disabilities described in division (C) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, including children attending a special education program operated by an alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code;

(8) The combined enrollment of children with disabilities reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section receiving special education services for category four disabilities described in division (D) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, including children attending a special education program operated by an alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code;

(9) The combined enrollment of children with disabilities reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section receiving special education services for the category five disabilities described in division (E) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, including children attending a special education program operated by an alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code;

(10) The combined enrollment of children with disabilities reported under division (A)(1) or (2) and under division (B)(3)(h) of this section receiving special education services for category six disabilities described in division (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, including children attending a special education program operated by an alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under either section 3310.41 or sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code;

(11) The enrollment of pupils reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section on a full-time equivalency basis in category one career-technical education programs or classes, described in division (A) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code, operated by the school district or by another district that is a member of the district's career-technical planning district, other than a joint vocational school district, or by an educational service center, notwithstanding division (G) of section 3317.02 of the Revised Code and division (C)(3) of this section;

(12) The enrollment of pupils reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section on a full-time equivalency basis in category two career-technical education programs or services, described in division (B) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code, operated by the school district or another school district that is a member of the district's career-technical planning

district, other than a joint vocational school district, or by an educational service center, notwithstanding division (G) of section 3317.02 of the Revised Code and division (C)(3) of this section;

(13) The enrollment of pupils reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section on a full-time equivalency basis in category three career-technical education programs or services, described in division (C) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code, operated by the school district or another school district that is a member of the district's career-technical planning district, other than a joint vocational school district, or by an educational service center, notwithstanding division (G) of section 3317.02 of the Revised Code and division (C)(3) of this section;

(14) The enrollment of pupils reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section on a full-time equivalency basis in category four career-technical education programs or services, described in division (D) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code, operated by the school district or another school district that is a member of the district's career-technical planning district, other than a joint vocational school district, or by an educational service center, notwithstanding division (G) of section 3317.02 of the Revised Code and division (C)(3) of this section;

(15) The enrollment of pupils reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section on a full-time equivalency basis in category five career-technical education programs or services, described in division (E) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code, operated by the school district or another school district that is a member of the district's career-technical planning district, other than a joint vocational school district, or by an educational service center, notwithstanding division (G) of section 3317.02 of the Revised Code and division (C)(3) of this section;

(16) The enrollment of pupils reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section who are ~~limited English proficient students~~ learners described in division (A) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code, excluding any student reported under division (B)(3)(e) of this section as enrolled in an internet- or computer-based community school;

(17) The enrollment of pupils reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section who are ~~limited English proficient students~~ learners described in division (B) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code, excluding any student reported under division (B)(3)(e) of this section as enrolled in an internet- or computer-based community school;

(18) The enrollment of pupils reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section who are ~~limited English proficient students~~ learners described in division (C) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code, excluding any student

reported under division (B)(3)(e) of this section as enrolled in an internet- or computer-based community school;

(19) The average number of children transported during the reporting period by the school district on board-owned or contractor-owned and -operated buses, reported in accordance with rules adopted by the department of education;

(20)(a) The number of children, other than preschool children with disabilities, the district placed with a county board of developmental disabilities in fiscal year 1998. Division (B)(20)(a) of this section does not apply after fiscal year 2013.

(b) The number of children with disabilities, other than preschool children with disabilities, placed with a county board of developmental disabilities in the current fiscal year to receive special education services for the category one disability described in division (A) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(c) The number of children with disabilities, other than preschool children with disabilities, placed with a county board of developmental disabilities in the current fiscal year to receive special education services for category two disabilities described in division (B) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(d) The number of children with disabilities, other than preschool children with disabilities, placed with a county board of developmental disabilities in the current fiscal year to receive special education services for category three disabilities described in division (C) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(e) The number of children with disabilities, other than preschool children with disabilities, placed with a county board of developmental disabilities in the current fiscal year to receive special education services for category four disabilities described in division (D) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(f) The number of children with disabilities, other than preschool children with disabilities, placed with a county board of developmental disabilities in the current fiscal year to receive special education services for the category five disabilities described in division (E) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(g) The number of children with disabilities, other than preschool children with disabilities, placed with a county board of developmental disabilities in the current fiscal year to receive special education services for category six disabilities described in division (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code.

(21) The enrollment of students who are economically disadvantaged, as defined by the department, excluding any student reported under division (B)(3)(e) of this section as enrolled in an internet- or computer-based community school. A student shall not be categorically excluded from the number reported under division (B)(21) of this section based on anything other than family income.

(C)(1) The state board of education shall adopt rules necessary for implementing divisions (A), (B), and (D) of this section.

(2) A student enrolled in a community school established under Chapter 3314., a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326., or a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code shall be counted in the formula ADM and, if applicable, the category one, two, three, four, five, or six special education ADM of the school district in which the student is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code for the same proportion of the school year that the student is counted in the enrollment of the community school, the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school, or the college-preparatory boarding school for purposes of section 3314.08, 3326.33, or 3328.24 of the Revised Code. Notwithstanding the enrollment of students certified pursuant to division (B)(3)(d), (e), (j), or (k) of this section, the department may adjust the formula ADM of a school district to account for students entitled to attend school in the district under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code who are enrolled in a community school, a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school, or a college-preparatory boarding school for only a portion of the school year.

(3) No child shall be counted as more than a total of one child in the sum of the enrollment of students of a school district under division (A), divisions (B)(1) to (22), or division (D) of this section, except as follows:

(a) A child with a disability described in section 3317.013 of the Revised Code may be counted both in formula ADM and in category one, two, three, four, five, or six special education ADM and, if applicable, in category one, two, three, four, or five career-technical education ADM. As provided in division (G) of section 3317.02 of the Revised Code, such a child shall be counted in category one, two, three, four, five, or six special education ADM in the same proportion that the child is counted in formula ADM.

(b) A child enrolled in career-technical education programs or classes described in section 3317.014 of the Revised Code may be counted both in formula ADM and category one, two, three, four, or five career-technical

education ADM and, if applicable, in category one, two, three, four, five, or six special education ADM. Such a child shall be counted in category one, two, three, four, or five career-technical education ADM in the same proportion as the percentage of time that the child spends in the career-technical education programs or classes.

(4) Based on the information reported under this section, the department of education shall determine the total student count, as defined in section 3301.011 of the Revised Code, for each school district.

(D)(1) The superintendent of each joint vocational school district shall report and certify to the superintendent of public instruction as of the last day of October, March, and June of each year the enrollment of students receiving services from schools under the superintendent's supervision so that the department can calculate the district's formula ADM, total ADM, category one through five career-technical education ADM, category one through three ~~limited~~ English ~~proficient~~ learner ADM, category one through six special education ADM, and for purposes of provisions of law outside of Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code, average daily membership.

The enrollment reported and certified by the superintendent, except as otherwise provided in this division, shall consist of the ~~the~~ number of students in grades six through twelve receiving any educational services from the district, except that the following categories of students shall not be included in the determination:

(a) Students enrolled in adult education classes;

(b) Adjacent or other district joint vocational students enrolled in the district under an open enrollment policy pursuant to section 3313.98 of the Revised Code;

(c) Students receiving services in the district pursuant to a compact, cooperative education agreement, or a contract, but who are entitled to attend school in a city, local, or exempted village school district whose territory is not part of the territory of the joint vocational district;

(d) Students for whom tuition is payable pursuant to sections 3317.081 and 3323.141 of the Revised Code.

(2) To enable the department of education to obtain the data needed to complete the calculation of payments pursuant to this chapter, each superintendent shall certify from the report provided under division (D)(1) of this section the enrollment for each of the following categories of students:

(a) Students enrolled in each individual grade included in the joint vocational district schools;

(b) Children with disabilities receiving special education services for the

category one disability described in division (A) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(c) Children with disabilities receiving special education services for the category two disabilities described in division (B) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(d) Children with disabilities receiving special education services for category three disabilities described in division (C) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(e) Children with disabilities receiving special education services for category four disabilities described in division (D) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(f) Children with disabilities receiving special education services for the category five disabilities described in division (E) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(g) Children with disabilities receiving special education services for category six disabilities described in division (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(h) Students receiving category one career-technical education services, described in division (A) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code;

(i) Students receiving category two career-technical education services, described in division (B) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code;

(j) Students receiving category three career-technical education services, described in division (C) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code;

(k) Students receiving category four career-technical education services, described in division (D) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code;

(l) Students receiving category five career-technical education services, described in division (E) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code;

(m) ~~Limited English proficient students~~ learners described in division (A) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code;

(n) ~~Limited English proficient students~~ learners described in division (B) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code;

(o) ~~Limited English proficient students~~ learners described in division (C) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code;

(p) Students who are economically disadvantaged, as defined by the department. A student shall not be categorically excluded from the number reported under division (D)(2)(p) of this section based on anything other than family income.

The superintendent of each joint vocational school district shall also indicate the city, local, or exempted village school district in which each joint vocational district pupil is entitled to attend school pursuant to section

3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(E) In each school of each city, local, exempted village, joint vocational, and cooperative education school district there shall be maintained a record of school enrollment, which record shall accurately show, for each day the school is in session, the actual enrollment in regular day classes. For the purpose of determining the enrollment of students, the enrollment figure of any school shall not include any pupils except those pupils described by division (A) of this section. The record of enrollment for each school shall be maintained in such manner that no pupil shall be counted as enrolled prior to the actual date of entry in the school and also in such manner that where for any cause a pupil permanently withdraws from the school that pupil shall not be counted as enrolled from and after the date of such withdrawal. There shall not be included in the enrollment of any school any of the following:

(1) Any pupil who has graduated from the twelfth grade of a public or nonpublic high school;

(2) Any pupil who is not a resident of the state;

(3) Any pupil who was enrolled in the schools of the district during the previous school year when assessments were administered under section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code but did not take one or more of the assessments required by that section and was not excused pursuant to division (C)(1) or (3) of that section;

(4) Any pupil who has attained the age of twenty-two years, except for veterans of the armed services whose attendance was interrupted before completing the recognized twelve-year course of the public schools by reason of induction or enlistment in the armed forces and who apply for reenrollment in the public school system of their residence not later than four years after termination of war or their honorable discharge;

(5) Any pupil who has a certificate of high school equivalence as defined in section 5107.40 of the Revised Code.

If, however, any veteran described by division (E)(4) of this section elects to enroll in special courses organized for veterans for whom tuition is paid under the provisions of federal laws, or otherwise, that veteran shall not be included in the enrollment of students determined under this section.

Notwithstanding division (E)(3) of this section, the enrollment of any school may include a pupil who did not take an assessment required by section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code if the superintendent of public instruction grants a waiver from the requirement to take the assessment to the specific pupil and a parent is not paying tuition for the pupil pursuant to section 3313.6410 of the Revised Code. The superintendent may grant such

a waiver only for good cause in accordance with rules adopted by the state board of education.

The formula ADM, total ADM, category one through five career-technical education ADM, category one through three ~~limited~~ English ~~proficient~~ learner ADM, category one through six special education ADM, preschool scholarship ADM, transportation ADM, and, for purposes of provisions of law outside of Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code, average daily membership of any school district shall be determined in accordance with rules adopted by the state board of education.

(F)(1) If a student attending a community school under Chapter 3314., a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326., or a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code is not included in the formula ADM calculated for the school district in which the student is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code, the department of education shall adjust the formula ADM of that school district to include the student in accordance with division (C)(2) of this section, and shall recalculate the school district's payments under this chapter for the entire fiscal year on the basis of that adjusted formula ADM.

(2) If a student awarded an educational choice scholarship is not included in the formula ADM of the school district from which the department deducts funds for the scholarship under section 3310.08 of the Revised Code, the department shall adjust the formula ADM of that school district to include the student to the extent necessary to account for the deduction, and shall recalculate the school district's payments under this chapter for the entire fiscal year on the basis of that adjusted formula ADM.

(3) If a student awarded a scholarship under the Jon Peterson special needs scholarship program is not included in the formula ADM of the school district from which the department deducts funds for the scholarship under section 3310.55 of the Revised Code, the department shall adjust the formula ADM of that school district to include the student to the extent necessary to account for the deduction, and shall recalculate the school district's payments under this chapter for the entire fiscal year on the basis of that adjusted formula ADM.

(G)(1)(a) The superintendent of an institution operating a special education program pursuant to section 3323.091 of the Revised Code shall, for the programs under such superintendent's supervision, certify to the state board of education, in the manner prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction, both of the following:

(i) The unduplicated count of the number of all children with disabilities

other than preschool children with disabilities receiving services at the institution for each category of disability described in divisions (A) to (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code adjusted for the portion of the year each child is so enrolled;

(ii) The unduplicated count of the number of all preschool children with disabilities in classes or programs for whom the district is eligible to receive funding under section 3317.0213 of the Revised Code adjusted for the portion of the year each child is so enrolled, reported according to the categories prescribed in section 3317.013 of the Revised Code.

(b) The superintendent of an institution with career-technical education units approved under section 3317.05 of the Revised Code shall, for the units under the superintendent's supervision, certify to the state board of education the enrollment in those units, in the manner prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction.

(2) The superintendent of each county board of developmental disabilities that maintains special education classes under section 3317.20 of the Revised Code or provides services to preschool children with disabilities pursuant to an agreement between the county board and the appropriate school district shall do both of the following:

(a) Certify to the state board, in the manner prescribed by the board, the enrollment in classes under section 3317.20 of the Revised Code for each school district that has placed children in the classes;

(b) Certify to the state board, in the manner prescribed by the board, the unduplicated count of the number of all preschool children with disabilities enrolled in classes for which the ~~DD~~ board is eligible to receive funding under section 3317.0213 of the Revised Code adjusted for the portion of the year each child is so enrolled, reported according to the categories prescribed in section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, and the number of those classes.

(H) Except as provided in division (I) of this section, when any city, local, or exempted village school district provides instruction for a nonresident pupil whose attendance is unauthorized attendance as defined in section 3327.06 of the Revised Code, that pupil's enrollment shall not be included in that district's enrollment figure used in calculating the district's payments under this chapter. The reporting official shall report separately the enrollment of all pupils whose attendance in the district is unauthorized attendance, and the enrollment of each such pupil shall be credited to the school district in which the pupil is entitled to attend school under division (B) of section 3313.64 or section 3313.65 of the Revised Code as determined by the department of education.

(I)(1) A city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district admitting a scholarship student of a pilot project district pursuant to division (C) of section 3313.976 of the Revised Code may count such student in its enrollment.

(2) In any year for which funds are appropriated for pilot project scholarship programs, a school district implementing a state-sponsored pilot project scholarship program that year pursuant to sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code may count in its enrollment:

(a) All children residing in the district and utilizing a scholarship to attend kindergarten in any alternative school, as defined in section 3313.974 of the Revised Code;

(b) All children who were enrolled in the district in the preceding year who are utilizing a scholarship to attend an alternative school.

(J) The superintendent of each cooperative education school district shall certify to the superintendent of public instruction, in a manner prescribed by the state board of education, the applicable enrollments for all students in the cooperative education district, also indicating the city, local, or exempted village district where each pupil is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(K) If the superintendent of public instruction determines that a component of the enrollment certified or reported by a district superintendent, or other reporting entity, is not correct, the superintendent of public instruction may order that the formula ADM used for the purposes of payments under any section of Title XXXIII of the Revised Code be adjusted in the amount of the error.

Sec. 3317.06. Moneys paid to school districts under division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code shall be used for the following independent and fully severable purposes:

(A) To purchase such secular textbooks or digital texts as have been approved by the superintendent of public instruction for use in public schools in the state and to loan such textbooks or digital texts to pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code or to their parents and to hire clerical personnel to administer such lending program. Such loans shall be based upon individual requests submitted by such nonpublic school pupils or parents. Such requests shall be submitted to the school district in which the nonpublic school is located. Such individual requests for the loan of textbooks or digital texts shall, for administrative convenience, be submitted by the nonpublic school pupil or the pupil's parent to the nonpublic school, which shall prepare and submit collective summaries of the individual

requests to the school district. As used in this section:

(1) "Textbook" means any book or book substitute that a pupil uses as a consumable or nonconsumable text, text substitute, or text supplement in a particular class or program in the school the pupil regularly attends.

(2) "Digital text" means a consumable book or book substitute that a student accesses through the use of a computer or other electronic medium or that is available through an internet-based provider of course content, or any other material that contributes to the learning process through electronic means.

(B) To provide speech and hearing diagnostic services to pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code. Such service shall be provided in the nonpublic school attended by the pupil receiving the service.

(C) To provide physician, nursing, dental, and optometric services to pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code. Such services shall be provided in the school attended by the nonpublic school pupil receiving the service.

(D) To provide diagnostic psychological services to pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code. Such services shall be provided in the school attended by the pupil receiving the service.

(E) To provide therapeutic psychological and speech and hearing services to pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code. Such services shall be provided in the public school, in nonpublic schools, in public centers, or in mobile units located on or off of the nonpublic premises. If such services are provided in the public school or in public centers, transportation to and from such facilities shall be provided by the school district in which the nonpublic school is located.

(F) To provide guidance, counseling, and social work services to pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code. Such services shall be provided in the public school, in nonpublic schools, in public centers, or in mobile units located on or off of the nonpublic premises. If such services are provided in the public school or in public centers, transportation to and from such facilities shall be provided by the school district in which the nonpublic school is located.

(G) To provide remedial services to pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the

Revised Code. Such services shall be provided in the public school, in nonpublic schools, in public centers, or in mobile units located on or off of the nonpublic premises. If such services are provided in the public school or in public centers, transportation to and from such facilities shall be provided by the school district in which the nonpublic school is located.

(H) To supply for use by pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code such standardized tests and scoring services as are in use in the public schools of the state;

(I) To provide programs for children who attend nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code and are children with disabilities as defined in section 3323.01 of the Revised Code or gifted children. Such programs shall be provided in the public school, in nonpublic schools, in public centers, or in mobile units located on or off of the nonpublic premises. If such programs are provided in the public school or in public centers, transportation to and from such facilities shall be provided by the school district in which the nonpublic school is located.

(J) To hire clerical personnel to assist in the administration of programs pursuant to divisions (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (G), and (I) of this section and to hire supervisory personnel to supervise the providing of services and textbooks pursuant to this section.

(K) To purchase or lease any secular, neutral, and nonideological computer application software designed to assist students in performing a single task or multiple related tasks, device management software, learning management software, site-licensing, digital video on demand (DVD), wide area connectivity and related technology as it relates to internet access, mathematics or science equipment and materials, instructional materials, and school library materials that are in general use in the public schools of the state and loan such items to pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code or to their parents, and to hire clerical personnel to administer the lending program. Only such items that are incapable of diversion to religious use and that are susceptible of loan to individual pupils and are furnished for the use of individual pupils shall be purchased and loaned under this division. As used in this section, "instructional materials" means prepared learning materials that are secular, neutral, and nonideological in character and are of benefit to the instruction of school children. "Instructional materials" includes media content that a student may access through the use of a computer or electronic device.

Mobile applications that are secular, neutral, and nonideological in character and that are purchased for less than twenty dollars for instructional use shall be considered to be consumable and shall be distributed to students without the expectation that the applications must be returned.

(L) To purchase or lease instructional equipment, including computer hardware and related equipment in general use in the public schools of the state, for use by pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code and to loan such items to pupils attending such nonpublic schools within the district or to their parents, and to hire clerical personnel to administer the lending program. "Computer hardware and related equipment" includes desktop computers and workstations; laptop computers, computer tablets, and other mobile handheld devices; their operating systems and accessories; and any equipment designed to make accessible the environment of a classroom to a student, who is physically unable to attend classroom activities due to hospitalization or other circumstances, by allowing real-time interaction with other students both one-on-one and in group discussion.

(M) To purchase mobile units to be used for the provision of services pursuant to divisions (E), (F), (G), and (I) of this section and to pay for necessary repairs and operating costs associated with these units.

(N) To reimburse costs the district incurred to store the records of a chartered nonpublic school that closes. Reimbursements under this division shall be made one time only for each chartered nonpublic school described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code that closes.

(O) To purchase life-saving medical or other emergency equipment for placement in nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code or to maintain such equipment.

(P) To procure and pay for security services from a county sheriff or a township or municipal police force or from a person certified through the Ohio peace officer training commission, in accordance with section 109.78 of the Revised Code, as a special police, security guard, or as a privately employed person serving in a police capacity for nonpublic schools in the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code.

(Q) To provide language and academic support services and other accommodations for English language learners attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code.

Clerical and supervisory personnel hired pursuant to division (J) of this section shall perform their services in the public schools, in nonpublic schools, public centers, or mobile units where the services are provided to the nonpublic school pupil, except that such personnel may accompany pupils to and from the service sites when necessary to ensure the safety of the children receiving the services.

All services provided pursuant to this section may be provided under contract with educational service centers, the department of health, city or general health districts, or private agencies whose personnel are properly licensed by an appropriate state board or agency.

Transportation of pupils provided pursuant to divisions (E), (F), (G), and (I) of this section shall be provided by the school district from its general funds and not from moneys paid to it under division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code unless a special transportation request is submitted by the parent of the child receiving service pursuant to such divisions. If such an application is presented to the school district, it may pay for the transportation from moneys paid to it under division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code.

No school district shall provide health or remedial services to nonpublic school pupils as authorized by this section unless such services are available to pupils attending the public schools within the district.

Materials, equipment, computer hardware or software, textbooks, digital texts, and health and remedial services provided for the benefit of nonpublic school pupils pursuant to this section and the admission of pupils to such nonpublic schools shall be provided without distinction as to race, creed, color, or national origin of such pupils or of their teachers.

No school district shall provide services, materials, or equipment that contain religious content for use in religious courses, devotional exercises, religious training, or any other religious activity.

As used in this section, "parent" includes a person standing in loco parentis to a child.

Notwithstanding section 3317.01 of the Revised Code, payments shall be made under this section to any city, local, or exempted village school district within which is located one or more nonpublic elementary or high schools described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code and any payments made to school districts under division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code for purposes of this section may be disbursed without submission to and approval of the controlling board.

The allocation of payments for materials, equipment, textbooks, digital texts, health services, and remedial services to city, local, and exempted

village school districts shall be on the basis of the state board of education's estimated annual average daily membership in nonpublic elementary and high schools located in the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code.

Payments made to city, local, and exempted village school districts under this section shall be equal to specific appropriations made for the purpose. All interest earned by a school district on such payments shall be used by the district for the same purposes and in the same manner as the payments may be used.

The department of education shall adopt guidelines and procedures under which such programs and services shall be provided, under which districts shall be reimbursed for administrative costs incurred in providing such programs and services, and under which any unexpended balance of the amounts appropriated by the general assembly to implement this section may be transferred to the auxiliary services personnel unemployment compensation fund established pursuant to section 4141.47 of the Revised Code. The department shall also adopt guidelines and procedures limiting the purchase and loan of the items described in division (K) of this section to items that are in general use in the public schools of the state, that are incapable of diversion to religious use, and that are susceptible to individual use rather than classroom use. Within thirty days after the end of each biennium, each board of education shall remit to the department all moneys paid to it under division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code and any interest earned on those moneys that are not required to pay expenses incurred under this section during the biennium for which the money was appropriated and during which the interest was earned. If a board of education subsequently determines that the remittal of moneys leaves the board with insufficient money to pay all valid expenses incurred under this section during the biennium for which the remitted money was appropriated, the board may apply to the department of education for a refund of money, not to exceed the amount of the insufficiency. If the department determines the expenses were lawfully incurred and would have been lawful expenditures of the refunded money, it shall certify its determination and the amount of the refund to be made to the director of job and family services who shall make a refund as provided in section 4141.47 of the Revised Code.

Each school district shall label materials, equipment, computer hardware or software, textbooks, and digital texts purchased or leased for loan to a nonpublic school under this section, acknowledging that they were purchased or leased with state funds under this section. However, a district

need not label materials, equipment, computer hardware or software, textbooks, or digital texts that the district determines are consumable in nature or have a value of less than two hundred dollars.

Sec. 3317.13. (A) As used in this section and section 3317.14 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Years of service" includes the following:

(a) All years of teaching service in the same school district or educational service center, regardless of training level, with each year consisting of at least one hundred twenty days under a teacher's contract;

(b) All years of teaching service in a chartered, nonpublic school located in Ohio as a teacher licensed pursuant to section 3319.22 of the Revised Code or in another public school, regardless of training level, with each year consisting of at least one hundred twenty days under a teacher's contract;

(c) All years of teaching service in a chartered school or institution or a school or institution that subsequently became chartered or a chartered special education program or a special education program that subsequently became chartered operated by the state or by a subdivision or other local governmental unit of this state as a teacher licensed pursuant to section 3319.22 of the Revised Code, regardless of training level, with each year consisting of at least one hundred twenty days; and

(d) All years of active military service in the armed forces of the United States, as defined in section 3307.75 of the Revised Code, to a maximum of five years. For purposes of this calculation, a partial year of active military service of eight continuous months or more in the armed forces shall be counted as a full year.

(2) "Teacher" means all teachers employed by the board of education of any school district, including any cooperative education or joint vocational school district and all teachers employed by any educational service center governing board.

(B) No teacher shall be paid a salary less than that provided in the schedule set forth in division (C) of this section. In calculating the minimum salary any teacher shall be paid pursuant to this section, years of service shall include the sum of all years of the teacher's teaching service included in divisions (A)(1)(a), (b), (c), and (d) of this section; except that any school district or educational service center employing a teacher new to the district or educational service center shall grant such teacher a total of not more than ten years of service pursuant to divisions (A)(1)(b), (c), and (d) of this section.

Upon written complaint to the superintendent of public instruction that the board of education of a district or the governing board of an educational

service center governing board has failed or refused to annually adopt a salary schedule or to pay salaries in accordance with the salary schedule set forth in division (C) of this section, the superintendent of public instruction shall cause to be made an immediate investigation of such complaint. If the superintendent finds that the conditions complained of exist, the superintendent shall order the board to correct such conditions within ten days from the date of the finding. No moneys shall be distributed to the district or educational service center under this chapter until the superintendent has satisfactory evidence of the board of education's full compliance with such order.

Each teacher shall be fully credited with placement in the appropriate academic training level column in the district's or educational service center's salary schedule with years of service properly credited pursuant to this section or section 3317.14 of the Revised Code. No rule shall be adopted or exercised by any board of education or educational service center governing board which restricts the placement or the crediting of annual salary increments for any teacher according to the appropriate academic training level column.

(C) Minimum salaries exclusive of retirement and sick leave for teachers shall be as follows:

Years of Service	Teachers with Less than Bachelor's Degree		Teachers with a Bachelor's Degree		Teachers with Five Years of Training, but no Master's Degree		Teachers with a Master's Degree or Higher	
	Per Cent*	Dollar Amount	Per Cent*	Dollar Amount	Per Cent*	Dollar Amount	Per Cent*	Dollar Amount
0	86.5	\$17,300 <u>25,950</u>	100.0	\$20,000 <u>30,000</u>	103.8	\$20,760 <u>31,140</u>	109.5	\$21,900 <u>32,850</u>
1	90.0	18,000 <u>27,000</u>	103.8	20,760 <u>31,140</u>	108.1	21,620 <u>32,430</u>	114.3	22,860 <u>34,290</u>
2	93.5	18,700 <u>28,050</u>	107.6	21,520 <u>32,280</u>	112.4	22,480 <u>33,720</u>	119.1	23,820 <u>35,730</u>
3	97.0	19,400 <u>29,100</u>	111.4	22,280 <u>33,420</u>	116.7	23,340 <u>35,010</u>	123.9	24,780 <u>37,170</u>
4	100.5	20,100 <u>30,150</u>	115.2	23,040 <u>34,560</u>	121.0	24,200 <u>36,300</u>	128.7	25,740 <u>38,610</u>
5	104.0	20,800 <u>31,200</u>	119.0	23,800 <u>35,700</u>	125.3	25,060 <u>37,590</u>	133.5	26,700 <u>40,050</u>
6	104.0	20,800 <u>31,200</u>	122.8	24,560 <u>36,840</u>	129.6	25,920 <u>38,880</u>	138.3	27,660 <u>41,490</u>
7	104.0	20,800 <u>31,200</u>	126.6	25,320 <u>37,980</u>	133.9	26,780 <u>40,170</u>	143.1	28,620 <u>42,930</u>
8	104.0	20,800 <u>31,200</u>	130.4	26,080 <u>39,120</u>	138.2	27,640 <u>41,460</u>	147.9	29,580 <u>44,370</u>
9	104.0	20,800 <u>31,200</u>	134.2	26,840 <u>40,260</u>	142.5	28,500 <u>42,750</u>	152.7	30,540 <u>45,810</u>

10	104.0	20,800 <u>31,200</u>	138.0	27,600 <u>41,400</u>	146.8	29,360 <u>44,040</u>	157.5	31,500 <u>47,250</u>
11	104.0	20,800 <u>31,200</u>	141.8	28,360 <u>42,540</u>	151.1	30,220 <u>45,330</u>	162.3	32,460 <u>48,690</u>

* Percentages represent the percentage which each salary is of the base amount.

For purposes of determining the minimum salary at any level of training and service, the base of one hundred per cent shall be the base amount. The percentages used in this section show the relationships between the minimum salaries required by this section and the base amount and shall not be construed as requiring any school district or educational service center to adopt a schedule containing salaries in excess of the amounts set forth in this section for corresponding levels of training and experience.

As used in this division:

(1) "Base amount" means ~~twenty~~ thirty thousand dollars.

(2) "Five years of training" means at least one hundred fifty semester hours, or the equivalent, and a bachelor's degree from a recognized college or university.

(D) For purposes of this section, all credited training shall be from a recognized college or university.

Sec. 3317.141. The board of education of any city, exempted village, local, or joint vocational school district that is the recipient of moneys from a grant awarded under the federal race to the top program, Division (A), Title XIV, Sections 14005 and 14006 of the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009," Pub. L. No. 111-5, 123 Stat. 115, shall comply with this section in accordance with the timeline contained in the board's scope of work, as approved by the superintendent of public instruction, and shall not be subject to sections 3317.13 and 3317.14 of the Revised Code. The board of education of any other school district, and the governing board of each educational service center, shall comply with either this section or sections 3317.13 and 3317.14 of the Revised Code.

(A) The board annually shall adopt a salary schedule for teachers based upon performance as described in division (B) of this section.

(B) For purposes of the schedule, a board shall measure a teacher's performance by considering ~~at~~ both of the following:

(1) The level of license issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code that the teacher holds;

~~(2) Whether the teacher is a properly certified or licensed teacher, as defined in section 3319.074 of the Revised Code;~~

~~(3) Ratings received by the teacher on performance evaluations conducted under section 3319.111 of the Revised Code.~~

(C) The schedule shall provide for annual adjustments based on performance on the evaluations conducted under section 3319.111 of the Revised Code. The annual performance-based adjustment for a teacher rated as accomplished shall be greater than the annual performance-based adjustment for a teacher rated as skilled.

(D) The salary schedule adopted under this section may provide for additional compensation for teachers who agree to perform duties, not contracted for under a supplemental contract, that the employing board determines warrant additional compensation. Those duties may include, but are not limited to, assignment to a school building eligible for funding under Title I of the "Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965," 20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.; assignment to a building in "school improvement" status under the "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001," as defined in section 3302.01 of the Revised Code; teaching in a grade level or subject area in which the board has determined there is a shortage within the district or service center; or assignment to a hard-to-staff school, as determined by the board.

Sec. 3317.16. (A) The department of education shall compute and distribute state core foundation funding to each joint vocational school district for the fiscal year as prescribed in the following divisions:

(1) An opportunity grant calculated according to the following formula:
(The formula amount X formula ADM) - (0.0005 X the district's three-year average valuation)

However, no district shall receive an opportunity grant that is less than 0.05 times the formula amount times formula ADM.

(2) Additional state aid for special education and related services provided under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code calculated as the sum of the following:

(a) The district's category one special education ADM X the amount specified in division (A) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code X the district's state share percentage;

(b) The district's category two special education ADM X the amount specified in division (B) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code X the district's state share percentage;

(c) The district's category three special education ADM X the amount specified in division (C) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code X the district's state share percentage;

(d) The district's category four special education ADM X the amount specified in division (D) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code X the district's state share percentage;

(e) The district's category five special education ADM X the amount

specified in division (E) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code X the district's state share percentage;

(f) The district's category six special education ADM X the amount specified in division (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code X the district's state share percentage.

(3) Economically disadvantaged funds calculated according to the following formula:

$\$272 \times$ the district's economically disadvantaged index X the number of students who are economically disadvantaged as certified under division (D)(2)(p) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code

(4) ~~Limited English proficiency learner~~ funds calculated as the sum of the following:

(a) The district's category one ~~limited English proficient learner~~ ADM X the amount specified in division (A) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code X the district's state share percentage;

(b) The district's category two ~~limited English proficient learner~~ ADM X the amount specified in division (B) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code X the district's state share percentage;

(c) The district's category three ~~limited English proficient learner~~ ADM X the amount specified in division (C) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code X the district's state share percentage;

(5) Career-technical education funds calculated as the sum of the following:

(a) The district's category one career-technical education ADM X the amount specified in division (A) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code X the district's state share percentage;

(b) The district's category two career-technical education ADM X the amount specified in division (B) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code X the district's state share percentage;

(c) The district's category three career-technical education ADM X the amount specified in division (C) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code X the district's state share percentage;

(d) The district's category four career-technical education ADM X the amount specified in division (D) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code X the district's state share percentage;

(e) The district's category five career-technical education ADM X the amount specified in division (E) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code X the district's state share percentage.

Payment of funds under division (A)(5) of this section is subject to approval under section 3317.161 of the Revised Code.

(6) Career-technical education associated services funds calculated under the following formula:

The district's state share percentage X the amount for career-technical education associated services specified in section 3317.014 of the Revised Code X the sum of categories one through five career-technical education ADM

(7) A graduation bonus calculated according to the following formula:

The district's graduation rate as reported on its most recent report card issued by the department under section 3302.033 of the Revised Code X 0.075 X the formula amount X the number of the district's students who received high school or honors high school diplomas as reported by the district to the department, in accordance with the guidelines adopted under section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code, for the same school year for which the most recent report card was issued X the district's state share percentage

(B)(1) If a joint vocational school district's costs for a fiscal year for a student in its categories two through six special education ADM exceed the threshold catastrophic cost for serving the student, as specified in division (B) of section 3317.0214 of the Revised Code, the district may submit to the superintendent of public instruction documentation, as prescribed by the superintendent, of all of its costs for that student. Upon submission of documentation for a student of the type and in the manner prescribed, the department shall pay to the district an amount equal to the sum of the following:

(a) One-half of the district's costs for the student in excess of the threshold catastrophic cost;

(b) The product of one-half of the district's costs for the student in excess of the threshold catastrophic cost multiplied by the district's state share percentage.

(2) The district shall report under division (B)(1) of this section, and the department shall pay for, only the costs of educational expenses and the related services provided to the student in accordance with the student's individualized education program. Any legal fees, court costs, or other costs associated with any cause of action relating to the student may not be included in the amount.

(C)(1) For each student with a disability receiving special education and related services under an individualized education program, as defined in section 3323.01 of the Revised Code, at a joint vocational school district, the resident district or, if the student is enrolled in a community school, the community school shall be responsible for the amount of any costs of

providing those special education and related services to that student that exceed the sum of the amount calculated for those services attributable to that student under division (A) of this section.

Those excess costs shall be calculated using a formula approved by the department.

(2) The board of education of the joint vocational school district may report the excess costs calculated under division (C)(1) of this section to the department of education.

(3) If the board of education of the joint vocational school district reports excess costs under division (C)(2) of this section, the department shall pay the amount of excess cost calculated under division (C)(2) of this section to the joint vocational school district and shall deduct that amount as provided in division (C)(3)(a) or (b) of this section, as applicable:

(a) If the student is not enrolled in a community school, the department shall deduct the amount from the account of the student's resident district pursuant to division (J) of section 3317.023 of the Revised Code.

(b) If the student is enrolled in a community school, the department shall deduct the amount from the account of the community school pursuant to section 3314.083 of the Revised Code.

(D)(1) In any fiscal year, a school district receiving funds under division (A)(5) of this section shall spend those funds only for the purposes that the department designates as approved for career-technical education expenses. Career-technical education expenses approved by the department shall include only expenses connected to the delivery of career-technical programming to career-technical students. The department shall require the school district to report data annually so that the department may monitor the district's compliance with the requirements regarding the manner in which funding received under division (A)(5) of this section may be spent.

(2) All funds received under division (A)(5) of this section shall be spent in the following manner:

(a) At least seventy-five per cent of the funds shall be spent on curriculum development, purchase, and implementation; instructional resources and supplies; industry-based program certification; student assessment, credentialing, and placement; curriculum specific equipment purchases and leases; career-technical student organization fees and expenses; home and agency linkages; work-based learning experiences; professional development; and other costs directly associated with career-technical education programs including development of new programs.

(b) Not more than twenty-five per cent of the funds shall be used for

personnel expenditures.

(E) In any fiscal year, a school district receiving funds under division (A)(6) of this section, or through a transfer of funds pursuant to division (I) of section 3317.023 of the Revised Code, shall spend those funds only for the purposes that the department designates as approved for career-technical education associated services expenses, which may include such purposes as apprenticeship coordinators, coordinators for other career-technical education services, career-technical evaluation, and other purposes designated by the department. The department may deny payment under division (A)(6) of this section to any district that the department determines is not operating those services or is using funds paid under division (A)(6) of this section, or through a transfer of funds pursuant to division (I) of section 3317.023 of the Revised Code, for other purposes.

(F) A joint vocational school district shall spend the funds it receives under division (A)(3) of this section in accordance with section 3317.25 of the Revised Code.

(G) As used in this section:

(1) "Community school" means a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code.

(2) "Resident district" means the city, local, or exempted village school district in which a student is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(3) "State share percentage" is equal to the following:

The amount computed under division (A)(1) of this section /
(the formula amount X formula ADM)

Sec. 3317.163. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Base per pupil amount" has the same meaning as in section 3317.0219 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Eligible school district" has the same meaning as in division (C)(1) of section 3317.0219 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Resident district" means the city, local, or exempted village school district in which a student is entitled to attend school pursuant to section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(B) Subject to division (D) of this section, for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the department of education shall calculate and pay to each joint vocational school district student wellness and success funds, on a full-time equivalency basis, for each student enrolled in the district in the immediately preceding fiscal year in an amount equal to the following:

(The base per pupil amount of the student's resident district for that fiscal year + the scaled amount of the student's resident district, if any, computed

under division (B)(4) of section 3317.0219 of the Revised Code)

However, each joint vocational school district shall receive a minimum payment of \$25,000, for fiscal year 2020, or \$36,000 for fiscal year 2021.

(C) Subject to division (D) of this section, for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the department shall pay to each joint vocational school district student wellness and success enhancement funds, on a full-time equivalency basis, for each student enrolled in the district in the immediately preceding fiscal year whose resident district is an eligible school district, in an amount equal to the following:

The amount paid to the student's resident district under division (C)(2) of section 3317.0219 of the Revised Code for that fiscal year / the enrolled ADM of the student's resident district for the immediately preceding fiscal year

(D) The department shall pay funds under divisions (B) and (C) of this section as follows:

(1) One-half of the amount shall be paid not later than the thirty-first day of October of the fiscal year for which the payment is calculated.

(2) One-half of the amount shall be paid not later than the twenty-eighth day of February of the fiscal year for which the payment is calculated.

Upon making a payment for a fiscal year under this section, the department shall not make any reconciliations or adjustments to that payment.

(E) A joint vocational school district that receives a payment under this section shall comply with section 3317.26 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3317.25. (A) As used in this section, "economically disadvantaged funds" means the following:

(1) For a city, local, or exempted village school district, the funds received under division (A)(5) of section 3317.022 of the Revised Code;

(2) For a joint vocational school district, the funds received under division (A)(3) of section 3317.16 of the Revised Code;

(3) For a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, the funds received under division (C)(1)(e) of section 3314.08 of the Revised Code;

(4) For a STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, the funds received under division (E) of section 3326.33 of the Revised Code.

(B) In any fiscal year, a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district, community school, or STEM school shall spend the economically disadvantaged funds it receives for any of the following initiatives or a combination of any of the following initiatives:

- (1) Extended school day and school year;
- (2) Reading improvement and intervention;
- (3) Instructional technology or blended learning;
- (4) Professional development in reading instruction for teachers of students in kindergarten through third grade;
- (5) Dropout prevention;
- (6) School safety and security measures;
- (7) Community learning centers that address barriers to learning;
- (8) Academic interventions for students in any of grades six through twelve;
- (9) Employment of an individual who has successfully completed the bright new leaders for Ohio schools program as a principal or an assistant principal. ~~As used in this section, "bright new leaders for Ohio schools program" has the same meaning as in~~ under section ~~3319.271~~ 3319.272 of the Revised Code.

(C) At the end of each fiscal year, each city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district, community school, and STEM school shall submit a report to the department of education describing the initiative or initiatives on which the district's or school's economically disadvantaged funds were spent during that fiscal year.

(D) Starting in 2015, the department shall submit a report of the information it receives under division (C) of this section to the General Assembly not later than the first day of December of each odd-numbered year in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3317.26. (A) As used in this section, "student wellness and success funds" means the following:

(1) For a city, local, or exempted village school district, the funds received under section 3317.0219 of the Revised Code;

(2) For a joint vocational school district, the funds received under section 3317.163 of the Revised Code.

(3) For a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, the funds received under section 3314.088 of the Revised Code.

(4) For a STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, the funds received under section 3326.42 of the Revised Code.

(B) In any fiscal year, a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district, community school, or STEM school shall spend the student wellness and success funds it receives for any of the following initiatives or a combination of any of the following initiatives:

- (1) Mental health services;

(2) Services for homeless youth;

(3) Services for child welfare involved youth;

(4) Community liaisons;

(5) Physical health care services;

(6) Mentoring programs;

(7) Family engagement and support services;

(8) City connects programming;

(9) Professional development regarding the provision of trauma informed care;

(10) Professional development regarding cultural competence;

(11) Student services provided prior to or after the regularly scheduled school day or any time school is not in session.

(C) Each city, local, exempted village, and joint vocational school district, community school, and STEM school that is subject to the requirements of this section shall develop a plan for utilizing the student wellness and success funds it receives in coordination with at least one of the following community partners:

(1) A board of alcohol, drug, and mental health services established under Chapter 340. of the Revised Code;

(2) An educational service center;

(3) A county board of developmental disabilities;

(4) A community-based mental health treatment provider;

(5) A board of health of a city or general health district;

(6) A county department of job and family services;

(7) A nonprofit organization with experience serving children;

(8) A public hospital agency.

(D) After the end of each fiscal year, each city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district, community school, and STEM school shall submit a report to the department of education, in a manner prescribed by the department, describing the initiative or initiatives on which the district's or school's student wellness and success funds were spent during that fiscal year.

Sec. 3317.28. For fiscal year 2022 and for each fiscal year thereafter, the department of education shall pay each city, local, and exempted village school district additional funds computed as follows:

(A) The statewide per pupil amount paid for chartered nonpublic school students - [(the sum of the district's payments under sections 3317.022 and 3317.0212 of the Revised Code and any temporary transitional aid that is authorized by the general assembly minus any reductions due to funding limitations that are authorized by the general assembly/its formula ADM)];

times

(B) The district's formula ADM.

If the result is a negative number, no payment shall be made under this section.

As used in this section, the "statewide per pupil amount paid for chartered nonpublic school students" means the statewide per pupil amount paid under sections 3317.06, 3317.062, and 3317.063 of the Revised Code, combined, for the current fiscal year, as calculated by the department.

Sec. 3317.40. (A) As used in this section, "subgroup" means one of the following subsets of the entire student population of a school district or a school building:

- (1) Students with disabilities;
- (2) Economically disadvantaged students;
- (3) ~~Limited English proficient students~~ learners;

(4) Students identified as gifted in superior cognitive ability and specific academic ability fields under Chapter 3324. of the Revised Code.

(B) It is the intent of the general assembly that funds provided under this chapter shall be used for the provision of a system of common schools and the advancement of the knowledge of all students. As such, school districts and schools shall be held accountable for those funds to ensure that all students are provided an opportunity to graduate from high school prepared for a career or for post-secondary education.

(C) When funds are provided under this chapter specifically for services for a subgroup of students, the general assembly has determined that these students experience unique challenges requiring additional resources and intends that the funds so provided be used for services that will allow students in those subgroups to master the knowledge base required for high school graduation.

(D) If a district or school fails to show satisfactory achievement and progress, as determined by the state board of education, for any subgroup of students based on performance measures reported or graded under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code, the district or school shall submit an improvement plan to the department for approval. The plan may be included in any other improvement plan required of the district or school under state or federal law. The department may require that a plan required under division (C) of this section include an agreement to partner with another organization that has demonstrated the ability to improve the educational outcome for that subgroup of students to provide services to those students. The partner organization may be another school, district, or other education provider.

Not later than December 31, 2014, the state board of education shall establish measures of satisfactory achievement and progress, which include, but are not limited to, performance measures under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code. The department shall make the initial determination of satisfactory achievement and progress under this section using those measures not later than September 1, 2015, and then make determinations under this section annually thereafter.

The department shall publish a list of schools, school districts, and other educational providers that have demonstrated an ability to serve each subgroup of students.

Sec. 3317.60. (A)(1) The department of education shall conduct a study that does both of the following:

(a) Reviews the criteria used in the current school funding formula to define "economically disadvantaged students" in order to determine the effectiveness of the criteria;

(b) Researches how other states define "economically disadvantaged students" and how "economically disadvantaged students" are addressed in other states' school funding formulas.

The department shall submit a report of its findings to the individuals prescribed in division (B) of this section not later than December 31, 2020.

(2) The department of education, in consultation with the department of job and family services and stakeholder groups determined appropriate by the department, shall prepare a report including both of the following:

(a) A review of early child initiatives in Ohio, including preschool, head start, and other early learning opportunities for young children;

(b) Information regarding how other states support early learning opportunities for young children.

The department of education shall submit the report to the individuals prescribed in division (B) of this section not later than December 31, 2020.

(B) The reports prepared under division (A) of this section shall be submitted to all of the following:

(1) The president and minority leader of the senate;

(2) The speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives;

(3) The members of the standing committees of the house of representatives and the senate that consider legislation regarding primary and secondary education.

Sec. 3318.036. (A) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Eligible school district" is a city, local, or exempted village school district that satisfies both of the following conditions:

(a) The district is either of the following:

(i) A district that resulted from one of the following that became effective between July 1, 2013, and June 30, 2018:

~~(i)~~(I) A transfer of all of the territory of one school district to another school district in accordance with section 3311.22, 3311.231, 3311.24, or 3311.38 of the Revised Code;

~~(ii)~~(II) The merger of two or more districts in accordance with section 3311.25 of the Revised Code;

~~(iii)~~(III) The creation of a new local school district from all of one or more local school districts in accordance with section 3311.26 of the Revised Code;

~~(iv)~~(IV) The consolidation of two or more school districts under section 3311.37 of the Revised Code.

(ii) A district that intends to build a new school building on land originally owned by a state community college, as that term is defined in section 3358.01 of the Revised Code, with the intention of collaboratively working with the state community college on workforce development programs and curriculum.

(b) The district has demonstrated to the Ohio facilities construction commission an efficient use of facility space, including a reduction in the number of buildings used by students and administrative staff.

(2) "Basic project cost" and "required percentage of the basic project cost" have the same meanings as in section 3318.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this chapter:

(1) If the commission determines that a district is an eligible school district, the commission shall give that district first priority for funding for a project under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code as such funds become available, regardless of the district's percentile rank under section 3318.011 of the Revised Code. If the district results from a transfer, merger, consolidation, or creation of a new local district that takes effect prior to April 6, 2017, the district's portion of the basic project cost shall be the required percentage of the basic project cost based on the percentile ranking of the district that was transferred, merged, consolidated, or existed prior to the creation of the new district that has the lowest three-year average adjusted valuation per pupil, as calculated under section 3318.011 of the Revised Code, on the date that the transfer, merger, consolidation, or creation of the new district became effective.

(2) If an eligible school district is given priority under division (B)(1) of this section, the commission may reduce that district's portion of the basic project cost by twenty-five percentage points from the portion determined under section 3318.032 of the Revised Code or, if the district results from a

transfer, merger, consolidation, or creation of a new local district that takes effect prior to April 6, 2017, from the portion determined under division (B)(1) of this section. At no time, however, shall that district's portion of the basic project cost be less than five per cent.

(3) If an eligible school district is given priority under division (B)(1) of this section, the commission may reduce that district's portion of the basic project cost by ten percentage points from the portion determined under section 3318.032 of the Revised Code or, if the district results from a transfer, merger, consolidation, or creation of a new local district that takes effect prior to April 6, 2017, from the portion determined under division (B)(1) of this section, if the district's project satisfies the following conditions:

(a) The project involves construction of a building on land owned by a state institution of higher education, as that term is defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, or on land originally owned by a state community college, as that term is defined in section 3358.01 of the Revised Code, with the intention of collaboratively working with the state community college on workforce development programs and curriculum, and the commission approves the project.

(b) The district and the state institution of higher education enter into a written agreement regarding the continued use of the institution's land by the district, and the commission approves the agreement. Division (B)(3)(b) of this section does not apply to a district that satisfies the condition described in division (A)(1)(a)(ii) of this section.

(c) On the date that the district and the state institution of higher education enter into the written agreement described in division (B)(3)(b) of this section, the state institution of higher education is participating in the college credit plus program established under Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code. Division (B)(3)(c) of this section does not apply to a district that satisfies the condition described in division (A)(1)(a)(ii) of this section.

At no time, however, shall that district's portion of the basic project cost be less than five per cent.

The reduction of the district's portion of the basic project cost described in division (B)(3) of this section may be in addition to a reduction of the district's portion of the basic project cost under division (B)(2) of this section.

(C) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, a district's project undertaken pursuant to this section shall be subject to all other requirements in sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3318.037. (A) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Basic project cost," "percentile," and "school district's portion of the basic project cost" have the same meanings as in section 3318.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Eligible school district" is a city, local, or exempted village school district that satisfies all of the following conditions:

(a) The district intends to build new classroom facilities on land originally owned by a state community college, as that term is defined in section 3358.01 of the Revised Code, with the intention of collaboratively working with the state community college on workforce development programs and curriculum.

(b) The district has previously participated in the school building assistance expedited local partnership program established under section 3318.36 of the Revised Code but did not construct any new facilities as part of that program.

(c) The district reapplies for the expedited local partnership program between January 1, 2019, and July 1, 2020.

(B) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this chapter, if an eligible school district reapplies for the expedited local partnership program between January 1, 2019, and July 1, 2020, and subsequently enters into a new agreement for that program, both of the following shall occur:

(1) The district shall retain its percentile ranking that was determined at the time the district entered into its initial agreement under the expedited local partnership program.

(2) The Ohio facilities construction commission shall give that district first priority for funding for a project under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code as such funds become available, regardless of the district's percentile rank under section 3318.011 of the Revised Code, and the district's portion of the basic project cost under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code shall be the same percentage of the basic project cost as under its initial agreement under the expedited local partnership program.

Sec. 3318.05. The conditional approval of the Ohio facilities construction commission for a project shall lapse and the amount reserved and encumbered for such project shall be released unless the school district board accepts such conditional approval within one hundred twenty days following the date of certification of the conditional approval to the school district board and the electors of the school district vote favorably on both of the propositions described in divisions (A) and (B) of this section within thirteen months of the date of such certification, except that a school district described in division (C) of this section does not need to submit the proposition described in division (B) of this section. The propositions

described in divisions (A) and (B) of this section shall be combined in a single proposal. If the district board or the district's electors fail to meet such requirements and the amount reserved and encumbered for the district's project is released, the district shall be given first priority for project funding as such funds become available, subject to section 3318.054 of the Revised Code.

(A) On the question of issuing bonds of the school district board, for the school district's portion of the basic project cost, in an amount equal to the school district's portion of the basic project cost less the amount of the proceeds of any securities authorized or to be authorized under division (J) of section 133.06 of the Revised Code and dedicated by the school district board to payment of the district's portion of the basic project cost; and

(B) On the question of levying a tax the proceeds of which shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining or upgrading the classroom facilities included in the project. Such tax shall be at the rate of not less than one-half mill for each dollar of valuation for a period of twenty-three years, subject to any extension approved under section 3318.061 of the Revised Code.

(C) If a school district has in place a tax levied under section 5705.21 of the Revised Code for general permanent improvements for a continuing period of time and the proceeds of such tax can be used for maintenance or upgrades, or if a district agrees to the transfers described in section 3318.051 of the Revised Code, the school district need not levy the additional tax required under division (B) of this section, provided the school district board includes in the agreement entered into under section 3318.08 of the Revised Code provisions either:

(1) Earmarking an amount from the proceeds of that permanent improvement tax for maintenance or upgrades of classroom facilities equivalent to the amount of the additional tax and for the equivalent number of years otherwise required under this section;

(2) Requiring the transfer of money in accordance with section 3318.051 of the Revised Code.

The district board subsequently may rescind the agreement to make the transfers under section 3318.051 of the Revised Code only so long as the electors of the district have approved, in accordance with section 3318.063 of the Revised Code, the levy of a tax for the maintenance or upgrades of the classroom facilities acquired under the district's project and that levy continues to be collected as approved by the electors.

(D) Proceeds of the tax to be used for maintenance or upgrade of the classroom facilities under either division (B) or (C)(1) of this section, and transfers of money in accordance with section 3318.051 of the Revised

Code shall be deposited into a separate fund established by the school district for such purpose.

(E) Proceeds of the tax to be used for maintenance or upgrades of the classroom facilities under either division (B) or (C)(1) of this section shall not be used to upgrade classroom facilities, unless the district board submits to the Ohio facilities construction commission a proposal regarding the use of those proceeds for upgrades and the commission approves the proposal.

Sec. 3318.051. (A) Any city, exempted village, or local school district that commences a project under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20, 3318.36, 3318.37, or 3318.38 of the Revised Code on or after September 5, 2006, need not levy the tax otherwise required under division (B) of section 3318.05 of the Revised Code, if the district board of education adopts a resolution petitioning the Ohio facilities construction commission to approve the transfer of money in accordance with this section and the commission approves that transfer. If so approved, the commission and the district board shall enter into an agreement under which the board, in each of twenty-three consecutive years beginning in the year in which the board and the commission enter into the project agreement under section 3318.08 of the Revised Code, shall transfer into the maintenance fund required by division (D) of section 3318.05 of the Revised Code not less than an amount equal to one-half mill for each dollar of the district's valuation unless and until the agreement to make those transfers is rescinded by the district board pursuant to division (F) of this section.

(B) On the first day of July each year, or on an alternative date prescribed by the commission, the district treasurer shall certify to the commission and the auditor of state that the amount required for the year has been transferred. The auditor of state shall include verification of the transfer as part of any audit of the district under section 117.11 of the Revised Code. If the auditor of state finds that less than the required amount has been deposited into a district's maintenance fund, the auditor of state shall notify the district board of education in writing of that fact and require the board to deposit into the fund, within ninety days after the date of the notice, the amount by which the fund is deficient for the year. If the district board fails to demonstrate to the auditor of state's satisfaction that the board has made the deposit required in the notice, the auditor of state shall notify the department of education. At that time, the department shall withhold an amount equal to ten per cent of the district's funds calculated for the current fiscal year under Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code until the auditor of state notifies the department that the auditor of state is satisfied that the board has made the required transfer.

(C) Money transferred to the maintenance fund shall be used for the maintenance or, upon approval of the Ohio facilities construction commission, upgrade of the facilities acquired under the district's project.

(D) The transfers to the maintenance fund under this section does not affect a district's obligation to establish and maintain a capital and maintenance fund under section 3315.18 of the Revised Code.

(E) Any decision by the commission to approve or not approve the transfer of money under this section is final and not subject to appeal. The commission shall not be responsible for errors or miscalculations made in deciding whether to approve a petition to make transfers under this section.

(F) If the district board determines that it no longer can continue making the transfers agreed to under this section, the board may rescind the agreement only so long as the electors of the district have approved, in accordance with section 3318.063 of the Revised Code, the levy of a tax for the maintenance of the classroom facilities acquired under the district's project and that levy continues to be collected as approved by the electors. That levy shall be for a number of years that is equal to the difference between twenty-three years and the number of years that the district made transfers under this section and shall be at the rate of not less than one-half mill for each dollar of the district's valuation. The district board shall continue to make the transfers agreed to under this section until that levy has been approved by the electors.

Sec. 3318.06. (A) After receipt of the conditional approval of the Ohio facilities construction commission, the school district board by a majority of all of its members shall, if it desires to proceed with the project, declare all of the following by resolution:

(1) That by issuing bonds in an amount equal to the school district's portion of the basic project cost the district is unable to provide adequate classroom facilities without assistance from the state;

(2) Unless the school district board has resolved to transfer money in accordance with section 3318.051 of the Revised Code or to apply the proceeds of a property tax or the proceeds of an income tax, or a combination of proceeds from such taxes, as authorized under section 3318.052 of the Revised Code, that to qualify for such state assistance it is necessary to do either of the following:

(a) Levy a tax outside the ten-mill limitation the proceeds of which shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining and upgrading the classroom facilities included in the project; The use of the proceeds for upgrades is subject to the approval by the commission under division (E) of section 3318.05 of the Revised Code.

(b) Earmark for maintenance of classroom facilities from the proceeds of an existing permanent improvement tax levied under section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, if such tax can be used for maintenance, an amount equivalent to the amount of the additional tax otherwise required under this section and sections 3318.05 and 3318.08 of the Revised Code.

(3) That the question of any tax levy specified in a resolution described in division (A)(2)(a) of this section, if required, shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at the next general or primary election, if there be a general or primary election not less than ninety and not more than one hundred ten days after the day of the adoption of such resolution or, if not, at a special election to be held at a time specified in the resolution which shall be not less than ninety days after the day of the adoption of the resolution and which shall be in accordance with the requirements of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code.

Such resolution shall also state that the question of issuing bonds of the board shall be combined in a single proposal with the question of such tax levy. More than one election under this section may be held in any one calendar year. Such resolution shall specify both of the following:

(a) That the rate which it is necessary to levy shall be at the rate of not less than one-half mill for each one dollar of valuation, and that such tax shall be levied for a period of twenty-three years;

(b) That the proceeds of the tax shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining the classroom facilities included in the project or upgrading those facilities if approved by the commission.

(B) A copy of a resolution adopted under division (A) of this section shall after its passage and not less than ninety days prior to the date set therein for the election be certified to the county board of elections.

The resolution of the school district board, in addition to meeting other applicable requirements of section 133.18 of the Revised Code, shall state that the amount of bonds to be issued will be an amount equal to the school district's portion of the basic project cost, and state the maximum maturity of the bonds which may be any number of years not exceeding the term calculated under section 133.20 of the Revised Code as determined by the board. In estimating the amount of bonds to be issued, the board shall take into consideration the amount of moneys then in the bond retirement fund and the amount of moneys to be collected for and disbursed from the bond retirement fund during the remainder of the year in which the resolution of necessity is adopted.

If the bonds are to be issued in more than one series, the resolution may state, in addition to the information required to be stated under division

(B)(3) of section 133.18 of the Revised Code, the number of series, which shall not exceed five, the principal amount of each series, and the approximate date each series will be issued, and may provide that no series, or any portion thereof, may be issued before such date. Upon such a resolution being certified to the county auditor as required by division (C) of section 133.18 of the Revised Code, the county auditor, in calculating, advising, and confirming the estimated average annual property tax levy under that division, shall also calculate, advise, and confirm by certification the estimated average property tax levy for each series of bonds to be issued.

Notice of the election shall include the fact that the tax levy shall be at the rate of not less than one-half mill for each one dollar of valuation for a period of twenty-three years, and that the proceeds of the tax shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining or upgrading the classroom facilities included in the project.

If the bonds are to be issued in more than one series, the board of education, when filing copies of the resolution with the board of elections as required by division (D) of section 133.18 of the Revised Code, may direct the board of elections to include in the notice of election the principal amount and approximate date of each series, the maximum number of years over which the principal of each series may be paid, the estimated additional average property tax levy for each series, and the first calendar year in which the tax is expected to be due for each series, in addition to the information required to be stated in the notice under divisions (E)(3)(a) to (e) of section 133.18 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(2) of this section, the form of the ballot to be used at such election shall be:

"A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall bonds be issued by the (here insert name of school district) school district to pay the local share of school construction under the State of Ohio Classroom Facilities Assistance Program in the principal amount of (here insert principal amount of the bond issue), to be repaid annually over a maximum period of (here insert the maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid) years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to average over the repayment period of the bond issue (here insert the number of mills estimated) mills for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amounts to (rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents, such as "thirty-six cents" or "\$0.36") for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds and to pay debt charges on any notes

issued in anticipation of the bonds?"

and, unless the additional levy of taxes is not required pursuant to division (C) of section 3318.05 of the Revised Code,

"Shall an additional levy of taxes be made for a period of twenty-three years to benefit the (here insert name of school district) school district, the proceeds of which shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining (or upgrading if approved by the commission) the classroom facilities included in the project at the rate of (here insert the number of mills, which shall not be less than one-half mill) mills for each one dollar of valuation?

	FOR THE BOND ISSUE AND TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE BOND ISSUE AND TAX LEVY

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(2) If authority is sought to issue bonds in more than one series and the board of education so elects, the form of the ballot shall be as prescribed in section 3318.062 of the Revised Code. If the board of education elects the form of the ballot prescribed in that section, it shall so state in the resolution adopted under this section.

(D) If it is necessary for the school district to acquire a site for the classroom facilities to be acquired pursuant to sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code, the district board may propose either to issue bonds of the board or to levy a tax to pay for the acquisition of such site, and may combine the question of doing so with the questions specified in division (B) of this section. Bonds issued under this division for the purpose of acquiring a site are a general obligation of the school district and are Chapter 133. securities.

The form of that portion of the ballot to include the question of either issuing bonds or levying a tax for site acquisition purposes shall be one of the following:

(1) "Shall bonds be issued by the (here insert name of the school district) school district to pay costs of acquiring a site for classroom facilities under the State of Ohio Classroom Facilities Assistance Program in the principal amount of (here insert principal amount of the bond issue), to be repaid annually over a maximum period of (here insert maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be

paid) years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to average over the repayment period of the bond issue (here insert number of mills) mills for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amount to (here insert rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents, such as "thirty-six cents" or "\$0.36") for each one hundred dollars of valuation to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of the bonds?"

(2) "Shall an additional levy of taxes outside the ten-mill limitation be made for the benefit of the (here insert name of the school district) school district for the purpose of acquiring a site for classroom facilities in the sum of (here insert annual amount the levy is to produce) estimated by the county auditor to average (here insert number of mills) mills for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of (here insert number of years the millage is to be imposed) years?"

Where it is necessary to combine the question of issuing bonds of the school district and levying a tax as described in division (B) of this section with the question of issuing bonds of the school district for acquisition of a site, the question specified in that division to be voted on shall be "For the Bond Issues and the Tax Levy" and "Against the Bond Issues and the Tax Levy."

Where it is necessary to combine the question of issuing bonds of the school district and levying a tax as described in division (B) of this section with the question of levying a tax for the acquisition of a site, the question specified in that division to be voted on shall be "For the Bond Issue and the Tax Levies" and "Against the Bond Issue and the Tax Levies."

Where the school district board chooses to combine the question in division (B) of this section with any of the additional questions described in divisions (A) to (D) of section 3318.056 of the Revised Code, the question specified in division (B) of this section to be voted on shall be "For the Bond Issues and the Tax Levies" and "Against the Bond Issues and the Tax Levies."

If a majority of those voting upon a proposition hereunder which includes the question of issuing bonds vote in favor thereof, and if the agreement provided for by section 3318.08 of the Revised Code has been entered into, the school district board may proceed under Chapter 133. of the Revised Code, with the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

Sec. 3318.061. This section applies only to school districts eligible to receive additional assistance under division (B)(2) of section 3318.04 of the

Revised Code.

The board of education of a school district in which a tax described by division (B) of section 3318.05 and levied under section 3318.06 of the Revised Code is in effect, may adopt a resolution by vote of a majority of its members to extend the term of that tax beyond the expiration of that tax as originally approved under that section. The school district board may include in the resolution a proposal to extend the term of that tax at the rate of not less than one-half mill for each dollar of valuation for a period of twenty-three years from the year in which the school district board and the Ohio facilities construction commission enter into an agreement under division (B)(2) of section 3318.04 of the Revised Code or in the following year, as specified in the resolution. Such a resolution may be adopted at any time before such an agreement is entered into and before the tax levied pursuant to section 3318.06 of the Revised Code expires. If the resolution is combined with a resolution to issue bonds to pay the school district's portion of the basic project cost, it shall conform with the requirements of divisions (A)(1), (2), and (3) of section 3318.06 of the Revised Code, except that the resolution also shall state that the tax levy proposed in the resolution is an extension of an existing tax levied under that section. A resolution proposing an extension adopted under this section does not take effect until it is approved by a majority of electors voting in favor of the resolution at a general, primary, or special election as provided in this section.

A tax levy extended under this section is subject to the same terms and limitations to which the original tax levied under section 3318.06 of the Revised Code is subject under that section, except the term of the extension shall be as specified in this section.

The school district board shall certify a copy of the resolution adopted under this section to the proper county board of elections not later than ninety days before the date set in the resolution as the date of the election at which the question will be submitted to electors. The notice of the election shall conform with the requirements of division (A)(3) of section 3318.06 of the Revised Code, except that the notice also shall state that the maintenance tax levy is an extension of an existing tax levy.

The form of the ballot shall be as follows:

"Shall the existing tax levied to pay the cost of maintaining (or upgrading if approved by the Ohio facilities construction commission) classroom facilities constructed with the proceeds of the previously issued bonds at the rate of (here insert the number of mills, which shall not be less than one-half mill) mills per dollar of tax valuation, be extended until (here insert the year that is twenty-three years after the year in which

the district and commission will enter into an agreement under division (B)(2) of section 3318.04 of the Revised Code or the following year)?

	FOR EXTENDING THE EXISTING TAX LEVY
	AGAINST EXTENDING THE EXISTING TAX LEVY "

Section 3318.07 of the Revised Code applies to ballot questions under this section.

Sec. 3318.062. (A) If authority is sought to issue bonds in more than one series to pay the school district's portion of the basic project cost under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code, the form of the ballot shall be:

"Shall bonds be issued by the (here insert name of school district) school district to pay the local share of school construction under the State of Ohio Classroom Facilities Assistance Program in the total principal amount of (total principal amount of the bond issue), to be issued in (number of series) series, each series to be repaid annually over not more than (maximum number of years over which the principal of each series may be paid) years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds and on any notes issued in anticipation of the bonds, at a rate estimated by the county auditor to average over the repayment period of each series as follows: (insert the following for each series: "the series, in a principal amount of dollars, requiring mills per dollar of tax valuation, which amounts to (rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents, such as "36 cents" or "\$1.41") for each one hundred dollars in tax valuation, commencing in and first payable in)?"

and, unless the additional levy
of taxes is not required pursuant
to division (C) of section
3318.05 of the Revised Code,

"Shall an additional levy of taxes be made for a period of twenty-three years to benefit the (here insert name of school district) school district, the proceeds of which shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining (or upgrading if approved by the Ohio facilities construction commission) the classroom facilities included in the project at the rate of (here insert the number of mills, which shall not be less than one-half mill) mills for each one dollar of valuation?

	For the bond issue
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	Against the bond issue	
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(B) If it is necessary for the school district to acquire a site for the classroom facilities to be acquired pursuant to sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code, the district board may propose either to issue bonds of the board or to levy a tax to pay for the acquisition of such site, and may combine the question of doing so with the questions specified in division (A) of this section. Bonds issued under this division for the purpose of acquiring a site are a general obligation of the school district and are Chapter 133. securities.

The form of that portion of the ballot to include the question of either issuing bonds or levying a tax for site acquisition purposes shall be one of the forms prescribed in division (D) of section 3318.06 of the Revised Code.

(C) Where the school district board chooses to combine the question in division (A) of this section with any of the additional questions described in divisions (A) to (D) of section 3318.056 of the Revised Code, the question specified in division (A) of this section to be voted on shall be "For the Bond Issues and the Tax Levies" and "Against the Bond Issues and the Tax Levies."

(D) If a majority of those voting upon a proposition prescribed in this section which includes the question of issuing bonds vote in favor of that issuance, and if the agreement prescribed in section 3318.08 of the Revised Code has been entered into, the school district board may proceed under Chapter 133. of the Revised Code with the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

Sec. 3318.063. If the board of education of a city, exempted village, or local school district that has entered into an agreement under section 3318.051 of the Revised Code to make transfers of money in lieu of levying the tax for maintenance or upgrade of the classroom facilities included in the district's project determines that it no longer can continue making the transfers so agreed to and desires to rescind that agreement, the board shall adopt the resolution to submit the question of the tax levy prescribed in this section.

The resolution shall declare that the question of a tax levy specified in division (F) of section 3318.051 of the Revised Code shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at the next general or primary election, if there be a general or primary election not less than seventy-five and not more than ninety-five days after the day of the adoption of such resolution or, if not, at a special election to be held at a time specified in the resolution which shall be not less than seventy-five days after the day of the adoption

of the resolution and which shall be in accordance with the requirements of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code. Such resolution shall specify both of the following:

(A) That the rate which it is necessary to levy shall be at the rate of not less than one-half mill for each one dollar of valuation, and that such tax shall be levied for the number of years required by division (F) of section 3318.051 of the Revised Code;

(B) That the proceeds of the tax shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining the classroom facilities included in the project.

A copy of such resolution shall after its passage and not less than seventy-five days prior to the date set therein for the election be certified to the county board of elections.

Notice of the election shall include the fact that the tax levy shall be at the rate of not less than one-half mill for each one dollar of valuation for the number of years required by division (F) of section 3318.051 of the Revised Code, and that the proceeds of the tax shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining the classroom facilities included in the project.

The form of the ballot to be used at such election shall be:

"Shall a levy of taxes be made for a period of (here insert the number of years, which shall not be less than the number required by division (F) of section 3318.051 of the Revised Code) years to benefit the (here insert name of school district) school district, the proceeds of which shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining (or upgrading if approved by the Ohio facilities construction commission) the classroom facilities included in the project at the rate of (here insert the number of mills, which shall not be less than one-half mill) mills for each one dollar of valuation?

	FOR THE TAX LEVY	"
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	

Sec. 3318.36. (A)(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Ohio facilities construction commission," "classroom facilities," "school district," "school district board," "net bonded indebtedness," "required percentage of the basic project costs," "basic project cost," "valuation," and "percentile" have the same meanings as in section 3318.01 of the Revised Code.

(b) "Required level of indebtedness" means five per cent of the school district's valuation for the year preceding the year in which the commission

and school district enter into an agreement under division (B) of this section, plus [two one-hundredths of one per cent multiplied by (the percentile in which the district ranks minus one)].

(c) "Local resources" means any moneys generated in any manner permitted for a school district board to raise the school district portion of a project undertaken with assistance under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code.

(2) For purposes of determining the required level of indebtedness, the required percentage of the basic project costs under division (C)(1) of this section, and priority for assistance under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code, the percentile ranking of a school district with which the commission has entered into an agreement under this section between the first day of July and the thirty-first day of August in each fiscal year is the percentile ranking calculated for that district for the immediately preceding fiscal year, and the percentile ranking of a school district with which the commission has entered into such agreement between the first day of September and the thirtieth day of June in each fiscal year is the percentile ranking calculated for that district for the current fiscal year.

(B)(1) There is hereby established the school building assistance expedited local partnership program. Under the program, the Ohio facilities construction commission may enter into an agreement with the board of any school district under which the board may proceed with the new construction or major repairs of a part of the district's classroom facilities needs, as determined under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code, through the expenditure of local resources prior to the school district's eligibility for state assistance under those sections, and may apply that expenditure toward meeting the school district's portion of the basic project cost of the total of the district's classroom facilities needs, as recalculated under division (E) of this section, when the district becomes eligible for state assistance under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 or section 3318.364 of the Revised Code. ~~Any~~

Any school district that is reasonably expected to receive assistance under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code within two fiscal years from the date the school district adopts its resolution under division (B) of this section shall not be eligible to participate in the program established under this section unless that school district divides its project under those sections into segments as authorized by section 3318.034 of the Revised Code. In the case of a school district that has segmented its project as authorized in section 3318.034 of the Revised Code, the district shall select a discrete portion of one or more future segments of its project, to

which the district may apply local resources under an agreement under this section prior to further state assistance for those future segments under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code.

(2) To participate in the program, a school district board shall first adopt a resolution certifying to the commission the board's intent to participate in the program.

The resolution shall specify the approximate date that the board intends to seek elector approval of any bond or tax measures or to apply other local resources to use to pay the cost of classroom facilities to be constructed under this section. The resolution may specify the application of local resources or elector-approved bond or tax measures after the resolution is adopted by the board, and in such case the board may proceed with a discrete portion of its project under this section as soon as the commission and the controlling board have approved the basic project cost of the district's classroom facilities needs as specified in division (D) of this section. The board shall submit its resolution to the commission not later than ten days after the date the resolution is adopted by the board.

The commission shall not consider any resolution that is submitted pursuant to division (B)(2) of this section, as amended by this amendment, sooner than September 14, 2000.

(3) For purposes of determining when a district that enters into an agreement under this section becomes eligible for assistance under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code or priority for assistance under section 3318.364 of the Revised Code, the commission shall use the district's percentile ranking determined at the time the district entered into the agreement under this section, as prescribed by division (A)(2) of this section.

(4) Any project under this section shall comply with section 3318.03 of the Revised Code and with any specifications for plans and materials for classroom facilities adopted by the commission under section 3318.04 of the Revised Code.

(5) If a school district that enters into an agreement under this section has not begun a project applying local resources as provided for under that agreement at the time the district is notified by the commission that it is eligible to receive state assistance for its project under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code or for a segment of its project, if the district previously segmented its project as authorized in section 3318.034 of the Revised Code, all assessment and agreement documents entered into under this section are void.

(6) Only construction of or repairs to classroom facilities that have been

approved by the commission and have been therefore included as part of a district's basic project cost qualify for application of local resources under this section.

(C) Based on the results of on-site visits and assessment, the commission shall determine the basic project cost of the school district's classroom facilities needs. The commission shall determine the school district's portion of such basic project cost, which shall be the greater of:

(1) The required percentage of the basic project costs, determined based on the school district's percentile ranking;

(2) An amount necessary to raise the school district's net bonded indebtedness, as of the fiscal year the commission and the school district enter into the agreement under division (B) of this section, to within five thousand dollars of the required level of indebtedness.

(D)(1) When the commission determines the basic project cost of the classroom facilities needs of a school district and the school district's portion of that basic project cost under division (C) of this section, the project shall be conditionally approved. Such conditional approval shall be submitted to the controlling board for approval thereof. The controlling board shall forthwith approve or reject the commission's determination, conditional approval, and the amount of the state's portion of the basic project cost; however, no state funds shall be encumbered under this section. Upon approval by the controlling board, the school district board may identify a discrete part of its classroom facilities needs, which shall include only new construction of or additions or major repairs to a particular building, to address with local resources. Upon identifying a part of the school district's basic project cost to address with local resources, the school district board may allocate any available school district moneys to pay the cost of that identified part, including the proceeds of an issuance of bonds if approved by the electors of the school district.

All local resources utilized under this division shall first be deposited in the project construction account required under section 3318.08 of the Revised Code.

(2) Unless the school district board exercises its option under division (D)(3) of this section, for a school district to qualify for participation in the program authorized under this section, one of the following conditions shall be satisfied:

(a) The electors of the school district by a majority vote shall approve the levy of taxes outside the ten-mill limitation for a period of twenty-three years at the rate of not less than one-half mill for each dollar of valuation to be used to pay the cost of maintaining or upgrading, if approved by the

commission, the classroom facilities included in the basic project cost as determined by the commission. The form of the ballot to be used to submit the question whether to approve the tax required under this division to the electors of the school district shall be the form for an additional levy of taxes prescribed in section 3318.361 of the Revised Code, which may be combined in a single ballot question with the questions prescribed under section 5705.218 of the Revised Code.

(b) As authorized under division (C) of section 3318.05 of the Revised Code, the school district board shall earmark from the proceeds of a permanent improvement tax levied under section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, an amount equivalent to the additional tax otherwise required under division (D)(2)(a) of this section for the maintenance of the classroom facilities included in the basic project cost as determined by the commission.

(c) As authorized under section 3318.051 of the Revised Code, the school district board shall, if approved by the commission, annually transfer into the maintenance fund required under section 3318.05 of the Revised Code the amount prescribed in section 3318.051 of the Revised Code in lieu of the tax otherwise required under division (D)(2)(a) of this section for the maintenance of the classroom facilities included in the basic project cost as determined by the commission.

(d) If the school district board has rescinded the agreement to make transfers under section 3318.051 of the Revised Code, as provided under division (F) of that section, the electors of the school district, in accordance with section 3318.063 of the Revised Code, first shall approve the levy of taxes outside the ten-mill limitation for the period specified in that section at a rate of not less than one-half mill for each dollar of valuation.

(e) The school district board shall apply the proceeds of a tax to leverage bonds as authorized under section 3318.052 of the Revised Code or dedicate a local donated contribution in the manner described in division (B) of section 3318.084 of the Revised Code in an amount equivalent to the additional tax otherwise required under division (D)(2)(a) of this section for the maintenance of the classroom facilities included in the basic project cost as determined by the commission.

(3) A school district board may opt to delay taking any of the actions described in division (D)(2) of this section until the school district becomes eligible for state assistance under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code. In order to exercise this option, the board shall certify to the commission a resolution indicating the board's intent to do so prior to entering into an agreement under division (B) of this section.

(4) If pursuant to division (D)(3) of this section a district board opts to

delay levying an additional tax until the district becomes eligible for state assistance, it shall submit the question of levying that tax to the district electors as follows:

(a) In accordance with section 3318.06 of the Revised Code if it will also be necessary pursuant to division (E) of this section to submit a proposal for approval of a bond issue;

(b) In accordance with section 3318.361 of the Revised Code if it is not necessary to also submit a proposal for approval of a bond issue pursuant to division (E) of this section.

(5) No state assistance under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code shall be released until a school district board that adopts and certifies a resolution under division (D) of this section also demonstrates to the satisfaction of the commission compliance with the provisions of division (D)(2) of this section.

Any amount required for maintenance under division (D)(2) of this section shall be deposited into a separate fund as specified in division (B) of section 3318.05 of the Revised Code.

(E)(1) If the school district becomes eligible for state assistance under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code for its entire project or for future segments, if the district previously segmented its project as authorized in section 3318.034 of the Revised Code, based on its percentile ranking under division (B)(3) of this section or is offered assistance under section 3318.364 of the Revised Code, the commission shall conduct a new assessment of the school district's classroom facilities needs and shall recalculate the basic project cost based on this new assessment. The basic project cost recalculated under this division shall include the amount of expenditures made by the school district board under division (D)(1) of this section. The commission shall then recalculate the school district's portion of the new basic project cost, which shall be the percentage of the original basic project cost assigned to the school district as its portion under division (C) of this section. The commission shall deduct the expenditure of school district moneys made under division (D)(1) of this section from the school district's portion of the basic project cost as recalculated under this division. If the amount of school district resources applied by the school district board to the school district's portion of the basic project cost under this section is less than the total amount of such portion as recalculated under this division, the school district board by a majority vote of all of its members shall, if it desires to seek state assistance under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code, adopt a resolution as specified in section 3318.06 of the Revised Code to submit to the electors of the school district the question of

approval of a bond issue in order to pay any additional amount of school district portion required for state assistance. Any tax levy approved under division (D) of this section satisfies the requirements to levy the additional tax under section 3318.06 of the Revised Code.

(2) If the amount of school district resources applied by the school district board to the school district's portion of the basic project cost under this section is more than the total amount of such portion as recalculated under this division, within one year after the school district's portion is recalculated under division (E)(1) of this section the commission may grant to the school district the difference between the two calculated portions, but at no time shall the commission expend any state funds on a project in an amount greater than the state's portion of the basic project cost as recalculated under this division.

Any reimbursement under this division shall be only for local resources the school district has applied toward construction cost expenditures for the classroom facilities approved by the commission, which shall not include any financing costs associated with that construction.

The school district board shall use any moneys reimbursed to the district under this division to pay off any debt service the district owes for classroom facilities constructed under its project under this section before such moneys are applied to any other purpose. However, the district board first may deposit moneys reimbursed under this division into the district's general fund or a permanent improvement fund to replace local resources the district withdrew from those funds, as long as, and to the extent that, those local resources were used by the district for constructing classroom facilities included in the district's basic project cost.

Sec. 3318.361. A school district board opting to qualify for state assistance pursuant to section 3318.36 of the Revised Code through levying the tax specified in division (D)(2)(a) or (D)(4) of that section shall declare by resolution that the question of a tax levy specified in division (D)(2)(a) or (4), as applicable, of section 3318.36 of the Revised Code shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at the next general or primary election, if there be a general or primary election not less than ninety and not more than one hundred ten days after the day of the adoption of such resolution or, if not, at a special election to be held at a time specified in the resolution which shall be not less than ninety days after the day of the adoption of the resolution and which shall be in accordance with the requirements of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code. Such resolution shall specify both of the following:

(A) That the rate which it is necessary to levy shall be at the rate of not

less than one-half mill for each one dollar of valuation, and that such tax shall be levied for a period of twenty-three years;

(B) That the proceeds of the tax shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining the classroom facilities included in the project or upgrading those facilities if approved by the Ohio facilities construction commission.

A copy of such resolution shall after its passage and not less than ninety days prior to the date set therein for the election be certified to the county board of elections.

Notice of the election shall include the fact that the tax levy shall be at the rate of not less than one-half mill for each one dollar of valuation for a period of twenty-three years, and that the proceeds of the tax shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining or upgrading the classroom facilities included in the project.

The form of the ballot to be used at such election shall be:

"Shall a levy of taxes be made for a period of twenty-three years to benefit the (here insert name of school district) school district, the proceeds of which shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining (or upgrading if approved by the Ohio facilities construction commission) the classroom facilities included in the project at the rate of (here insert the number of mills, which shall not be less than one-half mill) mills for each one dollar of valuation?

	FOR THE TAX LEVY	"
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	

Sec. 3319.26. (A) The state board of education shall adopt rules establishing the standards and requirements for obtaining an alternative resident educator license for teaching in grades kindergarten to twelve, or the equivalent, in a designated subject area or in the area of intervention specialist, as defined by rule of the state board. The rules shall also include the reasons for which an alternative resident educator license may be renewed under division (D) of this section.

(B) The superintendent of public instruction and the chancellor of ~~the Ohio board of regents~~ higher education jointly shall develop an intensive pedagogical training institute to provide instruction in the principles and practices of teaching for individuals seeking an alternative resident educator license. The instruction shall cover such topics as student development and learning, pupil assessment procedures, curriculum development, classroom management, and teaching methodology.

(C) The rules adopted under this section shall require applicants for the alternative resident educator license to satisfy the following conditions prior to issuance of the license, but they shall not require applicants to have completed a major or coursework in the subject area for which application is being made:

(1) Hold a minimum of a baccalaureate degree;

(2) Successfully complete the pedagogical training institute described in division (B) of this section or ~~a summer~~ the preservice training institute provided to participants of a teacher preparation program that ~~is operated by a nonprofit organization and~~ has been approved by the chancellor. The chancellor ~~shall~~ may approve any such program that requires participants to hold a bachelor's degree; have either a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.5 out of 4.0, or its equivalent or a cumulative graduate school grade point average of at least 3.0 out of 4.0; and successfully complete the program's ~~summer~~ preservice training institute.

(3) Pass an examination in the subject area for which application is being made.

(D) An alternative resident educator license shall be valid for four years and shall be renewable for reasons specified by rules adopted by the state board pursuant to division (A) of this section. The state board, on a case-by-case basis, may extend the license's duration as necessary to enable the license holder to complete the Ohio teacher residency program established under section 3319.223 of the Revised Code.

(E) The rules shall require the holder of an alternative resident educator license, as a condition of continuing to hold the license, to do all of the following:

(1) Participate in the Ohio teacher residency program;

(2) Show satisfactory progress in taking and successfully completing one of the following:

(a) At least twelve additional semester hours, or the equivalent, of college coursework in the principles and practices of teaching in such topics as student development and learning, pupil assessment procedures, curriculum development, classroom management, and teaching methodology;

(b) Professional development provided by a teacher preparation program that has been approved by the chancellor under division (C)(2) of this section.

(3) Take an assessment of professional knowledge in the second year of teaching under the license.

(F) The rules shall provide for the granting of a professional educator

license to a holder of an alternative resident educator license upon successfully completing all of the following:

- (1) Four years of teaching under the alternative license;
- (2) The additional college coursework or professional development described in division (E)(2) of this section;
- (3) The assessment of professional knowledge described in division (E)(3) of this section. The standards for successfully completing this assessment and the manner of conducting the assessment shall be the same as for any other individual who is required to take the assessment pursuant to rules adopted by the state board under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code.
- (4) The Ohio teacher residency program;
- (5) All other requirements for a professional educator license adopted by the state board under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code.

(G) A person who is assigned to teach in this state as a participant in the teach for America program or who has completed two years of teaching in another state as a participant in that program shall be eligible for a license only under section 3319.227 of the Revised Code and shall not be eligible for a license under this section.

Sec. 3319.272. (A) ~~As used in this section, the~~ The "bright new leaders for Ohio schools program" means the program created and implemented by the nonprofit corporation incorporated pursuant to section 3319.271 of the Revised Code to administered by the Ohio state university Fisher college of business and college education and human ecology shall provide an alternative path for individuals to receive training and development in the administration of primary and secondary education and leadership, enable those individuals to earn degrees and obtain licenses in public school administration, and promote the placement of those individuals in public schools that have a poverty percentage greater than fifty per cent.

(B) The state board of education shall issue ~~an alternative principal license or an administrator license, as applicable,~~ a professional administrator license for grades pre-kindergarten through twelve to an individual who successfully completes the bright new leaders for Ohio schools program and satisfies the requirements in rules adopted by the state board under division (C) of this section.

(C) The state board, in consultation with the ~~board of directors of the~~ bright new leaders for Ohio schools program, shall adopt rules that prescribe the requirements for obtaining ~~an alternative principal license or an~~ professional administrator license for grades pre-kindergarten through twelve under this section. The state board shall use the rules adopted under

section 3319.27 of the Revised Code as guidance in developing the rules adopted under this division.

Sec. 3319.283. (A) The board of education of any school district may employ an individual who is not certificated or licensed as required by Chapter 3319. of the Revised Code, but who meets the following qualifications, as a teacher in the schools of the district:

(1) The individual is a veteran of the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged within three years of June 30, 1997;

(2) While in the armed forces the individual had meaningful teaching or other instructional experience;

(3) The individual holds at least a baccalaureate degree.

(B) An individual employed under this section shall be deemed to hold a teaching certificate or educator license for the purposes of state and federal law and rules and regulations and school district policies, rules, and regulations. ~~However, an individual employed under this section is not a properly certified or licensed teacher for purposes of the school district's compliance with section 3319.074 of the Revised Code.~~ Each individual employed under this section shall meet the requirement to successfully complete fifteen hours, or the equivalent, of coursework every five years that is approved by the local professional development committee as is required of other teachers licensed in accordance with Chapter 3319. of the Revised Code.

(C) The superintendent of public instruction may revoke the right of an individual employed under division (A) of this section to teach if, after an investigation and an adjudication conducted pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the superintendent finds that the person is not competent to teach the subject the person has been employed to teach or did not fulfill the requirements of division (A) of this section. No individual whose right to teach has been revoked under this division shall teach in a public school, and no board of education may engage such an individual to teach in the schools of its district.

Notwithstanding division (B) of this section, a board of education is not required to comply with the provisions of sections 3311.81, 3311.82, 3319.11, and 3319.16 of the Revised Code with regard to termination of employment if the superintendent, after an investigation and an adjudication, has revoked the individual's right to teach.

Sec. 3321.191. (A) Effective beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, the board of education of each city, exempted village, local, joint vocational, and cooperative education school district and the governing board of each educational service center shall adopt a new or amended policy to guide

employees of the school district or service center in addressing and ameliorating student absences. In developing the policy, the appropriate board shall consult with the judge of the juvenile court of the county or counties in which the district or service center is located, with the parents, guardians, or other persons having care of the pupils attending school in the district, and with appropriate state and local agencies.

(B) The policy developed under division (A) of this section shall include as an intervention strategy all of the following actions, if applicable:

(1) Providing a truancy intervention plan for any student who is excessively absent from school, as described in the first paragraph of division (C) of this section;

(2) Providing counseling for an habitual truant;

(3) Requesting or requiring a parent, guardian, or other person having care of an habitual truant to attend parental involvement programs, including programs adopted under section 3313.472 or 3313.663 of the Revised Code;

(4) Requesting or requiring a parent, guardian, or other person having care of an habitual truant to attend truancy prevention mediation programs;

(5) Notification of the registrar of motor vehicles under section 3321.13 of the Revised Code;

(6) Taking legal action under section 2919.222, 3321.20, or 3321.38 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) In the event that a child of compulsory school age is absent with a nonmedical excuse or without legitimate excuse from the public school the child is supposed to attend for thirty-eight or more hours in one school month, or sixty-five or more hours in a school year, the attendance officer of that school shall notify the child's parent, guardian, or custodian of the child's absences, in writing, within seven days after the date after the absence that triggered the notice requirement. At the time notice is given, the school also may take any appropriate action as an intervention strategy contained in the policy developed by the board pursuant to division (A) of this section.

(2)(a) If the absences of a student surpass the threshold for an habitual truant as set forth in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, the principal or chief administrator of the school or the superintendent of the school district shall assign the student to an absence intervention team. Within fourteen school days after the assignment of a student to an absence intervention team, the team shall develop an intervention plan for that student in an effort to reduce or eliminate further absences. Each intervention plan shall vary based on the individual needs of the student, but the plan shall state that the attendance officer shall file a complaint not later than sixty-one days after

the date the plan was implemented, if the child has refused to participate in, or failed to make satisfactory progress on, the intervention plan or an alternative to adjudication under division (C)(2)(b) of section 3321.191 of the Revised Code. Within seven days after the development of the plan, the school district or school shall make reasonable efforts to provide the student's parent, guardian, custodian, guardian ad litem, or temporary custodian with written notice of the plan.

(b) As part of the absence intervention plan described in division (C)(2) of this section, the school district or school, in its discretion, may contact the appropriate juvenile court and ask to have a student informally enrolled in any alternative to adjudication described in division (G) of section 2151.27 of the Revised Code. If the school district or school chooses to have students informally enrolled in an alternative to adjudication, the school district or school shall develop a written policy regarding the use of, and selection process for, offering alternatives to adjudication to ensure fairness.

(c) The superintendent of each school district, or the superintendent's designee, shall establish an absence intervention team for the district to be used by any schools of the district that do not establish their own absence intervention team as permitted under division (C)(2)(d) of this section. Membership of each absence intervention team may vary based on the needs of each individual student but shall include a representative from the child's school district or school, another representative from the child's school district or school who knows the child, and the child's parent or parent's designee, or the child's guardian, custodian, guardian ad litem, or temporary custodian. The team also may include a school psychologist, counselor, social worker, or representative of a public or nonprofit agency designed to assist students and their families in reducing absences.

(d) The principal or chief administrator of each school may establish an absence intervention team or series of teams to be used in lieu of the district team established pursuant to division (C)(2)(c) of this section. Membership of each absence intervention team may vary based on the needs of each individual student but shall include a representative from the child's school district or school, another representative from the child's school district or school who knows the child, and the child's parent or parent's designee, or the child's guardian, custodian, guardian ad litem, or temporary custodian. The team also may include a school psychologist, counselor, social worker, or representative of a public or nonprofit agency designed to assist students and their families in reducing absences.

(e) A superintendent, as described in division (C)(2)(c) of this section, or principal or chief administrator, as described in division (C)(2)(d) of this

section, shall select the members of an absence intervention team within seven school days of the triggering event described in division (C)(2)(a) of this section. The superintendent, principal, or chief administrator, within the same period of seven school days, shall make at least three meaningful, good faith attempts to secure the participation of the student's parent, guardian, custodian, guardian ad litem, or temporary custodian on that team. If the student's parent responds to any of those attempts, but is unable to participate for any reason, the representative of the school district shall inform the parent of the parent's right to appear by designee. If seven school days elapse and the student's parent, guardian, custodian, guardian ad litem, or temporary custodian fails to respond to the attempts to secure participation, the school district or school shall do both of the following:

(i) Investigate whether the failure to respond triggers mandatory reporting to the public children services agency for the county in which the child resides in the manner described in section 2151.421 of the Revised Code;

(ii) Instruct the absence intervention team to develop an intervention plan for the child notwithstanding the absence of the child's parent, guardian, custodian, guardian ad litem, or temporary custodian.

(f) In the event that a student becomes habitually truant within twenty-one school days prior to the last day of instruction of a school year, the school district or school may, in its discretion, assign one school official to work with the child's parent, guardian, custodian, guardian ad litem, or temporary custodian to develop an absence intervention plan during the summer. If the school district or school selects this method, the plan shall be implemented not later than seven days prior to the first day of instruction of the next school year. In the alternative, the school district or school may toll the time periods to accommodate for the summer months and reconvene the absence intervention process upon the first day of instruction of the next school year.

(3) For purposes of divisions (C)(2)(c) and (d) of this section, the state board of education shall develop a format for parental permission to ensure compliance with the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, as amended, and any regulations promulgated under that act, and section 3319.321 of the Revised Code.

(D) Each school district or school may consult or partner with public and nonprofit agencies to provide assistance as appropriate to students and their families in reducing absences.

(E) Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, each school district shall report to the department of education, as soon as practicable, and in a format

and manner determined by the department, any of the following occurrences:

(1) When a notice required by division (C)(1) of this section is submitted to a parent, guardian, or custodian;

(2) When a child of compulsory school age has been absent without legitimate excuse from the public school the child is supposed to attend for thirty or more consecutive hours, forty-two or more hours in one school month, or seventy-two or more hours in a school year;

(3) When a child of compulsory school age who has been adjudicated an unruly child for being an habitual truant violates the court order regarding that adjudication;

(4) When an absence intervention plan has been implemented for a child under this section.

(F) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the duty or authority of a district board of education or governing body of an educational service center to develop other policies related to truancy or to limit the duty or authority of any employee of the school district or service center to respond to pupil truancy. However, a board shall be subject to the prohibition against suspending, expelling, or otherwise preventing a student from attending school for excessive absences as prescribed by section 3313.668 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3326.031. (A) As authorized by the STEM committee, a single governing body may direct a group of multiple STEM schools to operate from multiple facilities located in one or more school districts to be organized and operated in the manner prescribed under this chapter except as specified by this section. Each school within the group shall operate as a separate school but under the direction of a common governing body. The governing body may employ a single treasurer, licensed in the manner prescribed by section 3326.21 of the Revised Code, to manage the fiscal affairs of all of the schools within the group. Each school shall have a chief administrative officer, as required by section 3326.08 of the Revised Code, but the governing body may in its discretion appoint a single individual to be the chief administrative officer of two or more schools in the group. No school within the group shall be organized or funded in the manner prescribed by section 3326.51 of the Revised Code.

(B) The department shall calculate funds under this chapter for each STEM school within a group separately ~~and~~. It shall pay those funds directly to each to the governing body of the group. The governing body shall distribute to each STEM school within the group the full amount determined by the department for that school.

(C) In accordance with section 3326.17 of the Revised Code, the department shall issue a separate report card for each STEM school within a group. The department also shall compute a rating for each group of schools and report that rating in a distinct report card for the group.

(D) The department shall assign a separate internal retrieval number to each STEM school within a group.

Sec. 3326.11. Each science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under this chapter and its governing body shall comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 109.65, 121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 2921.42, 2921.43, 3301.0714, 3301.0715, 3301.0729, 3301.948, 3313.14, 3313.15, 3313.16, 3313.18, 3313.201, 3313.26, 3313.472, 3313.48, 3313.481, 3313.482, 3313.50, 3313.536, 3313.539, 3313.5310, 3313.608, 3313.6012, 3313.6013, 3313.6014, 3313.6015, 3313.6020, 3313.6021, 3313.6024, 3313.61, 3313.611, 3313.614, 3313.615, 3313.617, 3313.618, 3313.6114, 3313.643, 3313.648, 3313.6411, 3313.66, 3313.661, 3313.662, 3313.666, 3313.667, 3313.668, 3313.67, 3313.671, 3313.672, 3313.673, 3313.69, 3313.71, 3313.716, 3313.718, 3313.719, 3313.7112, 3313.721, 3313.80, 3313.801, 3313.814, 3313.816, 3313.817, 3313.818, 3313.86, 3313.89, 3313.96, 3319.073, 3319.21, 3319.32, 3319.321, 3319.35, 3319.39, 3319.391, 3319.41, 3319.45, 3319.46, 3321.01, 3321.041, 3321.05, 3321.13, 3321.14, 3321.141, 3321.17, 3321.18, 3321.19, 3321.191, 3327.10, 4111.17, 4113.52, and 5705.391 and Chapters 102., 117., 1347., 2744., 3307., 3309., 3365., 3742., 4112., 4123., 4141., and 4167. of the Revised Code as if it were a school district.

Sec. 3326.13. (A) Teachers employed by a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school ~~shall be properly certified or licensed teachers, as defined in section 3319.074 of the Revised Code, and~~ shall be licensed under sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code and rules of the state board of education implementing those sections.

(B) No STEM school shall employ any classroom teacher initially hired on or after July 1, 2013, to provide instruction in physical education unless the teacher holds a valid license issued pursuant to section 3319.22 of the Revised Code for teaching physical education.

Sec. 3326.31. As used in sections 3326.31 to 3326.50 of the Revised Code:

(A)(1) "Category one career-technical education student" means a student who is receiving the career-technical education services described in division (A) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Category two career-technical student" means a student who is receiving the career-technical education services described in division (B) of

section 3317.014 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Category three career-technical student" means a student who is receiving the career-technical education services described in division (C) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Category four career-technical student" means a student who is receiving the career-technical education services described in division (D) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code.

(5) "Category five career-technical education student" means a student who is receiving the career-technical education services described in division (E) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) "Category one ~~limited English proficient student learner~~" means a ~~limited~~ an English ~~proficient student learner~~ described in division (A) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Category two ~~limited English proficient student learner~~" means a ~~limited~~ an English ~~proficient student learner~~ described in division (B) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Category three ~~limited English proficient student learner~~" means a ~~limited~~ an English ~~proficient student learner~~ described in division (C) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) "Category one special education student" means a student who is receiving special education services for a disability specified in division (A) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Category two special education student" means a student who is receiving special education services for a disability specified in division (B) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Category three special education student" means a student who is receiving special education services for a disability specified in division (C) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Category four special education student" means a student who is receiving special education services for a disability specified in division (D) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code.

(5) "Category five special education student" means a student who is receiving special education services for a disability specified in division (E) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code.

(6) "Category six special education student" means a student who is receiving special education services for a disability specified in division (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Formula amount" has the same meaning as in section 3317.02 of the Revised Code.

(E) "IEP" means an individualized education program as defined in

section 3323.01 of the Revised Code.

(F) "Resident district" means the school district in which a student is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(G) "State education aid" has the same meaning as in section 5751.20 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3326.32. Each science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school shall report to the department of education, in the form and manner required by the department, all of the following information:

(A) The total number of students enrolled in the school who are residents of this state;

(B) The number of students reported under division (A) of this section who are receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP;

(C) For each student reported under division (B) of this section, which category specified in divisions (A) to (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code applies to the student;

(D) The full-time equivalent number of students reported under division (A) of this section who are enrolled in career-technical education programs or classes described in each of divisions (A), (B), (C), (D), and (E) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code that are provided by the STEM school;

(E) The number of students reported under division (A) of this section who are ~~limited English proficient students~~ learners and which category specified in divisions (A) to (C) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code applies to each student;

(F) The number of students reported under division (A) of this section who are economically disadvantaged, as defined by the department. A student shall not be categorically excluded from the number reported under division (F) of this section based on anything other than family income.

(G) The resident district of each student reported under division (A) of this section;

(H) The total number of students enrolled in the school who are not residents of this state and any additional information regarding these students that the department requires the school to report. The school shall not receive any payments under this chapter for students reported under this division.

(I) Any additional information the department determines necessary to make payments under this chapter.

Sec. 3326.33. For each student enrolled in a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under this chapter, on a

full-time equivalency basis, the department of education annually shall deduct from the state education aid of a student's resident school district and, if necessary, from the payment made to the district under sections 321.24 and 323.156 of the Revised Code and pay to the school or, if the student is enrolled in a school that is part of a group of STEM schools under section 3326.031 of the Revised Code, to the governing body of that group the sum of the following:

- (A) An opportunity grant in an amount equal to the formula amount;
- (B) The per pupil amount of targeted assistance funds calculated under division (A) of section 3317.0217 of the Revised Code for the student's resident district, as determined by the department, X 0.25;
- (C) Additional state aid for special education and related services provided under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code as follows:
 - (1) If the student is a category one special education student, the amount specified in division (A) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;
 - (2) If the student is a category two special education student, the amount specified in division (B) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;
 - (3) If the student is a category three special education student, the amount specified in division (C) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;
 - (4) If the student is a category four special education student, the amount specified in division (D) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;
 - (5) If the student is a category five special education student, the amount specified in division (E) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;
 - (6) If the student is a category six special education student, the amount specified in division (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code.
- (D) If the student is in kindergarten through third grade, \$320;
- (E) If the student is economically disadvantaged, an amount equal to the following:
 - \$272 X the resident district's economically disadvantaged index
- (F) ~~Limited English proficiency learner~~ funds, as follows:
 - (1) If the student is a category one ~~limited English proficient student learner~~, the amount specified in division (A) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code;
 - (2) If the student is a category two ~~limited English proficient student learner~~, the amount specified in division (B) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code;
 - (3) If the student is a category three ~~limited English proficient student learner~~, the amount specified in division (C) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code.
- (G) Career-technical education funds as follows:

(1) If the student is a category one career-technical education student, the amount specified in division (A) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code;

(2) If the student is a category two career-technical education student, the amount specified in division (B) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code;

(3) If the student is a category three career-technical education student, the amount specified in division (C) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code;

(4) If the student is a category four career-technical education student, the amount specified in division (D) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code;

(5) If the student is a category five career-technical education student, the amount specified in division (E) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code.

Deduction and payment of funds under division (G) of this section is subject to approval under section 3317.161 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3326.34. If a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under this chapter incurs costs for a fiscal year for a student receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP for a disability described in divisions (B) to (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code that exceed the threshold catastrophic cost for serving the student as specified in division (B) of section 3317.0214 of the Revised Code, the STEM school may submit to the superintendent of public instruction documentation, as prescribed by the superintendent, of all its costs for that student. Upon submission of documentation for a student of the type and in the manner prescribed, the department of education shall pay to the school or, if the school is part of a group of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics schools under section 3326.031 of the Revised Code, to the governing body of that group an amount equal to the school's costs for the student in excess of the threshold catastrophic costs.

The school shall only report under this section, and the department shall only pay for, the costs of educational expenses and the related services provided to the student in accordance with the student's IEP. Any legal fees, court costs, or other costs associated with any cause of action relating to the student may not be included in the amount.

Sec. 3326.36. The department of education shall reduce the amounts paid to a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school or to the governing body of a group of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics schools under section 3326.33 of the Revised Code to reflect

payments made to colleges under section 3365.07 of the Revised Code. A student shall be considered enrolled in the school for any portion of the school year the student is attending a college under Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3326.37. The department of education shall not pay to a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school or to the governing body of a group of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics schools any amount for any of the following:

(A) Any student who has graduated from the twelfth grade of a public or nonpublic school;

(B) Any student who is not a resident of the state;

(C) Any student who was enrolled in a STEM school during the previous school year when assessments were administered under section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code but did not take one or more of the assessments required by that section and was not excused pursuant to division (C)(1) or (3) of that section, unless the superintendent of public instruction grants the student a waiver from the requirement to take the assessment. The superintendent may grant a waiver only for good cause in accordance with rules adopted by the state board of education.

(D) Any student who has attained the age of twenty-two years, except for veterans of the armed services whose attendance was interrupted before completing the recognized twelve-year course of the public schools by reason of induction or enlistment in the armed forces and who apply for enrollment in a STEM school not later than four years after termination of war or their honorable discharge. If, however, any such veteran elects to enroll in special courses organized for veterans for whom tuition is paid under federal law, or otherwise, the department shall not pay to the school or to the governing body any amount for that veteran.

Sec. 3326.41. (A) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Formula amount" has the same meaning as in section 3317.02 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate" has the same meaning as in section 3302.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) A science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school's "third-grade reading proficiency percentage" means the percentage of the school's students scoring at a proficient level of skill or higher on the third-grade English language arts assessment prescribed under division (A)(1)(a) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code for the immediately preceding school year, as reported on the school's report card under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code.

(B) In addition to the payments made under section 3326.33 of the Revised Code, the department of education shall annually pay to each science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school that is not part of a group of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics schools and to the governing body of each group of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics schools, for each school in that group, both of the following:

(1) A graduation bonus calculated according to the following formula:

The school's four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate on its most recent report card issued by the department under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code X 0.075 X the formula amount X the number of the school's graduates reported to the department, in accordance with the guidelines adopted under section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code, for the same school year for which the most recent report card was issued

(2) A third-grade reading bonus calculated according to the following formula:

The school's third-grade reading proficiency percentage X 0.075 X the formula amount X the number of the school's students scoring at a proficient level or higher on the third-grade English language arts assessment prescribed under division (A)(1)(a) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code for the immediately preceding school year

Sec. 3326.42. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Base per pupil amount" has the same meaning as in section 3317.0219 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Eligible school district" has the same meaning as in division (C)(1) of section 3317.0219 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Resident district" has the same meaning as in section 3326.31 of the Revised Code.

(B) Subject to division (D) of this section, for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the department of education shall calculate and pay to each science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school student wellness and success funds, on a full-time equivalency basis, for each student enrolled in the school in the immediately preceding fiscal year in an amount equal to the following:

(The base per pupil amount of the student's resident district for that fiscal year + the scaled amount of the student's resident district, if any, computed under division (B)(4) of section 3317.0219 of the Revised Code)

However, each science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school shall receive a minimum payment of \$25,000, for fiscal year 2020, or \$36,000 for fiscal year 2021.

(C) Subject to division (D) of this section, for fiscal years 2020 and

2021, the department shall pay to each science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school student wellness and success enhancement funds, on a full-time equivalency basis, for each student enrolled in the school in the immediately preceding fiscal year whose resident district is an eligible school district, in an amount equal to the following:

The amount paid to the student's resident district under division (C)(2) of section 3317.0219 of the Revised Code for that fiscal year / the enrolled ADM of the student's resident district for the immediately preceding fiscal year

(D) The department shall pay funds under divisions (B) and (C) of this section as follows:

(1) One-half of the amount shall be paid not later than the thirty-first day of October of the fiscal year for which the payment is calculated.

(2) One-half of the amount shall be paid not later than the twenty-eighth day of February of the fiscal year for which the payment is calculated.

Upon making a payment for a fiscal year under this section, the department shall not make any reconciliations or adjustments to that payment.

(E) A science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school that receives a payment under this section shall comply with section 3317.26 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3327.015. No board of education of a school district shall reduce the transportation it provides to students the district is not required to transport under section 3327.01 of the Revised Code, but that the district chooses to transport, during a school year after the first day of that school year.

Sec. 3327.10. (A) No person shall be employed as driver of a school bus or motor van, owned and operated by any school district or educational service center or privately owned and operated under contract with any school district or service center in this state, who has not received a certificate from either the educational service center governing board that has entered into an agreement with the school district under section 3313.843 or 3313.845 of the Revised Code or the superintendent of the school district, certifying that such person is at least eighteen years of age and is of good moral character and is qualified physically and otherwise for such position. The service center governing board or the superintendent, as the case may be, shall provide for an annual physical examination that conforms with rules adopted by the state board of education of each driver to ascertain the driver's physical fitness for such employment. ~~Any~~ The examination shall be performed by one of the following:

(1) A person licensed under Chapter 4731. or 4734. of the Revised Code or by another state to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or chiropractic;

(2) A physician assistant;

(3) A certified nurse practitioner;

(4) A clinical nurse specialist;

(5) A certified nurse-midwife;

(6) A medical examiner who is listed on the national registry of certified medical examiners established by the federal motor carrier safety administration in accordance with 49 C.F.R. part 390.

Any certificate may be revoked by the authority granting the same on proof that the holder has been guilty of failing to comply with division (D)(1) of this section, or upon a conviction or a guilty plea for a violation, or any other action, that results in a loss or suspension of driving rights. Failure to comply with such division may be cause for disciplinary action or termination of employment under division (C) of section 3319.081, or section 124.34 of the Revised Code.

(B) No person shall be employed as driver of a school bus or motor van not subject to the rules of the department of education pursuant to division (A) of this section who has not received a certificate from the school administrator or contractor certifying that such person is at least eighteen years of age, is of good moral character, and is qualified physically and otherwise for such position. Each driver shall have an annual physical examination which conforms to the state highway patrol rules, ascertaining the driver's physical fitness for such employment. The examination shall be performed by one of the following:

(1) A person licensed under Chapter 4731. or 4734. of the Revised Code or by another state to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or chiropractic;

(2) A physician assistant;

(3) A certified nurse practitioner;

(4) A clinical nurse specialist;

(5) A certified nurse-midwife;

(6) A medical examiner who is listed on the national registry of certified medical examiners established by the federal motor carrier safety administration in accordance with 49 C.F.R. part 390.

Any written documentation of the physical examination shall be completed by the individual who performed the examination.

Any certificate may be revoked by the authority granting the same on proof that the holder has been guilty of failing to comply with division

(D)(2) of this section.

(C) Any person who drives a school bus or motor van must give satisfactory and sufficient bond except a driver who is an employee of a school district and who drives a bus or motor van owned by the school district.

(D) No person employed as driver of a school bus or motor van under this section who is convicted of a traffic violation or who has had the person's commercial driver's license suspended shall drive a school bus or motor van until the person has filed a written notice of the conviction or suspension, as follows:

(1) If the person is employed under division (A) of this section, the person shall file the notice with the superintendent, or a person designated by the superintendent, of the school district for which the person drives a school bus or motor van as an employee or drives a privately owned and operated school bus or motor van under contract.

(2) If employed under division (B) of this section, the person shall file the notice with the employing school administrator or contractor, or a person designated by the administrator or contractor.

(E) In addition to resulting in possible revocation of a certificate as authorized by divisions (A) and (B) of this section, violation of division (D) of this section is a minor misdemeanor.

(F)(1) Not later than thirty days after June 30, 2007, each owner of a school bus or motor van shall obtain the complete driving record for each person who is currently employed or otherwise authorized to drive the school bus or motor van. An owner of a school bus or motor van shall not permit a person to operate the school bus or motor van for the first time before the owner has obtained the person's complete driving record. Thereafter, the owner of a school bus or motor van shall obtain the person's driving record not less frequently than semiannually if the person remains employed or otherwise authorized to drive the school bus or motor van. An owner of a school bus or motor van shall not permit a person to resume operating a school bus or motor van, after an interruption of one year or longer, before the owner has obtained the person's complete driving record.

(2) The owner of a school bus or motor van shall not permit a person to operate the school bus or motor van for ten years after the date on which the person pleads guilty to or is convicted of a violation of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance.

(3) An owner of a school bus or motor van shall not permit any person to operate such a vehicle unless the person meets all other requirements contained in rules adopted by the state board of education prescribing

qualifications of drivers of school buses and other student transportation.

(G) No superintendent of a school district, educational service center, community school, or public or private employer shall permit the operation of a vehicle used for pupil transportation within this state by an individual unless both of the following apply:

(1) Information pertaining to that driver has been submitted to the department of education, pursuant to procedures adopted by that department. Information to be reported shall include the name of the employer or school district, name of the driver, driver license number, date of birth, date of hire, status of physical evaluation, and status of training.

(2) The most recent criminal records check required by division (J) of this section has been completed and received by the superintendent or public or private employer.

(H) A person, school district, educational service center, community school, nonpublic school, or other public or nonpublic entity that owns a school bus or motor van, or that contracts with another entity to operate a school bus or motor van, may impose more stringent restrictions on drivers than those prescribed in this section, in any other section of the Revised Code, and in rules adopted by the state board.

(I) For qualified drivers who, on July 1, 2007, are employed by the owner of a school bus or motor van to drive the school bus or motor van, any instance in which the driver was convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance prior to two years prior to July 1, 2007, shall not be considered a disqualifying event with respect to division (F) of this section.

(J)(1) This division applies to persons hired by a school district, educational service center, community school, chartered nonpublic school, or science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code to operate a vehicle used for pupil transportation.

For each person to whom this division applies who is hired on or after November 14, 2007, the employer shall request a criminal records check in accordance with section 3319.39 of the Revised Code and every six years thereafter. For each person to whom this division applies who is hired prior to that date, the employer shall request a criminal records check by a date prescribed by the department of education and every six years thereafter.

(2) This division applies to persons hired by a public or private employer not described in division (J)(1) of this section to operate a vehicle used for pupil transportation.

For each person to whom this division applies who is hired on or after November 14, 2007, the employer shall request a criminal records check prior to the person's hiring and every six years thereafter. For each person to whom this division applies who is hired prior to that date, the employer shall request a criminal records check by a date prescribed by the department and every six years thereafter.

(3) Each request for a criminal records check under division (J) of this section shall be made to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in the manner prescribed in section 3319.39 of the Revised Code, except that if both of the following conditions apply to the person subject to the records check, the employer shall request the superintendent only to obtain any criminal records that the federal bureau of investigation has on the person:

(a) The employer previously requested the superintendent to determine whether the bureau of criminal identification and investigation has any information, gathered pursuant to division (A) of section 109.57 of the Revised Code, on the person in conjunction with a criminal records check requested under section 3319.39 of the Revised Code or under division (J) of this section.

(b) The person presents proof that the person has been a resident of this state for the five-year period immediately prior to the date upon which the person becomes subject to a criminal records check under this section.

Upon receipt of a request, the superintendent shall conduct the criminal records check in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code as if the request had been made under section 3319.39 of the Revised Code. However, as specified in division (B)(2) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, if the employer requests the superintendent only to obtain any criminal records that the federal bureau of investigation has on the person for whom the request is made, the superintendent shall not conduct the review prescribed by division (B)(1) of that section.

(K)(1) Until the effective date of the amendments to rule 3301-83-23 of the Ohio Administrative Code required by the second paragraph of division (E) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code, any person who is the subject of a criminal records check under division (J) of this section and has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense described in division (B)(1) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code shall not be hired or shall be released from employment, as applicable, unless the person meets the rehabilitation standards prescribed for nonlicensed school personnel by rule 3301-20-03 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

(2) Beginning on the effective date of the amendments to rule

3301-83-23 of the Ohio Administrative Code required by the second paragraph of division (E) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code, any person who is the subject of a criminal records check under division (J) of this section and has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense that, under the rule, disqualifies a person for employment to operate a vehicle used for pupil transportation shall not be hired or shall be released from employment, as applicable, unless the person meets the rehabilitation standards prescribed by the rule.

Sec. 3328.24. A college-preparatory boarding school established under this chapter and its board of trustees shall comply with sections 102.02, 3301.0710, 3301.0711, 3301.0712, 3301.0714, 3301.0729, 3301.948, 3313.536, 3313.6013, 3313.6021, 3313.6024, 3313.617, 3313.618, 3313.6114, 3313.6411, 3313.668, 3313.7112, 3313.721, 3313.89, 3319.39, 3319.391, and 3319.46 and Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code as if the school were a school district and the school's board of trustees were a district board of education.

Sec. 3333.052. (A) The chancellor of higher education, with the assistance of the department of job and family services, shall establish the community college acceleration program to enhance financial, academic, and personal support services to students in need of support from local social service agencies. The program shall identify the services and resources available to assist eligible students enrolled in a community college established under Chapter 3354., a state community college established under Chapter 3358., a technical college established under Chapter 3357., or a university branch campus established under Chapter 3355. of the Revised Code.

(B) The chancellor shall adopt rules to administer the program. The rules shall specify the types of services provided by the program, which may include any of the following:

- (1) Comprehensive and personalized advisement;
- (2) Career counseling;
- (3) Tutoring;
- (4) Tuition waivers;
- (5) Financial assistance to defray the costs of transportation and textbooks.

Sec. 3333.167. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Approved course" means a career-technical education course offered by a career-technical planning district to which either of the following applies:

- (a) The course complies with the criteria, policies, and procedures

established under section 3333.162 of the Revised Code.

(b) The course is approved through an articulation agreement that a career-technical planning district has entered into with a state institution of higher education.

(2) "Career-technical planning district" has the same meaning as in section 3317.023 of the Revised Code.

(3) "State institution of higher education" has the same meaning as in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code.

(B) The chancellor of higher education, in consultation with the superintendent of public instruction, shall develop and, if determined appropriate by the chancellor and the state superintendent, implement a statewide plan that permits a high school student enrolled in a career-technical planning district to receive post-secondary credit on a college transcript in a manner comparable to the college credit plus program established under Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code for the completion of an approved course.

(C) The statewide plan developed under division (B) of this section shall do all of the following:

(1) Identify and define the criteria, policies, procedures, and timelines necessary for a high school student to receive post-secondary credit on a college transcript for completing an approved course;

(2) Identify any technology solutions or statewide data information systems necessary to streamline and facilitate the electronic exchange of student data to improve the credit verification process for students, career-technical planning districts, and state institutions of higher education;

(3) Identify any regional or national accreditation requirements or state policy barriers that currently exist that need to be considered in developing the statewide plan;

(4) If the chancellor and the state superintendent determine it appropriate to implement the statewide plan, recommend a date and the method by which the statewide plan shall be implemented.

(D) The chancellor shall convene a group of stakeholders to assist in preparing the plan under division (B) of this section. The group shall include a representative from each of the following:

(1) The Ohio association of career-technical education;

(2) The Ohio association of career-technical superintendents;

(3) The Ohio association of compact and comprehensive career-technical schools;

(4) The Ohio association of community colleges;

(5) The inter-university council of Ohio;

(6) The association of independent colleges and universities of Ohio;

(7) Any other stakeholders determined appropriate by the chancellor.

(E) Not later than June 30, 2020, the chancellor shall submit to the governor, the president and minority leader of the senate, and the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives, the completed plan developed under division (B) of this section.

Sec. 3333.26. (A) Any citizen of this state who has resided within the state for one year, who was in the active service of the United States as a soldier, sailor, nurse, or marine between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, and who has been honorably discharged from that service, shall be admitted to any school, college, or university that receives state funds in support thereof, without being required to pay any tuition or matriculation fee, but is not relieved from the payment of laboratory or similar fees.

(B)(1) As used in this division:

(a) "Volunteer firefighter" has the meaning as in division (B)(1) of section 146.01 of the Revised Code.

(b) "Public service officer" means an Ohio firefighter, volunteer firefighter, police officer, member of the state highway patrol, employee designated to exercise the powers of police officers pursuant to section 1545.13 of the Revised Code, or other peace officer as defined by division (B) of section 2935.01 of the Revised Code, or a person holding any equivalent position in another state.

(c) "Qualified former spouse" means the former spouse of a public service officer, or of a member of the armed services of the United States, who is the custodial parent of a minor child of that marriage pursuant to an order allocating the parental rights and responsibilities for care of the child issued pursuant to section 3109.04 of the Revised Code.

(d) "Operation enduring freedom" means that period of conflict which began October 7, 2001, and ends on a date declared by the president of the United States or the congress.

(e) "Operation Iraqi freedom" means that period of conflict which began March 20, 2003, and ends on a date declared by the president of the United States or the congress.

(f) "Combat zone" means an area that the president of the United States by executive order designates, for purposes of 26 U.S.C. 112, as an area in which armed forces of the United States are or have engaged in combat.

(2) Any resident of this state who is under twenty-six years of age, or under thirty years of age if the resident has been honorably discharged from the armed services of the United States, who is the child of a public service officer killed in the line of duty or of a member of the armed services of the

United States killed in the line of duty during operation enduring freedom or operation Iraqi freedom, and who is admitted to any state university or college as defined in division (A)(1) of section 3345.12 of the Revised Code, community college, state community college, university branch, or technical college shall not be required to pay any tuition or any student fee for up to four academic years of education, which shall be at the undergraduate level.

A child of a member of the armed services of the United States killed in the line of duty during operation enduring freedom or operation Iraqi freedom is eligible for a waiver of tuition and student fees under this division only if the student is not eligible for a war orphans and severely disabled veterans' children scholarship authorized by Chapter 5910. of the Revised Code. In any year in which the war orphans and severely disabled veterans' children scholarship board reduces the percentage of tuition covered by a war orphans and severely disabled veterans' children scholarship below one hundred per cent pursuant to division (A) of section 5910.04 of the Revised Code, the waiver of tuition and student fees under this division for a child of a member of the armed services of the United States killed in the line of duty during operation enduring freedom or operation Iraqi freedom shall be reduced by the same percentage.

(3) Any resident of this state who is the spouse or qualified former spouse of a public service officer killed in the line of duty, and who is admitted to any state university or college as defined in division (A)(1) of section 3345.12 of the Revised Code, community college, state community college, university branch, or technical college, shall not be required to pay any tuition or any student fee for up to four academic years of education, which shall be at the undergraduate level.

(4) Any resident of this state who is the spouse or qualified former spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States killed in the line of duty while serving in a combat zone after May 7, 1975, and who is admitted to any state university or college as defined in division (A)(1) of section 3345.12 of the Revised Code, community college, state community college, university branch, or technical college, shall not be required to pay any tuition or any student fee for up to four years of academic education, which shall be at the undergraduate level. In order to qualify under division (B)(4) of this section, the spouse or qualified former spouse shall have been a resident of this state at the time the member was killed in the line of duty.

(C) Any institution that is not subject to division (B) of this section and that holds a valid certificate of registration issued under Chapter 3332. of the Revised Code, a valid certificate issued under Chapter 4709. of the Revised

Code, or a valid license issued under Chapter 4713. of the Revised Code, or that is nonprofit and has a certificate of authorization issued under section 1713.02 of the Revised Code, or that is a private institution exempt from regulation under Chapter 3332. of the Revised Code as prescribed in section 3333.046 of the Revised Code, which reduces tuition and student fees of a student who is eligible to attend an institution of higher education under the provisions of division (B) of this section by an amount indicated by the chancellor of higher education shall be eligible to receive a grant in that amount from the chancellor.

Each institution that enrolls students under division (B) of this section shall report to the chancellor, by the first day of July of each year, the number of students who were so enrolled and the average amount of all such tuition and student fees waived during the preceding year. The chancellor shall determine the average amount of all such tuition and student fees waived during the preceding year. The average amount of the tuition and student fees waived under division (B) of this section during the preceding year shall be the amount of grants that participating institutions shall receive under this division during the current year, but no grant under this division shall exceed the tuition and student fees due and payable by the student prior to the reduction referred to in this division. The grants shall be made for four years of undergraduate education of an eligible student.

Sec. 3333.59. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Allocated state share of instruction" means, for any fiscal year, the amount of the state share of instruction appropriated to the department of higher education by the general assembly that is allocated to a community or technical college or community or technical college district for such fiscal year.

(2) "Issuing authority" has the same meaning as in section 154.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Bond service charges" has the same meaning as in section 154.01 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Chancellor" means the chancellor of higher education.

(5) "Community or technical college" or "college" means any of the following state-supported or state-assisted institutions of higher education:

(a) A community college as defined in section 3354.01 of the Revised Code;

(b) A technical college as defined in section 3357.01 of the Revised Code;

(c) A state community college as defined in section 3358.01 of the Revised Code.

(6) "Community or technical college district" or "district" means any of the following institutions of higher education that are state-supported or state-assisted:

(a) A community college district as defined in section 3354.01 of the Revised Code;

(b) A technical college district as defined in section 3357.01 of the Revised Code;

(c) A state community college district as defined in section 3358.01 of the Revised Code.

(7) "Credit enhancement facilities" has the same meaning as in section 133.01 of the Revised Code.

(8) "Obligations" has the meaning as in section 154.01 or 3345.12 of the Revised Code, as the context requires.

(B) The board of trustees of any community or technical college district authorizing the issuance of obligations under section 3354.12, 3354.121, 3357.11, 3357.112, ~~or 3358.10~~, or 3358.11 of the Revised Code, or for whose benefit and on whose behalf the issuing authority proposes to issue obligations under section 154.25 of the Revised Code, may adopt a resolution requesting the chancellor to enter into an agreement with the community or technical college district and the primary paying agent or fiscal agent for such obligations, providing for the withholding and deposit of funds otherwise due the district or the community or technical college it operates in respect of its allocated state share of instruction, for the payment of bond service charges on such obligations.

The board of trustees shall deliver to the chancellor a copy of the resolution and any additional pertinent information the chancellor may require.

The chancellor and the office of budget and management, and the issuing authority in the case of obligations to be issued by the issuing authority, shall evaluate each request received from a community or technical college district under this section. The chancellor, with the advice and consent of the director of budget and management and the issuing authority in the case of obligations to be issued by the issuing authority, shall approve each request if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) Approval of the request will enhance the marketability of the obligations for which the request is made;

(2) The chancellor and the office of budget and management, and the issuing authority in the case of obligations to be issued by the issuing authority, have no reason to believe the requesting community or technical college district or the community or technical college it operates will be

unable to pay when due the bond service charges on the obligations for which the request is made, and bond service charges on those obligations are therefore not anticipated to be paid pursuant to this section from the allocated state share of instruction for purposes of Section 17 of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution.

(3) Any other pertinent conditions established in rules adopted under division (H) of this section.

(C) If the chancellor approves the request of a community or technical college district to withhold and deposit funds pursuant to this section, the chancellor shall enter into a written agreement with the district and the primary paying agent or fiscal agent for the obligations, which agreement shall provide for the withholding of funds pursuant to this section for the payment of bond service charges on those obligations. The agreement may also include both of the following:

(1) Provisions for certification by the district to the chancellor, prior to the deadline for payment of the applicable bond service charges, whether the district and the community or technical college it operates are able to pay those bond service charges when due;

(2) Requirements that the district or the community or technical college it operates deposits amounts for the payment of those bond service charges with the primary paying agent or fiscal agent for the obligations prior to the date on which the bond service charges are due to the owners or holders of the obligations.

(D) Whenever a district or the community or technical college it operates notifies the chancellor that it will not be able to pay the bond service charges when they are due, subject to the withholding provisions of this section, or whenever the applicable paying agent or fiscal agent notifies the chancellor that it has not timely received from a district or from the college it operates the full amount needed for payment of the bond service charges when due to the holders or owners of such obligations, the chancellor shall immediately contact the district or college and the paying agent or fiscal agent to confirm that the district and the college are not able to make the required payment by the date on which it is due.

If the chancellor confirms that the district and the college are not able to make the payment and the payment will not be made pursuant to a credit enhancement facility, the chancellor shall promptly pay to the applicable primary paying agent or fiscal agent the lesser of the amount due for bond service charges or the amount of the next periodic distribution scheduled to be made to the district or to the college in respect of its allocated state share of instruction. If this amount is insufficient to pay the total amount then due

the agent for the payment of bond service charges, the chancellor shall continue to pay to the agent from each periodic distribution thereafter, and until the full amount due the agent for unpaid bond service charges is paid in full, the lesser of the remaining amount due the agent for bond service charges or the amount of the next periodic distribution scheduled to be made to the district or college in respect of its allocated state share of instruction.

(E) The chancellor may make any payments under this section by direct deposit of funds by electronic transfer.

Any amount received by a paying agent or fiscal agent under this section shall be applied only to the payment of bond service charges on the obligations of the community or technical college district or community or technical college subject to this section or to the reimbursement of the provider of a credit enhancement facility that has paid the bond service charges.

(F) The chancellor may make payments under this section to paying agents or fiscal agents during any fiscal biennium of the state only from and to the extent that money is appropriated to the department by the general assembly for distribution during such biennium for the state share of instruction and only to the extent that a portion of the state share of instruction has been allocated to the community or technical college district or community or technical college. Obligations of the issuing authority or of a community or technical college district to which this section is made applicable do not constitute an obligation or a debt or a pledge of the faith, credit, or taxing power of the state, and the holders or owners of those obligations have no right to have excises or taxes levied or appropriations made by the general assembly for the payment of bond service charges on the obligations, and the obligations shall contain a statement to that effect. The agreement for or the actual withholding and payment of money under this section does not constitute the assumption by the state of any debt of a community or technical college district or a community or technical college, and bond service charges on the related obligations are not anticipated to be paid from the state general revenue fund for purposes of Section 17 of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution.

(G) In the case of obligations subject to the withholding provisions of this section, the issuing community or technical college district, or the issuing authority in the case of obligations issued by the issuing authority, shall appoint a paying agent or fiscal agent who is not an officer or employee of the district or college.

(H) The chancellor, with the advice and consent of the office of budget and management, may adopt reasonable rules not inconsistent with this

section for the implementation of this section to secure payment of bond service charges on obligations issued by a community or technical college district or by the issuing authority for the benefit of a community or technical college district or the community or technical college it operates. Those rules shall include criteria for the evaluation and approval or denial of community or technical college district requests for withholding under this section.

(I) The authority granted by this section is in addition to and not a limitation on any other authorizations granted by or pursuant to law for the same or similar purposes.

Sec. 3333.61. The chancellor of higher education shall establish and administer the Ohio innovation partnership, which shall consist of the choose Ohio first scholarship program and the Ohio research scholars program. Under the programs, the chancellor, subject to approval by the controlling board, shall make awards to state universities or colleges for programs and initiatives that recruit students and scientists in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, medicine, and dentistry to state universities or colleges, in order to enhance regional educational and economic strengths and meet the needs of the state's regional economies. Awards may be granted for programs and initiatives to be implemented by a state university or college alone or in collaboration with other state institutions of higher education, nonpublic Ohio universities and colleges, or other public or private Ohio entities. If the chancellor makes an award to a program or initiative that is intended to be implemented by a state university or college in collaboration with other state institutions of higher education or nonpublic Ohio universities or colleges, the chancellor may provide that some portion of the award be received directly by the collaborating universities or colleges consistent with all terms of the Ohio innovation partnership.

The choose Ohio first scholarship program shall assign a number of scholarships to state universities and colleges to recruit Ohio residents as undergraduate, or as provided in section 3333.66 of the Revised Code graduate, students in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, medicine, and dentistry, or in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, medical, or dental education. The chancellor also may assign a number of choose Ohio first scholarships to state universities and colleges to recruit Ohio residents to enroll in certificate programs in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, medicine, and dentistry. Choose Ohio first scholarships shall be awarded to each participating eligible student as a grant to the state university or college the

student is attending and shall be reflected on the student's tuition bill. Choose Ohio first scholarships are student-centered grants from the state to students to use to attend a university or college and are not grants from the state to universities or colleges.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or sections 3333.62 to 3333.69 of the Revised Code, a nonpublic four-year Ohio institution of higher education may submit a proposal for choose Ohio first scholarships or Ohio research scholars grants. If the chancellor awards a nonpublic institution scholarships or grants, the nonpublic institution shall comply with all requirements of this section, sections 3333.62 to 3333.69 of the Revised Code, and the rules adopted under this section that apply to state universities or colleges awarded choose Ohio first scholarships or Ohio research scholars grants.

The Ohio research scholars program shall award grants to use in recruiting scientists to the faculties of state universities or colleges.

The chancellor shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to administer the programs.

Sec. 3333.62. The chancellor of higher education shall establish a competitive process for making awards under the choose Ohio first scholarship program and the Ohio research scholars program. The chancellor, on completion of that process, shall make a recommendation to the controlling board asking for approval of each award selected by the chancellor.

Any state university or college may apply for one or more awards under one or both programs. The state university or college shall submit a proposal and other documentation required by the chancellor, in the form and manner prescribed by the chancellor, for each award it seeks. A proposal may propose an initiative to be implemented solely by the state university or college or in collaboration with other state institutions of higher education, nonpublic Ohio universities or colleges, or other public or nonpublic Ohio entities. A single proposal may seek an award under one or both programs.

The chancellor shall determine which proposals will receive awards each fiscal year, and the amount of each award, on the basis of the merit of each proposal, which the chancellor, subject to approval by the controlling board, shall determine based on one or more of the following criteria:

(A) The quality of the program that is the subject of the proposal and the extent to which additional resources will enhance its quality;

(B) The extent to which the proposal is integrated with the strengths of the regional economy;

(C) The extent to which the proposal is integrated with centers of

research excellence within the private sector;

(D) The amount of other institutional, public, or private resources, whether monetary or nonmonetary, that the proposal pledges to leverage;

(E) The extent to which the proposal is collaborative with other public or nonpublic Ohio institutions of higher education;

(F) The extent to which the proposal is integrated with the university's or college's mission and does not displace existing resources already committed to the mission;

(G) The extent to which the proposal facilitates a more efficient utilization of existing faculty and programs;

(H) The extent to which the proposal meets a statewide educational need;

(I) The demonstrated productivity or future capacity of the students or scientists to be recruited;

(J) The extent to which the proposal will create additional capacity in educational or economic areas of need;

(K) The extent to which the proposal will encourage students who received degrees in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or medicine from two-year institutions to transfer to state universities or colleges to pursue baccalaureate degrees in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or medicine;

(L) The extent to which the proposal encourages students enrolled in state universities to transfer into science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or medicine programs;

(M) The extent to which the proposal facilitates the completion of a baccalaureate degree in a cost-effective manner, for example, by facilitating students' completing two years at a two-year institution and two years at a state university or college;

(N) The extent to which the proposal allows attendance at a state university or college of students who otherwise could not afford to attend;

(O) The extent to which other institutional, public, or private resources pledged to the proposal will be deployed to assist in sustaining students' scholarships over their academic careers;

(P) The extent to which the proposal increases the likelihood that students will successfully complete their degree programs in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or medicine or in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or medical education;

(Q) The extent to which the proposal ensures that a student who is awarded a scholarship is appropriately qualified and prepared to successfully complete a degree program in science, technology, engineering,

mathematics, or medicine or in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or medical education;

(R) The extent to which the proposal will increase the number of women participating in the choose Ohio first scholarship program;

(S) The extent to which the proposal encourages students to complete a certificate program at a state university or college.

Sec. 3333.65. The chancellor of higher education shall require each state university or college, and any nonpublic Ohio university or college with which the state university or college is collaborating, that the controlling board approves to receive an award under the Ohio innovation partnership to enter into an agreement governing the use of the award. The agreement shall contain terms the chancellor determines to be necessary, which shall include performance measures, reporting requirements, and an obligation to fulfill pledges of other institutional, public, or nonpublic resources for the proposal.

The chancellor may require a state university or college or a nonpublic Ohio university or college that violates the terms of ~~its~~ the agreement to repay the award plus interest at the rate required by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code to the chancellor, except that the chancellor shall not hold a state or nonpublic university or college responsible for a repayment due to a student obligation under section 3333.611 of the Revised Code, until the state or nonpublic university or college is able to obtain repayment from the student or if the state or nonpublic university or college has certified collection of the repayment to the attorney general and has sent a copy of the certification to the chancellor.

If the chancellor makes an award to a program or initiative that is intended to be implemented by a state university or college in collaboration with other state institutions of higher education or nonpublic Ohio universities or colleges, the chancellor may enter into an agreement with the collaborating universities or colleges that permits awards to be received directly by the collaborating universities or colleges consistent with the terms of the program or initiative. In that case, the chancellor shall incorporate into the agreement terms consistent with the requirements of this section.

Sec. 3333.66. (A)(1) Except as provided in ~~division~~ divisions (A)(2), (3), and (4) of this section, in each academic year, no student who receives a choose Ohio first scholarship shall receive less than one thousand five hundred dollars or more than one-half of the highest in-state undergraduate instructional and general fees charged by all state universities. For this purpose, if Miami university is implementing the pilot tuition restructuring

plan originally recognized in Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th general assembly, that university's instructional and general fees shall be considered to be the average full-time in-state undergraduate instructional and general fee amount after taking into account the Ohio resident and Ohio leader scholarships and any other credit provided to all Ohio residents.

(2) The chancellor of higher education may authorize a state university or college or a nonpublic Ohio institution of higher education to award a choose Ohio first scholarship in an amount greater than one-half of the highest in-state undergraduate instructional and general fees charged by all state universities to either of the following:

(a) Any undergraduate student who qualifies for a scholarship and is enrolled in a program leading to a teaching profession in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or medicine;

(b) Any graduate student who qualifies for a scholarship, if any initiatives are selected for award under division (B) of this section.

(3) The chancellor may authorize a state university or college or a nonpublic Ohio institution of higher education to award a choose Ohio first scholarship in the amount of not less than five hundred dollars but not more than one-half of the highest in-state undergraduate instructional and general fees charged by all state universities to a student enrolled in a certificate program designated as an eligible program by the chancellor.

(4) A student receiving multiple awards under division (A) of this section may exceed the maximum permitted provided that each award is within its permitted amount.

(B) The chancellor shall encourage state universities and colleges, alone or in collaboration with other state institutions of higher education, nonpublic Ohio universities and colleges, or other public or private Ohio entities, to submit proposals under the choose Ohio first scholarship program for initiatives that recruit either of the following:

(1) Ohio residents who enrolled in colleges and universities in other states or other countries to return to Ohio and enroll in state universities or colleges as graduate students in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine, or in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or medical education. If such proposals are submitted and meet the chancellor's competitive criteria for awards, the chancellor, subject to approval by the controlling board, shall give at least one of the proposals preference for an award.

(2) Graduates, or undergraduates who will graduate in time to participate in the program described in this division by the subsequent school year, from an Ohio college or university who received, or will

receive, a degree in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or medicine to participate in a graduate-level teacher education masters program in one of those fields that requires the student to establish a domicile in the state and to commit to teach for a minimum of three years in a hard-to-staff school district in the state upon completion of the master's degree program. The chancellor may require a college or university to give priority to qualified candidates who graduated from a high school in this state.

"Hard-to-staff" shall be as defined by the department of education.

(C) The general assembly intends that money appropriated for the choose Ohio first scholarship program in each fiscal year be used for scholarships in the following academic year.

Sec. 3345.48. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Cohort" means a group of students who will complete their bachelor's degree requirements and graduate from a state university at the same time. A cohort may include transfer students and other selected undergraduate student academic programs as determined by the board of trustees of a state university.

(2) "Eligible student" means an undergraduate student who:

(a) Is enrolled full-time in a bachelor's degree program at a state university;

(b) Is a resident of this state, as defined by the chancellor of higher education under section 3333.31 of the Revised Code.

(3) "State university" has the same meaning as in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code.

(B) The board of trustees of a each state university ~~may~~ shall establish an undergraduate tuition guarantee program that allows eligible students in the same cohort to pay a fixed rate for general and instructional fees for four years. A board of trustees may include room and board and any additional fees in the program.

~~If the board of trustees chooses to establish such a program, the~~ The board shall adopt rules for the program that include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

(1) The number of credit hours required to earn an undergraduate degree in each major;

(2) A guarantee that the general and instructional fees for each student in the cohort shall remain constant for four years so long as the student complies with the requirements of the program, except that, notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the board may increase the guaranteed amount by up to six per cent above what has been charged in the previous academic

year one time for the first cohort enrolled under the tuition guarantee program. If the board of trustees determines that economic conditions or other circumstances require an increase for the first cohort of above six per cent, the board shall submit a request to increase the amount by a specified percentage to the chancellor. The chancellor, based on information the chancellor requires from the board of trustees, shall approve or disapprove such a request. Thereafter, the board of trustees may increase the guaranteed amount by up to the sum of the following above what has been charged in the previous academic year one time per subsequent cohort:

(a) The average rate of inflation, as measured by the consumer price index prepared by the bureau of labor statistics of the United States department of labor (all urban consumers, all items), for the previous ~~sixty-month~~ thirty-six-month period; and

(b) The percentage amount the general assembly restrains increases on in-state undergraduate instructional and general fees for the applicable fiscal year. If the general assembly does not enact a limit on the increase of in-state undergraduate instructional and general fees, then no limit shall apply under this division for the cohort that first enrolls in any academic year for which the general assembly does not prescribe a limit.

If, beginning with the academic year that starts four years after September 29, 2013, the board of trustees determines that the general and instructional fees charged under the tuition guarantee have fallen significantly lower than those of other state universities, the board of trustees may submit a request to increase the amount charged to a cohort by a specified percentage to the chancellor, who shall approve or disapprove such a request.

(3) A benchmark by which the board sets annual increases in general and instructional fees. This benchmark and any subsequent change to the benchmark shall be subject to approval of the chancellor.

(4) Eligibility requirements for students to participate in the program;

(5) Student rights and privileges under the program;

(6) Consequences to the university for students unable to complete a degree program within four years, as follows:

(a) For a student who could not complete the program in four years due to a lack of available classes or space in classes provided by the university, the university shall provide the necessary course or courses for completion to the student free of charge.

(b) For a student who could not complete the program in four years due to military service or other circumstances beyond a student's control, as determined by the board of trustees, the university shall provide the

necessary course or courses for completion to the student at the student's initial cohort rate.

(c) For a student who did not complete the program in four years for any other reason, as determined by the board of trustees, the university shall provide the necessary course or courses for completion to the student at a rate determined through a method established by the board under division (B)(7) of this section.

(7) Guidelines for adjusting a student's annual charges if the student, due to circumstances under the student's control, is unable to complete a degree program within four years;

(8) A requirement that the rules adopted under division (B) of this section be published or posted in the university handbook, course catalog, and web site.

~~(C) If a board of trustees implements a program under this section, the~~ The board shall submit the rules adopted under division (B) of this section to the chancellor for approval before beginning implementation of the program.

The chancellor shall not unreasonably withhold approval of a program if the program conforms in principle with the parameters and guidelines of this section.

(D) A board of trustees of a state university may establish an undergraduate tuition guarantee program for nonresident students.

~~(E) Within five years after September 29, 2013, the chancellor shall publish on the chancellor's web site a report that includes all of the following:~~

~~(1) The state universities that have adopted an undergraduate tuition guarantee program under this section;~~

~~(2) The details of each undergraduate tuition guarantee program established under this section;~~

~~(3) Comparative data, including general and instructional fees, room and board, graduation rates, and retention rates, from all state universities.~~

~~(F)~~ Except as provided in this section, no other limitation on the increase of in-state undergraduate instructional and general fees shall apply to a state university that has established an undergraduate tuition guarantee program under this section.

Sec. 3345.57. (A) As used in this section, "state institution of higher education" has the same meaning as in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code.

(B) A state institution of higher education may establish a program under which an employee of the institution may donate that employee's

accrued but unused paid leave to another employee of the institution who has no accrued but unused paid leave and who has a critical need for it because of circumstances such as a serious illness or the serious illness of a member of the employee's immediate family. If a state institution of higher education establishes a leave donation program under this section, the institution shall adopt rules in accordance with ~~Chapter 119.~~ section 111.15 of the Revised Code to provide for the administration of the program. These rules shall include, but not be limited to, provisions that identify the circumstances under which leave may be donated and that specify the amount, types, and value of leave that may be donated.

Sec. 3353.07. (A) There is hereby created the Ohio government telecommunications service. The Ohio government telecommunications service shall provide the state government and affiliated organizations with multimedia support including audio, visual, and internet services, multimedia streaming, and hosting multimedia programs.

Services relating to the official activities of the general assembly and the executive offices provided by the Ohio government telecommunications service shall be funded through grants to an educational television broadcasting station that will manage the staff and provide the services of the Ohio government telecommunications service. The Ohio educational television stations shall select a member station to manage the Ohio government telecommunications service. The Ohio government telecommunications service shall receive grants from, or contract with, any of the three branches of Ohio government, and their affiliates, to provide additional services. Services provided by the Ohio government telecommunications service shall not be used for political purposes included in campaign materials, or otherwise used to influence an election, legislation, issue, judicial decision, or other policy of state government.

(B)(1) There is hereby created the legislative programming committee of the Ohio government telecommunications service that shall consist of the president of the senate, speaker of the house of representatives, minority leader of the senate, and minority leader of the house of representatives, or their designees, and the clerks of the senate and house of representatives as nonvoting, ex officio members. By a vote of a majority of its members, the program committee may add additional members to the committee.

(2) The legislative programming committee shall adopt rules that govern the operation of the Ohio government telecommunications service relating to the general assembly and any affiliated organizations.

(C) The Ohio government telecommunications service is authorized to broadcast and record any committee meeting of the senate or house of

representatives as directed by the presiding officer of the senate or house of representatives.

As used in this division, "committee" and "meeting" have the same meanings as in section 101.15 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3358.02. (A) A state community college district may be created to take the place of a technical college or a university branch with the approval of the ~~Ohio board of regents~~ chancellor of higher education upon the proposal of the board of trustees of a technical college district, or upon the proposal of the board of trustees of a state university, or upon the joint proposal of both such boards, and pursuant to an agreement entered into under section 3358.05 of the Revised Code. A state community college district may not be created to take the place of both a technical college district and a university branch without the consent of both boards of trustees.

The attorney general shall be the attorney for each state community college district and shall provide legal advice in all matters relating to its powers and duties.

(B)(1) Qualified electors residing in a county, or in two or more contiguous counties, with a total population of at least one hundred fifty thousand may, in the manner prescribed in division (C) of section 3354.02 of the Revised Code, execute a petition proposing the creation of a state community college district within the territory of the county or counties. Upon the certification to the ~~board of regents~~ chancellor that a majority of the electors voting on the proposition in the territory in which the proposed college is to be located voted in favor thereof, the ~~board~~ chancellor may create a state community college district comprising the territory included in the petition.

(2) The board of county commissioners of a county in which there is no university branch or technical college and which has a population of not less than one hundred fifty thousand may, by resolution approved by two-thirds of its members, propose the creation of a state community college district within the county. Upon certification to the ~~board of regents~~ chancellor of a copy of such resolution, the ~~board~~ chancellor may create a state community college district comprising a county.

(3) The boards of county commissioners of any two or more contiguous counties in which there is no university branch or technical college and which have a combined population of not less than one hundred fifty thousand may, by a resolution approved by two-thirds of the members of each such board, jointly propose the creation of a state community college district within the territory of the counties. Upon certification to the ~~board of~~

~~regents~~ chancellor of a copy of the resolution, the ~~board~~ chancellor may create a state community college district comprising the counties.

(C) A state community college district may be expanded to include one or more counties, by a majority vote of the board of trustees and upon approval by the ~~board of regents~~ chancellor.

(D) Upon a proposal of the board of trustees of a state community college district, the ~~board of regents~~ chancellor may amend the charter of a state community college to change it into a community college as defined in section 3354.01 of the Revised Code, in order to permit the college to seek a local levy. Such amendment of the charter is effective immediately upon its acceptance by the ~~board of regents~~ chancellor, and the state community college district shall thereupon become a community college district. If a levy is defeated by the voters or if no levy is approved by the electors within one year after the date the amendment takes effect, such amendment becomes void, and the college shall thereupon become a state community college, and the district operating such college shall become a state community college district. On the effective date of a charter amendment the board of trustees of the state community college district shall become the initial board of trustees for the community college district to serve for the balance of their existing terms, and the board or boards of county commissioners from the counties involved shall fill the first six vacancies occurring on the community college board, and thereafter board members shall be appointed under section 3354.05 of the Revised Code. If such an amendment takes effect and is subsequently voided under this section, any persons appointed to the board during the period the amendment was in effect shall be considered members of the state community college district board, and thereafter trustees shall be appointed in accordance with section 3358.03 of the Revised Code.

Within thirty days after approval by the ~~board of regents~~ chancellor of a state community college district proposed under this section, the ~~board of regents~~ chancellor shall file with the secretary of state a copy of ~~its~~ the chancellor's certification or resolution creating the district. This copy shall be recorded in the office of the secretary of state, who shall then declare the district to be established.

In addition to the process described in this division, a state community college may seek a local levy in accordance with section 3358.11 of the Revised Code for the purposes prescribed in that section.

Sec. 3358.06. (A)(1) The treasurer of each state community college district shall be its fiscal officer, and the treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds under the direction of the college president. No contract of the

college's board of trustees involving the expenditure of money shall become effective until the treasurer certifies that there are funds of the board otherwise uncommitted and sufficient to provide therefor, subject to division (A)(2) of this section.

When the treasurer ceases to hold the office, the treasurer or the treasurer's legal representative shall deliver to the treasurer's successor or the president all moneys, books, papers, and other property of the college.

Before entering upon the discharge of official duties, the treasurer shall give bond to the state or be insured for the faithful performance of official duties and the proper accounting for all moneys coming into the treasurer's care. The amount of the bond or insurance shall be determined by the board but shall not be for a sum less than the estimated amount that may come into the treasurer's control at any time, less any reasonable deductible.

(2) If the board of trustees levies a tax under section 3358.11 of the Revised Code, the board and the treasurer are subject to and shall comply with division (D) of section 5705.41 of the Revised Code.

(B) The board of trustees may provide for the investment of district funds. Investments may be made in securities of the United States government or of its agencies or instrumentalities, the treasurer of state's pooled investment program, obligations of this state or any political subdivision of this state, certificates of deposit of any national bank located in this state, written repurchase agreements with any eligible Ohio financial institution that is a member of the federal reserve system or federal home loan bank, money market funds, or bankers acceptances maturing in two hundred seventy days or less which are eligible for purchase by the federal reserve system, as a reserve. Notwithstanding the foregoing or any provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, the board of trustees of a state community college district may provide for the investment of district funds in any manner authorized under section 3345.05 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3358.11. (A) In the same manner as a tax may be proposed by a board of trustees of a community college district under section 3354.12 of the Revised Code, the board of trustees of a state community college district may adopt and certify a resolution to the board of elections of one or more of the counties comprising the state community college district directing the board of elections to place on the ballot at any general or special election the question of levying a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation on all the taxable property in that county or those counties. The tax may be for any of the following purposes, as stated in the resolution:

(1) The acquisition of sites in that county or those counties;

(2) The erection, furnishing, and equipment of buildings in that county

or those counties:

(3) The acquisition, construction, or improvement of any property in that county or those counties which the board of trustees of a state community college is authorized to acquire, construct, or improve and which has an estimated life or usefulness of five years or more as certified by the treasurer of the board of trustees.

The resolution shall declare that the proceeds of the levy or issue may be used solely within the county or counties in which the tax is levied and state the term of the tax, which may be for any term authorized for a tax levied under section 3354.12 of the Revised Code. The question of such a tax may not be submitted at more than two special elections held in any one calendar year. Levies for a continuing period of time adopted under this section may be reduced in accordance with section 5705.261 of the Revised Code.

The election shall be held, canvassed, and certified in the manner provided for the submission of a tax levy under section 3354.12 of the Revised Code. A tax levied under this section may be renewed in the same manner as a tax levied under section 3354.12 of the Revised Code or replaced in accordance with section 5705.192 of the Revised Code.

If electors approve the levy, the board of trustees may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy and may, from time to time, issue anticipation notes in the same manner and subject to the same limitations provided under section 3354.12 of the Revised Code.

(B) In accordance with Chapter 133, of the Revised Code, the board of trustees of a state community college district may adopt and certify a resolution to the board of elections of one or more of the counties comprising the district directing the board of elections to place on the ballot at any election authorized under section 133.18 of the Revised Code both of the following questions:

(1) The question of issuing bonds for paying all or part of the cost of the following:

(a) The purchase of sites in that county or those counties;

(b) The erection, furnishings, and equipment of buildings in that county or those counties;

(c) The acquisition or construction of any property in that county or those counties which the board of trustees is authorized to acquire or construct and which has an estimated life or usefulness of five years or more as certified by the treasurer of the board of trustees.

(2) The question of levying a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation on all the taxable property in that county or those counties to pay the interest on

and retire any bonds approved by the electors under division (B)(1) of this section.

The election shall be held, canvassed, and certified in the manner provided for the submission of a bond issuance and tax levy under section 3354.11 of the Revised Code. Bonds approved by electors under division (B)(1) of this section may be issued for one or more improvements which the district is authorized to acquire or construct, notwithstanding the fact that such improvements may not be for more than one purpose under Chapter 133. of the Revised Code.

Notes may be issued in anticipation of any bonds that may be approved by the electors under division (B)(1) of this section in the manner provided under section 133.22 of the Revised Code.

For the purpose of applying Chapter 133. of the Revised Code to division (B) of this section, the treasurer of the state community college district shall be considered to be the district's fiscal officer, and the board of trustees of the state community college district shall be considered to be the taxing authority.

(C) The board of trustees of a state community college district that levies a tax or proposes to levy a tax under division (A) or (B) of this section shall be considered to be a taxing authority, the county or counties in which the tax is levied shall be considered to be a subdivision, and the treasurer of the board of trustees shall be considered to be a fiscal officer for the purposes of Chapter 5705. of the Revised Code, except for section 5705.19 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3501.01. As used in the sections of the Revised Code relating to elections and political communications:

(A) "General election" means the election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in each November.

(B) "Regular municipal election" means the election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each odd-numbered year.

(C) "Regular state election" means the election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each even-numbered year.

(D) "Special election" means any election other than those elections defined in other divisions of this section. A special election may be held only on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, August, or November, or on the day authorized by a particular municipal or county charter for the holding of a primary election, except that in any year in which a presidential primary election is held, no special election shall be held in May, except as authorized by a municipal or county charter, but may be held on the ~~second~~ third Tuesday after the first Monday in March.

(E)(1) "Primary" or "primary election" means an election held for the purpose of nominating persons as candidates of political parties for election to offices, and for the purpose of electing persons as members of the controlling committees of political parties and as delegates and alternates to the conventions of political parties. Primary elections shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May of each year except in years in which a presidential primary election is held.

(2) "Presidential primary election" means a primary election as defined by division (E)(1) of this section at which an election is held for the purpose of choosing delegates and alternates to the national conventions of the major political parties pursuant to section 3513.12 of the Revised Code. Unless otherwise specified, presidential primary elections are included in references to primary elections. In years in which a presidential primary election is held, all primary elections shall be held on the ~~second~~ third Tuesday after the first Monday in March except as otherwise authorized by a municipal or county charter.

(F) "Political party" means any group of voters meeting the requirements set forth in section 3517.01 of the Revised Code for the formation and existence of a political party.

(1) "Major political party" means any political party organized under the laws of this state whose candidate for governor or nominees for presidential electors received not less than twenty per cent of the total vote cast for such office at the most recent regular state election.

(2) "Minor political party" means any political party organized under the laws of this state that meets either of the following requirements:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the political party's candidate for governor or nominees for presidential electors received less than twenty per cent but not less than three per cent of the total vote cast for such office at the most recent regular state election. A political party that meets the requirements of this division remains a political party for a period of four years after meeting those requirements.

(b) The political party has filed with the secretary of state, subsequent to its failure to meet the requirements of division (F)(2)(a) of this section, a petition that meets the requirements of section 3517.01 of the Revised Code.

A newly formed political party shall be known as a minor political party until the time of the first election for governor or president which occurs not less than twelve months subsequent to the formation of such party, after which election the status of such party shall be determined by the vote for the office of governor or president.

(G) "Dominant party in a precinct" or "dominant political party in a

precinct" means that political party whose candidate for election to the office of governor at the most recent regular state election at which a governor was elected received more votes than any other person received for election to that office in such precinct at such election.

(H) "Candidate" means any qualified person certified in accordance with the provisions of the Revised Code for placement on the official ballot of a primary, general, or special election to be held in this state, or any qualified person who claims to be a write-in candidate, or who knowingly assents to being represented as a write-in candidate by another at either a primary, general, or special election to be held in this state.

(I) "Independent candidate" means any candidate who claims not to be affiliated with a political party, and whose name has been certified on the office-type ballot at a general or special election through the filing of a statement of candidacy and nominating petition, as prescribed in section 3513.257 of the Revised Code.

(J) "Nonpartisan candidate" means any candidate whose name is required, pursuant to section 3505.04 of the Revised Code, to be listed on the nonpartisan ballot, including all candidates for judicial office, for member of any board of education, for municipal or township offices in which primary elections are not held for nominating candidates by political parties, and for offices of municipal corporations having charters that provide for separate ballots for elections for these offices.

(K) "Party candidate" means any candidate who claims to be a member of a political party and who has been certified to appear on the office-type ballot at a general or special election as the nominee of a political party because the candidate has won the primary election of the candidate's party for the public office the candidate seeks, has been nominated under section 3517.012, or is selected by party committee in accordance with section 3513.31 of the Revised Code.

(L) "Officer of a political party" includes, but is not limited to, any member, elected or appointed, of a controlling committee, whether representing the territory of the state, a district therein, a county, township, a city, a ward, a precinct, or other territory, of a major or minor political party.

(M) "Question or issue" means any question or issue certified in accordance with the Revised Code for placement on an official ballot at a general or special election to be held in this state.

(N) "Elector" or "qualified elector" means a person having the qualifications provided by law to be entitled to vote.

(O) "Voter" means an elector who votes at an election.

(P) "Voting residence" means that place of residence of an elector which

shall determine the precinct in which the elector may vote.

(Q) "Precinct" means a district within a county established by the board of elections of such county within which all qualified electors having a voting residence therein may vote at the same polling place.

(R) "Polling place" means that place provided for each precinct at which the electors having a voting residence in such precinct may vote.

(S) "Board" or "board of elections" means the board of elections appointed in a county pursuant to section 3501.06 of the Revised Code.

(T) "Political subdivision" means a county, township, city, village, or school district.

(U) "Election officer" or "election official" means any of the following:

(1) Secretary of state;

(2) Employees of the secretary of state serving the division of elections in the capacity of attorney, administrative officer, administrative assistant, elections administrator, office manager, or clerical supervisor;

(3) Director of a board of elections;

(4) Deputy director of a board of elections;

(5) Member of a board of elections;

(6) Employees of a board of elections;

(7) Precinct election officials;

(8) Employees appointed by the boards of elections on a temporary or part-time basis.

(V) "Acknowledgment notice" means a notice sent by a board of elections, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, informing a voter registration applicant or an applicant who wishes to change the applicant's residence or name of the status of the application; the information necessary to complete or update the application, if any; and if the application is complete, the precinct in which the applicant is to vote.

(W) "Confirmation notice" means a notice sent by a board of elections, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, to a registered elector to confirm the registered elector's current address.

(X) "Designated agency" means an office or agency in the state that provides public assistance or that provides state-funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities and that is required by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to implement a program designed and administered by the secretary of state for registering voters, or any other public or government office or agency that implements a program designed and administered by the secretary of state for registering voters, including the department of job and family services, the program administered under section 3701.132 of the Revised Code by the department

of health, the department of mental health and addiction services, the department of developmental disabilities, the opportunities for Ohioans with disabilities agency, and any other agency the secretary of state designates. "Designated agency" does not include public high schools and vocational schools, public libraries, or the office of a county treasurer.

(Y) "National Voter Registration Act of 1993" means the "National Voter Registration Act of 1993," 107 Stat. 77, 42 U.S.C.A. 1973gg.

(Z) "Voting Rights Act of 1965" means the "Voting Rights Act of 1965," 79 Stat. 437, 42 U.S.C.A. 1973, as amended.

(AA) "Photo identification" means a document that meets each of the following requirements:

(1) It shows the name of the individual to whom it was issued, which shall conform to the name in the poll list or signature pollbook.

(2) It shows the current address of the individual to whom it was issued, which shall conform to the address in the poll list or signature pollbook, except for a driver's license or a state identification card issued under section 4507.50 of the Revised Code, which may show either the current or former address of the individual to whom it was issued, regardless of whether that address conforms to the address in the poll list or signature pollbook.

(3) It shows a photograph of the individual to whom it was issued.

(4) It includes an expiration date that has not passed.

(5) It was issued by the government of the United States or this state.

Sec. 3501.05. The secretary of state shall do all of the following:

(A) Appoint all members of boards of elections;

(B) Issue instructions by directives and advisories in accordance with section 3501.053 of the Revised Code to members of the boards as to the proper methods of conducting elections.

(C) Prepare rules and instructions for the conduct of elections;

(D) Publish and furnish to the boards from time to time a sufficient number of indexed copies of all election laws then in force;

(E) Edit and issue all pamphlets concerning proposed laws or amendments required by law to be submitted to the voters;

(F) Prescribe the form of registration cards, blanks, and records;

(G) Determine and prescribe the forms of ballots and the forms of all blanks, cards of instructions, pollbooks, tally sheets, certificates of election, and forms and blanks required by law for use by candidates, committees, and boards;

(H) Prepare the ballot title or statement to be placed on the ballot for any proposed law or amendment to the constitution to be submitted to the voters of the state;

(I) Except as otherwise provided in section 3519.08 of the Revised Code, certify to the several boards the forms of ballots and names of candidates for state offices, and the form and wording of state referendum questions and issues, as they shall appear on the ballot;

(J) Except as otherwise provided in division (I)(2)(b) of section 3501.38 of the Revised Code, give final approval to ballot language for any local question or issue approved and transmitted by boards of elections under section 3501.11 of the Revised Code;

(K) Receive all initiative and referendum petitions on state questions and issues and determine and certify to the sufficiency of those petitions;

(L) Require such reports from the several boards as are provided by law, or as the secretary of state considers necessary;

(M) Compel the observance by election officers in the several counties of the requirements of the election laws;

(N)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (N)(2) of this section, investigate the administration of election laws, frauds, and irregularities in elections in any county, and report violations of election laws to the attorney general or prosecuting attorney, or both, for prosecution;

(2) On and after August 24, 1995, report a failure to comply with or a violation of a provision in sections 3517.08 to 3517.13, ~~3517.17, 3517.18,~~ 3517.20 to 3517.22, 3599.03, or 3599.031 of the Revised Code, whenever the secretary of state has or should have knowledge of a failure to comply with or a violation of a provision in one of those sections, by filing a complaint with the Ohio elections commission under section 3517.153 of the Revised Code.

(O) Make an annual report to the governor containing the results of elections, the cost of elections in the various counties, a tabulation of the votes in the several political subdivisions, and other information and recommendations relative to elections the secretary of state considers desirable;

(P) Prescribe and distribute to boards of elections a list of instructions indicating all legal steps necessary to petition successfully for local option elections under sections 4301.32 to 4301.41, 4303.29, 4305.14, and 4305.15 of the Revised Code;

(Q) Adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for the removal by boards of elections of ineligible voters from the statewide voter registration database and, if applicable, from the poll list or signature pollbook used in each precinct, which rules shall provide for all of the following:

(1) A process for the removal of voters who have changed residence,

which shall be uniform, nondiscriminatory, and in compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, including a program that uses the national change of address service provided by the United States postal system through its licensees;

(2) A process for the removal of ineligible voters under section 3503.21 of the Revised Code;

(3) A uniform system for marking or removing the name of a voter who is ineligible to vote from the statewide voter registration database and, if applicable, from the poll list or signature pollbook used in each precinct and noting the reason for that mark or removal.

(R) Prescribe a general program for registering voters or updating voter registration information, such as name and residence changes, by boards of elections, designated agencies, offices of deputy registrars of motor vehicles, public high schools and vocational schools, public libraries, and offices of county treasurers consistent with the requirements of section 3503.09 of the Revised Code;

(S) Prescribe a program of distribution of voter registration forms through boards of elections, designated agencies, offices of the registrar and deputy registrars of motor vehicles, public high schools and vocational schools, public libraries, and offices of county treasurers;

(T) To the extent feasible, provide copies, at no cost and upon request, of the voter registration form in post offices in this state;

(U) Adopt rules pursuant to section 111.15 of the Revised Code for the purpose of implementing the program for registering voters through boards of elections, designated agencies, and the offices of the registrar and deputy registrars of motor vehicles consistent with this chapter;

(V) Establish the full-time position of Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator within the office of the secretary of state to do all of the following:

(1) Assist the secretary of state with ensuring that there is equal access to polling places for persons with disabilities;

(2) Assist the secretary of state with ensuring that each voter may cast the voter's ballot in a manner that provides the same opportunity for access and participation, including privacy and independence, as for other voters;

(3) Advise the secretary of state in the development of standards for the certification of voting machines, marking devices, and automatic tabulating equipment.

(W) Establish and maintain a computerized statewide database of all legally registered voters under section 3503.15 of the Revised Code that complies with the requirements of the "Help America Vote Act of 2002,"

Pub. L. No. 107-252, 116 Stat. 1666, and provide training in the operation of that system;

(X) Ensure that all directives, advisories, other instructions, or decisions issued or made during or as a result of any conference or teleconference call with a board of elections to discuss the proper methods and procedures for conducting elections, to answer questions regarding elections, or to discuss the interpretation of directives, advisories, or other instructions issued by the secretary of state are posted on a web site of the office of the secretary of state as soon as is practicable after the completion of the conference or teleconference call, but not later than the close of business on the same day as the conference or teleconference call takes place.

(Y) Publish a report on a web site of the office of the secretary of state not later than one month after the completion of the canvass of the election returns for each primary and general election, identifying, by county, the number of absent voter's ballots cast and the number of those ballots that were counted, and the number of provisional ballots cast and the number of those ballots that were counted, for that election. The secretary of state shall maintain the information on the web site in an archive format for each subsequent election.

(Z) Conduct voter education outlining voter identification, absent voters ballot, provisional ballot, and other voting requirements;

(AA) Establish a procedure by which a registered elector may make available to a board of elections a more recent signature to be used in the poll list or signature pollbook produced by the board of elections of the county in which the elector resides;

(BB) Disseminate information, which may include all or part of the official explanations and arguments, by means of direct mail or other written publication, broadcast, or other means or combination of means, as directed by the Ohio ballot board under division (F) of section 3505.062 of the Revised Code, in order to inform the voters as fully as possible concerning each proposed constitutional amendment, proposed law, or referendum;

(CC) Be the single state office responsible for the implementation of the "Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act," Pub. L. No. 99-410, 100 Stat. 924, 42 U.S.C. 1973ff, et seq., as amended, in this state. The secretary of state may delegate to the boards of elections responsibilities for the implementation of that act, including responsibilities arising from amendments to that act made by the "Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act," Subtitle H of the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010," Pub. L. No. 111-84, 123 Stat. 3190.

(DD) Adopt rules, under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, to establish

procedures and standards for determining when a board of elections shall be placed under the official oversight of the secretary of state, placing a board of elections under the official oversight of the secretary of state, a board that is under official oversight to transition out of official oversight, and the secretary of state to supervise a board of elections that is under official oversight of the secretary of state.

(EE) Perform other duties required by law.

Whenever a primary election is held under section 3513.32 of the Revised Code or a special election is held under section 3521.03 of the Revised Code to fill a vacancy in the office of representative to congress, the secretary of state shall establish a deadline, notwithstanding any other deadline required under the Revised Code, by which any or all of the following shall occur: the filing of a declaration of candidacy and petitions or a statement of candidacy and nominating petition together with the applicable filing fee; the filing of protests against the candidacy of any person filing a declaration of candidacy or nominating petition; the filing of a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate; the filing of campaign finance reports; the preparation of, and the making of corrections or challenges to, precinct voter registration lists; the receipt of applications for absent voter's ballots or uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots; the supplying of election materials to precincts by boards of elections; the holding of hearings by boards of elections to consider challenges to the right of a person to appear on a voter registration list; and the scheduling of programs to instruct or reinstruct election officers.

In the performance of the secretary of state's duties as the chief election officer, the secretary of state may administer oaths, issue subpoenas, summon witnesses, compel the production of books, papers, records, and other evidence, and fix the time and place for hearing any matters relating to the administration and enforcement of the election laws.

In any controversy involving or arising out of the adoption of registration or the appropriation of funds for registration, the secretary of state may, through the attorney general, bring an action in the name of the state in the court of common pleas of the county where the cause of action arose or in an adjoining county, to adjudicate the question.

In any action involving the laws in Title XXXV of the Revised Code wherein the interpretation of those laws is in issue in such a manner that the result of the action will affect the lawful duties of the secretary of state or of any board of elections, the secretary of state may, on the secretary of state's motion, be made a party.

The secretary of state may apply to any court that is hearing a case in

which the secretary of state is a party, for a change of venue as a substantive right, and the change of venue shall be allowed, and the case removed to the court of common pleas of an adjoining county named in the application or, if there are cases pending in more than one jurisdiction that involve the same or similar issues, the court of common pleas of Franklin county.

Public high schools and vocational schools, public libraries, and the office of a county treasurer shall implement voter registration programs as directed by the secretary of state pursuant to this section.

The secretary of state may mail unsolicited applications for absent voter's ballots to individuals only for a general election and only if the general assembly has made an appropriation for that particular mailing. Under no other circumstance shall a public office, or a public official or employee who is acting in an official capacity, mail unsolicited applications for absent voter's ballots to any individuals.

Sec. 3501.12. (A) The annual compensation of members of the board of elections shall be determined on the basis of the population of the county according to the next preceding federal census, and shall be paid monthly out of the appropriations made to the board and upon vouchers or payrolls certified by the chairperson, or a member of the board designated by it, and countersigned by the director or in the director's absence by the deputy director. Upon presentation of any such voucher or payroll, the county auditor shall issue a warrant upon the county treasurer for the amount thereof as in the case of vouchers or payrolls for county offices and the treasurer shall pay such warrant.

(B) In calendar year 2018, the amount of annual compensation of each member of the board of elections shall be ~~as follows~~ the greater of the following:

(1) ~~One~~ The sum of the following:

(a) ~~One~~ One hundred two dollars and forty-one cents for each full one thousand of the first one hundred thousand population;

~~(2)(b)~~ (b) Forty-eight dollars and seventy-nine cents for each full one thousand of the second one hundred thousand population;

~~(3)(c)~~ (c) Twenty-six dollars and fifty cents for each full one thousand of the third one hundred thousand population;

~~(4)(d)~~ (d) Eight dollars and thirteen cents for each full one thousand above three hundred thousand population.

(2) Six thousand dollars.

(C) In calendar year 2019 and in each calendar year thereafter through calendar year 2028, the annual compensation of each member of the board shall be computed after increasing the dollar amounts specified in ~~division~~

divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section by one and three-quarters per cent.

~~Such compensation shall not be less than six thousand dollars.~~

(D) For the purposes of this section, members of boards of elections shall be deemed to be appointed and not elected, and therefore not subject to Section 20 of Article II of the Ohio Constitution.

Sec. 3501.22. (A)(1) ~~On~~ Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2) of this section, on or before the fifteenth day of September in each year, the board of elections by a majority vote shall, after careful examination and investigation as to their qualifications, appoint for each election precinct four residents of the county in which the precinct is located, as precinct election officials. Except as otherwise provided in division (C) of this section, all precinct election officials shall be qualified electors. The precinct election officials shall constitute the election officers of the precinct. Not more than one-half of the total number of precinct election officials shall be members of the same political party. The term of such precinct officers shall be for one year. The board may, at any time, designate any number of election officers, not more than one-half of whom shall be members of the same political party, to perform their duties at any precinct in any election. The board may appoint additional officials, equally divided between the two major political parties, when necessary to expedite voting. If the board of elections determines that four precinct election officials are not required in a precinct for a special election, the board of elections may select two of the precinct's election officers, who are not members of the same political party, to serve as the precinct election officials for that precinct in that special election.

Vacancies for unexpired terms shall be filled by the board. When new precincts have been created, the board shall appoint precinct election officials for those precincts for the unexpired term. Any precinct election official may be summarily removed from office at any time by the board for neglect of duty, malfeasance, or misconduct in office or for any other good and sufficient reason.

Precinct election officials shall perform all of the duties provided by law for receiving the ballots and supplies, opening and closing the polls, and overseeing the casting of ballots during the time the polls are open, and any other duties required by section 3501.26 of the Revised Code.

A board of elections may designate two precinct election officials as counting officials to count and tally the votes cast and certify the results of the election at each precinct, and perform other duties as provided by law. To expedite the counting of votes at each precinct, the board may appoint additional officials, not more than one-half of whom shall be members of

the same political party.

Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2) of this section, the board shall designate one of the precinct election officials who is a member of the dominant political party to serve as a voting location manager, whose duty it is to deliver the returns of the election and all supplies to the office of the board. For these services, the voting location manager shall receive additional compensation in an amount, consistent with section 3501.28 of the Revised Code, determined by the board of elections.

The board shall issue to each precinct election official a certificate of appointment, which the official shall present to the voting location manager at the time the polls are opened.

(2) If the board of elections, by a vote of at least three members of the board, opts to have a single voting location serve more than one precinct, the board may do ~~both~~ any of the following:

(a) Designate a single ~~presiding judge voting location manager~~ for the voting location. The ~~presiding judge voting location manager~~ shall be a member of the political party whose candidate received the highest number of votes for governor at the most recent general election for that office in the precincts whose polling places are located at the applicable voting location, when tallying the combined vote for governor in all such precincts.

(b) Combine the pollbooks for those precincts to create a single pollbook for the voting location;

(c) If electronic pollbooks are being used in the voting location, as described in section 3506.021 of the Revised Code, appoint not less than two precinct election officials for each precinct, so long as the board approves the decision to reduce the number of precinct election officials by the affirmative vote of at least three of its members.

(B) If the board of elections determines that not enough qualified electors in a precinct are available to serve as precinct officers, it may appoint persons to serve as precinct officers at a primary, special, or general election who are at least seventeen years of age and are registered to vote in accordance with section 3503.07 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) A board of elections, in conjunction with the board of education of a city, local, or exempted village school district, the governing authority of a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, or the chief administrator of a nonpublic school may establish a program permitting certain high school students to apply and, if appointed by the board of elections, to serve as precinct officers at a primary, special, or general election.

In addition to the requirements established by division (C)(2) of this

section, a board of education, governing authority, or chief administrator that establishes a program under this division in conjunction with a board of elections may establish additional criteria that students shall meet to be eligible to participate in that program.

(2)(a) To be eligible to participate in a program established under division (C)(1) of this section, a student shall be a United States citizen, a resident of the county, at least seventeen years of age, and enrolled in the senior year of high school.

(b) Any student applying to participate in a program established under division (C)(1) of this section, as part of the student's application process, shall declare the student's political party affiliation with the board of elections.

(3) No student appointed as a precinct officer pursuant to a program established under division (C)(1) of this section shall be designated as a voting location manager.

(4) Any student participating in a program established under division (C)(1) of this section shall be excused for that student's absence from school on the day of an election at which the student is serving as a precinct officer.

(D) In any precinct with six or more precinct officers, up to two students participating in a program established under division (C)(1) of this section who are under eighteen years of age may serve as precinct officers. Not more than one precinct officer in any given precinct with fewer than six precinct officers shall be under eighteen years of age.

Sec. 3513.01. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this section and section 3517.012 of the Revised Code, ~~on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in March of 2016 and every fourth year thereafter, and on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May of every other year,~~ primary elections shall be held as provided in division (E) of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code for the purpose of nominating persons as candidates of political parties for election to offices to be voted for at the succeeding general election.

(B) The manner of nominating persons as candidates for election as officers of a municipal corporation having a population of two thousand or more, as ascertained by the most recent federal census, shall be the same as the manner in which candidates were nominated for election as officers in the municipal corporation in 1989 unless the manner of nominating such candidates is changed under division (C), (D), or (E) of this section.

(C) Primary elections shall not be held for the nomination of candidates for election as officers of any township, or any municipal corporation having a population of less than two thousand, unless a majority of the

electors of any such township or municipal corporation, as determined by the total number of votes cast in such township or municipal corporation for the office of governor at the most recent regular state election, files with the board of elections of the county within which such township or municipal corporation is located, or within which the major portion of the population thereof is located, if the municipal corporation is situated in more than one county, not later than one hundred twenty days before the day of a primary election, a petition signed by such electors asking that candidates for election as officers of such township or municipal corporation be nominated as candidates of political parties, in which event primary elections shall be held in such township or municipal corporation for the purpose of nominating persons as candidates of political parties for election as officers of such township or municipal corporation to be voted for at the succeeding regular municipal election. In a township or municipal corporation where a majority of the electors have filed a petition asking that candidates for election as officers of the township or municipal corporation be nominated as candidates of political parties, the nomination of candidates for a nonpartisan election may be reestablished in the manner prescribed in division (E) of this section.

(D)(1) The electors in a municipal corporation having a population of two thousand or more, in which municipal officers were nominated in the most recent election by nominating petition and elected by nonpartisan election, may place on the ballot in the manner prescribed in division (D)(2) of this section the question of changing to the primary-election method of nominating persons as candidates for election as officers of the municipal corporation.

(2) The board of elections of the county within which the municipal corporation is located, or, if the municipal corporation is located in more than one county, of the county within which the major portion of the population of the municipal corporation is located, shall, upon receipt of a petition signed by electors of the municipal corporation equal in number to at least ten per cent of the vote cast at the most recent regular municipal election, submit to the electors of the municipal corporation the question of changing to the primary-election method of nominating persons as candidates for election as officers of the municipal corporation. The ballot language shall be substantially as follows:

"Shall candidates for election as officers of (name of municipal corporation) in the county of (name of county) be nominated as candidates of political parties?

..... yes

..... no"

The question shall be placed on the ballot at the next general election in an even-numbered year occurring at least ninety days after the petition is filed with the board. If a majority of the electors voting on the question vote in the affirmative, candidates for election as officers of the municipal corporation shall thereafter be nominated as candidates of political parties in primary elections, under division (A) of this section, unless a change in the manner of nominating persons as candidates for election as officers of the municipal corporation is made under division (E) of this section.

(E)(1) The electors in a township or municipal corporation in which the township or municipal officers are nominated as candidates of political parties in a primary election may place on the ballot, in the manner prescribed in division (E)(2) of this section, the question of changing to the nonpartisan method of nominating persons as candidates for election as officers of the township or municipal corporation.

(2) The board of elections of the county within which the township or municipal corporation is located, or, if the municipal corporation is located in more than one county, of the county within which the major portion of the population of the municipal corporation is located, shall, upon receipt of a petition signed by electors of the township or municipal corporation equal in number to at least ten per cent of the vote cast at the most recent regular township or municipal election, as appropriate, submit to the electors of the township or municipal corporation, as appropriate, the question of changing to the nonpartisan method of nominating persons as candidates for election as officers of the township or municipal corporation. The ballot language shall be substantially as follows:

"Shall candidates for election as officers of (name of the township or municipal corporation) in the county of (name of county) be nominated as candidates by nominating petition and be elected only in a nonpartisan election?

..... yes

..... no"

The question shall appear on the ballot at the next general election in an even-numbered year occurring at least ninety days after the petition is filed with the board. If a majority of electors voting on the question vote in the affirmative, candidates for officer of the township or municipal corporation shall thereafter be nominated by nominating petition and be elected only in a nonpartisan election, unless a change in the manner of nominating persons as candidates for election as officers of the township or municipal corporation is made under division (C) or (D) of this section.

Sec. 3513.12. At a presidential primary election, which shall be held ~~on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in March in the year 2016, and similarly in every fourth year thereafter~~ as provided in division (E)(2) of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code, delegates and alternates to the national conventions of the different major political parties shall be chosen by direct vote of the electors as provided in this chapter. Candidates for delegate and alternate shall be qualified and the election shall be conducted in the manner prescribed in this chapter for the nomination of candidates for state and district offices, except as provided in section 3513.151 of the Revised Code and except that whenever any group of candidates for delegate at large or alternate at large, or any group of candidates for delegates or alternates from districts, file with the secretary of state statements as provided by this section, designating the same persons as their first and second choices for president of the United States, such a group of candidates may submit a group petition containing a declaration of candidacy for each of such candidates. The group petition need be signed only by the number of electors required for the petition of a single candidate. No group petition shall be submitted except by a group of candidates equal in number to the whole number of delegates at large or alternates at large to be elected or equal in number to the whole number of delegates or alternates from a district to be elected.

Each person seeking to be elected as delegate or alternate to the national convention of the person's political party shall file with the person's declaration of candidacy and certificate a statement in writing signed by the person in which the person shall state the person's first and second choices for nomination as the candidate of the person's party for the presidency of the United States. The secretary of state shall not permit any declaration of candidacy and certificate of a candidate for election as such delegate or alternate to be filed unless accompanied by such statement in writing. The name of a candidate for the presidency shall not be so used without the candidate's written consent.

A person who is a first choice for president of candidates seeking election as delegates and alternates shall file with the secretary of state, prior to the day of the election, a list indicating the order in which certificates of election are to be issued to delegate or alternate candidates to whose candidacy the person has consented, if fewer than all of such candidates are entitled under party rules to be certified as elected. Each candidate for election as such delegate or alternate may also file along with the candidate's declaration of candidacy and certificate a statement in writing signed by the candidate in the following form:

"Statement of Candidate

For Election as (Delegate) (Alternate) to the
..... (name of political party) National Convention

I hereby declare to the voters of my political party in the State of Ohio that, if elected as (delegate) (alternate) to their national party convention, I shall, to the best of my judgment and ability, support that candidate for President of the United States who shall have been selected at this primary by the voters of my party in the manner provided in Chapter 3513. of the Ohio Revised Code, as their candidate for such office.

..... (name),

Candidate for

(Delegate) (Alternate)"

The procedures for the selection of candidates for delegate and alternate to the national convention of a political party set forth in this section and in section 3513.121 of the Revised Code are alternative procedures, and if the procedures of this section are followed, the procedures of section 3513.121 of the Revised Code need not be followed.

Sec. 3517.01. (A)(1) A political party within the meaning of Title XXXV of the Revised Code is any group of voters that meets either of the following requirements:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, at the most recent regular state election, the group polled for its candidate for governor in the state or nominees for presidential electors at least three per cent of the entire vote cast for that office. A group that meets the requirements of this division remains a political party for a period of four years after meeting those requirements.

(b) The group filed with the secretary of state, subsequent to its failure to meet the requirements of division (A)(1)(a) of this section, a party formation petition that meets all of the following requirements:

(i) The petition is signed by qualified electors equal in number to at least one per cent of the total vote for governor or nominees for presidential electors at the most recent election for such office.

(ii) The petition is signed by not fewer than five hundred qualified electors from each of at least a minimum of one-half of the congressional districts in this state. If an odd number of congressional districts exists in this state, the number of districts that results from dividing the number of congressional districts by two shall be rounded up to the next whole number.

(iii) The petition declares the petitioners' intention of organizing a political party, the name of which shall be stated in the declaration, and of participating in the succeeding general election, held in even-numbered

years, that occurs more than one hundred twenty-five days after the date of filing.

(iv) The petition designates a committee of not less than three nor more than five individuals of the petitioners, who shall represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition. Notice of all matters or proceedings pertaining to the petition may be served on the committee, or any of them, either personally or by registered mail, or by leaving such notice at the usual place of residence of each of them.

(2) No such group of electors shall assume a name or designation that is similar, in the opinion of the secretary of state, to that of an existing political party as to confuse or mislead the voters at an election.

(B) A campaign committee shall be legally liable for any debts, contracts, or expenditures incurred or executed in its name.

(C) Notwithstanding the definitions found in section 3501.01 of the Revised Code, as used in this section and sections 3517.08 to 3517.14, 3517.99, and 3517.992 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Campaign committee" means a candidate or a combination of two or more persons authorized by a candidate under section 3517.081 of the Revised Code to receive contributions and make expenditures.

(2) "Campaign treasurer" means an individual appointed by a candidate under section 3517.081 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in division (H) of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code and also includes any person who, at any time before or after an election, receives contributions or makes expenditures or other use of contributions, has given consent for another to receive contributions or make expenditures or other use of contributions, or appoints a campaign treasurer, for the purpose of bringing about the person's nomination or election to public office. When two persons jointly seek the offices of governor and lieutenant governor, "candidate" means the pair of candidates jointly. "Candidate" does not include candidates for election to the offices of member of a county or state central committee, presidential elector, and delegate to a national convention or conference of a political party.

(4) "Continuing association" means an association, other than a campaign committee, political party, legislative campaign fund, political contributing entity, or labor organization, that is intended to be a permanent organization that has a primary purpose other than supporting or opposing specific candidates, political parties, or ballot issues, and that functions on a regular basis throughout the year. "Continuing association" includes organizations that are determined to be not organized for profit under

subsection 501 and that are described in subsection 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), or 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(5) "Contribution" means a loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, or transfer of funds or anything of value, including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any person other than the person to whom the services are rendered for the personal services of another person, which contribution is made, received, or used for the purpose of influencing the results of an election. Any loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, or transfer of funds or of anything of value, including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's estate, and the payment by any campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, political contributing entity, or person other than the person to whom the services are rendered for the personal services of another person, that is made, received, or used by a state or county political party, other than moneys a state or county political party receives from the Ohio political party fund pursuant to section 3517.17 of the Revised Code and the moneys an entity may receive under sections 3517.101, 3517.102, and 3517.1013 of the Revised Code, shall be considered to be a "contribution" for the purpose of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code and shall be included on a statement of contributions filed under that section.

"Contribution" does not include any of the following:

- (a) Services provided without compensation by individuals volunteering a portion or all of their time on behalf of a person;
- (b) Ordinary home hospitality;
- (c) The personal expenses of a volunteer paid for by that volunteer campaign worker;
- (d) Any gift given to an entity pursuant to section 3517.101 of the Revised Code;
- (e) Any contribution as defined in section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code that is made, received, or used to pay the direct costs of producing or airing an electioneering communication;
- (f) Any gift given to a state or county political party for the party's restricted fund under division (A)(2) of section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code;
- (g) Any gift given to a state political party for deposit in a Levin account pursuant to section 3517.1013 of the Revised Code. As used in this division, "Levin account" has the same meaning as in that section.
- (h) Any donation given to a transition fund under section 3517.1014 of

the Revised Code.

(6) "Expenditure" means the disbursement or use of a contribution for the purpose of influencing the results of an election or of making a charitable donation under division (G) of section 3517.08 of the Revised Code. Any disbursement or use of a contribution by a state or county political party is an expenditure and shall be considered either to be made for the purpose of influencing the results of an election or to be made as a charitable donation under division (G) of section 3517.08 of the Revised Code and shall be reported on a statement of expenditures filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. During the thirty days preceding a primary or general election, any disbursement to pay the direct costs of producing or airing a broadcast, cable, or satellite communication that refers to a clearly identified candidate shall be considered to be made for the purpose of influencing the results of that election and shall be reported as an expenditure or as an independent expenditure under section 3517.10 or 3517.105 of the Revised Code, as applicable, except that the information required to be reported regarding contributors for those expenditures or independent expenditures shall be the same as the information required to be reported under divisions (D)(1) and (2) of section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code.

As used in this division, "broadcast, cable, or satellite communication" and "refers to a clearly identified candidate" have the same meanings as in section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code.

(7) "Personal expenses" includes, but is not limited to, ordinary expenses for accommodations, clothing, food, personal motor vehicle or airplane, and home telephone.

(8) "Political action committee" means a combination of two or more persons, the primary or major purpose of which is to support or oppose any candidate, political party, or issue, or to influence the result of any election through express advocacy, and that is not a political party, a campaign committee, a political contributing entity, or a legislative campaign fund. "Political action committee" does not include either of the following:

(a) A continuing association that makes disbursements for the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering communications and that does not engage in express advocacy;

(b) A political club that is formed primarily for social purposes and that consists of one hundred members or less, has officers and periodic meetings, has less than two thousand five hundred dollars in its treasury at all times, and makes an aggregate total contribution of one thousand dollars or less per calendar year.

(9) "Public office" means any state, county, municipal, township, or district office, except an office of a political party, that is filled by an election and the offices of United States senator and representative.

(10) "Anything of value" has the same meaning as in section 1.03 of the Revised Code.

(11) "Beneficiary of a campaign fund" means a candidate, a public official or employee for whose benefit a campaign fund exists, and any other person who has ever been a candidate or public official or employee and for whose benefit a campaign fund exists.

(12) "Campaign fund" means money or other property, including contributions.

(13) "Public official or employee" has the same meaning as in section 102.01 of the Revised Code.

(14) "Caucus" means all of the members of the house of representatives or all of the members of the senate of the general assembly who are members of the same political party.

(15) "Legislative campaign fund" means a fund that is established as an auxiliary of a state political party and associated with one of the houses of the general assembly.

(16) "In-kind contribution" means anything of value other than money that is used to influence the results of an election or is transferred to or used in support of or in opposition to a candidate, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, political action committee, or political contributing entity and that is made with the consent of, in coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of the benefited candidate, committee, fund, party, or entity. The financing of the dissemination, distribution, or republication, in whole or part, of any broadcast or of any written, graphic, or other form of campaign materials prepared by the candidate, the candidate's campaign committee, or their authorized agents is an in-kind contribution to the candidate and an expenditure by the candidate.

(17) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure by a person advocating the election or defeat of an identified candidate or candidates, that is not made with the consent of, in coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of any candidate or candidates or of the campaign committee or agent of the candidate or candidates. As used in division (C)(17) of this section:

(a) "Person" means an individual, partnership, unincorporated business organization or association, political action committee, political contributing entity, separate segregated fund, association, or other organization or group

of persons, but not a labor organization or a corporation unless the labor organization or corporation is a political contributing entity.

(b) "Advocating" means any communication containing a message advocating election or defeat.

(c) "Identified candidate" means that the name of the candidate appears, a photograph or drawing of the candidate appears, or the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent by unambiguous reference.

(d) "Made in coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or the campaign committee or agent of the candidate" means made pursuant to any arrangement, coordination, or direction by the candidate, the candidate's campaign committee, or the candidate's agent prior to the publication, distribution, display, or broadcast of the communication. An expenditure is presumed to be so made when it is any of the following:

(i) Based on information about the candidate's plans, projects, or needs provided to the person making the expenditure by the candidate, or by the candidate's campaign committee or agent, with a view toward having an expenditure made;

(ii) Made by or through any person who is, or has been, authorized to raise or expend funds, who is, or has been, an officer of the candidate's campaign committee, or who is, or has been, receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee or agent;

(iii) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of section 3517.105 of the Revised Code, made by a political party in support of a candidate, unless the expenditure is made by a political party to conduct voter registration or voter education efforts.

(e) "Agent" means any person who has actual oral or written authority, either express or implied, to make or to authorize the making of expenditures on behalf of a candidate, or means any person who has been placed in a position with the candidate's campaign committee or organization such that it would reasonably appear that in the ordinary course of campaign-related activities the person may authorize expenditures.

(18) "Labor organization" means a labor union; an employee organization; a federation of labor unions, groups, locals, or other employee organizations; an auxiliary of a labor union, employee organization, or federation of labor unions, groups, locals, or other employee organizations; or any other bona fide organization in which employees participate and that exists for the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with employers concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, hours, and other terms and

conditions of employment.

(19) "Separate segregated fund" means a separate segregated fund established pursuant to the Federal Election Campaign Act.

(20) "Federal Election Campaign Act" means the "Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971," 86 Stat. 11, 2 U.S.C.A. 431, et seq., as amended.

(21) "Restricted fund" means the fund a state or county political party must establish under division (A)(1) of section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code.

(22) "Electioneering communication" has the same meaning as in section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code.

(23) "Express advocacy" means a communication that contains express words advocating the nomination, election, or defeat of a candidate or that contains express words advocating the adoption or defeat of a question or issue, as determined by a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction.

(24) "Political committee" has the same meaning as in section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code.

(25) "Political contributing entity" means any entity, including a corporation or labor organization, that may lawfully make contributions and expenditures and that is not an individual or a political action committee, continuing association, campaign committee, political party, legislative campaign fund, designated state campaign committee, or state candidate fund. For purposes of this division, "lawfully" means not prohibited by any section of the Revised Code, or authorized by a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction.

(26) "Internet identifier of record" has the same meaning as in section 9.312 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3517.10. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this division, every campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, and political contributing entity that made or received a contribution or made an expenditure in connection with the nomination or election of any candidate or in connection with any ballot issue or question at any election held or to be held in this state shall file, on a form prescribed under this section or by electronic means of transmission as provided in this section and section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, a full, true, and itemized statement, made under penalty of election falsification, setting forth in detail the contributions and expenditures, not later than four p.m. of the following dates:

(1) The twelfth day before the election to reflect contributions received and expenditures made from the close of business on the last day reflected in

the last previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the twentieth day before the election;

(2) The thirty-eighth day after the election to reflect the contributions received and expenditures made from the close of business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the seventh day before the filing of the statement;

(3) The last business day of January of every year to reflect the contributions received and expenditures made from the close of business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the last day of December of the previous year;

(4) The last business day of July of every year to reflect the contributions received and expenditures made from the close of business on the last day reflected in the last previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the last day of June of that year.

A campaign committee shall only be required to file the statements prescribed under divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section in connection with the nomination or election of the committee's candidate.

The statement required under division (A)(1) of this section shall not be required of any campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity that has received contributions of less than one thousand dollars and has made expenditures of less than one thousand dollars at the close of business on the twentieth day before the election. Those contributions and expenditures shall be reported in the statement required under division (A)(2) of this section.

If an election to select candidates to appear on the general election ballot is held within sixty days before a general election, the campaign committee of a successful candidate in the earlier election may file the statement required by division (A)(1) of this section for the general election instead of the statement required by division (A)(2) of this section for the earlier election if the pregeneral election statement reflects the status of contributions and expenditures for the period twenty days before the earlier election to twenty days before the general election.

If a person becomes a candidate less than twenty days before an election, the candidate's campaign committee is not required to file the statement required by division (A)(1) of this section.

No statement under division (A)(3) of this section shall be required for any year in which a campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity is required to file a postgeneral election statement under division (A)(2) of this

section. However, a statement under division (A)(3) of this section may be filed, at the option of the campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity.

No campaign committee of a candidate for the office of chief justice or justice of the supreme court, and no campaign committee of a candidate for the office of judge of any court in this state, shall be required to file a statement under division (A)(4) of this section.

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and in the next paragraph of this section, the only campaign committees required to file a statement under division (A)(4) of this section are the campaign committee of a statewide candidate and the campaign committee of a candidate for county office. The campaign committee of a candidate for any other nonjudicial office is required to file a statement under division (A)(4) of this section if that campaign committee receives, during that period, contributions exceeding ten thousand dollars.

No statement under division (A)(4) of this section shall be required of a campaign committee, a political action committee, a legislative campaign fund, a political party, or a political contributing entity for any year in which the campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity is required to file a postprimary election statement under division (A)(2) of this section. However, a statement under division (A)(4) of this section may be filed at the option of the campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity.

No statement under division (A)(3) or (4) of this section shall be required if the campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity has no contributions that it has received and no expenditures that it has made since the last date reflected in its last previously filed statement. However, the campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity shall file a statement to that effect, on a form prescribed under this section and made under penalty of election falsification, on the date required in division (A)(3) or (4) of this section, as applicable.

The campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall file a monthly statement of contributions received during each of the months of July, August, and September in the year of the general election in which the candidate seeks office. The campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall file the monthly statement not later than three business days after the last day of the month covered by the statement. During the period beginning

on the nineteenth day before the general election in which a statewide candidate seeks election to office and extending through the day of that general election, each time the campaign committee of the joint candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor or of a candidate for the office of secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, or attorney general receives a contribution from a contributor that causes the aggregate amount of contributions received from that contributor during that period to equal or exceed ten thousand dollars and each time the campaign committee of a candidate for the office of chief justice or justice of the supreme court receives a contribution from a contributor that causes the aggregate amount of contributions received from that contributor during that period to exceed ten thousand dollars, the campaign committee shall file a two-business-day statement reflecting that contribution. Contributions reported on a two-business-day statement required to be filed by a campaign committee of a statewide candidate in a primary election shall also be included in the postprimary election statement required to be filed by that campaign committee under division (A)(2) of this section. A two-business-day statement required by this paragraph shall be filed not later than two business days after receipt of the contribution. The statements required by this paragraph shall be filed in addition to any other statements required by this section.

Subject to the secretary of state having implemented, tested, and verified the successful operation of any system the secretary of state prescribes pursuant to divisions (C)(6)(b) and (D)(6) of this section and division (H)(1) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code for the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic means of transmission, a campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall file a two-business-day statement under the preceding paragraph by electronic means of transmission if the campaign committee is required to file a pre-election, postelection, or monthly statement of contributions and expenditures by electronic means of transmission under this section or section 3517.106 of the Revised Code.

If a campaign committee or political action committee has no balance on hand and no outstanding obligations and desires to terminate itself, it shall file a statement to that effect, on a form prescribed under this section and made under penalty of election falsification, with the official with whom it files a statement under division (A) of this section after filing a final statement of contributions and a final statement of expenditures, if contributions have been received or expenditures made since the period reflected in its last previously filed statement.

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(7) of this section, each statement required by division (A) of this section shall contain the following information:

(1) The full name and address of each campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity, including any treasurer of the committee, fund, party, or entity, filing a contribution and expenditure statement;

(2)(a) In the case of a campaign committee, the candidate's full name and address;

(b) In the case of a political action committee, the registration number assigned to the committee under division (D)(1) of this section.

(3) The date of the election and whether it was or will be a general, primary, or special election;

(4) A statement of contributions received, which shall include the following information:

(a) The month, day, and year of the contribution;

(b)(i) The full name and address of each person, political party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or political contributing entity from whom contributions are received and the registration number assigned to the political action committee under division (D)(1) of this section. The requirement of filing the full address does not apply to any statement filed by a state or local committee of a political party, to a finance committee of such committee, or to a committee recognized by a state or local committee as its fund-raising auxiliary. Notwithstanding division (F) of this section, the requirement of filing the full address shall be considered as being met if the address filed is the same address the contributor provided under division (E)(1) of this section.

(ii) If a political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political party that is required to file campaign finance statements by electronic means of transmission under section 3517.106 of the Revised Code or a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or candidate for the office of member of the general assembly receives a contribution from an individual that exceeds one hundred dollars, the name of the individual's current employer, if any, or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any;

(iii) If a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or candidate for the office of member of the general assembly receives a contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and salaries of two or more employees that

exceeds in the aggregate one hundred dollars during any one filing period under division (A)(1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section, the full name of the employees' employer and the full name of the labor organization of which the employees are members, if any.

(c) A description of the contribution received, if other than money;

(d) The value in dollars and cents of the contribution;

(e) A separately itemized account of all contributions and expenditures regardless of the amount, except a receipt of a contribution from a person in the sum of twenty-five dollars or less at one social or fund-raising activity and a receipt of a contribution transmitted pursuant to section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from amounts deducted from the wages and salaries of employees if the contribution from the amount deducted from the wages and salary of any one employee is twenty-five dollars or less aggregated in a calendar year. An account of the total contributions from each social or fund-raising activity shall include a description of and the value of each in-kind contribution received at that activity from any person who made one or more such contributions whose aggregate value exceeded two hundred fifty dollars and shall be listed separately, together with the expenses incurred and paid in connection with that activity. A campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity shall keep records of contributions from each person in the amount of twenty-five dollars or less at one social or fund-raising activity and contributions from amounts deducted under section 3599.031 of the Revised Code from the wages and salary of each employee in the amount of twenty-five dollars or less aggregated in a calendar year. No continuing association that is recognized by a state or local committee of a political party as an auxiliary of the party and that makes a contribution from funds derived solely from regular dues paid by members of the auxiliary shall be required to list the name or address of any members who paid those dues.

Contributions that are other income shall be itemized separately from all other contributions. The information required under division (B)(4) of this section shall be provided for all other income itemized. As used in this paragraph, "other income" means a loan, investment income, or interest income.

(f) In the case of a campaign committee of a state elected officer, if a person doing business with the state elected officer in the officer's official capacity makes a contribution to the campaign committee of that officer, the information required under division (B)(4) of this section in regard to that contribution, which shall be filed together with and considered a part of the

committee's statement of contributions as required under division (A) of this section but shall be filed on a separate form provided by the secretary of state. As used in this division:

(i) "State elected officer" has the same meaning as in section 3517.092 of the Revised Code.

(ii) "Person doing business" means a person or an officer of an entity who enters into one or more contracts with a state elected officer or anyone authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of that officer to receive payments for goods or services, if the payments total, in the aggregate, more than five thousand dollars during a calendar year.

(5) A statement of expenditures which shall include the following information:

(a) The month, day, and year of the expenditure;

(b) The full name and address of each person, political party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or political contributing entity to whom the expenditure was made and the registration number assigned to the political action committee under division (D)(1) of this section;

(c) The object or purpose for which the expenditure was made;

(d) The amount of each expenditure.

(C)(1) The statement of contributions and expenditures shall be signed by the person completing the form. If a statement of contributions and expenditures is filed by electronic means of transmission pursuant to this section or section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the electronic signature of the person who executes the statement and transmits the statement by electronic means of transmission, as provided in division (H) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall be attached to or associated with the statement and shall be binding on all persons and for all purposes under the campaign finance reporting law as if the signature had been handwritten in ink on a printed form.

(2) The person filing the statement, under penalty of election falsification, shall include with it a list of each anonymous contribution, the circumstances under which it was received, and the reason it cannot be attributed to a specific donor.

(3) Each statement of a campaign committee of a candidate who holds public office shall contain a designation of each contributor who is an employee in any unit or department under the candidate's direct supervision and control. In a space provided in the statement, the person filing the statement shall affirm that each such contribution was voluntarily made.

(4) A campaign committee that did not receive contributions or make

expenditures in connection with the nomination or election of its candidate shall file a statement to that effect, on a form prescribed under this section and made under penalty of election falsification, on the date required in division (A)(2) of this section.

(5) The campaign committee of any person who attempts to become a candidate and who, for any reason, does not become certified in accordance with Title XXXV of the Revised Code for placement on the official ballot of a primary, general, or special election to be held in this state, and who, at any time prior to or after an election, receives contributions or makes expenditures, or has given consent for another to receive contributions or make expenditures, for the purpose of bringing about the person's nomination or election to public office, shall file the statement or statements prescribed by this section and a termination statement, if applicable. Division (C)(5) of this section does not apply to any person with respect to an election to the offices of member of a county or state central committee, presidential elector, or delegate to a national convention or conference of a political party.

(6)(a) The statements required to be filed under this section shall specify the balance in the hands of the campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity and the disposition intended to be made of that balance.

(b) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form for all statements required to be filed under this section and shall furnish the forms to the boards of elections in the several counties. The boards of elections shall supply printed copies of those forms without charge. The secretary of state shall prescribe the appropriate methodology, protocol, and data file structure for statements required or permitted to be filed by electronic means of transmission under division (A) of this section, divisions (E), (F), and (G) of section 3517.106, division (D) of section 3517.1011, division (B) of section 3517.1012, division (C) of section 3517.1013, and divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. Subject to division (A) of this section, divisions (E), (F), and (G) of section 3517.106, division (D) of section 3517.1011, division (B) of section 3517.1012, division (C) of section 3517.1013, and divisions (D) and (I) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code, the statements required to be stored on computer by the secretary of state under division (B) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code shall be filed in whatever format the secretary of state considers necessary to enable the secretary of state to store the information contained in the statements on computer. Any such format shall be of a type and nature that is readily available to whoever is required to file the statements in that

format.

(c) The secretary of state shall assess the need for training regarding the filing of campaign finance statements by electronic means of transmission and regarding associated technologies for candidates, campaign committees, political action committees, legislative campaign funds, political parties, or political contributing entities, for individuals, partnerships, or other entities, for persons making disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering communications, or for treasurers of transition funds, required or permitted to file statements by electronic means of transmission under this section or section 3517.105, 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised Code. If, in the opinion of the secretary of state, training in these areas is necessary, the secretary of state shall arrange for the provision of voluntary training programs for candidates, campaign committees, political action committees, legislative campaign funds, political parties, or political contributing entities, for individuals, partnerships, and other entities, for persons making disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering communications, or for treasurers of transition funds, as appropriate.

(7) Each monthly statement and each two-business-day statement required by division (A) of this section shall contain the information required by divisions (B)(1) to (4), (C)(2), and, if appropriate, (C)(3) of this section. Each statement shall be signed as required by division (C)(1) of this section.

(D)(1) Prior to receiving a contribution or making an expenditure, every campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity shall appoint a treasurer and shall file, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, a designation of that appointment, including the full name and address of the treasurer and of the campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity. That designation shall be filed with the official with whom the campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity is required to file statements under section 3517.11 of the Revised Code. The name of a campaign committee shall include at least the last name of the campaign committee's candidate. If two or more candidates are the beneficiaries of a single campaign committee under division (B) of section 3517.081 of the Revised Code, the name of the campaign committee shall include at least the last name of each candidate who is a beneficiary of that campaign committee. The secretary of state shall assign a registration number to each political action committee that files a designation of the

appointment of a treasurer under this division if the political action committee is required by division (A)(1) of section 3517.11 of the Revised Code to file the statements prescribed by this section with the secretary of state.

(2) The treasurer appointed under division (D)(1) of this section shall keep a strict account of all contributions, from whom received and the purpose for which they were disbursed.

(3)(a) Except as otherwise provided in section 3517.108 of the Revised Code, a campaign committee shall deposit all monetary contributions received by the committee into an account separate from a personal or business account of the candidate or campaign committee.

(b) A political action committee shall deposit all monetary contributions received by the committee into an account separate from all other funds.

(c) A state or county political party may establish a state candidate fund that is separate from ~~an account that contains the public moneys received from the Ohio political party fund under section 3517.17 of the Revised Code and from~~ all other funds. A state or county political party may deposit into its state candidate fund any amounts of monetary contributions that are made to or accepted by the political party subject to the applicable limitations, if any, prescribed in section 3517.102 of the Revised Code. A state or county political party shall deposit all other monetary contributions received by the party into one or more accounts that are separate from its state candidate fund ~~and from its account that contains the public moneys received from the Ohio political party fund under section 3517.17 of the Revised Code.~~

(d) Each state political party shall have only one legislative campaign fund for each house of the general assembly. Each such fund shall be separate from any other funds or accounts of that state party. A legislative campaign fund is authorized to receive contributions and make expenditures for the primary purpose of furthering the election of candidates who are members of that political party to the house of the general assembly with which that legislative campaign fund is associated. Each legislative campaign fund shall be administered and controlled in a manner designated by the caucus. As used in this division, "caucus" has the same meaning as in section 3517.01 of the Revised Code and includes, as an ex officio member, the chairperson of the state political party with which the caucus is associated or that chairperson's designee.

(4) Every expenditure in excess of twenty-five dollars shall be vouched for by a receipted bill, stating the purpose of the expenditure, that shall be filed with the statement of expenditures. A canceled check with a notation of

the purpose of the expenditure is a receipted bill for purposes of division (D)(4) of this section.

(5) The secretary of state or the board of elections, as the case may be, shall issue a receipt for each statement filed under this section and shall preserve a copy of the receipt for a period of at least six years. All statements filed under this section shall be open to public inspection in the office where they are filed and shall be carefully preserved for a period of at least six years after the year in which they are filed.

(6) The secretary of state, by rule adopted pursuant to section 3517.23 of the Revised Code, shall prescribe both of the following:

(a) The manner of immediately acknowledging, with date and time received, and preserving the receipt of statements that are transmitted by electronic means of transmission to the secretary of state pursuant to this section or section 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, or 3517.1014 of the Revised Code;

(b) The manner of preserving the contribution and expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and disbursement information in the statements described in division (D)(6)(a) of this section. The secretary of state shall preserve the contribution and expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and disbursement information in those statements for at least ten years after the year in which they are filed by electronic means of transmission.

(7) The secretary of state, pursuant to division (I) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, shall make available online to the public through the internet the contribution and expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and disbursement information in all statements, all addenda, amendments, or other corrections to statements, and all amended statements filed with the secretary of state by electronic or other means of transmission under this section, division (B)(2)(b) or (C)(2)(b) of section 3517.105, or section 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, 3517.1014, or 3517.11 of the Revised Code. The secretary of state may remove the information from the internet after a reasonable period of time.

(E)(1) Any person, political party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or political contributing entity that makes a contribution in connection with the nomination or election of any candidate or in connection with any ballot issue or question at any election held or to be held in this state shall provide its full name and address to the recipient of the contribution at the time the contribution is

made. The political action committee also shall provide the registration number assigned to the committee under division (D)(1) of this section to the recipient of the contribution at the time the contribution is made.

(2) Any individual who makes a contribution that exceeds one hundred dollars to a political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or political party or to a campaign committee of a statewide candidate or candidate for the office of member of the general assembly shall provide the name of the individual's current employer, if any, or, if the individual is self-employed, the individual's occupation and the name of the individual's business, if any, to the recipient of the contribution at the time the contribution is made. Sections 3599.39 and 3599.40 of the Revised Code do not apply to division (E)(2) of this section.

(3) If a campaign committee shows that it has exercised its best efforts to obtain, maintain, and submit the information required under divisions (B)(4)(b)(ii) and (iii) of this section, that committee is considered to have met the requirements of those divisions. A campaign committee shall not be considered to have exercised its best efforts unless, in connection with written solicitations, it regularly includes a written request for the information required under division (B)(4)(b)(ii) of this section from the contributor or the information required under division (B)(4)(b)(iii) of this section from whoever transmits the contribution.

(4) Any check that a political action committee uses to make a contribution or an expenditure shall contain the full name and address of the committee and the registration number assigned to the committee under division (D)(1) of this section.

(F) As used in this section:

(1)(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (F)(1) of this section, "address" means all of the following if they exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name and number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, and zip code as used in a person's post-office address, but not post-office box.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in division (F)(1) of this section, if an address is required in this section, a post-office box and office, room, or suite number may be included in addition to, but not in lieu of, an apartment, street, road, or highway name and number.

(c) If an address is required in this section, a campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity may use the business or residence address of its treasurer or deputy treasurer. The post-office box number of the campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political

party, or political contributing entity may be used in addition to that address.

(d) For the sole purpose of a campaign committee's reporting of contributions on a statement of contributions received under division (B)(4) of this section, "address" has one of the following meanings at the option of the campaign committee:

(i) The same meaning as in division (F)(1)(a) of this section;

(ii) All of the following, if they exist: the contributor's post-office box number and city or village, state, and zip code as used in the contributor's post-office address.

(e) As used with regard to the reporting under this section of any expenditure, "address" means all of the following if they exist: apartment number, street, road, or highway name and number, rural delivery route number, city or village, state, and zip code as used in a person's post-office address, or post-office box. If an address concerning any expenditure is required in this section, a campaign committee, political action committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or political contributing entity may use the business or residence address of its treasurer or deputy treasurer or its post-office box number.

(2) "Statewide candidate" means the joint candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor or a candidate for the office of secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state board of education, chief justice of the supreme court, or justice of the supreme court.

(3) "Candidate for county office" means a candidate for the office of county auditor, county treasurer, clerk of the court of common pleas, judge of the court of common pleas, sheriff, county recorder, county engineer, county commissioner, prosecuting attorney, or coroner.

(G) An independent expenditure shall be reported whenever and in the same manner that an expenditure is required to be reported under this section and shall be reported pursuant to division (B)(2)(a) or (C)(2)(a) of section 3517.105 of the Revised Code.

(H)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (H)(2) of this section, if, during the combined pre-election and postelection reporting periods for an election, a campaign committee has received contributions of five hundred dollars or less and has made expenditures in the total amount of five hundred dollars or less, it may file a statement to that effect, under penalty of election falsification, in lieu of the statement required by division (A)(2) of this section. The statement shall indicate the total amount of contributions received and the total amount of expenditures made during those combined reporting periods.

(2) In the case of a successful candidate at a primary election, if either the total contributions received by or the total expenditures made by the candidate's campaign committee during the preprimary, postprimary, pregeneral, and postgeneral election periods combined equal more than five hundred dollars, the campaign committee may file the statement under division (H)(1) of this section only for the primary election. The first statement that the campaign committee files in regard to the general election shall reflect all contributions received and all expenditures made during the preprimary and postprimary election periods.

(3) Divisions (H)(1) and (2) of this section do not apply if a campaign committee receives contributions or makes expenditures prior to the first day of January of the year of the election at which the candidate seeks nomination or election to office or if the campaign committee does not file a termination statement with its postprimary election statement in the case of an unsuccessful primary election candidate or with its postgeneral election statement in the case of other candidates.

(I) In the case of a contribution made by a partner of a partnership or an owner or a member of another unincorporated business from any funds of the partnership or other unincorporated business, all of the following apply:

(1) The recipient of the contribution shall report the contribution by listing both the partnership or other unincorporated business and the name of the partner, owner, or member making the contribution.

(2) In reporting the contribution, the recipient of the contribution shall be entitled to conclusively rely upon the information provided by the partnership or other unincorporated business, provided that the information includes one of the following:

(a) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the date of the contribution or contributions, and a statement that the total contributions are to be allocated equally among all of the partners, owners, or members; or

(b) The name of each partner, owner, or member as of the date of the contribution or contributions who is participating in the contribution or contributions, and a statement that the contribution or contributions are to be allocated to those individuals in accordance with the information provided by the partnership or other unincorporated business to the recipient of the contribution.

(3) For purposes of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, the contribution shall be considered to have been made by the partner, owner, or member reported under division (I)(1) of this section.

(4) No contribution from a partner of a partnership or an owner or a member of another unincorporated business shall be accepted from any

funds of the partnership or other unincorporated business unless the recipient reports the contribution under division (I)(1) of this section together with the information provided under division (I)(2) of this section.

(5) No partnership or other unincorporated business shall make a contribution or contributions solely in the name of the partnership or other unincorporated business.

(6) As used in division (I) of this section, "partnership or other unincorporated business" includes, but is not limited to, a cooperative, a sole proprietorship, a general partnership, a limited partnership, a limited partnership association, a limited liability partnership, and a limited liability company.

(J) A candidate shall have only one campaign committee at any given time for all of the offices for which the person is a candidate or holds office.

(K)(1) In addition to filing a designation of appointment of a treasurer under division (D)(1) of this section, the campaign committee of any candidate for an elected municipal office that pays an annual amount of compensation of five thousand dollars or less, the campaign committee of any candidate for member of a board of education except member of the state board of education, or the campaign committee of any candidate for township trustee or township fiscal officer may sign, under penalty of election falsification, a certificate attesting that the committee will not accept contributions during an election period that exceed in the aggregate two thousand dollars from all contributors and one hundred dollars from any one individual, and that the campaign committee will not make expenditures during an election period that exceed in the aggregate two thousand dollars.

The certificate shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state and shall be filed not later than ten days after the candidate files a declaration of candidacy and petition, a nominating petition, or a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (K)(3) of this section, a campaign committee that files a certificate under division (K)(1) of this section is not required to file the statements required by division (A) of this section.

(3) If, after filing a certificate under division (K)(1) of this section, a campaign committee exceeds any of the limitations described in that division during an election period, the certificate is void and thereafter the campaign committee shall file the statements required by division (A) of this section. If the campaign committee has not previously filed a statement, then on the first statement the campaign committee is required to file under division (A) of this section after the committee's certificate is void, the

committee shall report all contributions received and expenditures made from the time the candidate filed the candidate's declaration of candidacy and petition, nominating petition, or declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate.

(4) As used in division (K) of this section, "election period" means the period of time beginning on the day a person files a declaration of candidacy and petition, nominating petition, or declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate through the day of the election at which the person seeks nomination to office if the person is not elected to office, or, if the candidate was nominated in a primary election, the day of the election at which the candidate seeks office.

(L) A political contributing entity that receives contributions from the dues, membership fees, or other assessments of its members or from its officers, shareholders, and employees may report the aggregate amount of contributions received from those contributors and the number of individuals making those contributions, for each filing period under divisions (A)(1), (2), (3), and (4) of this section, rather than reporting information as required under division (B)(4) of this section, including, when applicable, the name of the current employer, if any, of a contributor whose contribution exceeds one hundred dollars or, if such a contributor is self-employed, the contributor's occupation and the name of the contributor's business, if any. Division (B)(4) of this section applies to a political contributing entity with regard to contributions it receives from all other contributors.

Sec. 3517.102. (A) Except as otherwise provided in section 3517.103 of the Revised Code, as used in this section and sections 3517.103 and 3517.104 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Candidate" has the same meaning as in section 3517.01 of the Revised Code but includes only candidates for the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state board of education, member of the general assembly, chief justice of the supreme court, and justice of the supreme court.

(2) "Statewide candidate" or "any one statewide candidate" means the joint candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor or a candidate for the office of secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state board of education, chief justice of the supreme court, or justice of the supreme court.

(3) "Senate candidate" means a candidate for the office of state senator.

(4) "House candidate" means a candidate for the office of state

representative.

(5)(a) "Primary election period" for a candidate begins on the beginning date of the candidate's pre-filing period specified in division (A)(9) of section 3517.109 of the Revised Code and ends on the day of the primary election.

(b) In regard to any candidate, the "general election period" begins on the day after the primary election immediately preceding the general election at which the candidate seeks an office specified in division (A)(1) of this section and ends on the thirty-first day of December following that general election.

(6) "State candidate fund" means the state candidate fund established by a state or county political party under division (D)(3)(c) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.

(7) "Postgeneral election statement" means the statement filed under division (A)(2) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code by the campaign committee of a candidate after the general election in which the candidate ran for office or filed by legislative campaign fund after the general election in an even-numbered year.

(8) "Contribution" means any contribution that is required to be reported in the statement of contributions under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.

(9)(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(9)(b) of this section, "designated state campaign committee" means:

(i) In the case of contributions to or from a state political party, a campaign committee of a statewide candidate, statewide officeholder, senate candidate, house candidate, or member of the general assembly.

(ii) In the case of contributions to or from a county political party, a campaign committee of a senate candidate or house candidate whose candidacy is to be submitted to some or all of the electors in that county, or member of the general assembly whose district contains all or part of that county.

(iii) In the case of contributions to or from a legislative campaign fund, a campaign committee of any of the following:

(I) A senate or house candidate who, if elected, will be a member of the same party that established the legislative campaign fund and the same house with which the legislative campaign fund is associated;

(II) A state senator or state representative who is a member of the same party that established the legislative campaign fund and the same house with which the legislative campaign fund is associated.

(b) A campaign committee is no longer a "designated state campaign committee" after the campaign committee's candidate changes the

designation of treasurer required to be filed under division (D)(1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code to indicate that the person intends to be a candidate for, or becomes a candidate for nomination or election to, any office that, if elected, would not qualify that candidate's campaign committee as a "designated state campaign committee" under division (A)(9)(a) of this section.

(B)(1)(a) No individual who is seven years of age or older shall make a contribution or contributions aggregating more than:

(i) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one house candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;

(iv) Ten thousand dollars to a county political party of the county in which the individual's designated Ohio residence is located for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar year;

(v) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative campaign fund in a calendar year;

(vi) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political party for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar year;

(vii) Ten thousand dollars to any one political action committee in a calendar year;

(viii) Ten thousand dollars to any one political contributing entity in a calendar year.

(b) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions to the state candidate fund of a county political party of any county other than the county in which the individual's designated Ohio residence is located.

(c) No individual who is under seven years of age shall make any contribution.

(2)(a) Subject to division (D)(1) of this section, no political action committee shall make a contribution or contributions aggregating more than:

(i) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one house candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;

(iv) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative campaign fund in a calendar year;

(v) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political party for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar year;

(vi) Ten thousand dollars to another political action committee or to a political contributing entity in a calendar year. This division does not apply to a political action committee that makes a contribution to a political action committee or a political contributing entity affiliated with it. For purposes of this division, a political action committee is affiliated with another political action committee or with a political contributing entity if they are both established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or if they are, the same corporation, organization, labor organization, continuing association, or other person, including any parent, subsidiary, division, or department of that corporation, organization, labor organization, continuing association, or other person.

(b) No political action committee shall make a contribution or contributions to a county political party for the party's state candidate fund.

(3) No campaign committee shall make a contribution or contributions aggregating more than:

(a) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;

(b) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;

(c) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one house candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;

(d) Ten thousand dollars to any one political action committee in a calendar year;

(e) Ten thousand dollars to any one political contributing entity in a calendar year.

(4)(a) Subject to division (D)(3) of this section, no political party shall make a contribution or contributions aggregating more than ten thousand dollars to any one political action committee or to any one political contributing entity in a calendar year.

(b) No county political party shall make a contribution or contributions to another county political party.

(5)(a) Subject to division (B)(5)(b) of this section, no campaign committee, other than a designated state campaign committee, shall make a contribution or contributions aggregating in a calendar year more than:

(i) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political party for the party's

state candidate fund;

(ii) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative campaign fund;

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to any one county political party for the party's state candidate fund.

(b) No campaign committee shall make a contribution or contributions to a county political party for the party's state candidate fund unless one of the following applies:

(i) The campaign committee's candidate will appear on a ballot in that county.

(ii) The campaign committee's candidate is the holder of an elected public office that represents all or part of the population of that county at the time the contribution is made.

(6)(a) No state candidate fund of a county political party shall make a contribution or contributions, except a contribution or contributions to a designated state campaign committee, in a primary election period or a general election period, aggregating more than:

(i) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one statewide candidate;

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one senate candidate;

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one house candidate.

(b)(i) No state candidate fund of a state or county political party shall make a transfer or a contribution or transfers or contributions of cash or cash equivalents to a designated state campaign committee in a primary election period or in a general election period aggregating more than:

(I) Five hundred thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one statewide candidate;

(II) One hundred thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one senate candidate;

(III) Fifty thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one house candidate.

(ii) No legislative campaign fund shall make a transfer or a contribution or transfers or contributions of cash or cash equivalents to a designated state campaign committee aggregating more than:

(I) Fifty thousand dollars in a primary election period or one hundred thousand dollars in a general election period to the campaign committee of any one senate candidate;

(II) Twenty-five thousand dollars in a primary election period or fifty thousand dollars in a general election period to the campaign committee of

any one house candidate.

(iii) As used in divisions (B)(6)(b) and (C)(6) of this section, "transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents" does not include any in-kind contributions.

(c) A county political party that has no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a population of less than one hundred fifty thousand may make one or more contributions from other accounts to any one statewide candidate or to any one designated state campaign committee that do not exceed, in the aggregate, two thousand five hundred dollars in any primary election period or general election period. ~~As used in this division, "other accounts" does not include an account that contains the public moneys received from the Ohio political party fund under section 3517.17 of the Revised Code.~~

(d) No legislative campaign fund shall make a contribution, other than to a designated state campaign committee or to the state candidate fund of a political party.

(7)(a) Subject to division (D)(1) of this section, no political contributing entity shall make a contribution or contributions aggregating more than:

(i) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one statewide candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;

(ii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one senate candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;

(iii) Ten thousand dollars to the campaign committee of any one house candidate in a primary election period or in a general election period;

(iv) Fifteen thousand dollars to any one legislative campaign fund in a calendar year;

(v) Thirty thousand dollars to any one state political party for the party's state candidate fund in a calendar year;

(vi) Ten thousand dollars to another political contributing entity or to a political action committee in a calendar year. This division does not apply to a political contributing entity that makes a contribution to a political contributing entity or a political action committee affiliated with it. For purposes of this division, a political contributing entity is affiliated with another political contributing entity or with a political action committee if they are both established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or if they are, the same corporation, organization, labor organization, continuing association, or other person, including any parent, subsidiary, division, or department of that corporation, organization, labor organization, continuing association, or other person.

(b) No political contributing entity shall make a contribution or contributions to a county political party for the party's state candidate fund.

(C)(1)(a) Subject to division (D)(1) of this section, no campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall do any of the following:

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from any individual who is under seven years of age;

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is seven years of age or older, from any one political action committee, from any one political contributing entity, or from any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or in a general election period;

(iii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars from any one or combination of state candidate funds of county political parties in a primary election period or in a general election period.

(b) No campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in a general election period from a county political party that has no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a population of less than one hundred fifty thousand.

(2)(a) Subject to division (D)(1) of this section and except for a designated state campaign committee, no campaign committee of a senate candidate shall do either of the following:

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from any individual who is under seven years of age;

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is seven years of age or older, from any one political action committee, from any one political contributing entity, from any one state candidate fund of a county political party, or from any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or in a general election period.

(b) No campaign committee of a senate candidate shall accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in a general election period from a county political party that has no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a population of less than one hundred fifty thousand.

(3)(a) Subject to division (D)(1) of this section and except for a designated state campaign committee, no campaign committee of a house

candidate shall do either of the following:

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from any individual who is under seven years of age;

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is seven years of age or older, from any one political action committee, from any one political contributing entity, from any one state candidate fund of a county political party, or from any one other campaign committee in a primary election period or in a general election period.

(b) No campaign committee of a house candidate shall accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than two thousand five hundred dollars in a primary election period or in a general election period from a county political party that has no state candidate fund and that is located in a county having a population of less than one hundred fifty thousand.

(4)(a)(i) Subject to division (C)(4)(a)(ii) of this section and except for a designated state campaign committee, no county political party shall knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from any individual who is under seven years of age, or accept a contribution or contributions for the party's state candidate fund aggregating more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual whose designated Ohio residence is located within that county and who is seven years of age or older or from any one campaign committee in a calendar year.

(ii) Subject to division (D)(1) of this section, no county political party shall accept a contribution or contributions for the party's state candidate fund from any individual whose designated Ohio residence is located outside of that county and who is seven years of age or older, from any campaign committee unless the campaign committee's candidate will appear on a ballot in that county or unless the campaign committee's candidate is the holder of an elected public office that represents all or part of the population of that county at the time the contribution is accepted, or from any political action committee or any political contributing entity.

(iii) No county political party shall accept a contribution or contributions from any other county political party.

(b) Subject to division (D)(1) of this section, no state political party shall do either of the following:

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from any individual who is under seven years of age;

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions for the party's state candidate fund aggregating more than thirty thousand dollars from any one individual

who is seven years of age or older, from any one political action committee, from any one political contributing entity, or from any one campaign committee, other than a designated state campaign committee, in a calendar year.

(5) Subject to division (D)(1) of this section, no legislative campaign fund shall do either of the following:

(a) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from any individual who is under seven years of age;

(b) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than fifteen thousand dollars from any one individual who is seven years of age or older, from any one political action committee, from any one political contributing entity, or from any one campaign committee, other than a designated state campaign committee, in a calendar year.

(6)(a) No designated state campaign committee shall accept a transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents from a state candidate fund of a state political party aggregating in a primary election period or a general election period more than:

(i) Five hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a campaign committee of a statewide candidate;

(ii) One hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a campaign committee of a senate candidate;

(iii) Fifty thousand dollars, in the case of a campaign committee of a house candidate.

(b) No designated state campaign committee shall accept a transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents from a legislative campaign fund aggregating more than:

(i) Fifty thousand dollars in a primary election period or one hundred thousand dollars in a general election period, in the case of a campaign committee of a senate candidate;

(ii) Twenty-five thousand dollars in a primary election period or fifty thousand dollars in a general election period, in the case of a campaign committee of a house candidate.

(c) No campaign committee of a candidate for the office of member of the general assembly, including a designated state campaign committee, shall accept a transfer or contribution of cash or cash equivalents from any one or combination of state candidate funds of county political parties aggregating in a primary election period or a general election period more than:

(i) One hundred thousand dollars, in the case of a campaign committee of a senate candidate;

(ii) Fifty thousand dollars, in the case of a campaign committee of a house candidate.

(7)(a) Subject to division (D)(3) of this section, no political action committee and no political contributing entity shall do either of the following:

(i) Knowingly accept a contribution or contributions from any individual who is under seven years of age;

(ii) Accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than ten thousand dollars from any one individual who is seven years of age or older, from any one campaign committee, or from any one political party in a calendar year.

(b) Subject to division (D)(1) of this section, no political action committee shall accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than ten thousand dollars from another political action committee or from a political contributing entity in a calendar year. Subject to division (D)(1) of this section, no political contributing entity shall accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than ten thousand dollars from another political contributing entity or from a political action committee in a calendar year. This division does not apply to a political action committee or political contributing entity that accepts a contribution from a political action committee or political contributing entity affiliated with it. For purposes of this division, a political action committee is affiliated with another political action committee or with a political contributing entity if they are both established, financed, maintained, or controlled by the same corporation, organization, labor organization, continuing association, or other person, including any parent, subsidiary, division, or department of that corporation, organization, labor organization, continuing association, or other person.

(D)(1)(a) For purposes of the limitations prescribed in division (B)(2) of this section and the limitations prescribed in divisions (C)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (7)(b) of this section, whichever is applicable, all contributions made by and all contributions accepted from political action committees that are established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or that are, the same corporation, organization, labor organization, continuing association, or other person, including any parent, subsidiary, division, or department of that corporation, organization, labor organization, continuing association, or other person, are considered to have been made by or accepted from a single political action committee.

(b) For purposes of the limitations prescribed in division (B)(7) of this section and the limitations prescribed in divisions (C)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5),

and (7)(b) of this section, whichever is applicable, all contributions made by and all contributions accepted from political contributing entities that are established, financed, maintained, or controlled by, or that are, the same corporation, organization, labor organization, continuing association, or other person, including any parent, subsidiary, division, or department of that corporation, organization, labor organization, continuing association, or other person, are considered to have been made by or accepted from a single political contributing entity.

(2) As used in divisions (B)(1)(a)(vii), (B)(3)(d), (B)(4)(a), and (C)(7) of this section, "political action committee" does not include a political action committee that is organized to support or oppose a ballot issue or question and that makes no contributions to or expenditures on behalf of a political party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or political contributing entity. As used in divisions (B)(1)(a)(viii), (B)(3)(e), (B)(4)(a), and (C)(7) of this section, "political contributing entity" does not include a political contributing entity that is organized to support or oppose a ballot issue or question and that makes no contributions to or expenditures on behalf of a political party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, political action committee, or political contributing entity.

(3) For purposes of the limitations prescribed in divisions (B)(4) and (C)(7)(a) of this section, all contributions made by and all contributions accepted from a national political party, a state political party, and a county political party are considered to have been made by or accepted from a single political party and shall be combined with each other to determine whether the limitations have been exceeded.

(E)(1) If a legislative campaign fund has kept a total amount of contributions exceeding one hundred fifty thousand dollars at the close of business on the seventh day before the postgeneral election statement is required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, the legislative campaign fund shall comply with division (E)(2) of this section.

(2)(a) Any legislative campaign fund that has kept a total amount of contributions in excess of the amount specified in division (E)(1) of this section at the close of business on the seventh day before the postgeneral election statement is required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code shall dispose of the excess amount in the manner prescribed in division (E)(2)(b)(i), (ii), or (iii) of this section not later than ninety days after the day the postgeneral election statement is required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code. Any legislative campaign fund that is required to dispose of an excess amount of contributions under this division

shall file a statement on the ninetieth day after the postgeneral election statement is required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code indicating the total amount of contributions the fund has at the close of business on the seventh day before the postgeneral election statement is required to be filed under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code and that the excess contributions were disposed of pursuant to this division and division (E)(2)(b) of this section. The statement shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state and shall contain any additional information the secretary of state considers necessary.

(b) Any legislative campaign fund that is required to dispose of an excess amount of contributions under division (E)(2) of this section shall dispose of that excess amount by doing any of the following:

(i) Giving the amount to the treasurer of state for deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the Ohio elections commission fund created by division (I) of section 3517.152 of the Revised Code;

(ii) Giving the amount to individuals who made contributions to that legislative campaign fund as a refund of all or part of their contributions;

(iii) Giving the amount to a corporation that is exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(F)(1) No legislative campaign fund shall fail to file a statement required by division (E) of this section.

(2) No legislative campaign fund shall fail to dispose of excess contributions as required by division (E) of this section.

(G) Nothing in this section shall affect, be used in determining, or supersede a limitation on campaign contributions as provided for in the Federal Election Campaign Act.

Sec. 3517.1012. (A)(1) Each state and county political party shall establish a restricted fund that is separate from all other accounts of the political party.

(2) A state or county political party shall deposit into its restricted fund all ~~public moneys received from the Ohio political party fund under section 3517.17 of the Revised Code and~~ all gifts that are made to or accepted by the political party from a corporation or labor organization subject to the applicable limitations prescribed in division (X) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code. A state or county political party may deposit into its restricted fund any gifts that are made to or accepted by the political party from a source other than a corporation or labor organization.

(3) Moneys in a state or county political party's restricted fund may be disbursed to pay costs incurred for any of the purposes specified in division

(A) of section 3517.18 of the Revised Code.

(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, a state or county political party shall file deposit and disbursement statements, in the same manner as the party is required to file statements of contributions and expenditures under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, regarding all deposits made into, and all disbursements made from, the party's restricted fund. Deposit and disbursement statements filed in accordance with this division by a county political party shall be filed by electronic means of transmission to the office of the secretary of state at the times specified in division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of statements of contributions and expenditures if the county political party accepts gifts from a corporation or labor organization under division (A)(2) of this section.

Sec. 3517.11. (A)(1) Campaign committees of candidates for statewide office or the state board of education, political action committees or political contributing entities that make contributions to campaign committees of candidates that are required to file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code with the secretary of state, political action committees or political contributing entities that make contributions to campaign committees of candidates for member of the general assembly, political action committees or political contributing entities that make contributions to state and national political parties and to legislative campaign funds, political action committees or political contributing entities that receive contributions or make expenditures in connection with a statewide ballot issue, political action committees or political contributing entities that make contributions to other political action committees or political contributing entities, political parties, and campaign committees, except as set forth in division (A)(3) of this section, legislative campaign funds, and state and national political parties shall file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code with the secretary of state.

(2)(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (F) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, campaign committees of candidates for all other offices shall file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code with the board of elections where their candidates are required to file their petitions or other papers for nomination or election.

(b) A campaign committee of a candidate for office of member of the general assembly or a campaign committee of a candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals shall file two copies of the printed version of any statement, addendum, or amended statement if the committee does not file

pursuant to division (F)(1) or (L) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code but files by printed version only with the appropriate board of elections. The board of elections shall send one of those copies by certified mail or an electronic copy to the secretary of state before the close of business on the day the board of elections receives the statement, addendum, or amended statement.

(3) Political action committees or political contributing entities that only contribute to a county political party, contribute to campaign committees of candidates whose nomination or election is to be submitted only to electors within a county, subdivision, or district, excluding candidates for member of the general assembly, and receive contributions or make expenditures in connection with ballot questions or issues to be submitted only to electors within a county, subdivision, or district shall file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code with the board of elections in that county or in the county contained in whole or part within the subdivision or district having a population greater than that of any other county contained in whole or part within that subdivision or district, as the case may be.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in division (E)(3) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code with respect to state candidate funds, county political parties shall file the statements prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code with the board of elections of their respective counties.

(B)(1) The official with whom petitions and other papers for nomination or election to public office are filed shall furnish each candidate at the time of that filing a copy of sections 3517.01, 3517.08 to 3517.11, 3517.13 to 3517.993, 3599.03, and 3599.031 of the Revised Code and any other materials that the secretary of state may require. Each candidate receiving the materials shall acknowledge their receipt in writing.

(2) On or before the tenth day before the dates on which statements are required to be filed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, the secretary of state shall notify every candidate subject to the provisions of this section and sections 3517.10 and 3517.106 of the Revised Code of the requirements and applicable penalties of those sections. The secretary of state shall notify all candidates required to file those statements with the secretary of state's office either by certified mail, or, if the secretary of state has record of an internet identifier of record associated with the candidate, by ordinary mail and by that internet identifier of record. The board of elections of every county shall notify by first class mail any candidate who has personally appeared at the office of the board on or before the tenth day before the statements are required to be filed and signed a form, to be provided by the secretary of state, attesting that the candidate has been notified of the

candidate's obligations under the campaign finance law. The board shall forward the completed form to the secretary of state. The board shall notify all other candidates required to file those statements with it either by certified mail, or, if the secretary of state has record of an internet identifier of record associated with the candidate, by ordinary mail and by that internet identifier of record.

(3)(a) Any statement required to be filed under sections 3517.081 to ~~3517.17~~ 3517.14 of the Revised Code that is found to be incomplete or inaccurate by the officer to whom it is submitted shall be accepted on a conditional basis, and the person who filed it shall be notified by certified mail as to the incomplete or inaccurate nature of the statement. The secretary of state may examine statements filed for candidates for the office of member of the general assembly and candidates for the office of judge of a court of appeals for completeness and accuracy. The secretary of state shall examine for completeness and accuracy statements that campaign committees of candidates for the office of member of the general assembly and campaign committees of candidates for the office of judge of a court of appeals file pursuant to division (F) or (L) of section 3517.106 of the Revised Code. If an officer at the board of elections where a statement filed for a candidate for the office of member of the general assembly or for a candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals was submitted finds the statement to be incomplete or inaccurate, the officer shall immediately notify the secretary of state of its incomplete or inaccurate nature. If either an officer at the board of elections or the secretary of state finds a statement filed for a candidate for the office of member of the general assembly or for a candidate for the office of judge of a court of appeals to be incomplete or inaccurate, only the secretary of state shall send the notification as to the incomplete or inaccurate nature of the statement.

Within twenty-one days after receipt of the notice, in the case of a pre-election statement, a postelection statement, a monthly statement, an annual statement, or a semiannual statement prescribed by section 3517.10, an annual statement prescribed by section 3517.101, or a statement prescribed by division (B)(2)(b) or (C)(2)(b) of section 3517.105 or section 3517.107 of the Revised Code, the recipient shall file an addendum, amendment, or other correction to the statement providing the information necessary to complete or correct the statement. The secretary of state may require that, in lieu of filing an addendum, amendment, or other correction to a statement that is filed by electronic means of transmission to the office of the secretary of state pursuant to section 3517.106 of the Revised Code, the recipient of the notice described in this division file by electronic means

of transmission an amended statement that incorporates the information necessary to complete or correct the statement.

The secretary of state shall determine by rule when an addendum, amendment, or other correction to any of the following or when an amended statement of any of the following shall be filed:

(i) A two-business-day statement prescribed by section 3517.10 of the Revised Code;

(ii) A disclosure of electioneering communications statement prescribed by division (D) of section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code;

(iii) A deposit and disbursement statement prescribed under division (B) of section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code;

(iv) A gift and disbursement statement prescribed under section 3517.1013 of the Revised Code;

(v) A donation and disbursement statement prescribed under section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code.

An addendum, amendment, or other correction to a statement that is filed by electronic means of transmission pursuant to section 3517.106 of the Revised Code shall be filed in the same manner as the statement.

The provisions of sections 3517.10, 3517.106, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, and 3517.1014 of the Revised Code pertaining to the filing of statements of contributions and expenditures, statements of independent expenditures, disclosure of electioneering communications statements, deposit and disbursement statements, gift and disbursement statements, and donation and disbursement statements by electronic means of transmission apply to the filing of addenda, amendments, or other corrections to those statements by electronic means of transmission and the filing of amended statements by electronic means of transmission.

(b) Within five business days after the secretary of state receives, by electronic or other means of transmission, an addendum, amendment, or other correction to a statement or an amended statement under division (B)(3)(a) of this section, the secretary of state, pursuant to divisions (E), (F), (G), and (I) of section 3517.106 or division (D) of section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code, shall make the contribution and expenditure, contribution and disbursement, deposit and disbursement, gift and disbursement, or donation and disbursement information in that addendum, amendment, correction, or amended statement available online to the public through the internet.

(4)(a) The secretary of state or the board of elections shall examine all statements for compliance with sections 3517.08 to ~~3517.17~~ 3517.14 of the Revised Code.

(b) The secretary of state may contract with an individual or entity not

associated with the secretary of state and experienced in interpreting the campaign finance law of this state to conduct examinations of statements filed by any statewide candidate, as defined in section 3517.103 of the Revised Code.

(c) The examination shall be conducted by a person or entity qualified to conduct it. The results of the examination shall be available to the public, and, when the examination is conducted by an individual or entity not associated with the secretary of state, the results of the examination shall be reported to the secretary of state.

(C)(1) In the event of a failure to file or a late filing of a statement required to be filed under sections 3517.081 to ~~3517.17~~ 3517.14 of the Revised Code, or if a filed statement or any addendum, amendment, or other correction to a statement or any amended statement, if an addendum, amendment, or other correction or an amended statement is required to be filed, is incomplete or inaccurate or appears to disclose a failure to comply with or a violation of law, the official whose duty it is to examine the statement shall promptly file a complaint with the Ohio elections commission under section 3517.153 of the Revised Code if the law is one over which the commission has jurisdiction to hear complaints, or the official shall promptly report the failure or violation to the board of elections and the board shall promptly report it to the prosecuting attorney in accordance with division (J) of section 3501.11 of the Revised Code. If the official files a complaint with the commission, the commission shall proceed in accordance with sections 3517.154 to 3517.157 of the Revised Code.

(2) For purposes of division (C)(1) of this section, a statement or an addendum, amendment, or other correction to a statement or an amended statement required to be filed under sections 3517.081 to ~~3517.17~~ 3517.14 of the Revised Code is incomplete or inaccurate under this section if the statement, addendum, amendment, other correction, or amended statement fails to disclose substantially all contributions, gifts, or donations that are received or deposits that are made that are required to be reported under sections 3517.10, 3517.107, 3517.108, 3517.1011, 3517.1012, 3517.1013, and 3517.1014 of the Revised Code or if the statement, addendum, amendment, other correction, or amended statement fails to disclose at least ninety per cent of the total contributions, gifts, or donations received or deposits made or of the total expenditures or disbursements made during the reporting period.

(D) No certificate of nomination or election shall be issued to a person, and no person elected to an office shall enter upon the performance of the duties of that office, until that person or that person's campaign committee,

as appropriate, has fully complied with this section and sections 3517.08, 3517.081, 3517.10, and 3517.13 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3517.13. (A)(1) No campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall fail to file a complete and accurate statement required under division (A)(1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.

(2) No campaign committee of a statewide candidate shall fail to file a complete and accurate monthly statement, and no campaign committee of a statewide candidate or a candidate for the office of chief justice or justice of the supreme court shall fail to file a complete and accurate two-business-day statement, as required under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.

As used in this division, "statewide candidate" has the same meaning as in division (F)(2) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.

(B) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete and accurate statement required under division (A)(1) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.

(C) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete and accurate statement required under division (A)(2) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.

(D) No campaign committee shall fail to file a complete and accurate statement required under division (A)(3) or (4) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.

(E) No person other than a campaign committee shall knowingly fail to file a statement required under section 3517.10 or 3517.107 of the Revised Code.

(F) No person shall make cash contributions to any person totaling more than one hundred dollars in each primary, special, or general election.

(G)(1) No person shall knowingly conceal or misrepresent contributions given or received, expenditures made, or any other information required to be reported by a provision in sections 3517.08 to 3517.13 ~~and 3517.17~~ of the Revised Code.

(2)(a) No person shall make a contribution to a campaign committee, political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, political party, or person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering communications in the name of another person.

(b) A person does not make a contribution in the name of another when either of the following applies:

(i) An individual makes a contribution from a partnership or other unincorporated business account, if the contribution is reported by listing both the name of the partnership or other unincorporated business and the

name of the partner or owner making the contribution as required under division (I) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.

(ii) A person makes a contribution in that person's spouse's name or in both of their names.

(H) No person within this state, publishing a newspaper or other periodical, shall charge a campaign committee for political advertising a rate in excess of the rate such person would charge if the campaign committee were a general rate advertiser whose advertising was directed to promoting its business within the same area as that encompassed by the particular office that the candidate of the campaign committee is seeking. The rate shall take into account the amount of space used, as well as the type of advertising copy submitted by or on behalf of the campaign committee. All discount privileges otherwise offered by a newspaper or periodical to general rate advertisers shall be available upon equal terms to all campaign committees.

No person within this state, operating a radio or television station or network of stations in this state, shall charge a campaign committee for political broadcasts a rate that exceeds:

(1) During the forty-five days preceding the date of a primary election and during the sixty days preceding the date of a general or special election in which the candidate of the campaign committee is seeking office, the lowest unit charge of the station for the same class and amount of time for the same period;

(2) At any other time, the charges made for comparable use of that station by its other users.

(I) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this section, no agency or department of this state or any political subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than five hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, association, including, without limitation, a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, estate, or trust if the individual has made or the individual's spouse has made, or any partner, shareholder, administrator, executor, or trustee or the spouse of any of them has made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar years, one or more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to the holder of the public office having ultimate responsibility for the award of the contract or to the public officer's campaign committee.

(J) Subject to divisions (K), (L), (M), and (N) of this section, no agency

or department of this state or any political subdivision shall award any contract, other than one let by competitive bidding or a contract incidental to such contract or which is by force account, for the purchase of goods costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than five hundred dollars to a corporation or business trust, except a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, if an owner of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or business trust or the spouse of that person has made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar years, taking into consideration only owners for all of that period, one or more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to the holder of a public office having ultimate responsibility for the award of the contract or to the public officer's campaign committee.

(K) For purposes of divisions (I) and (J) of this section, if a public officer who is responsible for the award of a contract is appointed by the governor, whether or not the appointment is subject to the advice and consent of the senate, excluding members of boards, commissions, committees, authorities, councils, boards of trustees, task forces, and other such entities appointed by the governor, the office of the governor is considered to have ultimate responsibility for the award of the contract.

(L) For purposes of divisions (I) and (J) of this section, if a public officer who is responsible for the award of a contract is appointed by the elected chief executive officer of a municipal corporation, or appointed by the elected chief executive officer of a county operating under an alternative form of county government or county charter, excluding members of boards, commissions, committees, authorities, councils, boards of trustees, task forces, and other such entities appointed by the chief executive officer, the office of the chief executive officer is considered to have ultimate responsibility for the award of the contract.

(M)(1) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to contracts awarded by the board of commissioners of the sinking fund, municipal legislative authorities, boards of education, boards of county commissioners, boards of township trustees, or other boards, commissions, committees, authorities, councils, boards of trustees, task forces, and other such entities created by law, by the supreme court or courts of appeals, by county courts consisting of more than one judge, courts of common pleas consisting of more than one judge, or municipal courts consisting of more than one judge, or by a division of any court if the division consists of more than one judge. This division shall apply to the specified entity only if the members of the entity act collectively in the award of a contract for goods or services.

(2) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to actions of the

controlling board.

(N)(1) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section apply to contributions made to the holder of a public office having ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract, or to the public officer's campaign committee, during the time the person holds the office and during any time such person was a candidate for the office. Those divisions do not apply to contributions made to, or to the campaign committee of, a candidate for or holder of the office other than the holder of the office at the time of the award of the contract.

(2) Divisions (I) and (J) of this section do not apply to contributions of a partner, shareholder, administrator, executor, trustee, or owner of more than twenty per cent of a corporation or business trust made before the person held any of those positions or after the person ceased to hold any of those positions in the partnership, association, estate, trust, corporation, or business trust whose eligibility to be awarded a contract is being determined, nor to contributions of the person's spouse made before the person held any of those positions, after the person ceased to hold any of those positions, before the two were married, after the granting of a decree of divorce, dissolution of marriage, or annulment, or after the granting of an order in an action brought solely for legal separation. Those divisions do not apply to contributions of the spouse of an individual whose eligibility to be awarded a contract is being determined made before the two were married, after the granting of a decree of divorce, dissolution of marriage, or annulment, or after the granting of an order in an action brought solely for legal separation.

(O) No beneficiary of a campaign fund or other person shall convert for personal use, and no person shall knowingly give to a beneficiary of a campaign fund or any other person, for the beneficiary's or any other person's personal use, anything of value from the beneficiary's campaign fund, including, without limitation, payments to a beneficiary for services the beneficiary personally performs, except as reimbursement for any of the following:

(1) Legitimate and verifiable prior campaign expenses incurred by the beneficiary;

(2) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior expenses incurred by the beneficiary in connection with duties as the holder of a public office, including, without limitation, expenses incurred through participation in nonpartisan or bipartisan events if the participation of the holder of a public office would normally be expected;

(3) Legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior expenses incurred by the beneficiary while doing any of the following:

(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to a candidate other than the beneficiary, political party, or ballot issue;

(b) Raising funds for a political party, political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, campaign committee, or other candidate;

(c) Participating in the activities of a political party, political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign committee;

(d) Attending a political party convention or other political meeting.

For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred whenever a beneficiary has either made payment or is obligated to make payment, as by the use of a credit card or other credit procedure or by the use of goods or services received on account.

(P) No beneficiary of a campaign fund shall knowingly accept, and no person shall knowingly give to the beneficiary of a campaign fund, reimbursement for an expense under division (O) of this section to the extent that the expense previously was reimbursed or paid from another source of funds. If an expense is reimbursed under division (O) of this section and is later paid or reimbursed, wholly or in part, from another source of funds, the beneficiary shall repay the reimbursement received under division (O) of this section to the extent of the payment made or reimbursement received from the other source.

(Q) No candidate or public official or employee shall accept for personal or business use anything of value from a political party, political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign committee other than the candidate's or public official's or employee's own campaign committee, and no person shall knowingly give to a candidate or public official or employee anything of value from a political party, political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or such a campaign committee, except for the following:

(1) Reimbursement for legitimate and verifiable ordinary and necessary prior expenses not otherwise prohibited by law incurred by the candidate or public official or employee while engaged in any legitimate activity of the political party, political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or such campaign committee. Without limitation, reimbursable expenses under this division include those incurred while doing any of the following:

(a) Engaging in activities in support of or opposition to another candidate, political party, or ballot issue;

(b) Raising funds for a political party, legislative campaign fund, campaign committee, or another candidate;

(c) Attending a political party convention or other political meeting.

(2) Compensation not otherwise prohibited by law for actual and valuable personal services rendered under a written contract to the political party, political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or such campaign committee for any legitimate activity of the political party, political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or such campaign committee.

Reimbursable expenses under this division do not include, and it is a violation of this division for a candidate or public official or employee to accept, or for any person to knowingly give to a candidate or public official or employee from a political party, political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, or campaign committee other than the candidate's or public official's or employee's own campaign committee, anything of value for activities primarily related to the candidate's or public official's or employee's own campaign for election, except for contributions to the candidate's or public official's or employee's campaign committee.

For purposes of this division, an expense is incurred whenever a candidate or public official or employee has either made payment or is obligated to make payment, as by the use of a credit card or other credit procedure, or by the use of goods or services on account.

(R)(1) Division (O) or (P) of this section does not prohibit a campaign committee from making direct advance or post payment from contributions to vendors for goods and services for which reimbursement is permitted under division (O) of this section, except that no campaign committee shall pay its candidate or other beneficiary for services personally performed by the candidate or other beneficiary.

(2) If any expense that may be reimbursed under division (O), (P), or (Q) of this section is part of other expenses that may not be paid or reimbursed, the separation of the two types of expenses for the purpose of allocating for payment or reimbursement those expenses that may be paid or reimbursed may be by any reasonable accounting method, considering all of the surrounding circumstances.

(3) For purposes of divisions (O), (P), and (Q) of this section, mileage allowance at a rate not greater than that allowed by the internal revenue service at the time the travel occurs may be paid instead of reimbursement for actual travel expenses allowable.

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

(a) "State elective office" has the same meaning as in section 3517.092 of the Revised Code.

(b) "Federal office" means a federal office as defined in the Federal Election Campaign Act.

(c) "Federal campaign committee" means a principal campaign committee or authorized committee as defined in the Federal Election Campaign Act.

(2) No person who is a candidate for state elective office and who previously sought nomination or election to a federal office shall transfer any funds or assets from that person's federal campaign committee for nomination or election to the federal office to that person's campaign committee as a candidate for state elective office.

(3) No campaign committee of a person who is a candidate for state elective office and who previously sought nomination or election to a federal office shall accept any funds or assets from that person's federal campaign committee for that person's nomination or election to the federal office.

(T)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B)(6)(c) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, a state or county political party shall not disburse moneys from any account other than a state candidate fund to make contributions to any of the following:

(a) A state candidate fund;

(b) A legislative campaign fund;

(c) A campaign committee of a candidate for the office of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state board of education, or member of the general assembly.

(2) No state candidate fund, legislative campaign fund, or campaign committee of a candidate for any office described in division (T)(1)(c) of this section shall knowingly accept a contribution in violation of division (T)(1) of this section.

(U) No person shall fail to file a statement required under section 3517.12 of the Revised Code.

(V) No campaign committee shall fail to file a statement required under division (K)(3) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.

(W)(1) No foreign national shall, directly or indirectly through any other person or entity, make a contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure or promise, either expressly or implicitly, to make a contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure in support of or opposition to a candidate for any elective office in this state, including an

office of a political party.

(2) No candidate, campaign committee, political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, state candidate fund, political party, or separate segregated fund shall solicit or accept a contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure from a foreign national. The secretary of state may direct any candidate, committee, entity, fund, or party that accepts a contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure in violation of this division to return the contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure or, if it is not possible to return the contribution, expenditure, or independent expenditure, then to return instead the value of it, to the contributor.

(3) As used in division (W) of this section, "foreign national" has the same meaning as in section 441e(b) of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

(X)(1) No state or county political party shall transfer any moneys from its restricted fund to any account of the political party into which contributions may be made or from which contributions or expenditures may be made.

(2)(a) No state or county political party shall deposit a contribution or contributions that it receives into its restricted fund.

(b) No state or county political party shall make a contribution or an expenditure from its restricted fund.

(3)(a) No corporation or labor organization shall make a gift or gifts from the corporation's or labor organization's money or property aggregating more than ten thousand dollars to any one state or county political party for the party's restricted fund in a calendar year.

(b) No state or county political party shall accept a gift or gifts for the party's restricted fund aggregating more than ten thousand dollars from any one corporation or labor organization in a calendar year.

(4) No state or county political party shall transfer any moneys in the party's restricted fund to any other state or county political party.

(5) No state or county political party shall knowingly fail to file a statement required under section 3517.1012 of the Revised Code.

(Y) The administrator of workers' compensation and the employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not conduct any business with or award any contract, other than one awarded by competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than five hundred dollars to any individual, partnership, association, including, without limitation, a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, estate, or trust, if the individual has made, or the individual's spouse has made, or any partner, shareholder,

administrator, executor, or trustee, or the spouses of any of those individuals has made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar years, one or more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to the campaign committee of the governor or lieutenant governor or to the campaign committee of any candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor.

(Z) The administrator of workers' compensation and the employees of the bureau of workers' compensation shall not conduct business with or award any contract, other than one awarded by competitive bidding, for the purchase of goods costing more than five hundred dollars or services costing more than five hundred dollars to a corporation or business trust, except a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, if an owner of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or business trust, or the spouse of the owner, has made, as an individual, within the two previous calendar years, taking into consideration only owners for all of such period, one or more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to the campaign committee of the governor or lieutenant governor or to the campaign committee of any candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor.

Sec. 3517.153. (A) Upon the filing of a complaint with the Ohio elections commission, which shall be made by affidavit of any person, on personal knowledge, and subject to the penalties for perjury, or upon the filing of a complaint made by the secretary of state or an official at the board of elections, setting forth a failure to comply with or a violation of any provision in sections 3517.08 to 3517.13, ~~3517.17, 3517.18~~, 3517.20 to 3517.22, 3599.03, or 3599.031 of the Revised Code, the commission shall proceed in accordance with sections 3517.154 to 3517.157 of the Revised Code.

(B) The commission shall prescribe the form for complaints made under division (A) of this section. The secretary of state and boards of elections shall furnish the information that the commission requests. The commission or a member of the commission may administer oaths, and the commission may issue subpoenas to any person in the state compelling the attendance of witnesses and the production of relevant papers, books, accounts, and reports. Section 101.42 of the Revised Code governs the issuance of subpoenas insofar as applicable. Upon the refusal of any person to obey a subpoena or to be sworn or to answer as a witness, the commission may apply to the court of common pleas of Franklin county under section 2705.03 of the Revised Code. The court shall hold proceedings in accordance with Chapter 2705. of the Revised Code.

(C) No prosecution shall commence for a violation of a provision in sections 3517.08 to 3517.13, 3517.17, 3517.18, 3517.20 to 3517.22, 3599.03, or 3599.031 of the Revised Code unless a complaint has been filed with the commission under this section and all proceedings of the commission or a panel of the commission, as appropriate, under sections 3517.154 to 3517.157 of the Revised Code are completed.

(D) The commission may recommend legislation and render advisory opinions concerning sections 3517.08, 3517.082, 3517.092, 3517.102, 3517.105, 3517.1014, 3517.13, ~~3517.18~~, 3517.20 to 3517.22, 3599.03, and 3599.031 of the Revised Code for persons over whose acts it has or may have jurisdiction. When the commission renders an advisory opinion relating to a specific set of circumstances involving any of those sections stating that there is no violation of a provision in those sections, the person to whom the opinion is directed or a person who is similarly situated may reasonably rely on the opinion and is immune from criminal prosecution and a civil action, including, without limitation, a civil action for removal from public office or employment, based on facts and circumstances covered by the opinion.

(E) The commission shall establish a web site on which it shall post, at a minimum, all decisions and advisory opinions issued by the commission and copies of each election law as it is amended by the general assembly. The commission shall update the web site regularly to reflect any changes to those decisions and advisory opinions and any new decisions and advisory opinions.

Sec. 3517.23. The secretary of state shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that are necessary for the administration and enforcement of sections 3517.08 to 3517.13, 3517.18, 3517.20 to 3517.22, 3599.03, and 3599.031 of the Revised Code and shall provide each candidate, political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, political party, and person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of producing or airing electioneering communications with written instructions and explanations in order to ensure compliance with sections 3517.08 to 3517.13, ~~3517.17, 3517.18~~, 3517.20 to 3517.22, 3599.03, and 3599.031 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3517.99. This section establishes penalties only with respect to acts or failures to act that occur before ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ August 24, 1995.

(A) Any candidate whose campaign committee violates division (A)(1) or (2) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined one thousand dollars for each day of violation.

(B) Any candidate whose campaign committee violates division (B) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code, any political party that violates division (F)(1) of section 3517.101 of the Revised Code, or any person who violates division (E) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined one hundred dollars for each day of violation.

(C) Any candidate whose campaign committee violates division (C) or (D) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined twenty-five dollars for each day of violation.

(D) Whoever violates division (F)(2) of section 3517.101 or division (G) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars, or if the offender is a person who was nominated or elected to public office, the offender shall forfeit the nomination or the office to which the offender was nominated, elected, or both.

(E) Whoever violates division (F) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount contributed.

(F) Whoever violates division (H) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

(G) Whoever violates division (O), (P), or (Q) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(H) Any state or county committee of a political party that violates division (B)(1) of section 3517.18 of the Revised Code as that section existed before its repeal by H.B. 166 of the 133rd general assembly shall be fined an amount equal to twice the amount of the improper expenditure.

(I) Any state or county political party that violates division (G) of section 3517.101 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to twice the amount of the improper expenditure or use.

(J)(1) Any individual who violates division (B)(1) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code and knows that the contribution the individual makes violates that division shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of the amount permitted by that division.

(2) Any political action committee that violates division (B)(2) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of the amount permitted by that division.

(3) Any campaign committee that violates division (B)(3) or (5) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of the amount permitted by that division.

(4) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division (B)(6) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, and any state political party, county

political party, or state candidate fund of a state political party or county political party that violates division (B)(6) of that section, shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount transferred or contributed in excess of the amount permitted by those divisions, as applicable.

(5) A political party that violates division (B)(4) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of the amount permitted by that division.

(6) Notwithstanding divisions (J)(1), (2), (3), (4), and (5) of this section, no fine shall be imposed if the excess amount contributed meets either of the following conditions:

(a) It is completely refunded within five business days after it is accepted.

(b) It is less than or equal to the amount permitted under division (B)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), or (6) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, whichever is applicable, and the excess is completely refunded within ten business days after notification to the recipient of the contribution by the board of elections or the secretary of state that a contribution in excess of the permitted amount has been received.

(K)(1) Any campaign committee that violates division (C)(1), (2), (3), or (6) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that division.

(2) Any state or county political party that violates division (C)(4) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount from its state candidate fund equal to three times the amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that division.

(3) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division (C)(5) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that division.

(4) Any political action committee that violates division (C)(7) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that division.

(5) Notwithstanding divisions (K)(1), (2), (3), and (4) of this section, no fine shall be imposed if the excess accepted meets either of the following conditions:

(a) It is completely refunded within five business days after its acceptance.

(b) It is less than or equal to the amount permitted under division (C)(1),

(2), (3), (4), (5), (6), or (7) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, whichever is applicable, and the excess is completely refunded within ten business days after notification to the recipient of the contribution by the board of elections or the secretary of state that a contribution in excess of the permitted amount has been received.

(L)(1) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division (F)(1) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined twenty-five dollars for each day of violation.

(2) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division (F)(2) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall give to the treasurer of state for deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the Ohio elections commission fund all excess contributions not disposed of as required by division (E) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code.

(M) Whoever violates section 3517.105 of the Revised Code shall be fined one thousand dollars.

(N)(1) Whoever solicits a contribution in violation of section 3517.092 or violates division (B) of section 3517.09 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(2) Whoever knowingly accepts a contribution in violation of division (B) or (C) of section 3517.092 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted in violation of either of those divisions and shall return to the contributor any amount so accepted. Whoever unknowingly accepts a contribution in violation of division (B) or (C) of section 3517.092 of the Revised Code shall return to the contributor any amount so accepted.

(O) Whoever violates division (S) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount of funds transferred or three times the value of the assets transferred in violation of that division.

(P) Any campaign committee that accepts a contribution or contributions in violation of section 3517.108 of the Revised Code, uses a contribution in violation of that section, or fails to dispose of excess contributions in violation of that section shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted, used, or kept in violation of that section.

(Q) Any political party, state candidate fund, legislative candidate fund, or campaign committee that violates division (T) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount contributed or accepted in violation of that section.

(R) Any campaign committee that fails to file the declaration of filing-day finances required by division (F) of section 3517.109 of the

Revised Code shall be fined twenty-five dollars for each day of violation.

(S) Any campaign committee that fails to dispose of contributions under divisions (B) and (C) of section 3517.109 of the Revised Code shall give to the treasurer of state for deposit to the credit of the Ohio elections commission fund created under division (E)(2) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code all contributions not disposed of pursuant to those divisions.

Sec. 3517.992. This section establishes penalties only with respect to acts or failures to act that occur on and after August 24, 1995.

(A)(1) A candidate whose campaign committee violates division (A), (B), (C), (D), or (V) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code, or a treasurer of a campaign committee who violates any of those divisions, shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars for each day of violation.

(2) Whoever violates division (E) or (X)(5) of section 3517.13 or division (E)(1) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars for each day of violation.

(B) An entity that violates division (G)(1) of section 3517.101 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars for each day of violation.

(C) Whoever violates division (G)(2) of section 3517.101, division (G) of section 3517.13, or division (E)(2) or (3) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars or, if the offender is a person who was nominated or elected to public office, shall forfeit the nomination or the office to which the offender was elected, or both.

(D) Whoever violates division (F) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than three times the amount contributed.

(E) Whoever violates division (H) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars.

(F) Whoever violates division (O), (P), or (Q) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(G) A state or county committee of a political party that violates division (B)(1) of section 3517.18 of the Revised Code as that section existed before its repeal by H.B. 166 of the 133rd general assembly shall be fined not more than twice the amount of the improper expenditure.

(H) An entity that violates division (H) of section 3517.101 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than twice the amount of the improper expenditure or use.

(I)(1) Any individual who violates division (B)(1) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code and knows that the contribution the individual makes violates that division shall be fined an amount equal to three times the

amount contributed in excess of the amount permitted by that division.

(2) Any political action committee that violates division (B)(2) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of the amount permitted by that division.

(3) Any campaign committee that violates division (B)(3) or (5) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of the amount permitted by that division.

(4)(a) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division (B)(6) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount transferred or contributed in excess of the amount permitted by that division, as applicable.

(b) Any state political party, county political party, or state candidate fund of a state political party or county political party that violates division (B)(6) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount transferred or contributed in excess of the amount permitted by that division, as applicable.

(c) Any political contributing entity that violates division (B)(7) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of the amount permitted by that division.

(5) Any political party that violates division (B)(4) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount contributed in excess of the amount permitted by that division.

(6) Notwithstanding divisions (I)(1), (2), (3), (4), and (5) of this section, no violation of division (B) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code occurs, and the secretary of state shall not refer parties to the Ohio elections commission, if the amount transferred or contributed in excess of the amount permitted by that division meets either of the following conditions:

(a) It is completely refunded within five business days after it is accepted.

(b) It is completely refunded on or before the tenth business day after notification to the recipient of the excess transfer or contribution by the board of elections or the secretary of state that a transfer or contribution in excess of the permitted amount has been received.

(J)(1) Any campaign committee that violates division (C)(1), (2), (3), or (6) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that division.

(2)(a) Any county political party that violates division (C)(4)(a)(ii) or (iii) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted.

(b) Any county political party that violates division (C)(4)(a)(i) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount from its state candidate fund equal to three times the amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that division.

(c) Any state political party that violates division (C)(4)(b) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount from its state candidate fund equal to three times the amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that division.

(3) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division (C)(5) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that division.

(4) Any political action committee or political contributing entity that violates division (C)(7) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that division.

(5) Notwithstanding divisions (J)(1), (2), (3), and (4) of this section, no violation of division (C) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code occurs, and the secretary of state shall not refer parties to the Ohio elections commission, if the amount transferred or contributed in excess of the amount permitted to be accepted by that division meets either of the following conditions:

(a) It is completely refunded within five business days after its acceptance.

(b) It is completely refunded on or before the tenth business day after notification to the recipient of the excess transfer or contribution by the board of elections or the secretary of state that a transfer or contribution in excess of the permitted amount has been received.

(K)(1) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division (F)(1) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall be fined twenty-five dollars for each day of violation.

(2) Any legislative campaign fund that violates division (F)(2) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code shall give to the treasurer of state for deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the Ohio elections commission fund all excess contributions not disposed of as required by division (E) of section 3517.102 of the Revised Code.

(L) Whoever violates section 3517.105 of the Revised Code shall be

fined one thousand dollars.

(M)(1) Whoever solicits a contribution in violation of section 3517.092 or violates division (B) of section 3517.09 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(2) Whoever knowingly accepts a contribution in violation of division (B) or (C) of section 3517.092 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted in violation of either of those divisions and shall return to the contributor any amount so accepted. Whoever unknowingly accepts a contribution in violation of division (B) or (C) of section 3517.092 of the Revised Code shall return to the contributor any amount so accepted.

(N) Whoever violates division (S) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount of funds transferred or three times the value of the assets transferred in violation of that division.

(O) Any campaign committee that accepts a contribution or contributions in violation of section 3517.108 of the Revised Code, uses a contribution in violation of that section, or fails to dispose of excess contributions in violation of that section shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted, used, or kept in violation of that section.

(P) Any political party, state candidate fund, legislative candidate fund, or campaign committee that violates division (T) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount contributed or accepted in violation of that section.

(Q) A treasurer of a committee or another person who violates division (U) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars.

(R) Whoever violates division (I) or (J) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars. Whenever a person is found guilty of violating division (I) or (J) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code, the contract awarded in violation of either of those divisions shall be rescinded if its terms have not yet been performed.

(S) A candidate whose campaign committee violates or a treasurer of a campaign committee who violates section 3517.081 of the Revised Code, and a candidate whose campaign committee violates or a treasurer of a campaign committee or another person who violates division (C) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars.

(T) A candidate whose campaign committee violates or a treasurer of a committee who violates division (B) of section 3517.09 of the Revised

Code, or a candidate whose campaign committee violates or a treasurer of a campaign committee or another person who violates division (C) of section 3517.09 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars.

(U) Whoever violates section 3517.20 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars.

(V) Whoever violates section 3517.21 or 3517.22 of the Revised Code shall be imprisoned for not more than six months or fined not more than five thousand dollars, or both.

(W) A campaign committee that is required to file a declaration of no limits under division (D)(2) of section 3517.103 of the Revised Code that, before filing that declaration, accepts a contribution or contributions that exceed the limitations prescribed in section 3517.102 of the Revised Code, shall return that contribution or those contributions to the contributor.

(X) Any campaign committee that fails to file the declaration of filing-day finances required by division (F) of section 3517.109 of the Revised Code shall be fined twenty-five dollars for each day of violation.

(Y)(1) Any campaign committee that fails to dispose of excess funds or excess aggregate contributions under division (B) of section 3517.109 of the Revised Code in the manner required by division (C) of that section shall give to the treasurer of state for deposit into the Ohio elections commission fund created under division (I) of section 3517.152 of the Revised Code all funds not disposed of pursuant to that division.

(2) Any treasurer of a transition fund that fails to dispose of assets remaining in the transition fund as required under division (H)(1) or (2) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code shall give to the treasurer of state for deposit into the Ohio elections commission fund all assets not disposed of pursuant to that division.

(Z) Any individual, campaign committee, political action committee, political contributing entity, legislative campaign fund, political party, treasurer of a transition fund, or other entity that violates any provision of sections 3517.09 to 3517.12 of the Revised Code for which no penalty is provided for under any other division of this section shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars.

(AA)(1) Whoever knowingly violates division (W)(1) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount contributed, expended, or promised in violation of that division or ten thousand dollars, whichever amount is greater.

(2) Whoever knowingly violates division (W)(2) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount

solicited or accepted in violation of that division or ten thousand dollars, whichever amount is greater.

(BB) Whoever knowingly violates division (C) or (D) of section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars plus not more than one thousand dollars for each day of violation.

(CC)(1) Subject to division (CC)(2) of this section, whoever violates division (H) of section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount up to three times the amount disbursed for the direct costs of airing the communication made in violation of that division.

(2) Whoever has been ordered by the Ohio elections commission or by a court of competent jurisdiction to cease making communications in violation of division (H) of section 3517.1011 of the Revised Code who again violates that division shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount disbursed for the direct costs of airing the communication made in violation of that division.

(DD)(1) Any corporation or labor organization that violates division (X)(3)(a) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount given in excess of the amount permitted by that division.

(2) Any state or county political party that violates division (X)(3)(b) of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that division.

(EE)(1) Any campaign committee or person who violates division (C)(1)(b) or (c) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount donated in excess of the amount permitted by that division.

(2) Any officeholder or treasurer of a transition fund who violates division (C)(3)(a) or (b) of section 3517.1014 of the Revised Code shall be fined an amount equal to three times the amount accepted in excess of the amount permitted by that division.

Sec. 3701.044. When ~~the director of health or department of health is~~ required or authorized to conduct or administer an examination or evaluation of ~~individuals~~ an individual for the purpose of determining competency or ~~for the purpose of~~ issuing a license, certificate, registration, or other authority to practice or perform duties, the director of health or department of health may ~~provide for the examination or evaluation by~~ contracting contract with ~~any public or private~~ an entity to conduct or administer the examination or evaluation. The contract may authorize the entity to collect and retain, as all or part of the entity's compensation under

the contract, any fee paid by an individual for the examination or evaluation. ~~An~~ The entity authorized to collect and retain a fee is not required to deposit the fee into the state treasury.

The director or department shall post to the department's web site the dollar amounts for fees described in this section. Any changes in fee amounts shall be posted to the web site not later than thirty days before such changes are effective.

Except when considered to be necessary by the director or department, the director or department shall not disclose test materials, examinations, or evaluation tools used in any examination or evaluation the director or department conducts, administers, or provides for by contract. The test materials, examinations, and evaluation tools are not public records for the purpose of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and are not subject to inspection or copying under section 1347.08 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3701.049. (A) As used in this section, "board of health" has the same meaning as in section 3707.70 of the Revised Code.

(B) The director of health shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that establish a procedure for fetal-infant mortality review boards to follow in conducting a review of a fetal or infant death. The rules shall do all of the following:

(1) Specify the procedures a board of health must use to establish and operate a fetal-infant mortality review board under section 3707.71 of the Revised Code;

(2) Specify the data and other relevant information a review board must use when conducting the reviews described in section 3707.71 of the Revised Code;

(3) Establish guidelines for a review board to follow so that information presented to the review board does not include anything that would permit any person's identity to be ascertained;

(4) Specify the standards and procedures a review board must use when reporting fetal-infant mortality data to the fetal-infant mortality database maintained by the department of health or the national infant death review database.

Sec. 3701.139. (A) Subject to division (B) of this section, the director of health shall convene meetings with staff of the department of health, department of medicaid, department of administrative services, and commission on minority health to do all of the following:

(1) Assess the prevalence of all types of diabetes in this state, including disparities in that prevalence among various demographic populations and local jurisdictions;

(2) Establish and reevaluate goals for each of the agencies to reduce that prevalence;

(3) Identify how to measure the progress achieved toward attaining the goals established under division (A)(2) of this section;

(4) Establish and monitor the implementation of plans for each agency to reduce the prevalence of all types of diabetes, improve diabetes care, and control complications associated with diabetes among the populations of concern to each agency;

(5) Consider any other matter associated with reducing the prevalence of all types of diabetes in this state that the director considers appropriate;

(6) Collect the information needed to prepare the reports required by division (C) of this section.

(B) The director shall convene the meetings required by division (A) of this section at the director's discretion, but not less than twice each calendar year.

(C) Not later than the thirty-first day of January of ~~each even-numbered~~ every third year beginning in ~~2018~~ 2021, the director shall submit a report to the general assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code that addresses or contains all of the following for the ~~two-year~~ three-year period preceding the report's submission:

(1) The results of the assessment required by division (A)(1) of this section;

(2) The progress each agency has made toward achieving the goals established under division (A)(2) of this section and implementing the plans required by division (A)(4) of this section;

(3) An assessment of the health and financial impacts that all types of diabetes have had on the state and local jurisdictions, and, subject to division (D) of this section, each agency specified in division (A) of this section;

(4) A description of the efforts the agencies specified in division (A) of this section have taken to coordinate programs intended to prevent, treat, and manage all types of diabetes and associated complications;

(5) Recommendations for legislative policies to reduce the impact that diabetes, pre-diabetes, and complications from diabetes have on the citizens of this state, including specific action steps that could be taken, the expected outcomes of the action steps, and benchmarks for measuring progress toward achieving the outcomes;

(6) A budget proposal that identifies the needs and resources required to implement the recommendations described in division (C)(5) of this section, as well as estimates of the costs to implement the recommendations;

(7) Any other information concerning diabetes prevention, treatment, or management in this state that the director considers appropriate.

(D) An agency-specific assessment required by division (C) of this section shall include all of the following:

(1) A list and description of each diabetes prevention or control program the agency administers, the number of individuals with each type of diabetes and their dependents who are impacted by each program, the expenses associated with administering each program, and the funds appropriated for each program, along with each funding source;

(2) A comparison of the expenses described in division (D)(1) of this section with the expenses the agency incurs in administering programs to reduce the prevalence of other chronic diseases and conditions;

(3) An evaluation of the benefits that have resulted from each program listed pursuant to division (D)(1) of this section.

(E) Nothing in this section requires the agencies specified in division (A) of this section to establish programs for diabetes prevention, treatment, and management that had not been initiated or funded prior to ~~the effective date of this section~~ April 6, 2017.

Sec. 3701.144. (A) As used in this section, "cost sharing" has the same meaning as in section 3923.85 of the Revised Code.

(B) The department of health shall administer the state's participation in the national breast and cervical cancer early detection program (NBCCEDP), which shall be known as the Ohio breast and cervical cancer project. The project shall be administered in accordance with Title XV of the "Public Health Service Act," 42 U.S.C. 300k et seq., and the department's NBCCEDP grant agreement with the United States centers for disease control and prevention.

(C) In administering the project, the department shall set eligibility requirements for services provided through the project as follows:

(1) The woman must have countable family income not exceeding ~~two~~ three hundred ~~fifty~~ per cent of the federal poverty line.

(2) One of the following must be the case:

(a) The woman is not covered by health insurance.

(b) The woman is covered by health insurance that does not include the screening or diagnostic services the woman seeks through the project.

(c) The woman is covered by health insurance that imposes cost sharing for the screening or diagnostic services the woman seeks through the project that exceeds the limit specified by the director of health in rules adopted under division (D) of this section.

(3) In the case of a woman seeking cervical cancer screening and

diagnostic services through the project, the woman must be at least twenty-one and less than sixty-five years of age.

(4) In the case of a woman seeking breast cancer screening and diagnostic services through the project, either of the following must be the case:

(a) The woman is at least forty ~~and less than sixty-five~~ years of age.

(b) The woman is at least ~~twenty-five~~ twenty-one and less than forty years of age and has been determined by a physician to need breast cancer screening and diagnostic services due to the results of a clinical breast examination, the woman's family history, or other factors.

(D) The director shall adopt rules for purposes of division (C)(2)(c) of this section specifying the cost sharing limit for each screening and diagnostic service that may be obtained through the project. The director may adopt other rules as necessary to implement this section. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3701.24. (A) As used in this section and sections 3701.241 to 3701.249 of the Revised Code:

(1) "AIDS" means the illness designated as acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.

(2) "HIV" means the human immunodeficiency virus identified as the causative agent of AIDS.

(3) "AIDS-related condition" means symptoms of illness related to HIV infection, including AIDS-related complex, that are confirmed by a positive HIV test.

(4) "HIV test" means any test for the antibody or antigen to HIV that has been approved by the director of health under division (B) of section 3701.241 of the Revised Code.

(5) "Health care facility" has the same meaning as in section 1751.01 of the Revised Code.

(6) "Director" means the director of health or any employee of the department of health acting on the director's behalf.

(7) "Physician" means a person ~~who holds a current, valid certificate issued~~ authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code ~~authorizing the to practice of medicine or and surgery and or osteopathic medicine and surgery.~~

(8) "Nurse" means a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse who holds a license ~~or certificate~~ issued under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code.

(9) "Anonymous test" means an HIV test administered so that the individual to be tested can give informed consent to the test and receive the

results by means of a code system that does not link the identity of the individual tested to the request for the test or the test results.

(10) "Confidential test" means an HIV test administered so that the identity of the individual tested is linked to the test but is held in confidence to the extent provided by sections 3701.24 to 3701.248 of the Revised Code.

(11) "Health care provider" means an individual who provides diagnostic, evaluative, or treatment services. Pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the director may adopt rules further defining the scope of the term "health care provider."

(12) "Significant exposure to body fluids" means a percutaneous or mucous membrane exposure of an individual to the blood, semen, vaginal secretions, or spinal, synovial, pleural, peritoneal, pericardial, or amniotic fluid of another individual.

(13) "Emergency medical services worker" means all of the following:

- (a) A peace officer;
- (b) An employee of an emergency medical service organization as defined in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code;
- (c) A firefighter employed by a political subdivision;
- (d) A volunteer firefighter, emergency operator, or rescue operator;
- (e) An employee of a private organization that renders rescue services, emergency medical services, or emergency medical transportation to accident victims and persons suffering serious illness or injury.

(14) "Peace officer" has the same meaning as in division (A) of section 109.71 of the Revised Code, except that it also includes a sheriff and the superintendent and troopers of the state highway patrol.

(B) Persons designated by rule adopted by the director under section 3701.241 of the Revised Code shall report promptly every case of AIDS, every AIDS-related condition, and every confirmed positive HIV test to the department of health on forms and in a manner prescribed by the director. In each county the director shall designate the health commissioner of a health district in the county to receive the reports.

(C) No person shall fail to comply with the reporting requirements established under division (B) of this section.

(D) Information reported under this section that identifies an individual is confidential and may be released only with the written consent of the individual except as the director determines necessary to ensure the accuracy of the information, as necessary to provide treatment to the individual, as ordered by a court pursuant to section 3701.243 or 3701.247 of the Revised Code, or pursuant to a search warrant or a subpoena issued by or at the request of a grand jury, prosecuting attorney, city director of law

or similar chief legal officer of a municipal corporation, or village solicitor, in connection with a criminal investigation or prosecution. Information that does not identify an individual may be released in summary, statistical, or aggregate form.

Sec. 3701.262. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Physician" means a person ~~who holds a valid certificate issued~~ authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code ~~authorizing the person~~ to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.

(2) "Dentist" means a person who is licensed under Chapter 4715. of the Revised Code to practice dentistry.

(3) "Hospital" has the same meaning as in section 3727.01 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Cancer" includes those diseases specified by rule of the director of health under division (B)(2) of this section.

(B) The director of health shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to do all of the following:

(1) Establish the Ohio cancer incidence surveillance system required by section 3701.261 of the Revised Code;

(2) Specify the types of cancer and other tumorous and precancerous diseases to be reported to the department of health under division (D) of this section;

(3) Establish reporting requirements for information concerning diagnosed cancer cases as the director considers necessary to conduct epidemiologic surveys of cancer in this state;

(4) Establish standards that must be met by research projects to be eligible to receive information concerning individual cancer patients from the department of health.

(C) The department of health shall record in the registry all reports of cancer received by it. In the development and administration of the cancer registry the department may use information compiled by public or private cancer registries and may contract for the collection and analysis of, and research related to, the information recorded under this section.

(D)(1) Each physician, dentist, hospital, or person providing diagnostic or treatment services to patients with cancer shall report each case of cancer to the department. Any person required to report pursuant to this section may elect to report to the department through an existing cancer registry if the registry meets the reporting standards established by the director and reports to the department.

(2) No person shall fail to make the cancer reports required by division (D)(1) of this section.

(E) All physicians, dentists, hospitals, or persons providing diagnostic or treatment services to patients with cancer shall grant to the department or its authorized representative access to all records that identify cases of cancer or establish characteristics of cancer, the treatment of cancer, or the medical status of any identified cancer patient.

(F) The Arthur G. James cancer hospital and Richard J. Solove research institute of the Ohio state university, shall analyze and evaluate the cancer reports collected pursuant to this section. The department shall publish and make available to the public reports summarizing the information collected. Reports shall be made on a calendar year basis and published not later than ninety days after the end of each calendar year.

(G) Furnishing information, including records, reports, statements, notes, memoranda, or other information, to the department of health, either voluntarily or as required by this section, or to a person or governmental entity designated as a medical research project by the department, does not subject a physician, dentist, hospital, or person providing diagnostic or treatment services to patients with cancer to liability in an action for damages or other relief for furnishing the information.

(H) This section does not affect the authority of any person or facility providing diagnostic or treatment services to patients with cancer to maintain facility-based tumor registries, in addition to complying with the reporting requirements of this section.

Sec. 3701.351. (A) The governing body of every hospital shall set standards and procedures to be applied by the hospital and its medical staff in considering and acting upon applications for staff membership or professional privileges. These standards and procedures shall be available for public inspection.

(B) The governing body of any hospital, in considering and acting upon applications for staff membership or professional privileges within the scope of the applicants' respective licensures, shall not discriminate against a qualified person solely on the basis of whether that person is ~~certified~~ licensed to practice medicine, osteopathic medicine, or podiatry, is licensed to practice dentistry or psychology, or is licensed to practice nursing as an advanced practice registered nurse. Staff membership or professional privileges shall be considered and acted on in accordance with standards and procedures established under division (A) of this section. This section does not permit a psychologist to admit a patient to a hospital in violation of section 3727.06 of the Revised Code.

(C) The governing body of any hospital that is licensed to provide maternity services, in considering and acting upon applications for clinical

privileges, shall not discriminate against a qualified person solely on the basis that the person is authorized to practice nurse-midwifery. An application from a certified nurse-midwife who is not employed by the hospital shall contain the name of a physician member of the hospital's medical staff who holds clinical privileges in obstetrics at that hospital and who has agreed to be the collaborating physician for the applicant in accordance with section 4723.43 of the Revised Code.

(D) Any person may apply to the court of common pleas for temporary or permanent injunctions restraining a violation of division (A), (B), or (C) of this section. This action is an additional remedy not dependent on the adequacy of the remedy at law.

(E)(1) If a hospital does not provide or permit the provision of any diagnostic or treatment service for mental or emotional disorders or any other service that may be legally performed by a psychologist licensed under Chapter 4732. of the Revised Code, this section does not require the hospital to provide or permit the provision of any such service and the hospital shall be exempt from requirements of this section pertaining to psychologists.

(2) This section does not impair the right of a hospital to enter into an employment, personal service, or any other kind of contract with a licensed psychologist, upon any such terms as the parties may mutually agree, for the provision of any service that may be legally performed by a licensed psychologist.

Sec. 3701.36. (A) As used in this section and in sections 3701.361 and 3701.362 of the Revised Code, "palliative care" has the same meaning as in section 3712.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) There is hereby created the palliative care and quality of life interdisciplinary council. Subject to division (C) of this section, members of the council shall be appointed by the director of health and include individuals with expertise in palliative care who represent the following professions or constituencies:

(1) Physicians authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery, including those who are board-certified in pediatrics and those who are board-certified in psychiatry, as those designations are issued by a medical specialty certifying board recognized by the American board of medical specialties or American osteopathic association;

(2) Physician assistants licensed under Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code;

(3) Advanced practice registered nurses licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code who are designated as clinical nurse specialists or certified

nurse practitioners;

(4) Registered nurses and licensed practical nurses licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code;

(5) Pharmacists licensed under Chapter 4729. of the Revised Code;

(6) Psychologists licensed under Chapter 4732. of the Revised Code;

(7) Licensed professional clinical counselors or licensed professional counselors licensed under Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code;

(8) Independent social workers or social workers licensed under Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code;

(9) Marriage and family therapists licensed under Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code;

(10) Child life specialists;

(11) Clergy or spiritual advisers;

(12) Exercise physiologists;

(13) Health insurers;

(14) Patients;

(15) Family caregivers.

The council's membership also may include employees of agencies of this state that administer programs pertaining to palliative care or are otherwise concerned with the delivery of palliative care in this state.

(C) The council's membership shall include individuals who have worked with various age groups, including children and the elderly. The council's membership also shall include individuals who have experience or expertise in various palliative care delivery models, including acute care, long-term care, hospice care, home health agency services, home-based care, and spiritual care. At least two members shall be physicians who are board-certified in hospice and palliative care by a medical specialty certifying board recognized by the American board of medical specialties or American osteopathic association. At least one member shall be employed as an administrator of a hospital or system of hospitals in this state or be a professional specified in divisions (B)(1) to (10) or division (B)(12) of this section who treats patients as an employee or contractor of such a hospital or system of hospitals.

Not more than twenty individuals shall serve as members of the council at any one time. Not more than two members shall be employed by the same health care facility or provider or practice at or for the same health care facility or provider.

In making appointments to the council, the director shall seek to include as members individuals who represent underserved areas of the state and to have all geographic areas of the state represented.

(D) The director shall make initial appointments to the council not later than ninety days after ~~the effective date of this section~~ March 20, 2019. Terms of office shall be three years. Each member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the end of the term for which the member was appointed. In the event of death, removal, resignation, or incapacity of a council member, the director shall appoint a successor who shall hold office for the remainder of the term for which the successor's predecessor was appointed. A member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the member's successor takes office or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first.

The council shall meet at the call of the director, but not less than twice annually. The council shall select annually from among its members a chairperson and vice-chairperson, whose duties shall be established by the council.

Each member shall serve without compensation, except to the extent that serving on the council is considered part of the member's regular employment duties.

(E) The council shall do all of the following:

(1) Consult with and advise the director on matters related to the establishment, maintenance, operation, and evaluation of palliative care initiatives in this state;

(2) Consult with the department of health for purposes of its implementation of section 3701.361 of the Revised Code;

(3) Identify national organizations that have established standards of practice and best practice models for palliative care;

(4) Identify initiatives established at the national and state levels aimed at integrating palliative care into the health care system and enhancing the use and development of palliative care;

(5) Establish guidelines for health care facilities and providers to use under section 3701.362 of the Revised Code in identifying patients and residents who could benefit from palliative care;

(6) On or before December 31 of each year, prepare and submit to the governor, general assembly, director of health, director of aging, superintendent of insurance, and medicaid director, ~~and executive director of the office of health transformation~~ a report of recommendations for improving the provision of palliative care in this state.

The council shall submit the report to the general assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code.

(F) The department of health shall provide to the council the administrative support necessary to execute its duties. At the request of the

council, the department shall examine potential sources of funding to assist with any duties described in this section or sections 3701.361 and 3701.362 of the Revised Code.

(G) The council is not subject to sections 101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3701.501. (A)(1) Except as provided in division (A)(2) of this section, all newborn children shall be screened for the presence of the genetic, endocrine, and metabolic disorders specified in rules; adopted pursuant to this section.

(2) Division (A)(1) of this section does not apply in either of the following circumstances:

(a) If the parents of the child object to the screening on the grounds that it conflicts with their religious tenets and practices;

(b) With respect to the screening for Krabbe disease described in division (C)(1)(b) of this section, if the parents of the child communicate their decision to forgo the screening.

(B) There is hereby created the newborn screening advisory council to advise the director of health regarding the screening of newborn children for genetic, endocrine, and metabolic disorders. The council shall engage in an ongoing review of the newborn screening requirements established under this section and shall provide recommendations and reports to the director as the director requests and as the council considers necessary. The director may assign other duties to the council, as the director considers appropriate.

The council shall consist of fourteen members appointed by the director. In making appointments, the director shall select individuals and representatives of entities with interest and expertise in newborn screening, including such individuals and entities as health care professionals, hospitals, children's hospitals, regional genetic centers, regional sickle cell centers, newborn screening coordinators, and members of the public.

The department of health shall provide meeting space, staff services, and other technical assistance required by the council in carrying out its duties. Members of the council shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the council or performing assignments for the council.

The council is not subject to sections 101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1)(a) Subject to division (C)(1)(b) of this section, the director of health shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code specifying the disorders for which each newborn child must be screened.

(b) In adopting the rules, the director shall specify Krabbe disease as a disorder for which a newborn child who is born on or after July 1, 2016, must be screened. ~~The rules shall limit the screening requirement for Krabbe disease to the process known as "first tier testing," which is a screening for Krabbe disease that is accomplished by measuring galactocerebrosidase activity using mass spectrometry.~~

(2) The newborn screening advisory council shall evaluate genetic, metabolic, and endocrine disorders to assist the director in determining which disorders should be included in the screenings required under this section. In determining whether a disorder should be included, the council shall consider all of the following:

- (a) The disorder's incidence, mortality, and morbidity;
- (b) Whether the disorder causes disability if diagnosis, treatment, and early intervention are delayed;
- (c) The potential for successful treatment of the disorder;
- (d) The expected benefits to children and society in relation to the risks and costs associated with screening for the disorder;
- (e) Whether a screening for the disorder can be conducted without taking an additional blood sample or specimen.

(3) Based on the considerations specified in division (C)(2) of this section, the council shall make recommendations to the director of health for the adoption of rules under division (C)(1) of this section. The director shall promptly and thoroughly review each recommendation the council submits.

(D) The director shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing standards and procedures for the screenings required by this section. The rules shall include standards and procedures for all of the following:

- (1) Causing rescreenings to be performed when initial screenings have abnormal results;
- (2) Designating the person or persons who will be responsible for causing screenings and rescreenings to be performed;
- (3) Giving to the parents of a child notice of the required initial screening and the possibility that rescreenings may be necessary;
- (4) Communicating to the parents of a child the results of the child's screening and any rescreenings that are performed;
- (5) Giving notice of the results of an initial screening and any rescreenings to the person who caused the child to be screened or rescreened, or to another person or government entity when the person who caused the child to be screened or rescreened cannot be contacted;
- (6) Referring children who receive abnormal screening or rescreening

results to providers of follow-up services, including the services made available through funds disbursed under division (F) of this section.

(E)(1) Except as provided in divisions (E)(2) and (3) of this section, all newborn screenings required by this section shall be performed by the public health laboratory authorized under section 3701.22 of the Revised Code.

(2) If the director determines that the public health laboratory is unable to perform screenings for all of the disorders specified in the rules adopted under division (C) of this section, the director shall select another laboratory to perform the screenings. The director shall select the laboratory by issuing a request for proposals. The director may accept proposals submitted by laboratories located outside this state. At the conclusion of the selection process, the director shall enter into a written contract with the selected laboratory. If the director determines that the laboratory is not complying with the terms of the contract, the director shall immediately terminate the contract and another laboratory shall be selected and contracted with in the same manner.

(3) Any rescreening caused to be performed pursuant to this section may be performed by the public health laboratory or one or more other laboratories designated by the director. Any laboratory the director considers qualified to perform rescreenings may be designated, including a laboratory located outside this state. If more than one laboratory is designated, the person responsible for causing a rescreening to be performed is also responsible for selecting the laboratory to be used.

(F)(1) The director shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing a fee that shall be charged and collected in addition to or in conjunction with any laboratory fee that is charged and collected for performing the screenings required by this section. The fee, which shall be not less than fourteen dollars, shall be disbursed as follows:

(a) Not less than ten dollars and twenty-five cents shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the genetics services fund, which is hereby created. Not less than seven dollars and twenty-five cents of each fee credited to the genetics services fund shall be used to defray the costs of the programs authorized by section 3701.502 of the Revised Code. Not less than three dollars from each fee credited to the genetics services fund shall be used to defray costs of phenylketonuria programs.

(b) Not less than three dollars and seventy-five cents shall be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the sickle cell fund, which is hereby created. Money credited to the sickle cell fund shall be used to defray costs of programs authorized by section 3701.131 of the Revised Code.

(2) In adopting rules under division (F)(1) of this section, the director shall not establish a fee that differs according to whether a screening is performed by the public health laboratory or by another laboratory selected by the director pursuant to division (E)(2) of this section.

Sec. 3701.571. (A) The director of health shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that establish a graduated system of fines based on the scope and severity of violations and the history of compliance, not to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars per incident, and in an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, may impose a fine against any person who violates division (C) of section 3701.23, division (C) of section 3701.232, division (C) of section 3701.24, ~~division (B) of section 3701.25,~~ or division (B) of section 3707.06 of the Revised Code or against any poison prevention and treatment center or other health-related entity that fails to comply with division (C) of section 3701.201 of the Revised Code.

(B) On request of the director, the attorney general shall bring and prosecute to judgment a civil action to collect any fine imposed under division (A) of this section that remains unpaid.

(C) All fines collected under this section shall be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the general operations fund created under section 3701.83 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3701.601. There is hereby created in the state treasury the breast and cervical cancer project income tax contribution fund, which shall consist of money contributed to it under section 5747.113 of the Revised Code and of contributions made directly to it. Any person may contribute directly to the fund in addition to or independently of the income tax refund contribution system established in section 5747.113 of the Revised Code.

The director of health shall distribute the contributed funds to the Ohio breast and cervical cancer project administered under section 3701.144 of the Revised Code. The contributed funds shall be used specifically for the provision of breast and cervical cancer screening, diagnostic, and outreach services to uninsured and under-insured women who meet the eligibility requirements specified in that section. The breast and cervical cancer project, through its regional agencies, shall use the contributed funds to pay for services provided directly by personnel of ~~local departments~~ health facilities operated by boards of health, free clinics as defined in section 3701.071 of the Revised Code, mammography services providers, radiology services providers, federally qualified health centers as defined by section 3701.047 of the Revised Code, rural health centers, or other community health centers.

Sec. 3701.611. (A) ~~Not later than six months after April 6, 2017, the~~

~~The~~ department of health ~~and the department of developmental disabilities~~ shall create a central intake and referral system for ~~the state's part C early intervention services program and~~ all home visiting programs operating in this state. ~~The system shall comply with all regulations governing the part C early intervention program for infants and toddlers with disabilities that are promulgated under the "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1997," 20 U.S.C. 1400, as amended.~~ Through a competitive bidding process, the department of health ~~and department of developmental disabilities~~ may select one or more persons or government entities to operate the system.

(B) If the department of health ~~and department of developmental disabilities choose~~ chooses to select one or more system operators as described in division (A) of this section, a contract with any system operator shall require that the system do both of the following:

(1) Serve as a single point of entry for access, assessment, and referral of families to appropriate home visiting services ~~and part C early intervention services~~ based on each family's location of residence;

(2) Use a standardized form or other mechanism to assess for each family member's risk factors and social determinants of health, as well as ensure that the family is referred to the appropriate home visiting ~~or part C early intervention program or service,~~ which may include a program that uses home visiting contractors who provide services within a community HUB that fully or substantially complies with the pathways community HUB certification standards developed by the pathways community HUB institute.

(C) The standardized form or other mechanism described in division (B)(2) of this section shall be agreed to by the home visiting consortium created under section 3701.612 of the Revised Code ~~and the early intervention services advisory council created under section 5123.0422 of the Revised Code.~~

(D) A contract entered into under division (B) of this section shall require a system operator to issue an annual report to the department of health ~~and department of developmental disabilities~~ that includes data regarding referrals made by the central intake and referral system, costs associated with the referrals, and the quality of services received by families who were referred to services through the system. The report shall be distributed to the home visiting consortium created under section 3701.612 of the Revised Code ~~and the early intervention services advisory council created under section 5123.0422 of the Revised Code.~~

(E) ~~The department of health and department of developmental disabilities shall share any funding made available to each department for~~

~~local outreach and child find efforts after creating the central intake and referral system described in division (A) of this section.~~

~~(F)~~ Nothing in this section is intended to do any of the following:

(1) Prohibit the department of health ~~or department of developmental disabilities~~ from using alternative promotional materials or names for the central intake and referral system;

(2) Require the use of help me grow program promotional materials or names;

(3) Prohibit providers, central coordinators, the department of health, ~~the department of developmental disabilities~~, or stakeholders from using the help me grow name for promotional materials for ~~both the home visiting and part C early intervention services components.~~

Sec. 3701.612. (A) The Ohio home visiting consortium is hereby created. The purpose of the consortium is to ensure that home visiting services provided by home visiting programs operating in this state, as well as home visiting services provided or arranged for by medicaid managed care organizations, are high-quality and delivered through evidence-based or innovative, promising home visiting models, including models used by home visiting contractors who provide services within one or more community HUBs that fully or substantially comply with the pathways community HUB certification standards developed by the pathways community HUB institute. It is the intent of the general assembly that all home visiting services provided in this state do both of the following:

(1) Improve health, educational, and social outcomes for expectant and new parents and young children;

(2) Promote safe, connected families and communities in which children are able to grow up healthy and ready to learn.

(B)(1) In furtherance of the consortium's purpose, the consortium shall do both of the following:

(a) Make recommendations to the department of health, department of medicaid, department of mental health and addiction services, and department of developmental disabilities regarding how to leverage all funding sources available for home visiting services, including medicaid, to accomplish both of the following in this state:

(i) Expand the use of evidence-based home visiting program models, including models used by home visiting contractors who provide services within one or more community HUBs that fully or substantially comply with the pathways community HUB certification standards developed by the pathways community HUB institute;

(ii) Initiate, as pilot projects, innovative, promising home visiting

models.

(b) Make recommendations to the department of medicaid on the terms to be included in contracts the department enters into with medicaid managed care organizations under section 5167.10 of the Revised Code to ensure that the organizations are providing or arranging for the medicaid recipients enrolled in their ~~organizations~~ medicaid MCO plans, as defined in section 5167.01 of the Revised Code, to receive home visiting services that are delivered as part of the home visiting program models described in divisions (B)(1)(a)(i) and (ii) of this section.

(2) The consortium may recommend a standardized form or other mechanism to assess family risk factors and social determinants of health for purposes of the central intake and referral system described in section 3701.611 of the Revised Code.

(C) The consortium shall consist of the following members:

(1) The director of health or the director's designee;

(2) The medicaid director or the director's designee;

(3) The director of mental health and addiction services or the director's designee;

(4) The director of developmental disabilities or the director's designee;

(5) The executive director of the commission on minority health or the executive director's designee;

(6) A member of the commission on infant mortality who is not a legislator or an individual specified under this division;

(7) One individual who represents medicaid managed care organizations, recommended by the board of trustees of the Ohio association of health plans;

(8) One individual who represents county boards of developmental disabilities, recommended by the Ohio association of county boards of developmental disabilities;

(9) A home visiting contractor who provides services within the help me grow program through a contract, grant, or other agreement with the department of health;

(10) A home visiting contractor who provides services within one or more community HUBs that fully or substantially comply with the pathways community HUB certification standards developed by the pathways community HUB institute through a contract, grant, or other agreement with the commission on minority health;

(11) An individual who receives home visiting services from the help me grow program;

~~(11)~~(12) An individual who receives home visiting services from a

home visiting contractor who provides services within one or more community HUBs that fully or substantially comply with the pathways community HUB certification standards developed by the pathways community HUB institute;

(13) Two members of the senate, one from the majority party and one from the minority party, each appointed by the senate president;

~~(12)~~(14) Two members of the house of representatives, one from the majority party and one from the minority party, each appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(D) The consortium members described in divisions (C)~~(6) to (11)~~(10) and (12) of this section shall be appointed not later than thirty days after ~~the effective date of this section~~ the effective date of this amendment. An appointed member shall hold office until a successor is appointed. A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

The director of health shall serve as the chairperson of the consortium.

A member shall serve without compensation except to the extent that serving on the consortium is considered part of the member's regular duties of employment.

(E) The consortium shall meet at the call of the director of health but not less than once each calendar quarter. The consortium's first meeting shall occur not later than sixty days after ~~the effective date of this section~~ April 6, 2017.

(F) The department of health shall provide meeting space and staff and other administrative support for the consortium.

(G) The consortium is not subject to sections 101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3701.68. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Academic medical center" means a medical school and its affiliated teaching hospitals.

(2) "State registrar" has the same meaning as in section 3705.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) There is hereby created the commission on infant mortality. The commission shall do all of the following:

(1) Conduct a complete inventory of services provided or administered by the state that are available to address the infant mortality rate in this state;

(2) For each service identified under division (B)(1) of this section, determine both of the following:

(a) The sources of the funds that are used to pay for the service;

(b) Whether the service and its funding sources have a connection with programs provided or administered by local or community-based public or

private entities and, to the extent they do not, whether they should.

(3) With assistance from academic medical centers, track and analyze infant mortality rates by county for the purpose of determining the impact of state and local initiatives to reduce those rates.

(C) The commission shall consist of the following members:

(1) Two members of the senate, one from the majority party and one from the minority party, each appointed by the senate president;

(2) Two members of the house of representatives, one from the majority party and one from the minority party, each appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

~~(3) The executive director of the office of health transformation or the executive director's~~ governor or the governor's designee;

(4) The medicaid director or the director's designee;

(5) The director of health or the director's designee;

(6) The director of developmental disabilities or the director's designee;

(7) The executive director of the commission on minority health or the executive director's designee;

(8) The attorney general or the attorney general's designee;

(9) A health commissioner of a city or general health district, appointed by the governor;

(10) A coroner, deputy coroner, or other person who conducts death scene investigations, appointed by the governor;

(11) An individual who represents the Ohio hospital association, appointed by the association's president;

(12) An individual who represents the Ohio children's hospital association, appointed by the association's president;

(13) Two individuals who represent community-based programs that serve pregnant women or new mothers whose infants tend to be at a higher risk for infant mortality, appointed by the governor;

(14) Two individuals who represent children's interests, one to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one to be appointed by the senate president.

~~(D) The commission members described in divisions (C)(1), (2), (9), (10), (11), (12), and (13) of this section shall be appointed not later than thirty days after March 19, 2015. An appointed commission member shall hold office until a successor is appointed. A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.~~

From among the members, the president of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint two to serve as co-chairpersons of the commission.

A member shall serve without compensation except to the extent that serving on the commission is considered part of the member's regular duties of employment.

(E) The commission may request assistance from the staff of the legislative service commission.

(F) For purposes of division (B)(3) of this section, the state registrar shall ensure that the commission and academic medical centers located in this state have access to any electronic system of vital records the state registrar or department of health maintains, including the Ohio public health information warehouse. Not later than six months after March 19, 2015, the commission on infant mortality shall prepare a written report of its findings and recommendations concerning the matters described in division (B) of this section. On completion, the commission shall submit the report to the governor and, in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code, the general assembly.

(G) The president of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives shall determine the responsibilities of the commission following submission of the report under division (F) of this section.

(H) The commission is not subject to sections 101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code.

(I) The commission shall provide information to the Ohio housing finance agency for the purposes of division (A) of section 175.14 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3701.99. (A) Whoever violates division (C) of section 3701.23, division (C) of section 3701.232, division (C) of section 3701.24, ~~division (B) of section 3701.25~~, division (D)(2) of section 3701.262, or sections 3701.46 to 3701.55 of the Revised Code is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on each subsequent offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(B) Whoever violates section 3701.82 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(C) Whoever violates section 3701.352 or 3701.81 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.

Sec. 3702.12. Initial rules for each activity specified in section 3702.11 of the Revised Code and for each health care facility ~~listed as defined in division (A)(4) of section 3702.30~~ of the Revised Code shall be adopted using the procedure prescribed by this section.

The director of health shall file proposed rules in accordance with section 119.03 of the Revised Code. If, prior to expiration of the time for legislative review and invalidation under division (I) of that section, the

joint committee on agency rule review recommends the adoption of a concurrent resolution invalidating a proposed rule, the director shall withdraw the proposed rule, revise it, and refile it as if it were a newly proposed rule; the director shall not file the proposed rule in final form. A proposed rule that the director refiles following a recommendation for a concurrent resolution of invalidation shall be treated, for purposes of determining the time for legislative review and invalidation under section 119.03 of the Revised Code, as if it were a newly proposed rule. If, after filing the revised proposed rule, the joint committee again recommends the adoption of a concurrent resolution of invalidation, the director shall file the revised proposed rule in final form in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code, and the rule shall take effect in accordance with that section.

If, prior to expiration of the time for legislative review and invalidation, the joint committee does not recommend the adoption of a concurrent resolution invalidating a proposed rule or revised proposed rule filed in accordance with section 119.03 of the Revised Code, the director shall file the rule in final form in accordance with section 119.04 of the Revised Code, and the rule shall take effect in accordance with that section.

Initial rules adopted for each activity specified in section 3702.11 of the Revised Code shall include rules pertaining to all of the matters required by section 3702.16 of the Revised Code.

Initial rules shall not be adopted as emergency rules.

Sec. 3702.13. After the adoption, in accordance with section 3702.12 of the Revised Code, of initial rules applicable to an activity specified in section 3702.11 of the Revised Code or a health care facility listed as defined in ~~division (A)(4) of~~ section 3702.30 of the Revised Code, any amendments to the rules applicable to that activity or facility, including enactment of new rules or amendments or rescissions of existing rules, shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3702.30. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Ambulatory surgical facility" means a facility, ~~whether or not part of the same organization as a hospital, that is located in a building distinct from another~~ in which ~~inpatient care is provided~~ surgical services are provided to patients who do not require hospitalization for inpatient care, the duration of services for any patient does not extend beyond twenty-four hours after the patient's admission, and to which any of the following apply:

(a) ~~Outpatient surgery is routinely performed in the facility, and the facility functions separately from a hospital's inpatient surgical service and from the offices of private physicians, podiatrists, and dentists~~ The surgical services are provided in a building that is separate from another building in

which inpatient care is provided, regardless of whether the separate building is part of the same organization as the building in which inpatient care is provided.

~~(b) Anesthesia is administered in the facility by an anesthesiologist or certified registered nurse anesthetist, and the facility functions separately from a hospital's inpatient surgical service and from the offices of private physicians, podiatrists, and dentists.~~

~~(c) The facility applies to be certified by the United States centers for medicare and medicaid services as an ambulatory surgical center for purposes of reimbursement under Part B of the medicare program, Part B of Title XVIII of the "Social Security Act," 79 Stat. 286 (1965), 42 U.S.C.A. 1395, as amended.~~

~~(d) The facility applies to be certified by a national accrediting body approved by the centers for medicare and medicaid services for purposes of deemed compliance with the conditions for participating in the medicare program as an ambulatory surgical center.~~

~~(e) The facility bills or receives from any third party payer, governmental health care program, or other person or government entity any ambulatory surgical facility fee that is billed or paid in addition to any fee for professional services. The surgical services are provided within a building in which inpatient care is provided and the entity that operates the portion of the building where the surgical services are provided is not the entity that operates the remainder of the building.~~

~~(f)(c) The facility is held out to any person or government entity as an ambulatory surgical facility or similar facility by means of signage, advertising, or other promotional efforts.~~

~~"Ambulatory surgical facility" does not include a hospital emergency department or an office of a physician, podiatrist, or dentist.~~

~~(2) "Ambulatory surgical facility fee" means a fee for certain overhead costs associated with providing surgical services in an outpatient setting. A fee is an ambulatory surgical facility fee only if it directly or indirectly pays for costs associated with any of the following:~~

~~(a) Use of operating and recovery rooms, preparation areas, and waiting rooms and lounges for patients and relatives;~~

~~(b) Administrative functions, record keeping, housekeeping, utilities, and rent;~~

~~(c) Services provided by nurses, pharmacists, orderlies, technical personnel, and others involved in patient care related to providing surgery.~~

~~"Ambulatory surgical facility fee" does not include any additional payment in excess of a professional fee that is provided to encourage~~

~~physicians, podiatrists, and dentists to perform certain surgical procedures in their office or their group practice's office rather than a health care facility, if the purpose of the additional fee is to compensate for additional cost incurred in performing office-based surgery.~~

~~(3) "Governmental health care program" has the same meaning as in section 4731.65 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(4) "Health care facility" means any of the following:~~

- ~~(a) An ambulatory surgical facility;~~
- ~~(b) A freestanding dialysis center;~~
- ~~(c) A freestanding inpatient rehabilitation facility;~~
- ~~(d) A freestanding birthing center;~~
- ~~(e) A freestanding radiation therapy center;~~
- ~~(f) A freestanding or mobile diagnostic imaging center.~~

~~(5) "Third-party payer" has the same meaning as in section 3901.38 of the Revised Code.~~

(B) By rule adopted in accordance with sections 3702.12 and 3702.13 of the Revised Code, the director of health shall establish quality standards for health care facilities. The standards may incorporate accreditation standards or other quality standards established by any entity recognized by the director.

In the case of an ambulatory surgical facility, the standards shall require the ambulatory surgical facility to maintain an infection control program. The purposes of the program are to minimize infections and communicable diseases and facilitate a functional and sanitary environment consistent with standards of professional practice. To achieve these purposes, ambulatory surgical facility staff managing the program shall create and administer a plan designed to prevent, identify, and manage infections and communicable diseases; ensure that the program is directed by a qualified professional trained in infection control; ensure that the program is an integral part of the ambulatory surgical facility's quality assessment and performance improvement program; and implement in an expeditious manner corrective and preventive measures that result in improvement.

(C) Every ambulatory surgical facility shall require that each physician who practices at the facility comply with all relevant provisions in the Revised Code that relate to the obtaining of informed consent from a patient.

(D) The director shall issue a license to each health care facility that makes application for a license and demonstrates to the director that it meets the quality standards established by the rules adopted under division (B) of this section and satisfies the informed consent compliance requirements specified in division (C) of this section.

(E)(1) Except as provided in division (H) of this section and in section 3702.301 of the Revised Code, no health care facility shall operate without a license issued under this section.

The general assembly does not intend for the provisions of this section or section 3702.301 of the Revised Code that establish health care facility licensing requirements or exemptions to have an effect on any third-party payments that may be available for the services provided by either a licensed health care facility or an entity exempt from licensure.

(2) If the department of health finds that a physician who practices at a health care facility is not complying with any provision of the Revised Code related to the obtaining of informed consent from a patient, the department shall report its finding to the state medical board, the physician, and the health care facility.

(3) ~~This division~~ Division (E)(2) of this section does not create, and shall not be construed as creating, a new cause of action or substantive legal right against a health care facility and in favor of a patient who allegedly sustains harm as a result of the failure of the patient's physician to obtain informed consent from the patient prior to performing a procedure on or otherwise caring for the patient in the health care facility.

(F) The rules adopted under division (B) of this section shall include all of the following:

(1) Provisions governing application for, renewal, suspension, and revocation of a license under this section;

(2) Provisions governing orders issued pursuant to section 3702.32 of the Revised Code for a health care facility to cease its operations or to prohibit certain types of services provided by a health care facility;

(3) Provisions governing the imposition under section 3702.32 of the Revised Code of civil penalties for violations of this section or the rules adopted under this section, including a scale for determining the amount of the penalties;

(4) Provisions specifying the form inspectors must use when conducting inspections of ambulatory surgical facilities.

(G) An ambulatory surgical facility that performs or induces abortions shall comply with section 3701.791 of the Revised Code.

(H) The following entities are not required to obtain a license as a freestanding diagnostic imaging center issued under this section:

(1) A hospital registered under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code that provides diagnostic imaging;

(2) An entity that is reviewed as part of a hospital accreditation or certification program and that provides diagnostic imaging;

(3) An ambulatory surgical facility that provides diagnostic imaging in conjunction with or during any portion of a surgical procedure.

Sec. 3702.52. The director of health shall administer a state certificate of need program in accordance with sections 3702.51 to 3702.62 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under those sections. Administration of the program shall include both a standard review process and an expedited review process.

(A) The director shall issue rulings on whether a particular proposed project is a reviewable activity. The director shall issue a ruling not later than forty-five days after receiving a request for a ruling accompanied by the information needed to make the ruling, except that if an expedited review is requested, the ruling shall be issued not later than thirty days after receiving the request for a ruling accompanied by the information needed to make the ruling. If the director does not issue a ruling in the required time, the project shall be considered to have been ruled not a reviewable activity.

(B)(1) Each application for a certificate of need shall be submitted to the director on forms and in the manner prescribed by the director. An application for which expedited review is requested must meet the same requirements as all other applications.

Each application shall include a plan for obligating the capital expenditures or implementing the proposed project on a timely basis in accordance with section 3702.524 of the Revised Code. Each application shall also include all other information required by rules adopted under division (B) of section 3702.57 of the Revised Code.

(2) Each application shall be accompanied by the application fee established in rules adopted under division (G) of section 3702.57 of the Revised Code. Application fees received by the director under this division shall be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the certificate of need fund, which is hereby created. The director shall use the fund only to pay the costs of administering sections 3702.11 to 3702.20, 3702.30, and 3702.51 to 3702.62 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under those sections. An application fee is nonrefundable unless the director determines that the application cannot be accepted.

(3) The director shall review applications for certificates of need. As part of a review, the director shall determine whether an application is complete. The director shall not consider an application to be complete unless the application meets all criteria for a complete application specified in rules adopted under section 3702.57 of the Revised Code. For an application being considered under the standard review process, the director shall mail to the applicant a written notice that the application is complete,

or a written request for additional information, not later than thirty days after receiving an application or a response to an earlier request for information. For an application for which expedited review is requested, the director's notice or request shall be mailed not later than fourteen days after the director receives the application or a response to an earlier request for information. Except as provided in section 3702.522 of the Revised Code, the director shall not make more than two requests for additional information. The For either the standard or expedited review process, the director shall make a final determination regarding an application's completeness and issue a notice of the determination not later than one hundred eighty days after the date the director received the initial application.

The director's determination that an application is not complete is final and not subject to appeal.

(4) Except as necessary to comply with a subpoena issued under division (F) of this section, after a notice of completeness has been received, no person shall make revisions to information that was submitted to the director before the director mailed the notice of completeness or knowingly discuss in person or by telephone the merits of the application with the director. A person may supplement an application after a notice of completeness has been received by submitting clarifying information to the director.

(C) All of the following apply to the process of granting or denying a certificate of need:

(1) If the project proposed in a certificate of need application meets all of the applicable certificate of need criteria for approval under sections 3702.51 to 3702.62 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted under those sections, the director shall grant a certificate of need for all or part of the project that is the subject of the application by the applicable deadline specified in division (C)(4) of this section or any extension of it under division (C)(5) of this section.

(2) The director's grant of a certificate of need does not affect, and sets no precedent for, the director's decision to grant or deny other applications for similar reviewable activities.

(3) Any affected person may submit written comments regarding an application. The director shall consider all written comments received by the forty-fifth day after the application is submitted to the director, except that to be considered in an expedited review, written comments must be received by the twenty-first day after the application is submitted.

(4) Except as provided in division (C)(5) of this section, the director

shall grant or deny certificate of need applications not later than sixty days after mailing the notice of completeness unless the application is receiving expedited review. If the application is receiving expedited review, the director shall grant or deny the application not later than forty-five days after mailing the notice of completeness.

(5) Except as ~~otherwise~~ provided in division (C)(6) of this section, the director or the applicant may extend the deadline prescribed in division (C)(4) of this section once, for no longer than thirty days, by written notice before the end of the deadline prescribed by division (C)(4) of this section. An extension by the director under division (C)(5) of this section shall apply to all applications that are in comparative review.

(6) No applicant in a comparative review may extend the deadline specified in division (C)(4) of this section.

(7) If the director does not grant or deny the certificate by the applicable deadline specified in division (C)(4) of this section or any extension of it under division (C)(5) of this section, the certificate shall be considered to have been granted.

(8) In granting a certificate of need, the director shall specify as the maximum capital expenditure the certificate holder may obligate under the certificate a figure equal to one hundred ten per cent of the approved project cost.

(9) In granting a certificate of need, the director may grant the certificate with conditions that must be met by the holder of the certificate.

(D) When a certificate of need is granted for a project under which beds are to be relocated, upon completion of the project for which the certificate of need was granted a number of beds equal to the number of beds relocated shall cease to be operated in the long-term care facility from which they are relocated, except that the beds may continue to be operated for not more than fifteen days to allow relocation of residents to the facility to which the beds have been relocated. Notwithstanding section 3721.03 of the Revised Code, if the relocated beds are in a home licensed under Chapter 3721. of the Revised Code, the facility's license is automatically reduced by the number of beds relocated effective fifteen days after the beds are relocated. If the beds are in a facility that is certified as a skilled nursing facility or nursing facility under Title XVIII or XIX of the "Social Security Act," the certification for the beds shall be surrendered. If the beds are registered under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code as skilled nursing beds or long-term care beds, the director shall remove the beds from registration not later than fifteen days after the beds are relocated.

(E) During the period beginning with the granting of a certificate of

need and ending five years after implementation of the reviewable activity for which the certificate was granted, the director shall monitor the activities of the person granted the certificate to determine whether the reviewable activity is conducted in substantial accordance with the certificate. A reviewable activity shall not be determined to be not in substantial accordance with the certificate of need solely because of either of the following:

(1) A decrease in bed capacity;

(2) A change in the owner or operator of the facility unless any of the circumstances specified in division (B) of section 3702.59 of the Revised Code apply to the new owner or operator.

(F) When reviewing applications for certificates of need, considering appeals under section 3702.60 of the Revised Code, or monitoring activities of persons granted certificates of need, the director may issue and enforce, in the manner provided in section 119.09 of the Revised Code, subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum to compel a person to testify and produce documents relevant to review of the application, consideration of the appeal, or monitoring of the activities. In addition, the director or the director's designee may visit the sites where the activities are or will be conducted.

(G) The director may withdraw certificates of need.

(H) All long-term care facilities shall submit to the director, upon request, any information prescribed by rules adopted under division (H) of section 3702.57 of the Revised Code that is necessary to conduct reviews of certificate of need applications and to develop criteria for reviews.

(I) Any decision to grant or deny a certificate of need shall consider the special needs and circumstances resulting from moral and ethical values and the free exercise of religious rights of long-term care facilities administered by religious organizations, and the special needs and circumstances of inner city and rural communities.

Sec. 3702.57. (A) The director of health shall adopt rules establishing procedures and criteria for reviews of applications for certificates of need and issuance, denial, or withdrawal of certificates.

(1) In adopting rules that establish criteria for reviews of applications of certificates of need, the director shall consider the availability of and need for long-term care beds to provide care and treatment to persons diagnosed as having traumatic brain injuries and shall prescribe criteria for reviewing applications that propose to add long-term care beds to provide care and treatment to persons diagnosed as having traumatic brain injuries.

(2) The criteria for reviews of applications for certificates of need shall relate to the need for the reviewable activity and shall pertain to all of the

following matters:

(a) The impact of the reviewable activity on the cost and quality of long-term care services in the relevant service area, including, but not limited, to the historical and projected utilization of the services to which the application pertains and the effect of the reviewable activity on utilization of other providers of similar services;

(b) The quality of the services to be provided as the result of the activity, as evidenced by the historical performance of the persons that will be involved in providing the services and by the provisions that are proposed in the application to ensure quality, including but not limited to adequate available personnel, available ancillary and support services, available equipment, size and configuration of physical plant, and relations with other providers;

(c) The impact of the reviewable activity on the availability and accessibility of the type of services proposed in the application to the population of the relevant service area, and the level of access to the services proposed in the application that will be provided to medically underserved individuals such as recipients of public assistance and individuals who have no health insurance or whose health insurance is insufficient;

(d) The activity's short- and long-term financial feasibility and cost-effectiveness, the impact of the activity on the applicant's costs and charges, and a comparison of the applicant's costs and charges with those of providers of similar services in the applicant's proposed service area;

(e) The advantages, disadvantages, and costs of alternatives to the reviewable activity;

(f) The impact of the activity on all other providers of similar services in the relevant service area, including the impact on their utilization, market share, and financial status;

(g) The historical performance of the applicant and related or affiliated parties in complying with previously granted certificates of need and any applicable certification, accreditation, or licensure requirements;

(h) The historical performance of the applicant and related or affiliated parties in providing cost-effective long-term care services;

(i) The special needs and circumstances of the applicant or population proposed to be served by the proposed project, including research activities, prevalence of particular diseases, unusual demographic characteristics, cost-effective contractual affiliations, and other special circumstances;

(j) The appropriateness of the zoning status of the proposed site of the activity;

(k) The participation by the applicant in research conducted by the United States food and drug administration or clinical trials sponsored by the national institutes of health.

(3) The criteria for reviews of applications shall include a formula for determining each county's long-term care bed need for purposes of section 3702.593 of the Revised Code and may include other formulas for determining need for beds.

Any rules prescribing criteria that establish ratios of beds to population shall specify the bases for establishing the ratios or mitigating factors or exceptions to the ratios.

(B) The director shall adopt rules specifying all of the following:

(1) Information that must be provided in applications for certificates of need;

(2) Procedures for reviewing applications for completeness of information;

(3) Criteria for determining that the application is complete;

(4) Procedures for making a final determination regarding an application's completeness and issuing a notice of the determination within the one-hundred-eighty-day time frame specified in division (B)(3) of section 3702.52 of the Revised Code.

(C) The director shall adopt rules specifying requirements that holders of certificates of need must meet in order for the certificates to remain valid and establishing definitions and requirements for obligation of capital expenditures and implementation of projects authorized by certificates of need.

(D) The director shall adopt rules establishing criteria and procedures under which the director of health may withdraw a certificate of need if the holder fails to meet requirements for continued validity of the certificate.

(E) The director shall adopt rules establishing procedures under which the department of health shall monitor project implementation activities of holders of certificates of need. The rules adopted under this division also may establish procedures for monitoring implementation activities of persons that have received nonreviewability rulings.

(F) The director shall adopt rules establishing procedures under which the director of health shall review certificates of need whose holders exceed or appear likely to exceed an expenditure maximum specified in a certificate.

(G) The director shall adopt rules establishing certificate of need application fees sufficient to pay the costs incurred by the department for administering sections 3702.51 to 3702.62 of the Revised Code. Unless

rules are adopted under this division establishing different application fees, the application fee for a project not involving a capital expenditure shall be three thousand dollars and the application fee for a project involving a capital expenditure shall be nine-tenths of one per cent of the capital expenditure proposed subject to a minimum of three thousand dollars and a maximum of twenty thousand dollars.

(H) The director shall adopt rules specifying information that is necessary to conduct reviews of certificate of need applications and to develop criteria for reviews that long-term care facilities are to submit to the director under division (H) of section 3702.52 of the Revised Code.

(I) The director shall adopt rules defining "affiliated person," "related person," and "ultimate controlling interest" for purposes of section 3702.523 of the Revised Code.

(J) The director shall adopt rules prescribing requirements for holders of certificates of need to demonstrate to the director under section 3702.525 of the Revised Code that reasonable progress is being made toward completion of the reviewable activity and establishing standards by which the director shall determine whether reasonable progress is being made.

(K) The director shall adopt all rules under divisions (A) to (J) of this section in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The director may adopt other rules as necessary to carry out the purposes of sections 3702.51 to 3702.62 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3702.593. (A) At the times specified in this section, the director of health shall accept, for review under section 3702.52 of the Revised Code, certificate of need applications for any of the following purposes if the proposed increase in beds is attributable solely to relocation of existing beds from an existing long-term care facility in a county with excess beds to a long-term care facility in a county in which there are fewer long-term care beds than the county's bed need:

(1) Approval of beds in a new long-term care facility or an increase of beds in an existing long-term care facility if the beds are proposed to be licensed as nursing home beds under Chapter 3721. of the Revised Code;

(2) Approval of beds in a new county home or new county nursing home, or an increase of beds in an existing county home or existing county nursing home if the beds are proposed to be certified as skilled nursing facility beds under the medicare program, Title XVIII of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 286 (1965), 42 U.S.C. 1395, as amended, or nursing facility beds under the medicaid program, Title XIX of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 286 (1965), 42 U.S.C. 1396, as amended;

(3) An increase of hospital beds registered pursuant to section 3701.07

of the Revised Code as long-term care beds.

(B) For the purpose of implementing this section, the director shall do all of the following:

(1) Not later than ~~April 1, 2012~~ October 1, 2023, and every four years thereafter, determine the long-term care bed supply for each county, which shall consist of all of the following:

(a) Nursing home beds licensed under Chapter 3721. of the Revised Code;

(b) Beds certified as skilled nursing facility beds under the medicare program or nursing facility beds under the medicaid program;

(c) Beds in any portion of a hospital that are properly registered under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code as skilled nursing beds, long-term care beds, or special skilled nursing beds;

(d) Beds in a county home or county nursing home that are certified under section 5155.38 of the Revised Code as having been in operation on July 1, 1993, and are eligible for licensure as nursing home beds;

(e) Beds described in division (O)(5) of section 3702.51 of the Revised Code.

(2) Determine the long-term care bed occupancy rate for the state at the time the determination is made;

(3) For each county, determine the county's bed need by identifying the number of long-term care beds that would be needed in the county in order for the statewide occupancy rate for a projected population aged sixty-five and older to be ninety per cent.

In determining each county's bed need, the director shall use the formula developed in rules adopted under section 3702.57 of the Revised Code. A determination shall be made not later than October 1, 2023, and every four years thereafter. After each determination is made, the director shall publish the county's bed need on the web site maintained by the department of health.

(C) The director's consideration of an application for a certificate of need that would increase the number of beds in a county shall be consistent with the county's bed need determined under division (B) of this section except as follows:

(1) If a county's occupancy rate is less than eighty-five per cent, the county shall be considered to have no need for additional beds.

(2) Even if a county is determined not to need any additional long-term care beds, the director may approve an increase in beds equal to up to ten per cent of the county's bed supply if the county's occupancy rate is greater than ninety per cent.

~~(D)(1) The~~ For the review process used in considering certificate of need applications, the director shall establish a review period for the first review process shall begin July 1, 2010 that begins January 1, 2020, and end June 30, 2012 ends December 31, 2023. The next review period shall begin July 1, 2012, and end June 30, 2016. Thereafter, the review period for each ~~comparative~~ review process shall begin on the first day of ~~July~~ January following the end of the previous review period and shall be four years.

(2) Certificate of need applications shall be accepted during the first month of the review period and reviewed through the thirtieth day of ~~April~~ September of the ~~following~~ year in which the review period begins.

~~(3) Except for the first review period after October 16, 2009, each review period may consist of two phases. The first phase of the review period shall be the period during which the director accepts and reviews certificate of need applications as provided in division (D)(2) of this section. If the director determines that there will be acceptance and review of additional certificate of need applications, the second phase of the review period shall begin on the first day of July of the third year of the review period. The second phase shall be limited to acceptance and review of applications for redistribution of beds made available pursuant to division (I) of this section. During the period between the first and second phases of the review period, the director shall act in accordance with division (I) of this section.~~

(E) The director shall consider certificate of need applications in accordance with all of the following:

(1) The number of beds approved for a county shall include only beds available for relocation from another county and shall not exceed the bed need of the receiving county;

(2) The director shall consider the existence of community resources serving persons who are age sixty-five or older or disabled that are demonstrably effective in providing alternatives to long-term care facility placement.

(3) The director shall approve relocation of beds from a county only if, after the relocation, the number of beds remaining in the county will exceed the county's bed need by at least one hundred beds;

(4) The director shall approve relocation of beds from a long-term care facility only if, after the relocation, the number of beds in the facility's service area is at least equal to the state bed need rate. For purposes of this division, a facility's service area shall be either of the following:

(a) The census tract in which the facility is located, if the facility is located in an area designated by the United States secretary of health and

human services as a health professional shortage area under the "Public Health Service Act," 88 Stat. 682 (1944), 42 U.S.C. 254(e), as amended;

(b) The area that is within a fifteen-mile radius of the facility's location, if the facility is not located in a health professional shortage area.

(F) Applications made under this section are subject to comparative review if two or more applications are submitted during the same review period and any of the following applies:

(1) The applications propose to relocate beds from the same county and the number of beds for which certificates of need are being requested totals more than the number of beds available in the county from which the beds are to be relocated.

(2) The applications propose to relocate beds to the same county and the number of beds for which certificates of need are being requested totals more than the number of beds needed in the county to which the beds are to be relocated.

(3) The applications propose to relocate beds from the same service area and the number of beds left in the service area from which the beds are being relocated would be less than the state bed need rate determined by the director.

(G) In determining which applicants should receive preference in the comparative review process, the director shall consider all of the following as weighted priorities:

(1) Whether the beds will be part of a continuing care retirement community;

(2) Whether the beds will serve an underserved population, such as low-income individuals, individuals with disabilities, or individuals who are members of racial or ethnic minority groups;

(3) Whether the project in which the beds will be included will provide alternatives to institutional care, such as adult day-care, home health care, respite or hospice care, mobile meals, residential care, independent living, or congregate living services;

(4) Whether the long-term care facility's owner or operator will participate in medicaid waiver programs for alternatives to institutional care;

(5) Whether the project in which the beds will be included will reduce alternatives to institutional care by converting residential care beds or other alternative care beds to long-term care beds;

(6) Whether the facility in which the beds will be placed has positive resident and family satisfaction surveys;

(7) Whether the facility in which the beds will be placed has fewer than fifty long-term care beds;

(8) Whether the long-term care facility in which the beds will be placed is located within the service area of a hospital and is designed to accept patients for rehabilitation after an in-patient hospital stay;

(9) Whether the long-term care facility in which the beds will be placed is or proposes to become a nurse aide training and testing site;

(10) The rating, under the centers for medicare and medicaid services' five star nursing home quality rating system, of the long-term care facility in which the beds will be placed.

(H) A person who has submitted an application under this section that is not subject to comparative review may revise the site of the proposed project pursuant to section 3702.522 of the Revised Code.

(I) When a certificate of need application is approved ~~during the initial phase of a four year review period~~, in addition to the actions required by division (D) of section 3702.52 of the Revised Code, the long-term care facility from which the beds were relocated shall reduce the number of beds operated in the facility by a number of beds equal to at least ten per cent of the number of beds relocated. If these beds are in a home licensed under Chapter 3721. of the Revised Code, the long-term care facility shall have the beds removed from the license. If the beds are in a facility that is certified as a skilled nursing facility or nursing facility under Title XVIII or XIX of the "Social Security Act," the facility shall surrender the certification of these beds. If the beds are registered as skilled nursing beds or long-term care beds under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code, the long-term care facility shall surrender the registration for these beds. This reduction shall be made not later than the completion date of the project for which the beds were relocated.

~~(J)(1) Once approval of certificate of need applications in the first phase of a four year review period is complete, the director shall make a new determination of the bed need for each county by reducing the county's bed need by the number of beds approved for relocation to the county. The new bed need determination shall be made not later than the first day of April of the third year of the review period.~~

~~(2) The director may publish on the department's web site the remaining bed need for counties that will be considered for redistribution of beds that, in accordance with division (I) of this section, have ceased or will cease to be operated. The director shall base the determination of whether to include a county on all of the following:~~

~~(a) The statewide number of beds that, in accordance with division (I) of this section, have ceased or will cease to be operated;~~

~~(b) The county's remaining bed need;~~

~~(e) The county's bed occupancy rate.~~

~~(K) If the director publishes the remaining bed need for a county under division (J)(2) of this section, the director may, beginning on the first day of the second phase of the review period, accept certificate of need applications for redistribution to long-term care facilities in that county of beds that have ceased or will cease operation in accordance with division (I) of this section. The total number of beds approved for redistribution in the second phase of a review period shall not exceed the number that have ceased or will cease operation in accordance with division (I) of this section. Beds that are not approved for redistribution during the second phase of a review period shall not be available for redistribution at any future time.~~

~~Sec. 3702.60. (A) Any affected person may appeal a reviewability ruling to the director of health in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, and the director shall provide an adjudication hearing in accordance with that chapter. An affected person may appeal the director's ruling in the adjudication hearing to the tenth district court of appeals.~~

~~(B) The applicant for a certificate of need applicant or another affected person may appeal to the director in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code of health a decision issued by the director to grant or deny a certificate of need application. The person that requested a reviewability ruling may appeal to the director with respect to the resulting ruling issued by the director.~~

~~The appeal by the applicant or person shall be made in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, and the director shall provide an adjudication hearing in accordance with that chapter. The certificate of need applicant or other affected person that appeals the director's decision to grant or deny a certificate of need application. In the appeal, the applicant or person must prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the director's decision or ruling is not in accordance with sections 3702.52 to 3702.62 of the Revised Code or rules adopted under those sections. The certificate of need~~

~~The applicant or an affected person that was a party to and participated in an adjudication hearing conducted under this division may appeal to the tenth district court of appeals the decision issued by the director following the adjudication hearing.~~

~~(C)(B) The holder of a certificate of need holder may appeal to the director in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code a decision issued by the director under section 3702.52 or 3702.525 of the Revised Code to withdraw a certificate of need, and the director shall provide an adjudication hearing in accordance with that chapter. The person may appeal~~

the director's ruling in the adjudication hearing to the tenth district court of appeals.

~~(D)~~(C) Any person determined by the director to have violated section 3702.53 of the Revised Code may appeal that determination, or the penalties imposed under section 3702.54 or 3702.541 of the Revised Code, to the director in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, and the director shall provide an adjudication hearing in accordance with that chapter. The person may appeal the director's ruling in the adjudication hearing to the tenth district court of appeals.

~~(E)~~(D) Each person appealing under this section to the director shall file with the director, not later than thirty days after the decision, ruling, or determination of the director was mailed, a notice of appeal designating the decision, ruling, or determination appealed from.

~~(F)~~(E) Each person appealing under this section to the tenth district court of appeals shall file with the court, not later than thirty days after the date the director's adjudication order was mailed, a notice of appeal designating the order appealed from. The appellant also shall file notice with the director not later than thirty days after the date the order was mailed.

(1) Not later than thirty days after receipt of the notice of appeal, the director shall prepare and certify to the court the complete record of the proceedings out of which the appeal arises. The expense of preparing and transcribing the record shall be taxed as part of the costs of the appeal. In the event that the record or a part thereof is not certified within the time prescribed by this division, the appellant may apply to the court for an order that the record be certified.

(2) In hearing the appeal, the court shall consider only the evidence contained in the record certified to it by the director. The court may remand the matter to the director for the admission of additional evidence on a finding that the additional evidence is material, newly discovered, and could not with reasonable diligence have been ascertained before the hearing before the director. Except as otherwise provided by statute, the court shall give the hearing on the appeal preference over all other civil matters, irrespective of the position of the proceedings on the calendar of the court.

(3) The court shall affirm the director's order if it finds, upon consideration of the entire record and any additional evidence admitted under division ~~(F)~~(E)(2) of this section, that the order is supported by reliable, probative, and substantial evidence and is in accordance with law. In the absence of such a finding, it shall reverse, vacate, or modify the order.

(4) If the court determines that the director committed material procedural error, the court shall remand the matter to the director for further

consideration or action.

~~(G) The court may award reasonable attorney's fees against the appellant if it determines that the appeal was frivolous. Sections 119.092, 119.093, and 2335.39 of the Revised Code do not apply to adjudication hearings under this section or section 3702.52 of the Revised Code and judicial appeals under this section.~~

~~(H)~~(F) No person may intervene in an appeal brought under this section.

Sec. 3702.967. The director of health may accept gifts of money from any source for the implementation and administration of sections 3702.96 to 3702.965 of the Revised Code.

The director shall pay all gifts accepted under this section ~~into the state treasury, to the credit of the dental hygiene resource shortage area fund, which is hereby created,~~ and all damages collected under division (C)(3) of section 3702.965 of the Revised Code; into the state treasury; to the credit of the dental hygienist loan repayment fund, which is hereby created.

The director shall use the ~~dental hygiene resource shortage area and dental hygienist loan repayment funds~~ fund for the implementation and administration of sections 3702.96 to 3702.967 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3704.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Administrator" means the administrator of the United States environmental protection agency or the chief executive of any successor federal agency responsible for implementation of the federal Clean Air Act.

(B) "Air contaminant" means particulate matter, dust, fumes, gas, mist, radionuclides, smoke, vapor, or odorous substances, or any combination thereof, but does not mean emissions from agricultural production activities, as defined in section 929.01 of the Revised Code, that are consistent with generally accepted agricultural practices, were established prior to adjacent nonagricultural activities, have no substantial, adverse effect on the public health, safety, or welfare, do not result from the negligent or other improper operations of any such agricultural activities, and would not be required to obtain a Title V permit. For the purposes of this chapter, agricultural production activities do not include the installation and operation of off-farm facilities for the storage or processing of agricultural products, including, but not limited to, alfalfa dehydrating facilities, rendering plants, and feed and grain mills, elevators, and terminals.

(C) "Air contaminant source" means each separate operation or activity that results or may result in the emission of any air contaminant.

(D) "Air pollution" means the presence in the ambient air of one or more air contaminants or any combination thereof in sufficient quantity and of such characteristics and duration as is or threatens to be injurious to

human health or welfare, plant or animal life, or property, or as unreasonably interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property.

(E) "Ambient air" means that portion of the atmosphere outside of buildings and other enclosures, stacks, or ducts that surrounds human, plant, or animal life or property.

(F) "Best available technology" means any combination of work practices, raw material specifications, throughput limitations, source design characteristics, an evaluation of the annualized cost per ton of pollutant removed, and air pollution control devices that have been previously demonstrated to the director of environmental protection to operate satisfactorily in this state or other states with similar air quality on substantially similar air pollution sources.

(G) "Change within a permitted facility" means, within the context of the Title V permit program established under section 3704.036 of the Revised Code, a change that is limited by a federally enforceable provision of an applicable Title V permit and that does not include physical, production, or other changes that are neither addressed nor limited by the federally enforceable portion of a Title V permit unless the change would result in a violation of a federally enforceable requirement or a modification under Title I of the federal Clean Air Act or would be subject to any requirements under Title IV of that act.

(H) "Emit" or "emission" means the release into the ambient air of an air contaminant.

(I) "Emission limitation" and "emission standard" mean a requirement that limits the quantity, rate, or concentration of emissions of air contaminants, including any requirement relating to the operation or maintenance of an air contaminant source.

(J) "Facility," for the purposes of the Title V permit program established under section 3704.036 of the Revised Code, means all of the emitting activities that are located on contiguous or adjacent properties that are under the control of the same person or persons or are under common control and that are in the same major group as described in the standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1987.

(K) "Federal Clean Air Act" means "Air Quality Act of 1967," 81 Stat. 485, 42 U.S.C. 1857, as amended by "Clean Air Act Amendments of 1970," 84 Stat. 1676, 42 U.S.C. 1857, "Act of November 18, 1971," 85 Stat. 464, 42 U.S.C. 1857, "Act of April 9, 1973," 87 Stat. 11, 42 U.S.C. 1857, "Act of June 24, 1974," 88 Stat. 248, 42 U.S.C. 1857, "Clean Air Act Amendments of 1977," 91 Stat. 685, 42 U.S.C. 7401, "Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1977," 91 Stat. 1393, 42 U.S.C. 7401, "Clean Air Act

Amendments of 1990," 104 Stat. 2399, 42 U.S.C.A. 7401, and any other amendments that have been or may hereafter be adopted, or any supplements to those acts and laws of the United States that have been or may hereafter be enacted in substitution therefor, together with any regulations that have been or may hereafter be adopted by the administrator by virtue of and in accordance with those acts and laws. Reference to a particular title or section of the federal Clean Air Act includes any amendments that have been or may hereafter be enacted in substitution therefor and any regulations pertaining to the title or section that have been or may hereafter be adopted by the administrator by virtue of and in accordance with the federal Clean Air Act.

(L) "Hazardous air pollutant" means any pollutant listed under section 112(b) of the federal Clean Air Act.

(M) "Implementation plan" means a program for the prevention and abatement of air pollution in the state that has been promulgated or approved by the administrator pursuant to the federal Clean Air Act.

(N) "Local air pollution control authority" includes all of the following unless terminated by the political subdivisions represented thereby:

(1) All of the following agencies representing the following political subdivisions, as those agencies existed on July 1, 1993:

(a) The Akron regional air quality management district representing Medina, Summit, and Portage counties;

(b) The Canton city health department representing Stark county;

(c) The Hamilton county department of environmental services, southwest Ohio air quality agency representing Butler, Warren, Hamilton, and Clermont counties;

(d) The city of Cleveland division of the environment representing Cuyahoga county;

(e) The regional air pollution control agency representing Darke, Preble, Miami, Montgomery, Clark, and Greene counties;

(f) The Lake county general health district representing Lake and Geauga counties;

(g) The Portsmouth city health department representing Brown, Adams, Scioto, and Lawrence counties;

(h) The city of Toledo division of pollution control representing Lucas county and the city of Rossford in Wood county;

~~(i) The Mahoning-Trumbull air pollution control agency, city of Youngstown, representing Trumbull and Mahoning counties.~~

(2) Any successor to an existing local air pollution control authority listed in divisions (N)(1)(a) to (i) of this section that results from a change in

the political subdivisions comprising the local air pollution control authority through the withdrawal of a political subdivision from membership in the local air pollution control authority or the inclusion of an additional political subdivision in the membership of the local air pollution control authority;

(3) Any new local air pollution control authority established on or after July 1, 1993, by one or more political subdivisions of this state for the purposes of exercising the powers reserved to political subdivisions of this state under division (A) of section 3704.11 of the Revised Code.

(O) "Person" means the federal government or any agency thereof, the state or any agency thereof, any political subdivision or any agency thereof, or any public or private corporation, individual, partnership, or other entity.

(P) "Research and development sources" means sources whose activities are conducted for nonprofit scientific or educational purposes; sources whose activities are conducted to test more efficient production processes or methods for preventing or reducing adverse environmental impacts, provided that the activities do not include the production of an intermediate or final product for sale or exchange for commercial profit, except in a de minimis manner; a research or laboratory source the primary purpose of which is to conduct research and development into new processes and products, that is operated under the close supervision of technically trained personnel, and that is not engaged in the manufacture of products for sale or exchange for commercial profit, except in a de minimis manner; the temporary use of normal production sources in a research and development mode to test the technical or commercial viability of alternative raw materials or production processes, provided that the use does not include the production of an intermediate or final product for sale or exchange for commercial profit, except in a de minimis manner; the experimental firing of any fuel or combination of fuels in a boiler, heater, furnace, or dryer for the purpose of conducting research and development of more efficient combustion or more effective prevention or control of air pollutant emissions, provided that, during those periods of research and development, the heat generated is not used for normal production purposes or for producing a product for sale or exchange for commercial profit, except in a de minimis manner; and such other similar sources as the director may prescribe by rule.

(Q) "Responsible official" means one of the following, as applicable:

(1) For a corporation: a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, any other person who performs similar policy or decision-making functions for the corporation, or a duly authorized representative of any such person if the

representative is responsible for the overall operation of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities applying for or subject to a Title V permit and if one of the following applies:

(a) The facilities employ more than two hundred fifty individuals or have gross annual sales or expenditures exceeding twenty-five million dollars, in second quarter 1980 dollars;

(b) The delegation of authority to the representative is approved in advance by the director.

(2) For a partnership or sole proprietorship: a general partner or the proprietor, respectively.

(3) For the federal government or any agency thereof, the state or any agency thereof, a political subdivision or any agency thereof, or any other public agency, either a principal executive officer or authorized elected official. For the purposes of this division, a principal executive officer of a federal agency includes the chief executive officer having responsibility for the overall operation of a principal geographic unit of the agency.

(4) For affected sources, both of the following:

(a) The designated representative insofar as actions, standards, requirements, or prohibitions under Title IV of the federal Clean Air Act or regulations adopted under it are concerned;

(b) The designated representative for any other purposes under 40 C.F.R. part 70.

(R) "Small business stationary source" means any building, structure, facility, or installation that emits any federally regulated air pollutant and is owned or operated by a person who employs one hundred or fewer individuals; is a small business concern as defined in the "Small Business Act," 72 Stat. 384 (1958), 15 U.S.C.A. 632, as amended; is not a major stationary source as defined in section 302(j) of the federal Clean Air Act; does not emit fifty tons or more per year of any federally regulated air pollutant or any hazardous air pollutant; and emits less than seventy-five tons per year of all federally regulated air pollutants.

(S) "Title V permit" means an operating permit required to be issued by the state under section 502 of the federal Clean Air Act and issued under section 3704.036 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it.

(T) For the purposes of the Title V permit program established under this chapter and rules adopted under it, all terms defined in 40 C.F.R. part 70 have the same meaning as in that part.

Sec. 3704.111. (A) Not later than October 1, 1993, the director of environmental protection shall enter into a delegation agreement with each local air pollution control authority listed in divisions (N)(1)(a) to ~~(h)~~(h) of

section 3704.01 of the Revised Code under which the local air pollution control authority agrees to perform on behalf of the environmental protection agency air pollution control regulatory services within the political subdivision represented by the local air pollution control authority. The director may enter into such a delegation agreement with a local air pollution control authority established on or after the effective date of this section, subject to the condition established in division (B) of this section. Each delegation agreement shall be self-renewing on an annual basis on the first day of October of each year. The terms of each such delegation agreement shall remain unchanged from year to year unless they are amended by mutual agreement of the director and the local air pollution control authority.

(B) The director may conduct a periodic performance evaluation of the air pollution control program operated by each local air pollution control authority. Based upon the findings of such a performance evaluation, the director may terminate or refuse to renew the delegation agreement with a local air pollution control authority if the director determines that the local air pollution control authority is not adequately performing its obligations under the agreement.

(C) The director may enter into contracts for payments to local air pollution control authorities from moneys credited to the clean air fund created in section 3704.035 of the Revised Code, subject to the limitation specified in that section, and any other moneys appropriated by the general assembly for that purpose. The director shall distribute the moneys available for making payments to the local air pollution control authorities pursuant to such contracts equitably among the local air pollution control authorities based upon the amount of local funding and the workload of each local air pollution control authority, including, without limitation, population served, number of air permits issued for both new and existing sources, land area, and number of air contaminant sources. The director biennially shall review the workload of each local air pollution control authority and shall determine the percentage of the moneys available for the purpose of making payments under the contracts. In determining the percentage of those moneys that is to be so distributed, the director shall consider the recommendations of the local air pollution control authorities.

(D) The director may modify a contract between the director and a local air pollution control authority to authorize the local air pollution control authority to perform air pollution control activities outside the geographic boundaries of that local air pollution control authority.

Sec. 3704.14. (A)(1) If the director of environmental protection

determines that implementation of a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program is necessary for the state to effectively comply with the federal Clean Air Act after June 30, ~~2015~~ 2019, the director may provide for the implementation of the program in those counties in this state in which such a program is federally mandated. Upon making such a determination, the director of environmental protection may request the director of administrative services to extend the terms of the contract that was entered into under the authority of Am. Sub. H.B. ~~453~~ 64 of the ~~129th~~ 131st general assembly. Upon receiving the request, the director of administrative services shall extend the contract, beginning on July 1, ~~2015~~ 2019, in accordance with this section. The contract shall be extended for a period of up to twenty-four months with the contractor who conducted the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program under that contract.

(2) Prior to the expiration of the contract extension that is authorized by division (A)(1) of this section, the director of environmental protection shall request the director of administrative services to enter into a contract with a vendor to operate a decentralized motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program in each county in this state in which such a program is federally mandated through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2023, with an option for the state to renew the contract for a period of up to twenty-four months through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025. The contract shall ensure that the decentralized motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program achieves at least the same emission reductions as achieved by the program operated under the authority of the contract that was extended under division (A)(1) of this section. The director of administrative services shall select a vendor through a competitive selection process in compliance with Chapter 125. of the Revised Code.

(3) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the director of administrative services shall ensure that a competitive selection process regarding a contract to operate a decentralized motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program in this state incorporates the following, which shall be included in the contract:

(a) For purposes of expanding the number of testing locations for consumer convenience, a requirement that the vendor utilize established local businesses, auto repair facilities, or leased properties to operate state-approved inspection and maintenance testing facilities;

(b) A requirement that the vendor selected to operate the program provide notification of the program's requirements to each owner of a motor vehicle that is required to be inspected under the program. The contract shall require the notification to be provided not later than sixty days prior to the date by which the owner of the motor vehicle is required to have the motor

vehicle inspected. The director of environmental protection and the vendor shall jointly agree on the content of the notice. However, the notice shall include at a minimum the locations of all inspection facilities within a specified distance of the address that is listed on the owner's motor vehicle registration;

(c) A requirement that the vendor comply with testing methodology and supply the required equipment approved by the director of environmental protection as specified in the competitive selection process in compliance with Chapter 125. of the Revised Code.

(4) A decentralized motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program operated under this section shall comply with division (B) of this section. The director of environmental protection shall administer the decentralized motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program operated under this section.

(B) The decentralized motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program authorized by this section, at a minimum, shall do all of the following:

(1) Comply with the federal Clean Air Act;

(2) Provide for the issuance of inspection certificates;

(3) Provide for a new car exemption for motor vehicles four years old or newer and provide that a new motor vehicle is exempt for four years regardless of whether legal title to the motor vehicle is transferred during that period.

(C) The director of environmental protection shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that the director determines are necessary to implement this section. The director may continue to implement and enforce rules pertaining to the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program previously implemented under former section 3704.14 of the Revised Code as that section existed prior to its repeal and reenactment by Am. Sub. H.B. 66 of the 126th general assembly, provided that the rules do not conflict with this section.

(D) There is hereby created in the state treasury the auto emissions test fund, which shall consist of money received by the director from any cash transfers, state and local grants, and other contributions that are received for the purpose of funding the program established under this section. The director of environmental protection shall use money in the fund solely for the implementation, supervision, administration, operation, and enforcement of the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program established under this section. Money in the fund shall not be used for either of the following:

(1) To pay for the inspection costs incurred by a motor vehicle dealer so

that the dealer may provide inspection certificates to an individual purchasing a motor vehicle from the dealer when that individual resides in a county that is subject to the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program;

(2) To provide payment for more than one free passing emissions inspection or a total of three emissions inspections for a motor vehicle in any three-hundred-sixty-five-day period. The owner or lessee of a motor vehicle is responsible for inspection fees that are related to emissions inspections beyond one free passing emissions inspection or three total emissions inspections in any three-hundred-sixty-five-day period. Inspection fees that are charged by a contractor conducting emissions inspections under a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program shall be approved by the director of environmental protection.

(E) The motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program established under this section expires upon the termination of all contracts entered into under this section and shall not be implemented beyond the final date on which termination occurs.

Sec. 3705.07. (A) The local registrar of vital statistics shall number consecutively each fetal death and death certificate printed on paper that the local registrar receives from the electronic death registration system (EDRS) maintained by the department of health. The number assigned to each certificate shall be the one provided by EDRS. Such local registrar shall sign the local registrar's name in attest to the date of filing in the local office. The local registrar shall make a complete and accurate copy of each fetal death and death certificate printed on paper that is filed. Each paper copy shall be filed and preserved as the local record until the electronic information regarding the event has been completed and made available in EDRS and EDRS is capable of issuing a complete and accurate electronic copy of the certificate. The local record may be a photographic, electronic, or other reproduction. The local registrar shall transmit to the state office of vital statistics all original fetal death and death certificates received using the state transmittal schedule specified by the department of health. The local registrar shall immediately notify the health commissioner with jurisdiction in the registration district of the receipt of a death certificate attesting that death resulted from a communicable disease.

The office of vital statistics shall carefully examine the records and certificates received from local registrars of vital statistics and shall secure any further information that may be necessary to make each record and certificate complete and satisfactory. It shall arrange and preserve the records and certificates, or reproductions of them produced pursuant to

section 3705.03 of the Revised Code, in a systematic manner and shall maintain a permanent index of all births, fetal deaths, and deaths registered, which shall show the name of the child or deceased person, place and date of birth or death, and number of the certificate.

(B)(1) The office of vital statistics shall make available ~~to the division of child support in the department of job and family services~~ all social security numbers that accompany a birth certificate submitted for filing under division (H) of section 3705.09 or section 3705.10 of the Revised Code or that accompany a death certificate registered under section 3705.16 of the Revised Code to both of the following:

(a) For the purpose of child support enforcement, the division of child support in the department of job and family services;

(b) For the purpose of eligibility determinations for medical assistance programs as defined in section 5160.01 of the Revised Code, the department of medicaid.

(2) The office of vital statistics also shall make available to the division of child support in the department of job and family services any other information recorded in the birth record that may enable the division to use the social security numbers provided under division (B)(1) of this section to obtain the location of the father of the child whose birth certificate was accompanied by the social security number or to otherwise enforce a child support order pertaining to that child or any other child.

Sec. 3705.09. (A) A birth certificate for each live birth in this state shall be filed in the registration district in which it occurs within ten calendar days after such birth and shall be registered if it has been completed and filed in accordance with this section.

(B) When a birth occurs in or en route to an institution, the person in charge of the institution or a designated representative shall obtain the personal data, prepare the certificate, and complete and certify the facts of birth on the certificate within ten calendar days. The physician or certified nurse-midwife in attendance shall be listed on the birth record.

(C) When a birth occurs outside an institution, the birth certificate shall be prepared and filed by one of the following in the indicated order of priority:

- (1) The physician or certified nurse-midwife in attendance at or immediately after the birth;
- (2) Any other person in attendance at or immediately after the birth;
- (3) The father;
- (4) The mother;
- (5) The person in charge of the premises where the birth occurred.

(D) Either of the parents of the child or other informant shall attest to the accuracy of the personal data entered on the birth certificate in time to permit the filing of the certificate within the ten days prescribed in this section.

(E) When a birth occurs in a moving conveyance within the United States and the child is first removed from the conveyance in this state, the birth shall be registered in this state and the place where it is first removed shall be considered the place of birth. When a birth occurs on a moving conveyance while in international waters or air space or in a foreign country or its air space and the child is first removed from the conveyance in this state, the birth shall be registered in this state but the record shall show the actual place of birth insofar as can be determined.

(F)(1) If the mother of a child was married at the time of either conception or birth or between conception and birth, the child shall be registered in the surname designated by the mother, and the name of the husband shall be entered on the certificate as the father of the child. The presumption of paternity shall be in accordance with section 3111.03 of the Revised Code.

(2) If the mother was not married at the time of conception or birth or between conception and birth, the child shall be registered by the surname designated by the mother. The name of the father of such child shall also be inserted on the birth certificate if both the mother and the father sign an acknowledgement of paternity affidavit before the birth record has been sent to the local registrar. If the father is not named on the birth certificate pursuant to division (F)(1) or (2) of this section, no other information about the father shall be entered on the record.

(G) When a man is presumed, found, or declared to be the father of a child, according to section 2105.26, sections 3111.01 to 3111.18, former section 3111.21, or sections 3111.38 to 3111.54 of the Revised Code, or the father has acknowledged the child as his child in an acknowledgment of paternity, and the acknowledgment has become final pursuant to section 2151.232, 3111.25, or 3111.821 of the Revised Code, and documentary evidence of such fact is submitted to the department of health in such form as the director may require, a new birth record shall be issued by the department which shall have the same overall appearance as the record which would have been issued under this section if a marriage had occurred before the birth of such child. Where handwriting is required to effect such appearance, the department shall supply it. Upon the issuance of such new birth record, the original birth record shall cease to be a public record. Except as provided in division (C) of section 3705.091 of the Revised Code,

the original record and any documentary evidence supporting the new registration of birth shall be placed in an envelope which shall be sealed by the department and shall not be open to inspection or copy unless so ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(H) Every birth certificate filed under this section on or after July 1, 1990, shall be accompanied by all social security numbers that have been issued to the parents of the child, unless the division of child support in the department of job and family services, acting in accordance with regulations prescribed under the "Family Support Act of 1988," 102 Stat. 2353, 42 U.S.C.A. 405, as amended, finds good cause for not requiring that the numbers be furnished with the certificate. The parents' social security numbers shall not be recorded on the certificate. No social security number obtained under this division shall be used for any purpose other than ~~child support enforcement~~ the purposes specified in division (B)(1) of section 3705.07 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3705.10. Any birth certificate submitted for filing eleven or more days after the birth occurred constitutes a delayed birth registration. A delayed birth certificate may be filed in accordance with rules which shall be adopted by the director of health. The rules shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following requirements for each delayed birth certificate filed on or after July 1, 1990:

(A) The certificate shall be accompanied by all social security numbers that have been issued to the parents of the child, unless the division of child support in the department of job and family services, acting in accordance with regulations prescribed under the "Family Support Act of 1988," 102 Stat. 2353, 42 U.S.C.A. 405, as amended, finds good cause for not requiring that the numbers be furnished with the certificate.

(B) The parents' social security numbers shall not be recorded on the certificate.

(C) No social security number obtained under this section shall be used for any purpose other than ~~child support enforcement~~ the purposes specified in division (B)(1) of section 3705.07 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3706.25. As used in sections 3706.25 to ~~3706.30~~ 3706.29 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Advanced energy project" means any technologies, products, activities, or management practices or strategies that facilitate the generation or use of electricity or energy and that reduce or support the reduction of energy consumption or support the production of clean, renewable energy for industrial, distribution, commercial, institutional, governmental, research, not-for-profit, or residential energy users including, but not limited

to, advanced energy resources and renewable energy resources. "Advanced energy project" includes any project described in division (A), (B), or (C) of section 4928.621 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Advanced energy resource" means any of the following:

(1) Any method or any modification or replacement of any property, process, device, structure, or equipment that increases the generation output of an electric generating facility to the extent such efficiency is achieved without additional carbon dioxide emissions by that facility;

(2) Any distributed generation system consisting of customer cogeneration technology, primarily to meet the energy needs of the customer's facilities;

(3) Advanced nuclear energy technology consisting of generation III technology as defined by the nuclear regulatory commission; other, later technology; or significant improvements to existing facilities;

(4) Any fuel cell used in the generation of electricity, including, but not limited to, a proton exchange membrane fuel cell, phosphoric acid fuel cell, molten carbonate fuel cell, or solid oxide fuel cell;

(5) Advanced solid waste or construction and demolition debris conversion technology, including, but not limited to, advanced stoker technology, and advanced fluidized bed gasification technology, that results in measurable greenhouse gas emissions reductions as calculated pursuant to the United States environmental protection agency's waste reduction model (WARM).

(C) "Air contaminant source" has the same meaning as in section 3704.01 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Cogeneration technology" means technology that produces electricity and useful thermal output simultaneously.

(E) "Renewable energy resource" means solar photovoltaic or solar thermal energy, wind energy, power produced by a hydroelectric facility, power produced by a run-of-the-river hydroelectric facility placed in service on or after January 1, 1980, that is located within this state, relies upon the Ohio river, and operates, or is rated to operate, at an aggregate capacity of forty or more megawatts, geothermal energy, fuel derived from solid wastes, as defined in section 3734.01 of the Revised Code, through fractionation, biological decomposition, or other process that does not principally involve combustion, biomass energy, energy produced by cogeneration technology that is placed into service on or before December 31, 2015, and for which more than ninety per cent of the total annual energy input is from combustion of a waste or byproduct gas from an air contaminant source in this state, which source has been in operation since on or before January 1,

1985, provided that the cogeneration technology is a part of a facility located in a county having a population of more than three hundred sixty-five thousand but less than three hundred seventy thousand according to the most recent federal decennial census, biologically derived methane gas, heat captured from a generator of electricity, boiler, or heat exchanger fueled by biologically derived methane gas, or energy derived from nontreated by-products of the pulping process or wood manufacturing process, including bark, wood chips, sawdust, and lignin in spent pulping liquors. "Renewable energy resource" includes, but is not limited to, any fuel cell used in the generation of electricity, including, but not limited to, a proton exchange membrane fuel cell, phosphoric acid fuel cell, molten carbonate fuel cell, or solid oxide fuel cell; wind turbine located in the state's territorial waters of Lake Erie; methane gas emitted from an abandoned coal mine; storage facility that will promote the better utilization of a renewable energy resource that primarily generates off peak; or distributed generation system used by a customer to generate electricity from any such energy. As used in this division, "hydroelectric facility" means a hydroelectric generating facility that is located at a dam on a river, or on any water discharged to a river, that is within or bordering this state or within or bordering an adjoining state and meets all of the following standards:

(1) The facility provides for river flows that are not detrimental for fish, wildlife, and water quality, including seasonal flow fluctuations as defined by the applicable licensing agency for the facility.

(2) The facility demonstrates that it complies with the water quality standards of this state, which compliance may consist of certification under Section 401 of the "Clean Water Act of 1977," 91 Stat. 1598, 1599, 33 U.S.C. 1341, and demonstrates that it has not contributed to a finding by this state that the river has impaired water quality under Section 303(d) of the "Clean Water Act of 1977," 114 Stat. 870, 33 U.S.C. 1313.

(3) The facility complies with mandatory prescriptions regarding fish passage as required by the federal energy regulatory commission license issued for the project, regarding fish protection for riverine, anadromous, and catadromous fish.

(4) The facility complies with the recommendations of the Ohio environmental protection agency and with the terms of its federal energy regulatory commission license regarding watershed protection, mitigation, or enhancement, to the extent of each agency's respective jurisdiction over the facility.

(5) The facility complies with provisions of the "Endangered Species

Act of 1973," 87 Stat. 884, 16 U.S.C. 1531 to 1544, as amended.

(6) The facility does not harm cultural resources of the area. This can be shown through compliance with the terms of its federal energy regulatory commission license or, if the facility is not regulated by that commission, through development of a plan approved by the Ohio historic preservation office, to the extent it has jurisdiction over the facility.

(7) The facility complies with the terms of its federal energy regulatory commission license or exemption that are related to recreational access, accommodation, and facilities or, if the facility is not regulated by that commission, the facility complies with similar requirements as are recommended by resource agencies, to the extent they have jurisdiction over the facility; and the facility provides access to water to the public without fee or charge.

(8) The facility is not recommended for removal by any federal agency or agency of any state, to the extent the particular agency has jurisdiction over the facility.

Sec. 3706.29. The Ohio air quality development authority shall, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, adopt any rules necessary to implement ~~section 166.30~~ and sections 3706.25 to 3706.28 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3707.70. As used in this section and sections 3707.71 to 3707.77 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Board of health" means a board of health of a city or general health district or the authority having the duties of a board of health under section 3709.05 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Fetal death" means death prior to the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of human conception, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy, which after such expulsion or extraction does not breathe or show any other evidence of life such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles.

(C) "Infant" means a child who is less than one year of age.

Sec. 3707.71. (A) A board of health may, in accordance with rules adopted under section 3701.049 of the Revised Code, establish and operate a fetal-infant mortality review board to review both of the following:

(1) Each fetal death experienced by a woman who was, at the time of the fetal death, a resident of the health district in which the board exercises authority;

(2) Each death of an infant who was, at the time of death, a resident of the health district in which the board exercises authority.

(B) A fetal-infant mortality review board may not conduct a review of a

death while an investigation of the death or prosecution of a person for causing the death is pending unless the prosecuting attorney agrees to allow the review. The law enforcement agency conducting the criminal investigation, on the conclusion of the investigation, and the prosecuting attorney prosecuting the case, on the conclusion of the prosecution, shall notify the chairperson of the review board of the conclusion.

Sec. 3707.72. (A)(1) If a board of health establishes a fetal-infant mortality review board under section 3707.71 of the Revised Code, the board, by a majority vote of a quorum of its members, shall select the board's members. Members may include the following professionals or individuals representing the following constituencies:

(a) Fetal-infant mortality review coordinators;

(b) Physicians who are board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology by a certifying board recognized by the American board of medical specialties;

(c) Key community leaders from the board of health's jurisdiction;

(d) Health care providers;

(e) Human services providers;

(f) Consumer and advocacy groups;

(g) Community action teams.

(2) A majority of the board members specified in division (A)(1) of this section may invite additional individuals to serve on the board. The additional members shall serve for a period of time determined by a majority of the board members specified in division (A)(1) of this section and shall have the same authority, duties, and responsibilities as members specified in that division.

(3) A board, by a majority vote of a quorum of its members, shall select an individual to serve as its chairperson.

(B) A vacancy on a board shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(C) A board member shall not receive any compensation for, and shall not be paid for any expenses incurred pursuant to, fulfilling the member's duties on the board.

(D) A board may work in conjunction with, or be a component of, a child fatality review board or regional child fatality review board created under section 307.621 of the Revised Code.

(E) A board shall convene at least once a year at the call of the board's chairperson.

Sec. 3707.73. The purpose of a fetal-infant mortality review board is to decrease the incidence of preventable infant and fetal deaths by doing all of the following:

(A) Assessing, planning, improving, and monitoring the service systems and broad community resources that support and promote the health and well-being of women, infants, and families;

(B) Recommending and developing plans for implementing local service and program changes, as well as changes to the groups, professions, agencies, and entities that serve families, children, and pregnant women;

(C) Providing the department of health with aggregate data, trends, and patterns regarding fetal and infant deaths.

Sec. 3707.74. (A) Notwithstanding section 3701.243 and any other section of the Revised Code pertaining to confidentiality, an individual, public children services agency, private child placing agency, agency that provides services specifically to individuals or families, a law enforcement agency, or another public or private entity that provided services to a pregnant woman whose fetus died or an infant who died if the death is being reviewed by a fetal-infant mortality review board shall submit to the board copies of any record it possesses that the board requests. These records may include maternal health records. In addition, such an individual or entity may make available to the board additional information, documents, or reports that could be useful to the board's investigation.

(B) No person, entity, law enforcement agency, or prosecuting attorney shall provide any information regarding a fetal death or death of an infant to a fetal-infant mortality review board while an investigation of the death or prosecution of a person for causing the death is pending, unless the prosecuting attorney has agreed pursuant to division (B) of section 3707.71 of the Revised Code to allow review of the death.

(C) A family member of the deceased may decline to participate in an interview as part of the review process. In that case, the review shall continue without the family member's participation.

Sec. 3707.75. (A) Except as provided in sections 5153.171 to 5153.173 of the Revised Code, any record, document, report, or other information presented to a fetal-infant mortality review board or a person abstracting such materials on the board's behalf, statements made by board members during board meetings, all work products of the board, and data submitted by the board to the department of health or a national infant death review database, other than the report prepared pursuant to section 3707.77 of the Revised Code, are confidential. Such materials shall be used by the board and department of health only in the exercise of the proper functions of the review board and the department.

If the materials are presented to the board or a person abstracting the materials on the board's behalf in paper form, the materials shall be stored in

a locked file cabinet. If a database is used to store the materials electronically, the database shall be stored in a secure manner. All information accessible to each board member and used during a review, including information provided by the deceased's mother, shall be de-identified.

(B) No person shall permit or encourage the authorized dissemination of confidential information described in division (A) of this section.

(C) Whoever violates division (B) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.

Sec. 3707.76. (A) An individual or public or private entity providing records, documents, reports, or other information to a fetal-infant mortality review board is immune from any civil liability for injury, death, or loss to person or property that otherwise might be incurred or imposed as a result of providing the records, documents, reports, or information to the board.

(B) Each board member is immune from any civil liability for injury, death, or loss to person or property that might otherwise be incurred or imposed as a result of the member's participation on the board.

Sec. 3707.77. Not later than the first day of April of each year, a fetal-infant mortality review board shall do both of the following:

(A) Submit to the fetal-infant mortality database maintained by the department of health or the national infant death review database individual data pertaining to each fetal or infant death reviewed in that board's jurisdiction within the twelve months immediately before the submission. The specific data to be submitted, as well as other information the board considers relevant to a review, shall be specified by the director of health in rules adopted under section 3701.049 of the Revised Code.

(B) Submit to the department of health a report that summarizes any trends or patterns identified by the board. The report may include recommendations on how to decrease the incidence of preventable fetal and infant deaths in the board's jurisdiction and the state, as well as any other information the board determines should be included.

(C) Reports prepared under division (B) of this section are public records under section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3710.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Asbestos" means the asbestiform varieties of serpentine (chrysotile), riebeckite (crocidolite), cummingtonite-grunerite, anthophyllite, and actinolite-tremolite as determined using the method specified in 40 C.F.R. Part 763, Subpart E, Appendix E, Section 1, Polarized Light Microscopy (PLM).

(B) "Asbestos hazard abatement activity" means any activity involving

the removal, renovation, enclosure, repair, ~~or~~ encapsulation, or operations and maintenance of reasonably related friable asbestos-containing materials in an amount greater than ~~fifty~~ three linear feet or ~~fifty~~ three square feet. "~~Asbestos hazard abatement activity~~" also ~~includes any such activity involving such asbestos-containing materials in an amount of fifty linear or fifty square feet or less if, when combined with any other reasonably related activity in terms of time and location of the activity, the total amount is in an amount greater than fifty linear or fifty square feet.~~

(C) "Asbestos hazard abatement contractor" means a business entity or public entity that engages in or intends to engage in asbestos hazard abatement ~~activities~~ projects and that employs or supervises one or more asbestos hazard abatement specialists for asbestos hazard abatement activities. "Asbestos hazard abatement contractor" does not mean an employee of an asbestos hazard abatement contractor, a general contractor who subcontracts to an asbestos hazard abatement contractor an asbestos hazard abatement ~~activity~~ project, or any individual who engages in an asbestos hazard abatement activity project in the individual's own home.

(D) "Asbestos hazard abatement project" means one or more asbestos hazard abatement activities ~~that are~~ the sum total of which is greater than fifty linear feet or fifty square feet of friable asbestos-containing materials and is conducted by one asbestos hazard abatement contractor ~~and that are reasonably related to each other.~~ "Asbestos hazard abatement project" includes any such activity involving such friable asbestos-containing materials in an amount of fifty linear feet or fifty square feet or less if, when combined with any other reasonably related activity in terms of time or location of the activity, the total amount is in an amount greater than fifty linear feet or fifty square feet.

(E) "Asbestos hazard abatement specialist" means a person with responsibility for the oversight or supervision of asbestos hazard abatement activities, including asbestos hazard abatement project managers, hazard abatement project supervisors and foremen, and employees of school districts or other governmental or public entities who coordinate or directly supervise or oversee asbestos hazard abatement activities performed by school district, governmental, or other public employees in school district, governmental, or other public buildings.

(F) "Asbestos hazard evaluation specialist" means a person responsible for the inspection, identification, detection, and assessment of asbestos-containing materials or suspect asbestos-containing materials, the determination of appropriate response actions, or the preparation of asbestos management plans for the purpose of protecting the public health from the

hazards associated with exposure to asbestos, including the performance of air and bulk sampling. This category of specialists includes inspectors, management planners, health professionals, industrial hygienists, private consultants, or other individuals involved in asbestos risk identification or assessment or regulatory activities.

(G) "Business entity" means a partnership, firm, association, corporation, sole proprietorship, or other business concern.

(H) "Public entity" means the state or any of its political subdivisions or any agency or instrumentality of either.

(I) "License" means a document issued by the director of environmental protection to a business entity or public entity affirming that the entity has met the requirements set forth in this chapter to engage in asbestos hazard abatement ~~activities~~ projects as an asbestos hazard abatement contractor.

(J) "Certificate" means:

(1) A document issued by the director to an individual affirming that the individual has successfully completed the training and other requirements set forth in this chapter to qualify as an asbestos hazard abatement specialist, an asbestos hazard evaluation specialist, an asbestos hazard abatement worker, an asbestos hazard abatement project designer, an asbestos hazard abatement air-monitoring technician, an approved asbestos hazard training provider, or other category of asbestos hazard specialist that the director establishes by rule; or

(2) A document issued by a training institution in accordance with rules adopted by the director affirming that an individual has successfully completed the instruction required in all categories as provided in sections 3710.07 and 3710.10 of the Revised Code.

(K) "Person" means any individual, business entity, governmental body, or other public or private entity.

(L) "Encapsulate" means to coat, bind, or resurface walls, ceilings, pipes, or other structures for asbestos-containing materials with suitable products to prevent friable asbestos from becoming airborne.

(M) "Friable asbestos-containing material" means friable asbestos material as defined in rules adopted under Chapter 3704. of the Revised Code.

(N) "Enclosure" means the permanent confinement of friable asbestos-containing materials with an airtight barrier in an area not used as an air plenum.

(O) "Renovation" means altering a facility or one or more facility components in any way, including the stripping or removal of friable asbestos-containing material from a facility component.

(P) "Asbestos hazard abatement worker" means the person responsible in a nonsupervisory capacity for the performance of an asbestos hazard abatement activity.

(Q) "Asbestos hazard abatement project designer" means the person responsible for the oversight of an asbestos hazard abatement activity or the determination of the workscope, work sequence, or performance standards for an asbestos hazard abatement activity, including preparation of specifications, plans, and contract documents.

(R) "Clearance air sampling" means an air sampling performed after the completion of any asbestos hazard abatement ~~activity~~ project and prior to the reoccupation of the contained work area by the public and conducted for the purpose of protecting the public from the health hazards associated with exposure to friable asbestos-containing material.

(S) "Asbestos hazard abatement air-monitoring technician" means the person who is responsible for environmental monitoring or work area clearance air sampling, including air monitoring performed to determine completion of response actions under the rules set forth in 40 C.F.R. 763 Subpart E, adopted by the United States environmental protection agency pursuant to the "Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986," Pub. L. 99-519, 100 Stat. 2970. "Asbestos hazard abatement air-monitoring technician" does not mean an industrial hygienist ~~or industrial hygienist in training~~, certified by the American board of industrial hygiene.

Sec. 3710.04. (A) To qualify for an asbestos hazard abatement contractor's license, a business entity or public entity shall meet the requirements of this section.

(B) Each employee or agent of the business entity or public entity applying for a license who will come in contact with asbestos or will be responsible for an asbestos hazard abatement ~~project~~ activity shall:

(1) Be familiar with all applicable state and federal standards for asbestos hazard abatement projects;

(2) Have successfully completed the course of instruction on asbestos hazard abatement activities, for their particular certification, approved by the Ohio environmental protection agency pursuant to section 3710.10 of the Revised Code, have passed an examination approved by the agency, and demonstrate to the agency that the employee or agent is capable of complying with all applicable standards of this state, the United States environmental protection agency, and the United States occupational safety and health administration.

(C) A business entity or public entity applying for an asbestos hazard abatement contractor's license shall, in addition to the other requirements of

this section, provide at least one asbestos hazard abatement specialist, certified pursuant to this chapter and the rules adopted under it, for each asbestos hazard abatement project, and demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Ohio environmental protection agency that the applicant:

(1) Has access to at least one asbestos disposal site approved by the agency that is sufficient for the deposit of all asbestos waste that the applicant will generate during the term of the license;

(2) Is sufficiently qualified to safely remove asbestos, demonstrated by reliability as an asbestos hazard abatement contractor, possesses a work program that prevents the contamination or recontamination of the environment and protects the public health from the hazards of exposure to asbestos, possesses evidence of certification of each individual employee or agent who will be responsible for others who may come in contact with friable asbestos-containing materials, possesses evidence of training of workers required by section 3710.07 of the Revised Code, and has prior successful experience in asbestos hazard abatement projects or equivalent qualifications as determined in accordance with rules adopted by the director of environmental protection;

(3) Possesses a worker protection program consistent with requirements established by the director if the contractor is a public entity, and a worker protection program consistent with the requirements of the United States occupational safety and health administration if the contractor is a business entity;

(4) Is registered as a business entity with the secretary of state.

(D) No applicant for licensure as an asbestos hazard abatement contractor, in order to meet the requirements of this chapter, shall list an employee of another contractor.

(E) The business entity or public entity shall meet any other standards that the director, by rule, sets.

(F) Nothing in this chapter or the rules adopted pursuant thereto relating to asbestos hazard abatement project designers shall be interpreted as authorizing or permitting an individual who is certified as an asbestos hazard abatement project designer to perform the services of a registered architect or professional engineer unless that person is registered under Chapter 4703. or 4733. of the Revised Code to perform such services.

Sec. 3710.05. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, no person shall engage in any asbestos hazard abatement activities in this state unless licensed or certified pursuant to this chapter.

(B) To apply for licensure as an asbestos hazard abatement contractor or certification as an asbestos hazard abatement specialist, an asbestos hazard

evaluation specialist, an asbestos hazard abatement project designer, or an asbestos hazard abatement air-monitoring technician, a person shall do all of the following:

(1) Submit a completed application to the director of environmental protection, on a form provided by the agency;

(2) Pay the requisite fee as provided in division (D) of this section;

(3) Submit any other information the director by rule requires.

(C) The application form for a business entity or public entity applying for an asbestos hazard abatement contractor's license shall include all of the following:

(1) A description of the protective clothing and respirators that the public entity will use to comply with rules adopted by the director and that the business entity will use to comply with requirements of the United States occupational safety and health administration;

(2) A description of procedures the business entity or public entity will use for the selection, utilization, handling, removal, and disposal of clothing to prevent contamination or recontamination of the environment and to protect the public health from the hazards associated with exposure to asbestos;

(3) The name and address of each asbestos disposal site that the business entity or public entity might use during the year;

(4) A description of the site decontamination procedures that the business entity or public entity will use;

(5) A description of the asbestos hazard abatement procedures that the business entity or public entity will use;

(6) A description of the procedures that the business entity or public entity will use for handling waste containing asbestos;

(7) A description of the air-monitoring procedures that the business entity or public entity will use to prevent contamination or recontamination of the environment and to protect the public health from the hazards of exposure to asbestos;

(8) A description of the final clean-up procedures that the business entity or public entity will use;

(9) A list of all partners, owners, and officers of the business entity along with their social security numbers;

(10) The federal tax identification number of the business entity or the public entity.

(D) The fees to be charged to each public entity, except for the agency, and each business entity and their employees and agents for licensure, certification, approval, and renewal of licenses, certifications, and approvals

granted under this chapter, subject to division (A)(4) of section 3710.02 of the Revised Code, are:

(1) Seven hundred fifty dollars for asbestos hazard abatement contractors;

(2) Two hundred dollars for asbestos hazard abatement project designers;

(3) Fifty dollars for asbestos hazard abatement workers;

(4) Two hundred dollars for asbestos hazard abatement specialists;

(5) Two hundred dollars for asbestos hazard evaluation specialists; and

(6) Nine hundred dollars for approval or renewal of asbestos hazard training providers.

(E) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, no business entity ~~which that~~ engages in asbestos hazard abatement ~~activities projects~~ solely at its own place of business is required to be licensed as an asbestos hazard abatement contractor provided that the business entity is required to and does comply with all applicable standards of the United States environmental protection agency and the United States occupational safety and health administration and provided further that all persons employed by the business entity on the ~~activity project~~ meet the requirements of this chapter.

Sec. 3710.051. No ~~person~~ asbestos hazard abatement contractor shall enter into an agreement to perform any aspect of an asbestos hazard abatement project unless the agreement is written and contains at least all of the following:

(A) A requirement that all persons working on the project are licensed or certified by the director of environmental protection as required by this chapter;

(B) A requirement that all project clearance levels and sampling be in accordance with rules adopted by the director;

(C) A requirement that all clearance air-monitoring be conducted by asbestos hazard abatement air-monitoring technicians or asbestos hazard evaluation specialists certified by the director.

Sec. 3710.06. (A) Within fifteen business days after receiving an application, the director of environmental protection shall acknowledge receipt of the application and notify the applicant of any deficiency in the application. Within sixty calendar days after receiving a completed application, including all additional information requested by the director, the director shall issue a license or certificate or deny the application. The director shall issue only one license or certificate that is in effect at one time to a business entity and its principal officers and a public entity and its

principal officers.

(B)(1) The director shall deny an application if it determines that the applicant has not demonstrated the ability to comply fully with all applicable federal and state requirements and all requirements, procedures, and standards established by the director in this chapter, Chapter 3704. of the Revised Code, or rules adopted under those chapters, as those chapters and rules pertain to asbestos.

(2) The director shall deny any application for an asbestos hazard abatement contractor's license if the applicant or an officer or employee of the applicant has been convicted of a felony or found liable in a civil proceeding under any state or federal law designed to protect the environment.

(3) The director shall send all denials of an application by certified mail to the applicant. If the director receives a timely request for a hearing from the applicant on the proposed denial of an application, the director shall hold a hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, as provided in division (A) of section 3710.13 of the Revised Code.

(C) In an emergency that results from a sudden, unexpected event that is not a planned asbestos hazard abatement project, the director may waive the requirements for a license ~~or certificate~~. For the purposes of this division, "emergency" includes operations necessitated by nonroutine failures of equipment or by actions of fire and emergency medical personnel pursuant to duties within their official capacities. Any person who performs an asbestos hazard abatement ~~activity~~ project under emergency conditions shall notify the director within three days after performance thereof.

(D) Each license or certificate issued under this chapter expires one year after the date of issue, but each licensee or certificate holder may apply to the environmental protection agency for the extension of the holder's license or certificate under the standard renewal procedures of Chapter 4745. of the Revised Code.

To qualify for renewal of a license or certificate issued under this chapter, each licensee or certificate holder shall send the appropriate renewal fee set forth in division (D) of section 3710.05 of the Revised Code or as adopted by rule by the director pursuant to division (A)(4) of section 3710.02 of the Revised Code.

Certificate holders also shall successfully complete an annual renewal course approved by the agency pursuant to section 3710.10 of the Revised Code.

(E) The director may charge a fee in addition to those specified in division (D) of section 3710.05 of the Revised Code or in rules adopted by

the director pursuant to division (A)(4) of section 3710.02 of the Revised Code if the licensee or certificate holder applies for renewal after the expiration thereof or requests a reissuance of any license or certificate, provided that no such fee shall exceed the original fees by more than fifty per cent.

Sec. 3710.07. (A) Prior to engaging in any asbestos hazard abatement project, an asbestos hazard abatement contractor shall do all of the following:

(1) Prepare a written respiratory protection program as defined by the director of environmental protection pursuant to rule, and make the program available to the environmental protection agency, and workers at the job site if the contractor is a public entity or prepare a written respiratory protection program, consistent with 29 C.F.R. 1910.134 and make the program available to the agency, and workers at the job site if the contractor is a business entity;

(2) Ensure that each worker who will be involved in any asbestos hazard abatement project has been examined within the preceding year and has been declared by a physician to be physically capable of working while wearing a respirator;

(3) Ensure that each of the contractor's employees or agents who will come in contact with asbestos-containing materials or will be responsible for an asbestos hazard abatement project receives the appropriate certification or licensure required by this chapter and the following training:

(a) An initial course approved by the agency pursuant to section 3710.10 of the Revised Code, completed before engaging in any asbestos hazard abatement ~~project~~ activity; and

(b) An annual review course approved by the agency pursuant to section 3710.10 of the Revised Code.

(B) After obtaining or renewing a license, an asbestos hazard abatement contractor shall notify the agency, on a form approved by the director, at least ten working days before beginning each asbestos hazard abatement project conducted during the term of the contractor's license.

(C) In addition to any other fee imposed under this chapter, an asbestos hazard abatement contractor shall pay, at the time of providing notice under division (B) of this section, the agency a fee of sixty-five dollars for each asbestos hazard abatement project conducted.

Sec. 3710.08. (A) An asbestos hazard abatement contractor engaging in any asbestos hazard abatement project shall, during the course of the project:

(1) Conduct each project in a manner that is in compliance with the

requirements the director of environmental protection adopts pursuant to section 3704.03 of the Revised Code and the asbestos requirements of the United States occupational safety and health administration set forth in 29 C.F.R. 1926.1101;

(2) Comply with all applicable rules adopted by the director of environmental protection pursuant to sections 3704.03 and 3710.02 of the Revised Code.

(B) An asbestos hazard abatement contractor that is a public entity shall:

(1) Provide workers with protective clothing and equipment and ensure that the workers involved in any asbestos hazard abatement project use the items properly. Protective clothing and equipment shall include:

(a) Respirators approved by the national institute of occupational safety and health. These respirators shall be fit tested in accordance with requirements of the United States occupational safety and health administration set forth in 29 C.F.R. 1926.1101. At the request of an employee, the asbestos hazard abatement contractor shall provide the employee with a powered air purifying respirator, in which case, the testing requirements of division (B)(1)(a) of this section do not apply.

(b) Items required by the director by rule as provided in division (A)(7) of section 3710.02 of the Revised Code.

(2) Comply with all applicable standards of conduct and requirements adopted by the director pursuant to section 3710.02 of the Revised Code.

(C) An asbestos hazard abatement specialist engaging in any asbestos hazard abatement ~~project~~ activity shall, during the course of the ~~project~~ activity:

(1) Conduct each ~~project~~ activity in a manner that will meet decontamination procedures, project containment procedures, and asbestos fiber dispersal methods as provided in division (A)(6) of section 3710.02 of the Revised Code;

(2) Ensure that workers utilize, handle, remove, and dispose of the disposable clothing provided by abatement contractors in a manner that will prevent contamination or recontamination of the environment and protect the public health from the hazards of exposure to asbestos;

(3) Ensure that workers utilize protective clothing and equipment and comply with the applicable health and safety standards set forth in division (A) of section 3710.08 of the Revised Code;

(4) Ensure that there is no smoking, eating, or drinking in the work area;

(5) Comply with all applicable standards of conduct and requirements adopted by the director pursuant to sections 3704.03 and 3710.02 of the Revised Code.

(D) An asbestos hazard evaluation specialist engaged in the identification, detection, and assessment of asbestos-containing materials, the determination of appropriate response actions, or other activities associated with an abatement project or the preparation of management plans, shall comply with the applicable standards of conduct and requirements adopted by the director pursuant to sections 3704.03 and 3710.02 of the Revised Code.

(E) Every asbestos hazard abatement worker shall comply with all applicable standards adopted by the director pursuant to sections 3704.03 and 3710.02 of the Revised Code.

~~(F) The director may, on a case-by-case basis, approve an alternative to the worker protection requirements of divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section for an asbestos hazard abatement project conducted by a public entity, provided that the asbestos hazard abatement contractor submits the alternative procedure to the director in writing and demonstrates to the satisfaction of the director that the proposed alternative procedure provides equivalent worker protection.~~

Sec. 3710.12. Subject to section 3710.13 of the Revised Code, the director of environmental protection may deny, suspend, or revoke any license or certificate, or renewal thereof, if the licensee or certificate holder:

(A) Fraudulently or deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain a license or certificate;

(B) Fails at any time to meet the qualifications for a license or certificate;

(C) Is violating or threatening to violate any provisions of any of the following:

(1) This chapter, Chapters 3704. and 3745. of the Revised Code, or the rules of the director adopted pursuant to those chapters, as those chapters and rules pertain to asbestos;

(2) The "National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants" regulations of the United States environmental protection agency as the regulations pertain to asbestos;

(3) The regulations of the United States occupational safety and health administration as the regulations pertain to asbestos;

(4) The regulations adopted by the United States environmental protection agency pursuant to the "Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act," Title II of the "Federal Toxic Substances Control Act," 90 Stat. 2003, 15 U.S.C. 2641 et seq. (1986).

Sec. 3711.02. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, no person shall operate any of the following, unless the person holds the

appropriate license issued under this chapter and the license is valid:

- (1) A maternity unit;
- (2) A newborn care nursery;
- (3) A maternity home.

(B) Division (A) of this section does not apply to a health care facility, as defined in ~~division (A)(4) of~~ section 3702.30 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3713.022. (A) No person shall recklessly manufacture, offer for sale, sell, deliver, or possess for the purpose of manufacturing, selling, or delivering a mesh crib liner intended for placement between a crib mattress and one or more of the crib's inner sides that does not comply with consumer product safety standards governing such liners that are promulgated after October 9, 2016, by the United States consumer product safety commission (pursuant to section 104 of the "Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008," 15 U.S.C. 2056a, as amended) for the purpose of ensuring sufficient permeability and breathability so as to prevent infant suffocation.

(B) In the absence of standards described in division (A) of this section, ~~no person shall, beginning three years after the effective date of this section, recklessly~~ a person may manufacture, offer for sale, sell, deliver, or possess for the purpose of manufacturing, selling, or delivering a mesh crib liner.

(C) The superintendent of industrial compliance shall issue a notice of violation to any person found to have violated division (A) ~~or (B)~~ of this section.

Sec. 3713.99. (A) Whoever violates division (A), (B), or (D) of section 3713.02 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(B) Whoever violates division (C) of section 3713.02 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(C) A person who, after receiving a notice issued under division (B) of section 3713.021 of the Revised Code or division ~~(B) or~~ (C) of section 3713.022 of the Revised Code, continues to violate the applicable division of either of those sections is subject to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars. Each day of violation constitutes a separate offense.

Sec. 3715.021. (A) As used in this section, "food processing establishment" means a premises or part of a premises where food is processed, packaged, manufactured, or otherwise held or handled for distribution to another location or for sale at wholesale. "Food processing establishment" includes the activities of a bakery, confectionery, cannery, bottler, warehouse, or distributor, and the activities of an entity that receives or salvages distressed food for sale or use as food. A "food processing

establishment" does not include a cottage food production operation; a processor of ~~maple~~ tree syrup who boils sap when a minimum of seventy-five per cent of the sap used to produce the syrup is collected directly from trees by that processor; a processor of sorghum who processes sorghum juice when a minimum of seventy-five per cent of the sorghum juice used to produce the sorghum is extracted directly from sorghum plants by that processor; a beekeeper who jars honey when a minimum of seventy-five per cent of the honey is from that beekeeper's own hives; or a processor of apple syrup or apple butter who directly harvests from trees a minimum of seventy-five per cent of the apples used to produce the apple syrup or apple butter.

(B) The director of agriculture shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that establish, when otherwise not established by the Revised Code, standards and good manufacturing practices for food processing establishments, including the facilities of food processing establishments and their sanitation. The rules shall conform with or be equivalent to the standards for foods established by the United States food and drug administration in Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

A business or that portion of a business that is regulated by the department of agriculture under Chapter 917. or 918. of the Revised Code is not subject to regulation under this section as a food processing establishment.

Sec. 3717.22. (A) The following are not retail food establishments:

(1) A food service operation licensed under this chapter, including a food service operation that provides the services of a retail food establishment pursuant to an endorsement issued under section 3717.44 of the Revised Code;

(2) An entity exempt under divisions (B)(1) to (9) or (11) to (13) of section 3717.42 of the Revised Code from the requirement to be licensed as a food service operation and an entity exempt under division (B)(10) of that section if the entity is regulated by the department of agriculture as a food processing establishment under section 3715.021 of the Revised Code;

(3) A business or that portion of a business that is regulated by the federal government or the department of agriculture as a food manufacturing or food processing business, including a business or that portion of a business regulated by the department of agriculture under Chapter 911., 913., 915., 917., 918., or 925. of the Revised Code.

(B) All of the following are exempt from the requirement to be licensed as a retail food establishment:

(1) An establishment with commercially prepackaged foods that are not

potentially hazardous and contained in displays, the total space of which equals less than two hundred cubic feet;

(2) A person at a farmers market that is registered with the director of agriculture pursuant to section 3717.221 of the Revised Code that offers for sale only one or more of the following:

(a) Fresh unprocessed fruits or vegetables;

(b) Products of a cottage food production operation;

(c) ~~Maple Tree~~ syrup, sorghum, honey, apple syrup, or apple butter that is produced by a ~~maple tree~~ syrup or sorghum producer, beekeeper, or apple syrup or apple butter processor described in division (A) of section 3715.021 of the Revised Code;

(d) Wine as authorized under section 4303.2010 of the Revised Code;

(e) Commercially prepackaged food that is not potentially hazardous, on the condition that the food is contained in displays, the total space of which equals less than one hundred cubic feet on the premises where the person conducts business at the farmers market.

(3) A person who offers for sale at a roadside stand only fresh fruits and fresh vegetables that are unprocessed;

(4) A nonprofit organization exempt from federal income taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C.A. 1, as amended, that raises funds by selling foods and that, if required to be licensed, would be classified as risk level one in accordance with rules establishing licensing categories for retail food establishments adopted under section 3717.33 of the Revised Code, if the sales occur inside a building and are for not more than seven consecutive days or more than fifty-two separate days during a licensing period. This exemption extends to any individual or group raising all of its funds during the time periods specified in division (B)(4) of this section for the benefit of the nonprofit organization by selling foods under the same conditions.

(5) An establishment that offers food contained in displays of less than five hundred square feet, and if required to be licensed would be classified as risk level one pursuant to rules establishing licensing categories for retail food establishments adopted under section 3717.33 of the Revised Code, on the condition that the establishment offers the food for sale at retail not more than six months in each calendar year;

(6) A cottage food production operation, on the condition that the operation offers its products directly to the consumer from the site where the products are produced;

(7) A ~~maple tree~~ syrup and sorghum processor, beekeeper, or apple syrup and apple butter processor described in division (A) of section

3715.021 of the Revised Code, on the condition that the processor or beekeeper offers only ~~maple tree~~ syrup, sorghum, honey, apple syrup, or apple butter directly to the consumer from the site where those products are processed;

(8) A person who annually maintains five hundred or fewer birds, on the condition that the person offers the eggs from those birds directly to the consumer from the location where the eggs are produced or at a farm product auction to which division (B)(11) of this section applies;

(9) A person who annually raises and slaughters one thousand or fewer chickens, on the condition that the person offers dressed chickens directly to the consumer from the location where the chickens are raised and slaughtered or at a farm product auction to which division (B)(11) of this section applies;

(10) A person who raises, slaughters, and processes the meat of nonamenable species described in divisions (A) and (B) of section 918.12 of the Revised Code, on the condition that the person offers the meat directly to the consumer from the location where the meat is processed or at a farm product auction to which division (B)(11) of this section applies;

(11) A farm product auction, on the condition that it is registered with the director pursuant to section 3717.221 of the Revised Code that offers for sale at the farm product auction only one or more of the following:

(a) The products described in divisions (B)(8) to (10) of this section that are produced, raised, slaughtered, or processed, as appropriate, by persons described in divisions (B)(8) to (10) of this section;

(b) Fresh unprocessed fruits or vegetables;

(c) Products of a cottage food production operation;

(d) ~~Maple Tree~~ syrup, sorghum, honey, apple syrup, or apple butter that is produced by a ~~maple tree~~ syrup or sorghum producer, beekeeper, or apple syrup or apple butter processor described in division (A) of section 3715.021 of the Revised Code.

(12) An establishment that, with respect to offering food for sale, offers only alcoholic beverages or prepackaged beverages that are not potentially hazardous;

(13) An establishment that, with respect to offering food for sale, offers only alcoholic beverages, prepackaged beverages that are not potentially hazardous, or commercially prepackaged food that is not potentially hazardous, on the condition that the commercially prepackaged food is contained in displays, the total space of which equals less than two hundred cubic feet on the premises of the establishment;

(14) An establishment that, with respect to offering food for sale, offers

only fountain beverages that are not potentially hazardous;

(15) A person who offers for sale only one or more of the following foods at a festival or celebration, on the condition that the festival or celebration is organized by a political subdivision of the state and lasts for a period not longer than seven consecutive days:

(a) Fresh unprocessed fruits or vegetables;

(b) Products of a cottage food production operation;

(c) ~~Maple Tree~~ syrup, sorghum, honey, apple syrup, or apple butter if produced by a ~~maple tree~~ syrup or sorghum processor, beekeeper, or apple syrup or apple butter processor as described in division (A) of section 3715.021 of the Revised Code;

(d) Commercially prepackaged food that is not potentially hazardous, on the condition that the food is contained in displays, the total space of which equals less than one hundred cubic feet;

(e) Fruit butter produced at the festival or celebration and sold from the production site.

(16) A farm market on the condition that it is registered with the director pursuant to section 3717.221 of the Revised Code that offers for sale at the farm market only one or more of the following:

(a) Fresh unprocessed fruits or vegetables;

(b) Products of a cottage food production operation;

(c) ~~Maple Tree~~ syrup, sorghum, honey, apple syrup, or apple butter that is produced by a ~~maple tree~~ syrup or sorghum producer, beekeeper, or apple syrup or apple butter processor described in division (A) of section 3715.021 of the Revised Code;

(d) Commercially prepackaged food that is not potentially hazardous, on the condition that the food is contained in displays, the total space of which equals less than one hundred cubic feet on the premises where the person conducts business at the farm market;

(e) Cider and other juices manufactured on site at the farm market;

(f) The products or items described in divisions (B)(8) to (10) of this section, on the condition that those products or items were produced by the person offering to sell them, and further conditioned that, with respect to eggs offered, the person offering to sell them annually maintains five hundred or fewer birds, and with respect to dressed chickens offered, the person annually raises and slaughters one thousand or fewer chickens.

(17)(a) An establishment to which all of the following apply:

(i) The establishment serves commercially prepackaged food in a form that prevents direct human contact prior to and during service;

(ii) Sales of the prepackaged food do not exceed more than five per cent

of the total gross receipts of the establishment:

(iii) The establishment has been issued an A-2 permit under section 4303.03 or an A-2f permit under section 4303.031 of the Revised Code and annually produces ten thousand gallons or less of wine;

(b) The owner or operator of the establishment shall notify the director that it is exempt from licensure because it qualifies under division (B)(17)(a) of this section. The owner or operator also shall disclose to customers that the establishment is exempt from licensure.

Sec. ~~3715.083~~3719.064. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Medication-assisted treatment" has the same meaning as in section 340.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Prescriber" means any of the following:

(a) An advanced practice registered nurse who holds a current, valid license issued under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code and is designated as a clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner;

(b) A physician authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery;

(c) A physician assistant who is licensed under Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code, holds a valid prescriber number issued by the state medical board, and has been granted physician-delegated prescriptive authority.

(3) "Qualifying practitioner" has the same meaning as in section 303(g)(2)(G)(iii) of the "Controlled Substances Act of 1970," 21 U.S.C. 823(g)(2)(G)(iii), as amended.

(B) Before initiating medication-assisted treatment, a prescriber shall give the patient or the patient's representative information about all drugs approved by the United States food and drug administration for use in medication-assisted treatment. The information must be provided both orally and in writing. The prescriber or the prescriber's delegate shall note in the patient's medical record when this information was provided and make the record available to employees of the board of nursing or state medical board on their request.

If the prescriber is not a qualifying practitioner and the patient's choice is opioid treatment and the prescriber determines that such treatment is clinically appropriate and meets generally accepted standards of medicine, the prescriber shall refer the patient to an opioid treatment program licensed under section 5119.37 of the Revised Code or a qualifying practitioner. The prescriber or the prescriber's delegate shall make a notation in the patient's medical record naming the program or practitioner to whom the patient was referred and specifying when the referral was made.

Sec. 3721.026. (A) If the operation of a nursing home is assigned or transferred to a different person, the person to whom the operation is assigned or transferred must, before the director of health may issue a license authorizing the person to operate the nursing home, submit to the director documentation showing that the person meets all of the following requirements:

(1) Unless the assignment or transfer is in the form of a lease of the nursing home, the person has financial resources that the director determines are sufficient to cover any reasonably anticipated revenue shortfall for at least twelve months after the assignment or transfer.

(2) If the assignment or transfer is in the form of a lease of the nursing home, either of the following applies to the person:

(a) The person has obtained a bond that has a term of at least twelve months, has an annual renewal, and is for an amount not less than one million dollars.

(b) If the person is unable to obtain a bond that meets the requirements of division (A)(2)(a) of this section at a cost the director determines to be reasonable or operates other nursing homes in this state, the person has financial resources that the director determines are sufficient to cover any reasonably anticipated revenue shortfall for at least twelve months after the assignment or transfer.

(3) The person has at least five years of experience as an operator, manager, or administrator of a nursing home.

(4) The person has plans for quality assurance and risk management for the nursing home.

(5) The person has general and professional liability insurance coverage that provides coverage of at least one million dollars per occurrence and three million dollars aggregate.

(B) The documentation required by divisions (A)(1) and (2)(b) of this section shall include projected financial statements for the nursing home for the twelve-month period after the assignment or transfer of the operation of the nursing home.

The documentation required by division (A)(3) of this section shall include a list of each currently or previously licensed nursing home located in this or another state in which the person has or previously had any percentage of ownership. The percentage of ownership may have been in the operation, real property, or both of the nursing home.

(C) The requirements established by this section are in addition to the other requirements established by this chapter and the rules adopted under it for a license to operate a nursing home.

Sec. 3721.13. (A) The rights of residents of a home shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) The right to a safe and clean living environment pursuant to the medicare and medicaid programs and applicable state laws and rules adopted by the director of health;

(2) The right to be free from physical, verbal, mental, and emotional abuse and to be treated at all times with courtesy, respect, and full recognition of dignity and individuality;

(3) Upon admission and thereafter, the right to adequate and appropriate medical treatment and nursing care and to other ancillary services that comprise necessary and appropriate care consistent with the program for which the resident contracted. This care shall be provided without regard to considerations such as race, color, religion, national origin, age, or source of payment for care.

(4) The right to have all reasonable requests and inquiries responded to promptly;

(5) The right to have clothes and bed sheets changed as the need arises, to ensure the resident's comfort or sanitation;

(6) The right to obtain from the home, upon request, the name and any specialty of any physician or other person responsible for the resident's care or for the coordination of care;

(7) The right, upon request, to be assigned, within the capacity of the home to make the assignment, to the staff physician of the resident's choice, and the right, in accordance with the rules and written policies and procedures of the home, to select as the attending physician a physician who is not on the staff of the home. If the cost of a physician's services is to be met under a federally supported program, the physician shall meet the federal laws and regulations governing such services.

(8) The right to participate in decisions that affect the resident's life, including the right to communicate with the physician and employees of the home in planning the resident's treatment or care and to obtain from the attending physician complete and current information concerning medical condition, prognosis, and treatment plan, in terms the resident can reasonably be expected to understand; the right of access to all information in the resident's medical record; and the right to give or withhold informed consent for treatment after the consequences of that choice have been carefully explained. When the attending physician finds that it is not medically advisable to give the information to the resident, the information shall be made available to the resident's sponsor on the resident's behalf, if the sponsor has a legal interest or is authorized by the resident to receive the

information. The home is not liable for a violation of this division if the violation is found to be the result of an act or omission on the part of a physician selected by the resident who is not otherwise affiliated with the home.

(9) The right to withhold payment for physician visitation if the physician did not visit the resident;

(10) The right to confidential treatment of personal and medical records, and the right to approve or refuse the release of these records to any individual outside the home, except in case of transfer to another home, hospital, or health care system, as required by law or rule, or as required by a third-party payment contract;

(11) The right to privacy during medical examination or treatment and in the care of personal or bodily needs;

(12) The right to refuse, without jeopardizing access to appropriate medical care, to serve as a medical research subject;

(13) The right to be free from physical or chemical restraints or prolonged isolation except to the minimum extent necessary to protect the resident from injury to self, others, or to property and except as authorized in writing by the attending physician for a specified and limited period of time and documented in the resident's medical record. Prior to authorizing the use of a physical or chemical restraint on any resident, the attending physician shall make a personal examination of the resident and an individualized determination of the need to use the restraint on that resident.

Physical or chemical restraints or isolation may be used in an emergency situation without authorization of the attending physician only to protect the resident from injury to self or others. Use of the physical or chemical restraints or isolation shall not be continued for more than twelve hours after the onset of the emergency without personal examination and authorization by the attending physician. The attending physician or a staff physician may authorize continued use of physical or chemical restraints for a period not to exceed thirty days, and at the end of this period and any subsequent period may extend the authorization for an additional period of not more than thirty days. The use of physical or chemical restraints shall not be continued without a personal examination of the resident and the written authorization of the attending physician stating the reasons for continuing the restraint.

If physical or chemical restraints are used under this division, the home shall ensure that the restrained resident receives a proper diet. In no event shall physical or chemical restraints or isolation be used for punishment, incentive, or convenience.

(14) The right to the pharmacist of the resident's choice and the right to receive pharmaceutical supplies and services at reasonable prices not exceeding applicable and normally accepted prices for comparably packaged pharmaceutical supplies and services within the community;

(15) The right to exercise all civil rights, unless the resident has been adjudicated incompetent pursuant to Chapter 2111. of the Revised Code and has not been restored to legal capacity, as well as the right to the cooperation of the home's administrator in making arrangements for the exercise of the right to vote;

(16) The right of access to opportunities that enable the resident, at the resident's own expense or at the expense of a third-party payer, to achieve the resident's fullest potential, including educational, vocational, social, recreational, and habilitation programs;

(17) The right to consume a reasonable amount of alcoholic beverages at the resident's own expense, unless not medically advisable as documented in the resident's medical record by the attending physician or unless contradictory to written admission policies;

(18) The right to use tobacco at the resident's own expense under the home's safety rules and under applicable laws and rules of the state, unless not medically advisable as documented in the resident's medical record by the attending physician or unless contradictory to written admission policies;

(19) The right to retire and rise in accordance with the resident's reasonable requests, if the resident does not disturb others or the posted meal schedules and upon the home's request remains in a supervised area, unless not medically advisable as documented by the attending physician;

(20) The right to observe religious obligations and participate in religious activities; the right to maintain individual and cultural identity; and the right to meet with and participate in activities of social and community groups at the resident's or the group's initiative;

(21) The right upon reasonable request to private and unrestricted communications with the resident's family, social worker, and any other person, unless not medically advisable as documented in the resident's medical record by the attending physician, except that communications with public officials or with the resident's attorney or physician shall not be restricted. Private and unrestricted communications shall include, but are not limited to, the right to:

(a) Receive, send, and mail sealed, unopened correspondence;

(b) Reasonable access to a telephone for private communications;

(c) Private visits at any reasonable hour.

(22) The right to assured privacy for visits by the spouse, or if both are

residents of the same home, the right to share a room within the capacity of the home, unless not medically advisable as documented in the resident's medical record by the attending physician;

(23) The right upon reasonable request to have room doors closed and to have them not opened without knocking, except in the case of an emergency or unless not medically advisable as documented in the resident's medical record by the attending physician;

(24) The right to retain and use personal clothing and a reasonable amount of possessions, in a reasonably secure manner, unless to do so would infringe on the rights of other residents or would not be medically advisable as documented in the resident's medical record by the attending physician;

(25) The right to be fully informed, prior to or at the time of admission and during the resident's stay, in writing, of the basic rate charged by the home, of services available in the home, and of any additional charges related to such services, including charges for services not covered under the medicare or medicaid program. The basic rate shall not be changed unless thirty days' notice is given to the resident or, if the resident is unable to understand this information, to the resident's sponsor.

(26) The right of the resident and person paying for the care to examine and receive a bill at least monthly for the resident's care from the home that itemizes charges not included in the basic rates;

(27)(a) The right to be free from financial exploitation;

(b) The right to manage the resident's own personal financial affairs, or, if the resident has delegated this responsibility in writing to the home, to receive upon written request at least a quarterly accounting statement of financial transactions made on the resident's behalf. The statement shall include:

(i) A complete record of all funds, personal property, or possessions of a resident from any source whatsoever, that have been deposited for safekeeping with the home for use by the resident or the resident's sponsor;

(ii) A listing of all deposits and withdrawals transacted, which shall be substantiated by receipts which shall be available for inspection and copying by the resident or sponsor.

(28) The right of the resident to be allowed unrestricted access to the resident's property on deposit at reasonable hours, unless requests for access to property on deposit are so persistent, continuous, and unreasonable that they constitute a nuisance;

(29) The right to receive reasonable notice before the resident's room or roommate is changed, including an explanation of the reason for either

change.

(30) The right not to be transferred or discharged from the home unless the transfer is necessary because of one of the following:

(a) The welfare and needs of the resident cannot be met in the home.

(b) The resident's health has improved sufficiently so that the resident no longer needs the services provided by the home.

(c) The safety of individuals in the home is endangered.

(d) The health of individuals in the home would otherwise be endangered.

(e) The resident has failed, after reasonable and appropriate notice, to pay or to have the medicare or medicaid program pay on the resident's behalf, for the care provided by the home. A resident shall not be considered to have failed to have the resident's care paid for if the resident has applied for medicaid, unless both of the following are the case:

(i) The resident's application, or a substantially similar previous application, has been denied.

(ii) If the resident appealed the denial, the denial was upheld.

(f) The home's license has been revoked, the home is being closed pursuant to section 3721.08, sections 5165.60 to 5165.89, or section 5155.31 of the Revised Code, or the home otherwise ceases to operate.

(g) The resident is a recipient of medicaid, and the home's participation in the medicaid program is involuntarily terminated or denied.

(h) The resident is a beneficiary under the medicare program, and the home's participation in the medicare program is involuntarily terminated or denied.

(31) The right to voice grievances and recommend changes in policies and services to the home's staff, to employees of the department of health, or to other persons not associated with the operation of the home, of the resident's choice, free from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal. This right includes access to a residents' rights advocate, and the right to be a member of, to be active in, and to associate with persons who are active in organizations of relatives and friends of nursing home residents and other organizations engaged in assisting residents.

(32) The right to have any significant change in the resident's health status reported to the resident's sponsor. As soon as such a change is known to the home's staff, the home shall make a reasonable effort to notify the sponsor within twelve hours.

(33) The right, if the resident has requested the care and services of a hospice care program, to choose a hospice care program licensed under Chapter 3712. of the Revised Code that best meets the resident's needs.

(B) A sponsor may act on a resident's behalf to assure that the home does not deny the residents' rights under sections 3721.10 to 3721.17 of the Revised Code.

(C) Any attempted waiver of the rights listed in division (A) of this section is void.

Sec. 3723.081. The director of health shall not require a licensed radon mitigation specialist to be physically present for supervision purposes when radon mitigation is performed. However, the director may require such a specialist to be physically present immediately before and after radon mitigation is performed.

Sec. 3727.49. (A) As used in this section, "freestanding emergency department" means a facility that provides emergency care and is structurally separate and distinct from a hospital, as defined in section 3727.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) A freestanding emergency department shall provide notice that identifies the facility as a freestanding emergency department. The facility shall provide the notice by posting it in either of the following ways:

(1) In a conspicuous place in an area of the facility that is accessible to the public;

(2) On the facility's internet web site.

(C) A freestanding emergency department shall use the national provider identifier, as assigned to the freestanding emergency department by the national provider system pursuant to 45 C.F.R. 162.408, on all claims for payment for health care services or goods.

(D) The director of health may apply to the court of common pleas of the county in which a freestanding emergency department is located for a temporary or permanent injunction restraining the freestanding emergency department from failure to comply with this section.

Sec. 3734.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Board of health" means the board of health of a city or general health district or the authority having the duties of a board of health in any city as authorized by section 3709.05 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Director" means the director of environmental protection.

(C) "Health district" means a city or general health district as created by or under authority of Chapter 3709. of the Revised Code.

(D) "Agency" means the environmental protection agency.

(E) "Solid wastes" means such unwanted residual solid or semisolid material as results from industrial, commercial, agricultural, and community operations, excluding earth or material from construction, mining, or demolition operations, or other waste materials of the type that normally

would be included in demolition debris, nontoxic fly ash and bottom ash, including at least ash that results from the combustion of coal and ash that results from the combustion of coal in combination with scrap tires where scrap tires comprise not more than fifty per cent of heat input in any month, spent nontoxic foundry sand, nontoxic, nonhazardous, unwanted fired and unfired, glazed and unglazed, structural products made from shale and clay products, and slag and other substances that are not harmful or inimical to public health, and includes, but is not limited to, garbage, scrap tires, combustible and noncombustible material, street dirt, and debris. "Solid wastes" does not include any material that is an infectious waste or a hazardous waste.

(F) "Disposal" means the discharge, deposit, injection, dumping, spilling, leaking, emitting, or placing of any solid wastes or hazardous waste into or on any land or ground or surface water or into the air, except if the disposition or placement constitutes storage or treatment or, if the solid wastes consist of scrap tires, the disposition or placement constitutes a beneficial use or occurs at a scrap tire recovery facility licensed under section 3734.81 of the Revised Code. "Disposal" does not include the process of converting post-use polymers and recoverable feedstocks using gasification or pyrolysis.

(G) "Person" includes the state, any political subdivision and other state or local body, the United States and any agency or instrumentality thereof, and any legal entity defined as a person under section 1.59 of the Revised Code.

(H) "Open burning" means the burning of solid wastes in an open area or burning of solid wastes in a type of chamber or vessel that is not approved or authorized in rules adopted by the director under section 3734.02 of the Revised Code or, if the solid wastes consist of scrap tires, in rules adopted under division (V) of this section or section 3734.73 of the Revised Code, or the burning of treated or untreated infectious wastes in an open area or in a type of chamber or vessel that is not approved in rules adopted by the director under section 3734.021 of the Revised Code.

(I) "Open dumping" means the depositing of solid wastes into a body or stream of water or onto the surface of the ground at a site that is not licensed as a solid waste facility under section 3734.05 of the Revised Code or, if the solid wastes consist of scrap tires, as a scrap tire collection, storage, monocell, monofill, or recovery facility under section 3734.81 of the Revised Code; the depositing of solid wastes that consist of scrap tires onto the surface of the ground at a site or in a manner not specifically identified in divisions (C)(2) to (5), (7), or (10) of section 3734.85 of the Revised

Code; the depositing of untreated infectious wastes into a body or stream of water or onto the surface of the ground; or the depositing of treated infectious wastes into a body or stream of water or onto the surface of the ground at a site that is not licensed as a solid waste facility under section 3734.05 of the Revised Code.

(J) "Hazardous waste" means any waste or combination of wastes in solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous form that in the determination of the director, because of its quantity, concentration, or physical or chemical characteristics, may do either of the following:

(1) Cause or significantly contribute to an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible or incapacitating reversible illness;

(2) Pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or safety or to the environment when improperly stored, treated, transported, disposed of, or otherwise managed.

"Hazardous waste" includes any substance identified by regulation as hazardous waste under the "Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976," 90 Stat. 2806, 42 U.S.C.A. 6921, as amended, and does not include any substance that is subject to the "Atomic Energy Act of 1954," 68 Stat. 919, 42 U.S.C.A. 2011, as amended.

(K) "Treat" or "treatment," when used in connection with hazardous waste, means any method, technique, or process, including neutralization, designed to change the physical, chemical, or biological character or composition of any hazardous waste so as to neutralize the waste; recover energy or material resources from the waste; render the waste nonhazardous or less hazardous, safer to transport, store, or dispose of, or amenable for recovery or storage; or reduce the volume of the waste. When used in connection with infectious wastes, "treat" or "treatment" means any method, technique, or process that renders the wastes noninfectious so that it is no longer an infectious waste and is no longer an infectious substance as defined in applicable federal law, including, without limitation, steam sterilization and incineration, and, in the instance of wastes identified in division (R)(7) of this section, to substantially reduce or eliminate the potential for the wastes to cause lacerations or puncture wounds.

(L) "Manifest" means the form used for identifying the quantity, composition, origin, routing, and destination of hazardous waste during its transportation from the point of generation to the point of disposal, treatment, or storage.

(M) "~~Storage,~~ when (1) When used in connection with hazardous waste, "storage" means the holding of hazardous waste for a temporary period in such a manner that it remains retrievable and substantially

unchanged physically and chemically and, at the end of the period, is treated; disposed of; stored elsewhere; or reused, recycled, or reclaimed in a beneficial manner;

(2) When used in connection with ~~solid wastes that consist of~~ scrap tires, "storage" means the holding of scrap tires for a temporary period in such a manner that they remain retrievable and, at the end of that period, are beneficially used; stored elsewhere; placed in a scrap tire monocell or monofill facility licensed under section 3734.81 of the Revised Code; processed at a scrap tire recovery facility licensed under that section or a solid waste incineration or energy recovery facility subject to regulation under this chapter; or transported to a scrap tire monocell, monofill, or recovery facility, any other solid waste facility authorized to dispose of scrap tires, or a facility that will beneficially use the scrap tires, that is located in another state and is operating in compliance with the laws of the state in which the facility is located;

(3) When used in connection with recoverable feedstocks or post-use polymers, "storage" means holding recoverable feedstocks or post-use polymers for a period of less than ninety days, provided all of the following apply:

(a) The recoverable feedstocks or post-use polymers remain retrievable and substantially unchanged physically and chemically;

(b) The storage of recoverable feedstocks or post-use polymers does not cause a nuisance;

(c) The storage of recoverable feedstocks or post-use polymers does not pose a threat from vectors;

(d) The storage of recoverable feedstocks or post-use polymers does not adversely impact public health, safety, or the environment;

(e) Prior to the end of the storage period of less than ninety days, the recoverable feedstocks or post-use polymers are converted using gasification or pyrolysis.

(N) "Facility" means any site, location, tract of land, installation, or building used for incineration, composting, sanitary landfilling, or other methods of disposal of solid wastes or, if the solid wastes consist of scrap tires, for the collection, storage, or processing of the solid wastes; for the transfer of solid wastes; for the treatment of infectious wastes; or for the storage, treatment, or disposal of hazardous waste.

(O) "Closure" means the time at which a hazardous waste facility will no longer accept hazardous waste for treatment, storage, or disposal, the time at which a solid waste facility will no longer accept solid wastes for transfer or disposal or, if the solid wastes consist of scrap tires, for storage

or processing, or the effective date of an order revoking the permit for a hazardous waste facility or the registration certificate, permit, or license for a solid waste facility, as applicable. "Closure" includes measures performed to protect public health or safety, to prevent air or water pollution, or to make the facility suitable for other uses, if any, including, but not limited to, the removal of processing residues resulting from solid wastes that consist of scrap tires; the establishment and maintenance of a suitable cover of soil and vegetation over cells in which hazardous waste or solid wastes are buried; minimization of erosion, the infiltration of surface water into such cells, the production of leachate, and the accumulation and runoff of contaminated surface water; the final construction of facilities for the collection and treatment of leachate and contaminated surface water runoff, except as otherwise provided in this division; the final construction of air and water quality monitoring facilities, except as otherwise provided in this division; the final construction of methane gas extraction and treatment systems; or the removal and proper disposal of hazardous waste or solid wastes from a facility when necessary to protect public health or safety or to abate or prevent air or water pollution. With regard to a solid waste facility that is a scrap tire facility, "closure" includes the final construction of facilities for the collection and treatment of leachate and contaminated surface water runoff and the final construction of air and water quality monitoring facilities only if those actions are determined to be necessary.

(P) "Premises" means either of the following:

(1) Geographically contiguous property owned by a generator;

(2) Noncontiguous property that is owned by a generator and connected by a right-of-way that the generator controls and to which the public does not have access. Two or more pieces of property that are geographically contiguous and divided by public or private right-of-way or rights-of-way are a single premises.

(Q) "Post-closure" means that period of time following closure during which a hazardous waste facility is required to be monitored and maintained under this chapter and rules adopted under it, including, without limitation, operation and maintenance of methane gas extraction and treatment systems, or the period of time after closure during which a scrap tire monocell or monofill facility licensed under section 3734.81 of the Revised Code is required to be monitored and maintained under this chapter and rules adopted under it.

(R) "Infectious wastes" means any wastes or combination of wastes that include cultures and stocks of infectious agents and associated biologicals, human blood and blood products, and substances that were or are likely to

have been exposed to or contaminated with or are likely to transmit an infectious agent or zoonotic agent, including all of the following:

- (1) Laboratory wastes;
- (2) Pathological wastes;
- (3) Animal blood and blood products;
- (4) Animal carcasses and parts;

(5) Waste materials from the rooms of humans, or the enclosures of animals, that have been isolated because of diagnosed communicable disease that are likely to transmit infectious agents. Such waste materials from the rooms of humans do not include any wastes of patients who have been placed on blood and body fluid precautions under the universal precaution system established by the centers for disease control in the public health service of the United States department of health and human services, except to the extent specific wastes generated under the universal precautions system have been identified as infectious wastes by rules adopted under division (R)(7) of this section.

(6) Sharp wastes used in the treatment, diagnosis, or inoculation of human beings or animals;

(7) Any other waste materials generated in the diagnosis, treatment, or immunization of human beings or animals, in research pertaining thereto, or in the production or testing of biologicals, that the director of health, by rules adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, identifies as infectious wastes after determining that the wastes present a substantial threat to human health when improperly managed because they are contaminated with, or are likely to be contaminated with, infectious agents.

As used in this division, "blood products" does not include patient care waste such as bandages or disposable gowns that are lightly soiled with blood or other body fluids unless those wastes are soiled to the extent that the generator of the wastes determines that they should be managed as infectious wastes.

(S) "Infectious agent" means a type of microorganism, pathogen, virus, or proteinaceous infectious particle that can cause or significantly contribute to disease in or death of human beings.

(T) "Zoonotic agent" means a type of microorganism, pathogen, or virus that causes disease in vertebrate animals, is transmissible to human beings, and can cause or significantly contribute to disease in or death of human beings.

(U) "Solid waste transfer facility" means any site, location, tract of land, installation, or building that is used or intended to be used primarily for the

purpose of transferring solid wastes that were generated off the premises of the facility from vehicles or containers into other vehicles for transportation to a solid waste disposal facility. "Solid waste transfer facility" does not include any facility that consists solely of portable containers that have an aggregate volume of fifty cubic yards or less nor any facility where legitimate recycling activities are conducted.

(V) "Beneficially use" includes:

(1) With regard to scrap tires, to use a scrap tire in a manner that results in a commodity for sale or exchange or in any other manner authorized as a beneficial use in rules adopted by the director in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code;

(2) With regard to material from a horizontal well that has come in contact with a refined oil-based substance and that is not technologically enhanced naturally occurring radioactive material, to use the material in any manner authorized as a beneficial use in rules adopted by the director under section 3734.125 of the Revised Code.

(W) "Commercial car," "commercial tractor," "farm machinery," "motor bus," "vehicles," "motor vehicle," and "semitrailer" have the same meanings as in section 4501.01 of the Revised Code.

(X) "Construction equipment" means road rollers, traction engines, power shovels, power cranes, and other equipment used in construction work, or in mining or producing or processing aggregates, and not designed for or used in general highway transportation.

(Y) "Motor vehicle salvage dealer" has the same meaning as in section 4738.01 of the Revised Code.

(Z) "Scrap tire" means an unwanted or discarded tire.

(AA) "Scrap tire collection facility" means any facility that meets all of the following qualifications:

(1) The facility is used for the receipt and storage of whole scrap tires from the public prior to their transportation to a scrap tire storage, monocell, monofill, or recovery facility licensed under section 3734.81 of the Revised Code; a solid waste incineration or energy recovery facility subject to regulation under this chapter; a premises within the state where the scrap tires will be beneficially used; or a scrap tire storage, monocell, monofill, or recovery facility, any other solid waste disposal facility authorized to dispose of scrap tires, or a facility that will beneficially use the scrap tires, that is located in another state, and that is operating in compliance with the laws of the state in which the facility is located.

(2) The facility exclusively stores scrap tires in portable containers.

(3) The aggregate storage of the portable containers in which the scrap

tires are stored does not exceed five thousand cubic feet.

(BB) "Scrap tire monocell facility" means an individual site within a solid waste landfill that is used exclusively for the environmentally sound storage or disposal of whole scrap tires or scrap tires that have been shredded, chipped, or otherwise mechanically processed.

(CC) "Scrap tire monofill facility" means an engineered facility used or intended to be used exclusively for the storage or disposal of scrap tires, including at least facilities for the submergence of whole scrap tires in a body of water.

(DD) "Scrap tire recovery facility" means any facility, or portion thereof, for the processing of scrap tires for the purpose of extracting or producing usable products, materials, or energy from the scrap tires through a controlled combustion process, mechanical process, or chemical process. "Scrap tire recovery facility" includes any facility that uses the controlled combustion of scrap tires in a manufacturing process to produce process heat or steam or any facility that produces usable heat or electric power through the controlled combustion of scrap tires in combination with another fuel, but does not include any solid waste incineration or energy recovery facility that is designed, constructed, and used for the primary purpose of incinerating mixed municipal solid wastes and that burns scrap tires in conjunction with mixed municipal solid wastes, or any tire retreading business, tire manufacturing finishing center, or tire adjustment center having on the premises of the business a single, covered scrap tire storage area at which not more than four thousand scrap tires are stored.

(EE) "Scrap tire storage facility" means any facility where whole scrap tires are stored prior to their transportation to a scrap tire monocell, monofill, or recovery facility licensed under section 3734.81 of the Revised Code; a solid waste incineration or energy recovery facility subject to regulation under this chapter; a premises within the state where the scrap tires will be beneficially used; or a scrap tire storage, monocell, monofill, or recovery facility, any other solid waste disposal facility authorized to dispose of scrap tires, or a facility that will beneficially use the scrap tires, that is located in another state, and that is operating in compliance with the laws of the state in which the facility is located.

(FF) "Used oil" means any oil that has been refined from crude oil, or any synthetic oil, that has been used and, as a result of that use, is contaminated by physical or chemical impurities. "Used oil" includes only those substances identified as used oil by the United States environmental protection agency under the "Used Oil Recycling Act of 1980," 94 Stat. 2055, 42 U.S.C.A. 6901a, as amended.

(GG) "Accumulated speculatively" has the same meaning as in rules adopted by the director under section 3734.12 of the Revised Code.

(HH) "Horizontal well" has the same meaning as in section 1509.01 of the Revised Code.

(II) "Technologically enhanced naturally occurring radioactive material" has the same meaning as in section 3748.01 of the Revised Code.

(JJ) "Post-use polymer" means a plastic polymer to which both of the following apply:

(1) It is derived from any source and is not being used for its original intended purpose.

(2) Its use or intended use is to manufacture crude oil, fuels, other raw materials, intermediate products, or final products using pyrolysis or gasification.

"Post-use polymer" may contain incidental contaminants or impurities, such as paper labels or metal rings.

(KK) "Pyrolysis" means a process through which post-use polymers are heated in the absence of oxygen until melted and thermally decomposed, and are then cooled, condensed, and converted to one of the following:

(1) Crude oil, diesel, gasoline, home heating oil, or another fuel;

(2) Feedstocks;

(3) Diesel and gasoline blendstocks;

(4) Chemicals, waxes, or lubricants;

(5) Other raw materials, intermediate products, or final products.

(LL) "Gasification" means a process through which recoverable feedstocks are heated and converted into a fuel-gas mixture in an oxygen-deficient atmosphere, and the mixture is converted into fuel, including ethanol and transportation fuel, chemicals, or other chemical feedstocks.

(MM) "Recoverable feedstock" means one or more of the following materials, derived from nonrecycled waste, that have been processed for use as a feedstock in a gasification facility:

(1) Post-use polymers;

(2) Materials for which the United States environmental protection agency has made a non-waste determination under 40 C.F.R. 241.3(c) or has otherwise determined are not solid waste.

Sec. 3734.57. (A) The following fees are hereby levied on the transfer or disposal of solid wastes in this state:

(1) Ninety cents per ton through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2022, twenty cents of the proceeds of which shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the hazardous waste facility management fund created in section 3734.18 of the

Revised Code and seventy cents of the proceeds of which shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the hazardous waste clean-up fund created in section 3734.28 of the Revised Code;

(2) An additional seventy-five cents per ton through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2022, the proceeds of which shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the waste management fund created in section 3734.061 of the Revised Code.

(3) An additional two dollars and eighty-five cents per ton through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2022, the proceeds of which shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the environmental protection fund created in section 3745.015 of the Revised Code;

(4) An additional twenty-five cents per ton through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2022, the proceeds of which shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the soil and water conservation district assistance fund created in section 940.15 of the Revised Code.

In the case of solid wastes that are taken to a solid waste transfer facility located in this state prior to being transported for disposal at a solid waste disposal facility located in this state or outside of this state, the fees levied under this division shall be collected by the owner or operator of the transfer facility as a trustee for the state. The amount of fees required to be collected under this division at such a transfer facility shall equal the total tonnage of solid wastes received at the facility multiplied by the fees levied under this division. In the case of solid wastes that are not taken to a solid waste transfer facility located in this state prior to being transported to a solid waste disposal facility, the fees shall be collected by the owner or operator of the solid waste disposal facility as a trustee for the state. The amount of fees required to be collected under this division at such a disposal facility shall equal the total tonnage of solid wastes received at the facility that was not previously taken to a solid waste transfer facility located in this state multiplied by the fees levied under this division. Fees levied under this division do not apply to materials separated from a mixed waste stream for recycling by a generator or materials removed from the solid waste stream through recycling, as "recycling" is defined in rules adopted under section 3734.02 of the Revised Code.

The owner or operator of a solid waste transfer facility or disposal facility, as applicable, shall prepare and file with the director of environmental protection each month a return indicating the total tonnage of solid wastes received at the facility during that month and the total amount of the fees required to be collected under this division during that month. In addition, the owner or operator of a solid waste disposal facility shall

indicate on the return the total tonnage of solid wastes received from transfer facilities located in this state during that month for which the fees were required to be collected by the transfer facilities. The monthly returns shall be filed on a form prescribed by the director. Not later than thirty days after the last day of the month to which a return applies, the owner or operator shall mail to the director the return for that month together with the fees required to be collected under this division during that month as indicated on the return or may submit the return and fees electronically in a manner approved by the director. If the return is filed and the amount of the fees due is paid in a timely manner as required in this division, the owner or operator may retain a discount of three-fourths of one per cent of the total amount of the fees that are required to be paid as indicated on the return.

The owner or operator may request an extension of not more than thirty days for filing the return and remitting the fees, provided that the owner or operator has submitted such a request in writing to the director together with a detailed description of why the extension is requested, the director has received the request not later than the day on which the return is required to be filed, and the director has approved the request. If the fees are not remitted within thirty days after the last day of the month to which the return applies or are not remitted by the last day of an extension approved by the director, the owner or operator shall not retain the three-fourths of one per cent discount and shall pay an additional ten per cent of the amount of the fees for each month that they are late. For purposes of calculating the late fee, the first month in which fees are late begins on the first day after the deadline has passed for timely submitting the return and fees, and one additional month shall be counted every thirty days thereafter.

The owner or operator of a solid waste facility may request a refund or credit of fees levied under this division and remitted to the director that have not been paid to the owner or operator. Such a request shall be made only if the fees have not been collected by the owner or operator, have become a debt that has become worthless or uncollectable for a period of six months or more, and may be claimed as a deduction, including a deduction claimed if the owner or operator keeps accounts on an accrual basis, under the "Internal Revenue Code of 1954," 68A Stat. 50, 26 U.S.C. 166, as amended, and regulations adopted under it. Prior to making a request for a refund or credit, an owner or operator shall make reasonable efforts to collect the applicable fees. A request for a refund or credit shall not include any costs resulting from those efforts to collect unpaid fees.

A request for a refund or credit of fees shall be made in writing, on a form prescribed by the director, and shall be supported by evidence that may

be required in rules adopted by the director under this chapter. After reviewing the request, and if the request and evidence submitted with the request indicate that a refund or credit is warranted, the director shall grant a refund to the owner or operator or shall permit a credit to be taken by the owner or operator on a subsequent monthly return submitted by the owner or operator. The amount of a refund or credit shall not exceed an amount that is equal to ninety days' worth of fees owed to an owner or operator by a particular debtor of the owner or operator. A refund or credit shall not be granted by the director to an owner or operator more than once in any twelve-month period for fees owed to the owner or operator by a particular debtor.

If, after receiving a refund or credit from the director, an owner or operator receives payment of all or part of the fees, the owner or operator shall remit the fees with the next monthly return submitted to the director together with a written explanation of the reason for the submittal.

For purposes of computing the fees levied under this division or division (B) of this section, any solid waste transfer or disposal facility that does not use scales as a means of determining gate receipts shall use a conversion factor of three cubic yards per ton of solid waste or one cubic yard per ton for baled waste, as applicable.

The fees levied under this division and divisions (B) and (C) of this section are in addition to all other applicable fees and taxes and shall be paid by the customer or a political subdivision to the owner or operator of a solid waste transfer or disposal facility. In the alternative, the fees shall be paid by a customer or political subdivision to a transporter of waste who subsequently transfers the fees to the owner or operator of such a facility. The fees shall be paid notwithstanding the existence of any provision in a contract that the customer or a political subdivision may have with the owner or operator or with a transporter of waste to the facility that would not require or allow such payment regardless of whether the contract was entered prior to or after October 16, 2009. For those purposes, "customer" means a person who contracts with, or utilizes the solid waste services of, the owner or operator of a solid waste transfer or disposal facility or a transporter of solid waste to such a facility.

(B) For the purposes specified in division (G) of this section, the solid waste management policy committee of a county or joint solid waste management district may levy fees upon the following activities:

- (1) The disposal at a solid waste disposal facility located in the district of solid wastes generated within the district;
- (2) The disposal at a solid waste disposal facility within the district of

solid wastes generated outside the boundaries of the district, but inside this state;

(3) The disposal at a solid waste disposal facility within the district of solid wastes generated outside the boundaries of this state.

The solid waste management plan of the county or joint district approved under section 3734.521 or 3734.55 of the Revised Code and any amendments to it, or the resolution adopted under this division, as appropriate, shall establish the rates of the fees levied under divisions (B)(1), (2), and (3) of this section, if any, and shall specify whether the fees are levied on the basis of tons or cubic yards as the unit of measurement. A solid waste management district that levies fees under this division on the basis of cubic yards shall do so in accordance with division (A) of this section.

The fee levied under division (B)(1) of this section shall be not less than one dollar per ton nor more than two dollars per ton, the fee levied under division (B)(2) of this section shall be not less than two dollars per ton nor more than four dollars per ton, and the fee levied under division (B)(3) of this section shall be not more than the fee levied under division (B)(1) of this section.

Prior to the approval of the solid waste management plan of a district under section 3734.55 of the Revised Code, the solid waste management policy committee of a district may levy fees under this division by adopting a resolution establishing the proposed amount of the fees. Upon adopting the resolution, the committee shall deliver a copy of the resolution to the board of county commissioners of each county forming the district and to the legislative authority of each municipal corporation and township under the jurisdiction of the district and shall prepare and publish the resolution and a notice of the time and location where a public hearing on the fees will be held. Upon adopting the resolution, the committee shall deliver written notice of the adoption of the resolution; of the amount of the proposed fees; and of the date, time, and location of the public hearing to the director and to the fifty industrial, commercial, or institutional generators of solid wastes within the district that generate the largest quantities of solid wastes, as determined by the committee, and to their local trade associations. The committee shall make good faith efforts to identify those generators within the district and their local trade associations, but the nonprovision of notice under this division to a particular generator or local trade association does not invalidate the proceedings under this division. The publication shall occur at least thirty days before the hearing. After the hearing, the committee may make such revisions to the proposed fees as it considers

appropriate and thereafter, by resolution, shall adopt the revised fee schedule. Upon adopting the revised fee schedule, the committee shall deliver a copy of the resolution doing so to the board of county commissioners of each county forming the district and to the legislative authority of each municipal corporation and township under the jurisdiction of the district. Within sixty days after the delivery of a copy of the resolution adopting the proposed revised fees by the policy committee, each such board and legislative authority, by ordinance or resolution, shall approve or disapprove the revised fees and deliver a copy of the ordinance or resolution to the committee. If any such board or legislative authority fails to adopt and deliver to the policy committee an ordinance or resolution approving or disapproving the revised fees within sixty days after the policy committee delivered its resolution adopting the proposed revised fees, it shall be conclusively presumed that the board or legislative authority has approved the proposed revised fees. The committee shall determine if the resolution has been ratified in the same manner in which it determines if a draft solid waste management plan has been ratified under division (B) of section 3734.55 of the Revised Code.

The committee may amend the schedule of fees levied pursuant to a resolution adopted and ratified under this division by adopting a resolution establishing the proposed amount of the amended fees. The committee may repeal the fees levied pursuant to such a resolution by adopting a resolution proposing to repeal them. Upon adopting such a resolution, the committee shall proceed to obtain ratification of the resolution in accordance with this division.

Not later than fourteen days after declaring the new fees to be ratified or the fees to be repealed under this division, the committee shall notify by certified mail the owner or operator of each solid waste disposal facility that is required to collect the fees of the ratification and the amount of the fees or of the repeal of the fees. Collection of any fees shall commence or collection of repealed fees shall cease on the first day of the second month following the month in which notification is sent to the owner or operator.

Fees levied under this division also may be established, amended, or repealed by a solid waste management policy committee through the adoption of a new district solid waste management plan, the adoption of an amended plan, or the amendment of the plan or amended plan in accordance with sections 3734.55 and 3734.56 of the Revised Code or the adoption or amendment of a district plan in connection with a change in district composition under section 3734.521 of the Revised Code.

Not later than fourteen days after the director issues an order approving

a district's solid waste management plan, amended plan, or amendment to a plan or amended plan that establishes, amends, or repeals a schedule of fees levied by the district, the committee shall notify by certified mail the owner or operator of each solid waste disposal facility that is required to collect the fees of the approval of the plan or amended plan, or the amendment to the plan, as appropriate, and the amount of the fees, if any. In the case of an initial or amended plan approved under section 3734.521 of the Revised Code in connection with a change in district composition, other than one involving the withdrawal of a county from a joint district, the committee, within fourteen days after the change takes effect pursuant to division (G) of that section, shall notify by certified mail the owner or operator of each solid waste disposal facility that is required to collect the fees that the change has taken effect and of the amount of the fees, if any. Collection of any fees shall commence or collection of repealed fees shall cease on the first day of the second month following the month in which notification is sent to the owner or operator.

If, in the case of a change in district composition involving the withdrawal of a county from a joint district, the director completes the actions required under division (G)(1) or (3) of section 3734.521 of the Revised Code, as appropriate, forty-five days or more before the beginning of a calendar year, the policy committee of each of the districts resulting from the change that obtained the director's approval of an initial or amended plan in connection with the change, within fourteen days after the director's completion of the required actions, shall notify by certified mail the owner or operator of each solid waste disposal facility that is required to collect the district's fees that the change is to take effect on the first day of January immediately following the issuance of the notice and of the amount of the fees or amended fees levied under divisions (B)(1) to (3) of this section pursuant to the district's initial or amended plan as so approved or, if appropriate, the repeal of the district's fees by that initial or amended plan. Collection of any fees set forth in such a plan or amended plan shall commence on the first day of January immediately following the issuance of the notice. If such an initial or amended plan repeals a schedule of fees, collection of the fees shall cease on that first day of January.

If, in the case of a change in district composition involving the withdrawal of a county from a joint district, the director completes the actions required under division (G)(1) or (3) of section 3734.521 of the Revised Code, as appropriate, less than forty-five days before the beginning of a calendar year, the director, on behalf of each of the districts resulting from the change that obtained the director's approval of an initial or

amended plan in connection with the change proceedings, shall notify by certified mail the owner or operator of each solid waste disposal facility that is required to collect the district's fees that the change is to take effect on the first day of January immediately following the mailing of the notice and of the amount of the fees or amended fees levied under divisions (B)(1) to (3) of this section pursuant to the district's initial or amended plan as so approved or, if appropriate, the repeal of the district's fees by that initial or amended plan. Collection of any fees set forth in such a plan or amended plan shall commence on the first day of the second month following the month in which notification is sent to the owner or operator. If such an initial or amended plan repeals a schedule of fees, collection of the fees shall cease on the first day of the second month following the month in which notification is sent to the owner or operator.

If the schedule of fees that a solid waste management district is levying under divisions (B)(1) to (3) of this section is amended or repealed, the fees in effect immediately prior to the amendment or repeal shall continue to be collected until collection of the amended fees commences or collection of the repealed fees ceases, as applicable, as specified in this division. In the case of a change in district composition, money so received from the collection of the fees of the former districts shall be divided among the resulting districts in accordance with division (B) of section 343.012 of the Revised Code and the agreements entered into under division (B) of section 343.01 of the Revised Code to establish the former and resulting districts and any amendments to those agreements.

For the purposes of the provisions of division (B) of this section establishing the times when newly established or amended fees levied by a district are required to commence and the collection of fees that have been amended or repealed is required to cease, "fees" or "schedule of fees" includes, in addition to fees levied under divisions (B)(1) to (3) of this section, those levied under section 3734.573 or 3734.574 of the Revised Code.

(C) For the purposes of defraying the added costs to a municipal corporation or township of maintaining roads and other public facilities and of providing emergency and other public services, and compensating a municipal corporation or township for reductions in real property tax revenues due to reductions in real property valuations resulting from the location and operation of a solid waste disposal facility within the municipal corporation or township, a municipal corporation or township in which such a solid waste disposal facility is located may levy a fee of not more than twenty-five cents per ton on the disposal of solid wastes at a solid waste

disposal facility located within the boundaries of the municipal corporation or township regardless of where the wastes were generated.

The legislative authority of a municipal corporation or township may levy fees under this division by enacting an ordinance or adopting a resolution establishing the amount of the fees. Upon so doing the legislative authority shall mail a certified copy of the ordinance or resolution to the board of county commissioners or directors of the county or joint solid waste management district in which the municipal corporation or township is located or, if a regional solid waste management authority has been formed under section 343.011 of the Revised Code, to the board of trustees of that regional authority, the owner or operator of each solid waste disposal facility in the municipal corporation or township that is required to collect the fee by the ordinance or resolution, and the director of environmental protection. Although the fees levied under this division are levied on the basis of tons as the unit of measurement, the legislative authority, in its ordinance or resolution levying the fees under this division, may direct that the fees be levied on the basis of cubic yards as the unit of measurement based upon a conversion factor of three cubic yards per ton generally or one cubic yard per ton for baled wastes.

Not later than five days after enacting an ordinance or adopting a resolution under this division, the legislative authority shall so notify by certified mail the owner or operator of each solid waste disposal facility that is required to collect the fee. Collection of any fee levied on or after March 24, 1992, shall commence on the first day of the second month following the month in which notification is sent to the owner or operator.

(D)(1) The fees levied under divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section do not apply to the disposal of solid wastes that:

(a) Are disposed of at a facility owned by the generator of the wastes when the solid waste facility exclusively disposes of solid wastes generated at one or more premises owned by the generator regardless of whether the facility is located on a premises where the wastes are generated;

(b) Are generated from the combustion of coal, or from the combustion of primarily coal, regardless of whether the disposal facility is located on the premises where the wastes are generated;

(c) Are asbestos or asbestos-containing materials or products disposed of at a construction and demolition debris facility that is licensed under Chapter 3714. of the Revised Code or at a solid waste facility that is licensed under this chapter.

(2) Except as provided in section 3734.571 of the Revised Code, any fees levied under division (B)(1) of this section apply to solid wastes

originating outside the boundaries of a county or joint district that are covered by an agreement for the joint use of solid waste facilities entered into under section 343.02 of the Revised Code by the board of county commissioners or board of directors of the county or joint district where the wastes are generated and disposed of.

(3) When solid wastes, other than solid wastes that consist of scrap tires, are burned in a disposal facility that is an incinerator or energy recovery facility, the fees levied under divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section shall be levied upon the disposal of the fly ash and bottom ash remaining after burning of the solid wastes and shall be collected by the owner or operator of the sanitary landfill where the ash is disposed of.

(4) When solid wastes are delivered to a solid waste transfer facility, the fees levied under divisions (B) and (C) of this section shall be levied upon the disposal of solid wastes transported off the premises of the transfer facility for disposal and shall be collected by the owner or operator of the solid waste disposal facility where the wastes are disposed of.

(5) The fees levied under divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section do not apply to sewage sludge that is generated by a waste water treatment facility holding a national pollutant discharge elimination system permit and that is disposed of through incineration, land application, or composting or at another resource recovery or disposal facility that is not a landfill.

(6) The fees levied under divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section do not apply to solid wastes delivered to a solid waste composting facility for processing. When any unprocessed solid waste or compost product is transported off the premises of a composting facility and disposed of at a landfill, the fees levied under divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section shall be collected by the owner or operator of the landfill where the unprocessed waste or compost product is disposed of.

(7) When solid wastes that consist of scrap tires are processed at a scrap tire recovery facility, the fees levied under divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section shall be levied upon the disposal of the fly ash and bottom ash or other solid wastes remaining after the processing of the scrap tires and shall be collected by the owner or operator of the solid waste disposal facility where the ash or other solid wastes are disposed of.

(8) The director of environmental protection may issue an order exempting from the fees levied under this section solid wastes, including, but not limited to, scrap tires, that are generated, transferred, or disposed of as a result of a contract providing for the expenditure of public funds entered into by the administrator or regional administrator of the United States environmental protection agency, the director of environmental protection,

or the director of administrative services on behalf of the director of environmental protection for the purpose of remediating conditions at a hazardous waste facility, solid waste facility, or other location at which the administrator or regional administrator or the director of environmental protection has reason to believe that there is a substantial threat to public health or safety or the environment or that the conditions are causing or contributing to air or water pollution or soil contamination. An order issued by the director of environmental protection under division (D)(8) of this section shall include a determination that the amount of the fees not received by a solid waste management district as a result of the order will not adversely impact the implementation and financing of the district's approved solid waste management plan and any approved amendments to the plan. Such an order is a final action of the director of environmental protection.

(E) The fees levied under divisions (B) and (C) of this section shall be collected by the owner or operator of the solid waste disposal facility where the wastes are disposed of as a trustee for the county or joint district and municipal corporation or township where the wastes are disposed of. Moneys from the fees levied under division (B) of this section shall be forwarded to the board of county commissioners or board of directors of the district in accordance with rules adopted under division (H) of this section. Moneys from the fees levied under division (C) of this section shall be forwarded to the treasurer or such other officer of the municipal corporation as, by virtue of the charter, has the duties of the treasurer or to the fiscal officer of the township, as appropriate, in accordance with those rules.

(F) Moneys received by the treasurer or other officer of the municipal corporation under division (E) of this section shall be paid into the general fund of the municipal corporation. Moneys received by the fiscal officer of the township under that division shall be paid into the general fund of the township. The treasurer or other officer of the municipal corporation or the township fiscal officer, as appropriate, shall maintain separate records of the moneys received from the fees levied under division (C) of this section.

(G) Moneys received by the board of county commissioners or board of directors under division (E) of this section or section 3734.571, 3734.572, 3734.573, or 3734.574 of the Revised Code shall be paid to the county treasurer, or other official acting in a similar capacity under a county charter, in a county district or to the county treasurer or other official designated by the board of directors in a joint district and kept in a separate and distinct fund to the credit of the district. If a regional solid waste management authority has been formed under section 343.011 of the Revised Code, moneys received by the board of trustees of that regional

authority under division (E) of this section shall be kept by the board in a separate and distinct fund to the credit of the district. Moneys in the special fund of the county or joint district arising from the fees levied under division (B) of this section and the fee levied under division (A) of section 3734.573 of the Revised Code shall be expended by the board of county commissioners or directors of the district in accordance with the district's solid waste management plan or amended plan approved under section 3734.521, 3734.55, or 3734.56 of the Revised Code exclusively for the following purposes:

(1) Preparation of the solid waste management plan of the district under section 3734.54 of the Revised Code, monitoring implementation of the plan, and conducting the periodic review and amendment of the plan required by section 3734.56 of the Revised Code by the solid waste management policy committee;

(2) Implementation of the approved solid waste management plan or amended plan of the district, including, without limitation, the development and implementation of solid waste recycling or reduction programs;

(3) Providing financial assistance to boards of health within the district, if solid waste facilities are located within the district, for enforcement of this chapter and rules, orders, and terms and conditions of permits, licenses, and variances adopted or issued under it, other than the hazardous waste provisions of this chapter and rules adopted and orders and terms and conditions of permits issued under those provisions;

(4) Providing financial assistance to each county within the district to defray the added costs of maintaining roads and other public facilities and of providing emergency and other public services resulting from the location and operation of a solid waste facility within the county under the district's approved solid waste management plan or amended plan;

(5) Pursuant to contracts entered into with boards of health within the district, if solid waste facilities contained in the district's approved plan or amended plan are located within the district, for paying the costs incurred by those boards of health for collecting and analyzing samples from public or private water wells on lands adjacent to those facilities;

(6) Developing and implementing a program for the inspection of solid wastes generated outside the boundaries of this state that are disposed of at solid waste facilities included in the district's approved solid waste management plan or amended plan;

(7) Providing financial assistance to boards of health within the district for the enforcement of section 3734.03 of the Revised Code or to local law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction within the district for enforcing

anti-littering laws and ordinances;

(8) Providing financial assistance to boards of health of health districts within the district that are on the approved list under section 3734.08 of the Revised Code to defray the costs to the health districts for the participation of their employees responsible for enforcement of the solid waste provisions of this chapter and rules adopted and orders and terms and conditions of permits, licenses, and variances issued under those provisions in the training and certification program as required by rules adopted under division (L) of section 3734.02 of the Revised Code;

(9) Providing financial assistance to individual municipal corporations and townships within the district to defray their added costs of maintaining roads and other public facilities and of providing emergency and other public services resulting from the location and operation within their boundaries of a composting, energy or resource recovery, incineration, or recycling facility that either is owned by the district or is furnishing solid waste management facility or recycling services to the district pursuant to a contract or agreement with the board of county commissioners or directors of the district;

(10) Payment of any expenses that are agreed to, awarded, or ordered to be paid under section 3734.35 of the Revised Code and of any administrative costs incurred pursuant to that section. In the case of a joint solid waste management district, if the board of county commissioners of one of the counties in the district is negotiating on behalf of affected communities, as defined in that section, in that county, the board shall obtain the approval of the board of directors of the district in order to expend moneys for administrative costs incurred.

Prior to the approval of the district's solid waste management plan under section 3734.55 of the Revised Code, moneys in the special fund of the district arising from the fees shall be expended for those purposes in the manner prescribed by the solid waste management policy committee by resolution.

Notwithstanding division (G)(6) of this section as it existed prior to October 29, 1993, or any provision in a district's solid waste management plan prepared in accordance with division (B)(2)(e) of section 3734.53 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to that date, any moneys arising from the fees levied under division (B)(3) of this section prior to January 1, 1994, may be expended for any of the purposes authorized in divisions (G)(1) to (10) of this section.

(H) The director shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code prescribing procedures for collecting and forwarding the

fees levied under divisions (B) and (C) of this section to the boards of county commissioners or directors of county or joint solid waste management districts and to the treasurers or other officers of municipal corporations and the fiscal officers of townships. The rules also shall prescribe the dates for forwarding the fees to the boards and officials and may prescribe any other requirements the director considers necessary or appropriate to implement and administer divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section.

Sec. 3734.901. (A)(1) For the purpose of providing revenue to defray the cost of administering and enforcing the scrap tire provisions of this chapter, rules adopted under those provisions, and terms and conditions of orders, variances, and licenses issued under those provisions; to abate accumulations of scrap tires; to make grants supporting market development activities for scrap tires and synthetic rubber from tire manufacturing processes and tire recycling processes and to support scrap tire amnesty and cleanup events; to make loans to promote the recycling or recovery of energy from scrap tires; and to defray the costs of administering and enforcing sections 3734.90 to 3734.9014 of the Revised Code, a fee of fifty cents per tire is hereby levied on the sale of tires. The proceeds of the fee shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the scrap tire management fund created in section 3734.82 of the Revised Code. The fee is levied from the first day of the calendar month that begins next after thirty days from October 29, 1993, through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2022.

(2) Beginning on July 1, 2011, and ending on June 30, ~~2020~~ 2022, there is hereby levied an additional fee of fifty cents per tire on the sale of tires the proceeds of which shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the soil and water conservation district assistance fund created in section 940.15 of the Revised Code.

(B) Only one sale of the same article shall be used in computing the amount of the fee due.

Sec. 3735.31. A metropolitan housing authority created under sections 3735.27 to 3735.50 of the Revised Code constitutes a body corporate and politic. Nothing in this chapter shall limit the authority of a metropolitan housing authority, or a nonprofit corporation formed by a metropolitan housing authority to carry out its functions, to compete for and perform federal housing contracts or grants within or outside this state. To clear, plan, redevelop, and rebuild slum areas within the district in which the authority is created; to provide safe and sanitary housing accommodations to families of low income within that district; to make available, acquire, construct, improve, manage, lease, or own mixed-use or mixed-income

developments, or a combination of such developments; or to accomplish any combination of the foregoing public purposes, the authority may do any of the following:

(A) Sue and be sued; have a seal; have corporate succession; receive grants from state, federal, or other governments, or from private sources; conduct investigations into housing and living conditions; enter any buildings or property in order to conduct its investigations; conduct examinations, subpoena, and require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and papers; issue commissions for the examination of witnesses who are out of the state or unable to attend before the authority or excused from attendance; and in connection with these powers, any member of the authority may administer oaths, take affidavits, and issue subpoenas;

(B) Determine what areas constitute slum areas, and prepare plans for housing or other projects in those areas; purchase, lease, sell, exchange, transfer, assign, or mortgage any property, real or personal, or any interest in that property, or acquire the same by gift, bequest, or eminent domain; own, hold, clear, and improve property; provide and set aside housing projects, or dwelling units comprising portions of housing projects, designed especially for the use of families, the head of which or the spouse of which is sixty-five years of age or older; engage in, or contract for, the construction, reconstruction, alteration, or repair, or both, of any housing project or part of any housing project; participate in partnerships or joint ventures relating to the development of housing or projects with other public or private entities; include in any contract let in connection with a project, stipulations requiring that the contractor and any subcontractors comply with requirements as to minimum wages and maximum hours of labor, and comply with any conditions that the federal government has attached to its financial aid of the project; lease or operate, or both, any project, and establish or revise schedules of rents for any projects or part of any project; arrange with the county or municipal corporations, or both, for the planning and replanning of streets, alleys, and other public places or facilities in connection with any area or project; borrow money upon its notes, debentures, or other evidences of indebtedness, and secure the same by mortgages upon property held or to be held by it, or by pledge of its revenues, or in any other manner; invest any funds held in reserves or sinking funds or not required for immediate disbursements; enter into a shared service agreement with another metropolitan housing authority; execute contracts and all other instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of the powers granted in this section; make, amend, and repeal bylaws and rules to carry into effect its powers and purposes;

(C) Borrow money or accept grants or other financial assistance from the federal government for or in aid of any housing project within its territorial limits; take over or lease or manage any housing project or undertaking constructed or owned by the federal government; comply with any conditions and enter into any mortgages, trust indentures, leases, or agreements that are necessary, convenient, or desirable;

(D) Subject to section 3735.311 of the Revised Code, employ a police force to protect the lives and property of the residents of housing projects within the district, to preserve the peace in the housing projects, and to enforce the laws, ordinances, and regulations of this state and its political subdivisions in the housing projects and, when authorized by law, outside the limits of the housing projects.

(E) Enter into an agreement with a county, municipal corporation, or township in whose jurisdiction the metropolitan housing authority is located that permits metropolitan housing authority police officers employed under division (D) of this section to exercise full arrest powers as provided in section 2935.03 of the Revised Code, perform any police function, exercise any police power, or render any police service within specified areas of the county, municipal corporation, or township for the purpose of preserving the peace and enforcing all laws of the state, ordinances of the municipal corporation, or regulations of the township.

Sec. 3735.33. Any two or more metropolitan housing authorities created under sections 3735.27 to 3735.50 of the Revised Code, may join or cooperate with one another in the exercise, either jointly or otherwise, of any or all of their powers relative to the purpose of financing as provided in sections 3735.31 and 3735.45 to 3735.49 of the Revised Code. The moneys received from such joint or cooperative financing may be used for planning, undertaking, owning, constructing, operating, or contracting with respect to a housing project or projects located within the area of operation of any one or more of the authorities. An authority may by resolution prescribe and authorize any other authority or authorities, joining or cooperating with it, to act on its behalf with respect to any or all powers relative to the purpose of financing, as its agent or otherwise, in the name of the authority or authorities so joining or cooperating, or in its own name.

Any two or more metropolitan housing authorities created under sections 3735.27 to 3735.50 of the Revised Code may enter into a shared service agreement.

A metropolitan housing authority may, directly or through its subsidiaries or instrumentalities, provide, consult, sell, license, transfer, or contract to provide to other metropolitan housing authorities, public housing

authorities, or other organizations formed inside or outside of this state, or to government agencies, housing-related knowledge, technology, software, innovations, or expertise for any of the following:

(A) The development or redevelopment of housing projects;

(B) The performance of federal housing contracts or grants;

(C) Any matter related to the efficient operation of housing organizations;

(D) The management or operation of a metropolitan housing authority or redevelopment authority.

Sec. 3735.40. As used in sections 3735.27, 3735.31, and 3735.40 to 3735.50 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Federal government" includes the United States, the federal works administrator, or any other agency or instrumentality, corporate or otherwise, of the United States.

(B) "Slum" has the meaning defined in section 1.08 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Housing project" or "project" means any of the following works or undertakings:

(1) Demolish, clear, or remove buildings from any slum area. Such work or undertaking may embrace the adaptation of such area to public purposes, including parks or other recreational or community purposes.

(2) Provide decent, safe, and sanitary urban or rural dwellings, apartments, or other living accommodations for persons of low income.

(3) Provide for buildings, land, equipment, facilities, and other real or personal property for necessary, convenient, or desirable appurtenances, streets, sewers, water service, parks, site preparation, gardening, administrative, community, health, recreational, educational, welfare, commercial, residential, or other purposes.

(4) Accomplish a combination of the foregoing. "Housing project" also may be applied to the planning of the buildings and improvements, the acquisition of property, the demolition of existing structures, the construction, reconstruction, alteration, and repair of the improvements, and all other work in connection therewith.

(D) "Families of low income" ~~means~~ and "persons of low income" mean persons or families who lack the amount of income which is necessary, as determined by the metropolitan housing authority undertaking the housing project, to enable them, without financial assistance, to live in decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings, without overcrowding. The terms include persons or families as defined by federal law or regulations who are eligible for a federally derived rent subsidy.

(E) "Families" means families consisting of two or more persons, a single person who has attained the age at which an individual may elect to receive an old age benefit under Title II of the "Social Security Act" or is under disability as defined in section 223 of that act, 49 Stat. 622 (1935), 42 U.S.C.A. 401, as amended, or the remaining member of a tenant family.

(F) "Families" also means a single person discharged by the head of a hospital pursuant to section 5122.21 of the Revised Code after March 10, 1964.

(G) "Mixed-income development" means a development that includes decent, safe, and sanitary urban or rural dwellings, apartments, or other living accommodations for persons or families of varying incomes.

(H) "Mixed-use development" means a development that is both residential and nonresidential in character.

Sec. 3735.41. Except as otherwise provided in section 3735.43 of the Revised Code, in the operation or management of housing projects a metropolitan housing authority shall observe the following with respect to rentals and tenant selection:

(A)(1) It shall not provide a federally derived rent subsidy to any tenant for any dwelling in a housing project if the persons who would occupy the dwelling have an aggregate annual net income that equals or exceeds the amount that the authority determines to be necessary to enable such persons to do both of the following:

(a) Secure safe, sanitary, and uncongested dwelling accommodations within the area of operation of the authority;

(b) Provide an adequate standard of living for themselves.

(2) As used in this division, "aggregate annual net income" means the aggregate annual income less the deductions and exemptions from that income authorized by law or regulations established by the United States department of housing and urban development.

(B) ~~¶~~ (1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, it may rent or lease the dwelling accommodations therein only at rentals within the financial reach of persons who lack the amount of income which it determines, pursuant to division (A) of this section, to be necessary in order to obtain safe, sanitary, and uncongested dwelling accommodations within the area of operation of the authority and to provide an adequate standard of living.

(2) It may rent or lease to nonresidential tenants and persons of varying incomes within a project, mixed-use development, or mixed-income development.

(C) It may use a federally derived rent subsidy to rent or lease to a

tenant a dwelling consisting of the number of rooms, but no greater number, which it considers necessary to provide safe and sanitary accommodations to the proposed occupants thereof, without overcrowding.

Sections 3735.27 to 3735.50 of the Revised Code do not limit the power of an authority to vest in a bondholder the right, in the event of a default by such authority, to take possession of a housing project or cause the appointment of a receiver thereof or acquire title thereto through foreclosure proceedings, free from all the restrictions imposed by such sections.

Sec. 3735.661. (A) For the purpose of determining the "first two amendments" referenced in division (B) of Section 3 of Am. Sub. S.B. 19 of the 120th general assembly, an amendment means any modification to an ordinance or resolution adopted under section 3735.66 of the Revised Code that does any of the following:

(1) Expands the geographic size of a community reinvestment area;

(2) Increases a property's or category of property's exempted percentage of assessed valuation, notwithstanding the requirements of section 3735.66 of the Revised Code as that section existed on July 21, 1994. Division (A)(2) of this section does not authorize a municipal corporation or county to increase a property's or category of property's exempted percentage of assessed valuation pursuant to that section.

(3) Increases the term of any tax exemption or category of tax exemptions, except as provided in division (B)~~(6)~~(7) of this section;

(4) Extends the duration of a community reinvestment area;

(5) Changes eligibility requirements for receiving tax exemptions.

(B) For the purpose of determining the "first two amendments" in division (B) of Section 3 of Am. Sub. S.B. 19 of the 120th general assembly, an amendment does not include any modification to an ordinance or resolution adopted under section 3735.66 of the Revised Code that does any of the following:

(1) Restricts the availability of tax exemptions, including any of the following:

(a) Removes area from or decreases the geographic size of a community reinvestment area;

(b) Decreases a property's or category of property's exempted percentage of assessed valuation, notwithstanding the requirements of section 3735.66 of the Revised Code as that section existed on July 21, 1994. Division (B)(1)(b) of this section does not authorize a municipal corporation or county to decrease a property's or category of property's exempted percentage of assessed valuation pursuant to that section.

(c) Decreases the term of any tax exemption or category of exemption;

(d) Shortens the period of time after which the granting of tax exemptions may be terminated.

(2) Requires property owners or developers to enter into an agreement to provide a number of affordable housing units as a condition of granting, continuing, or revoking an exemption, and authorizing municipal or county officials to implement such conditions and agreements;

(3) Recognizes or confirms the continuing existence of a community reinvestment area, including by providing a date after which the area may be terminated;

~~(3)~~(4) Recognizes or confirms a previously granted tax exemption;

~~(4)~~(5) Clarifies ambiguities or corrects defects in previously enacted ordinances or resolutions;

~~(5)~~(6) Makes modifications that are procedural or administrative, including changing the designation of a housing officer, the process for approving or appealing a tax exemption, or the amount of any application fee, or modifying a community reinvestment area housing council created under section 3735.69 of the Revised Code or a tax incentive review council under section 5709.85 of the Revised Code;

~~(6)~~(7) Increases the term of tax exemption for remodeling to not more than that authorized by H.B. 463 of the 131st general assembly for an exemption application that has been filed but not yet granted, or has been filed, on or after April 6, 2017, or that is filed on or after any other later date, provided the maximum term of the exemption for such remodeling before the ordinance's or resolution's modification was the maximum term allowed under division (D)(1) or (2) of section 3735.67 of the Revised Code as that section existed before its amendment by H.B. 463 of the 131st general assembly.

Sec. 3738.01. (A) As used in this section and sections 3738.02 to 3738.09 of the Revised Code, "pregnancy-associated death" means the death of a woman while pregnant or anytime within one year of pregnancy regardless of cause.

(B) There is hereby established in the department of health a pregnancy-associated mortality review (PAMR) board to identify and review all pregnancy-associated deaths statewide for the purpose of reducing the incidence of those deaths.

Sec. 3738.02. The PAMR board may not conduct a review of a pregnancy-associated death while an investigation of the death or prosecution of a person for causing the death is pending unless the prosecuting attorney agrees to allow the review. The law enforcement agency conducting the criminal investigation, on the conclusion of the

investigation, and the prosecuting attorney prosecuting the case, on the conclusion of the prosecution, shall notify the chairperson of the PAMR board of the conclusion.

Sec. 3738.03. All of the following apply with respect to the PAMR board:

(A) The director of health shall appoint the board's members. In doing so, the director shall make a good faith effort to select members who represent all regions of the state and multiple areas of expertise and constituencies concerned with the care of pregnant and postpartum women.

(B) The board, by a majority vote of a quorum of its members, shall select an individual to serve as its chairperson. The board may replace a chairperson in the same manner.

(C) An appointed member shall hold office until a successor is appointed. The director of health shall fill a vacancy as soon as practicable.

(D) A member shall not receive any compensation for, and shall not be paid for any expenses incurred pursuant to, fulfilling the member's duties on the board.

(E) The board shall meet at the call of the board's chairperson as often as the chairperson determines necessary for timely completion of pregnancy-associated death reviews. The reviews shall be conducted in accordance with rules adopted under section 3738.09 of the Revised Code.

(F) The department of health shall provide meeting space, staff services, and other technical assistance required by the board in carrying out its duties.

Sec. 3738.04. The PAMR board shall seek to reduce the incidence of pregnancy-associated deaths in this state by doing all of the following:

(A) Promoting cooperation, collaboration, and communication between all groups, professions, agencies, and entities that serve pregnant and postpartum women and families;

(B) Recommending and developing plans for implementing service and program changes, as well as changes to the groups, professions, agencies, and entities that serve pregnant and postpartum women and families;

(C) Providing the department of health with aggregate data, trends, and patterns regarding pregnancy-associated deaths using data and other relevant information specified in rules adopted under section 3738.09 of the Revised Code;

(D) Developing effective interventions to reduce the mortality of pregnant and postpartum women.

Sec. 3738.05. (A) Notwithstanding section 3701.243 and any other section of the Revised Code pertaining to confidentiality, and except as

provided in division (B) of this section, an individual, government entity, agency that provides services specifically to individuals or families, law enforcement agency, health care provider, or other public or private entity that provided services to a woman whose death is being reviewed by the PAMR board shall submit to the board a copy of any record it possesses that the board requests. In addition, such an individual or entity may make available to the board additional information, documents, or reports that could be useful to the board's investigation.

(B) No person, government entity, law enforcement agency, or prosecuting attorney shall provide any information regarding a pregnancy-associated death while an investigation of the death or prosecution of a person for causing the death is pending unless the prosecuting attorney agrees to allow the review.

(C) A family member of the deceased may decline to participate in an interview as part of the review process. In that case, the review shall continue without the family member's participation.

Sec. 3738.06. (A) Any record, document, report, or other information presented to the PAMR board, as well as all statements made by board members during board meetings, all work products of the board, and data submitted to the department of health by the board, other than the biennial reports described in section 3738.08 of the Revised Code, are confidential and not a public record under section 149.43 of the Revised Code. Such materials shall be used by the board and department only in the exercise of the proper functions of the board and department.

(B) No person shall permit or encourage the unauthorized dissemination of confidential information described in division (A) of this section.

(C) Whoever violates division (B) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.

Sec. 3738.07. (A) An individual or public or private entity providing records, documents, reports, or other information to the PAMR board is immune from any civil liability for injury, death, or loss to person or property that otherwise might be incurred or imposed as a result of providing the records, documents, reports, or information to the board.

(B) Each board member is immune from any civil liability for injury, death, or loss to person or property that might otherwise be incurred or imposed as a result of the member's participation on the board.

Sec. 3738.08. (A) The PAMR board shall prepare a biennial report that does all of the following:

(1) Summarizes the board's findings from the reviews completed in the immediately preceding two calendar years, including any trends or patterns

identified by the board:

(2) Makes recommendations on how pregnancy-associated deaths may be prevented, including changes that should be made to policies and laws;

(3) Includes any other information related to pregnancy-associated mortality the board considers useful.

(B) A report shall not contain individually identifiable information regarding any woman whose death was reviewed by the board.

(C) The board shall submit a copy of each report to the director of health, the general assembly, and the governor. The copy to the general assembly shall be submitted in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code. The initial report shall be submitted not later than March 1, 2020, with subsequent reports submitted not later than March 1 every two years thereafter.

The director shall make a copy of each report available on the department of health's web site.

(D) Reports prepared under this section are public records under section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3738.09. The director of health shall adopt rules that are necessary for the implementation of sections 3738.01 to 3738.08 of the Revised Code, including rules that do all of the following:

(A) Establish a procedure for the PAMR board to follow in conducting pregnancy-associated death reviews;

(B) Specify the data and other relevant information the board must use when conducting pregnancy-associated death reviews;

(C) Establish guidelines for the board to follow to prevent an unauthorized dissemination of confidential information in violation of division (B) of section 3738.06 of the Revised Code.

The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3742.03. The director of health shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for the administration and enforcement of sections 3742.01 to 3742.19 and 3742.99 of the Revised Code. The rules shall specify all of the following:

(A) Procedures to be followed by a lead abatement contractor, lead abatement project designer, lead abatement worker, lead inspector, or lead risk assessor licensed under section 3742.05 of the Revised Code for undertaking lead abatement activities and procedures to be followed by a clearance technician, lead inspector, or lead risk assessor in performing a clearance examination;

(B)(1) Requirements for training and licensure, in addition to those

established under section 3742.08 of the Revised Code, to include levels of training and periodic refresher training for each class of worker, and to be used for licensure under section 3742.05 of the Revised Code. Except in the case of clearance technicians, these requirements shall include at least twenty-four classroom hours of training based on the Occupational Safety and Health Act training program for lead set forth in 29 C.F.R. 1926.62. For clearance technicians, the training requirements to obtain an initial license shall not exceed six hours and the requirements for refresher training shall not exceed two hours every four years. In establishing the training and licensure requirements, the director shall consider the core of information that is needed by all licensed persons, and establish the training requirements so that persons who would seek licenses in more than one area would not have to take duplicative course work.

(2) Persons certified by the American board of industrial hygiene as a certified industrial hygienist or as an industrial hygienist-in-training, and persons registered as a sanitarian or sanitarian-in-training under Chapter 4736. of the Revised Code, shall be exempt from any training requirements for initial licensure established under this chapter, but shall be required to take any examinations for licensure required under section 3742.05 of the Revised Code.

(C) Fees for licenses issued under section 3742.05 of the Revised Code and for their renewal;

(D) Procedures to be followed by lead inspectors, lead abatement contractors, environmental lead analytical laboratories, lead risk assessors, lead abatement project designers, and lead abatement workers to prevent public exposure to lead hazards and ensure worker protection during lead abatement projects;

(E)(1) Record-keeping and reporting requirements for clinical laboratories, environmental lead analytical laboratories, lead inspectors, lead abatement contractors, lead risk assessors, lead abatement project designers, and lead abatement workers for lead abatement projects and record-keeping and reporting requirements for clinical laboratories, environmental lead analytical laboratories, and clearance technicians for clearance examinations;

(2) Record-keeping and reporting requirements regarding lead poisoning for physicians, ~~in addition to the requirements of section 3701.25 of the Revised Code;~~

(3) Information that is required to be reported under rules based on divisions (E)(1) and (2) of this section and that is a medical record is not a public record under section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall not be

released, except in aggregate statistical form.

(F) Environmental sampling techniques for use in collecting samples of air, water, dust, paint, and other materials;

(G) Requirements for a respiratory protection plan prepared in accordance with section 3742.07 of the Revised Code;

(H) Requirements under which a manufacturer of encapsulants must demonstrate evidence of the safety and durability of its encapsulants by providing results of testing from an independent laboratory indicating that the encapsulants meet the standards developed by the "E06.23.30 task group on encapsulants," which is the task group of the lead hazards associated with buildings subcommittee of the performance of buildings committee of the American society for testing and materials.

Sec. 3742.04. (A) The director of health shall do all of the following:

(1) Administer and enforce the requirements of sections 3742.01 to 3742.19 and 3742.99 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted pursuant to those sections;

(2) Examine records and reports submitted by lead inspectors, lead abatement contractors, lead risk assessors, lead abatement project designers, lead abatement workers, and clearance technicians in accordance with section 3742.05 of the Revised Code to determine whether the requirements of this chapter are being met;

(3) Examine records and reports submitted by physicians; pursuant to rules adopted under section 3742.03 of the Revised Code and by clinical laboratories; and environmental lead analytical laboratories under section ~~3701.25 or~~ 3742.09 of the Revised Code;

(4) Issue approval to manufacturers of encapsulants that have done all of the following:

(a) Submitted an application for approval to the director on a form prescribed by the director;

(b) Paid the application fee established by the director;

(c) Submitted results from an independent laboratory indicating that the manufacturer's encapsulants satisfy the requirements established in rules adopted under division (H) of section 3742.03 of the Revised Code;

(d) Complied with rules adopted by the director regarding durability and safety to workers and residents.

(5) Establish liaisons and cooperate with the directors or agencies in states having lead abatement, licensing, accreditation, certification, and approval programs to promote consistency between the requirements of this chapter and those of other states in order to facilitate reciprocity of the programs among states;

(6) Establish a program to monitor and audit the quality of work of lead inspectors, lead risk assessors, lead abatement project designers, lead abatement contractors, lead abatement workers, and clearance technicians. The director may refer improper work discovered through the program to the attorney general for appropriate action.

(B) In addition to any other authority granted by this chapter, the director of health may do any of the following:

(1) Employ persons who have received training from a program the director has determined provides the necessary background. The appropriate training may be obtained in a state that has an ongoing lead abatement program under which it conducts educational programs.

(2) Cooperate with the United States environmental protection agency in any joint oversight procedures the agency may propose for laboratories that offer lead analysis services and are accredited under the agency's laboratory accreditation program;

(3) Advise, consult, cooperate with, or enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with any person, government entity, interstate agency, or the federal government as the director considers necessary to fulfill the requirements of this chapter and the rules adopted under it.

Sec. 3742.18. (A)(1) At the request of the director of health, the attorney general may commence a civil action for civil penalties and injunctive and other equitable relief against any person who violates section 3742.02, 3742.06, or 3742.07 of the Revised Code. The action shall be commenced in the court of common pleas of the county in which the violation occurred or is about to occur.

(2) The court shall grant injunctive and other equitable relief on a showing that the person has violated or is about to violate section 3742.02, 3742.06, or 3742.07 of the Revised Code. On a finding of a violation, the court shall assess a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars. Each day a violation continues is a separate violation. All civil penalties collected by the court under this section shall be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the lead abatement personnel licensing fund created under section 3742.19 of the Revised Code.

(B) At the request of the director or a board of health, a prosecuting attorney, city director of law, village solicitor, or similar chief legal officer may commence a civil action for injunctive and other equitable relief against any person who violates or is about to violate an order issued by the director or board of health under section 3742.40 of the Revised Code. The court shall grant injunctive or other equitable relief on a showing that the person has violated or is about to violate the order.

Sec. 3742.32. (A) The director of health shall appoint an advisory council to assist in the ongoing development and implementation of the child lead poisoning prevention program created under section 3742.31 of the Revised Code. The advisory council shall consist of the following members:

- (1) A representative of the department of medicaid;
- (2) A representative of the bureau of child care in the department of job and family services;
- (3) A representative of the department of environmental protection;
- (4) A representative of the department of education;
- (5) A representative of the development services agency;
- (6) A representative of the Ohio apartment owner's association;
- (7) A representative of the Ohio ~~help end lead poisoning coalition~~ healthy homes network;
- (8) A representative of the Ohio environmental health association;
- (9) An Ohio representative of the ~~national paint and~~ American coatings association;
- (10) A representative from Ohio realtors;
- (11) A representative of the Ohio housing finance agency;
- (12) A physician knowledgeable in the field of lead poisoning prevention;
- (13) A representative of the public.

(B) The advisory council shall do both of the following:

- (1) Provide the director with advice regarding the policies the child lead poisoning prevention program should emphasize, preferred methods of financing the program, and any other matter relevant to the program's operation;
- (2) Submit a report of the state's activities to the governor, president of the senate, and speaker of the house of representatives on or before the first day of March each year.

(C) The advisory council is not subject to sections 101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3742.40. If the owner and manager of a residential unit, child care facility, or school fails or refuses for any reason to comply with a lead hazard control order issued under section 3742.37 of the Revised Code, the director of health or board of health that issued the order shall issue an order prohibiting the owner and manager from permitting the unit, facility, or school to be used as ~~a residential unit, child care facility, or school~~ for any purpose until the unit, facility, or school passes a clearance examination. On receipt of the order, the owner or manager shall take appropriate measures to

notify each occupant, in the case of a residential unit, and the parent, guardian, or custodian of each child attending the facility or school, in the case of a child care facility or school, to vacate the unit, facility, or school until the unit, facility, or school passes a clearance examination. The director or board shall post a sign at the unit, facility, or school that warns the public that the unit, facility, or school has a lead hazard. The sign shall include a declaration that the unit, facility, or school is unsafe for human occupation, especially for children under six years of age and pregnant women. The director or board shall ensure that the sign remains posted at the unit, facility, or school and that the unit, facility, or school is not used as a residential unit, child care facility, or school until the unit, facility, or school passes a clearance examination.

Sec. 3742.50. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Lead abatement costs" means costs incurred by a taxpayer for either of the following:

(a) A lead abatement specialist to conduct a lead risk assessment, a lead abatement project, or a clearance examination, provided the specialist is authorized under this chapter to conduct the respective task;

(b) Relocation costs incurred in the relocation of occupants of an eligible dwelling to achieve occupant protection, as described in 24 C.F.R. 35.1345(a).

"Lead abatement costs" do not include such costs for which the taxpayer is reimbursed or such costs the taxpayer deducts or excludes in computing the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income for federal income tax purposes or Ohio adjusted gross income as determined under section 5747.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Eligible dwelling" means a residential unit constructed in this state before 1978.

(3) "Lead abatement specialist" means an individual who holds a valid license issued under section 3742.05 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Taxable year" and "taxpayer" have the same meanings as in section 5747.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) A taxpayer who incurs lead abatement costs on an eligible dwelling during a taxable year may apply to the director of health for a lead abatement tax credit certificate. The applicant shall list on the application the amount of lead abatement costs the applicant incurred for the eligible dwelling during the taxable year. The director, in consultation with the tax commissioner, shall prescribe the form of a lead abatement tax credit certificate, the manner by which an applicant shall apply for the certificate, and requirements for the submission of any record or other information an

applicant must furnish with the application to verify the lead abatement costs.

(C)(1) Upon receipt of an application under division (B) of this section, the director of health shall verify all of the following:

(a) The residential unit that is the subject of the application is an eligible dwelling.

(b) The taxpayer incurred lead abatement costs during the taxable year related to the eligible dwelling.

(c) The eligible dwelling has passed a clearance examination in accordance with standards prescribed in rules adopted by the director under section 3742.03 or 3742.45 of the Revised Code.

(2) After verifying the conditions described in division (C)(1) of this section, the director shall issue a lead abatement tax credit certificate to the applicant equal to the lesser of (a) the lead abatement costs incurred by the taxpayer on the eligible dwelling during the taxable year, (b) the amount of lead abatement costs listed on the application, or (c) ten thousand dollars, subject to the limitation in division (C)(3) of this section.

(3) The director may not issue more than five million dollars in lead abatement tax credit certificates in any fiscal year.

(D) The director of health, in consultation with the tax commissioner, may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code as necessary for the administration of this section.

Sec. 3743.75. (A) During the period beginning on June 29, 2001, and ending on December 31, ~~2019~~ 2020, the state fire marshal shall not do any of the following:

(1) Issue a license as a manufacturer of fireworks under sections 3743.02 and 3743.03 of the Revised Code to a person for a particular fireworks plant unless that person possessed such a license for that fireworks plant immediately prior to June 29, 2001;

(2) Issue a license as a wholesaler of fireworks under sections 3743.15 and 3743.16 of the Revised Code to a person for a particular location unless that person possessed such a license for that location immediately prior to June 29, 2001;

(3) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, approve the geographic transfer of a license as a manufacturer or wholesaler of fireworks issued under this chapter to any location other than a location for which a license was issued under this chapter immediately prior to June 29, 2001.

(B) Division (A)(3) of this section does not apply to a transfer that the state fire marshal approves under division (F) of section 3743.17 of the Revised Code.

(C) Notwithstanding section 3743.59 of the Revised Code, the prohibited activities established in divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section, geographic transfers approved pursuant to division (F) of section 3743.17 of the Revised Code, and storage locations allowed pursuant to division (I) of section 3743.04 of the Revised Code or division (G) of section 3743.17 of the Revised Code are not subject to any variance, waiver, or exclusion.

(D) As used in division (A) of this section:

(1) "Person" includes any person or entity, in whatever form or name, that acquires possession of a manufacturer or wholesaler of fireworks license issued pursuant to this chapter by transfer of possession of a license, whether that transfer occurs by purchase, assignment, inheritance, bequest, stock transfer, or any other type of transfer, on the condition that the transfer is in accordance with division (D) of section 3743.04 of the Revised Code or division (D) of section 3743.17 of the Revised Code and is approved by the fire marshal.

(2) "Particular location" includes a licensed premises and, regardless of when approved, any storage location approved in accordance with section 3743.04 or 3743.17 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Such a license" includes a wholesaler of fireworks license that was issued in place of a manufacturer of fireworks license that existed prior to June 29, 2001, and was requested to be canceled by the license holder pursuant to division (D) of section 3743.03 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3745.11. (A) Applicants for and holders of permits, licenses, variances, plan approvals, and certifications issued by the director of environmental protection pursuant to Chapters 3704., 3734., 6109., and 6111. of the Revised Code shall pay a fee to the environmental protection agency for each such issuance and each application for an issuance as provided by this section. No fee shall be charged for any issuance for which no application has been submitted to the director.

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(2) of this section, beginning July 1, 1994, each person who owns or operates an air contaminant source and who is required to apply for and obtain a Title V permit under section 3704.036 of the Revised Code shall pay the fees set forth in this division. For the purposes of this division, total emissions of air contaminants may be calculated using engineering calculations, emissions factors, material balance calculations, or performance testing procedures, as authorized by the director.

The following fees shall be assessed on the total actual emissions from a source in tons per year of the regulated pollutants particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, and lead:

(1) Fifteen dollars per ton on the total actual emissions of each such regulated pollutant during the period July through December 1993, to be collected no sooner than July 1, 1994;

(2) Twenty dollars per ton on the total actual emissions of each such regulated pollutant during calendar year 1994, to be collected no sooner than April 15, 1995;

(3) Twenty-five dollars per ton on the total actual emissions of each such regulated pollutant in calendar year 1995, and each subsequent calendar year, to be collected no sooner than the fifteenth day of April of the year next succeeding the calendar year in which the emissions occurred.

The fees levied under this division do not apply to that portion of the emissions of a regulated pollutant at a facility that exceed four thousand tons during a calendar year.

(C)(1) The fees assessed under division (B) of this section are for the purpose of providing funding for the Title V permit program.

(2) The fees assessed under division (B) of this section do not apply to emissions from any electric generating unit designated as a Phase I unit under Title IV of the federal Clean Air Act prior to calendar year 2000. Those fees shall be assessed on the emissions from such a generating unit commencing in calendar year 2001 based upon the total actual emissions from the generating unit during calendar year 2000 and shall continue to be assessed each subsequent calendar year based on the total actual emissions from the generating unit during the preceding calendar year.

(3) The director shall issue invoices to owners or operators of air contaminant sources who are required to pay a fee assessed under division (B) or (D) of this section. Any such invoice shall be issued no sooner than the applicable date when the fee first may be collected in a year under the applicable division, shall identify the nature and amount of the fee assessed, and shall indicate that the fee is required to be paid within thirty days after the issuance of the invoice.

(D)(1) Except as provided in division (D)(3) of this section, from January 1, 1994, through December 31, 2003, each person who owns or operates an air contaminant source; who is required to apply for a permit to operate pursuant to rules adopted under division (G), or a variance pursuant to division (H), of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code; and who is not required to apply for and obtain a Title V permit under section 3704.036 of the Revised Code shall pay a single fee based upon the sum of the actual annual emissions from the facility of the regulated pollutants particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, and lead in accordance with the following schedule:

Total tons per year of regulated pollutants emitted	Annual fee per facility
More than 0, but less than 50	\$ 75
50 or more, but less than 100	300
100 or more	700

(2) Except as provided in division (D)(3) of this section, beginning January 1, 2004, each person who owns or operates an air contaminant source; who is required to apply for a permit to operate pursuant to rules adopted under division (G), or a variance pursuant to division (H), of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code; and who is not required to apply for and obtain a Title V permit under section 3704.03 of the Revised Code shall pay a single fee based upon the sum of the actual annual emissions from the facility of the regulated pollutants particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, and lead in accordance with the following schedule:

Total tons per year of regulated pollutants emitted	Annual fee per facility
More than 0, but less than 10	\$ 100
10 or more, but less than 50	200
50 or more, but less than 100	300
100 or more	700

(3)(a) As used in division (D) of this section, "synthetic minor facility" means a facility for which one or more permits to install or permits to operate have been issued for the air contaminant sources at the facility that include terms and conditions that lower the facility's potential to emit air contaminants below the major source thresholds established in rules adopted under section 3704.036 of the Revised Code.

(b) Beginning January 1, 2000, through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2022, each person who owns or operates a synthetic minor facility shall pay an annual fee based on the sum of the actual annual emissions from the facility of particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, organic compounds, and lead in accordance with the following schedule:

Combined total tons per year of all regulated pollutants emitted	Annual fee per facility
Less than 10	\$ 170
10 or more, but less than 20	340
20 or more, but less than 30	670

30 or more, but less than 40	1,010
40 or more, but less than 50	1,340
50 or more, but less than 60	1,680
60 or more, but less than 70	2,010
70 or more, but less than 80	2,350
80 or more, but less than 90	2,680
90 or more, but less than 100	3,020
100 or more	3,350

(4) The fees assessed under division (D)(1) of this section shall be collected annually no sooner than the fifteenth day of April, commencing in 1995. The fees assessed under division (D)(2) of this section shall be collected annually no sooner than the fifteenth day of April, commencing in 2005. The fees assessed under division (D)(3) of this section shall be collected no sooner than the fifteenth day of April, commencing in 2000. The fees assessed under division (D) of this section in a calendar year shall be based upon the sum of the actual emissions of those regulated pollutants during the preceding calendar year. For the purpose of division (D) of this section, emissions of air contaminants may be calculated using engineering calculations, emission factors, material balance calculations, or performance testing procedures, as authorized by the director. The director, by rule, may require persons who are required to pay the fees assessed under division (D) of this section to pay those fees biennially rather than annually.

(E)(1) Consistent with the need to cover the reasonable costs of the Title V permit program, the director annually shall increase the fees prescribed in division (B) of this section by the percentage, if any, by which the consumer price index for the most recent calendar year ending before the beginning of a year exceeds the consumer price index for calendar year 1989. Upon calculating an increase in fees authorized by division (E)(1) of this section, the director shall compile revised fee schedules for the purposes of division (B) of this section and shall make the revised schedules available to persons required to pay the fees assessed under that division and to the public.

(2) For the purposes of division (E)(1) of this section:

(a) The consumer price index for any year is the average of the consumer price index for all urban consumers published by the United States department of labor as of the close of the twelve-month period ending on the thirty-first day of August of that year.

(b) If the 1989 consumer price index is revised, the director shall use the revision of the consumer price index that is most consistent with that for calendar year 1989.

(F) Each person who is issued a permit to install pursuant to rules

adopted under division (F) of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code on or after July 1, 2003, shall pay the fees specified in the following schedules:

(1) Fuel-burning equipment (boilers, furnaces, or process heaters used in the process of burning fuel for the primary purpose of producing heat or power by indirect heat transfer)

Input capacity (maximum) (million British thermal units per hour)	Permit to install
Greater than 0, but less than 10	\$ 200
10 or more, but less than 100	400
100 or more, but less than 300	1000
300 or more, but less than 500	2250
500 or more, but less than 1000	3750
1000 or more, but less than 5000	6000
5000 or more	9000

Units burning exclusively natural gas, number two fuel oil, or both shall be assessed a fee that is one-half the applicable amount shown in division (F)(1) of this section.

(2) Combustion turbines and stationary internal combustion engines designed to generate electricity

Generating capacity (mega watts)	Permit to install
0 or more, but less than 10	\$ 25
10 or more, but less than 25	150
25 or more, but less than 50	300
50 or more, but less than 100	500
100 or more, but less than 250	1000
250 or more	2000

(3) Incinerators

Input capacity (pounds per hour)	Permit to install
0 to 100	\$ 100
101 to 500	500
501 to 2000	1000
2001 to 20,000	1500
more than 20,000	3750

(4)(a) Process

Process weight rate (pounds per hour)	Permit to install
0 to 1000	\$ 200
1001 to 5000	500
5001 to 10,000	750
10,001 to 50,000	1000
more than 50,000	1250

In any process where process weight rate cannot be ascertained, the minimum fee shall be assessed. A boiler, furnace, combustion turbine, stationary internal combustion engine, or process heater designed to provide direct heat or power to a process not designed to generate electricity shall be assessed a fee established in division (F)(4)(a) of this section. A combustion turbine or stationary internal combustion engine designed to generate electricity shall be assessed a fee established in division (F)(2) of this section.

(b) Notwithstanding division (F)(4)(a) of this section, any person issued a permit to install pursuant to rules adopted under division (F) of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code shall pay the fees set forth in division (F)(4)(c) of this section for a process used in any of the following industries, as identified by the applicable two-digit, three-digit, or four-digit standard industrial classification code according to the Standard Industrial Classification Manual published by the United States office of management and budget in the executive office of the president, 1987, as revised:

- Major group 10, metal mining;
- Major group 12, coal mining;
- Major group 14, mining and quarrying of nonmetallic minerals;
- Industry group 204, grain mill products;
- 2873 Nitrogen fertilizers;
- 2874 Phosphatic fertilizers;
- 3281 Cut stone and stone products;
- 3295 Minerals and earth, ground or otherwise treated;
- 4221 Grain elevators (storage only);
- 5159 Farm related raw materials;
- 5261 Retail nurseries and lawn and garden supply stores.

(c) The fees set forth in the following schedule apply to the issuance of a permit to install pursuant to rules adopted under division (F) of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code for a process identified in division (F)(4)(b) of this section:

Process weight rate (pounds per hour)	Permit to install
0 to 10,000	\$ 200
10,001 to 50,000	400
50,001 to 100,000	500
100,001 to 200,000	600
200,001 to 400,000	750
400,001 or more	900

(5) Storage tanks

Gallons (maximum useful capacity)	Permit to install
0 to 20,000	\$ 100
20,001 to 40,000	150
40,001 to 100,000	250
100,001 to 500,000	400
500,001 or greater	750

(6) Gasoline/fuel dispensing facilities

For each gasoline/fuel dispensing facility (includes all units at the facility)	Permit to install \$ 100
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(7) Dry cleaning facilities

For each dry cleaning facility (includes all units at the facility)	Permit to install \$ 100
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(8) Registration status

For each source covered by registration status	Permit to install \$ 75
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(G) An owner or operator who is responsible for an asbestos demolition or renovation project pursuant to rules adopted under section 3704.03 of the Revised Code shall pay, upon submitting a notification pursuant to rules adopted under that section, the fees set forth in the following schedule:

Action	Fee
Each notification	\$75
Asbestos removal	\$3/unit
Asbestos cleanup	\$4/cubic yard

For purposes of this division, "unit" means any combination of linear feet or square feet equal to fifty.

(H) A person who is issued an extension of time for a permit to install an air contaminant source pursuant to rules adopted under division (F) of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code shall pay a fee equal to one-half the fee originally assessed for the permit to install under this section, except that the fee for such an extension shall not exceed two hundred dollars.

(I) A person who is issued a modification to a permit to install an air contaminant source pursuant to rules adopted under section 3704.03 of the Revised Code shall pay a fee equal to one-half of the fee that would be assessed under this section to obtain a permit to install the source. The fee assessed by this division only applies to modifications that are initiated by the owner or operator of the source and shall not exceed two thousand dollars.

(J) Notwithstanding division (F) of this section, a person who applies

for or obtains a permit to install pursuant to rules adopted under division (F) of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code after the date actual construction of the source began shall pay a fee for the permit to install that is equal to twice the fee that otherwise would be assessed under the applicable division unless the applicant received authorization to begin construction under division (W) of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code. This division only applies to sources for which actual construction of the source begins on or after July 1, 1993. The imposition or payment of the fee established in this division does not preclude the director from taking any administrative or judicial enforcement action under this chapter, Chapter 3704., 3714., 3734., or 6111. of the Revised Code, or a rule adopted under any of them, in connection with a violation of rules adopted under division (F) of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code.

As used in this division, "actual construction of the source" means the initiation of physical on-site construction activities in connection with improvements to the source that are permanent in nature, including, without limitation, the installation of building supports and foundations and the laying of underground pipework.

(K)(1) Money received under division (B) of this section shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the Title V clean air fund created in section 3704.035 of the Revised Code. Annually, not more than fifty cents per ton of each fee assessed under division (B) of this section on actual emissions from a source and received by the environmental protection agency pursuant to that division may be transferred by the director using an interstate transfer voucher to the state treasury to the credit of the small business assistance fund created in section 3706.19 of the Revised Code. In addition, annually, the amount of money necessary for the operation of the office of ombudsperson as determined under division (B) of that section shall be transferred to the state treasury to the credit of the small business ombudsperson fund created by that section.

(2) Money received by the agency pursuant to divisions (D), (F), (G), (H), (I), and (J) of this section shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the non-Title V clean air fund created in section 3704.035 of the Revised Code.

(L)(1) A person applying for a plan approval for a wastewater treatment works pursuant to section 6111.44, 6111.45, or 6111.46 of the Revised Code shall pay a nonrefundable fee of one hundred dollars plus sixty-five one-hundredths of one per cent of the estimated project cost through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2022, and a nonrefundable application fee of one hundred dollars plus two-tenths of one per cent of the estimated project cost on and after

July 1, ~~2020~~ 2022, except that the total fee shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2022, and five thousand dollars on and after July 1, ~~2020~~ 2022. The fee shall be paid at the time the application is submitted.

(2) A person who has entered into an agreement with the director under section 6111.14 of the Revised Code shall pay an administrative service fee for each plan submitted under that section for approval that shall not exceed the minimum amount necessary to pay administrative costs directly attributable to processing plan approvals. The director annually shall calculate the fee and shall notify all persons who have entered into agreements under that section, or who have applied for agreements, of the amount of the fee.

(3)(a)(i) Not later than January 30, ~~2018~~ 2020, and January 30, ~~2019~~ 2021, a person holding an NPDES discharge permit issued pursuant to Chapter 6111. of the Revised Code with an average daily discharge flow of five thousand gallons or more shall pay a nonrefundable annual discharge fee. Any person who fails to pay the fee at that time shall pay an additional amount that equals ten per cent of the required annual discharge fee.

(ii) The billing year for the annual discharge fee established in division (L)(3)(a)(i) of this section shall consist of a twelve-month period beginning on the first day of January of the year preceding the date when the annual discharge fee is due. In the case of an existing source that permanently ceases to discharge during a billing year, the director shall reduce the annual discharge fee, including the surcharge applicable to certain industrial facilities pursuant to division (L)(3)(c) of this section, by one-twelfth for each full month during the billing year that the source was not discharging, but only if the person holding the NPDES discharge permit for the source notifies the director in writing, not later than the first day of October of the billing year, of the circumstances causing the cessation of discharge.

(iii) The annual discharge fee established in division (L)(3)(a)(i) of this section, except for the surcharge applicable to certain industrial facilities pursuant to division (L)(3)(c) of this section, shall be based upon the average daily discharge flow in gallons per day calculated using first day of May through thirty-first day of October flow data for the period two years prior to the date on which the fee is due. In the case of NPDES discharge permits for new sources, the fee shall be calculated using the average daily design flow of the facility until actual average daily discharge flow values are available for the time period specified in division (L)(3)(a)(iii) of this section. The annual discharge fee may be prorated for a new source as described in division (L)(3)(a)(ii) of this section.

(b)(i) An NPDES permit holder that is a public discharger shall pay the fee specified in the following schedule:

Average daily discharge flow	Fee due by January 30, 2018 <u>2020</u> , and January 30, 2019 <u>2021</u>
5,000 to 49,999	\$ 200
50,000 to 100,000	500
100,001 to 250,000	1,050
250,001 to 1,000,000	2,600
1,000,001 to 5,000,000	5,200
5,000,001 to 10,000,000	10,350
10,000,001 to 20,000,000	15,550
20,000,001 to 50,000,000	25,900
50,000,001 to 100,000,000	41,400
100,000,001 or more	62,100

(ii) Public dischargers owning or operating two or more publicly owned treatment works serving the same political subdivision, as "treatment works" is defined in section 6111.01 of the Revised Code, and that serve exclusively political subdivisions having a population of fewer than one hundred thousand persons shall pay an annual discharge fee under division (L)(3)(b)(i) of this section that is based on the combined average daily discharge flow of the treatment works.

(c)(i) An NPDES permit holder that is an industrial discharger, other than a coal mining operator identified by P in the third character of the permittee's NPDES permit number, shall pay the fee specified in the following schedule:

Average daily discharge flow	Fee due by January 30, 2018 <u>2020</u> , and January 30, 2019 <u>2021</u>
5,000 to 49,999	\$ 250
50,000 to 250,000	1,200
250,001 to 1,000,000	2,950
1,000,001 to 5,000,000	5,850
5,000,001 to 10,000,000	8,800
10,000,001 to 20,000,000	11,700
20,000,001 to 100,000,000	14,050

100,000,001 to 250,000,000	16,400
250,000,001 or more	18,700

(ii) In addition to the fee specified in the above schedule, an NPDES permit holder that is an industrial discharger classified as a major discharger during all or part of the annual discharge fee billing year specified in division (L)(3)(a)(ii) of this section shall pay a nonrefundable annual surcharge of seven thousand five hundred dollars not later than January 30, ~~2018~~ 2020, and not later than January 30, ~~2019~~ 2021. Any person who fails to pay the surcharge at that time shall pay an additional amount that equals ten per cent of the amount of the surcharge.

(d) Notwithstanding divisions (L)(3)(b) and (c) of this section, a public discharger, that is not a separate municipal storm sewer system, identified by I in the third character of the permittee's NPDES permit number and an industrial discharger identified by I, J, L, V, W, X, Y, or Z in the third character of the permittee's NPDES permit number shall pay a nonrefundable annual discharge fee of one hundred eighty dollars not later than January 30, ~~2018~~ 2020, and not later than January 30, ~~2019~~ 2021. Any person who fails to pay the fee at that time shall pay an additional amount that equals ten per cent of the required fee.

(4) Each person obtaining an NPDES permit for municipal storm water discharge shall pay a nonrefundable storm water annual discharge fee of ten dollars per one-tenth of a square mile of area permitted. The fee shall not exceed ten thousand dollars and shall be payable on or before January 30, 2004, and the thirtieth day of January of each year thereafter. Any person who fails to pay the fee on the date specified in division (L)(4) of this section shall pay an additional amount per year equal to ten per cent of the annual fee that is unpaid.

(5) The director shall transmit all moneys collected under division (L) of this section to the treasurer of state for deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the surface water protection fund created in section 6111.038 of the Revised Code.

(6) As used in this section:

(a) "NPDES" means the federally approved national pollutant discharge elimination system individual and general program for issuing, modifying, revoking, reissuing, terminating, monitoring, and enforcing permits and imposing and enforcing pretreatment requirements under Chapter 6111. of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it.

(b) "Public discharger" means any holder of an NPDES permit identified by P in the second character of the NPDES permit number assigned by the director.

(c) "Industrial discharger" means any holder of an NPDES permit identified by I in the second character of the NPDES permit number assigned by the director.

(d) "Major discharger" means any holder of an NPDES permit classified as major by the regional administrator of the United States environmental protection agency in conjunction with the director.

(M) Through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2022, a person applying for a license or license renewal to operate a public water system under section 6109.21 of the Revised Code shall pay the appropriate fee established under this division at the time of application to the director. Any person who fails to pay the fee at that time shall pay an additional amount that equals ten per cent of the required fee. The director shall transmit all moneys collected under this division to the treasurer of state for deposit into the drinking water protection fund created in section 6109.30 of the Revised Code.

Except as provided in divisions (M)(4) and (5) of this section, fees required under this division shall be calculated and paid in accordance with the following schedule:

(1) For the initial license required under section 6109.21 of the Revised Code for any public water system that is a community water system as defined in section 6109.01 of the Revised Code, and for each license renewal required for such a system prior to January 31, ~~2020~~ 2022, the fee is:

Number of service connections	Fee amount
Not more than 49	\$ 112
50 to 99	176
Number of service connections	Average cost per connection
100 to 2,499	\$ 1.92
2,500 to 4,999	1.48
5,000 to 7,499	1.42
7,500 to 9,999	1.34
10,000 to 14,999	1.16
15,000 to 24,999	1.10
25,000 to 49,999	1.04
50,000 to 99,999	.92
100,000 to 149,999	.86
150,000 to 199,999	.80
200,000 or more	.76

A public water system may determine how it will pay the total amount of the fee calculated under division (M)(1) of this section, including the assessment of additional user fees that may be assessed on a volumetric

basis.

As used in division (M)(1) of this section, "service connection" means the number of active or inactive pipes, goosenecks, pigtails, and any other fittings connecting a water main to any building outlet.

(2) For the initial license required under section 6109.21 of the Revised Code for any public water system that is not a community water system and serves a nontransient population, and for each license renewal required for such a system prior to January 31, ~~2020~~ 2022, the fee is:

Population served	Fee amount
Fewer than 150	\$ 112
150 to 299	176
300 to 749	384
750 to 1,499	628
1,500 to 2,999	1,268
3,000 to 7,499	2,816
7,500 to 14,999	5,510
15,000 to 22,499	9,048
22,500 to 29,999	12,430
30,000 or more	16,820

As used in division (M)(2) of this section, "population served" means the total number of individuals having access to the water supply during a twenty-four-hour period for at least sixty days during any calendar year. In the absence of a specific population count, that number shall be calculated at the rate of three individuals per service connection.

(3) For the initial license required under section 6109.21 of the Revised Code for any public water system that is not a community water system and serves a transient population, and for each license renewal required for such a system prior to January 31, ~~2020~~ 2022, the fee is:

Number of wells or sources, other than surface water, supplying system	Fee amount
1	\$112
2	112
3	176
4	278
5	568
System designated as using a surface water source	792

As used in division (M)(3) of this section, "number of wells or sources, other than surface water, supplying system" means those wells or sources that are physically connected to the plumbing system serving the public

water system.

(4) A public water system designated as using a surface water source shall pay a fee of seven hundred ninety-two dollars or the amount calculated under division (M)(1) or (2) of this section, whichever is greater.

(5) An applicant for an initial license who is proposing to operate a new public water supply system shall submit a fee that equals a prorated amount of the appropriate fee for the remainder of the licensing year.

(N)(1) A person applying for a plan approval for a public water supply system under section 6109.07 of the Revised Code shall pay a fee of one hundred fifty dollars plus thirty-five hundredths of one per cent of the estimated project cost, except that the total fee shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2022, and fifteen thousand dollars on and after July 1, ~~2020~~ 2022. The fee shall be paid at the time the application is submitted.

(2) A person who has entered into an agreement with the director under division (A)(2) of section 6109.07 of the Revised Code shall pay an administrative service fee for each plan submitted under that section for approval that shall not exceed the minimum amount necessary to pay administrative costs directly attributable to processing plan approvals. The director annually shall calculate the fee and shall notify all persons that have entered into agreements under that division, or who have applied for agreements, of the amount of the fee.

(3) Through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2022, the following fee, on a per survey basis, shall be charged any person for services rendered by the state in the evaluation of laboratories and laboratory personnel for compliance with accepted analytical techniques and procedures established pursuant to Chapter 6109. of the Revised Code for determining the qualitative characteristics of water:

microbiological	
MMO-MUG	\$2,000
MF	2,100
MMO-MUG and MF	2,550
organic chemical	5,400
trace metals	5,400
standard chemistry	2,800
limited chemistry	1,550

On and after July 1, ~~2020~~ 2022, the following fee, on a per survey basis, shall be charged any such person:

microbiological	\$ 1,650
organic chemicals	3,500

trace metals	3,500
standard chemistry	1,800
limited chemistry	1,000

The fee for those services shall be paid at the time the request for the survey is made. Through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2022, an individual laboratory shall not be assessed a fee under this division more than once in any three-year period unless the person requests the addition of analytical methods or analysts, in which case the person shall pay eighteen hundred dollars for each additional survey requested.

As used in division (N)(3) of this section:

- (a) "MF" means microfiltration.
- (b) "MMO" means minimal medium ONPG.
- (c) "MUG" means 4-methylumbelliferyl-beta-D-glucuronide.
- (d) "ONPG" means o-nitrophenyl-beta-D-galactopyranoside.

The director shall transmit all moneys collected under this division to the treasurer of state for deposit into the drinking water protection fund created in section 6109.30 of the Revised Code.

(O) Any person applying to the director to take an examination for certification as an operator of a water supply system or wastewater system under Chapter 6109. or 6111. of the Revised Code that is administered by the director, at the time the application is submitted, shall pay a fee in accordance with the following schedule through November 30, ~~2020~~ 2022:

Class A operator	\$ 80
Class I operator	105
Class II operator	120
Class III operator	130
Class IV operator	145

On and after December 1, ~~2020~~ 2022, the applicant shall pay a fee in accordance with the following schedule:

Class A operator	\$ 50
Class I operator	70
Class II operator	80
Class III operator	90
Class IV operator	100

Any person applying to the director for certification as an operator of a water supply system or wastewater system who has passed an examination administered by an examination provider approved by the director shall pay a certification fee of forty-five dollars.

A person shall pay a biennial certification renewal fee for each applicable class of certification in accordance with the following schedule:

Class A operator	\$25
Class I operator	35
Class II operator	45
Class III operator	55
Class IV operator	65

If a certification renewal fee is received by the director more than thirty days, but not more than one year, after the expiration date of the certification, the person shall pay a certification renewal fee in accordance with the following schedule:

Class A operator	\$45
Class I operator	55
Class II operator	65
Class III operator	75
Class IV operator	85

A person who requests a replacement certificate shall pay a fee of twenty-five dollars at the time the request is made.

Any person applying to be a water supply system or wastewater treatment system examination provider shall pay an application fee of five hundred dollars. Any person approved by the director as a water supply system or wastewater treatment system examination provider shall pay an annual fee that is equal to ten per cent of the fees that the provider assesses and collects for administering water supply system or wastewater treatment system certification examinations in this state for the calendar year. The fee shall be paid not later than forty-five days after the end of a calendar year.

The director shall transmit all moneys collected under this division to the treasurer of state for deposit into the drinking water protection fund created in section 6109.30 of the Revised Code.

(P) Any person submitting an application for an industrial water pollution control certificate under section 6111.31 of the Revised Code, as that section existed before its repeal by H.B. 95 of the 125th general assembly, shall pay a nonrefundable fee of five hundred dollars at the time the application is submitted. The director shall transmit all moneys collected under this division to the treasurer of state for deposit into the surface water protection fund created in section 6111.038 of the Revised Code. A person paying a certificate fee under this division shall not pay an application fee under division (S)(1) of this section. On and after June 26, 2003, persons shall file such applications and pay the fee as required under sections 5709.20 to 5709.27 of the Revised Code, and proceeds from the fee shall be credited as provided in section 5709.212 of the Revised Code.

(Q) Except as otherwise provided in division (R) of this section, a

person issued a permit by the director for a new solid waste disposal facility other than an incineration or composting facility, a new infectious waste treatment facility other than an incineration facility, or a modification of such an existing facility that includes an increase in the total disposal or treatment capacity of the facility pursuant to Chapter 3734. of the Revised Code shall pay a fee of ten dollars per thousand cubic yards of disposal or treatment capacity, or one thousand dollars, whichever is greater, except that the total fee for any such permit shall not exceed eighty thousand dollars. A person issued a modification of a permit for a solid waste disposal facility or an infectious waste treatment facility that does not involve an increase in the total disposal or treatment capacity of the facility shall pay a fee of one thousand dollars. A person issued a permit to install a new, or modify an existing, solid waste transfer facility under that chapter shall pay a fee of two thousand five hundred dollars. A person issued a permit to install a new or to modify an existing solid waste incineration or composting facility, or an existing infectious waste treatment facility using incineration as its principal method of treatment, under that chapter shall pay a fee of one thousand dollars. The increases in the permit fees under this division resulting from the amendments made by Amended Substitute House Bill 592 of the 117th general assembly do not apply to any person who submitted an application for a permit to install a new, or modify an existing, solid waste disposal facility under that chapter prior to September 1, 1987; any such person shall pay the permit fee established in this division as it existed prior to June 24, 1988. In addition to the applicable permit fee under this division, a person issued a permit to install or modify a solid waste facility or an infectious waste treatment facility under that chapter who fails to pay the permit fee to the director in compliance with division (V) of this section shall pay an additional ten per cent of the amount of the fee for each week that the permit fee is late.

Permit and late payment fees paid to the director under this division shall be credited to the general revenue fund.

(R)(1) A person issued a registration certificate for a scrap tire collection facility under section 3734.75 of the Revised Code shall pay a fee of two hundred dollars, except that if the facility is owned or operated by a motor vehicle salvage dealer licensed under Chapter 4738. of the Revised Code, the person shall pay a fee of twenty-five dollars.

(2) A person issued a registration certificate for a new scrap tire storage facility under section 3734.76 of the Revised Code shall pay a fee of three hundred dollars, except that if the facility is owned or operated by a motor vehicle salvage dealer licensed under Chapter 4738. of the Revised Code,

the person shall pay a fee of twenty-five dollars.

(3) A person issued a permit for a scrap tire storage facility under section 3734.76 of the Revised Code shall pay a fee of one thousand dollars, except that if the facility is owned or operated by a motor vehicle salvage dealer licensed under Chapter 4738. of the Revised Code, the person shall pay a fee of fifty dollars.

(4) A person issued a permit for a scrap tire monocell or monofill facility under section 3734.77 of the Revised Code shall pay a fee of ten dollars per thousand cubic yards of disposal capacity or one thousand dollars, whichever is greater, except that the total fee for any such permit shall not exceed eighty thousand dollars.

(5) A person issued a registration certificate for a scrap tire recovery facility under section 3734.78 of the Revised Code shall pay a fee of one hundred dollars.

(6) A person issued a permit for a scrap tire recovery facility under section 3734.78 of the Revised Code shall pay a fee of one thousand dollars.

(7) In addition to the applicable registration certificate or permit fee under divisions (R)(1) to (6) of this section, a person issued a registration certificate or permit for any such scrap tire facility who fails to pay the registration certificate or permit fee to the director in compliance with division (V) of this section shall pay an additional ten per cent of the amount of the fee for each week that the fee is late.

(8) The registration certificate, permit, and late payment fees paid to the director under divisions (R)(1) to (7) of this section shall be credited to the scrap tire management fund created in section 3734.82 of the Revised Code.

(S)(1)(a) Except as provided by divisions (L), (M), (N), (O), (P), and (S)(2) of this section, division (A)(2) of section 3734.05 of the Revised Code, section 3734.79 of the Revised Code, and rules adopted under division (T)(1) of this section, any person applying for a registration certificate under section 3734.75, 3734.76, or 3734.78 of the Revised Code or a permit, variance, or plan approval under Chapter 3734. of the Revised Code shall pay a nonrefundable fee of fifteen dollars at the time the application is submitted.

(b) Except as otherwise provided, any person applying for a permit, variance, or plan approval under Chapter 6109. or 6111. of the Revised Code shall pay a nonrefundable application fee of one hundred dollars at the time the application is submitted through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2022, and a nonrefundable application fee of fifteen dollars at the time the application is submitted on and after July 1, ~~2020~~ 2022.

(c)(i) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (S)(1)(c)(iii) and (iv) of

this section, through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2022, any person applying for an NPDES permit under Chapter 6111. of the Revised Code shall pay a nonrefundable application fee of two hundred dollars at the time of application for the permit. On and after July 1, ~~2020~~ 2022, such a person shall pay a nonrefundable application fee of fifteen dollars at the time of application.

(ii) In addition to the nonrefundable application fee, any person applying for an NPDES permit under Chapter 6111. of the Revised Code shall pay a design flow discharge fee based on each point source to which the issuance is applicable in accordance with the following schedule:

Design flow discharge (gallons per day)	Fee
0 to 1000 <u>1,000</u>	\$ 0
1,001 to 5000 <u>5,000</u>	100
5,001 to 50,000	200
50,001 to 100,000	300
100,001 to 300,000	525
over 300,000	750

(iii) Notwithstanding divisions (S)(1)(c)(i) and (ii) of this section, the application and design flow discharge fee for an NPDES permit for a public discharger identified by the letter I in the third character of the NPDES permit number shall not exceed nine hundred fifty dollars.

(iv) Notwithstanding divisions (S)(1)(c)(i) and (ii) of this section, the application and design flow discharge fee for an NPDES permit for a coal mining operation regulated under Chapter 1513. of the Revised Code shall not exceed four hundred fifty dollars per mine.

(v) A person issued a modification of an NPDES permit shall pay a nonrefundable modification fee equal to the application fee and one-half the design flow discharge fee based on each point source, if applicable, that would be charged for an NPDES permit, except that the modification fee shall not exceed six hundred dollars.

(d) In addition to the application fee established under division (S)(1)(c)(i) of this section, any person applying for an NPDES general storm water construction permit shall pay a nonrefundable fee of twenty dollars per acre for each acre that is permitted above five acres at the time the application is submitted. However, the per acreage fee shall not exceed three hundred dollars. In addition to the application fee established under division (S)(1)(c)(i) of this section, any person applying for an NPDES general storm water industrial permit shall pay a nonrefundable fee of one hundred fifty dollars at the time the application is submitted.

(e) The director shall transmit all moneys collected under division (S)(1)

of this section pursuant to Chapter 6109. of the Revised Code to the treasurer of state for deposit into the drinking water protection fund created in section 6109.30 of the Revised Code.

(f) The director shall transmit all moneys collected under division (S)(1) of this section pursuant to Chapter 6111. of the Revised Code and under division (S)(3) of this section to the treasurer of state for deposit into the surface water protection fund created in section 6111.038 of the Revised Code.

(g) If a registration certificate is issued under section 3734.75, 3734.76, or 3734.78 of the Revised Code, the amount of the application fee paid shall be deducted from the amount of the registration certificate fee due under division (R)(1), (2), or (5) of this section, as applicable.

(h) If a person submits an electronic application for a registration certificate, permit, variance, or plan approval for which an application fee is established under division (S)(1) of this section, the person shall pay all applicable fees as expeditiously as possible after the submission of the electronic application. An application for a registration certificate, permit, variance, or plan approval for which an application fee is established under division (S)(1) of this section shall not be reviewed or processed until the applicable application fee, and any other fees established under this division, are paid.

(2) Division (S)(1) of this section does not apply to an application for a registration certificate for a scrap tire collection or storage facility submitted under section 3734.75 or 3734.76 of the Revised Code, as applicable, if the owner or operator of the facility or proposed facility is a motor vehicle salvage dealer licensed under Chapter 4738. of the Revised Code.

(3) A person applying for coverage under an NPDES general discharge permit for household sewage treatment systems shall pay the following fees:

(a) A nonrefundable fee of two hundred dollars at the time of application for initial permit coverage;

(b) A nonrefundable fee of one hundred dollars at the time of application for a renewal of permit coverage.

(T) The director may adopt, amend, and rescind rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that do all of the following:

(1) Prescribe fees to be paid by applicants for and holders of any license, permit, variance, plan approval, or certification required or authorized by Chapter 3704., 3734., 6109., or 6111. of the Revised Code that are not specifically established in this section. The fees shall be designed to defray the cost of processing, issuing, revoking, modifying, denying, and enforcing the licenses, permits, variances, plan approvals, and

certifications.

The director shall transmit all moneys collected under rules adopted under division (T)(1) of this section pursuant to Chapter 6109. of the Revised Code to the treasurer of state for deposit into the drinking water protection fund created in section 6109.30 of the Revised Code.

The director shall transmit all moneys collected under rules adopted under division (T)(1) of this section pursuant to Chapter 6111. of the Revised Code to the treasurer of state for deposit into the surface water protection fund created in section 6111.038 of the Revised Code.

(2) Exempt the state and political subdivisions thereof, including education facilities or medical facilities owned by the state or a political subdivision, or any person exempted from taxation by section 5709.07 or 5709.12 of the Revised Code, from any fee required by this section;

(3) Provide for the waiver of any fee, or any part thereof, otherwise required by this section whenever the director determines that the imposition of the fee would constitute an unreasonable cost of doing business for any applicant, class of applicants, or other person subject to the fee;

(4) Prescribe measures that the director considers necessary to carry out this section.

(U) When the director reasonably demonstrates that the direct cost to the state associated with the issuance of a permit, license, variance, plan approval, or certification exceeds the fee for the issuance or review specified by this section, the director may condition the issuance or review on the payment by the person receiving the issuance or review of, in addition to the fee specified by this section, the amount, or any portion thereof, in excess of the fee specified under this section. The director shall not so condition issuances for which a fee is prescribed in division (S)(1)(c)(iii) of this section.

(V) Except as provided in divisions (L), (M), (P), and (S) of this section or unless otherwise prescribed by a rule of the director adopted pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, all fees required by this section are payable within thirty days after the issuance of an invoice for the fee by the director or the effective date of the issuance of the license, permit, variance, plan approval, or certification. If payment is late, the person responsible for payment of the fee shall pay an additional ten per cent of the amount due for each month that it is late.

(W) As used in this section, "fuel-burning equipment," "fuel-burning equipment input capacity," "incinerator," "incinerator input capacity," "process," "process weight rate," "storage tank," "gasoline dispensing facility," "dry cleaning facility," "design flow discharge," and "new source

treatment works" have the meanings ascribed to those terms by applicable rules or standards adopted by the director under Chapter 3704. or 6111. of the Revised Code.

(X) As used in divisions (B), (D), (E), (F), (H), (I), and (J) of this section, and in any other provision of this section pertaining to fees paid pursuant to Chapter 3704. of the Revised Code:

(1) "Facility," "federal Clean Air Act," "person," and "Title V permit" have the same meanings as in section 3704.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Title V permit program" means the following activities as necessary to meet the requirements of Title V of the federal Clean Air Act and 40 C.F.R. part 70, including at least:

(a) Preparing and adopting, if applicable, generally applicable rules or guidance regarding the permit program or its implementation or enforcement;

(b) Reviewing and acting on any application for a Title V permit, permit revision, or permit renewal, including the development of an applicable requirement as part of the processing of a permit, permit revision, or permit renewal;

(c) Administering the permit program, including the supporting and tracking of permit applications, compliance certification, and related data entry;

(d) Determining which sources are subject to the program and implementing and enforcing the terms of any Title V permit, not including any court actions or other formal enforcement actions;

(e) Emission and ambient monitoring;

(f) Modeling, analyses, or demonstrations;

(g) Preparing inventories and tracking emissions;

(h) Providing direct and indirect support to small business stationary sources to determine and meet their obligations under the federal Clean Air Act pursuant to the small business stationary source technical and environmental compliance assistance program required by section 507 of that act and established in sections 3704.18, 3704.19, and 3706.19 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Organic compound" means any chemical compound of carbon, excluding carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, carbonic acid, metallic carbides or carbonates, and ammonium carbonate.

(Y)(1) Except as provided in divisions (Y)(2), (3), and (4) of this section, each sewage sludge facility shall pay a nonrefundable annual sludge fee equal to three dollars and fifty cents per dry ton of sewage sludge, including the dry tons of sewage sludge in materials derived from sewage

sludge, that the sewage sludge facility treats or disposes of in this state. The annual volume of sewage sludge treated or disposed of by a sewage sludge facility shall be calculated using the first day of January through the thirty-first day of December of the calendar year preceding the date on which payment of the fee is due.

(2)(a) Except as provided in division (Y)(2)(d) of this section, each sewage sludge facility shall pay a minimum annual sewage sludge fee of one hundred dollars.

(b) The annual sludge fee required to be paid by a sewage sludge facility that treats or disposes of exceptional quality sludge in this state shall be thirty-five per cent less per dry ton of exceptional quality sludge than the fee assessed under division (Y)(1) of this section, subject to the following exceptions:

(i) Except as provided in division (Y)(2)(d) of this section, a sewage sludge facility that treats or disposes of exceptional quality sludge shall pay a minimum annual sewage sludge fee of one hundred dollars.

(ii) A sewage sludge facility that treats or disposes of exceptional quality sludge shall not be required to pay the annual sludge fee for treatment or disposal in this state of exceptional quality sludge generated outside of this state and contained in bags or other containers not greater than one hundred pounds in capacity.

A thirty-five per cent reduction for exceptional quality sludge applies to the maximum annual fees established under division (Y)(3) of this section.

(c) A sewage sludge facility that transfers sewage sludge to another sewage sludge facility in this state for further treatment prior to disposal in this state shall not be required to pay the annual sludge fee for the tons of sewage sludge that have been transferred. In such a case, the sewage sludge facility that disposes of the sewage sludge shall pay the annual sludge fee. However, the facility transferring the sewage sludge shall pay the one-hundred-dollar minimum fee required under division (Y)(2)(a) of this section.

In the case of a sewage sludge facility that treats sewage sludge in this state and transfers it out of this state to another entity for disposal, the sewage sludge facility in this state shall be required to pay the annual sludge fee for the tons of sewage sludge that have been transferred.

(d) A sewage sludge facility that generates sewage sludge resulting from an average daily discharge flow of less than five thousand gallons per day is not subject to the fees assessed under division (Y) of this section.

(3) No sewage sludge facility required to pay the annual sludge fee shall be required to pay more than the maximum annual fee for each disposal

method that the sewage sludge facility uses. The maximum annual fee does not include the additional amount that may be charged under division (Y)(5) of this section for late payment of the annual sludge fee. The maximum annual fee for the following methods of disposal of sewage sludge is as follows:

(a) Incineration: five thousand dollars;

(b) Preexisting land reclamation project or disposal in a landfill: five thousand dollars;

(c) Land application, land reclamation, surface disposal, or any other disposal method not specified in division (Y)(3)(a) or (b) of this section: twenty thousand dollars.

(4)(a) In the case of an entity that generates sewage sludge or a sewage sludge facility that treats sewage sludge and transfers the sewage sludge to an incineration facility for disposal, the incineration facility, and not the entity generating the sewage sludge or the sewage sludge facility treating the sewage sludge, shall pay the annual sludge fee for the tons of sewage sludge that are transferred. However, the entity or facility generating or treating the sewage sludge shall pay the one-hundred-dollar minimum fee required under division (Y)(2)(a) of this section.

(b) In the case of an entity that generates sewage sludge and transfers the sewage sludge to a landfill for disposal or to a sewage sludge facility for land reclamation or surface disposal, the entity generating the sewage sludge, and not the landfill or sewage sludge facility, shall pay the annual sludge fee for the tons of sewage sludge that are transferred.

(5) Not later than the first day of April of the calendar year following March 17, 2000, and each first day of April thereafter, the director shall issue invoices to persons who are required to pay the annual sludge fee. The invoice shall identify the nature and amount of the annual sludge fee assessed and state the first day of May as the deadline for receipt by the director of objections regarding the amount of the fee and the first day of July as the deadline for payment of the fee.

Not later than the first day of May following receipt of an invoice, a person required to pay the annual sludge fee may submit objections to the director concerning the accuracy of information regarding the number of dry tons of sewage sludge used to calculate the amount of the annual sludge fee or regarding whether the sewage sludge qualifies for the exceptional quality sludge discount established in division (Y)(2)(b) of this section. The director may consider the objections and adjust the amount of the fee to ensure that it is accurate.

If the director does not adjust the amount of the annual sludge fee in

response to a person's objections, the person may appeal the director's determination in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

Not later than the first day of June, the director shall notify the objecting person regarding whether the director has found the objections to be valid and the reasons for the finding. If the director finds the objections to be valid and adjusts the amount of the annual sludge fee accordingly, the director shall issue with the notification a new invoice to the person identifying the amount of the annual sludge fee assessed and stating the first day of July as the deadline for payment.

Not later than the first day of July, any person who is required to do so shall pay the annual sludge fee. Any person who is required to pay the fee, but who fails to do so on or before that date shall pay an additional amount that equals ten per cent of the required annual sludge fee.

(6) The director shall transmit all moneys collected under division (Y) of this section to the treasurer of state for deposit into the surface water protection fund created in section 6111.038 of the Revised Code. The moneys shall be used to defray the costs of administering and enforcing provisions in Chapter 6111. of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it that govern the use, storage, treatment, or disposal of sewage sludge.

(7) Beginning in fiscal year 2001, and every two years thereafter, the director shall review the total amount of moneys generated by the annual sludge fees to determine if that amount exceeded six hundred thousand dollars in either of the two preceding fiscal years. If the total amount of moneys in the fund exceeded six hundred thousand dollars in either fiscal year, the director, after review of the fee structure and consultation with affected persons, shall issue an order reducing the amount of the fees levied under division (Y) of this section so that the estimated amount of moneys resulting from the fees will not exceed six hundred thousand dollars in any fiscal year.

If, upon review of the fees under division (Y)(7) of this section and after the fees have been reduced, the director determines that the total amount of moneys collected and accumulated is less than six hundred thousand dollars, the director, after review of the fee structure and consultation with affected persons, may issue an order increasing the amount of the fees levied under division (Y) of this section so that the estimated amount of moneys resulting from the fees will be approximately six hundred thousand dollars. Fees shall never be increased to an amount exceeding the amount specified in division (Y)(7) of this section.

Notwithstanding section 119.06 of the Revised Code, the director may issue an order under division (Y)(7) of this section without the necessity to

hold an adjudicatory hearing in connection with the order. The issuance of an order under this division is not an act or action for purposes of section 3745.04 of the Revised Code.

(8) As used in division (Y) of this section:

(a) "Sewage sludge facility" means an entity that performs treatment on or is responsible for the disposal of sewage sludge.

(b) "Sewage sludge" means a solid, semi-solid, or liquid residue generated during the treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment works as defined in section 6111.01 of the Revised Code. "Sewage sludge" includes, but is not limited to, scum or solids removed in primary, secondary, or advanced wastewater treatment processes. "Sewage sludge" does not include ash generated during the firing of sewage sludge in a sewage sludge incinerator, grit and screenings generated during preliminary treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment works, animal manure, residue generated during treatment of animal manure, or domestic septage.

(c) "Exceptional quality sludge" means sewage sludge that meets all of the following qualifications:

(i) Satisfies the class A pathogen standards in 40 C.F.R. 503.32(a);

(ii) Satisfies one of the vector attraction reduction requirements in 40 C.F.R. 503.33(b)(1) to (b)(8);

(iii) Does not exceed the ceiling concentration limitations for metals listed in table one of 40 C.F.R. 503.13;

(iv) Does not exceed the concentration limitations for metals listed in table three of 40 C.F.R. 503.13.

(d) "Treatment" means the preparation of sewage sludge for final use or disposal and includes, but is not limited to, thickening, stabilization, and dewatering of sewage sludge.

(e) "Disposal" means the final use of sewage sludge, including, but not limited to, land application, land reclamation, surface disposal, or disposal in a landfill or an incinerator.

(f) "Land application" means the spraying or spreading of sewage sludge onto the land surface, the injection of sewage sludge below the land surface, or the incorporation of sewage sludge into the soil for the purposes of conditioning the soil or fertilizing crops or vegetation grown in the soil.

(g) "Land reclamation" means the returning of disturbed land to productive use.

(h) "Surface disposal" means the placement of sludge on an area of land for disposal, including, but not limited to, monofills, surface impoundments, lagoons, waste piles, or dedicated disposal sites.

(i) "Incinerator" means an entity that disposes of sewage sludge through

the combustion of organic matter and inorganic matter in sewage sludge by high temperatures in an enclosed device.

(j) "Incineration facility" includes all incinerators owned or operated by the same entity and located on a contiguous tract of land. Areas of land are considered to be contiguous even if they are separated by a public road or highway.

(k) "Annual sludge fee" means the fee assessed under division (Y)(1) of this section.

(l) "Landfill" means a sanitary landfill facility, as defined in rules adopted under section 3734.02 of the Revised Code, that is licensed under section 3734.05 of the Revised Code.

(m) "Preexisting land reclamation project" means a property-specific land reclamation project that has been in continuous operation for not less than five years pursuant to approval of the activity by the director and includes the implementation of a community outreach program concerning the activity.

Sec. 3769.07. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no permit shall be issued under sections 3769.01 to 3769.14 of the Revised Code, authorizing the conduct of a live racing program for thoroughbred horses and quarter horses at any place, track, or enclosure except between the hours of twelve noon and seven p.m., for running horse-racing meetings, except that on special events days running horse-racing meetings may begin at nine a.m. by application to the state racing commission and except that the seven p.m. time may be extended to eight p.m. on a Sunday or holiday by application to the commission, and no permit shall be issued under those sections authorizing the conduct of a live racing program for harness horses at any place, track, or enclosure except between the hours of twelve noon and twelve midnight for light harness horse-racing meetings. The seven p.m. and eight p.m. closing times described in this section shall upon application to the commission be extended to nine p.m. for any running horse-racing meeting conducted between the fifteenth day of May and the fifteenth day of September at a track that is located more than twenty-five miles from a track located in this state where a light harness horse-racing meeting, other than a light harness horse-racing meeting at a county fair or independent fair, is being conducted and that is located less than twenty-five miles from a track located outside this state. A permit issued for horse racing at a county fair shall authorize live horse racing to begin at nine a.m.

(B) No permit shall be granted for the holding or conducting of a horse-racing meeting after the tenth day of December in any calendar year, except for racing at winterized tracks. "Winterized track" means a track with

enclosed club house or grandstand, all-weather racing track, heated facilities for jockeys or drivers, backstretch facilities that are properly prepared for winter racing, and adequate snow removal equipment available.

~~(C)~~ No permit shall be issued for more than an aggregate of fifty-six racing days in any one calendar year, except that an additional five days of racing may be approved by the commission upon application by a permit holder and except that an additional thirty days of racing may be granted for racing at any time after the fifteenth day of October and prior to the fifteenth day of March to a permit holder who has a winterized facility, but no more than thirty such additional days may be issued at any one track or enclosure. No more than an aggregate of fifty-six racing days shall be issued in any one calendar year for any one race track, place, or enclosure, except for the additional five days of racing for each permit holder which may be approved by the commission pursuant to this section, except as provided in sections 3769.071 and 3769.13 of the Revised Code, except for racing days granted as a result of a winterized facility, and except that the commission may issue a second permit for a maximum of fifty-six racing days for any one track, place, or enclosure, if the commission determines that the issuance of such second permit is not against the public interest. No such second permit shall be issued:

~~(A)~~(1) For the operation of racing in any county with a population of less than seven hundred thousand or for the operation of racing in any county which has more than one race track at which a racing meet has been authorized, except as provided in this division and in sections 3769.071 and 3769.13 of the Revised Code, in the same year by the commission. A second permit issued pursuant to this division may be issued at either or both race tracks in a county that has only two race tracks if a racing meet has been authorized at both race tracks in the same year by the commission and one race track has been authorized to conduct thoroughbred racing meets and the other race track has been authorized to conduct harness racing meets. When such second permit is issued pursuant to this division for racing at the one race track, racing shall not be conducted at that race track on the same day that racing is conducted at the other race track in the county except by mutual agreement of the two race tracks.

~~(B)~~(2) To any corporation having one or more shareholders owning an interest in any other permit issued by the commission for the operation of racing, in the same year, at any other race track, place, or enclosure in this state;

~~(C)~~(3) To any person, association, or trust which owns, or which has any members owning, an interest in any other permit issued by the

commission for the operation of racing, in the same year, at any other race track, place, or enclosure in this state.

(D) No permit shall be issued so as to permit live racing programs on the same hour at more than one track in one county or on tracks in operation in 1975 within fifty miles of each other, nor shall any other form of pari-mutuel wagering other than horse racing be permitted within seventy-five miles of a track where horse racing is being conducted, except that this provision shall not apply to a horse-racing meeting held at the state fair or at a fair conducted by a county agricultural society or at a fair conducted by an independent agricultural society. Distribution of days shall not apply to fairs or horse shows not required to secure a permit under such section. Notwithstanding

(E) Notwithstanding any other contrary provision of this chapter, a The Revised Code:

(1) No person, association, trust, or corporation may own or operate or entity shall be issued permits to conduct horse-racing meetings at more than two separate facilities in this state that are conducting horse-racing meetings at any one time.

(2) No person or entity shall be issued permits to conduct thoroughbred horse-racing meetings at more than one facility in this state at any one time.

(3) No person or entity shall be a management company for persons or entities that have been issued permits to conduct horse-racing meetings at more than two facilities in this state at any one time.

(4) A person or entity is not prohibited from owning more than two facilities in this state at which horse-racing meetings are conducted, so long as the person or entity is not in violation of division (E)(1), (2), or (3) of this section.

(F) A permit, granted under sections 3769.01 to 3769.14 of the Revised Code, shall be conspicuously displayed during the horse-racing meeting in the principal office at such race track and at all reasonable times shall be exhibited to any authorized person requesting to see the same.

Sec. 3772.19. A person No casino operator shall not hold a majority ownership interest in, or be a management company for, more than two casino operator licenses or casino facilities at any one time. A person shall not hold a majority ownership interest in, or be a management company, for more than two tracks at which horse racing where the pari-mutuel system of wagering is conducted at any one time, of which not more than one shall be a track for thoroughbred horses. No person shall be a management company for casino operators licensed to operate more than two casino facilities in this state at any one time.

Sec. 3781.06. (A)(1) Any building that may be used as a place of resort, assembly, education, entertainment, lodging, dwelling, trade, manufacture, repair, storage, traffic, or occupancy by the public, any residential building, and all other buildings or parts and appurtenances of those buildings erected within this state, shall be so constructed, erected, equipped, and maintained that they shall be safe and sanitary for their intended use and occupancy.

(2) Nothing in sections 3781.06 to 3781.18, 3781.40, and 3791.04 of the Revised Code shall be construed to limit the power of the division of industrial compliance of the department of commerce to adopt rules of uniform application governing manufactured home parks pursuant to section 4781.26 of the Revised Code.

(B) Sections 3781.06 to 3781.18, 3781.40, and 3791.04 of the Revised Code do not apply to either of the following:

(1) Buildings or structures that are incident to the use for agricultural purposes of the land on which the buildings or structures are located, provided those buildings or structures are not used in the business of retail trade. For purposes of this division, a building or structure is not considered used in the business of retail trade if fifty per cent or more of the gross income received from sales of products in the building or structure by the owner or operator is from sales of products produced or raised in a normal crop year on farms owned or operated by the seller.

(2) Existing single-family, two-family, and three-family detached dwelling houses for which applications have been submitted to the director of job and family services pursuant to section 5104.03 of the Revised Code for the purposes of operating type A family day-care homes as defined in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code.

(C) As used in sections 3781.06 to 3781.18 and 3791.04 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Agricultural purposes" include agriculture, farming, dairying, pasturage, apiculture, algaculture meaning the farming of algae, horticulture, floriculture, viticulture, ornamental horticulture, olericulture, pomiculture, and animal and poultry husbandry.

(2) "Building" means any structure consisting of foundations, walls, columns, girders, beams, floors, and roof, or a combination of any number of these parts, with or without other parts or appurtenances.

(3) "Industrialized unit" means a building unit or assembly of closed construction fabricated in an off-site facility, that is substantially self-sufficient as a unit or as part of a greater structure, and that requires transportation to the site of intended use. "Industrialized unit" includes units installed on the site as independent units, as part of a group of units, or

incorporated with standard construction methods to form a completed structural entity. "Industrialized unit" does not include a manufactured home as defined by division (C)(4) of this section or a mobile home as defined by division (O) of section 4501.01 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Manufactured home" means a building unit or assembly of closed construction that is fabricated in an off-site facility and constructed in conformance with the federal construction and safety standards established by the secretary of housing and urban development pursuant to the "Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 700, 42 U.S.C.A. 5401, 5403, and that has a permanent label or tag affixed to it, as specified in 42 U.S.C.A. 5415, certifying compliance with all applicable federal construction and safety standards.

(5) "Permanent foundation" means permanent masonry, concrete, or a footing or foundation approved by the division of industrial compliance of the department of commerce pursuant to Chapter 4781. of the Revised Code, to which a manufactured or mobile home may be affixed.

(6) "Permanently sited manufactured home" means a manufactured home that meets all of the following criteria:

(a) The structure is affixed to a permanent foundation and is connected to appropriate facilities;

(b) The structure, excluding any addition, has a width of at least twenty-two feet at one point, a length of at least twenty-two feet at one point, and a total living area, excluding garages, porches, or attachments, of at least nine hundred square feet;

(c) The structure has a minimum 3:12 residential roof pitch, conventional residential siding, and a six-inch minimum eave overhang, including appropriate guttering;

(d) The structure was manufactured after January 1, 1995;

(e) The structure is not located in a manufactured home park as defined by section 4781.01 of the Revised Code.

(7) "Safe," with respect to a building, means it is free from danger or hazard to the life, safety, health, or welfare of persons occupying or frequenting it, or of the public and from danger of settlement, movement, disintegration, or collapse, whether such danger arises from the methods or materials of its construction or from equipment installed therein, for the purpose of lighting, heating, the transmission or utilization of electric current, or from its location or otherwise.

(8) "Sanitary," with respect to a building, means it is free from danger or hazard to the health of persons occupying or frequenting it or to that of the public, if such danger arises from the method or materials of its construction

or from any equipment installed therein, for the purpose of lighting, heating, ventilating, or plumbing.

(9) "Residential building" means a one-family, two-family, or three-family dwelling house, and any accessory structure incidental to that dwelling house. "Residential building" includes a one-family, two-family, or three-family dwelling house that is used as a model to promote the sale of a similar dwelling house. "Residential building" does not include an industrialized unit as defined by division (C)(3) of this section, a manufactured home as defined by division (C)(4) of this section, or a mobile home as defined by division (O) of section 4501.01 of the Revised Code.

(10) "Nonresidential building" means any building that is not a residential building or a manufactured or mobile home.

(11) "Accessory structure" means a structure that is attached to a residential building and serves the principal use of the residential building. "Accessory structure" includes, but is not limited to, a garage, porch, or screened-in patio.

Sec. 3781.061. Whenever a county zoning inspector under section 303.16 of the Revised Code, or a township zoning inspector under section 519.16 of the Revised Code, issues a zoning certificate that declares a specific building or structure is to be used in agriculture, such building is not subject to sections 3781.06 to 3781.20, 3781.40, or 3791.04 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3781.10. (A)(1) The board of building standards shall formulate and adopt rules governing the erection, construction, repair, alteration, and maintenance of all buildings or classes of buildings specified in section 3781.06 of the Revised Code, including land area incidental to those buildings, the construction of industrialized units, the installation of equipment, and the standards or requirements for materials used in connection with those buildings. The board shall incorporate those rules into separate residential and nonresidential building codes. The standards shall relate to the conservation of energy and the safety and sanitation of those buildings.

(2) The rules governing nonresidential buildings are the lawful minimum requirements specified for those buildings and industrialized units, except that no rule other than as provided in division (C) of section 3781.108 of the Revised Code that specifies a higher requirement than is imposed by any section of the Revised Code is enforceable. The rules governing residential buildings are uniform requirements for residential buildings in any area with a building department certified to enforce the state residential building code. In no case shall any local code or regulation

differ from the state residential building code unless that code or regulation addresses subject matter not addressed by the state residential building code or is adopted pursuant to section 3781.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) The rules adopted pursuant to this section are complete, lawful alternatives to any requirements specified for buildings or industrialized units in any section of the Revised Code. Except as otherwise provided in division (I) of this section, the board shall, on its own motion or on application made under sections 3781.12 and 3781.13 of the Revised Code, formulate, propose, adopt, modify, amend, or repeal the rules to the extent necessary or desirable to effectuate the purposes of sections 3781.06 to 3781.18 of the Revised Code.

(B) The board shall report to the general assembly proposals for amendments to existing statutes relating to the purposes declared in section 3781.06 of the Revised Code that public health and safety and the development of the arts require and shall recommend any additional legislation to assist in carrying out fully, in statutory form, the purposes declared in that section. The board shall prepare and submit to the general assembly a summary report of the number, nature, and disposition of the petitions filed under sections 3781.13 and 3781.14 of the Revised Code.

(C) On its own motion or on application made under sections 3781.12 and 3781.13 of the Revised Code, and after thorough testing and evaluation, the board shall determine by rule that any particular fixture, device, material, process of manufacture, manufactured unit or component, method of manufacture, system, or method of construction complies with performance standards adopted pursuant to section 3781.11 of the Revised Code. The board shall make its determination with regard to adaptability for safe and sanitary erection, use, or construction, to that described in any section of the Revised Code, wherever the use of a fixture, device, material, method of manufacture, system, or method of construction described in that section of the Revised Code is permitted by law. The board shall amend or annul any rule or issue an authorization for the use of a new material or manufactured unit on any like application. No department, officer, board, or commission of the state other than the board of building standards or the board of building appeals shall permit the use of any fixture, device, material, method of manufacture, newly designed product, system, or method of construction at variance with what is described in any rule the board of building standards adopts or issues or that is authorized by any section of the Revised Code. Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring approval, by rule, of plans for an industrialized unit that conforms with the rules the board of building standards adopts pursuant to section

3781.11 of the Revised Code.

(D) The board shall recommend rules, codes, and standards to help carry out the purposes of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code and to help secure uniformity of state administrative rulings and local legislation and administrative action to the bureau of workers' compensation, the director of commerce, any other department, officer, board, or commission of the state, and to legislative authorities and building departments of counties, townships, and municipal corporations, and shall recommend that they audit those recommended rules, codes, and standards by any appropriate action that they are allowed pursuant to law or the constitution.

(E)(1) The board shall certify municipal, township, and county building departments ~~and~~ the personnel of those building departments, ~~and~~ persons described in division (E)(7) of this section, and employees of individuals, firms, ~~the state~~, or corporations ~~as~~ described in division (E)(7) of this section to exercise enforcement authority, to accept and approve plans and specifications, and to make inspections, pursuant to sections 3781.03, 3791.04, and 4104.43 of the Revised Code.

(2) The board shall certify departments, personnel, and persons to enforce the state residential building code, to enforce the nonresidential building code, or to enforce both the residential and the nonresidential building codes. Any department, personnel, or person may enforce only the type of building code for which certified.

(3) The board shall not require a building department, its personnel, or any persons that it employs to be certified for residential building code enforcement if that building department does not enforce the state residential building code. The board shall specify, in rules adopted pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the requirements for certification for residential and nonresidential building code enforcement, which shall be consistent with this division. The requirements for residential and nonresidential certification may differ. Except as otherwise provided in this division, the requirements shall include, but are not limited to, the satisfactory completion of an initial examination and, to remain certified, the completion of a specified number of hours of continuing building code education within each three-year period following the date of certification which shall be not less than thirty hours. The rules shall provide that continuing education credits and certification issued by the council of American building officials, national model code organizations, and agencies or entities the board recognizes are acceptable for purposes of this division. The rules shall specify requirements that are consistent with the provisions of section 5903.12 of the Revised Code relating to active duty

military service and are compatible, to the extent possible, with requirements the council of American building officials and national model code organizations establish.

(4) The board shall establish and collect a certification and renewal fee for building department personnel, and persons and employees of persons, firms, or corporations as described in this section, who are certified pursuant to this division.

(5) Any individual certified pursuant to this division shall complete the number of hours of continuing building code education that the board requires or, for failure to do so, forfeit certification.

(6) This division does not require or authorize the board to certify personnel of municipal, township, and county building departments, and persons and employees of persons, firms, or corporations as described in this section, whose responsibilities do not include the exercise of enforcement authority, the approval of plans and specifications, or making inspections under the state residential and nonresidential building codes.

(7) Enforcement authority for approval of plans and specifications and enforcement authority for inspections may be exercised, and plans and specifications may be approved and inspections may be made on behalf of a municipal corporation, township, or county, by any of the following who the board of building standards certifies:

(a) Officers or employees of the municipal corporation, township, or county;

(b) Persons, or employees of persons, firms, or corporations, pursuant to a contract to furnish architectural, engineering, or other services to the municipal corporation, township, or county;

(c) Officers or employees of, and persons under contract with, a municipal corporation, township, county, health district, or other political subdivision, pursuant to a contract to furnish architectural, engineering, or other services;

(d) Officers or employees of the division of industrial compliance in the department of commerce pursuant to a contract authorized by division (B) of section 121.083 of the Revised Code.

(8) Municipal, township, and county building departments have jurisdiction within the meaning of sections 3781.03, 3791.04, and 4104.43 of the Revised Code, only with respect to the types of buildings and subject matters for which they are certified under this section.

(9) A certified municipal, township, or county building department may exercise enforcement authority, accept and approve plans and specifications, and make inspections pursuant to sections 3781.03, 3791.04, and 4104.43 of

the Revised Code for a park district created pursuant to Chapter 1545. of the Revised Code upon the approval, by resolution, of the board of park commissioners of the park district requesting the department to exercise that authority and conduct those activities, as applicable.

(10) Certification shall be granted upon application by the municipal corporation, the board of township trustees, or the board of county commissioners and approval of that application by the board of building standards. The application shall set forth:

(a) Whether the certification is requested for residential or nonresidential buildings, or both;

(b) The number and qualifications of the staff composing the building department;

(c) The names, addresses, and qualifications of persons, firms, or corporations contracting to furnish work or services pursuant to division (E)(7)(b) of this section;

(d) The names of any other municipal corporation, township, county, health district, or political subdivision under contract to furnish work or services pursuant to division (E)(7) of this section;

(e) The proposed budget for the operation of the building department.

(11) The board of building standards shall adopt rules governing all of the following:

(a) The certification of building department personnel and persons and employees of persons, firms, or corporations exercising authority pursuant to division (E)(7) of this section. The rules shall disqualify any employee of the department or person who contracts for services with the department from performing services for the department when that employee or person would have to pass upon, inspect, or otherwise exercise authority over any labor, material, or equipment the employee or person furnishes for the construction, alteration, or maintenance of a building or the preparation of working drawings or specifications for work within the jurisdictional area of the department. The department shall provide other similarly qualified personnel to enforce the residential and nonresidential building codes as they pertain to that work.

(b) The minimum services to be provided by a certified building department.

(12) The board of building standards may revoke or suspend certification to enforce the residential and nonresidential building codes, on petition to the board by any person affected by that enforcement or approval of plans, or by the board on its own motion. Hearings shall be held and appeals permitted on any proceedings for certification or revocation or

suspension of certification in the same manner as provided in section 3781.101 of the Revised Code for other proceedings of the board of building standards.

(13) Upon certification, and until that authority is revoked, any county or township building department shall enforce the residential and nonresidential building codes for which it is certified without regard to limitation upon the authority of boards of county commissioners under Chapter 307. of the Revised Code or boards of township trustees under Chapter 505. of the Revised Code.

(F) In addition to hearings sections 3781.06 to 3781.18 and 3791.04 of the Revised Code require, the board of building standards shall make investigations and tests, and require from other state departments, officers, boards, and commissions information the board considers necessary or desirable to assist it in the discharge of any duty or the exercise of any power mentioned in this section or in sections 3781.06 to 3781.18, 3791.04, and 4104.43 of the Revised Code.

(G) The board shall adopt rules and establish reasonable fees for the review of all applications submitted where the applicant applies for authority to use a new material, assembly, or product of a manufacturing process. The fee shall bear some reasonable relationship to the cost of the review or testing of the materials, assembly, or products and for the notification of approval or disapproval as provided in section 3781.12 of the Revised Code.

(H) The residential construction advisory committee shall provide the board with a proposal for a state residential building code that the committee recommends pursuant to division (D)(1) of section 4740.14 of the Revised Code. Upon receiving a recommendation from the committee that is acceptable to the board, the board shall adopt rules establishing that code as the state residential building code.

(I)(1) The committee may provide the board with proposed rules to update or amend the state residential building code that the committee recommends pursuant to division (E) of section 4740.14 of the Revised Code.

(2) If the board receives a proposed rule to update or amend the state residential building code as provided in division (I)(1) of this section, the board either may accept or reject the proposed rule for incorporation into the residential building code. If the board does not act to either accept or reject the proposed rule within ninety days after receiving the proposed rule from the committee as described in division (I)(1) of this section, the proposed rule shall become part of the residential building code.

(J) The board shall cooperate with the director of job and family services when the director promulgates rules pursuant to section 5104.05 of the Revised Code regarding safety and sanitation in type A family day-care homes.

(K) The board shall adopt rules to implement the requirements of section 3781.108 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3781.1010. (A) No rule of the board of building standards for the erection, construction, repair, alteration, and maintenance of buildings adopted under section 3781.10 of the Revised Code shall require the installation of a storm shelter in any school building operated by a public or private school prior to September 15, ~~2019~~, 2020, or in any such school building undergoing or about to undergo construction, alteration, repair, or maintenance for which financing has been secured prior to that date. ~~Any~~

(B) ~~Any~~ rule adopted by the board that conflicts with this section shall not be effective with respect to any school building prior to September 15, ~~2019~~ 2020.

(C) As used in this section, "school building," "public school," and "private school" have the same meanings as in section 3781.106 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3781.40. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Adequate welding standards" means specifications, guidelines, tests, and other methods used to ensure that all structural steel welds meet, at minimum, the codes and standards for such welds established in the American welding society structural steel welding code D1.1 and the nonresidential building code adopted under section 3781.10 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Certified welding inspector" means a person who has been certified by the American welding society to inspect structural steel welding projects and conduct welder qualification tests.

(3) "Structural steel welding" means structural welds, weld repair, the structural system, and the welding of all primary steel members of a structure in accordance with the American welding society structural steel welding code D1.1. "Structural steel welding" does not include welding that is required by the American society of mechanical engineers to have its own certification.

(B) A contractor, subcontractor, or construction manager whose workers are welding the structural steel on a construction project shall ensure that all of the following occur:

(1) The workers performing the structural steel welding have been tested by and hold a valid certification from a facility that or individual who

has been accredited by the American welding society to test and certify welders and welding inspectors.

(2) All structural steel welds performed for the project meet adequate welding standards and are listed in the project's job specifications.

(3) All structural steel welding inspections listed in the project's job specifications are completed by a certified welding inspector.

(C) No person shall recklessly fail to comply with this section.

Sec. 3798.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Administrative safeguards," "physical safeguards," and "technical safeguards" have the same meanings as in 45 C.F.R. 164.304.

~~(B) "Approved health information exchange" means a health information exchange that has been approved or reapproved by the medicaid director pursuant to the approval or reapproval process, as applicable, the director establishes in rules adopted under division (A) of section 3798.15 of the Revised Code or that has been certified by the office of the national coordinator for health information technology in the United States department of health and human services.~~

~~(C) "Covered entity," "disclosure," "health care provider," "health information," "individually identifiable health information," "protected health information," and "use" have the same meanings as in 45 C.F.R. 160.103.~~

~~(D)~~(C) "Designated record set" has the same meaning as in 45 C.F.R. 164.501.

~~(E)~~(D) "Direct exchange" means the activity of electronic transmission of health information through a direct connection between the electronic record systems of health care providers without the use of a health information exchange.

~~(F)~~(E) "Health care component" and "hybrid entity" have the same meanings as in 45 C.F.R. 164.103.

~~(G)~~(F) "Health information exchange" means any person or governmental entity that provides in this state a technical infrastructure to connect computer systems or other electronic devices used by covered entities to facilitate the secure transmission of health information. "Health information exchange" excludes health care providers engaged in direct exchange, including direct exchange through the use of a health information service provider.

~~(H)~~(G) "HIPAA privacy rule" means the standards for privacy of individually identifiable health information in 45 C.F.R. part 160 and in 45 C.F.R. part 164, subparts A and E.

~~(I)~~(H) "Interoperability" means the capacity of two or more information

systems to exchange information in an accurate, effective, secure, and consistent manner.

~~(J)~~(I) "Minor" means an unemancipated person under eighteen years of age or a mentally or physically disabled person under twenty-one years of age who meets criteria specified in rules adopted by the medicaid director under section 3798.13 of the Revised Code.

~~(K)~~(J) "More stringent" has the same meaning as in 45 C.F.R. 160.202.

~~(L)~~ "Office of health transformation" means the office of health transformation created by executive order 2011-02K or a successor governmental entity responsible for health system oversight in this state.

~~(M)~~(K) "Personal representative" means a person who has authority under applicable law to make decisions related to health care on behalf of an adult or emancipated minor, or the parent, legal guardian, or other person acting in loco parentis who is authorized under law to make health care decisions on behalf of an unemancipated minor. "Personal representative" does not include the parent or legal guardian of, or another person acting in loco parentis to, a minor who consents to the minor's own receipt of health care or a minor who makes medical decisions on the minor's own behalf pursuant to law, court approval, or because the minor's parent, legal guardian, or other person acting in loco parentis has assented to an agreement of confidentiality between the provider and the minor.

~~(N)~~(L) "Political subdivision" means a municipal corporation, township, county, school district, or other body corporate and politic responsible for governmental activities in a geographic area smaller than that of the state.

~~(O)~~(M) "State agency" means any one or more of the following:

- (1) The department of administrative services;
- (2) The department of aging;
- (3) The department of mental health and addiction services;
- (4) The department of developmental disabilities;
- (5) The department of education;
- (6) The department of health;
- (7) The department of insurance;
- (8) The department of job and family services;
- (9) The department of medicaid;
- (10) The department of rehabilitation and correction;
- (11) The department of youth services;
- (12) The bureau of workers' compensation;
- (13) The opportunities for Ohioans with disabilities agency;
- (14) The office of the attorney general;
- (15) A health care licensing board created under Title XLVII of the

Revised Code that possesses individually identifiable health information.

~~Sec. 3798.07. (A) In addition to a covered entity generally being subject to the conditions specified in divisions (A) to (D) of section 3798.06 of the Revised Code when the covered entity discloses protected health information to a health information exchange without a valid authorization, the~~ A covered entity shall also be subject to the following conditions when it discloses protected health information to a health information exchange:

(1) The covered entity shall restrict disclosure consistent with all applicable federal laws governing the disclosure;

(2) If the protected health information concerns a minor, the covered entity shall restrict disclosure in a manner that complies with laws of this state pertaining to the circumstances under which a minor may consent to the minor's own receipt of health care or make medical decisions on the minor's own behalf, including sections 2907.29, 3709.241, 3719.012, 5120.172, 5122.04, and 5126.043 of the Revised Code unless the minor authorizes the disclosure.

(3) The covered entity shall restrict disclosure in a manner that is consistent with a written request from the individual or the individual's personal representative to restrict disclosure of all of the individual's protected health information.

~~(4) The covered entity shall restrict disclosure in a manner that is consistent with a written request from the individual or the individual's personal representative concerning specific categories of protected health information to the extent that rules adopted pursuant to section 3798.16 of the Revised Code require the covered entity to comply with such a request.~~

(B) The conditions in division (A) of this section on a covered entity's disclosure of protected health information to a health information exchange do not render unenforceable or restrict in any manner any of the following:

(1) A provision of the Revised Code that on ~~the effective date of this section~~ September 10, 2012, requires a person or governmental entity to disclose protected health information to a state agency, political subdivision, or other governmental entity;

(2) The confidential status of proceedings and records within the scope of a peer review committee of a health care entity as described in section 2305.252 of the Revised Code;

(3) The confidential status of quality assurance program activities and quality assurance records as described in section 5122.32 of the Revised Code;

(4) The testimonial privilege established by division (B) of section 2317.02 of the Revised Code;

(5) Any of the following items that govern the confidentiality, privacy, security, or privileged status of protected health information in the possession or custody of an agency as defined in section 111.15 of the Revised Code; govern the process for obtaining from a patient consent to the provision of health care or consent for participation in medical or other scientific research; govern the process for determining whether an adult has a physical or mental impairment or an adult's capacity to make health care decisions for purposes of Chapter 5126. of the Revised Code; or govern the process for determining whether a minor has been emancipated:

- (a) A section of the Revised Code that is not in this chapter;
- (b) A rule as defined in section 119.01 of the Revised Code;
- (c) An internal management rule as defined in section 111.15 of the Revised Code;
- (d) Guidance issued by an agency as defined in section 111.15 of the Revised Code;
- (e) Orders or regulations of a board of health of a city health district made under section 3709.20 of the Revised Code;
- (f) Orders or regulations of a board of health of a general health district made under section 3709.21 of the Revised Code;
- (g) An ordinance or resolution adopted by a political subdivision;
- (h) A professional code of ethics;
- (i) When a minor is authorized to consent to the minor's own receipt of health care or make medical decisions on the minor's own behalf, including the circumstances described in sections 2907.29, 3709.241, 3719.012, 5120.172, 5122.04, and 5126.043 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3798.10. (A) ~~Not later than six months after September 10, 2012, the~~ The medicaid director, ~~in consultation with the office of health transformation,~~ shall prescribe by rules adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code a standard authorization form for the use and disclosure of protected health information by covered entities in this state. The form shall meet all requirements specified in 45 C.F.R. 164.508 and, where applicable, 42 C.F.R. part 2.

(B) If a form the medicaid director prescribes under division (A) of this section is properly executed by an individual or the individual's personal representative, it shall be accepted by any person or governmental entity in this state as valid authorization for the use or disclosure of the individual's protected health information to the persons or governmental entities specified in the form.

(C) This section does not preclude a person or governmental entity from accepting as valid authorization for the use or disclosure of protected health

information a form other than the form prescribed under division (A) of this section if the other form meets all requirements specified in 45 C.F.R. 164.508 and, if applicable, 42 C.F.R. part 2.

Sec. 3799.01. Article I. Definitions

For purposes of this compact:

1. "Compacting state" means either of the following:

a. Any state that has enacted the compact and which has not withdrawn or been suspended pursuant to Article XIV of the compact;

b. The federal government in accordance with the commission's bylaws.

2. "Compact" means the Solemn Covenant of the States to Award Prizes for Curing Diseases enacted in this section.

3. "Non-compacting state" means any state or the federal government, if it is not at the time a compacting state.

4. "Public health expenses" means the amount of all costs paid by taxpayers in a specified geographic area relating to a particular disease.

5. "State" means any state, district, or territory of the United States of America.

Article II. Establishment of the Commission; Membership

1. Upon the enactment of the compact by six states, the compacting states shall establish the Solemn Covenant of States Commission.

2. The commission is a body corporate and politic and an instrumentality of each of the compacting states and is solely responsible for its liabilities, except as otherwise specifically provided in the compact.

3. Each compacting state shall be represented by one member as selected by the compacting state. Each compacting state shall determine its member's qualifications and period of service and shall be responsible for any action to remove or suspend its member or to fill the member's position if it becomes vacant. Nothing in the compact shall be construed to affect a compacting state's authority regarding the qualification, selection, or service of its own member.

Article III. Powers of the Commission

1. To adopt bylaws and rules pursuant to Articles V and VI of the compact, which shall have the force and effect of law and shall be binding in the compacting states to the extent and in the manner provided in the compact;

2. To receive and review in an expeditious manner treatments and therapeutic protocols for the cure of disease submitted to the commission and to award prizes for submissions that meet the commission's standards for a successful cure treatment or therapeutic protocol;

3. To make widely available a cure treatment or therapeutic protocol

upon a prize winner claiming a prize and transferring any intellectual property necessary for the manufacture and distribution of the cure in accordance with section 3.g.i. of Article VI, including by arranging or contracting for the manufacturing, production, or provision of any drug, serum, or other substance, device, or process, provided that the commission does not market the cure or conduct any other activity regarding the cure not specifically authorized in the compact;

4. To establish a selling price for the cure, which shall be not more than the expenses for the cure's manufacturing, distribution, licensing, and any other necessary governmental requirements for compacting states, or those expenses plus any royalty fees, for noncompacting states; the price shall not include the expenses of any other activities;

5. In non-compacting states and foreign countries, to establish and collect royalty fees imposed on manufacturers, producers, and providers of any drug, serum, or other substance, device, or process used for a cure treatment or therapeutic protocol, for which a prize is awarded; royalty fees may be added to the sales price of the cure pursuant to section 4 of this Article; provided that the royalty fees shall cumulatively be not more than the estimated five-year savings in public health expenses for that state or country, as calculated by actuaries employed or contracted by the commission;

6. To do the following regarding the collected royalty fees:

a. Pay or reimburse expenses related to the payment of a prize, which shall include employing or contracting actuaries to calculate annual taxpayer savings amounts in compacting states in accordance with section 3.g.iii. of Article VI, and payment of interest and other expenses related to a loan obtained in accordance with section 3.g.vi. of Article VI;

b. Annually disburse any amounts remaining after making payments or reimbursements under section 6.a. of this article as refunds to compacting states based on the per cent of the state's prize obligation in relation to the total obligation amount of all compacting states;

7. To bring and prosecute legal proceedings or actions in its name as the commission;

8. To issue subpoenas requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of evidence;

9. To establish and maintain offices;

10. To borrow, accept, or contract for personnel services, including personnel services from employees of a compacting state;

11. To hire employees, professionals, or specialists, and elect or appoint officers, and to fix their compensation, define their duties and give them

appropriate authority to carry out the purposes of the compact, and determine their qualifications; and to establish the commission's personnel policies and programs relating to, among other things, conflicts of interest, rates of compensation, and qualifications of personnel;

12. To accept any and all appropriate donations and grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials, and services, and to receive, utilize, and dispose of the same; provided that at all times the commission shall strive to avoid any appearance of impropriety;

13. To lease, purchase, or accept appropriate gifts or donations of, or otherwise to own, hold, improve, or use, any property, real, personal, or mixed; provided, that at all times the commission shall strive to avoid any appearance of impropriety;

14. To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, abandon, or otherwise dispose of any property, real, personal, or mixed;

15. To monitor compacting states for compliance with the commission's bylaws and rules;

16. To enforce compliance by compacting states with the commission's bylaws and rules;

17. To provide for dispute resolution among compacting states or between the commission and those who submit treatments and therapeutic protocols for the cure of disease for consideration;

18. To establish a budget and make expenditures;

19. To borrow money;

20. To appoint committees, including management, legislative, and advisory committees comprised of members, state legislators or their representatives, medical professionals, and such other interested persons as may be designated by the commission;

21. To establish annual membership dues for compacting states, which shall be used for daily expenses of the commission and not for interest or prize payments;

22. To adopt and use a corporate seal;

23. To perform such other functions as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this compact.

Article IV. Meetings and Voting

1. The commission shall meet and take such actions as are consistent with the compact, bylaws, and rules.

2. A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum necessary in order to conduct business or take actions at meetings of the commission.

3. Each member of the commission shall have the right and power to

cast one vote regarding matters determined or actions to be taken by the commission. Each member shall have the right and power to participate in the business and affairs of the commission.

4. A member shall vote in person or by such other means as provided in the commission's bylaws. The commission's bylaws may provide for members' participation in meetings by telephone or other means of communication.

5. The commission shall meet at least once during each calendar year. Additional meetings shall be held as set forth in the commission's bylaws.

6. No decision of the commission with respect to the approval of an award for a treatment or therapeutic process for the cure of a disease shall be effective unless two-thirds of all the members of the commission vote in favor thereof.

7. Guidelines and voting requirements for all other decisions of the commission shall be established in the commission's bylaws.

Article V. Bylaws

The commission shall, by a majority vote of all the members of the commission, prescribe bylaws to govern its conduct as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes, and exercise the powers, of the compact, including, but not limited to:

1. Establishing the fiscal year of the commission;

2. Providing reasonable procedures for appointing and electing members, as well as holding meetings, of the management committee;

3. Providing reasonable standards and procedures:

a. For the establishment and meetings of other committees;

b. Governing any general or specific delegation of any authority or function of the commission; and

c. Voting guidelines and procedures for commission decisions.

4. Providing reasonable procedures for calling and conducting meetings of the commission that shall consist of requiring a quorum to be present, ensuring reasonable advance notice of each such meeting and providing for the right of citizens to attend each such meeting with enumerated exceptions designed to protect the public's interest and the privacy of individuals.

5. Providing a list of matters about which the commission may go into executive session and requiring a majority of all members of the commission vote to enter into such session. As soon as practicable, the commission shall make public:

a. A copy of the vote to go into executive session, revealing the vote of each member with no proxy votes allowed; and

b. The matter requiring executive session, without identifying the actual

issues or individuals involved.

6. Establishing the titles, duties, authority, and reasonable procedures for the election of the officers of the commission;

7. Providing reasonable standards and procedures for the establishment of the personnel policies and programs of the commission. Notwithstanding any civil service or other similar laws of any compacting state, the commission's bylaws shall exclusively govern the personnel policies and programs of the commission;

8. Allowing a mechanism for:

a. The federal government to join as a compacting state; and

b. Foreign countries or subdivisions of those countries to join as liaison members by adopting the compact; provided that adopting countries or subdivisions shall not have voting power or the power to bind the commission in any way.

9. Adopting a code of ethics to address permissible and prohibited activities of members and employees;

10. Providing for the maintenance of the commission's books and records;

11. Governing the acceptance of and accounting for donations, annual member dues, and other sources of funding and establishing the proportion of these funds to be allocated to prize amounts for treatments and therapeutic protocols that cure disease;

12. Governing any fund raising efforts in which the commission wishes to engage; and

13. Providing a mechanism for winding up the operations of the commission and the equitable disposition of any surplus funds that may exist after the termination of the compact after the payment and reserving of all its debts and obligations.

Article VI. Rules

1. The commission shall adopt rules to do the following:

a. Effectively and efficiently achieve the purposes of this compact;

b. Govern the methods, processes, and any other aspect of the research, creation, and testing of a treatment or therapeutic protocol for each disease for which a prize may be awarded.

2. The commission shall also adopt rules establishing the criteria for defining and classifying the diseases for which prizes shall be awarded. The commission may define and classify subsets of diseases, for example, tubular carcinoma of the breast. For purposes of sections 3.a. and c. of this article, a subset of a disease shall be considered one disease. The commission may consult the most recent edition of the international

classification of disease as published by the world health organization or other definitions agreed to by a two-thirds vote of the commission.

3. The commission shall also adopt rules regarding prizes for curing diseases that establish the following:

a. At least ten major diseases for which to create prizes, which shall be determined based on the following factors:

i. The severity of the disease to a human individual's overall health and well-being;

ii. The survival rate or severity of impact of the disease;

iii. The public health expenses and treatment expenses for the disease.

b. The criteria a treatment or therapeutic protocol must meet in order to be considered a cure for any of the diseases for which a prize may be awarded, which shall include the following requirements:

i. It must be approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration or have otherwise obtained legal status for the compact to immediately contract to manufacture and distribute in the United States;

ii. Except as provided in section 4. of this article, it must yield a significant increase in survival with respect to the diseases if early death is the usual outcome;

iii. It requires less than one year of the treatment or protocol to completely cure the disease.

c. The procedure for determining the diseases for which to award prizes, which includes the option to award prizes for more than ten diseases that meet the above criteria, if agreed to by two-thirds vote of the commission, and a requirement to update the list every three years.

d. The submission and evaluation procedures and guidelines, including filing and review procedures, a requirement that the person or entity submitting the cure bears the burden of proof in demonstrating that the treatment or therapeutic protocol meets the above criteria, and limitations preventing public access to treatment or protocol submissions.

e. The estimated five-year public health savings that would result from a cure, which shall be equal to the five-year public health expenses for each disease in each compacting state, and a procedure to update these expenses every three years in conjunction with the requirements in section 3.c. of this article. The estimated five-year public health savings amount shall be calculated, estimated, and publicized every three years by actuaries employed or contracted by the commission.

f. The prize amount with respect to cures for each disease, which shall be equal to the most recent estimated total five-year savings in public health expenses for the disease as calculated in section 3.e. of this article in all of

the compacting states; amounts donated by charities, individuals, and any other entities intended for the prize under Article I of the compact; and any other factors that the commission deems appropriate.

g. The prize distribution procedures and guidelines, which shall include the following requirements:

i. Upon acceptance of a cure, the prize winner shall transfer to the commission the patent and all related intellectual property for the manufacture and distribution of the treatment or therapeutic protocol in exchange for the prize, except in the case that the prize money is considered by the commission to be too low, and that a prize will be awarded only to the first person or entity that submits a successful cure for a disease for which a prize may be awarded.

ii. Donation amounts intended for the prize shall be kept in a separate, interest-bearing account maintained by the commission. This account shall be the only account in which prize money is kept.

iii. Each compacting state shall have the responsibility to pay annually the compacting state's actual one-year savings in public health expenses for the particular disease for which a cure has been accepted. The compacting state shall make such an annual payment until it has fulfilled its prize responsibility as established in section 3.f. of this article. Each compacting state's payment responsibility begins one year after the date the cure becomes widely available. The commission shall employ or contract with actuaries to calculate each state's actual one-year savings in public health expenses at the end of each year to determine each state's responsibility for the succeeding year.

iv. Compacting states may meet prize responsibilities by any method including the issuance of bonds or other obligations, with the principal and interest of those bonds or obligations to be repaid only from revenue derived from estimated public health expense savings from a cure to a disease. If the compacting state does not make such revenue available to repay some or all of the revenue bonds or obligations issued, the owners or holders of those bonds or obligations have no right to have excises or taxes levied to pay the principal or interest on them. The revenue bonds and obligations are not a debt of the issuing compacting state.

v. A compacting state may issue bonds or other debt that are general obligations, under which the full faith and credit, revenue, and taxing power of the state is pledged to pay the principal and interest under those obligations, only if authorized by the compacting state's constitution or, if constitutional authorization is not required, by other law of the compacting state.

vi. Upon acceptance of a cure, the commission shall obtain a loan from a financial institution in an amount equal to the most recently calculated total estimated five-year public health expenses for the disease in all compacting states, in accordance with section 3.f. of this article. The commission reserves the right to continuously evaluate the cure in the interim and rescind a prize offer if the commission finds that the cure no longer meets the commission's criteria.

4. The commission may award a prize for a treatment or therapeutic protocol that yields a survival rate that is less than what is established in the cure criteria through at least five years after the treatment or protocol has ended. In that case, the prize amount awarded for that treatment or therapeutic protocol shall be reduced from the prize amount originally determined by the commission for a cure for that disease. The reduction shall be in proportion to the survival rate yielded by that treatment or protocol as compared to the survival rate established in the cure criteria.

5. The commission also shall adopt rules that do the following:

a. Establish the following regarding commission records:

i. Conditions and procedures for public inspection and copying of its information and official records, except such information and records involving the privacy of individuals or would otherwise violate privacy laws under federal law and the laws of the compacting states;

ii. Procedures for sharing with federal and state agencies, including law enforcement agencies, records and information otherwise exempt from disclosure;

iii. Guidelines for entering into agreements with federal and state agencies to receive or exchange information or records subject to nondisclosure and confidentiality provisions.

b. Provide a process for commission review of submitted treatments and therapeutic protocols for curing diseases that includes the following:

i. An opportunity for an appeal, not later than thirty days after a rejection of a treatment or protocol for prize consideration, to a review panel established under the commission's dispute resolution process;

ii. Commission monitoring and review of treatment and protocol effectiveness consistent with the cure criteria established by the commission for the particular disease;

iii. Commission reconsideration, modification, or withdrawal of approval of a treatment or protocol for prize consideration for failure to continue to meet the cure criteria established by the commission for the particular disease.

c. Establish a dispute resolution process to resolve disputes or other

issues under the compact that may arise between two or more compacting states or between the commission and individuals or entities who submit treatments and therapeutic protocols to cure diseases, which process shall provide for:

i. Administrative review by a review panel appointed by the commission;

ii. Judicial review of decisions issued after an administrative review; and

iii. Qualifications to be appointed to a panel, due process requirements, including notice and hearing procedures, and any other procedure, requirement, or standard necessary to provide adequate dispute resolution.

d. Establish and impose annual member dues on compacting states, which shall be calculated based on the percentage of each compacting state's population in relation to the population of all the compacting states.

6. Recognizing that the goal of the compact is to pool the potential savings of as many states and countries as possible to generate sufficient financial incentive to develop a cure for many of the world's most devastating diseases, the compact will respect the laws of each of these United States by adopting rules that establish ethical standards for research that shall be followed in order for a prize to be claimed. The compact, in the rules, shall establish a common set of ethical standards that embodies the laws and restrictions in each of the states so that to be eligible for claiming a prize the entity submitting a cure must not have violated any of the ethical standards in any one of the fifty states, whether the states have joined the compact or not. The compact will publish these common ethical standards along with the specific criteria for a cure for each of the diseases the compact has targeted.

So long as a researcher follows the common ethical standards in effect at the time the research is done, an entity presenting a cure will be deemed to have followed the standards. On or before January 1 of each year, the compact shall review all state laws to determine if additional ethical standards have been enacted by any of the fifty states and the federal government. Any changes to the common ethical standards rules based on new state laws shall be adopted and published by the compact, but shall not take effect in cure criteria for a period of three years to allow for sufficient notice to researchers.

7. All rules may be amended as the commission sees necessary.

8. All rules shall be adopted pursuant to a rule-making process that conforms to the model state administrative procedure act of 1981 by the uniform law commissioners, as amended, as may be appropriate to the

operations of the commission.

9. In the event the commission exercises its rule-making authority in a manner that is beyond the scope of the purpose of this compact, or the powers granted hereunder, then such rule shall be invalid and have no force and effect.

Article VII. Committees

1. Management Committee

a. The commission may establish a management committee comprised of not more than fourteen members when twenty-six states enact the compact.

b. The committee shall consist of those members representing compacting states whose total public health expenses of all of the established diseases are the highest.

c. The committee shall have such authority and duties as may be set forth in the commission's bylaws and rules, including:

i. Managing authority over the day-to-day affairs of the commission in a manner consistent with the commission's bylaws and rules and the purposes of the compact;

ii. Overseeing the offices of the commission; and

iii. Planning, implementing, and coordinating communications and activities with state, federal, and local government organizations in order to advance the goals of the compact.

d. The commission annually shall elect officers for the committee, with each having such authority and duties as may be specified in the commission's bylaws and rules.

e. The management committee, subject to commission approval, may appoint or retain an executive director for such period, upon such terms and conditions, and for such compensation as the committee determines. The executive director shall serve as secretary to the commission, but shall not be a member of the commission. The executive director shall hire and supervise such other staff as may be authorized by the committee.

2. Advisory Committees

The commission may appoint advisory committees to monitor all operations related to the purposes of the compact and make recommendations to the commission; provided that the manner of selection and term of any committee member shall be as set forth in the commission's bylaws and rules. The commission shall consult with an advisory committee, to the extent required by the commission's bylaws or rules, before doing any of the following:

a. Approving cure criteria;

b. Amending, enacting, or repealing any bylaw or rule;

c. Adopting the commission's annual budget;

d. Addressing any other significant matter or taking any other significant action.

Article VIII. Finance

1. The commission annually shall establish a budget to pay or provide for the payment of its reasonable expenses. To fund the cost of initial operations, the commission may accept contributions and other forms of funding from the compacting states and other sources. Contributions and other forms of funding from other sources shall be of such a nature that the independence of the commission concerning the performance of its duties shall not be compromised.

2. The commission shall be exempt from all taxation in and by the compacting states.

3. The commission shall keep complete and accurate accounts of all of its internal receipts, including grants and donations, and disbursements of all funds under its control. The internal financial accounts of the commission shall be subject to the accounting procedures established under the commission's bylaws or rules. The financial accounts and reports including the system of internal controls and procedures of the commission shall be audited annually by an independent certified public accountant. Upon the determination of the commission, but not less frequently than every three years, the review of the independent auditor shall include a management and performance audit of the commission. The commission shall make an annual report to the governors and legislatures of the compacting states, which shall include a report of the independent audit. The commission's internal accounts shall not be confidential and such materials may be shared with any compacting state upon request provided, however, that any work papers related to any internal or independent audit and any information subject to the compacting states' privacy laws, shall remain confidential.

4. No compacting state shall have any claim or ownership of any property held by or vested in the commission or to any commission funds held pursuant to the provisions of the compact.

Article IX. Records

Except as to privileged records, data, and information, the laws of any compacting state pertaining to confidentiality or nondisclosure shall not relieve any member of the duty to disclose any relevant records, data, or information to the commission; provided, that disclosure to the commission shall not be deemed to waive or otherwise affect any confidentiality requirement; and further provided, that, except as otherwise expressly

provided in the compact, the commission shall not be subject to the compacting state's laws pertaining to confidentiality and nondisclosure with respect to records, data, and information in its possession. Confidential information of the commission shall remain confidential after such information is provided to any member. All cure submissions received by the commission are confidential.

Article X. Compliance

The commission shall notify a compacting state in writing of any noncompliance with commission bylaws and rules. If a compacting state fails to remedy its noncompliance within the time specified in the notice, the compacting state shall be deemed to be in default as set forth in Article XIV.

Article XI. Venue

Venue for any judicial proceedings by or against the commission shall be brought in the appropriate court of competent jurisdiction for the geographical area in which the principal office of the commission is located.

Article XII. Qualified Immunity, Defense, and Indemnification

1. The members, officers, executive director, employees, and representatives of the commission shall be immune from suit and liability, either personally or in their official capacity, for any claim for damage to or loss of property or personal injury or other civil liability caused by or arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred, or that such person had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of the person's commission employment, duties, or responsibilities; provided, that nothing in section 1. of this article shall be construed to protect any such person from suit or liability for any damage, loss, injury, or liability caused by the intentional or willful and wanton misconduct of that person.

2. The commission shall defend any member, officer, executive director, employee, or representative of the commission in any civil action seeking to impose liability arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred within the scope of the person's commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, or that such person had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of commission employment, duties, or responsibilities; provided, that nothing in the compact or commission bylaws or rules shall be construed to prohibit that person from retaining his or her own counsel; and provided further, that the actual or alleged act, error, or omission did not result from that person's intentional or willful and wanton misconduct.

3. The commission shall indemnify and hold harmless any member, officer, executive director, employee, or representative of the commission for the amount of any settlement or judgment obtained against the person

arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred within the scope of the person's commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, or that such person had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of commission employment, duties, or responsibilities; provided, that the actual or alleged act, error, or omission, did not result from the intentional or willful and wanton misconduct of that person.

Article XIII. Compacting States, Effective Date, and Amendment

1. Any state is eligible to become a compacting state.

2. The compact shall become effective and binding upon legislative enactment of the compact into law by two compacting states; provided, the commission shall only be established after six states become compacting states. Thereafter, the compact shall become effective and binding as to any other compacting state upon enactment of the compact into law by that state.

3. Amendments to the compact may be proposed by the commission for enactment by the compacting states. No amendment shall become effective and binding until all compacting states enact the amendment into law.

4. If funding is requested or required, the legislative authority of each compacting state shall be responsible for making the appropriations it determines necessary to pay for the costs of the compact, including annual member dues and prize distributions.

Article XIV. Withdrawal, Default, and Expulsion

1. Withdrawal

a. Once effective, the compact shall continue in force and remain binding upon each and every compacting state; provided, that a compacting state may withdraw from the compact by doing both of the following:

i. Repealing the law enacting the compact in that state;

ii. Notifying the commission in writing of the intent to withdraw on a date that is both of the following:

I. At least three years after the date the notice is sent;

II. After the repeal takes effect.

b. The effective date of withdrawal is the date described in section 1.a.ii. of this article.

c. The member representing the withdrawing state shall immediately notify the management committee in writing upon the introduction of legislation in that state repealing the compact. If a management committee has not been established, the member shall immediately notify the commission.

d. The commission or management committee, as applicable, shall notify the other compacting states of the introduction of such legislation

within ten days after its receipt of notice thereof.

e. The withdrawing state is responsible for all obligations, duties and liabilities incurred through the effective date of withdrawal, including any obligations, the performance of which extend beyond the effective date of withdrawal. The commission's actions shall continue to be effective and be given full force and effect in the withdrawing state.

f. Reinstatement following a state's withdrawal shall become effective upon the effective date of the subsequent enactment of the compact by that state.

2. Default

a. If the commission determines that any compacting state has at any time defaulted in the performance of any of its obligations or responsibilities under the compact or the commission's bylaws or rules, then, after notice and hearing as set forth in the bylaws, all rights, privileges, and benefits conferred by this compact on the defaulting state shall be suspended from the effective date of default as fixed by the commission. The grounds for default include failure of a compacting state to perform its obligations or responsibilities, and any other grounds designated in commission rules. The commission shall immediately notify the defaulting state in writing of the suspension pending cure of the default. The commission shall stipulate the conditions and the time period within which the defaulting state shall cure its default. If the defaulting state fails to cure the default within the time period specified by the commission, the defaulting state shall be expelled from the compact and all rights, privileges, and benefits conferred by the compact shall be terminated from the effective date of the expulsion. Any state that is expelled from the compact shall be liable for any cure prize or prizes for three years after its removal. The commission shall also take appropriate legal action to ensure that any compacting state that withdraws from the compact remains liable for paying its responsibility towards a prize for a cure that was accepted while the compacting state was a member of the commission.

b. The expelled state must reenact the compact in order to become a compacting state.

3. Dissolution of Compact

a. The compact dissolves effective upon the date of either of the following:

i. The withdrawal or expulsion of a compacting state, which withdrawal or expulsion reduces membership in the compact to one compacting state;

ii. The commission votes to dissolve the compact.

b. Upon the dissolution of the compact, the compact becomes null and

void and shall be of no further force or effect, and the business and affairs of the commission shall be wound up and any surplus funds shall be distributed in accordance with the commission's bylaws, provided, that the commission shall pay all outstanding prizes awarded before the dissolution of the compact, as well as any other outstanding debts and obligations incurred during the existence of the compact. Any unawarded funds donated to be a part of a prize shall be returned to the donor, along with any interest earned on the amount.

Article XV. Severability and Construction

1. The provisions of the compact shall be severable; and if any phrase, clause, sentence, or provision is deemed unenforceable, the remaining provisions of the compact shall be enforceable.

2. The provisions of the compact shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purposes.

Article XVI. Binding Effect of Compact and Other Laws

1. Other Laws: Nothing herein prevents the enforcement of any other law of a compacting state, except as provided in section 2.b. of this article.

2. Binding Effect of the Compact

a. All lawful actions of the commission, including all commission rules, are binding upon the compacting states.

b. All agreements between the commission and the compacting states are binding in accordance with their terms.

c. Except to the extent authorized by the compacting state's constitution or, if constitutional authorization is not required, by other law of the compacting state, such state, by entering into the compact does not:

i. Commit the full faith and credit or taxing power of the compacting state for the payment of prizes or other obligations under the compact;

ii. Make prize payment responsibilities or other obligations under the compact a debt of the compacting state.

d. Upon the request of a party to a conflict over the meaning or interpretation of commission actions, and upon a majority vote of the compacting states, the commission may issue advisory opinions regarding the meaning or interpretation in dispute.

e. In the event any provision of the compact exceeds the constitutional limits imposed on any compacting state, the obligations, duties, powers or jurisdiction sought to be conferred by that provision upon the commission shall be ineffective as to that compacting state, and those obligations, duties, powers, or jurisdiction shall remain in the compacting state and shall be exercised by the agency thereof to which those obligations, duties, powers, or jurisdiction are delegated by law in effect at the time the compact

becomes effective.

Sec. 3901.381. (A) Except as provided in sections 3901.382, 3901.383, 3901.384, and 3901.386 of the Revised Code, a third-party payer shall process a claim for payment for health care services rendered by a provider to a beneficiary in accordance with this section.

(B)(1) Unless division (B)(2) or (3) of this section applies, when a third-party payer receives from a provider or beneficiary a claim on the standard claim form prescribed in rules adopted by the superintendent of insurance under section 3902.22 of the Revised Code, the third-party payer shall pay or deny the claim not later than thirty days after receipt of the claim. When a third-party payer denies a claim, the third-party payer shall notify the provider and the beneficiary. The notice shall state, with specificity, why the third-party payer denied the claim.

(2)(a) Unless division (B)(3) of this section applies, when a provider or beneficiary has used the standard claim form, but the third-party payer determines that reasonable supporting documentation is needed to establish the third-party payer's responsibility to make payment, the third-party payer shall pay or deny the claim not later than forty-five days after receipt of the claim. Supporting documentation includes the verification of employer and beneficiary coverage under a benefits contract, confirmation of premium payment, medical information regarding the beneficiary and the services provided, information on the responsibility of another third-party payer to make payment or confirmation of the amount of payment by another third-party payer, and information that is needed to correct material deficiencies in the claim related to a diagnosis or treatment or the provider's identification.

Not later than thirty days after receipt of the claim, the third-party payer shall notify all relevant external sources that the supporting documentation is needed. All such notices shall state, with specificity, the supporting documentation needed. If the notice was not provided in writing, the provider, beneficiary, or third-party payer may request the third-party payer to provide the notice in writing, and the third-party payer shall then provide the notice in writing. If any of the supporting documentation is under the control of the beneficiary, the beneficiary shall provide the supporting documentation to the third-party payer.

The number of days that elapse between the third-party payer's last request for supporting documentation within the thirty-day period and the third-party payer's receipt of all of the supporting documentation that was requested shall not be counted for purposes of determining the third-party payer's compliance with the time period of not more than forty-five days for

payment or denial of a claim. Except as provided in division (B)(2)(b) of this section, if the third-party payer requests additional supporting documentation after receiving the initially requested documentation, the number of days that elapse between making the request and receiving the additional supporting documentation shall be counted for purposes of determining the third-party payer's compliance with the time period of not more than forty-five days.

(b) If a third-party payer determines, after receiving initially requested documentation, that it needs additional supporting documentation pertaining to a beneficiary's preexisting condition, which condition was unknown to the third-party payer and about which it was reasonable for the third-party payer to have no knowledge at the time of its initial request for documentation, and the third-party payer subsequently requests this additional supporting documentation, the number of days that elapse between making the request and receiving the additional supporting documentation shall not be counted for purposes of determining the third-party payer's compliance with the time period of not more than forty-five days.

(c) When a third-party payer denies a claim, the third-party payer shall notify the provider and the beneficiary. The notice shall state, with specificity, why the third-party payer denied the claim.

(d) If a third-party payer determines that supporting documentation related to medical information is routinely necessary to process a claim for payment of a particular health care service, the third-party payer shall establish a description of the supporting documentation that is routinely necessary and make the description available to providers in a readily accessible format.

Third-party payers and providers shall, in connection with a claim, use the most current CPT code in effect, as published by the American medical association, the most current ICD-10 code in effect, as published by the United States department of health and human services, the most current CDT code in effect, as published by the American dental association, or the most current HCPCS code in effect, as published by the United States ~~health care financing administration~~ centers for medicare and medicaid services.

(3) When a provider or beneficiary submits a claim by using the standard claim form prescribed in the superintendent's rules, but the information provided in the claim is materially deficient, the third-party payer shall notify the provider or beneficiary not later than fifteen days after receipt of the claim. The notice shall state, with specificity, the information needed to correct all material deficiencies. Once the material deficiencies

are corrected, the third-party payer shall proceed in accordance with division (B)(1) or (2) of this section.

It is not a violation of the notification time period of not more than fifteen days if a third-party payer fails to notify a provider or beneficiary of material deficiencies in the claim related to a diagnosis or treatment or the provider's identification. A third-party payer may request the information necessary to correct these deficiencies after the end of the notification time period. Requests for such information shall be made as requests for supporting documentation under division (B)(2) of this section, and payment or denial of the claim is subject to the time periods specified in that division.

(C) For purposes of this section, if a dispute exists between a provider and a third-party payer as to the day a claim form was received by the third-party payer, both of the following apply:

(1) If the provider or a person acting on behalf of the provider submits a claim directly to a third-party payer by mail and retains a record of the day the claim was mailed, there exists a rebuttable presumption that the claim was received by the third-party payer on the fifth business day after the day the claim was mailed, unless it can be proven otherwise.

(2) If the provider or a person acting on behalf of the provider submits a claim directly to a third-party payer electronically, there exists a rebuttable presumption that the claim was received by the third-party payer twenty-four hours after the claim was submitted, unless it can be proven otherwise.

(D) Nothing in this section requires a third-party payer to provide more than one notice to an employer whose premium for coverage of employees under a benefits contract has not been received by the third-party payer.

(E) Compliance with the provisions of division (B)(3) of this section shall be determined separately from compliance with the provisions of divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section.

(F) A third-party payer shall transmit electronically any payment with respect to claims that the third-party payer receives electronically and pays to a contracted provider under this section and under sections 3901.383, 3901.384, and 3901.386 of the Revised Code. A provider shall not refuse to accept a payment made under this section or sections 3901.383, 3901.384, and 3901.386 of the Revised Code on the basis that the payment was transmitted electronically.

Sec. 3901.3814. Sections 3901.38 and 3901.381 to 3901.3813 of the Revised Code do not apply to the following:

(A) Policies offering coverage that is regulated under Chapters 3935. and 3937. of the Revised Code;

(B) An employer's self-insurance plan and any of its administrators, as defined in section 3959.01 of the Revised Code, to the extent that federal law supersedes, preempts, prohibits, or otherwise precludes the application of any provisions of those sections to the plan and its administrators;

(C) A third-party payer for coverage provided under the medicare advantage program operated under Title XVIII of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C.A. 301, as amended;

(D) A third-party payer for coverage provided under the medicaid program, ~~except that if a federal waiver applied for under section 5167.25 of the Revised Code is granted or the medicaid director determines that this provision can be implemented without a waiver, sections 3901.38 and 3901.381 to 3901.3813 of the Revised Code apply to claims submitted electronically or non-electronically that are made with respect to coverage of medicaid recipients by health insuring corporations licensed under Chapter 1751. of the Revised Code, instead of the prompt payment requirements of 42 C.F.R. 447.46;~~

(E) A third-party payer for coverage provided under the tricare program offered by the United States department of defense.

Sec. 3901.95. A direct primary care agreement that meets all of the following shall not be considered insurance and nothing in Title XXXIX or Chapter 1739., 1751., or 1753. of the Revised Code shall apply to such an agreement:

(A) It is in writing.

(B) It is between a patient, or that patient's legal representative, and a health care provider and is related to services to be provided in exchange for the payment of a fee to be paid on a periodic basis.

(C) It allows either party to terminate the agreement as specified in the agreement.

(D) It requires termination to be accomplished through written notification.

(E) It permits termination to take effect immediately upon the other party's receipt of the notification or not more than sixty days after the other party's receipt of the notification.

(F) It does not impose a termination penalty or require payment of a termination fee.

(G) It describes the health care services to be provided under the agreement and the basis on which a periodic fee is to be paid in exchange for those services.

(H) It specifies the periodic fee required and any additional fees that may be charged.

(I) It authorizes the periodic fee and any additional fees to be paid by a third party.

(J) It prohibits the health services provider from charging or receiving any fee other than the fees prescribed in the agreement for those services prescribed in the agreement.

(K) It conspicuously and prominently states that the agreement is not health insurance, is not subject to the insurance laws of this state, and does not meet any individual health insurance mandate that may be required under federal law.

Sec. 3902.30. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Health benefit plan," "health care services," and "health plan issuer" have the same meanings as in section 3922.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Health care professional" means any of the following:

(a) A physician licensed under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery;

(b) A physician assistant licensed under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code;

(c) An advanced practice registered nurse as defined in section 4723.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) "In-person health care services" means health care services delivered by a health care professional through the use of any communication method where the professional and patient are simultaneously present in the same geographic location.

(4) "Recipient" means a patient receiving health care services or a health care professional with whom the provider of health care services is consulting regarding the patient.

(5) "Telemedicine services" means a mode of providing health care services through synchronous or asynchronous information and communication technology by a health care professional, within the professional's scope of practice, who is located at a site other than the site where the recipient is located.

(B)(1) A health benefit plan shall provide coverage for telemedicine services on the same basis and to the same extent that the plan provides coverage for the provision of in-person health care services.

(2) A health benefit plan shall not exclude coverage for a service solely because it is provided as a telemedicine service.

(C) A health benefit plan shall not impose any annual or lifetime benefit maximum in relation to telemedicine services other than such a benefit maximum imposed on all benefits offered under the plan.

(D) This section shall not be construed as doing any of the following:

(1) Prohibiting a health benefit plan from assessing cost-sharing requirements to a covered individual for telemedicine services, provided that such cost-sharing requirements for telemedicine services are not greater than those for comparable in-person health care services;

(2) Requiring a health plan issuer to reimburse a health care professional for any costs or fees associated with the provision of telemedicine services that would be in addition to or greater than the standard reimbursement for comparable in-person health care services;

(3) Requiring a health plan issuer to reimburse a telemedicine provider for telemedicine services at the same rate as in-person services.

(E) This section applies to all health benefit plans issued, offered, or renewed on or after January 1, 2021.

Sec. 3902.31. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Pay in full" means paying for a health service in its entirety without cost-sharing on the part of a third-party payer. "Pay in full" includes payment made under a deductible requirement.

(2) "Third-party payer" and "provider" have the same meanings as in section 3901.38 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) Subject to division (C) of this section, a provision in a contract entered into between a third-party payer and a provider is void and against public policy if it does either of the following:

(a) Establishes a minimum amount that the provider is required to charge an individual for a health service when that individual pays in full for the service;

(b) Prohibits a provider from advertising the provider's rates for a service.

(2) Division (B)(1)(b) of this section shall not be construed as prohibiting a provision in a contract between a provider and a third-party payer that prohibits a provider from disclosing or advertising contractually agreed upon reimbursement rates for providers.

(C)(1) This section shall apply to all new contracts between a third-party payer and a provider entered into on or after the effective date of this section.

(2) For existing contracts, this section shall apply on the earlier of either of the following:

(a) Three years after the effective date of this section;

(b) The expiration date of the contract or renewal of the contract.

Sec. 3902.50. (A) As used in sections 3902.50 to 3902.52 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Cost sharing" means the cost to a covered person under a health benefit plan according to any coverage limit, copayment, coinsurance, deductible, or other out-of-pocket expense requirement.

(2) "Covered person," "health benefit plan," "health care services," and "health plan issuer" have the same meanings as in section 3922.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Emergency facility" has the same meaning as in section 3701.74 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Emergency services" means all of the following as described in 42 U.S.C. 1395dd:

(a) Medical screening examinations undertaken to determine whether an emergency medical condition exists;

(b) Treatment necessary to stabilize an emergency medical condition;

(c) Appropriate transfers undertaken prior to an emergency medical condition being stabilized.

(5) "Individual in-network provider," "individual out-of-network provider," and "individual provider" mean a provider who is an individual.

(6) "Unanticipated out-of-network care" means health care services that are covered under a health benefit plan and that are provided by an individual out-of-network provider when either of the following conditions applies:

(a) The covered person did not have the ability to request such services from an individual in-network provider.

(b) The services provided were emergency services.

(B)(1) A health plan issuer shall reimburse an individual out-of-network provider for unanticipated out-of-network care when both of the following apply:

(a) The services are provided to a covered person at a facility that is in the covered person's health benefit plan provider network.

(b) The services would be covered if provided by an individual provider in the covered person's health benefit plan network.

(2) A health plan issuer shall reimburse both of the following for emergency services provided to a covered person at an out-of-network emergency facility:

(a) An individual out-of-network provider;

(b) The out-of-network emergency facility.

(C)(1) The reimbursement required to be paid an individual provider under division (B)(1) or (2) of this section shall be the greatest of the following amounts:

(a) The amount negotiated with individual in-network providers for the

service in question, excluding any in-network cost sharing imposed under the health benefit plan. If there is more than one amount negotiated with individual in-network providers for the service, the relevant amount shall be the median of those amounts, excluding any in-network cost sharing imposed under the health benefit plan. In determining the median amount, the amount negotiated with each individual in-network provider shall be treated as a separate amount even if the same amount is paid to more than one provider. If there is no per-service amount negotiated with individual in-network providers, such as under a capitation or similar payment arrangement, the amount described in division (C)(1)(a) of this section shall be disregarded.

(b) The amount for the service calculated using the same method the health benefit plan generally uses to determine payments for out-of-network health care services, such as the usual, customary, and reasonable amount, excluding any in-network cost sharing imposed under the health benefit plan. This amount shall be determined without reduction for cost sharing that generally applies under the health benefit plan with respect to out-of-network health care services.

(c) The amount that would be paid under the medicare program, part A or part B of Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1395, as amended, for the service in question, excluding any in-network cost sharing imposed under the health benefit plan.

(2) The reimbursement required to be paid to an out-of-network emergency facility under division (B)(2) of this section shall be the greatest of the following amounts:

(a) The amount negotiated with in-network emergency facilities for the service in question, excluding any in-network cost sharing imposed under the health benefit plan. If there is more than one amount negotiated with in-network emergency facilities for the service, the relevant amount shall be the median of those amounts, excluding any in-network cost sharing imposed under the health benefit plan. In determining the median amount, the amount negotiated with each in-network emergency facility shall be treated as a separate amount even if the same amount is paid to more than one provider. If there is no per-service amount negotiated with in-network emergency facilities, such as under a capitation or similar payment arrangement, the amount described in division (C)(2)(a) of this section shall be disregarded.

(b) The amount for the service calculated using the same method the health benefit plan generally uses to determine payments for out-of-network health care services, such as the usual, customary, and reasonable amount,

excluding any in-network cost sharing imposed under the health benefit plan. This amount shall be determined without reduction for cost sharing that generally applies under the health benefit plan with respect to out-of-network health care services.

(c) The amount that would be paid under the medicare program, part A or part B of Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1395, as amended, for the service in question, excluding any in-network cost sharing imposed under the health benefit plan.

(D)(1) For unanticipated out-of-network care provided at an in-network facility in this state, an individual provider shall not bill a covered person for the difference between the health plan issuer's reimbursement and the individual provider's charge for the services.

(2)(a) For emergency services provided at an out-of-network emergency facility in this state, an individual provider shall not bill a covered person for the difference between the health plan issuer's reimbursement and the individual provider's charge for the services.

(b) For emergency services provided at an out-of-network emergency facility in this state, the emergency facility shall not bill a covered person for the difference between the health plan issuer's reimbursement and the emergency facility's charge for the services.

(E) A health plan issuer shall not require cost sharing for any service described in division (B) of this section from the covered person at a rate higher than if the services were provided by an individual in-network provider or in-network emergency facility.

(F) For health care services, other than those described in division (B) of this section, that are covered under a health benefit plan but are provided by an individual out-of-network provider at an in-network facility, all of the following apply:

(1) For services provided in this state, the individual provider shall not bill the covered person for the difference between the health plan issuer's out-of-network reimbursement and the provider's charge for the services unless all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The individual provider informs the covered person that the individual provider is not in the person's health benefit plan network.

(b) The individual provider provides to the covered person a good faith estimate of the cost of the services, including the individual provider's charge, the estimated reimbursement by the health plan issuer, and the covered person's responsibility. The estimate shall contain a disclaimer that the covered person is not required to obtain the health care service at that location or from that individual provider.

(c) The covered person affirmatively consents to receive the services.

(2) The health plan issuer may reimburse the individual provider at either the in-network or out-of-network rate as described in the covered person's health benefit plan.

(G) A pattern of continuous or repeated violations of this section is an unfair and deceptive act or practice in the business of insurance under sections 3901.19 to 3901.26 of the Revised Code.

(H) Nothing in this section is subject to section 3901.71 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3902.51. (A) An individual provider or emergency facility may request alternative dispute resolution if both of the following apply:

(1) The individual provider or emergency facility believes that the health plan issuer's offer of reimbursement does not meet the requirements of division (C) of section 3902.50 of the Revised Code.

(2) The billed amount exceeds seven hundred dollars.

(B) Any documents or information submitted by a health plan issuer, individual provider, or emergency facility in the course of alternative dispute resolution are not public records for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall not be released.

Sec. 3902.52. The superintendent of insurance shall adopt by rule alternative dispute resolution procedures and guidelines for complaints brought by individual providers or emergency facilities against health plan issuers relating to reimbursement under section 3902.50 of the Revised Code. The superintendent shall require that mediation be attempted prior to arbitration.

Sec. 3923.87. Each sickness and accident insurer or public employee benefit plan shall comply with the requirements of section 3959.20 of the Revised Code as they pertain to health plan issuers.

As used in this section, "health plan issuer" has the same meaning as in section 3922.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3953.231. (A)(1) Each title insurance agent or title insurance company shall establish and maintain an interest-bearing trust account for the deposit of all non-directed escrow funds that meet the requirements of sections 1349.20 to 1349.22 of the Revised Code.

(2) The account shall be established and maintained in any federally insured bank, savings and loan association, credit union, or savings bank that is authorized to transact business in this state.

(3) The account shall be in the name of the title insurance agent or company, and shall be identified as an "interest on trust account" or "IOTA." The name of the account may contain additional identifying information to

distinguish it from other accounts.

(4) The title insurance agent or company establishing the account shall submit, in writing, to the superintendent of insurance the name, account number, and location of the bank, savings and loan association, credit union, or savings bank in which the trust account is maintained.

(B) Each title insurance agent or company shall deposit all non-directed escrow funds that are nominal in amount or are to be held for a short period of time into the account established under division (A) of this section no later than the next business day after receipt.

(C) Each account established under division (A) of this section shall comply with all of the following:

(1) All funds in the account shall be subject to withdrawal or transfer upon request and without delay, or as soon as permitted by law;

(2) The rate of interest payable on the account shall not be less than the rate paid by the bank, savings and loan, credit union, or savings bank to its regular depositors. The rate may be higher if there is no impairment of the right to the immediate withdrawal or transfer of the principal;

(3) All interest earned on the account, net of service charges and other related charges, shall be transmitted to the treasurer of state for deposit in the legal aid fund established under section 120.52 of the Revised Code. No part of the interest earned shall be paid to the title insurance agent or company.

(D) The title insurance agent or company establishing an account under division (A) of this section shall direct the bank, savings and loan association, credit union, or savings bank to do both of the following:

(1) Remit interest or dividends on the average monthly balance in the account, or as otherwise computed in accordance with the standard accounting practice of the bank, savings and loan association, credit union, or savings bank, less reasonable service charges and other related charges, to the treasurer of state at least quarterly for deposit in the legal aid fund established under section 120.52 of the Revised Code;

(2) At the time of each remittance, transmit to the treasurer of state, and if requested, to the Ohio ~~legal assistance~~ access to justice foundation, and the title insurance agent or company, a statement showing the name of the title insurance agent or company for whom the remittance is sent, the rate of interest applied, the accounting period, the net amount remitted to the treasurer of state for each account, the total remitted, the average account balance for each month of the period for which the report is made, and the amount deducted for service charges and other related charges.

(E) The statements and reports submitted by the bank, savings and loan

association, credit union, or savings bank under this section, are not public records subject to section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall be used only to administer the legal aid fund.

(F) No funds belonging to a title insurance agent or company shall be deposited into an account established under division (A) of this section except funds necessary to pay service charges and other related charges of the bank, savings and loan association, credit union, or savings bank that are in excess of earnings on the account.

(G) No liability arising out of any negligent act or omission of any title insurance agent or company with respect to any account established under division (A) of this section shall be imputed to the bank, savings and loan association, credit union, or savings bank.

(H) No liability or responsibility arising out of any negligent act or omission of any title insurance agent with respect to any account established under division (A) of this section shall be imputed to a title insurance company.

(I) The superintendent may adopt, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, rules that pertain to the use of accounts established under division (A) of this section and to the enforcement of this section.

Sec. 3959.01. (A) "Administration fees" means any amount charged a covered person for services rendered. "Administration fees" includes commissions earned or paid by any person relative to services performed by an administrator.

(B) "Administrator" means any person who adjusts or settles claims on, residents of this state in connection with life, dental, health, prescription drugs, or disability insurance or self-insurance programs. "Administrator" includes a pharmacy benefit manager. "Administrator" does not include any of the following:

(1) An insurance agent or solicitor licensed in this state whose activities are limited exclusively to the sale of insurance and who does not provide any administrative services;

(2) Any person who administers or operates the workers' compensation program of a self-insuring employer under Chapter 4123. of the Revised Code;

(3) Any person who administers pension plans for the benefit of the person's own members or employees or administers pension plans for the benefit of the members or employees of any other person;

(4) Any person that administers an insured plan or a self-insured plan that provides life, dental, health, or disability benefits exclusively for the person's own members or employees;

(5) Any health insuring corporation holding a certificate of authority under Chapter 1751. of the Revised Code or an insurance company that is authorized to write life or sickness and accident insurance in this state.

(C) "Aggregate excess insurance" means that type of coverage whereby the insurer agrees to reimburse the insured employer or trust for all benefits or claims paid during an agreement period on behalf of all covered persons under the plan or trust which exceed a stated deductible amount and subject to a stated maximum.

(D) "Contracted pharmacy" or "pharmacy" means a pharmacy located in this state participating in either the network of a pharmacy benefit manager or in a health care or pharmacy benefit plan through a direct contract or through a contract with a pharmacy services administration organization, group purchasing organization, or another contracting agent.

(E) "Contributions" means any amount collected from a covered person to fund the self-insured portion of any plan in accordance with the plan's provisions, summary plan descriptions, and contracts of insurance.

(F) "Drug product reimbursement" means the amount paid by a pharmacy benefit manager to a contracted pharmacy for the cost of the drug dispensed to a patient and does not include a dispensing or professional fee.

(G) "Fiduciary" has the meaning set forth in section 1002(21)(A) of the "Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 829, 29 U.S.C. 1001, as amended.

(H) "Fiscal year" means the twelve-month accounting period commencing on the date the plan is established and ending twelve months following that date, and each corresponding twelve-month accounting period thereafter as provided for in the summary plan description.

(I) "Insurer" means an entity authorized to do the business of insurance in this state or, for the purposes of this section, a health insuring corporation authorized to issue health care plans in this state.

(J) "Managed care organization" means an entity that provides medical management and cost containment services and includes a medicaid managed care organization, as defined in section 5167.01 of the Revised Code.

(K) "Maximum allowable cost" means a maximum drug product reimbursement for an individual drug or for a group of therapeutically and pharmaceutically equivalent multiple source drugs that are listed in the United States food and drug administration's approved drug products with therapeutic equivalence evaluations, commonly referred to as the orange book.

(L) "Maximum allowable cost list" means a list of the drugs for which a

pharmacy benefit manager imposes a maximum allowable cost.

(M) "Multiple employer welfare arrangement" has the same meaning as in section 1739.01 of the Revised Code.

(N) "Pharmacy benefit manager" means an entity that contracts with pharmacies on behalf of an employer, a multiple employer welfare arrangement, public employee benefit plan, state agency, insurer, managed care organization, or other third-party payer to provide pharmacy health benefit services or administration. "Pharmacy benefit manager" includes the state pharmacy benefit manager selected under section 5167.24 of the Revised Code.

(O) "Plan" means any arrangement in written form for the payment of life, dental, health, or disability benefits to covered persons defined by the summary plan description and includes a drug benefit plan administered by a pharmacy benefit manager.

(P) "Plan sponsor" means the person who establishes the plan.

(Q) "Self-insurance program" means a program whereby an employer provides a plan of benefits for its employees without involving an intermediate insurance carrier to assume risk or pay claims. "Self-insurance program" includes but is not limited to employer programs that pay claims up to a prearranged limit beyond which they purchase insurance coverage to protect against unpredictable or catastrophic losses.

(R) "Specific excess insurance" means that type of coverage whereby the insurer agrees to reimburse the insured employer or trust for all benefits or claims paid during an agreement period on behalf of a covered person in excess of a stated deductible amount and subject to a stated maximum.

(S) "Summary plan description" means the written document adopted by the plan sponsor which outlines the plan of benefits, conditions, limitations, exclusions, and other pertinent details relative to the benefits provided to covered persons thereunder.

(T) "Third-party payer" has the same meaning as in section 3901.38 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3959.12. (A) Any license issued under sections 3959.01 to 3959.16 of the Revised Code may be suspended for a period not to exceed two years, revoked, or not renewed by the superintendent of insurance after notice to the licensee and hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The superintendent may suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a license if upon investigation and proof the superintendent finds that the licensee has done any of the following:

(1) Knowingly violated any provision of sections 3959.01 to 3959.16 or 3959.20 of the Revised Code or any rule promulgated by the superintendent;

(2) Knowingly made a material misstatement in the application for the license;

(3) Obtained or attempted to obtain a license through misrepresentation or fraud;

(4) Misappropriated or converted to the licensee's own use or improperly withheld insurance company premiums or contributions held in a fiduciary capacity, excluding, however, any interest earnings received by the administrator as disclosed in writing by the administrator to the plan sponsor;

(5) In the transaction of business under the license, used fraudulent, coercive, or dishonest practices;

(6) Failed to appear without reasonable cause or excuse in response to a subpoena, examination, warrant, or other order lawfully issued by the superintendent;

(7) Is affiliated with or under the same general management or interlocking directorate or ownership of another administrator that transacts business in this state and is not licensed under sections 3959.01 to 3959.16 of the Revised Code;

(8) Had a license suspended, revoked, or not renewed in any other state, district, territory, or province on grounds identical to those stated in sections 3959.01 to 3959.16 of the Revised Code;

(9) Been convicted of a financially related felony;

(10) Failed to report a felony conviction as required under section 3959.13 of the Revised Code.

(B) Upon receipt of notice of the order of suspension in accordance with section 119.07 of the Revised Code, the licensee shall promptly deliver the license to the superintendent, unless the order of suspension is appealed under section 119.12 of the Revised Code.

(C) Any person whose license is revoked or whose application is denied pursuant to sections 3959.01 to 3959.16 of the Revised Code is ineligible to apply for an administrator's license for two years.

(D) The superintendent may impose a monetary fine against a licensee if, upon investigation and after notice and opportunity for hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the superintendent finds that the licensee has done either of the following:

(1) Committed fraud or engaged in any illegal or dishonest activity in connection with the administration of pharmacy benefit management services;

(2) Violated any provision of section 3959.111 of the Revised Code or any rule adopted by the superintendent pursuant to or to implement that

section.

Sec. 3959.20. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Cost-sharing" means the cost to an individual insured under a health benefit plan according to any coverage limit, copayment, coinsurance, deductible, or other out-of-pocket expense requirements imposed by the plan.

(2) "Health benefit plan" and "health plan issuer" have the same meanings as in section 3922.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Pharmacy audit" has the same meaning as in section 3901.81 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Pharmacy benefit manager" and "administrator" have the same meanings as in section 3959.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) No health plan issuer, pharmacy benefit manager, or any other administrator shall require cost-sharing in an amount, or direct a pharmacy to collect cost-sharing in an amount, greater than the lesser of either of the following from an individual purchasing a prescription drug:

(1) The amount an individual would pay for the drug if the drug were to be purchased without coverage under a health benefit plan;

(2) The net reimbursement paid to the pharmacy for the prescription drug by the health plan issuer, pharmacy benefit manager, or administrator.

(C)(1) No health plan issuer, pharmacy benefit manager, or administrator shall retroactively adjust a pharmacy claim for reimbursement for a prescription drug unless the adjustment is the result of either of the following:

(a) A pharmacy audit conducted in accordance with sections 3901.811 to 3901.814 of the Revised Code;

(b) A technical billing error.

(2) No health plan issuer, pharmacy benefit manager, or administrator shall charge a fee related to a claim unless the amount of the fee can be determined at the time of claim adjudication.

(D) The department of insurance shall create a web form that consumers can use to submit complaints relating to violations of this section.

Sec. 3962.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Business day" means each day of the week except Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday as defined in section 1.14 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Current procedural terminology code" or "CPT code" means the code assigned to a medical, surgical, or diagnostic product, service, or procedure that is published in the CPT code set published by the American medical association.

(C) "Emergency service" has the same meaning as in section 1753.28 of

the Revised Code.

(D) "Health plan issuer" has the same meaning as in section 3922.01 of the Revised Code.

(E) "Health care provider" means an individual or facility licensed, certified, or accredited under or pursuant to Chapter 3721., 3727., 4715., 4725., 4731., 4732., 4734., 4747., 4753., 4755., 4757., or 4779. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3962.011. (A) For purposes of this chapter, a reference to the time that an appointment for a health care product, service, or procedure is made, means, except as provided in division (B) of this section, any of the following:

(1) The point in time that an appointment for a health care product, service, or procedure is made;

(2) The point in time that a health care provider receives a prescription or order from another provider to provide a health care product, service, or procedure to the patient;

(3) The point in time that a patient, pursuant to a prescription or order from the patient's health care provider, presents at the office or facilities of another provider to receive, on a walk-in basis, the product, service, or procedure.

(B)(1) If the point in time in which an event described in division (A) of this section occurs is before nine a.m. on a particular business day, the point in time may, instead, be considered to be nine a.m. that same business day.

(2) If the point in time in which an event described in division (A) of this section occurs is after five p.m. on a particular business day, or occurs on a day that is not a business day, the point in time shall, instead, be considered to be nine a.m. on the next business day.

Sec. 3962.02. This chapter applies notwithstanding section 5162.80 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3962.03. (A) Beginning on the effective date of this section, this section applies to a health care provider that is a hospital or hospital system or is owned by a hospital or hospital system. On and after March 1, 2020, this section applies to all other health care providers.

(B) Before a health care provider provides a health care product, service, or procedure to a patient, the patient or the patient's representative shall receive a reasonable, good faith cost estimate for the product, service, or procedure. This requirement does not apply when a patient seeks emergency services, a health care provider believes that a delay in care associated with fulfilling this requirement could harm the patient, or a circumstance described in section 3962.08 of the Revised Code occurs.

A health care provider may elect to provide the cost estimate as described in section 3962.04 of the Revised Code or, if the patient is insured, elect for the patient's health plan issuer to provide the cost estimate after the provider has transmitted information to the issuer in accordance with section 3962.05 of the Revised Code. The provider shall notify the patient or the patient's representative who will provide the cost estimate. The provision of a cost estimate by the provider does not preclude the issuer from also providing a cost estimate to the patient or the patient's representative.

Each health care provider or health plan issuer that provides a cost estimate shall ensure that the estimate is provided in a manner that complies with all applicable state and federal laws pertaining to the privacy of patient-identifying information.

Sec. 3962.04. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, a cost estimate provided by a health care provider shall contain all of the following:

(1) The total amount the provider will charge the patient if the patient is paying out-of-pocket or the patient's health plan issuer for each health care product, service, or procedure the patient is to receive, inclusive of facility, professional, and other fees, along with a short description and the applicable CPT code for the product, service, or procedure or, if no CPT code exists, another identifier the health plan issuer requires;

(2) If the patient is insured under a health benefit plan, both of the following:

(a) A notation of whether the provider is in-network or out-of-network for the patient;

(b) The amount the health care provider expects to receive from the health plan issuer for the product, service, or procedure. The amount specified in the estimate shall be the amount the health plan issuer has agreed to reimburse the provider for the product, service, or procedure under a contract with the provider or the applicable government pay scale, if any.

(3) The difference, if any, that the patient or other party responsible for the patient's care would be required to pay to the provider for the product, service, or procedure;

(4) If the patient is not insured under a health benefit plan, the total amount the provider will charge the patient if the patient is paying out-of-pocket for each product, service, or procedure the patient is to receive, inclusive of facility, professional, and other fees, along with a short description and the applicable CPT code for the product, service, or procedure or, if no CPT code exists, another identifier that a health plan

issuer would normally require.

(B)(1) If a patient is to receive a health care product, service, or procedure in a hospital, the hospital is responsible for providing one comprehensive cost estimate to the patient or the patient's representative within the applicable time frame specified in division (D) of this section. The comprehensive cost estimate shall contain both of the following:

(a) All information specified in division (A) of this section associated with products, services, or procedures to be provided by the hospital or its employees;

(b) All information specified in division (A) of this section associated with products, services, or procedures to be provided by health care providers who are independent contractors of the hospital.

(2) A health care provider who is an independent contractor of a hospital shall submit to the hospital all CPT codes or other identifiers the hospital needs to fulfill its responsibility under division (B)(1)(b) of this section.

(C) A cost estimate required by this section shall be based on information provided at the time the appointment is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code, for the health care product, service, or procedure. In addition, the estimate need not take into account any information that subsequently arises, such as unknown, unanticipated, or subsequently needed health care products, services, or procedures provided for any reason after the initial appointment. Only one estimate is required per visit.

If specific information, such as the health care provider who will be providing the health care product, service, or procedure, is not readily available at the time the appointment is made, the provider may base the cost estimate information specified in division (A)(1) of section 3962.04 of the Revised Code on either an average estimated charge for the product, service, or procedure that is submitted to the patient's health plan issuer or the average out-of-pocket price for the product, service, or procedure paid by patients who are uninsured.

(D)(1) Except as provided in division (D)(2) or (3) of this section, the cost estimate required by this section shall be provided not later than twenty-four hours after the time the appointment for the health care product, service, or procedure is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code, or, if the product, service, or procedure is to be provided less than twenty-four hours after the appointment for the product, service, or procedure is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code, at the time the patient presents to receive the product, service, or procedure.

(2) If the health care product, service, or procedure is to be provided by one or more independent contractors of the provider, the cost estimate shall be provided not later than thirty-six hours after the time the appointment for the product, service, or procedure is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code, or, if the product, service, or procedure is to be provided less than thirty-six hours after the appointment for the product, service, or procedure is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code, at the time the patient presents to receive the product, service, or procedure.

(3) A provider may elect to send the cost estimate to the patient or the patient's representative by regular mail if the health care product, service, or procedure will be provided more than three days from the time the estimate is generated. If this election is made, the provider shall mail the cost estimate not later than the following, as applicable:

(a) If the provider would otherwise be required to comply with division (D)(1) of this section, twenty-four hours after the time the appointment for the health care product, service, or procedure is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code;

(b) If the provider would otherwise be required to comply with division (D)(2) of this section, thirty-six hours after the time the appointment for the health care product, service, or procedure is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code.

(E)(1) If the patient is insured, a health care provider shall, not later than twenty-four hours after an appointment is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code, transmit to the patient's health plan issuer the patient's name; the patient's identification number, if one has been assigned; the CPT code or other identifier the issuer requires for each health care product, service, or procedure the patient is to receive; the provider's identification number; the provider's charge for each product, service, or procedure the patient has scheduled that will be delivered by a provider who is not in-network for the patient's health benefit plan; notification that the provider is providing the cost estimate to the patient or the patient's representative; and any other information the issuer requires from the provider.

(2) If the provider is to provide a product, service, or procedure pursuant to a prescription or order from another provider, the provider who received the prescription or order shall transmit the information specified in division (E)(1) of this section to the patient's health plan issuer not later than twenty-four hours after receiving the prescription or order or, if received when the provider's office or facility is closed, twenty-four hours after the

office or facility reopens.

(3) Not later than five minutes after receiving information pursuant to division (E)(1) or (2) of this section, the health plan issuer shall give to the health care provider all information the provider needs to generate a cost estimate.

If a health plan issuer does not provide the information necessary to generate the estimate, the health care provider shall notify the patient. The provider may note in the portion of the estimate pertaining to the information required by divisions (A)(2) and (3) of this section that health plan issuer information was not provided as required by law. In this case, the provider may specify only the information required by division (A)(1) of this section and, at the provider's discretion, the information required by division (A)(2) of this section. If the information necessary to complete the estimate is subsequently received and an updated estimate can be provided within the time limit established by division (D) of this section, the health care provider shall provide the updated estimate.

(F) The cost estimate required by this section shall contain a disclaimer that the information is only an estimate based on facts available at the time it was prepared and that the amounts estimated could change as a result of unknown, unanticipated, or subsequently needed health care products, services, or procedures; changes to the patient's health benefit plan; or other changes. The provider has discretion in how the disclaimer is expressed.

(G) If the amount estimated under division (A)(3) or (4) of this section changes by more than ten per cent before the patient initially presents for the health care product, service, or procedure, the health care provider shall supply to the patient an updated estimate within the time limit established by division (B) or (D) of this section, as applicable.

(H) The cost estimate required by this section may be provided verbally or in electronic or written form and shall be easy to understand. If the estimate is provided in electronic or written form, all of the following apply:

(1) It shall be provided in large font.

(2) Unless the estimate contains more than nine CPT codes or other identifiers, it shall be limited to one page.

(3) The subject line of the communication containing the estimate shall state "Your Ohio Healthcare Price Transparency Estimate."

(I) A patient may decline to receive a cost estimate under this section.

(J) Nothing in this section prohibits a health care provider or health plan issuer from collecting payment from a patient for an administered health care product, service, or procedure regardless of whether the patient does or does not receive a cost estimate under this section before the product,

service, or procedure is received.

Sec. 3962.05. (A)(1) If a health care provider elects for a patient's health plan issuer to provide a cost estimate in lieu of the provider, the provider shall notify the issuer of this election through the issuer's portal described in section 1751.72, 3923.041, or 5160.34 of the Revised Code or, beginning January 1, 2020, the connector portal established under section 3962.09 of the Revised Code. In addition, the provider shall, except as provided in division (B) of this section, also transmit to the health plan issuer through the appropriate portal all of the following:

(a) The patient's name;

(b) The patient's identification number, if one has been assigned;

(c) The CPT code or other identifier the health plan issuer requires for each health care product, service, or procedure the patient is to receive;

(d) The provider's identification number;

(e) The charge for each product, service, or procedure the patient has scheduled that will be delivered by a provider who is out-of-network for the patient's health benefit plan;

(f) Any other information the health plan issuer requires from the provider.

The portal also shall be able to transmit a copy of this information directly to the patient to whom the information pertains.

Except as provided in division (A)(2) of this section, the transmission shall occur not later than twenty-four hours after the time the appointment for the health care product, service, or procedure is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code.

(2) If the health care product, service, or procedure is to be provided by one or more independent contractors of the provider, the transmission shall occur not later than thirty-six hours after the time the appointment for the product, service, or procedure is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code.

A health plan issuer shall modify its portal as necessary to accommodate the information transmission.

(B) If a health care provider attests to the department of insurance that it is unable to transmit information through a health plan issuer's portal or through the connector portal, the provider may transmit the information by facsimile or telephone call to the department of insurance. The department shall enter the information on the provider's behalf in the relevant portal. Under these circumstances, the provider may compile patient information and transmit it to the department in a batch once every business day.

Sec. 3962.06. (A) Under the circumstances described in division (A)(1)

of section 3962.05 of the Revised Code, a health plan issuer shall provide a cost estimate to the patient or the patient's representative containing the information specified in divisions (A)(1) to (3) of section 3962.04 of the Revised Code, as well as the average rate the health plan issuer reimburses in-network providers for the same health care product, service, or procedure.

(B) A health plan issuer shall ask the patient or the patient's representative whether the patient would prefer to receive cost estimates by electronic mail or other electronic means or by regular mail. The issuer shall send cost estimates by the means elected.

If the means elected is by electronic mail or or other electronic means, the estimate shall be sent automatically, but not later than five minutes after the health plan issuer has received the necessary information from the health care provider. If the means elected is by regular mail, the estimate shall be mailed not later than forty-eight hours after the issuer has received the necessary information from the health care provider if the health care product, service, or procedure will be provided more than three days from the time the estimate is generated. For purposes of calculating the forty-eight hours, hours on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday shall be excluded.

If no election is made, the estimate shall be sent as follows:

(1) If the health care product, service, or procedure will be provided more than three days from the time the estimate is generated, by regular mail;

(2) If the health care product, service, or procedure will be provided less than three days from the time the estimate is generated and the electronic mail address of the patient or patient's representative is on file with the issuer, by electronic mail.

A health plan issuer shall be held harmless if the electronic mail address of the patient or the patient's representative on file with the issuer is incorrect, invalid, or no longer used.

(C)(1) The cost estimate required by this section shall be based on information provided at the time an appointment is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code. In addition, the estimate need not take into account any information that subsequently arises, such as unknown, unanticipated, or subsequently needed health care products, services, or procedures provided for any reason after the initial appointment. Only one estimate is required per visit.

(2) If specific information, such as the provider who will be providing the health care product, service, or procedure, is not readily available at the time the appointment is made, the health care provider may transmit that a

provider is unknown and the health plan issuer may base the estimate on an average estimated charge submitted to the health plan issuer for the product, service, or procedure at that facility or location.

(3) If a health care provider does not transmit to the health plan issuer the information necessary to generate the cost estimate, the issuer shall send to the patient or the patient's representative, by the same means used to send estimates, a notice that the provider failed to transmit the necessary information as required by law and, consequently, a cost estimate could not be generated. This action shall be taken in the event a provider gives the issuer any indication that receipt of a health care product, service, or procedure is scheduled, such as through precertification.

(D) The estimate required by this section shall contain both of the following:

(1) A disclaimer that the information is only an estimate based on facts available at the time it was prepared and that the amounts estimated could change as a result of other factors; unknown, unanticipated, or subsequently needed health care products, services, or procedures; or changes to the patient's health benefit plan. The health plan issuer has discretion in how the disclaimer is expressed.

(2) If applicable, a notation that a specific health care provider is out-of-network for the enrollee.

(E) The cost estimate required by this section shall be provided in large font, be easy to understand, and, unless the estimate contains more than nine CPT codes or other identifiers, be limited to one page. The subject line of the communication containing the estimate shall state "Your Ohio Healthcare Price Transparency Estimate."

(F) If the amount in a cost estimate required by this section changes by more than ten per cent before the patient presents for the health care product, service, or procedure, the health plan issuer shall supply to the patient an updated estimate by the means the patient or the patient's representative has elected under division (B) of this section and within the time frames specified in that division.

(G) A patient may decline to receive a cost estimate under this section.

(H) A patient is responsible for payment for an administered health care product, service, or procedure even if the patient does not receive a cost estimate under this section before the product, service, or procedure is received.

Sec. 3962.07. (A) Regardless of whether a cost estimate is provided to a patient by a health care provider under section 3962.04 of the Revised Code or by a health plan issuer under section 3962.06 of the Revised Code, a

provider shall give the patient or the patient's representative the CPT code or other identifier the patient's health plan issuer requires for each health care product, service, or procedure the patient is to receive along with the charge information specified in division (A)(1) of section 3962.04 of the Revised Code associated with each code or other identifier. The provider has the following options for fulfilling this requirement:

(1) The provider may send this information to the patient or the patient's representative through electronic means.

(2) The provider may send this information to the patient or patient's representative by regular mail if the health care product, service, or procedure will be provided more than three days from the time the appointment for the product, service, or procedure is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code.

(3) The provider may provide to the patient or the patient's representative a web site address where that individual may enter each code or identifier and retrieve the charge information. If this option is elected and the provider transmits the codes or identifiers to the patient's health plan issuer through a portal as described in section 3962.05 of the Revised Code, the provider may have the portal generate an automatic electronic mail message to the individual with instructions on how to retrieve charge information through the web site.

(4) If the product, service, or procedure is to be provided less than three days from the time the appointment for the product, service, or procedure was made, the provider may give the information to the patient or the patient's representative at the time the patient presents for the product, service, or procedure to be received.

Regardless of the manner in which the provider has elected to fulfill this requirement, the provider shall fulfill the requirement in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws pertaining to the privacy of patient-identifying information.

The CPT codes or other identifiers and charge information shall, except as provided in division (B) of this section, be given to the patient or the patient's representative not later than twenty-four hours after the time the appointment for the health care product, service, or procedure is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code, or, if the product, service, or procedure is to be provided less than twenty-four hours after the appointment for the product, service, or procedure is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code, at the time the patient presents to receive the product, service, or procedure.

(B) If the health care product, service, or procedure is to be provided by

one or more independent contractors of the provider, the CPT codes or other identifiers and charge information shall be given to the patient or the patient's representative not later than thirty-six hours after the time the appointment for the product, service, or procedure is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code, or, if the product, service, or procedure is to be provided less than thirty-six hours after the appointment for the product, service, or procedure is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code, at the time the patient presents to receive the product, service, or procedure.

Sec. 3962.08. (A) As used in this section, "office visit" means the family of CPT codes for "Evaluation and Management, Office Visits Established" (codes 99211, 99212, 99213, 99214, and 99215) used for office or other outpatient visits for an established patient and the family of CPT codes for services similar to the foregoing, including vision services.

(B) The requirement of section 3962.03 of the Revised Code does not apply in any of the following circumstances:

(1) When the only service a health care provider will provide is an office visit;

(2) When the patient was scheduled for only an office visit but during the visit it is determined that the patient needs a product, service, or procedure to be provided during that single visit;

(3) When the patient seeks care without an appointment and without a prescription or order from another provider.

(C) In the event a patient schedules or presents for health care products, services, or procedures in addition to an office visit but the health care provider is unable to estimate the level of office visit to be provided, or in the circumstances described in division (B)(3) of this section, the provider may enter a general designation for an unknown level of office visit. The estimate provided through the health care provider or health plan issuer under section 3962.03 of the Revised Code shall list the general designation and price range for all levels of office visits.

Sec. 3962.081. In the event that a health care provider believes that a delay in care associated with fulfilling the cost estimate requirement of section 3962.03 of the Revised Code could harm the patient, the provider shall inform the patient or the patient's representative of this fact and provide the health care product, service, or procedure to the patient. After the product, service, or procedure is provided, the provider shall submit to the department of insurance a report, in the form and manner prescribed by the department, detailing why the provider believed that a delay in care could harm the patient. Annually, the department shall analyze the reports

and prepare a summary of its findings. Each summary shall be submitted to the governor and, in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code, the general assembly.

Sec. 3962.09. Not later than January 1, 2020, the department of insurance shall create or procure a connector portal that health care providers may use to transmit the information specified in section 3962.05 of the Revised Code to health plan issuers. The department shall ensure that the computer systems and software used in operating the connector portal are compatible with the computer systems and software manufactured by various vendors and used by health care providers and health plan issuers. In doing so, the department shall engage in active efforts to share with those vendors any information necessary to operate the connector portal in a manner that accomplishes both of the following, while also ensuring that the portal maintains the privacy of patient-identifying information in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws:

(A) Grants health care providers a means by which they may instantly transmit information and populate data fields that health plan issuers need to generate cost estimates under section 3962.06 of the Revised Code;

(B) Grants health plan issuers a means by which they may retrieve information directly from the connector portal in a seamless manner.

Sec. 3962.10. A health care provider or health plan issuer that provides a cost estimate under this chapter is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly arises from an act or omission associated with providing the estimate if the health care provider or health plan issuer made a good faith effort to collect the information necessary to generate the estimate and a good faith effort to provide the estimate to the patient or the patient's representative.

Sec. 3962.11. (A) If, after completing an examination, the superintendent of insurance, department of health, department of medicaid, or appropriate regulatory board, as applicable, finds that a health plan issuer or health care provider has committed a series of violations that, taken together, constitute a consistent pattern or practice of violating the requirements of this chapter to provide cost estimates to patients or their representatives, the superintendent, department, or board may impose on the issuer or provider any of the administrative remedies specified in division (B) of this section.

Before imposing an administrative remedy, the superintendent, department, or board shall give written notice to the health plan issuer or health care provider informing that party of the reasons for the finding, the administrative remedy that is proposed, and the opportunity to submit a

written request for an administrative hearing regarding the finding and proposed remedy. If a hearing is requested, the superintendent, department, or board shall conduct the hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code not later than fifteen days after receipt of the request.

(B) In imposing administrative remedies under this section, the superintendent, department, or appropriate regulatory board may do either or both of the following:

(1) Levy a monetary penalty in an amount determined in accordance with division (C) of this section;

(2) Order the health plan issuer or health care provider to cease and desist from engaging in the violations.

(C)(1) A finding by the superintendent, department, or appropriate regulatory board that a health plan issuer or health care provider has committed a series of violations that, taken together, constitutes a consistent pattern or practice of violating the requirements of this chapter to provide cost estimates to patients or their representatives, shall constitute a single offense for purposes of levying a fine as described in division (B)(1) of this section.

(2) For a first offense, the superintendent or department may levy a fine of not more than one hundred thousand dollars; the appropriate regulatory board may levy a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars.

For a second offense, the superintendent or department may levy a fine of not more than one hundred fifty thousand dollars; the appropriate regulatory board may levy a fine of not more than fifteen thousand dollars.

For a third or subsequent offense, the superintendent or department may levy a fine of not more than three hundred thousand dollars; the appropriate regulatory board may levy a fine of not more than thirty thousand dollars.

(3) In determining the amount of a fine to be levied within the limits specified in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent, department, or appropriate regulatory board shall consider the following factors:

(a) The extent and frequency of the violations;

(b) Whether the violations were due to circumstances beyond the control of the health plan issuer or health care provider;

(c) Any remedial actions taken by the health plan issuer or health care provider;

(d) The actual or potential harm to others resulting from the violations;

(e) If the health plan issuer or health care provider knowingly and willingly committed the violations;

(f) The financial condition of the health plan issuer or health care provider;

(g) Any other factors the superintendent, department, or appropriate board considers appropriate.

(D) The amounts collected from levying fines under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the general revenue fund.

Sec. 3962.12. A contract clause that does any of the following is invalid and unenforceable:

(A) Prohibits a health care provider or health plan issuer from providing a patient with information that facilitates the patient's ability to choose a health care provider based on quality or cost, including providing a patient with cost and quality information for alternative providers when the patient demonstrates an intention to see a particular provider;

(B) Prohibits a health plan issuer from excluding any particular health care provider from a list or other resource that ranks providers based on quality or cost and is intended to help patients make decisions regarding their care;

(C) Restricts patient access to quality or cost information provided by a health care provider or health plan issuer.

Sec. 3962.13. (A) All of the following may adopt any rules necessary to carry out this chapter:

(1) The superintendent of insurance;

(2) The director of health;

(3) The medicaid director;

(4) Any other relevant department, agency, board, or other entity that regulates, licenses, or certifies a health care provider or health plan issuer.

(B) Any rules adopted under this section shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3962.14. Any member of the general assembly may intervene in litigation that challenges sections 3962.01 to 3962.13 or section 5164.65 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3962.15. It is the general assembly's intent in enacting sections 3962.01 to 3962.14 of the Revised Code to provide patients with the information they need to make informed choices regarding their health care, to maximize health care cost savings for all residents of this state, and to reduce the burden of health care expenditures on government entities, including medicaid.

Sec. 4109.05. (A) The director of commerce, after consultation with the director of health, shall adopt rules, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, prohibiting the employment of minors in occupations which are hazardous or detrimental to the health and well-being of minors.

In adopting the rules, the director of commerce shall consider the orders

issued pursuant to the "Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938," 52 Stat. 1060, 29 U.S.C. 201, as amended.

The director of commerce shall not adopt any rule that prohibits a minor who is sixteen or seventeen years of age and who is employed by an employer under the manufacturing mentorship program created in section 4109.22 of the Revised Code from being employed in a manufacturing occupation if the orders issued pursuant to the "Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938," 29 U.S.C. 201, et seq., permit the employment of the minor in the manufacturing occupation. As used in this division, "manufacturing occupation" has the same meaning as in section 4109.22 of the Revised Code.

(B) No minor may be employed in any occupation found hazardous or detrimental to the health and well-being of minors under the rules adopted pursuant to division (A) of this section.

Sec. 4109.22. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Manufacturing occupation" means employment that consists of the mechanical, physical, or chemical transformation of materials, substances, or components into new products for sale, including the assembling of component parts into a finished product.

(2) Notwithstanding the definition of "employer" in section 4109.01 of the Revised Code, "employer" means every person who employs any individual in a manufacturing occupation.

(B) There is hereby created the manufacturing mentorship program to expose minors who are sixteen or seventeen years of age to manufacturing occupations in this state through temporary employment with an employer. An employer employing a minor under the mentorship program shall do all of the following:

(1) Determine the duration of the minor's employment;

(2) Assign the minor a mentor to provide direct and close supervision while the minor is engaged in any workplace activity;

(3) Provide the minor with the training described in division (C) of this section;

(4) Encourage the minor to participate in a career-technical education program approved by the department of education if the minor is not participating in a career-technical education program when the minor begins employment;

(5) Comply with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations relating to the employment of minors.

(C)(1) An employer employing a minor who is sixteen or seventeen years of age in a manufacturing occupation under the mentorship program

shall provide the minor with training that includes all of the following:

(a) A ten-hour course in general industry safety and health hazard recognition and prevention approved by the occupational safety and health administration of the United States department of labor;

(b) Instructions on how to operate the specific tools the minor will use during the minor's employment;

(c) The general safety and health hazards to which the minor may be exposed at the minor's workplace;

(d) The value of safety and management commitment;

(e) Information on the employer's drug testing policy.

(2) For purposes of division (C)(1)(a) of this section, a minor may participate in a thirty-hour course in general industry safety and health hazard recognition and prevention approved by the occupational safety and health administration if the minor has already successfully completed a ten-hour course.

(3) The employer shall pay any costs associated with providing the training required by division (C)(1) or permitted under division (C)(2) of this section.

(4) An employer is not required to provide the training described in division (C)(1) or (2) of this section if the minor presents proof of completing the training during the six-month period immediately before beginning employment with the employer.

(D) The director of commerce, in consultation with employers, shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code specifying a list of the tools that a minor who is sixteen or seventeen years of age who is employed under the mentorship program may operate during the minor's employment in a manufacturing occupation. The director shall use the manual issued by the wage and hour division of the United States department of labor titled "field operations handbook" or its successor for guidance in developing the list. Nothing in this division requires the director to include a tool on the list if the orders issued pursuant to the "Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938," 29 U.S.C. 201, et seq., and section 4109.05 of the Revised Code or rules adopted under that section specifically permit minors of that age to operate the tool.

(E) A minor who is sixteen or seventeen years of age who is employed by an employer under the mentorship program may work in any manufacturing occupation not denied by law to minors of that age under section 4109.05 of the Revised Code or rules adopted under that section.

(F) No employer shall do either of the following:

(1) Permit a minor who is sixteen or seventeen years of age to operate a

tool minors of that age are permitted to operate pursuant to the rules adopted under division (D) of this section unless the minor is employed by the employer under the mentorship program;

(2) Permit a minor who is sixteen or seventeen years of age who is employed by the employer under the mentorship program to operate a tool prohibited for use by minors of that age pursuant to the "Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938," 29 U.S.C. 201, et seq., and section 4109.05 of the Revised Code or rules adopted under that section.

Sec. 4109.99. (A) Whoever violates section 4109.04, division (C) of section 4109.07, division (A), (B), or (D) of section 4109.08, section 4109.11, or division (B) of section 4109.12 of the Revised Code is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

(B) Whoever violates section 4109.05 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(C) Whoever violates section 4109.03, division (A), (B), or (D) of section 4109.07, or section 4109.10 of the Revised Code is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense and a misdemeanor of the third degree on each subsequent offense.

(D) Whoever violates division (A) of section 4109.12 of the Revised Code is guilty of a minor misdemeanor for each day the violation continues.

(E) Whoever violates division (A) of section 4109.21 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree on a first offense and a first degree misdemeanor on each subsequent offense. If, however, the violation on a first offense contains aggravating circumstances, including, but not limited to, threats to a minor, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, or abandonment of or endangerment to a minor but not including circumstances that are the basis of a felony violation of section 2919.22 of the Revised Code, then the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted under this section and if the subsequent offense contains aggravating circumstances other than circumstances that are the basis of a felony violation of section 2919.22 of the Revised Code, then the person is guilty of a felony of the fourth degree.

(F) Whoever violates division (F) of section 4109.22 of the Revised Code shall be assessed a civil penalty of up to one thousand seven hundred thirty dollars for each violation.

Sec. 4111.03. (A) An employer shall pay an employee for overtime at a wage rate of one and one-half times the employee's wage rate for hours worked in excess of forty hours in one workweek, in the manner and methods provided in and subject to the exemptions of section 7 and section 13 of the "Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938," 52 Stat. 1060, 29 U.S.C.A.

207, 213, as amended.

Any employee employed in agriculture shall not be covered by the overtime provision of this section.

A motor carrier may elect to apply the overtime provision of this section to an individual who is excluded from the provision under division (D)(3)(i) of this section.

(B) If a county employee or township employee elects to take compensatory time off in lieu of overtime pay, for any overtime worked, compensatory time may be granted by the employee's administrative superior, on a time and one-half basis, at a time mutually convenient to the employee and the administrative superior within one hundred eighty days after the overtime is worked.

(C) A township appointing authority or a county appointing authority with the exception of the county department of job and family services may, by rule or resolution as is appropriate, indicate the authority's intention not to be bound by division (B) of this section, and to adopt a different policy for the calculation and payment of overtime than that established by that division. Upon adoption, the alternative overtime policy prevails. Prior to the adoption of an alternative overtime policy, a township appointing authority or a county appointing authority with the exception of the county department of job and family services shall give a written notice of the alternative policy to each employee at least ten days prior to its effective date.

(D) As used in this section:

(1) "Employ" means to suffer or to permit to work.

(2) "Employer" means the state of Ohio, its instrumentalities, and its political subdivisions and their instrumentalities, any individual, partnership, association, corporation, business trust, or any person or group of persons, acting in the interest of an employer in relation to an employee, but does not include either of the following:

(a) An employer whose annual gross volume of sales made for business done is less than one hundred fifty thousand dollars, exclusive of excise taxes at the retail level which are separately stated;

(b) A franchisor with respect to the franchisor's relationship with a franchisee or an employee of a franchisee, unless the franchisor agrees to assume that role in writing or a court of competent jurisdiction determines that the franchisor exercises a type or degree of control over the franchisee or the franchisee's employees that is not customarily exercised by a franchisor for the purpose of protecting the franchisor's trademark, brand, or both. For purposes of this division, "franchisor" and "franchisee" have the

same meanings as in 16 C.F.R. 436.1.

(3) "Employee" means any individual employed by an employer but does not include:

(a) Any individual employed by the United States;

(b) Any individual employed as a baby-sitter in the employer's home, or a live-in companion to a sick, convalescing, or elderly person whose principal duties do not include housekeeping;

(c) Any individual engaged in the delivery of newspapers to the consumer;

(d) Any individual employed as an outside salesperson compensated by commissions or employed in a bona fide executive, administrative, or professional capacity as such terms are defined by the "Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938," 52 Stat. 1060, 29 U.S.C.A. 201, as amended;

(e) Any individual who works or provides personal services of a charitable nature in a hospital or health institution for which compensation is not sought or contemplated;

(f) A member of a police or fire protection agency or student employed on a part-time or seasonal basis by a political subdivision of this state;

(g) Any individual in the employ of a camp or recreational area for children under eighteen years of age and owned and operated by a nonprofit organization or group of organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1954," and exempt from income tax under Section 501(a) of that code;

(h) Any individual employed directly by the house of representatives or directly by the senate;

(i) An individual who operates a vehicle or vessel in the performance of services for or on behalf of a motor carrier transporting property and to whom all of the following factors apply:

(i) The individual owns the vehicle or vessel that is used in performing the services for or on behalf of the carrier, or the individual leases the vehicle or vessel under a bona fide lease agreement that is not a temporary replacement lease agreement. For purposes of this division, a bona fide lease agreement does not include an agreement between the individual and the motor carrier transporting property for which, or on whose behalf, the individual provides services.

(ii) The individual is responsible for supplying the necessary personal services to operate the vehicle or vessel used to provide the service.

(iii) The compensation paid to the individual is based on factors related to work performed, including on a mileage-based rate or a percentage of any schedule of rates, and not solely on the basis of the hours or time expended.

(iv) The individual substantially controls the means and manner of performing the services, in conformance with regulatory requirements and specifications of the shipper.

(v) The individual enters into a written contract with the carrier for whom the individual is performing the services that describes the relationship between the individual and the carrier to be that of an independent contractor and not that of an employee.

(vi) The individual is responsible for substantially all of the principal operating costs of the vehicle or vessel and equipment used to provide the services, including maintenance, fuel, repairs, supplies, vehicle or vessel insurance, and personal expenses, except that the individual may be paid by the carrier the carrier's fuel surcharge and incidental costs, including tolls, permits, and lumper fees.

(vii) The individual is responsible for any economic loss or economic gain from the arrangement with the carrier.

(4) "Motor carrier" has the same meaning as in section 4923.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4141.35. (A) If the director of job and family services finds that any fraudulent misrepresentation has been made by an applicant for or a recipient of benefits with the object of obtaining benefits to which the applicant or recipient was not entitled, and in addition to any other penalty or forfeiture under this chapter, then the director:

(1) Shall within four years after the end of the benefit year in which the fraudulent misrepresentation was made reject or cancel such person's entire weekly claim for benefits that was fraudulently claimed, or the person's entire benefit rights if the misrepresentation was in connection with the filing of the claimant's application for determination of benefit rights;

(2) Shall by order declare that, for each application for benefit rights and for each weekly claim canceled, such person shall be ineligible for two otherwise valid weekly claims for benefits, claimed within six years subsequent to the discovery of such misrepresentation;

(3) By order shall require that the total amount of benefits rejected or canceled under division (A)(1) of this section be repaid to the director before such person may become eligible for further benefits, and shall withhold such unpaid sums from future benefit payments accruing and otherwise payable to such claimant. Effective with orders issued on or after January 1, 1993, if such benefits are not repaid within thirty days after the director's order becomes final, interest on the amount remaining unpaid shall be charged to the person at a rate and calculated in the same manner as provided under section 4141.23 of the Revised Code. When a person

ordered to repay benefits has repaid all overpaid benefits according to a plan approved by the director, the director may cancel the amount of interest that accrued during the period of the repayment plan. The director may take action in any court of competent jurisdiction to collect benefits and interest as provided in sections 4141.23 and 4141.27 of the Revised Code, in regard to the collection of unpaid contributions, using the final repayment order as the basis for such action. Except as otherwise provided in this division, no administrative or legal proceedings for the collection of such benefits or interest due, or for the collection of a penalty under division (A)(4) of this section, shall be initiated after the expiration of six years from the date on which the director's order requiring repayment became final and the amount of any benefits, penalty, or interest not recovered at that time, and any liens thereon, shall be canceled as uncollectible. The time limit for instituting proceedings shall be extended by the period of any stay to the collection or by any other time period to which the parties mutually agree.

(4) Shall, for findings made on or after October 21, 2013, by order assess a mandatory penalty on such a person in an amount equal to twenty-five per cent of the total amount of benefits rejected or canceled under division (A)(1) of this section. The first sixty per cent of each penalty collected under division (A)(4) of this section shall be deposited into the unemployment compensation fund created under section 4141.09 of the Revised Code and shall be credited to the mutualized account, as provided in division (B)(2)(g) of section 4141.25 of the Revised Code. The remainder of each penalty collected shall be deposited into the unemployment compensation special administrative fund created under section 4141.11 of the Revised Code.

(5) May take action to collect benefits fraudulently obtained under the unemployment compensation law of any other state or the United States or Canada. Such action may be initiated in the courts of this state in the same manner as provided for unpaid contributions in section 4141.41 of the Revised Code.

(6) May take action to collect benefits that have been fraudulently obtained from the director, interest pursuant to division (A)(3) of this section, and court costs, through attachment proceedings under Chapter 2715. of the Revised Code and garnishment proceedings under Chapter 2716. of the Revised Code.

(B) If the director finds that an applicant for benefits has been credited with a waiting period or paid benefits to which the applicant was not entitled for reasons other than fraudulent misrepresentation, the director shall:

(1)(a) Within six months after the determination under which the

claimant was credited with that waiting period or paid benefits becomes final pursuant to section 4141.28 of the Revised Code, or within three years after the end of the benefit year in which such benefits were claimed, whichever is later, by order cancel such waiting period and require that such benefits be repaid to the director or be withheld from any benefits to which such applicant is or may become entitled before any additional benefits are paid, provided that the repayment or withholding shall not be required where the overpayment is the result of the director's correcting a prior decision due to a typographical or clerical error in the director's prior decision, or an error in an employer's report under division (G) of section 4141.28 of the Revised Code.

(b) The limitation specified in division (B)(1)(a) of this section shall not apply to cases involving the retroactive payment of remuneration covering periods for which benefits were previously paid to the claimant. However, in such cases, the director's order requiring repayment shall not be issued unless the director is notified of such retroactive payment within six months from the date the retroactive payment was made to the claimant.

(2) The director may, by reciprocal agreement with the United States secretary of labor or another state, recover overpayment amounts from unemployment benefits otherwise payable to an individual under Chapter 4141. of the Revised Code. Any overpayments made to the individual that have not previously been recovered under an unemployment benefit program of the United States may be recovered in accordance with section 303(g) of the "Social Security Act" and sections 3304(a)(4) and 3306(f) of the "Federal Unemployment Tax Act," 53 Stat. 183 (1939), 26 U.S.C.A. 3301 to 3311.

(3) If the amounts required to be repaid under division (B) of this section are not recovered within three years from the date the director's order requiring payment became final, initiate no further action to collect such benefits and the amount of any benefits not recovered at that time shall be canceled as uncollectible, provided that the time limit for collection shall be extended by the period of any stay to the collection or by any other time period to which the parties mutually agree.

(C) The appeal provisions of sections 4141.281 and 4141.282 of the Revised Code shall apply to all orders and determinations issued under this section, except that an individual's right of appeal under division (B)(2) of this section shall be limited to this state's authority to recover overpayment of benefits.

(D) The director shall deposit any repayment collected under this section that the director determines to be payment of interest or court costs

into the unemployment compensation special administrative fund established pursuant to section 4141.11 of the Revised Code.

(E) If an individual makes a full repayment or a repayment that is less than the full amount required by this section, the director shall apply the repayment to the mutualized account under division (B) of section 4141.25 of the Revised Code, except that the director shall credit the repayment to the accounts of the individual's base period employers that previously have not been credited for the amount of improperly paid benefits charged against their accounts based on the proportion of benefits charged against the accounts as determined pursuant to division (D) of section 4141.24 of the Revised Code.

~~The director shall deposit any repayment collected under this section that the director determines to be payment of interest or court costs into the unemployment compensation special administrative fund established pursuant to section 4141.11 of the Revised Code.~~

This division does not apply to any of the following:

- (1) Federal tax refund offsets under 31 C.F.R. 285.8;
- (2) Unclaimed fund recoveries under section 131.024 of the Revised Code;
- (3) Lottery award offsets under section 3770.073 of the Revised Code;
- (4) State tax refund offsets under section 5747.12 of the Revised Code;
- (5) Unemployment compensation debts collected by the attorney general under Chapter 131. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4141.50. (A) As used in this section and in sections 4141.51 to 4141.56 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Affected unit" means a department, shift, or other organizational unit of two or more employees that is designated by a participating employer in a shared work plan.

(2) "Approved shared work plan" means an employer's shared work plan, submitted pursuant to section 4141.51 of the Revised Code, that satisfies all of the requirements for approval under that section and that the director of job and family services has approved in writing.

(3) "Intermittent basis" means employment that is not continuous but may consist of periodic intervals of weekly work and intervals of no weekly work.

(4) "Normal weekly hours of work" means the normal hours of work in employment each week for an employee in an affected unit when that unit is operating on a full-time basis, not to exceed forty hours and not including any overtime worked.

(5) "Participating employee" means an employee whose normal weekly

hours of work are reduced by the reduction percentage under an approved shared work plan.

(6) "Participating employer" means an employer who has an approved shared work plan in effect.

(7) "Reduction percentage" means the percentage by which each participating employee's normal weekly hours of work are reduced under an approved shared work plan.

(8) "Seasonal basis" has the same meaning as "seasonal employment" as defined in division (A) of section 4141.33 of the Revised Code.

(9) "Shared work compensation" means the pro rata share of unemployment compensation benefits payable to a participating employee under an approved shared work plan. "Shared work compensation" does not include unemployment compensation benefits otherwise payable to an eligible claimant who is totally or partially unemployed.

(10) "Temporary basis" means employment where an employee is expected to remain in a position for only a limited period of time or is hired by a temporary agency to fill a gap in the employer's workforce.

(B) There is hereby created the "SharedWork Ohio" program, under which an employer who participates in the program reduces the number of hours worked by the employees of the employer in lieu of layoffs.

The director may adopt rules as the director determines necessary to implement any guidance issued by the United States secretary of labor with respect to the SharedWork Ohio program.

Sec. 4301.43. (A) As used in sections 4301.43 to 4301.50 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Gallon" or "wine gallon" means one hundred twenty-eight fluid ounces.

(2) "Sale" or "sell" includes exchange, barter, gift, distribution, and, except with respect to A-4 permit holders, offer for sale.

(B) For the purposes of providing revenues for the support of the state and encouraging the grape industries in the state, a tax is hereby levied on the sale or distribution of wine in Ohio, except for known sacramental purposes, at the rate of thirty cents per wine gallon for wine containing not less than four per cent of alcohol by volume and not more than fourteen per cent of alcohol by volume, ninety-eight cents per wine gallon for wine containing more than fourteen per cent but not more than twenty-one per cent of alcohol by volume, one dollar and eight cents per wine gallon for vermouth, and one dollar and forty-eight cents per wine gallon for sparkling and carbonated wine and champagne, the tax to be paid by the holders of A-2, A-2f, and B-5 permits or by any other person selling or distributing

wine upon which no tax has been paid. From the tax paid under this section on wine, vermouth, and sparkling and carbonated wine and champagne, the treasurer of state shall credit to the Ohio grape industries fund created under section 924.54 of the Revised Code a sum equal to one cent per gallon for each gallon upon which the tax is paid.

(C) For the purpose of providing revenues for the support of the state, there is hereby levied a tax on prepared and bottled highballs, cocktails, cordials, and other mixed beverages at the rate of one dollar and twenty cents per wine gallon to be paid by holders of A-4 permits or by any other person selling or distributing those products upon which no tax has been paid. Only one sale of the same article shall be used in computing the amount of tax due. The tax on mixed beverages to be paid by holders of A-4 permits under this section shall not attach until the ownership of the mixed beverage is transferred for valuable consideration to a wholesaler or retailer, and no payment of the tax shall be required prior to that time.

(D) During the period of July 1, ~~2017~~ 2019, through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2021, from the tax paid under this section on wine, vermouth, and sparkling and carbonated wine and champagne, the treasurer of state shall credit to the Ohio grape industries fund created under section 924.54 of the Revised Code a sum equal to two cents per gallon upon which the tax is paid. The amount credited under this division is in addition to the amount credited to the Ohio grape industries fund under division (B) of this section.

(E) For the purpose of providing revenues for the support of the state, there is hereby levied a tax on cider at the rate of twenty-four cents per wine gallon to be paid by the holders of A-2, A-2f, and B-5 permits or by any other person selling or distributing cider upon which no tax has been paid. Only one sale of the same article shall be used in computing the amount of the tax due.

Sec. 4303.181. (A) Permit D-5a may be issued either to the owner or operator of a hotel or motel that is required to be licensed under section 3731.03 of the Revised Code, that contains at least fifty rooms for registered transient guests or is owned by a state institution of higher education as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code or a private college or university, and that qualifies under the other requirements of this section, or to the owner or operator of a restaurant specified under this section, to sell beer and any intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold, and to registered guests in their rooms, which may be sold by means of a controlled access alcohol and beverage cabinet in accordance with division (B) of section 4301.21 of the Revised Code; and to sell the same products in

the same manner and amounts not for consumption on the premises as may be sold by holders of D-1 and D-2 permits. The premises of the hotel or motel shall include a retail food establishment or a food service operation licensed pursuant to Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code that operates as a restaurant for purposes of this chapter and that is affiliated with the hotel or motel and within or contiguous to the hotel or motel, and that serves food within the hotel or motel, but the principal business of the owner or operator of the hotel or motel shall be the accommodation of transient guests. In addition to the privileges authorized in this division, the holder of a D-5a permit may exercise the same privileges as the holder of a D-5 permit.

The owner or operator of a hotel, motel, or restaurant who qualified for and held a D-5a permit on August 4, 1976, may, if the owner or operator held another permit before holding a D-5a permit, either retain a D-5a permit or apply for the permit formerly held, and the division of liquor control shall issue the permit for which the owner or operator applies and formerly held, notwithstanding any quota.

A D-5a permit shall not be transferred to another location. No quota restriction shall be placed on the number of D-5a permits that may be issued.

The fee for this permit is two thousand three hundred forty-four dollars.

(B) Permit D-5b may be issued to the owner, operator, tenant, lessee, or occupant of an enclosed shopping center to sell beer and intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold; and to sell the same products in the same manner and amount not for consumption on the premises as may be sold by holders of D-1 and D-2 permits. In addition to the privileges authorized in this division, the holder of a D-5b permit may exercise the same privileges as a holder of a D-5 permit.

A D-5b permit shall not be transferred to another location.

One D-5b permit may be issued at an enclosed shopping center containing at least two hundred twenty-five thousand, but less than four hundred thousand, square feet of floor area.

Two D-5b permits may be issued at an enclosed shopping center containing at least four hundred thousand square feet of floor area. No more than one D-5b permit may be issued at an enclosed shopping center for each additional two hundred thousand square feet of floor area or fraction of that floor area, up to a maximum of five D-5b permits for each enclosed shopping center. The number of D-5b permits that may be issued at an enclosed shopping center shall be determined by subtracting the number of D-3 and D-5 permits issued in the enclosed shopping center from the

number of D-5b permits that otherwise may be issued at the enclosed shopping center under the formulas provided in this division. Except as provided in this section, no quota shall be placed on the number of D-5b permits that may be issued. Notwithstanding any quota provided in this section, the holder of any D-5b permit first issued in accordance with this section is entitled to its renewal in accordance with section 4303.271 of the Revised Code.

The holder of a D-5b permit issued before April 4, 1984, whose tenancy is terminated for a cause other than nonpayment of rent, may return the D-5b permit to the division of liquor control, and the division shall cancel that permit. Upon cancellation of that permit and upon the permit holder's payment of taxes, contributions, premiums, assessments, and other debts owing or accrued upon the date of cancellation to this state and its political subdivisions and a filing with the division of a certification of that payment, the division shall issue to that person either a D-5 permit, or a D-1, a D-2, and a D-3 permit, as that person requests. The division shall issue the D-5 permit, or the D-1, D-2, and D-3 permits, even if the number of D-1, D-2, D-3, or D-5 permits currently issued in the municipal corporation or in the unincorporated area of the township where that person's proposed premises is located equals or exceeds the maximum number of such permits that can be issued in that municipal corporation or in the unincorporated area of that township under the population quota restrictions contained in section 4303.29 of the Revised Code. Any D-1, D-2, D-3, or D-5 permit so issued shall not be transferred to another location. If a D-5b permit is canceled under the provisions of this paragraph, the number of D-5b permits that may be issued at the enclosed shopping center for which the D-5b permit was issued, under the formula provided in this division, shall be reduced by one if the enclosed shopping center was entitled to more than one D-5b permit under the formula.

The fee for this permit is two thousand three hundred forty-four dollars.

(C) Permit D-5c may be issued to the owner or operator of a retail food establishment or a food service operation licensed pursuant to Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code that operates as a restaurant for purposes of this chapter and that qualifies under the other requirements of this section to sell beer and any intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold, and to sell the same products in the same manner and amounts not for consumption on the premises as may be sold by holders of D-1 and D-2 permits. In addition to the privileges authorized in this division, the holder of a D-5c permit may exercise the same privileges as the holder of a D-5 permit.

To qualify for a D-5c permit, the owner or operator of a retail food establishment or a food service operation licensed pursuant to Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code that operates as a restaurant for purposes of this chapter, shall have operated the restaurant at the proposed premises for not less than twenty-four consecutive months immediately preceding the filing of the application for the permit, have applied for a D-5 permit no later than December 31, 1988, and appear on the division's quota waiting list for not less than six months immediately preceding the filing of the application for the permit. In addition to these requirements, the proposed D-5c permit premises shall be located within a municipal corporation and further within an election precinct that, at the time of the application, has no more than twenty-five per cent of its total land area zoned for residential use.

A D-5c permit shall not be transferred to another location. No quota restriction shall be placed on the number of such permits that may be issued.

Any person who has held a D-5c permit for at least two years may apply for a D-5 permit, and the division of liquor control shall issue the D-5 permit notwithstanding the quota restrictions contained in section 4303.29 of the Revised Code or in any rule of the liquor control commission.

The fee for this permit is one thousand five hundred sixty-three dollars.

(D) Permit D-5d may be issued to the owner or operator of a retail food establishment or a food service operation licensed pursuant to Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code that operates as a restaurant for purposes of this chapter and that is located at an airport operated by a board of county commissioners pursuant to section 307.20 of the Revised Code, at an airport operated by a port authority pursuant to Chapter 4582. of the Revised Code, or at an airport operated by a regional airport authority pursuant to Chapter 308. of the Revised Code. The holder of a D-5d permit may sell beer and any intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold, and may sell the same products in the same manner and amounts not for consumption on the premises where sold as may be sold by the holders of D-1 and D-2 permits. In addition to the privileges authorized in this division, the holder of a D-5d permit may exercise the same privileges as the holder of a D-5 permit.

A D-5d permit shall not be transferred to another location. No quota restrictions shall be placed on the number of such permits that may be issued.

The fee for this permit is two thousand three hundred forty-four dollars.

(E) Permit D-5e may be issued to any nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under the "Internal Revenue Code of

1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C.A. 501(c)(3), as amended, or that is a charitable organization under any chapter of the Revised Code, and that owns or operates a riverboat that meets all of the following:

- (1) Is permanently docked at one location;
- (2) Is designated as an historical riverboat by the Ohio history connection;
- (3) Contains not less than fifteen hundred square feet of floor area;
- (4) Has a seating capacity of fifty or more persons.

The holder of a D-5e permit may sell beer and intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold.

A D-5e permit shall not be transferred to another location. No quota restriction shall be placed on the number of such permits that may be issued. The population quota restrictions contained in section 4303.29 of the Revised Code or in any rule of the liquor control commission shall not apply to this division, and the division shall issue a D-5e permit to any applicant who meets the requirements of this division. However, the division shall not issue a D-5e permit if the permit premises or proposed permit premises are located within an area in which the sale of spirituous liquor by the glass is prohibited.

The fee for this permit is one thousand two hundred nineteen dollars.

(F) Permit D-5f may be issued to the owner or operator of a retail food establishment or a food service operation licensed under Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code that operates as a restaurant for purposes of this chapter and that meets all of the following:

- (1) It contains not less than twenty-five hundred square feet of floor area.
- (2) It is located on or in, or immediately adjacent to, the shoreline of, a navigable river.
- (3) It provides docking space for twenty-five boats.
- (4) It provides entertainment and recreation, provided that not less than fifty per cent of the business on the permit premises shall be preparing and serving meals for a consideration.

In addition, each application for a D-5f permit shall be accompanied by a certification from the local legislative authority that the issuance of the D-5f permit is not inconsistent with that political subdivision's comprehensive development plan or other economic development goal as officially established by the local legislative authority.

The holder of a D-5f permit may sell beer and intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container, for

consumption on the premises where sold.

A D-5f permit shall not be transferred to another location.

The division of liquor control shall not issue a D-5f permit if the permit premises or proposed permit premises are located within an area in which the sale of spirituous liquor by the glass is prohibited.

A fee for this permit is two thousand three hundred forty-four dollars.

As used in this division, "navigable river" means a river that is also a "navigable water" as defined in the "Federal Power Act," 94 Stat. 770 (1980), 16 U.S.C. 796.

(G) Permit D-5g may be issued to a nonprofit corporation that is either the owner or the operator of a national professional sports museum. The holder of a D-5g permit may sell beer and any intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold. The holder of a D-5g permit shall sell no beer or intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises where sold after two-thirty a.m. A D-5g permit shall not be transferred to another location. No quota restrictions shall be placed on the number of D-5g permits that may be issued. The fee for this permit is one thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars.

(H)(1) Permit D-5h may be issued to any nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C.A. 501(c)(3), as amended, that owns or operates any of the following:

(a) A fine arts museum, provided that the nonprofit organization has no less than one thousand five hundred bona fide members possessing full membership privileges;

(b) A community arts center. As used in division (H)(1)(b) of this section, "community arts center" means a facility that provides arts programming to the community in more than one arts discipline, including, but not limited to, exhibits of works of art and performances by both professional and amateur artists.

(c) A community theater, provided that the nonprofit organization is a member of the Ohio arts council and the American community theatre association and has been in existence for not less than ten years. As used in division (H)(1)(c) of this section, "community theater" means a facility that contains at least one hundred fifty seats and has a primary function of presenting live theatrical performances and providing recreational opportunities to the community.

(2) The holder of a D-5h permit may sell beer and any intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container,

for consumption on the premises where sold. The holder of a D-5h permit shall sell no beer or intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises where sold after one a.m. A D-5h permit shall not be transferred to another location. No quota restrictions shall be placed on the number of D-5h permits that may be issued.

(3) The fee for a D-5h permit is one thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars.

(I) Permit D-5i may be issued to the owner or operator of a retail food establishment or a food service operation licensed under Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code that operates as a restaurant for purposes of this chapter and that meets all of the following requirements:

(1) It is located in a municipal corporation or a township with a population of one hundred thousand or less.

(2) It has inside seating capacity for at least one hundred forty persons.

(3) It has at least four thousand square feet of floor area.

(4) It offers full-course meals, appetizers, and sandwiches.

(5) Its receipts from beer and liquor sales, excluding wine sales, do not exceed twenty-five per cent of its total gross receipts.

(6) It has at least one of the following characteristics:

(a) The value of its real and personal property exceeds seven hundred twenty-five thousand dollars.

(b) It is located on property that is owned or leased by the state or a state agency, and its owner or operator has authorization from the state or the state agency that owns or leases the property to obtain a D-5i permit.

The holder of a D-5i permit may sell beer and any intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold, and may sell the same products in the same manner and amounts not for consumption on the premises where sold as may be sold by the holders of D-1 and D-2 permits. The holder of a D-5i permit shall sell no beer or intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises where sold after two-thirty a.m. In addition to the privileges authorized in this division, the holder of a D-5i permit may exercise the same privileges as the holder of a D-5 permit.

A D-5i permit shall not be transferred to another location. The division of liquor control shall not renew a D-5i permit unless the retail food establishment or food service operation for which it is issued continues to meet the requirements described in divisions (I)(1) to (6) of this section. No quota restrictions shall be placed on the number of D-5i permits that may be issued. The fee for the D-5i permit is two thousand three hundred forty-four dollars.

(J) Permit D-5j may be issued to the owner or the operator of a retail food establishment or a food service operation licensed under Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code to sell beer and intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold and to sell beer and intoxicating liquor in the same manner and amounts not for consumption on the premises where sold as may be sold by the holders of D-1 and D-2 permits. The holder of a D-5j permit may exercise the same privileges, and shall observe the same hours of operation, as the holder of a D-5 permit.

The D-5j permit shall be issued only within a community entertainment district that is designated under section 4301.80 of the Revised Code. The permit shall not be issued to a community entertainment district that is designated under divisions (B) and (C) of section 4301.80 of the Revised Code if the district does not meet one of the following qualifications:

(1) It is located in a municipal corporation with a population of at least one hundred thousand.

(2) It is located in a municipal corporation with a population of at least twenty thousand, and either of the following applies:

(a) It contains an amusement park the rides of which have been issued a permit by the department of agriculture under Chapter 1711. of the Revised Code.

(b) Not less than fifty million dollars will be invested in development and construction in the community entertainment district's area located in the municipal corporation.

(3) It is located in a township with a population of at least forty thousand.

(4) It is located in a township with a population of at least twenty thousand, and not less than seventy million dollars will be invested in development and construction in the community entertainment district's area located in the township.

(5) It is located in a municipal corporation with a population between seven thousand and twenty thousand, and both of the following apply:

(a) The municipal corporation was incorporated as a village prior to calendar year 1880 and currently has a historic downtown business district.

(b) The municipal corporation is located in the same county as another municipal corporation with at least one community entertainment district.

(6) It is located in a municipal corporation with a population of at least ten thousand, and not less than seventy million dollars will be invested in development and construction in the community entertainment district's area located in the municipal corporation.

(7) It is located in a municipal corporation with a population of at least three thousand, and not less than one hundred fifty million dollars will be invested in development and construction in the community entertainment district's area located in the municipal corporation.

The location of a D-5j permit may be transferred only within the geographic boundaries of the community entertainment district in which it was issued and shall not be transferred outside the geographic boundaries of that district.

Not more than one D-5j permit shall be issued within each community entertainment district for each five acres of land located within the district. Not more than fifteen D-5j permits may be issued within a single community entertainment district. Except as otherwise provided in division (J)(4) of this section, no quota restrictions shall be placed upon the number of D-5j permits that may be issued.

The fee for a D-5j permit is two thousand three hundred forty-four dollars.

(K)(1) Permit D-5k may be issued to any nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C.A. 501(c)(3), as amended, that is the owner or operator of a botanical garden recognized by the American association of botanical gardens and arboreta, and that has not less than twenty-five hundred bona fide members.

(2) The holder of a D-5k permit may sell beer and any intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container, on the premises where sold.

(3) The holder of a D-5k permit shall sell no beer or intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises where sold after one a.m.

(4) A D-5k permit shall not be transferred to another location.

(5) No quota restrictions shall be placed on the number of D-5k permits that may be issued.

(6) The fee for the D-5k permit is one thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars.

(L)(1) Permit D-5l may be issued to the owner or the operator of a retail food establishment or a food service operation licensed under Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code to sell beer and intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold and to sell beer and intoxicating liquor in the same manner and amounts not for consumption on the premises where sold as may be sold by the holders of D-1 and D-2 permits. The holder of a D-5l permit may exercise the same privileges, and shall observe the same hours

of operation, as the holder of a D-5 permit.

(2) The D-51 permit shall be issued only to a premises to which all of the following apply:

(a) The premises has gross annual receipts from the sale of food and meals that constitute not less than seventy-five per cent of its total gross annual receipts.

(b) The premises is located within a revitalization district that is designated under section 4301.81 of the Revised Code.

(c) The premises is located in a municipal corporation or township in which the number of D-5 permits issued equals or exceeds the number of those permits that may be issued in that municipal corporation or township under section 4303.29 of the Revised Code.

(d) The premises meets any of the following qualifications:

(i) It is located in a county with a population of one hundred twenty-five thousand or less according to the population estimates certified by the development services agency for calendar year 2006.

(ii) It is located in the municipal corporation that has the largest population in a county when the county has a population between two hundred fifteen thousand and two hundred twenty-five thousand according to the population estimates certified by the development services agency for calendar year 2006. Division (L)(2)(d)(ii) of this section applies only to a municipal corporation that is wholly located in a county.

(iii) It is located in the municipal corporation that has the largest population in a county when the county has a population between one hundred forty thousand and one hundred forty-one thousand according to the population estimates certified by the development services agency for calendar year 2006. Division (L)(2)(d)(iii) of this section applies only to a municipal corporation that is wholly located in a county.

(iv) It is located in a township with a population density of less than four hundred fifty people per square mile. For purposes of division (L)(2)(d)(iv) of this section, the population of a township is considered to be the population shown by the most recent regular federal decennial census.

(v) It is located in a municipal corporation that is wholly located within the geographic boundaries of a township, provided that the municipal corporation and the unincorporated portion of the township have a combined population density of less than four hundred fifty people per square mile. For purposes of division (L)(2)(d)(v) of this section, the population of a municipal corporation and unincorporated portion of a township is the population shown by the most recent federal decennial census.

(vi) It is located in a county with a population of not less than one

hundred seventy-two thousand and not more than one hundred ninety-five thousand. For purposes of division (L)(2)(d)(vi) of this section, the population of a county is the population shown by the most recent decennial census.

(vii) It is located in a municipal corporation with a population of less than ten thousand and the municipal corporation is located in a county with a population of more than one million. For purposes of division (L)(2)(d)(vii) of this section, the population of a municipal corporation and a county is the population shown by the most recent decennial census.

(3) The location of a D-5l permit may be transferred only within the geographic boundaries of the revitalization district in which it was issued and shall not be transferred outside the geographic boundaries of that district.

(4) Not more than one D-5l permit shall be issued within each revitalization district for each five acres of land located within the district. Not more than fifteen D-5l permits may be issued within a single revitalization district. Except as otherwise provided in division (L)(4) of this section, no quota restrictions shall be placed upon the number of D-5l permits that may be issued.

(5) No D-5l permit shall be issued to an adult entertainment establishment as defined in section 2907.39 of the Revised Code.

(6) The fee for a D-5l permit is two thousand three hundred forty-four dollars.

(M) Permit D-5m may be issued to either the owner or the operator of a retail food establishment or food service operation licensed under Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code that operates as a restaurant for purposes of this chapter and that is located in, or affiliated with, a center for the preservation of wild animals as defined in section 4301.404 of the Revised Code, to sell beer and any intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the glass and from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold, and to sell the same products in the same manner and amounts not for consumption on the premises as may be sold by the holders of D-1 and D-2 permits. In addition to the privileges authorized by this division, the holder of a D-5m permit may exercise the same privileges as the holder of a D-5 permit.

A D-5m permit shall not be transferred to another location. No quota restrictions shall be placed on the number of D-5m permits that may be issued. The fee for a permit D-5m is two thousand three hundred forty-four dollars.

(N) Permit D-5n shall be issued to either a casino operator or a casino management company licensed under Chapter 3772. of the Revised Code

that operates a casino facility under that chapter, to sell beer and any intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold, and to sell the same products in the same manner and amounts not for consumption on the premises as may be sold by the holders of D-1 and D-2 permits. In addition to the privileges authorized by this division, the holder of a D-5n permit may exercise the same privileges as the holder of a D-5 permit. A D-5n permit shall not be transferred to another location. Only one D-5n permit may be issued per casino facility and not more than four D-5n permits shall be issued in this state. The fee for a permit D-5n shall be twenty thousand dollars. The holder of a D-5n permit may conduct casino gaming on the permit premises notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code or Administrative Code.

(O) Permit D-5o may be issued to the owner or operator of a retail food establishment or a food service operation licensed under Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code that operates as a restaurant for purposes of this chapter and that is located within a casino facility for which a D-5n permit has been issued. The holder of a D-5o permit may sell beer and any intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold, and may sell the same products in the same manner and amounts not for consumption on the premises where sold as may be sold by the holders of D-1 and D-2 permits. In addition to the privileges authorized by this division, the holder of a D-5o permit may exercise the same privileges as the holder of a D-5 permit. A D-5o permit shall not be transferred to another location. No quota restrictions shall be placed on the number of such permits that may be issued. The fee for this permit is two thousand three hundred forty-four dollars.

Sec. 4313.02. (A) The state may transfer to JobsOhio, and JobsOhio may accept the transfer of, all or a portion of the enterprise acquisition project for a transfer price payable by JobsOhio to the state. Any such transfer shall be treated as an absolute conveyance and true sale of the interest in the enterprise acquisition project purported to be conveyed for all purposes, and not as a pledge or other security interest. The characterization of any such transfer as a true sale and absolute conveyance shall not be negated or adversely affected by the acquisition or retention by the state of a residual or reversionary interest in the enterprise acquisition project, the participation of any state officer or employee as a member or officer of, or contracting for staff support to, JobsOhio or any subsidiary of JobsOhio, any regulatory responsibility of an officer or employee of the state, including the authority to collect amounts to be received in connection therewith, the

retention of the state of any legal title to or interest in any portion of the enterprise acquisition project for the purpose of regulatory activities, or any characterization of JobsOhio or obligations of JobsOhio under accounting, taxation, or securities regulations, or any other reason whatsoever. An absolute conveyance and true sale or lease shall exist under this section regardless of whether JobsOhio has any recourse against the state or the treatment or characterization of the transfer as a financing for any purpose. Upon and following the transfer, the state shall not have any right, title, or interest in the enterprise acquisition project so transferred other than any residual interest that may be described in the transfer agreement pursuant to the following paragraph and division (D) of this section. Any determination of the fair market value of the enterprise acquisition project reflected in the transfer agreement shall be conclusive and binding on the state and JobsOhio.

Any transfer of the enterprise acquisition project that is a lease or grant of a franchise shall be for a term not to exceed twenty-five years. Any transfer of the enterprise acquisition project that is an assignment and sale, conveyance, or other transfer shall contain a provision that the state shall have the option to have conveyed or transferred back to it, at no cost, the enterprise acquisition project, as it then exists, no later than twenty-five years after the original transfer authorized in the transfer agreement on such other terms as shall be provided in the transfer agreement.

The exercise of the powers granted by this section will be for the benefit of the people of the state. All or any portion of the enterprise acquisition project transferred pursuant to the transfer agreement that would be exempt from real property taxes or assessments or real property taxes or assessments in the absence of such transfer shall, as it may from time to time exist thereafter, remain exempt from real property taxes or assessments levied by the state and its subdivisions to the same extent as if not transferred. The gross receipts and income of JobsOhio derived from the enterprise acquisition project shall be exempt from taxation levied by the state and its subdivisions, including, but not limited to, the taxes levied pursuant to Chapters 718., 5739., 5741., 5747., and 5751. of the Revised Code. Any transfer from the state to JobsOhio of the enterprise acquisition project, or item included or to be included in the project, shall be exempt from the taxes levied pursuant to Chapters 5739. and 5741. of the Revised Code.

(B) The proceeds of any transfer under division (A) of this section may be expended as provided in the transfer agreement for any one or more of the following purposes:

- (1) Funding, payment, or defeasance of outstanding bonds issued

pursuant to Chapters 151. and 166. of the Revised Code and secured by pledged liquor profits as defined in section 151.40 of the Revised Code;

(2) Deposit into the general revenue fund;

(3) Deposit into the clean Ohio revitalization fund created pursuant to section 122.658 of the Revised Code, the innovation Ohio loan fund created pursuant to section 166.16 of the Revised Code, the research and development loan fund created pursuant to section 166.20 of the Revised Code, and the logistics and distribution infrastructure fund created pursuant to section 166.26 of the Revised Code, ~~the advanced energy research and development fund created pursuant to section 3706.27 of the Revised Code, and the advanced energy research and development taxable fund created pursuant to section 3706.27 of the Revised Code;~~

(4) Conveyance to JobsOhio for the purposes for which it was created.

(C)(1) The state may covenant, pledge, and agree in the transfer agreement, with and for the benefit of JobsOhio, that it shall maintain statutory authority for the enterprise acquisition project and the revenues of the enterprise acquisition project and not otherwise materially impair any obligations supported by a pledge of revenues of the enterprise acquisition project. The transfer agreement may provide or authorize the manner for determining material impairment of the security for any such outstanding obligations, including by assessing and evaluating the revenues of the enterprise acquisition project.

(2) The director of budget and management, in consultation with the director of commerce, may, without need for any other approval, negotiate terms of any documents, including the transfer agreement, necessary to effect the transfer and the acceptance of the transfer of the enterprise acquisition project. The director of budget and management and the director of commerce shall execute the transfer agreement on behalf of the state. The director of budget and management may also, without need for any other approval, retain or contract for the services of commercial appraisers, underwriters, investment bankers, and financial advisers, as are necessary in the judgment of the director of budget and management to effect the transfer agreement. Any transfer agreement may contain terms and conditions established by the state to carry out and effectuate the purposes of this section, including, without limitation, covenants binding the state in favor of JobsOhio. Any such transfer agreement shall be sufficient to effectuate the transfer without regard to any other laws governing other property sales or financial transactions by the state. The director of budget and management may create any funds or accounts, within or without the state treasury, as are needed for the transactions and activities authorized by this section.

(3) The transfer agreement may authorize JobsOhio, in the ordinary course of doing business, to convey, lease, release, or otherwise dispose of any regular inventory or tangible personal property. Ownership of the interest in the enterprise acquisition project that is transferred to JobsOhio under this section and the transfer agreement shall be maintained in JobsOhio or a nonprofit entity the sole member of which is JobsOhio until the enterprise acquisition project is transferred back to the state pursuant to the second paragraph of division (A) and division (D) of this section.

(D) The transfer agreement may authorize JobsOhio to fix, alter, and collect rentals and other charges for the use and occupancy of all or any portion of the enterprise acquisition project and to lease any portion of the enterprise acquisition project to the state, and shall include a contract with, or the granting of an option to, the state to have the enterprise acquisition project, as it then exists, transferred back to it without charge in accordance with the terms of the transfer agreement after retirement or redemption, or provision therefor, of all obligations supported by a pledge of spirituous liquor profits.

(E) JobsOhio, the director of budget and management, and the director of commerce shall, subject to approval by the controlling board, enter into a contract, which may be part of the transfer agreement, for the continuing operation by the division of liquor control of spirituous liquor distribution and merchandising subject to standards for performance provided in that contract that may relate to or support division (C)(1) of this section. The contract shall establish other terms and conditions for the assignment of duties to, and the provision of advice, services, and other assistance by, the division of liquor control, including providing for the necessary staffing and payment by JobsOhio of appropriate compensation to the division for the performance of such duties and the provision of such advice, services, and other assistance. The division of liquor control shall manage and actively supervise the activities required or authorized under sections 4301.10 and 4301.17 of the Revised Code as those sections exist on September 29, 2011, including, but not limited to, controlling the traffic in intoxicating liquor in this state and fixing the wholesale and retail prices at which the various classes, varieties, and brands of spirituous liquor are sold.

(F) The transfer agreement shall require JobsOhio to pay for the operations of the division of liquor control with regard to the spirituous liquor merchandising operations of the division. The payments from JobsOhio shall be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the liquor operating services fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury. The fund shall be used to pay for the operations of the division specified in this

division.

(G) The transaction and transfer provided for under this section shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Ohio Constitution.

Sec. 4501.10. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, money received by the department of public safety from the sale of motor vehicles and related equipment pursuant to section 125.13 of the Revised Code shall be transferred to the public safety - highway purposes fund created in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. The money shall be used only to purchase replacement motor vehicles and related equipment.

(B) Money received by the department of public safety investigative unit established under section 5502.13 of the Revised Code from the sale of motor vehicles and other equipment pursuant to section 125.13 of the Revised Code shall be deposited into the ~~public safety~~ Ohio investigative unit ~~salvage and exchange fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury~~ section 5502.132 of the Revised Code. The money ~~in the fund~~ shall be used only to purchase replacement motor vehicles and other equipment for that unit.

Sec. 4501.24. There is hereby created in the state treasury the scenic rivers protection fund. The fund shall consist of the donations to the fund received by the department of natural resources and the contributions not to exceed forty dollars that are paid to the registrar of motor vehicles by applicants who voluntarily choose to obtain scenic rivers license plates pursuant to section 4503.56 of the Revised Code.

The contributions deposited in the fund shall be used by the department ~~of natural resources~~ to help finance wild, scenic, and recreational river areas conservation, education, corridor protection, restoration, and habitat enhancement and clean-up projects along rivers in those areas. The chief of the division of parks and watercraft in the department may expend money in the fund for the acquisition of wild, scenic, and recreational river areas, for the maintenance, protection, and administration of such areas, and for construction of facilities within those areas. All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund.

As used in this section, "wild river areas," "scenic river areas," and "recreational river areas" have the same meanings as in section 1546.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4503.038. (A) Not later than ninety days after the effective date of this amendment, the registrar of motor vehicles shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing a service fee that applies for purposes of sections 4503.03, 4503.036, 4503.042, 4503.10, 4503.102, 4503.12, 4503.182, 4503.24, 4503.65, 4505.061, 4506.08,

4507.24, 4507.50, 4507.52, 4509.05, 4519.03, 4519.05, 4519.10, 4519.56, and 4519.69 of the Revised Code. The service fee shall be ~~not more than five dollars and twenty five cents and not less than three dollars and fifty cents. When establishing the fee, the registrar shall consider inflation and any other factors the registrar considers to be relevant to the determination.~~

(B) Not later than ninety days after the effective date of this amendment, the registrar shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing prorated service fees that apply for purposes of multi-year registrations authorized under section 4503.103 of the Revised Code. ~~When establishing the fee, the registrar shall consider inflation and any other factors the registrar considers to be relevant to the determination.~~

Sec. 4503.29. (A) The director of veterans services in conjunction with the registrar of motor vehicles shall develop and maintain a program to establish and issue nonstandard license plates recognizing military service and military honors pertaining to valor and service.

(B) The director and the registrar shall jointly adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for purposes of establishing the program under this section. The director and registrar shall adopt the rules as soon as possible after ~~the effective date of this section~~ June 29, 2018, but not later than nine months after ~~that effective date~~ June 29, 2018. The rules shall do all of the following:

- (1) Establish nonstandard license plates recognizing military service;
- (2) Establish nonstandard license plates recognizing military honors pertaining to valor and service;
- (3) Establish eligibility criteria that apply to each nonstandard license plate issued under this section;
- (4) Establish requirements governing any necessary documentary evidence required to be presented by an applicant for a nonstandard license plate issued under this section;
- (5) Establish guidelines for the designs, markings, and inscriptions on a nonstandard license plate established under this section;
- (6) Establish procedures for altering the designs, markings, or inscriptions on a nonstandard license plate established under this section;
- (7) Prohibit nonstandard license plates established under this section from recognizing achievement awards or unit awards;
- (8) Establish any other procedures or requirements that are necessary for the implementation and administration of this section.

(C) The rules adopted under division (B) of this section shall provide for the establishment of the military nonstandard license plates created under sections 4503.431, 4503.432, 4503.433, 4503.434, 4503.436, 4503.48,

4503.481, 4503.53, 4503.532, 4503.533, 4503.536, 4503.537, 4503.538, 4503.54, 4503.541, 4503.543, 4503.544, 4503.547, 4503.548, 4503.581, 4503.59, and 4503.731 of the Revised Code as those sections existed prior to ~~the effective date of this section~~ June 29, 2018.

(D)(1) Any person who meets the applicable qualifications for the issuance of a nonstandard license plate established by rule adopted under division (B) of this section may apply to the registrar of motor vehicles for the registration of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle the person owns or leases of a class approved by the registrar. The application may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code.

(2) ~~Upon~~ (a) Except as provided in division (D)(2)(b) of this section, upon receipt of an application for registration of a motor vehicle under this section and the required taxes and fees, compliance with all applicable laws relating to the registration of a motor vehicle, and, if necessary, upon presentation of the required documentary evidence, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate motor vehicle registration and a set of license plates and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code.

(b) Any disabled veteran who qualifies to apply to the registrar for the registration of a motor vehicle under section 4503.41 of the Revised Code without the payment of any registration taxes or fees, may apply instead for registration of the motor vehicle under this section. The disabled veteran applying for registration under this section is not required to pay any registration taxes or fees as required by sections 4503.038, 4503.04, 4503.10, 4503.102, and 4503.103 of the Revised Code, any local motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, or any fee charged under section 4503.19 of the Revised Code for up to two motor vehicles, including any motor vehicle registered under section 4503.41 of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of an application for registration of the motor vehicle and presentation of any documentation the registrar may require by rule, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate motor vehicle registration and a set of license plates authorized under this section and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code.

(3) The license plates shall display county identification stickers that identify the county of registration as required under section 4503.19 of the Revised Code.

(E) Sections 4503.77 and 4503.78 of the Revised Code do not apply to

license plates issued under this section.

Sec. 4503.515. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles may apply to the registrar for the registration of the vehicle and issuance of "Ohio geology" license plates. The application may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of the completed application and compliance by the applicant with divisions (B) and (C) of this section, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration and a set of "Ohio geology" license plates and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code.

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed on the license plates, "Ohio geology" license plates shall bear an appropriate logo and words selected by the director of natural resources and approved by the registrar. "Ohio geology" license plates shall display county identification stickers that identify the county of registration as required under section 4503.19 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Ohio geology" license plates and a validation sticker, or validation sticker alone, shall be issued upon receipt of an application for registration of a motor vehicle under this section; payment of the regular license tax as prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any applicable motor vehicle license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, any applicable additional fee prescribed by section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, an additional fee of ten dollars, and a contribution as provided in division (C) of this section; and compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles.

(C) For each application for registration and registration renewal notice the registrar receives under this section, the registrar shall collect a contribution of fifteen dollars. The registrar shall transmit this contribution to the treasurer of state for deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the ~~"Ohio geology" license plate~~ geological mapping fund created by section ~~1505.13~~ 1505.09 of the Revised Code.

The registrar shall transmit the additional fee of ten dollars, the purpose of which is to compensate the bureau of motor vehicles for the additional services required in the issuing of "Ohio geology" license plates, to the treasurer of state for deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the public safety - highway purposes fund created by section 4501.06 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4505.11. This section shall also apply to all-purpose vehicles and

off-highway motorcycles as defined in section 4519.01 of the Revised Code.

(A) Each owner of a motor vehicle and each person mentioned as owner in the last certificate of title, when the motor vehicle is dismantled, destroyed, or changed in such manner that it loses its character as a motor vehicle, or changed in such manner that it is not the motor vehicle described in the certificate of title, shall surrender the certificate of title to that motor vehicle to a clerk of a court of common pleas, and the clerk, with the consent of any holders of any liens noted on the certificate of title, then shall enter a cancellation upon the clerk's records and shall notify the registrar of motor vehicles of the cancellation.

Upon the cancellation of a certificate of title in the manner prescribed by this section, any clerk and the registrar of motor vehicles may cancel and destroy all certificates and all memorandum certificates in that chain of title.

(B)(1) If an Ohio certificate of title or salvage certificate of title to a motor vehicle is assigned to a salvage dealer, the dealer is not required to obtain an Ohio certificate of title or a salvage certificate of title to the motor vehicle in the dealer's own name if the dealer dismantles or destroys the motor vehicle, indicates the number of the dealer's motor vehicle salvage dealer's license on it, marks "FOR DESTRUCTION" across the face of the certificate of title or salvage certificate of title, and surrenders the certificate of title or salvage certificate of title to a clerk of a court of common pleas as provided in division (A) of this section. If the salvage dealer retains the motor vehicle for resale, the dealer shall make application for a salvage certificate of title to the motor vehicle in the dealer's own name as provided in division (C)(1) of this section.

(2) At the time any salvage motor vehicle is sold at auction or through a pool, the salvage motor vehicle auction or salvage motor vehicle pool shall give a copy of the salvage certificate of title or a copy of the certificate of title marked "FOR DESTRUCTION" to the purchaser.

(C)(1) When an insurance company declares it economically impractical to repair such a motor vehicle and has paid an agreed price for the purchase of the motor vehicle to any insured or claimant owner, the insurance company shall proceed as follows:

(a) If an insurance company receives the certificate of title and the motor vehicle, within thirty business days, the insurance company shall deliver the certificate of title to a clerk of a court of common pleas and shall make application for a salvage certificate of title. This certificate of title, any supporting power of attorney, or application for a salvage certificate of title shall be exempt from the requirements of notarization and verification as described in this chapter and in section 1337.25 of the Revised Code.

(b) If an insurance company obtains possession of the motor vehicle and a physical certificate of title was issued for the vehicle but the insurance company is unable to obtain the properly endorsed certificate of title for the motor vehicle within thirty business days following the vehicle's owner or lienholder's acceptance of the insurance company's payment for the vehicle, the insurance company may apply to the clerk of a court of common pleas for a salvage certificate of title without delivering the certificate of title for the motor vehicle. The application shall be accompanied by evidence that the insurance company has paid a total loss claim on the vehicle, a copy of the written request for the certificate of title from the insurance company or its designee, and proof that the request was delivered by a nationally recognized courier service to the last known address of the owner of the vehicle and any known lienholder, to obtain the certificate of title.

(c) If an insurance company obtains possession of the motor vehicle and a physical certificate of title was not issued for the vehicle, the insurance company may apply to the clerk of a court of common pleas for a salvage certificate of title without delivering a certificate of title for the motor vehicle. The application shall be accompanied by the electronic certificate of title control number and a properly executed power of attorney, or other appropriate document, from the owner of the motor vehicle authorizing the insurance company to apply for a salvage certificate of title. The application for a salvage certificate of title, any supporting power of attorney, and any other appropriate document shall be exempt from the requirements of notarization and verification as described in this chapter and in section 1337.25 of the Revised Code.

(d) Upon receipt of a properly completed application for a salvage certificate of title as described in division (C)(1)(a), (b), or (c) or (C)(2) of this section, the clerk shall issue the salvage certificate of title on a form, prescribed by the registrar, that shall be easily distinguishable from the original certificate of title and shall bear the same information as the original certificate of title except that it may bear a different number than that of the original certificate of title. The salvage certificate of title shall include the following notice in bold lettering:

"SALVAGE MOTOR VEHICLE - PURSUANT TO R.C. 4738.01."

Except as provided in division (C)(3) of this section, the salvage certificate of title shall be assigned by the insurance company to a salvage dealer or any other person for use as evidence of ownership upon the sale or other disposition of the motor vehicle, and the salvage certificate of title shall be transferable to any other person. The clerk shall charge a fee of four dollars for the cost of processing each salvage certificate of title.

(2) If an insurance company requests that a salvage motor vehicle auction take possession of a motor vehicle that is the subject of an insurance claim, and subsequently the insurance company denies coverage with respect to the motor vehicle or does not otherwise take ownership of the motor vehicle, the salvage motor vehicle auction may proceed as follows. After the salvage motor vehicle auction has possession of the motor vehicle for forty-five days, it may apply to the clerk of a court of common pleas for a salvage certificate of title without delivering the certificate of title for the motor vehicle. The application shall be accompanied by a copy of the written request that the vehicle be removed from the facility on the salvage motor vehicle auction's letterhead, and proof that the request was delivered by a nationally recognized courier service to the last known address of the owner of the vehicle and any known lienholder, requesting that the vehicle be removed from the facility of the salvage motor vehicle auction. Upon receipt of a properly completed application, the clerk shall follow the process as described in division (C)(1)(d) of this section. The salvage certificate of title so issued shall be free and clear of all liens.

(3) If an insurance company considers a motor vehicle as described in division (C)(1)(a), (b), or (c) of this section to be impossible to restore for highway operation, the insurance company may assign the certificate of title to the motor vehicle to a salvage dealer or scrap metal processing facility and send the assigned certificate of title to the clerk of the court of common pleas of any county. The insurance company shall mark the face of the certificate of title "FOR DESTRUCTION" and shall deliver a photocopy of the certificate of title to the salvage dealer or scrap metal processing facility for its records.

(4) If an insurance company declares it economically impractical to repair a motor vehicle, agrees to pay to the insured or claimant owner an amount in settlement of a claim against a policy of motor vehicle insurance covering the motor vehicle, and agrees to permit the insured or claimant owner to retain possession of the motor vehicle, the insurance company shall not pay the insured or claimant owner any amount in settlement of the insurance claim until the owner obtains a salvage certificate of title to the vehicle and furnishes a copy of the salvage certificate of title to the insurance company.

(D) When a self-insured organization, rental or leasing company, or secured creditor becomes the owner of a motor vehicle that is burned, damaged, or dismantled and is determined to be economically impractical to repair, the self-insured organization, rental or leasing company, or secured creditor shall do one of the following:

(1) Mark the face of the certificate of title to the motor vehicle "FOR DESTRUCTION" and surrender the certificate of title to a clerk of a court of common pleas for cancellation as described in division (A) of this section. The self-insured organization, rental or leasing company, or secured creditor then shall deliver the motor vehicle, together with a photocopy of the certificate of title, to a salvage dealer or scrap metal processing facility and shall cause the motor vehicle to be dismantled, flattened, crushed, or destroyed.

(2) Obtain a salvage certificate of title to the motor vehicle in the name of the self-insured organization, rental or leasing company, or secured creditor, as provided in division (C)(1) of this section, and then sell or otherwise dispose of the motor vehicle. If the motor vehicle is sold, the self-insured organization, rental or leasing company, or secured creditor shall obtain a salvage certificate of title to the motor vehicle in the name of the purchaser from a clerk of a court of common pleas.

(E) If a motor vehicle titled with a salvage certificate of title is restored for operation upon the highways, application shall be made to a clerk of a court of common pleas for a certificate of title. Upon inspection by the state highway patrol, which shall include establishing proof of ownership and an inspection of the motor number and vehicle identification number of the motor vehicle and of documentation or receipts for the materials used in restoration by the owner of the motor vehicle being inspected, which documentation or receipts shall be presented at the time of inspection, the clerk, upon surrender of the salvage certificate of title, shall issue a certificate of title for a fee prescribed by the registrar. The certificate of title shall be in the same form as the original certificate of title and shall bear the words "REBUILT SALVAGE" in black boldface letters on its face. Every subsequent certificate of title, memorandum certificate of title, or duplicate certificate of title issued for the motor vehicle also shall bear the words "REBUILT SALVAGE" in black boldface letters on its face. The exact location on the face of the certificate of title of the words "REBUILT SALVAGE" shall be determined by the registrar, who shall develop an automated procedure within the automated title processing system to comply with this division. The clerk shall use reasonable care in performing the duties imposed on the clerk by this division in issuing a certificate of title pursuant to this division, but the clerk is not liable for any of the clerk's errors or omissions or those of the clerk's deputies, or the automated title processing system in the performance of those duties. A fee of fifty dollars shall be assessed by the state highway patrol for each inspection made pursuant to this division and shall be deposited into the public safety -

highway purposes fund established by section 4501.06 of the Revised Code.

(F) No person shall operate upon the highways in this state a motor vehicle, title to which is evidenced by a salvage certificate of title, except to deliver the motor vehicle pursuant to an appointment for an inspection under this section.

(G) No motor vehicle the certificate of title to which has been marked "FOR DESTRUCTION" and surrendered to a clerk of a court of common pleas shall be used for anything except parts and scrap metal.

(H)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this division, an owner of a manufactured or mobile home that will be taxed as real property pursuant to division (B) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code shall surrender the certificate of title to the auditor of the county containing the taxing district in which the home is located. An owner whose home qualifies for real property taxation under divisions (B)(1)(a) and (b) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code shall surrender the certificate within fifteen days after the home meets the conditions specified in those divisions. The auditor shall deliver the certificate of title to the clerk of the court of common pleas who issued it.

(2) If the certificate of title for a manufactured or mobile home that is to be taxed as real property is held by a lienholder, the lienholder shall surrender the certificate of title to the auditor of the county containing the taxing district in which the home is located, and the auditor shall deliver the certificate of title to the clerk of the court of common pleas who issued it. The lienholder shall surrender the certificate within thirty days after both of the following have occurred:

(a) The homeowner has provided written notice to the lienholder requesting that the certificate of title be surrendered to the auditor of the county containing the taxing district in which the home is located.

(b) The homeowner has either paid the lienholder the remaining balance owed to the lienholder, or, with the lienholder's consent, executed and delivered to the lienholder a mortgage on the home and land on which the home is sited in the amount of the remaining balance owed to the lienholder.

(3) Upon the delivery of a certificate of title by the county auditor to the clerk, the clerk shall inactivate it and maintain it in the automated title processing system for a period of thirty years.

(4) Upon application by the owner of a manufactured or mobile home that is taxed as real property pursuant to division (B) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code and that no longer satisfies divisions (B)(1)(a) and (b) or divisions (B)(2)(a) and (b) of that section, the clerk shall reactivate the record of the certificate of title that was inactivated under division (H)(3) of this section and shall issue a new certificate of title, but only if the

application contains or has attached to it all of the following:

(a) An endorsement of the county treasurer that all real property taxes charged against the home under Title LVII of the Revised Code and division (B) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code for all preceding tax years have been paid;

(b) An endorsement of the county auditor that the home will be removed from the real property tax list;

(c) Proof that there are no outstanding mortgages or other liens on the home or, if there are such mortgages or other liens, that the mortgagee or lienholder has consented to the reactivation of the certificate of title.

(I)(1) Whoever violates division (F) of this section shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars, imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

(2) Whoever violates division (G) of this section shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

Sec. 4506.03. (A) Except as provided in divisions (B) and (C) of this section, the following shall apply:

(1) No person shall drive a commercial motor vehicle on a highway in this state unless the person holds, and has in the person's possession, any of the following:

(a) A valid commercial driver's license with proper endorsements for the motor vehicle being driven, issued by the registrar of motor vehicles or by another jurisdiction recognized by this state;

(b) A valid examiner's commercial driving permit issued under section 4506.13 of the Revised Code;

(c) A valid restricted commercial driver's license and waiver for farm-related service industries issued under section 4506.24 of the Revised Code;

(d) A valid commercial driver's license temporary instruction permit issued by the registrar, provided that the person is accompanied by an authorized state driver's license examiner or tester or a person who has been issued and has in the person's immediate possession a current, valid commercial driver's license and who meets the requirements of division (B) of section 4506.06 of the Revised Code.

(2) No person's commercial driver's license temporary instruction permit shall be upgraded, and no commercial driver's license shall be upgraded, renewed, or issued to a person until the person surrenders to the registrar of motor vehicles all valid licenses and permits issued to the person by this state or by another jurisdiction recognized by this state. If the license or permit was issued by any other state or another jurisdiction recognized by this state, the registrar shall report the surrender of a license or permit to the

issuing authority, together with information that a license or permit is now issued in this state. The registrar shall destroy any such license or permit that is not returned to the issuing authority.

(3) No person who has been a resident of this state for thirty days or longer shall drive a commercial motor vehicle under the authority of a commercial driver's license issued by another jurisdiction.

(B) Nothing in division (A) of this section applies to any qualified person when engaged in the operation of any of the following:

(1) A farm truck;

(2) Fire equipment for a fire department, volunteer or nonvolunteer fire company, fire district, ~~or joint fire district,~~ or the state fire marshal;

(3) A public safety vehicle used to provide transportation or emergency medical service for ill or injured persons;

(4) A recreational vehicle;

(5) A commercial motor vehicle within the boundaries of an eligible unit of local government, if the person is employed by the eligible unit of local government and is operating the commercial motor vehicle for the purpose of removing snow or ice from a roadway by plowing, sanding, or salting, but only if either the employee who holds a commercial driver's license issued under this chapter and ordinarily operates a commercial motor vehicle for these purposes is unable to operate the vehicle, or the employing eligible unit of local government determines that a snow or ice emergency exists that requires additional assistance;

(6) A vehicle operated for military purposes by any member or uniformed employee of the armed forces of the United States or their reserve components, including the Ohio national guard. This exception does not apply to United States reserve technicians.

(7) A commercial motor vehicle that is operated for nonbusiness purposes. "Operated for nonbusiness purposes" means that the commercial motor vehicle is not used in commerce as "commerce" is defined in 49 C.F.R. 383.5, as amended, and is not regulated by the public utilities commission pursuant to Chapter 4905., 4921., or 4923. of the Revised Code.

(8) A motor vehicle that is designed primarily for the transportation of goods and not persons, while that motor vehicle is being used for the occasional transportation of personal property by individuals not for compensation and not in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise;

(9) A police SWAT team vehicle;

(10) A police vehicle used to transport prisoners.

(C) Nothing contained in division (B)(5) of this section shall be construed as preempting or superseding any law, rule, or regulation of this

state concerning the safe operation of commercial motor vehicles.

(D) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

Sec. 4507.12. (A)(1) Except as provided in division (C) of section 4507.10 of the Revised Code, each person applying for the renewal of a driver's license shall submit to a screening of the person's vision before the license may be renewed. ~~The~~ Except as provided in division (A)(2) of this section, the vision screening shall be conducted at the office of the deputy registrar receiving the application for license renewal.

(2) A person applying for the renewal of a driver's license who is capable of meeting the standards required for licensing, but who is not capable of passing the vision screening conducted at the office of the deputy registrar, may have the vision screening conducted at a licensed optometrist's or ophthalmologist's office of the person's choice. The person shall have the vision screening performed within ninety days prior to the time the person applies for the driver's license renewal. The person shall bring any forms required by the registrar to the vision screening conducted at the optometrist's or ophthalmologist's office to be completed by the optometrist or ophthalmologist. The person shall submit such forms to a deputy registrar at the time the person applies for the driver's license renewal to verify that the vision screening results meet the vision standards required for licensing.

(B) When the results of a vision screening given under division (A) of this section indicate that the vision of the person examined meets the standards required for licensing, the deputy registrar may renew the person's driver's license at that time.

(C) When the results of a vision screening given under division (A) of this section indicate that the vision of the person screened may not meet the standards required for licensing, the deputy registrar shall not renew the person's driver's license at that time but shall refer the person to a driver's license examiner appointed by the director of public safety under section 5502.05 of the Revised Code for a further examination of the person's vision. ~~When~~

(D) When a person referred to a driver's license examiner by a deputy registrar does not meet the vision standards required for licensing, the driver's license examiner shall retain the person's operator's ~~or chauffeur's~~ license and shall immediately notify the registrar of motor vehicles of that fact. The driver's license examiner shall refer the person to a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist of the person's choice. The person may have the optometrist or ophthalmologist conduct a vision screening and shall

request the optometrist or ophthalmologist to certify the vision screening results on any forms required by the registrar. The person shall submit such forms to a deputy registrar or driver's license examiner to verify that the vision screening results meet the vision standards required for licensing.

~~(E)~~ No driver's license shall be issued to ~~any such a~~ person, until the person's vision is corrected to meet the standards required for licensing ~~and the person passes the vision screening required~~ by this section. Any person who operates a motor vehicle on a highway, or on any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking, during the time the person's driver's license is held by a driver's license examiner under this division, shall be deemed to be operating a motor vehicle in violation of division (A) of section 4510.12 of the Revised Code.

~~(D)~~~~(F)~~ The registrar shall adopt rules and shall provide any forms necessary to properly conduct vision screenings at the office of a deputy registrar, a driver examination station, or at the office of a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist.

~~(E)~~ ~~No~~~~(G)~~ A person conducting vision screenings under this section ~~shall be~~ is not personally liable for damages for injury or loss to persons or property and for death caused by the operation of a motor vehicle by any person whose driver's license was renewed by the deputy registrar under division (B) of this section.

Sec. 4509.70. (A) After consultation with the insurance companies authorized to issue automobile liability or physical damage policies, or both, in this state, the superintendent of insurance shall approve a reasonable plan, fair and equitable to the insurers and to their policyholders, for the apportionment among such companies of applicants for such policies and for motor-vehicle liability policies who are in good faith entitled to but are unable to procure such policies through ordinary methods. When any such plan has been approved by the superintendent, all such insurance companies shall subscribe and participate. Any applicant for such policy, any person insured under such plan of operation, and any insurance company affected, may appeal to the superintendent of insurance from any ruling or decision of the manager or committee designated in the plan to operate ~~such the~~ assigned risk insurance plan. Any order or act of the superintendent under this section is subject to review as provided in sections 119.01 to 119.13; ~~inclusive~~, of the Revised Code, at the instance of any party in interest.

(B) The plan described in division (A) of this section may permit the assigned risk insurance plan to directly issue and process claims arising from such policies described in division (A) of this section to applicants of private passenger automobile insurance policies who are in good faith

entitled to but are unable to procure such policies through ordinary methods.

(C) Every form of a policy, endorsement, rider, manual of classifications, rules, and rates, every rating plan, and every modification of any of them proposed to be used by the assigned risk insurance plan shall be filed, or the plan may satisfy its obligation to make such filings, as described in section 3937.03 of the Revised Code.

(D) Any private passenger automobile insurance policy issued by the assigned risk insurance plan under division (B) of this section:

(1) Shall be recognized as if issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in this state;

(2) Shall meet all requirements of proof of financial responsibility as described in division (K) of section 4509.01 of the Revised Code.

(E) Proof of financial responsibility provided by the assigned risk insurance plan to a private passenger automobile insurance policyholder that meets the requirements described in division (G)(1)(a) or (b) of section 4509.101 of the Revised Code shall be recognized as if issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in this state to demonstrate proof of financial responsibility under section 4509.101 of the Revised Code.

(F) The assigned risk insurance plan designated in division (A) of this section shall do both of the following:

(1) Make annual audited financial reports available to the superintendent of insurance promptly upon the completion of such audit;

(2) Upon reasonable notice, make available to the superintendent of insurance all books and records relating to the insurance transactions of the assigned risk insurance plan.

Sec. 4516.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Car sharing period" means the period of time that commences with the car sharing delivery period or, if there is no car sharing delivery period, with the car sharing start time, in accordance with the peer-to-peer car sharing program agreement, and ends with the car sharing termination time.

(B) "Car sharing delivery period" means the period of time in which a shared vehicle is being delivered to the location for the shared vehicle driver to take possession of the shared vehicle, in accordance with the peer-to-peer car sharing program agreement.

(C) "Car sharing start time" means either the point in time when the shared vehicle driver takes possession of the shared vehicle or the point in time when the shared vehicle driver was scheduled to take possession of the shared vehicle, whichever occurs first.

(D) "Car sharing termination time" means the point in time when the

earliest of the following events occurs:

(1) The expiration time established in the peer-to-peer car sharing program agreement for use of the shared vehicle, provided that the shared vehicle is returned to the location designated in the agreement by the expiration time;

(2) The shared vehicle is returned to an alternate location, if the shared vehicle owner and the shared vehicle driver agree on the alternate location, as communicated through the peer-to-peer car sharing program;

(3) The shared vehicle owner or the owner's designee takes possession of the shared vehicle.

(E) "Motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in section 4509.01 of the Revised Code.

(F) "Motor-vehicle liability policy" has the same meaning as in section 4509.01 of the Revised Code.

(G) "Peer-to-peer car sharing" means the authorized use of a motor vehicle by an individual other than the motor vehicle's owner through a peer-to-peer car sharing program.

(H) "Peer-to-peer car sharing program" or "program" means a person who operates a business platform that connects a shared vehicle owner to a shared vehicle driver to enable the sharing of vehicles for financial consideration. "Peer-to-peer car sharing program" does not include a motor vehicle leasing dealer as defined in section 4517.01 of the Revised Code or a motor vehicle renting dealer as defined in section 4549.65 of the Revised Code.

(I) "Peer-to-peer car sharing program agreement" or "agreement" means an agreement established through the peer-to-peer car sharing program that serves as a contract between the peer-to-peer car sharing program, the shared vehicle owner, and the shared vehicle driver and describes the specific terms and conditions of the agreement, including the car sharing period and the location or locations for transfer of possession.

(J) "Proof of financial responsibility" has the same meaning as in section 4509.01 of the Revised Code.

(K) "Safety recall" means a recall issued pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118 pertaining to a defect related to motor vehicle safety or noncompliance with an applicable federal motor vehicle safety standard.

(L) "Shared vehicle" means a personal motor vehicle that is registered as a passenger car under Chapter 4503. of the Revised Code or a substantially similar law in another state and that is enrolled in a peer-to-peer car sharing program.

(M) "Shared vehicle driver" means a person authorized by a shared

vehicle owner, in accordance with the terms and conditions of a peer-to-peer car sharing program agreement, to operate a shared vehicle during a car sharing period.

(N) "Shared vehicle owner" means a registered owner of a shared vehicle or a person designated by the registered owner.

Sec. 4516.02. (A) A peer-to-peer car sharing program shall collect all of the following information before entering into a peer-to-peer car sharing program agreement including, but not limited to:

(1) The name and address of the shared vehicle owner and the shared vehicle driver;

(2) The driver's license number and state of issuance of the shared vehicle driver;

(3) The name, address, driver's license number, and state of issuance of any other person who will operate the shared vehicle during the car sharing period;

(4) Information regarding whether the shared vehicle owner and the shared vehicle driver have motor-vehicle liability policy or other proof of financial responsibility and information related to that policy or proof and any policy limits;

(5) Whether the shared vehicle owner knows of any safety recalls regarding the shared vehicle;

(6) Verification that the shared vehicle is registered in accordance with the requirements established under Chapter 4503. of the Revised Code or a substantially similar law in another state.

(B) A peer-to-peer car sharing program shall not allow a peer-to-peer car sharing program agreement through its platform if the program knows that the person who will operate the shared vehicle is not a party to the agreement or knows that such a person does not have a valid driver's license.

(C) A peer-to-peer car sharing program shall not allow a peer-to-peer car sharing agreement through its platform if the shared vehicle that is the subject of the agreement is not registered.

(D) A peer-to-peer car sharing program shall collect, verify, and maintain records pertaining to the use of each shared vehicle enrolled in the program, including records pertaining to all of the following:

(1) The dates, times, and duration of time that the shared vehicle is in use through the program;

(2) The dates, times, and duration of time that the shared vehicle driver possesses the shared vehicle through the program;

(3) Any fees or other financial consideration paid by the shared vehicle driver;

(4) Any revenues or other financial consideration received by the shared vehicle owner;

(5) Any other information or data that is necessary to establish the car sharing period, including the car sharing delivery period, the car sharing start time, and the car sharing termination time, for the shared vehicle.

(E)(1) The program shall provide the records required by division (D) of this section, upon request, to any shared vehicle owner, shared vehicle driver, the shared vehicle owner's insurer, or the shared vehicle driver's insurer for purposes of facilitating the investigation of a claim, incident, or accident.

(2) Upon receipt of a valid warrant, the program shall provide the records required by division (D) of this section to law enforcement.

(F) The program shall retain records required by division (D) of this section regarding each car sharing period for not less than three years after the car sharing period.

Sec. 4516.03. A peer-to-peer car sharing program shall disclose all of the following to the shared vehicle owner and the shared vehicle driver in the peer-to-peer car sharing program agreement:

(A) Any right of the program to seek indemnification from the shared vehicle owner or the shared vehicle driver for economic loss sustained by the program resulting from a breach of the terms and conditions of the agreement;

(B) That any motor-vehicle liability policy or other proof of financial responsibility issued to the shared vehicle owner for the shared vehicle or issued to the shared vehicle driver does not provide a defense against or indemnification for any claim asserted by the program;

(C) That the program's motor vehicle insurance coverage on the shared vehicle owner, the shared vehicle driver, and the shared vehicle is in effect only during the car sharing period and that any use of the shared vehicle by the shared vehicle driver after the car sharing termination time may not be covered by either the program's insurance or any other motor-vehicle liability policy or proof of financial responsibility;

(D) The daily rate, fees, and any insurance or protection package costs that are charged to the shared vehicle owner or the shared vehicle driver;

(E) That the shared vehicle owner's motor-vehicle liability policy or other proof of financial responsibility may not provide coverage for a shared vehicle during the car sharing period or for any use outside of the policy's or proof's stated terms and conditions;

(F) Any conditions under which a shared vehicle driver must maintain a separate motor-vehicle liability policy or other proof of financial

responsibility with certain applicable coverage limits in order to reserve and use a shared vehicle under the agreement;

(G) Emergency contact information for roadside assistance and other customer service inquiries.

Sec. 4516.04. A peer-to-peer car sharing program shall have sole responsibility for any equipment, including a global positioning system or other special equipment that is installed in or on the shared vehicle to monitor or facilitate peer-to-peer car sharing. The program shall agree to indemnify and hold harmless the shared vehicle owner for any damage or theft of the system or equipment during the car sharing period that is not caused by the shared vehicle owner. The program may seek indemnity from the shared vehicle driver for any loss or damage to the system or equipment that occurs during the car sharing period that is caused by the shared vehicle driver.

Sec. 4516.05. (A) When a motor vehicle owner registers as a shared vehicle owner with a peer-to-peer car sharing program and before the shared vehicle owner makes the shared vehicle available for peer-to-peer car sharing, the program shall do all of the following:

(1) Verify that the shared vehicle does not have any outstanding safety recalls on the vehicle;

(2) Provide notice to the shared vehicle owner of the owner's responsibilities under division (B) of this section.

(B)(1) If a shared vehicle owner receives actual notice of a safety recall on the shared vehicle, the shared vehicle owner shall not make the shared vehicle available through a peer-to-peer car sharing program until the safety recall repair is made.

(2) If the shared vehicle owner receives actual notice of a safety recall on the shared vehicle after the shared vehicle is available through a peer-to-peer car sharing program but while the shared vehicle is not currently possessed by a shared vehicle driver, the shared vehicle owner shall remove the shared vehicle from availability until the safety recall repair is made.

(3) If the shared vehicle owner receives actual notice of a safety recall on the shared vehicle while the vehicle is possessed by a shared vehicle driver, the shared vehicle owner shall notify the peer-to-peer car sharing program about the safety recall, so that the car sharing period can be terminated to allow the shared vehicle owner to address the safety recall repair.

(C) The peer-to-peer car sharing program shall establish commercially reasonable procedures to determine any safety recalls that apply to a shared

vehicle registered with the program after the initial registration of the shared vehicle with the program.

Sec. 4516.06. (A) Peer-to-peer car sharing and a peer-to-peer car sharing program agreement are a consumer transaction for purposes of sections 1345.01 to 1345.13 of the Revised Code. The peer-to-peer car sharing program and the shared vehicle owner are the suppliers and the shared vehicle driver is the consumer for purposes of those sections.

(B) A peer-to-peer car sharing program is not liable for a violation under sections 1345.01 to 1345.13 of the Revised Code when the alleged violation is the result of false, misleading, or inaccurate information provided to the program by a shared vehicle owner or a shared vehicle driver and the program relied on that information in good faith.

Sec. 4516.07. (A) As used in this section, "public-use airport" has the same meaning as in section 4563.30 of the Revised Code.

(B) The operator of a public-use airport may adopt reasonable standards, regulations, procedures, and fees that are applicable to peer-to-peer car sharing programs. The operator may enter into such agreements, including concession agreements, with a peer-to-peer car sharing program. A peer-to-peer car sharing program, shared vehicle owner, and shared vehicle driver shall comply with any applicable standards, regulations, procedures, fees, and agreements adopted by a public-use airport, and shall pay any applicable fees in a timely manner.

Sec. 4516.08. It is not the intent of the general assembly that any provision in Chapter 4516. of the Revised Code be interpreted as either limiting or restricting an insurer's ability to exclude insurance coverage from any insurance policy or an insurer's ability to underwrite any insurance policy.

Sec. 4516.09. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, a peer-to-peer car sharing program shall assume liability of a shared vehicle owner for any death, bodily injury, or property damage to a third party or an uninsured or underinsured motorist that is proximately caused by the operation of the shared vehicle during the car sharing period in an amount stated in the peer-to-peer car sharing program agreement. The amount shall be not less than that specified in division (A)(1) of section 4516.10 of the Revised Code.

(B) The assumption of liability under division (A) of this section does not apply if either of the following occurs:

(1) The shared vehicle owner makes an intentional or fraudulent material misrepresentation or omission to the program regarding the shared vehicle owner's motor-vehicle liability policy, other proof of financial

responsibility, or the type or condition of the shared vehicle before the car sharing period in which the loss occurs;

(2) The shared vehicle owner and the shared vehicle driver conspire to have the shared vehicle driver fail to return the shared vehicle, in violation of the terms of the peer-to-peer car sharing agreement.

Sec. 4516.10. (A)(1) A peer-to-peer car sharing program shall ensure that, during each car sharing period, the shared vehicle owner and the shared vehicle driver are each covered by a motor-vehicle liability policy or other proof of financial responsibility that recognizes their status as a shared vehicle owner or shared vehicle driver and provides coverage for the operation of the shared vehicle during the car sharing period. Each policy or proof shall be maintained in the following amounts:

(a) At least twenty-five thousand dollars because of bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident;

(b) At least fifty thousand dollars because of bodily injury or death of two or more persons in any one accident;

(c) At least twenty-five thousand dollars because of injury to property of others in any one accident.

(2) The insurance required by division (A)(1) of this section may be satisfied by any of the following or a combination of any of the following:

(a) A motor-vehicle liability policy or other proof of financial responsibility that is maintained by the shared vehicle owner;

(b) A motor-vehicle liability policy or other proof of financial responsibility that is maintained by the shared vehicle driver;

(c) A motor-vehicle liability policy or other proof of financial responsibility that is maintained by the peer-to-peer car sharing program.

(3)(a) If the motor-vehicle liability policy or other proof of financial responsibility maintained by a shared vehicle owner or shared vehicle driver does not provide liability coverage for peer-to-peer car sharing in the amounts required by division (A)(1) of this section, the insurance maintained by the peer-to-peer car sharing program shall provide the required coverage, beginning with the first dollar of the claim and shall have the duty to defend the claim.

(b) A motor-vehicle liability policy or other proof of financial responsibility maintained by a peer-to-peer car sharing program in accordance with this section shall not require the shared vehicle owner's or shared vehicle driver's insurer to first deny a claim before providing coverage.

(B) A motor-vehicle liability policy that meets the requirements of this section satisfies the requirement for proof of financial responsibility for

motor vehicles under Chapter 4509. of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) The peer-to-peer car sharing program shall examine the motor-vehicle liability policy or other proof of financial responsibility maintained by a shared vehicle owner or a shared vehicle driver to determine whether that policy or proof provides or excludes coverage for peer-to-peer car sharing prior to entering into a peer-to-peer car sharing agreement with that shared vehicle owner or shared vehicle driver if either of the following occur:

(a) The shared vehicle owner or the shared vehicle driver refuses insurance coverage provided by the program.

(b) The shared vehicle owner or the shared vehicle driver claims the policy or proof maintained by that shared vehicle owner or shared vehicle driver provides coverage for peer-to-peer car sharing.

(2) The peer-to-peer car sharing program may require increased limits of insurance beyond what is required by division (A)(1) of this section as a condition of participation in the agreement.

Sec. 4516.11. (A) In addition to any liability assumed when a peer-to-peer car sharing program is providing all of the required coverage, the program shall assume liability for a claim when all of the following apply:

(1) The program is providing at least part of the required insurance coverage:

(2) A dispute exists as to who was operating the shared vehicle at the time of the loss;

(3) The program either does not have available or cannot promptly produce the records required by section 4516.02 of the Revised Code.

(B) A peer-to-peer car sharing program may seek indemnity from a shared vehicle owner if the shared vehicle owner is determined to have been the operator of the shared vehicle at the time of the loss.

(C) In addition to any other insurance coverage required by this chapter, a peer-to-peer car sharing program shall maintain insurance in an amount of at least one million dollars that provides coverage for the program's liability for an act or omission of the program that is the proximate cause of death, bodily injury, or property damage to any person in any one accident because of the operation of a shared vehicle through the program.

Sec. 4516.12. A peer-to-peer car sharing program and a shared vehicle owner shall be exempt from vicarious liability in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 30106 and under any state law or municipal ordinance that imposes liability solely based on vehicle ownership.

Sec. 4516.13. Nothing in this chapter does any of the following:

(A) Limits the liability of the peer-to-peer car sharing program for any act or omission of the program itself that results in death, bodily injury, or property damage to any person as a result of the use of a shared vehicle through the program.

(B) Limits the ability of the program to, by contract, seek indemnification from the shared vehicle owner or the shared vehicle driver for economic loss sustained by the program resulting from a breach of the terms and conditions of the peer-to-peer car sharing agreement.

(C) Creates, implies, or otherwise grants insurance coverage not found in any motor-vehicle liability policy or other policy of insurance.

Sec. 4549.65. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Motor vehicle leasing dealer" has the meaning set forth in division (M) of section 4517.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Motor vehicle renting dealer" means any person engaged in the business of regularly making available, offering to make available, or arranging for another person to use a motor vehicle pursuant to a bailment, rental agreement, or other contractual arrangement for a period of less than thirty days under which a charge is made for its use at a periodic rate and the title to the motor vehicle is in a person other than the user, but does not mean a manufacturer or its affiliate renting to its employees or to dealers.

(B) A motor vehicle leasing dealer or a motor vehicle renting dealer and its officers, employees, agents, and representatives are not liable to a lessee or renter for damages or injuries sustained as a result of the lessee's or renter's being stopped, detained, arrested, or charged in connection with a theft offense involving the leased or rented motor vehicle if such dealer, its officers, employees, agents, or representatives act in good faith upon a reasonable belief that the motor vehicle was or is being converted or stolen or if both of the following apply:

(1) The lessee or renter did not return the motor vehicle at the time and place specified in the lease or rental contract;

(2) The lessee or renter failed to return the motor vehicle within twenty-four hours after the dealer, or an officer, employee, agent, or representative of the dealer has served a written notice upon the lessee or renter, requesting the return of the motor vehicle, at the lessee's or renter's address set forth in the lease or rental contract. Service may be by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal or residence service.

(C)(1) Any agreement, when the transaction is for purposes that are primarily personal, family, or household, between a motor vehicle leasing dealer and the lessee or a motor vehicle renting dealer and renter is a consumer transaction for purposes of sections 1345.01 to 1345.13 of the

Revised Code. The dealer is the supplier and the lessee or renter is the consumer for purposes of those sections.

(2) A dealer is not liable for a violation under sections 1345.01 to 1345.13 of the Revised Code when the alleged violation is the result of false, misleading, or inaccurate information provided to the dealer by the lessee or renter and the dealer relied on that information in good faith.

Sec. 4701.16. (A) After notice and hearing as provided in Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the accountancy board may discipline as described in division (B) of this section a person holding an Ohio permit, an Ohio registration, a firm registration, a CPA certificate, or a PA registration or any other person whose activities are regulated by the board for any one or any combination of the following causes:

(1) Fraud or deceit in obtaining a firm registration or in obtaining a CPA certificate, a PA registration, an Ohio permit, or an Ohio registration;

(2) Dishonesty, fraud, or gross negligence in the practice of public accounting;

(3) Violation of any of the provisions of section 4701.14 of the Revised Code;

(4) Violation of a rule of professional conduct promulgated by the board under the authority granted by this chapter;

(5) Conviction of a felony under the laws of any state or of the United States;

(6) Conviction of any crime, an element of which is dishonesty or fraud, under the laws of any state or of the United States;

(7) Cancellation, revocation, suspension, or refusal to renew authority to practice as a certified public accountant, a public accountant, or a public accounting firm by any other state, for any cause other than failure to pay registration fees in that other state;

(8) Suspension or revocation of the right to practice before any state or federal agency;

(9) Failure of a holder of a CPA certificate or PA registration to obtain an Ohio permit or an Ohio registration, or the failure of a public accounting firm to obtain a firm registration;

(10) Conduct discreditable to the public accounting profession or to the holder of an Ohio permit, Ohio registration, or foreign certificate;

(11) Failure of a public accounting firm to comply with section 4701.04 of the Revised Code.

(B) For any of the reasons specified in division (A) of this section, the board may do any of the following:

(1) Revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew any CPA certificate or PA

registration or any Ohio permit, Ohio registration, or firm registration;

(2) Disqualify a person who is not a holder of an Ohio permit or a foreign certificate from owning an equity interest in a public accounting firm or qualified firm;

(3) Publicly censure a registered firm or a holder of a CPA certificate, a PA registration, an Ohio permit, or an Ohio registration;

(4) Levy against a registered firm or a holder of a CPA certificate, a PA registration, an Ohio permit, or an Ohio registration a penalty or fine not to exceed five thousand dollars for each offense. Any fine shall be reasonable and in relation to the severity of the offense.

(5) In the case of violations of division (A)(2) or (4) of this section, require completion of remedial continuing education programs prescribed by the board in addition to those required by section 4701.11 of the Revised Code;

(6) In the case of violations of division (A)(2) or (4) of this section, require the holder of a CPA certificate, PA registration, or firm registration to submit to a peer review by a professional committee designated by the board, which committee shall report to the board concerning that holder's compliance with generally accepted accounting principles, generally accepted auditing standards, or other generally accepted technical standards;

(7) Revoke or suspend the privileges to offer or render attest services in this state or to use a CPA title or designation in this state of an individual who holds a foreign certificate.

(C) If the board levies a fine against or suspends the certificate of a person or registration of a person or firm for a violation of division (A)(2) or (4) of this section, it may waive all or any portion of the fine or suspension if the holder of the CPA certificate, PA registration, or firm registration complies fully with division (B)(5) or (6) of this section.

(D) A person engaged in the practice of public accounting shall not be subject to discipline by the accountancy board solely because the person provided professional accounting services to the holder of a license under Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4705.10. (A) All of the following apply to an interest-bearing trust account established under authority of section 4705.09 of the Revised Code:

(1) All funds in the account shall be subject to withdrawal upon request and without delay, or as soon as is permitted by federal law;

(2) The rate of interest payable on the account shall not be less than the rate paid by the depository institution to regular, nonattorney depositors. Higher rates offered by the institution to customers whose deposits exceed certain time or quantity qualifications, such as those offered in the form of

certificates of deposit, may be obtained by a person or law firm establishing the account if there is no impairment of the right to withdraw or transfer principal immediately.

(3) The depository institution shall be directed, by the person or law firm establishing the account, to do all of the following:

(a) Remit interest or dividends, whichever is applicable, on the average monthly balance in the account or as otherwise computed in accordance with the institution's standard accounting practice, less reasonable service charges, to the treasurer of state at least quarterly for deposit in the legal aid fund established under section 120.52 of the Revised Code;

(b) Transmit to the treasurer of state, upon its request, to the Ohio ~~Legal Assistance Foundation~~ access to justice foundation, and the depositing attorney, law firm, or legal professional association upon the attorney's, firm's, or association's request, at the time of each remittance required by division (A)(3)(a) of this section, a statement showing the name of the attorney for whom or the law firm or legal professional association for which the remittance is sent, the rate of interest applied, the accounting period, the net amount remitted to the treasurer of state for each account, the total remitted, the average account balance for each month of the period for which the report is made, and the amount deducted for service charges;

(4) The depository institution shall notify the office of disciplinary counsel or other entity designated by the supreme court on each occasion when a properly payable instrument is presented for payment from the account, and the account contains insufficient funds. The depository institution shall provide this notice without regard to whether the instrument is honored by the depository institution. The depository institution shall provide the notice described in division (A)(4) of this section by electronic or other means within five banking days of the date that the instrument was honored or returned as dishonored. The notice shall contain all of the following:

(a) The name and address of the depository institution;

(b) The name and address of the lawyer, law firm, or legal professional association that maintains the account;

(c) The account number and either the amount of the overdraft and the date issued or the amount of the dishonored instrument and the date returned.

(B)(1) The statements and reports of individual depositor information made under divisions (A)(3) and (4) of this section are confidential and shall be used only for purposes of administering the legal aid fund and for enforcement of the rules of professional conduct adopted by the supreme

court.

(2) A depository institution may charge the lawyer, law firm, or legal professional association that maintains the account with fees associated with producing and mailing a notice required by division (A)(4) of this section but shall not deduct such fees from the interest earned on the account.

Sec. 4712.02. (A) A credit services organization shall file a registration application with, and receive a certificate of registration from, the division of financial institutions before conducting business in this state. The registration application shall be accompanied by a one-hundred-dollar fee and shall contain all of the following information:

(1) The name and address of the credit services organization;

(2) The name and address of any person that directly or indirectly owns or controls ten per cent or more of the outstanding shares of stock in the organization;

(3) Either of the following:

(a) A full and complete disclosure of any litigation commenced against the organization or unresolved complaint that relates to the operation of the organization and that is filed with the attorney general, the secretary of state, or any other governmental authority of the United States, this state, or any other state of the United States;

(b) A notarized statement stating that no litigation has been commenced and no unresolved complaint relating to the operation of the organization has been filed with the attorney general, the secretary of state, or any other governmental authority of the United States, this state, or any other state of the United States.

(4) Any other information required at any time by the division.

(B)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B)(2) of this section, each credit services organization shall notify the division in writing within thirty days after the date of a change in the information required by division (A) of this section.

(2) Each organization shall notify the division in writing no later than thirty days prior to any change in the information required by division (A)(1) or (2) of this section and shall receive approval from the division before making any such change.

(C)(1) A credit services organization shall attach both of the following to the registration application submitted pursuant to division (A) of this section:

(a) A copy of the contract that the organization intends to execute with its customers;

(b) Evidence of the bond required under section 4712.06 of the Revised

Code.

(2) Any modification made to the contract described in division (C)(1)(a) of this section shall be filed with the division prior to its use by the organization.

(D) Each credit services organization registering under this section shall maintain a copy of the registration application in its files. The organization shall allow a buyer to inspect the registration application upon request.

(E) Each nonresident credit services organization registering under this section shall designate and maintain a resident of this state as the organization's statutory agent for purposes of receipt of service of process.

(F) If, in order to issue a certificate of registration to a credit services organization, investigation by the division outside this state is necessary, the division may require the organization to advance sufficient funds to pay the actual expenses of the investigation.

(G) Each credit services organization registering under this section shall use no more than one fictitious or trade name.

(H)(1) A certificate of registration issued by the division pursuant to this section shall expire annually on the thirtieth day of April, or annually on a different date established by the superintendent pursuant to section 1181.23 of the Revised Code.

(2) A credit services organization may renew its certificate of registration by filing with the division a renewal application accompanied by a one-hundred-dollar renewal fee.

(I) All money collected by the division pursuant to this section shall be deposited by it in the state treasury to the credit of the consumer finance fund.

(J)(1) No credit services organization shall fail to comply with division (A) of this section.

(2) No credit services organization shall fail to comply with division (B), (D), (E), (F), or (G) of this section.

Sec. 4713.14. No individual shall do any of the following:

(A) Use fraud or deceit in making application for a license, permit, or registration;

(B) Aid or abet any individual or entity in any of the following:

(1) Violating this chapter or a rule adopted under it;

(2) Obtaining a license, permit, or registration fraudulently;

(3) Falsely pretending to hold a current, valid license or permit.

(C) Practice a branch of cosmetology, for pay, free, or otherwise, without one of the following authorizing the practice of that branch of cosmetology:

(1) A current, valid license under section 4713.28, 4713.30, or 4713.34 of the Revised Code;

(2) A current, valid temporary pre-examination work permit issued under section 4713.22 of the Revised Code;

(3) A current, valid temporary special occasion work permit issued under section 4713.37 of the Revised Code;

(4) A current, valid temporary work permit issued under rules adopted by the board pursuant to section 4713.08 of the Revised Code;

(5) A current, valid registration under section 4713.69 of the Revised Code.

(D) Employ an individual to practice a branch of cosmetology if the individual does not hold one of the following authorizing the practice of that branch of cosmetology:

(1) A current, valid license under section 4713.28, 4713.30, or 4713.34 of the Revised Code;

(2) A current, valid temporary pre-examination work permit issued under section 4713.22 of the Revised Code;

(3) A current, valid temporary special occasion work permit issued under section 4713.37 of the Revised Code;

(4) A current, valid temporary work permit issued under rules adopted by the board pursuant to section 4713.08 of the Revised Code;

(5) A current, valid registration under section 4713.69 of the Revised Code.

(E) Except for apprentice instructors and as provided in section 4713.45 of the Revised Code, teach the theory or practice of a branch of cosmetology at a school of cosmetology without either of the following authorizing the teaching of that branch of cosmetology:

(1) A current, valid license under section 4713.31 or 4713.34 of the Revised Code;

(2) A current, valid temporary special occasion work permit issued under section 4713.37 of the Revised Code.

(F) Advertise or operate a glamour photography service in which a branch of cosmetology is practiced unless the individual practicing the branch of cosmetology holds either of the following authorizing the practice of that branch of cosmetology:

(1) A current, valid license under section 4713.28, 4713.30, or 4713.34 of the Revised Code;

(2) A current, valid temporary special occasion work permit issued under section 4713.37 of the Revised Code.

(G) Advertise or operate a glamour photography service in which a

branch of cosmetology is practiced at a location not specified by rules adopted under section 4713.08 of the Revised Code;

(H) Practice a branch of cosmetology at a salon as an independent contractor without a current, valid independent contractor license issued under section 4713.39 of the Revised Code;

(I) Operate a salon without a current, valid license under section 4713.41 of the Revised Code;

(J) Provide cosmetic therapy or massage therapy at a salon for pay, free, or otherwise without a current, valid ~~certificate~~ license issued by the state medical board under section 4731.15 of the Revised Code or provide any other professional service at a salon for pay, free, or otherwise without a current, valid license or certificate issued by the professional regulatory board of this state that regulates the profession;

(K) Teach a branch of cosmetology at a salon, unless the individual receiving the instruction holds either of the following authorizing the practice of that branch of cosmetology:

(1) A current, valid license under section 4713.28, 4713.30, or 4713.34 of the Revised Code;

(2) A current, valid temporary pre-examination work permit issued under section 4713.22 of the Revised Code.

(L) Operate a school of cosmetology without a current, valid license under section 4713.44 of the Revised Code;

(M) At a salon or school of cosmetology, do any of the following:

(1) Use or possess a cosmetic product containing an ingredient that the United States food and drug administration has prohibited by regulation;

(2) Use a cosmetic product in a manner inconsistent with a restriction established by the United States food and drug administration by regulation;

(3) Use or possess a liquid nail monomer containing any trace of methyl methacrylate (MMA).

(N) While in charge of a salon or school of cosmetology, permit any individual to sleep in, or use for residential purposes, any room used wholly or in part as the salon or school of cosmetology;

(O) Maintain, as an established place of business for the practice of one or more of the branches of cosmetology, a room used wholly or in part for sleeping or residential purposes;

(P) Operate a tanning facility that is offered to the public for a fee or other compensation without a current, valid permit under section 4713.48 of the Revised Code;

(Q) Practice a branch of cosmetology in a location other than a licensed facility unless otherwise exempted under section 4713.16 or 4713.17 of the

Revised Code;

(R) Use any of the services or arts that are part of cosmetology to treat or attempt to cure a physical or mental disease or ailment.

Sec. 4713.16. (A) This chapter does not prohibit any of the following:

(1) Practicing a branch of cosmetology without a license or registration if the individual does so for free at the individual's home for a family member who resides in the same household as the individual;

(2) The retail sale, or trial demonstration by application to the skin for purposes of retail sale, of cosmetics, preparations, tonics, antiseptics, creams, lotions, wigs, or hairpieces without a practicing license or registration;

(3) The retailing, at a salon, of cosmetics, preparations, tonics, antiseptics, creams, lotions, wigs, hairpieces, clothing, or any other items that pose no risk of creating unsanitary conditions at the salon;

(4) The provision of glamour photography services at a licensed salon if either of the following is the case:

(a) A branch of cosmetology is not practiced as part of the services.

(b) If a branch of cosmetology is practiced as part of the services, the part of the services that is a branch of cosmetology is performed by an individual who holds either of the following authorizing the individual to practice that branch of cosmetology:

(i) A current, valid license under section 4713.28, 4713.30, or 4713.34 of the Revised Code;

(ii) A current, valid temporary special occasion work permit issued under section 4713.37 of the Revised Code.

(5) A student engaging, as a student, in work connected with a branch of cosmetology taught at the school of cosmetology at which the student is enrolled;

(6) Practicing a branch of cosmetology without a license or registration if the individual does so for free for the purpose of researching or developing a cosmetic as defined in section 3715.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) A student in a career-technical program learning a branch of cosmetology may continue developing skills in the respective branch of cosmetology after completing the required coursework or obtaining a license in the respective branch of cosmetology by working in the licensed career-technical school clinic if the student does not receive any compensation. This allowance terminates upon the graduation of the student from the career-technical school.

Sec. 4713.17. (A) The following persons are exempt from the provisions of this chapter, except, as applicable, section 4713.42 of the Revised Code:

(1) All individuals authorized to practice medicine, surgery, dentistry, and nursing or any of its branches in this state;

(2) Commissioned surgical and medical officers of the United States army, navy, air force, or marine hospital service when engaged in the actual performance of their official duties, and attendants attached to same;

(3) Funeral directors, embalmers, and apprentices licensed or registered under Chapter 4717. of the Revised Code;

(4) Persons who are engaged in the retail sale, cleaning, or beautification of wigs and hairpieces but who do not engage in any other act constituting the practice of a branch of cosmetology;

(5) Volunteers of hospitals, and homes as defined in section 3721.01 of the Revised Code, who render service to registered patients and inpatients who reside in such hospitals or homes. Such volunteers shall not use or work with any chemical products such as permanent wave, hair dye, or chemical hair relaxer, which without proper training would pose a health or safety problem to the patient.

(6) Nurse aides and other employees of hospitals and homes as defined in section 3721.01 of the Revised Code, who practice a branch of cosmetology on registered patients only as part of general patient care services and who do not charge patients directly on a fee for service basis;

(7) Cosmetic therapists and massage therapists who hold current, valid ~~certificates~~ licenses to practice cosmetic or massage therapy issued by the state medical board under section 4731.15 of the Revised Code, to the extent their actions are authorized by their ~~certificates to practice~~ licenses;

(8) Inmates who provide services related to a branch of cosmetology to other inmates, except when those services are provided in a licensed school of cosmetology within a state correctional institution for females.

(B) The director of rehabilitation and correction shall oversee the services described in division (A)(8) of this section with respect to sanitation and adopt rules governing those types of services provided by inmates.

Sec. 4713.42. An individual holding a current, valid ~~certificate~~ license issued under section 4731.15 of the Revised Code to provide cosmetic therapy or massage therapy may provide cosmetic therapy or massage therapy, as appropriate, in a salon. An individual holding a current, valid license or certificate issued by a professional regulatory board of this state may practice the individual's profession in a salon if the individual's profession is authorized by rules adopted under section 4713.08 of the Revised Code to practice in a salon.

An individual providing cosmetic therapy, massage therapy, or other professional service in a salon pursuant to this section shall satisfy the

standards established by rules adopted under section 4713.08 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4715.22. (A)(1) This section applies only when a licensed dental hygienist is not practicing in accordance with either of the following:

(a) A permit issued pursuant to section 4715.363 of the Revised Code authorizing practice under the oral health access supervision of a dentist;

(b) Section 4715.431 of the Revised Code.

(2) As used in this section, "health care facility" means either of the following:

(a) A hospital registered under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code;

(b) A ~~"home"~~ home, as defined in section 3721.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) A licensed dental hygienist shall practice under the supervision, order, control, and full responsibility of a dentist licensed under this chapter. A dental hygienist may practice in a dental office, public or private school, health care facility, dispensary, or public institution. Except as provided in divisions (C) to (E) of this section, a dental hygienist may not provide dental hygiene services to a patient when the supervising dentist is not physically present at the location where the dental hygienist is practicing.

(C) A dental hygienist may provide, for not more than fifteen consecutive business days, dental hygiene services to a patient when the supervising dentist is not physically present at the location where the services are provided if all of the following requirements are met:

(1) The dental hygienist has at least one year and a minimum of one thousand five hundred hours of experience in the practice of dental hygiene.

(2) The dental hygienist has successfully completed a course approved by the state dental board in the identification and prevention of potential medical emergencies.

(3) The dental hygienist does not perform, while the supervising dentist is absent from the location, procedures while the patient is anesthetized, definitive root planing, definitive subgingival curettage, or other procedures identified in rules the state dental board adopts.

(4) The supervising dentist has evaluated the dental hygienist's skills.

(5) The supervising dentist examined the patient not more than one year prior to the date the dental hygienist provides the dental hygiene services to the patient.

(6) The dental hygienist complies with written protocols or written standing orders that the supervising dentist establishes, including those established for emergencies.

(7) The supervising dentist completed and evaluated a medical and dental history of the patient not more than one year prior to the date the

dental hygienist provides dental hygiene services to the patient and, except when the dental hygiene services are provided in a health care facility, the supervising dentist determines that the patient is in a medically stable condition.

(8) If the dental hygiene services are provided in a health care facility, a doctor of medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery ~~who holds a current certificate issued~~ licensed under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code or a registered nurse licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code is present in the health care facility when the services are provided.

(9) In advance of the appointment for dental hygiene services, the patient is notified that the supervising dentist will be absent from the location and that the dental hygienist cannot diagnose the patient's dental health care status.

(10) The dental hygienist is employed by, or under contract with, one of the following:

(a) The supervising dentist;

(b) A dentist licensed under this chapter who is one of the following:

(i) The employer of the supervising dentist;

(ii) A shareholder in a professional association formed under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code of which the supervising dentist is a shareholder;

(iii) A member or manager of a limited liability company formed under Chapter 1705. of the Revised Code of which the supervising dentist is a member or manager;

(iv) A shareholder in a corporation formed under division (B) of section 1701.03 of the Revised Code of which the supervising dentist is a shareholder;

(v) A partner or employee of a partnership or a limited liability partnership formed under Chapter 1775. or 1776. of the Revised Code of which the supervising dentist is a partner or employee.

(c) A government entity that employs the dental hygienist to provide dental hygiene services in a public school or in connection with other programs the government entity administers.

(D) A dental hygienist may provide dental hygiene services to a patient when the supervising dentist is not physically present at the location where the services are provided if the services are provided as part of a dental hygiene program that is approved by the state dental board and all of the following requirements are met:

(1) The program is operated through a school district board of education or the governing board of an educational service center; the board of health

of a city or general health district or the authority having the duties of a board of health under section 3709.05 of the Revised Code; a national, state, district, or local dental association; or any other public or private entity recognized by the state dental board.

(2) The supervising dentist is employed by or a volunteer for, and the patients are referred by, the entity through which the program is operated.

(3)(a) Except as provided in division (D)(3)(b) of this section, the services are performed after examination and diagnosis by the dentist and in accordance with the dentist's written treatment plan.

(b) The requirement in division (D)(3)(a) of this section does not apply when the only services to be provided by the dental hygienist are the placement of pit and fissure sealants and the application of fluoride varnish.

(E) A dental hygienist may do any of the following when the supervising dentist is not physically present at the location where the services are provided, regardless of whether the dentist has examined the patient, if the dental hygienist is employed by, or under contract with, the supervising dentist or another person or government entity specified in division (C)(10)(b) or (c) of this section:

- (1) Apply fluoride varnish;
- (2) Apply desensitizing agents, excluding silver diamine fluoride;
- (3) Apply disclosing solutions;
- (4) Apply pit and fissure sealants;
- (5) Recement temporary crowns or recement crowns with temporary cement;
- (6) Conduct caries susceptibility testing;
- (7) Provide instruction on oral hygiene home care, including the use of toothbrushes and dental floss;
- (8) Discuss general nonmedical nutrition information for the purpose of maintaining good oral health.

As used in division (E)(8) of this section, "general nonmedical nutrition information" means information on the following: principles of good nutrition and food preparation, food to be included in the normal daily diet, the essential nutrients needed by the body, recommended amounts of the essential nutrients, the actions of nutrients on the body, the effects of deficiencies or excesses of nutrients, or food and supplements that are good sources of essential nutrients.

(F) No person shall do either of the following:

- (1) Practice dental hygiene in a manner that is separate or otherwise independent from the dental practice of a supervising dentist;
- (2) Establish or maintain an office or practice that is primarily devoted

to the provision of dental hygiene services.

(G) The state dental board shall adopt rules under division (C) of section 4715.03 of the Revised Code identifying procedures a dental hygienist may not perform when practicing in the absence of the supervising dentist pursuant to division (C) or (D) of this section.

Sec. 4715.52. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, no person shall practice or hold that person out as a dental x-ray machine operator without a valid certificate issued under section 4715.53 of the Revised Code.

(B) Division (A) of this section does not apply to any of the following:

(1) Dentists or dental hygienists licensed under this chapter;

(2) As specified in 42 C.F.R. 75, radiologic personnel employed by the federal government or serving in a branch of the armed forces of the United States;

(3) Students engaging in any of the activities performed by dental x-ray machine operators as an integral part of a program of study leading to receipt of a license or certificate issued under this chapter, ~~or~~ a license issued under Chapter ~~4731.~~, 4734., or Chapter 4773. of the Revised Code, ~~or a certificate issued under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code.~~

Sec. 4717.03. (A) Members of the board of embalmers and funeral directors shall annually in July, or within thirty days after the senate's confirmation of the new members appointed in that year, meet and organize by selecting from among its members a president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer. The board may hold other meetings as it determines necessary. A quorum of the board consists of four members, of whom at least three shall be members who are funeral directors. The concurrence of at least four members is necessary for the board to take any action. The president and secretary-treasurer shall sign all licenses issued under this chapter and affix the board's seal to each license.

(B) The board may appoint an individual who is not a member of the board to serve as executive director of the board. The executive director serves at the pleasure of the board and shall do all of the following:

(1) Serve as the board's chief administrative officer;

(2) Act as custodian of the board's records;

(3) Execute all of the board's orders;

(4) Employ staff who are not members of the board and who serve at the pleasure of the executive director to provide any assistance that the board considers necessary.

(C) In executing the board's orders as required by division (B)(3) of this section, the executive director may enter the premises, establishment, office,

or place of business of any embalmer, funeral director, or crematory operator in this state. The executive director may serve and execute any process issued by any court under this chapter.

(D) The executive director may employ necessary inspectors, who shall be licensed embalmers and funeral directors. An inspector employed by the executive director may enter the premises, establishment, office, or place of business of any embalmer, funeral director, or crematory operator, embalming facility, funeral home, or crematory facility in this state, for the purposes of inspecting the facility and premises; the license, permit, and ~~registration~~ certification of embalmers, funeral directors, and crematory operators operating in the facility; and the license of the funeral home, embalming facility, or crematory facility and perform any other duties delegated to the inspector by the board or assigned to the inspector by the executive director. The executive director may enter the facility or premises of a funeral home, embalming facility, or crematory for the purpose of an inspection if accompanied by an inspector or, if an inspector is not available, when a situation presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public.

(E) The president of the board shall designate three of the board's members to serve on the crematory review board, which is hereby created, for such time as the president finds appropriate to carry out the provisions of this chapter. Those members of the crematory review board designated by the president to serve and three members designated by the cemetery dispute resolution commission shall designate, by a majority vote, one person who holds a crematory operator permit, who is experienced in the operation of a crematory facility, and who is not affiliated with a cemetery or a funeral home to serve on the crematory review board for such time as the crematory review board finds appropriate. Members serving on the crematory review board shall not receive any additional compensation for serving on the board, but may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties as members of the board. Members of the crematory review board shall designate one from among its members to serve as a chairperson for such time as the board finds appropriate. Costs associated with conducting an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with division (F) of this section shall be paid from funds available to the board of embalmers and funeral directors.

(F) Upon receiving written notice from the board of embalmers and funeral directors of any of the following, the crematory review board shall conduct an adjudicatory hearing on the matter in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, except as otherwise provided in this section or

division (C) of section 4717.14 of the Revised Code:

(1) Notice provided under division (I) of this section of an alleged violation of any provision of this chapter or any rules adopted under this chapter governing or in connection with crematory operators, crematory facilities, or cremation;

(2) Notice provided under division (B) of section 4717.14 of the Revised Code that the board of embalmers and funeral directors proposes to refuse to grant or renew, or to suspend or revoke, a license to operate a crematory facility;

(3) Notice provided under division (C) of section 4717.14 of the Revised Code that the board of embalmers and funeral directors has issued an order summarily suspending a crematory operator permit or a license to operate a crematory facility;

(4) Notice provided under division (B) of section 4717.15 of the Revised Code that the board of embalmers and funeral directors proposes to issue a notice of violation and order requiring payment of a forfeiture for any violation described in divisions (A)(9)(a) to (g) of section 4717.04 of the Revised Code alleged in connection with a crematory operator, crematory facility, or cremation.

Nothing in division (F) of this section precludes the crematory review board from appointing an independent examiner in accordance with section 119.09 of the Revised Code to conduct any adjudication hearing required under division (F) of this section.

The crematory review board shall submit a written report of findings and advisory recommendations, and a written transcript of its proceedings, to the board of embalmers and funeral directors. The board of embalmers and funeral directors shall serve a copy of the written report of the crematory review board's findings and advisory recommendations on the party to the adjudication or the party's attorney, by certified mail, within five days after receiving the report and advisory recommendations. A party may file objections to the written report with the board of embalmers and funeral directors within ten days after receiving the report. No written report is final or appealable until it is issued as a final order by the board of embalmers and funeral directors and entered on the record of the proceedings. The board of embalmers and funeral directors shall consider objections filed by the party prior to issuing a final order. After reviewing the findings and advisory recommendations of the crematory review board, the written transcript of the crematory review board's proceedings, and any objections filed by a party, the board of embalmers and funeral directors shall issue a final order in the matter. Any party may appeal the final order issued by the

board of embalmers and funeral directors in a matter described in divisions (F)(1) to (4) of this section in accordance with section 119.12 of the Revised Code, except that the appeal may be made to the court of common pleas in the county in which is located the crematory facility to which the final order pertains, or in the county in which the party resides.

(G) On its own initiative or on receiving a written complaint from any person whose identity is made known to the board of embalmers and funeral directors, the board shall investigate the acts or practices of any person holding or claiming to hold a license, permit, or ~~registration~~ certification under this chapter that, if proven to have occurred, would violate this chapter or any rules adopted under it. The board may compel witnesses by subpoena to appear and testify in relation to investigations conducted under this chapter and may require by subpoena duces tecum the production of any book, paper, or document pertaining to an investigation. If a person does not comply with a subpoena or subpoena duces tecum, the board may apply to the court of common pleas of any county in this state for an order compelling the person to comply with the subpoena or subpoena duces tecum, or for failure to do so, to be held in contempt of court.

(H) If, as a result of its investigation conducted under division (G) of this section, the board of embalmers and funeral directors has reasonable cause to believe that the person investigated is violating any provision of this chapter or any rules adopted under this chapter governing or in connection with embalming, funeral directing, cremation, funeral homes, embalming facilities, or cremation facilities, or the operation of funeral homes, embalming facilities, or crematory facilities, it may, after providing the opportunity for an adjudicatory hearing, issue an order directing the person to cease the acts or practices that constitute the violation. The board shall conduct the adjudicatory hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code except that, notwithstanding the provisions of that chapter, the following shall apply:

(1) The board shall send the notice informing the person of the person's right to a hearing by certified mail.

(2) The person is entitled to a hearing only if the person requests a hearing and if the board receives the request within thirty days after the mailing of the notice described in division (H)(1) of this section.

(3) A stenographic record shall be taken, in the manner prescribed in section 119.09 of the Revised Code, at every adjudicatory hearing held under this section, regardless of whether the record may be the basis of an appeal to a court.

(I) If, as a result of its investigation conducted under division (G) of this

section, the board of embalmers and funeral directors has reasonable cause to believe that the person investigated is violating any provision of this chapter or any rules adopted under this chapter governing or in connection with crematory operators, crematory facilities, or cremation, the board shall send written notice of the alleged violation to the crematory review board. If, after the conclusion of the adjudicatory hearing in the matter conducted under division (F) of this section, the board of embalmers and funeral directors finds that a person is in violation of any provision of this chapter or any rules adopted under this chapter governing or in connection with crematory operators, crematory facilities, or cremation, the board may issue a final order under that division directing the person to cease the acts or practices that constitute the violation.

(J) The board of embalmers and funeral directors may bring a civil action to enjoin any violation or threatened violation of sections 4717.01 to 4717.15 of the Revised Code or a rule adopted under any of those sections; division (A) or (B) of section 4717.23; division (B)(1) or (2), (C)(1) or (2), (D), (E), or (F)(1) or (2), or divisions (H) to (K) of section 4717.26; division (D)(1) of section 4717.27; divisions (A) to (C) of section 4717.28, or division (D) or (E) of section 4717.31 of the Revised Code. The action shall be brought in the county where the violation occurred or the threatened violation is expected to occur. At the request of the board, the attorney general shall represent the board in any matter arising under this chapter.

(K) The board of embalmers and funeral directors and the crematory review board may issue subpoenas for any person holding a license or permit under this chapter or persons holding themselves out as such, or for any other person whose testimony, in the opinion of either board, is necessary. The subpoena shall require the person to appear before the appropriate board or any designated member of either board, upon any hearing conducted under this chapter. The penalty for disobedience to the command of such a subpoena is the same as for refusal to answer such a process issued under authority of the court of common pleas.

(L) Except as provided in section 4717.41 of the Revised Code, all moneys received by the board of embalmers and funeral directors from any source shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the occupational licensing and regulatory fund created in section 4743.05 of the Revised Code.

(M) The board of embalmers and funeral directors shall submit a written report to the governor on or before the first Monday of July of each year. This report shall contain a detailed statement of the nature and amount of the board's receipts and the amount and manner of its expenditures.

Sec. 4717.05. (A) Any person who desires to be licensed as an embalmer shall apply to the board of embalmers and funeral directors on a form provided by the board. The applicant shall include with the application an initial license fee as set forth in section 4717.07 of the Revised Code and evidence, verified by oath and satisfactory to the board, that the applicant meets all of the following requirements:

(1) The applicant is at least eighteen years of age and of good moral character.

(2) If the applicant has pleaded guilty to, has been found by a judge or jury to be guilty of, or has had a judicial finding of eligibility for treatment in lieu of conviction entered against the applicant in this state for aggravated murder, murder, voluntary manslaughter, felonious assault, kidnapping, rape, sexual battery, gross sexual imposition, aggravated arson, aggravated robbery, or aggravated burglary, or has pleaded guilty to, has been found by a judge or jury to be guilty of, or has had a judicial finding of eligibility for treatment in lieu of conviction entered against the applicant in another jurisdiction for a substantially equivalent offense, at least five years has elapsed since the applicant was released from incarceration, a community control sanction, a post-release control sanction, parole, or treatment in connection with the offense.

(3) The applicant holds at least a bachelor's degree from a college or university authorized to confer degrees by the department of higher education or the comparable legal agency of another state in which the college or university is located and submits an official transcript from that college or university with the application.

(4) The applicant has satisfactorily completed at least twelve months of instruction in a prescribed course in mortuary science as approved by the board and has presented to the board a certificate showing successful completion of the course. The course of mortuary science college training may be completed either before or after the completion of the educational standard set forth in division (A)(3) of this section.

(5) The applicant has ~~registered with~~ been certified by the board prior to beginning an embalmer apprenticeship.

(6) The applicant has satisfactorily completed at least one year of apprenticeship under an embalmer licensed in this state and has participated in embalming at least twenty-five dead human bodies.

(7) The applicant, upon meeting the educational standards provided for in divisions (A)(3) and (4) of this section and completing the apprenticeship required in division (A)(6) of this section, has completed the examination for an embalmer's license required by the board.

(B) Upon receiving satisfactory evidence verified by oath that the applicant meets all the requirements of division (A) of this section, the board shall issue the applicant an embalmer's license.

(C) Any person who desires to be licensed as a funeral director shall apply to the board on a form prescribed by the board. The application shall include an initial license fee as set forth in section 4717.07 of the Revised Code and evidence, verified by oath and satisfactory to the board, that the applicant meets all of the following requirements:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of this section, the applicant has satisfactorily met all the requirements for an embalmer's license as described in divisions (A)(1) to (4) of this section.

(2) The applicant has ~~registered with~~ been certified by the board prior to beginning a funeral director apprenticeship.

(3) The applicant, following mortuary science college training described in division (A)(4) of this section, has satisfactorily completed a one-year apprenticeship under a licensed funeral director in this state and has participated in directing at least twenty-five funerals.

(4) The applicant has satisfactorily completed the examination for a funeral director's license as required by the board.

(D) In lieu of mortuary science college training required for a funeral director's license under division (C)(1) of this section, the applicant may substitute a satisfactorily completed two-year apprenticeship under a licensed funeral director in this state assisting that person in directing at least fifty funerals.

(E) Upon receiving satisfactory evidence that the applicant meets all the requirements of division (C) of this section, the board shall issue to the applicant a funeral director's license.

(F) A funeral director or embalmer may request the funeral director's or embalmer's license be placed on inactive status by submitting to the board a form prescribed by the board and such other information as the board may request. A funeral director or embalmer may not place the funeral director's or embalmer's license on inactive status unless the funeral director or embalmer is in good standing with the board and is in compliance with applicable continuing education requirements. A funeral director or embalmer who is granted inactive status is prohibited from participating in any activity for which a funeral director's or embalmer's license is required in this state. A funeral director or embalmer who has been granted inactive status is exempt from the continuing education requirements under section 4717.09 of the Revised Code during the period of the inactive status.

(G) A funeral director or embalmer who has been granted inactive status

may not return to active status for at least two years following the date that the inactive status was granted. Following a period of at least two years of inactive status, the funeral director or embalmer may apply to return to active status upon completion of all of the following conditions:

(1) The funeral director or embalmer files with the board a form prescribed by the board seeking active status and provides any other information as the board may request;

(2) The funeral director or embalmer takes and passes the Ohio laws examination for each license being activated;

(3) The funeral director or embalmer pays a reactivation fee to the board in the amount of one hundred forty dollars for each license being reactivated.

(H) As used in this section:

(1) "Community control sanction" has the same meaning as in section 2929.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Post-release control sanction" has the same meaning as in section 2967.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4717.07. (A) The board of embalmers and funeral directors shall charge and collect the following fees:

(1) For applying for an initial or biennial renewal of an embalmer's or funeral director's license, ~~one two~~ two hundred fifty dollars;

(2) ~~For applying for an embalmer or funeral director registration,~~ twenty-five dollars;

(3) ~~For filing~~ applying for an embalmer or funeral director certificate of apprenticeship, ~~ten~~ thirty-five dollars;

(4)(3) For the application to take the examination for a license to practice as an embalmer or funeral director, or to retake a section of the examination, thirty-five dollars;

(5)(4) For applying for an initial license to operate a funeral home, ~~three~~ four hundred ~~fifty~~ dollars and biennial renewal of a license to operate a funeral home, ~~three~~ four hundred ~~fifty~~ dollars;

(6)(5) For the reinstatement of a lapsed embalmer's or funeral director's license, the renewal fee prescribed in division (A)(1) of this section plus fifty dollars for each month or portion of a month the license is lapsed, but not more than one thousand dollars;

(7)(6) For the reinstatement of a lapsed license to operate a funeral home, the renewal fee prescribed in division (A)(5)(4) of this section plus fifty dollars for each month or portion of a month the license is lapsed until reinstatement, but not more than one thousand dollars;

(8)(7) For applying for a license to operate an embalming facility, ~~three~~

four hundred ~~five~~ dollars and biennial renewal of a license to operate an embalming facility, ~~three~~ four hundred ~~five~~ dollars;

~~(9)~~(8) For the reinstatement of a lapsed license to operate an embalming facility, the renewal fee prescribed in division (A)~~(8)~~(7) of this section plus fifty dollars for each month or portion of a month the license is lapsed until reinstatement, but not more than one thousand dollars;

~~(10)~~(9) For applying for a license to operate a crematory facility, ~~three~~ four hundred ~~five~~ dollars and biennial renewal of a license to operate a crematory facility, ~~three~~ four hundred ~~five~~ dollars;

~~(11)~~(10) For the reinstatement of a lapsed license to operate a crematory facility, the renewal fee prescribed in division (A)~~(10)~~(9) of this section plus fifty dollars for each month or portion of a month the license is lapsed until reinstatement, but not more than five hundred dollars;

~~(12)~~(11) For applying for the initial or biennial renewal of a crematory operator permit, one hundred five dollars;

~~(13)~~(12) For the reinstatement of a lapsed crematory operator permit, the renewal fee prescribed in division (A)~~(12)~~(11) of this section plus fifty dollars for each month or portion of a month the permit is lapsed, but not more than five hundred dollars;

~~(14)~~(13) For the issuance of a duplicate of a license issued under this chapter, ten dollars;

~~(15)~~(14) For each preneed funeral contract sold in the state other than those funded by the assignment of an existing insurance policy, ten dollars.

(B) In addition to the fees set forth in division (A) of this section, an applicant shall pay the examination fee assessed by any examining agency the board uses for any section of an examination required under this chapter.

(C) Subject to the approval of the controlling board, the board of embalmers and funeral directors may establish fees in excess of the amounts set forth in this section, provided that these fees do not exceed the amounts set forth in this section by more than fifty per cent.

Sec. 4717.41. (A) There is hereby created the preneed recovery fund, which shall be in the custody of the treasurer of state but shall not be part of the state treasury. All fees collected under division (A)~~(15)~~(14) of section 4717.07 of the Revised Code shall be deposited into the fund. The fund shall be used to reimburse purchasers of preneed funeral contracts who have suffered financial loss as a result of the malfeasance, misfeasance, default, failure, or insolvency in connection with the sale of a preneed funeral contract by any licensee under this chapter, regardless of whether the sale of such contract occurred before or after the establishment of the fund. The fund, and all investment earnings thereon, shall only be used for the

purposes set forth in this section and shall not be used for any other purposes. The fund shall be administered by the board of embalmers and funeral directors.

(B) All fees collected under division (A)~~(15)~~(14) of section 4717.07 of the Revised Code shall be deposited into the fund. Deposits to and disbursements from the fund account shall be subject to rules established by the board.

(C) If at the end of any fiscal year for this state, the balance in the fund exceeds two million dollars, the fee required by division (A)~~(15)~~(14) of section 4717.07 of the Revised Code for the upcoming fiscal year shall be reduced by fifty per cent. If the balance in the fund at the end of a fiscal year exceeds three million dollars, the payment of the fee required by division (A)~~(15)~~(14) of section 4717.07 of the Revised Code shall be suspended for the upcoming fiscal year.

(D) The board shall adopt rules governing management of the fund, the presentation and processing of applications for reimbursement, subrogation, or assignment of the rights of any reimbursed applicant.

(E) The board may expend moneys in the fund for the following purposes:

- (1) To make reimbursements on approved applications;
- (2) To purchase insurance to cover losses as considered appropriate by the board and not inconsistent with the purposes of the fund;
- (3) To invest such portions of the fund as are not currently needed to reimburse losses and maintain adequate reserves, as are permitted to be made by fiduciaries under the laws of this state;
- (4) To pay the expenses of the board for administering the fund, including employment of local counsel to prosecute subrogation claims.

(F) Reimbursements from the fund shall be made only to the extent to which those losses are not bonded or otherwise covered, protected, or reimbursed and only after the applicant has complied with all applicable rules of the board.

(G) The board shall investigate all applications made and may reject or allow such claims in whole or in part to the extent that moneys are available in the fund. The board shall have complete discretion to determine the order and manner of payment of approved applications. All payments shall be a matter of privilege and not of right, and no person shall have any right in the fund as a third-party beneficiary or otherwise. No attorney may be compensated by the board for prosecuting an application for reimbursement.

(H) If reimbursement is made to an applicant under this section, the board shall be subrogated in the reimbursement amount and may bring any

action it considers advisable against any person. The board may enforce any claims it may have for restitution or otherwise and may employ and compensate consultants, agents, legal counsel, accountants, and other persons it considers appropriate.

Sec. 4723.06. (A) The board of nursing shall:

(1) Administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter, including the taking of disciplinary action for violations of section 4723.28 of the Revised Code, any other provisions of this chapter, or rules adopted under this chapter;

(2) Develop criteria that an applicant must meet to be eligible to sit for the examination for licensure to practice as a registered nurse or as a licensed practical nurse;

(3) Issue and renew nursing licenses, dialysis technician certificates, and community health worker certificates, as provided in this chapter;

(4) Define the minimum educational standards for the schools and programs of registered nursing and practical nursing in this state;

(5) Survey, inspect, and grant full approval to prelicensure nursing education programs in this state that meet the standards established by rules adopted under section 4723.07 of the Revised Code. Prelicensure nursing education programs include, but are not limited to, diploma, associate degree, baccalaureate degree, master's degree, and doctor of nursing programs leading to initial licensure to practice nursing as a registered nurse and practical nurse programs leading to initial licensure to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse.

(6) Grant conditional approval, by a vote of a quorum of the board, to a new prelicensure nursing education program or a program that is being reestablished after having ceased to operate, if the program meets and maintains the minimum standards of the board established by rules adopted under section 4723.07 of the Revised Code. If the board does not grant conditional approval, it shall hold an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to consider conditional approval of the program. If the board grants conditional approval, at the first meeting following completion of the survey process required by division (A)(5) of this section, the board shall determine whether to grant full approval to the program. If the board does not grant full approval or if it appears that the program has failed to meet and maintain standards established by rules adopted under section 4723.07 of the Revised Code, the board shall hold an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to consider the program. Based on results of the adjudication, the board may continue or withdraw conditional approval, or grant full approval.

(7) Place on provisional approval, for a period of time specified by the board, a prelicensure nursing education program that has ceased to meet and maintain the minimum standards of the board established by rules adopted under section 4723.07 of the Revised Code. Prior to or at the end of the period, the board shall reconsider whether the program meets the standards and shall grant full approval if it does. If it does not, the board may withdraw approval, pursuant to an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(8) Approve continuing education programs and courses under standards established in rules adopted under sections 4723.07, 4723.69, 4723.79, and 4723.88 of the Revised Code;

(9) Establish a substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder monitoring program in accordance with section 4723.35 of the Revised Code;

(10) Establish the practice intervention and improvement program in accordance with section 4723.282 of the Revised Code;

(11) Grant approval to the course of study in advanced pharmacology and related topics described in section 4723.482 of the Revised Code;

(12) Make an annual edition of the exclusionary formulary established in rules adopted under section 4723.50 of the Revised Code available to the public by electronic means and, as soon as possible after any revision of the formulary becomes effective, make the revision available to the public by electronic means;

(13) Approve under section 4723.46 of the Revised Code national certifying organizations for examination and licensure of advanced practice registered nurses, which may include separate organizations for each nursing specialty;

(14) Provide guidance and make recommendations to the general assembly, the governor, state agencies, and the federal government with respect to the regulation of the practice of nursing and the enforcement of this chapter;

(15) Make an annual report to the governor, which shall be open for public inspection;

(16) Maintain and have open for public inspection the following records:

(a) A record of all its meetings and proceedings;

(b) A record of all applicants for, and holders of, licenses and certificates issued by the board under this chapter or in accordance with rules adopted under this chapter. The record shall be maintained in a format determined by the board.

(c) A list of education and training programs approved by the board.

(17) Deny conditional approval to a new prelicensure nursing education program or a program that is being reestablished after having ceased to operate if the program or a person acting on behalf of the program submits or causes to be submitted to the board false, misleading, or deceptive statements, information, or documentation in the process of applying for approval of the program. If the board proposes to deny approval of the program, it shall do so pursuant to an adjudication conducted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(B) The board may fulfill the requirement of division (A)(8) of this section by authorizing persons who meet the standards established in rules adopted under section 4723.07 of the Revised Code to approve continuing education programs and courses. Persons so authorized shall approve continuing education programs and courses in accordance with standards established in rules adopted under section 4723.07 of the Revised Code.

Persons seeking authorization to approve continuing education programs and courses shall apply to the board and pay the appropriate fee established under section 4723.08 of the Revised Code. Authorizations to approve continuing education programs and courses shall expire and may be renewed according to the schedule established in rules adopted under section 4723.07 of the Revised Code.

In addition to approving continuing education programs under division (A)(8) of this section, the board may sponsor continuing education activities that are directly related to the statutes and rules the board enforces.

(C)(1) The board may deny conditional approval to a new prelicensure nursing education program or program that is being reestablished after having ceased to operate if the program is controlled by a person who controls or has controlled a program that had its approval withdrawn, revoked, suspended, or restricted by the board or a board of another jurisdiction that is a member of the national council of state boards of nursing. If the board proposes to deny approval, it shall do so pursuant to an adjudication conducted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(2) As used in this division, "control" means any of the following:

(a) Holding fifty per cent or more of the outstanding voting securities or membership interest of a prelicensure nursing education program;

(b) In the case of an unincorporated prelicensure nursing education program, having the right to fifty per cent or more of the program's profits or in the event of a dissolution, fifty per cent or more of the program's assets;

(c) In the case of a prelicensure nursing education program that is a for-profit or not-for-profit corporation, having the contractual authority

presently to designate fifty per cent or more of its directors;

(d) In the case of a prelicensure nursing education program that is a trust, having the contractual authority presently to designate fifty per cent or more of its trustees;

(e) Having the authority to direct the management, policies, or investments of a prelicensure nursing education program.

(D)(1) When an action taken by the board under division (A)(6), (7), or (17) or (C)(1) of this section is required to be taken pursuant to an adjudication conducted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the board may, in lieu of an adjudication hearing, enter into a consent agreement to resolve the matter. A consent agreement, when ratified by a vote of a quorum of the board, constitutes the findings and order of the board with respect to the matter addressed in the agreement. If the board refuses to ratify a consent agreement, the admissions and findings contained in the agreement are of no effect.

(2) In any instance in which the board is required under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to give notice to a person seeking approval of a prelicensure nursing education program of an opportunity for a hearing and the person does not make a timely request for a hearing in accordance with section 119.07 of the Revised Code, the board is not required to hold a hearing, but may adopt, by a vote of a quorum, a final order that contains the board's findings.

(3) When the board denies or withdraws approval of a prelicensure nursing education program, the board may specify that its action is permanent. A program subject to a permanent action taken by the board is forever ineligible for approval and the board shall not accept an application for the program's reinstatement or approval.

Sec. 4723.08. (A) The board of nursing may impose fees not to exceed the following limits:

(1) For application for licensure by examination or endorsement to practice nursing as a registered nurse or as a licensed practical nurse, seventy-five dollars;

(2) For application for licensure to practice nursing as an advanced practice registered nurse, one hundred fifty dollars;

(3) For application for a dialysis technician intern certificate, the amount specified in rules adopted under section 4723.79 of the Revised Code;

(4) For application for a dialysis technician certificate, the amount specified in rules adopted under section 4723.79 of the Revised Code;

(5) For providing, pursuant to division (B) of section 4723.271 of the Revised Code, written verification of a nursing license, dialysis technician

certificate, medication aide certificate, or community health worker certificate to another jurisdiction, fifteen dollars;

(6) For providing, pursuant to division (A) of section 4723.271 of the Revised Code, a replacement copy of a wall certificate suitable for framing as described in that division, twenty-five dollars;

(7) For renewal of a license to practice as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse, sixty-five dollars;

(8) For renewal of a license to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse, one hundred thirty-five dollars;

(9) For renewal of a dialysis technician certificate, the amount specified in rules adopted under section 4723.79 of the Revised Code;

(10) For processing a late application for renewal of a nursing license, ~~certificate of authority~~, or dialysis technician certificate, fifty dollars;

(11) For application for authorization to approve continuing education programs and courses from an applicant accredited by a national accreditation system for nursing, five hundred dollars;

(12) For application for authorization to approve continuing education programs and courses from an applicant not accredited by a national accreditation system for nursing, one thousand dollars;

(13) For each year for which authorization to approve continuing education programs and courses is renewed, one hundred fifty dollars;

(14) For application for approval to operate a dialysis training program, the amount specified in rules adopted under section 4723.79 of the Revised Code;

(15) For reinstatement of a lapsed license or certificate issued under this chapter, one hundred dollars except as provided in section 5903.10 of the Revised Code;

(16) For processing a check returned to the board by a financial institution, twenty-five dollars;

(17) The amounts specified in rules adopted under section 4723.88 of the Revised Code pertaining to the issuance of certificates to community health workers, including fees for application for a certificate, renewal of a certificate, processing a late application for renewal of a certificate, reinstatement of a lapsed certificate, application for approval of a community health worker training program for community health workers, and renewal of the approval of a training program for community health workers.

(B) Each quarter, for purposes of transferring funds under section 4743.05 of the Revised Code to the nurse education assistance fund created in section 3333.28 of the Revised Code, the board of nursing shall certify to

the director of budget and management the number of licenses renewed under this chapter during the preceding quarter and the amount equal to that number times five dollars.

(C) The board may charge a participant in a board-sponsored continuing education activity an amount not exceeding fifteen dollars for each activity.

(D) The board may contract for services pertaining to the process of providing written verification of a license or certificate when the verification is performed for purposes other than providing verification to another jurisdiction. The contract may include provisions pertaining to the collection of the fee charged for providing the written verification. As part of these provisions, the board may permit the contractor to retain a portion of the fees as compensation, before any amounts are deposited into the state treasury.

Sec. 4723.28. (A) The board of nursing, by a vote of a quorum, may impose one or more of the following sanctions if it finds that a person committed fraud in passing an examination required to obtain a license or dialysis technician certificate issued by the board or to have committed fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in applying for or securing any nursing license or dialysis technician certificate issued by the board: deny, revoke, suspend, or place restrictions on any nursing license or dialysis technician certificate issued by the board; reprimand or otherwise discipline a holder of a nursing license or dialysis technician certificate; or impose a fine of not more than five hundred dollars per violation.

(B) The board of nursing, by a vote of a quorum, may impose one or more of the following sanctions: deny, revoke, suspend, or place restrictions on any nursing license or dialysis technician certificate issued by the board; reprimand or otherwise discipline a holder of a nursing license or dialysis technician certificate; or impose a fine of not more than five hundred dollars per violation. The sanctions may be imposed for any of the following:

(1) Denial, revocation, suspension, or restriction of authority to engage in a licensed profession or practice a health care occupation, including nursing or practice as a dialysis technician, for any reason other than a failure to renew, in Ohio or another state or jurisdiction;

(2) Engaging in the practice of nursing or engaging in practice as a dialysis technician, having failed to renew a nursing license or dialysis technician certificate issued under this chapter, or while a nursing license or dialysis technician certificate is under suspension;

(3) Conviction of, a plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, a judicial finding of guilt resulting from a plea of no contest to, or a judicial finding of eligibility for a pretrial diversion or similar program or for

intervention in lieu of conviction for, a misdemeanor committed in the course of practice;

(4) Conviction of, a plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, a judicial finding of guilt resulting from a plea of no contest to, or a judicial finding of eligibility for a pretrial diversion or similar program or for intervention in lieu of conviction for, any felony or of any crime involving gross immorality or moral turpitude;

(5) Selling, giving away, or administering drugs or therapeutic devices for other than legal and legitimate therapeutic purposes; or conviction of, a plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, a judicial finding of guilt resulting from a plea of no contest to, or a judicial finding of eligibility for a pretrial diversion or similar program or for intervention in lieu of conviction for, violating any municipal, state, county, or federal drug law;

(6) Conviction of, a plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, a judicial finding of guilt resulting from a plea of no contest to, or a judicial finding of eligibility for a pretrial diversion or similar program or for intervention in lieu of conviction for, an act in another jurisdiction that would constitute a felony or a crime of moral turpitude in Ohio;

(7) Conviction of, a plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, a judicial finding of guilt resulting from a plea of no contest to, or a judicial finding of eligibility for a pretrial diversion or similar program or for intervention in lieu of conviction for, an act in the course of practice in another jurisdiction that would constitute a misdemeanor in Ohio;

(8) Self-administering or otherwise taking into the body any dangerous drug, as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code, in any way that is not in accordance with a legal, valid prescription issued for that individual, or self-administering or otherwise taking into the body any drug that is a schedule I controlled substance;

(9) Habitual or excessive use of controlled substances, other habit-forming drugs, or alcohol or other chemical substances to an extent that impairs the individual's ability to provide safe nursing care or safe dialysis care;

(10) Impairment of the ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of safe nursing care or safe dialysis care because of the use of drugs, alcohol, or other chemical substances;

(11) Impairment of the ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of safe nursing care or safe dialysis care because of a physical or mental disability;

(12) Assaulting or causing harm to a patient or depriving a patient of the means to summon assistance;

(13) Misappropriation or attempted misappropriation of money or anything of value in the course of practice;

(14) Adjudication by a probate court of being mentally ill or mentally incompetent. The board may reinstate the person's nursing license or dialysis technician certificate upon adjudication by a probate court of the person's restoration to competency or upon submission to the board of other proof of competency.

(15) The suspension or termination of employment by the United States department of defense or department of veterans affairs for any act that violates or would violate this chapter;

(16) Violation of this chapter or any rules adopted under it;

(17) Violation of any restrictions placed by the board on a nursing license or dialysis technician certificate;

(18) Failure to use universal and standard precautions established by rules adopted under section 4723.07 of the Revised Code;

(19) Failure to practice in accordance with acceptable and prevailing standards of safe nursing care or safe dialysis care;

(20) In the case of a registered nurse, engaging in activities that exceed the practice of nursing as a registered nurse;

(21) In the case of a licensed practical nurse, engaging in activities that exceed the practice of nursing as a licensed practical nurse;

(22) In the case of a dialysis technician, engaging in activities that exceed those permitted under section 4723.72 of the Revised Code;

(23) Aiding and abetting a person in that person's practice of nursing without a license or practice as a dialysis technician without a certificate issued under this chapter;

(24) In the case of an advanced practice registered nurse, except as provided in division (M) of this section, either of the following:

(a) Waiving the payment of all or any part of a deductible or copayment that a patient, pursuant to a health insurance or health care policy, contract, or plan that covers such nursing services, would otherwise be required to pay if the waiver is used as an enticement to a patient or group of patients to receive health care services from that provider;

(b) Advertising that the nurse will waive the payment of all or any part of a deductible or copayment that a patient, pursuant to a health insurance or health care policy, contract, or plan that covers such nursing services, would otherwise be required to pay.

(25) Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of participation in the substance use disorder monitoring program established under section 4723.35 of the Revised Code;

(26) Failure to comply with the terms and conditions required under the practice intervention and improvement program established under section 4723.282 of the Revised Code;

(27) In the case of an advanced practice registered nurse:

(a) Engaging in activities that exceed those permitted for the nurse's nursing specialty under section 4723.43 of the Revised Code;

(b) Failure to meet the quality assurance standards established under section 4723.07 of the Revised Code.

(28) In the case of an advanced practice registered nurse other than a certified registered nurse anesthetist, failure to maintain a standard care arrangement in accordance with section 4723.431 of the Revised Code or to practice in accordance with the standard care arrangement;

(29) In the case of an advanced practice registered nurse who is designated as a clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner, failure to prescribe drugs and therapeutic devices in accordance with section 4723.481 of the Revised Code;

(30) Prescribing any drug or device to perform or induce an abortion, or otherwise performing or inducing an abortion;

(31) Failure to establish and maintain professional boundaries with a patient, as specified in rules adopted under section 4723.07 of the Revised Code;

(32) Regardless of whether the contact or verbal behavior is consensual, engaging with a patient other than the spouse of the registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or dialysis technician in any of the following:

(a) Sexual contact, as defined in section 2907.01 of the Revised Code;

(b) Verbal behavior that is sexually demeaning to the patient or may be reasonably interpreted by the patient as sexually demeaning.

(33) Assisting suicide, as defined in section 3795.01 of the Revised Code;

(34) Failure to comply with the requirements in section 3719.061 of the Revised Code before issuing for a minor a prescription for an opioid analgesic, as defined in section 3719.01 of the Revised Code;

(35) Failure to comply with section 4723.487 of the Revised Code, unless the state board of pharmacy no longer maintains a drug database pursuant to section 4729.75 of the Revised Code;

(36) The revocation, suspension, restriction, reduction, or termination of clinical privileges by the United States department of defense or department of veterans affairs or the termination or suspension of a certificate of registration to prescribe drugs by the drug enforcement administration of the United States department of justice.

(C) Disciplinary actions taken by the board under divisions (A) and (B) of this section shall be taken pursuant to an adjudication conducted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, except that in lieu of a hearing, the board may enter into a consent agreement with an individual to resolve an allegation of a violation of this chapter or any rule adopted under it. A consent agreement, when ratified by a vote of a quorum, shall constitute the findings and order of the board with respect to the matter addressed in the agreement. If the board refuses to ratify a consent agreement, the admissions and findings contained in the agreement shall be of no effect.

(D) The hearings of the board shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the board may appoint a hearing examiner, as provided in section 119.09 of the Revised Code, to conduct any hearing the board is authorized to hold under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

In any instance in which the board is required under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to give notice of an opportunity for a hearing and the applicant, licensee, or certificate holder does not make a timely request for a hearing in accordance with section 119.07 of the Revised Code, the board is not required to hold a hearing, but may adopt, by a vote of a quorum, a final order that contains the board's findings. In the final order, the board may order any of the sanctions listed in division (A) or (B) of this section.

(E) If a criminal action is brought against a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or dialysis technician for an act or crime described in divisions (B)(3) to (7) of this section and the action is dismissed by the trial court other than on the merits, the board shall conduct an adjudication to determine whether the registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or dialysis technician committed the act on which the action was based. If the board determines on the basis of the adjudication that the registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or dialysis technician committed the act, or if the registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or dialysis technician fails to participate in the adjudication, the board may take action as though the registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or dialysis technician had been convicted of the act.

If the board takes action on the basis of a conviction, plea, or a judicial finding as described in divisions (B)(3) to (7) of this section that is overturned on appeal, the registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or dialysis technician may, on exhaustion of the appeal process, petition the board for reconsideration of its action. On receipt of the petition and supporting court documents, the board shall temporarily rescind its action. If the board determines that the decision on appeal was a decision on the merits, it shall permanently rescind its action. If the board determines that

the decision on appeal was not a decision on the merits, it shall conduct an adjudication to determine whether the registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or dialysis technician committed the act on which the original conviction, plea, or judicial finding was based. If the board determines on the basis of the adjudication that the registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or dialysis technician committed such act, or if the registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or dialysis technician does not request an adjudication, the board shall reinstate its action; otherwise, the board shall permanently rescind its action.

Notwithstanding the provision of division (C)(2) of section 2953.32 of the Revised Code specifying that if records pertaining to a criminal case are sealed under that section the proceedings in the case shall be deemed not to have occurred, sealing of the following records on which the board has based an action under this section shall have no effect on the board's action or any sanction imposed by the board under this section: records of any conviction, guilty plea, judicial finding of guilt resulting from a plea of no contest, or a judicial finding of eligibility for a pretrial diversion program or intervention in lieu of conviction.

The board shall not be required to seal, destroy, redact, or otherwise modify its records to reflect the court's sealing of conviction records.

(F) The board may investigate an individual's criminal background in performing its duties under this section. As part of such investigation, the board may order the individual to submit, at the individual's expense, a request to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation for a criminal records check and check of federal bureau of investigation records in accordance with the procedure described in section 4723.091 of the Revised Code.

(G) During the course of an investigation conducted under this section, the board may compel any registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or dialysis technician or applicant under this chapter to submit to a mental or physical examination, or both, as required by the board and at the expense of the individual, if the board finds reason to believe that the individual under investigation may have a physical or mental impairment that may affect the individual's ability to provide safe nursing care. Failure of any individual to submit to a mental or physical examination when directed constitutes an admission of the allegations, unless the failure is due to circumstances beyond the individual's control, and a default and final order may be entered without the taking of testimony or presentation of evidence.

If the board finds that an individual is impaired, the board shall require the individual to submit to care, counseling, or treatment approved or

designated by the board, as a condition for initial, continued, reinstated, or renewed authority to practice. The individual shall be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate to the board that the individual can begin or resume the individual's occupation in compliance with acceptable and prevailing standards of care under the provisions of the individual's authority to practice.

For purposes of this division, any registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or dialysis technician or applicant under this chapter shall be deemed to have given consent to submit to a mental or physical examination when directed to do so in writing by the board, and to have waived all objections to the admissibility of testimony or examination reports that constitute a privileged communication.

(H) The board shall investigate evidence that appears to show that any person has violated any provision of this chapter or any rule of the board. Any person may report to the board any information the person may have that appears to show a violation of any provision of this chapter or rule of the board. In the absence of bad faith, any person who reports such information or who testifies before the board in any adjudication conducted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code shall not be liable for civil damages as a result of the report or testimony.

(I) All of the following apply under this chapter with respect to the confidentiality of information:

(1) Information received by the board pursuant to a complaint or an investigation is confidential and not subject to discovery in any civil action, except that the board may disclose information to law enforcement officers and government entities for purposes of an investigation of either a licensed health care professional, including a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or dialysis technician, or a person who may have engaged in the unauthorized practice of nursing or dialysis care. No law enforcement officer or government entity with knowledge of any information disclosed by the board pursuant to this division shall divulge the information to any other person or government entity except for the purpose of a government investigation, a prosecution, or an adjudication by a court or government entity.

(2) If an investigation requires a review of patient records, the investigation and proceeding shall be conducted in such a manner as to protect patient confidentiality.

(3) All adjudications and investigations of the board shall be considered civil actions for the purposes of section 2305.252 of the Revised Code.

(4) Any board activity that involves continued monitoring of an

individual as part of or following any disciplinary action taken under this section shall be conducted in a manner that maintains the individual's confidentiality. Information received or maintained by the board with respect to the board's monitoring activities is not subject to discovery in any civil action and is confidential, except that the board may disclose information to law enforcement officers and government entities for purposes of an investigation of a licensee or certificate holder.

(J) Any action taken by the board under this section resulting in a suspension from practice shall be accompanied by a written statement of the conditions under which the person may be reinstated to practice.

(K) When the board refuses to grant a license or certificate to an applicant, revokes a license or certificate, or refuses to reinstate a license or certificate, the board may specify that its action is permanent. An individual subject to permanent action taken by the board is forever ineligible to hold a license or certificate of the type that was refused or revoked and the board shall not accept from the individual an application for reinstatement of the license or certificate or for a new license or certificate.

(L) No unilateral surrender of a nursing license, ~~certificate of authority~~, or dialysis technician certificate issued under this chapter shall be effective unless accepted by majority vote of the board. No application for a nursing license, ~~certificate of authority~~, or dialysis technician certificate issued under this chapter may be withdrawn without a majority vote of the board. The board's jurisdiction to take disciplinary action under this section is not removed or limited when an individual has a license or certificate classified as inactive or fails to renew a license or certificate.

(M) Sanctions shall not be imposed under division (B)(24) of this section against any licensee who waives deductibles and copayments as follows:

(1) In compliance with the health benefit plan that expressly allows such a practice. Waiver of the deductibles or copayments shall be made only with the full knowledge and consent of the plan purchaser, payer, and third-party administrator. Documentation of the consent shall be made available to the board upon request.

(2) For professional services rendered to any other person licensed pursuant to this chapter to the extent allowed by this chapter and the rules of the board.

Sec. 4723.94. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Facility fee" means any fee charged or billed for telemedicine services provided in a facility that is intended to compensate the facility for its operational expenses and is separate and distinct from a professional fee.

(2) "Health plan issuer" has the same meaning as in section 3922.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Telemedicine services" has the same meaning as in section 3902.30 of the Revised Code.

(B) An advanced practice registered nurse providing telemedicine services shall not charge a facility fee, an origination fee, or any fee associated with the cost of the equipment used to provide telemedicine services to a health plan issuer covering telemedicine services under section 3902.30 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4727.03. (A) As used in this section, "experience and fitness in the capacity involved" means that the applicant for a pawnbroker's license demonstrates sufficient financial responsibility, reputation, and experience in the pawnbroker business, or in a related business, to act as a pawnbroker in compliance with this chapter. "Experience and fitness in the capacity involved" shall be determined by:

(1) Prior or current ownership or management of, or employment in, a pawnshop;

(2) Demonstration to the satisfaction of the superintendent of financial institutions of a thorough working knowledge of all pawnbroker laws and rules as they relate to the actual operation of a pawnshop.

A demonstration shall include a demonstration of an ability to properly complete forms, knowledge of how to properly calculate interest and storage charges, and knowledge of legal notice and forfeiture procedures. The final determination of whether an applicant's demonstration is adequate rests with the superintendent.

(3) A submission by the applicant and any stockholders, owners, managers, directors, or officers of the pawnshop, and employees of the applicant to a police record check; and

(4) Liquid assets in a minimum amount of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars at the time of applying for initial licensure and demonstration of the ability to maintain the liquid assets at a minimum amount of seventy-five thousand dollars for the duration of holding a valid pawnbroker's license. If an applicant holds a pawnbroker's license at the time of application or is applying for more than one license, this requirement shall be met separately for each license.

(B) The superintendent may grant a license to act as a pawnbroker to any person of good character and having experience and fitness in the capacity involved to engage in the business of pawnbroking upon the payment to the superintendent of a license fee determined by the superintendent pursuant to section 1321.20 of the Revised Code. A license is

not transferable or assignable.

(C) The superintendent may consider an application withdrawn and may retain the investigation fee required under division (D) of this section if both of the following are true:

(1) An application for a license does not contain all of the information required under division (B) of this section.

(2) The information is not submitted to the superintendent within ninety days after the superintendent requests the information from the applicant in writing.

(D) The superintendent shall require an applicant for a pawnbroker's license to pay to the superintendent a nonrefundable initial investigation fee of two hundred dollars, which is for the exclusive use of the state.

(E)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (E)(2) of this section, a pawnbroker's license issued by the superintendent expires on the thirtieth day of June next following the date of its issuance, or on a different date set by the superintendent pursuant to section 1181.23 of the Revised Code, and may be renewed annually ~~by the thirtieth day of June~~ in accordance with the standard renewal procedure set forth in Chapter 4745. of the Revised Code. Fifty per cent of the annual license fee shall be for the use of the state, and fifty per cent shall be paid by the state to the municipal corporation, or if outside the limits of any municipal corporation, to the county, in which the office of the licensee is located. All such fees payable to municipal corporations or counties shall be paid annually.

(2) A pawnbroker's license issued or renewed by the superintendent on or after January 1, 2006, expires on the thirtieth day of June in the even-numbered year next following the date of its issuance or renewal, as applicable, and may be renewed biennially by the thirtieth day of June in accordance with the standard renewal procedure set forth in Chapter 4745. of the Revised Code. Fifty per cent of the biennial license fee shall be for the use of the state, and fifty per cent shall be paid by the state to the municipal corporation, or if outside the limits of any municipal corporation, to the county, in which the office of the licensee is located. All such fees payable to municipal corporations or counties shall be paid biennially. If deemed necessary for participation, the superintendent may reset the renewal date and require annual registration pursuant to section 1181.23 of the Revised Code.

(F) The fee for renewal of a license shall be equivalent to the fee for an initial license established by the superintendent pursuant to section 1321.20 of the Revised Code. Any licensee who wishes to renew the pawnbroker's license but who fails to do so on or before the date the license expires shall

reapply for licensure in the same manner and pursuant to the same requirements as for initial licensure, unless the licensee pays to the superintendent on or before the thirty-first day of August of the year the license expires, a late renewal penalty of one hundred dollars in addition to the regular renewal fee. Any licensee who fails to renew the license on or before the date the license expires is prohibited from acting as a pawnbroker until the license is renewed or a new license is issued under this section. Any licensee who renews a license between the first day of July and the thirty-first day of August of the year the license expires is not relieved from complying with this division. The superintendent may refuse to issue to or renew the license of any licensee who violates this division.

(G) No license shall be granted to any person not a resident of or the principal office of which is not located in the municipal corporation or county designated in such license unless that applicant, in writing and in due form approved by and filed with the superintendent, first appoints an agent, a resident of the state, and city or county where the office is to be located, upon whom all judicial and other process, or legal notice, directed to the applicant may be served. In case of the death, removal from the state, or any legal disability or any disqualification of any such agent, service of such process or notice may be made upon the superintendent.

The superintendent may, upon notice to the licensee and reasonable opportunity to be heard, suspend or revoke any license or assess a penalty against the licensee if the licensee, or the licensee's officers, agents, or employees, has violated this chapter. Any penalty shall be appropriate to the violation but in no case shall the penalty be less than two hundred nor more than two thousand dollars. Whenever, for any cause, a license is suspended or revoked, the superintendent shall not issue another license to the licensee nor to the legal spouse of the licensee, nor to any business entity of which the licensee is an officer or member or partner, nor to any person employed by the licensee, until the expiration of at least two years from the date of revocation or suspension of the license. The superintendent shall deposit all penalties allocated pursuant to this section into the state treasury to the credit of the consumer finance fund.

Any proceedings for the revocation or suspension of a license or to assess a penalty against a licensee are subject to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(H) If a licensee surrenders or chooses not to renew the pawnbroker's license, the licensee shall notify the superintendent thirty days prior to the date on which the licensee intends to close the licensee's business as a pawnbroker. Prior to the date, the licensee shall do either of the following

with respect to all active loans:

(1) Dispose of an active loan by selling the loan to another person holding a valid pawnbroker's license issued under this section;

(2) Reduce the rate of interest on pledged articles held as security for a loan to eight per cent per annum or less effective on the date that the pawnbroker's license is no longer valid.

Sec. 4728.03. (A) As used in this section, "experience and fitness in the capacity involved" means that the applicant for a precious metals dealer's license has had sufficient financial responsibility, reputation, and experience in the business of precious metals dealer, or a related business, to act as a precious metals dealer in compliance with this chapter.

(B)(1) The division of financial institutions in the department of commerce may grant a precious metals dealer's license to any person of good character, having experience and fitness in the capacity involved, who demonstrates a net worth of at least ten thousand dollars and the ability to maintain that net worth during the licensure period. The superintendent of financial institutions shall compute the applicant's net worth according to generally accepted accounting principles.

(2) In place of the demonstration of net worth required by division (B)(1) of this section, an applicant may obtain a surety bond issued by a surety company authorized to do business in this state if all of the following conditions are met:

(a) A copy of the surety bond is filed with the division;

(b) The bond is in favor of any person, and of the state for the benefit of any person, injured by any violation of this chapter;

(c) The bond is in the amount of not less than ten thousand dollars.

(3) Before granting a license under this division, the division shall determine that the applicant meets the requirements of division (B)(1) or (2) of this section.

(C) The division shall require an applicant for a precious metals dealer's license to pay to the division a nonrefundable, initial investigation fee of two hundred dollars which shall be for the exclusive use of the state. The license fee for a precious metals dealer's license and the renewal fee shall be determined by the superintendent, provided that the fee may not exceed three hundred dollars. A license issued by the division shall expire on the last day of June next following the date of its issuance or annually on a different date set by the superintendent pursuant to section 1181.23 of the Revised Code. Fifty per cent of license fees shall be for the use of the state, and fifty per cent shall be paid to the municipal corporation, or if outside the limits of any municipal corporation, to the county in which the office of the

licensee is located. All portions of license fees payable to municipal corporations or counties shall be paid as they accrue, by the treasurer of state, on vouchers issued by the director of budget and management.

(D) Every such license shall be renewed annually by the last day of June, or annually on a different date set by the superintendent pursuant to section 1181.23 of the Revised Code, according to the standard renewal procedure of Chapter 4745. of the Revised Code. No license shall be granted to any person not a resident of or the principal office of which is not located in the municipal corporation or county designated in such license, unless, and until such applicant shall, in writing and in due form, to be first approved by and filed with the division, appoint an agent, a resident of the state, and city or county where the office is to be located, upon whom all judicial and other process, or legal notice, directed to the applicant may be served; and in case of the death, removal from the state, or any legal disability or any disqualification of any agent, service of process or notice may be made upon the superintendent.

(E) The division may, pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, upon notice to the licensee and after giving the licensee reasonable opportunity to be heard, revoke or suspend any license, if the licensee or the licensee's officers, agents, or employees violate this chapter. Whenever, for any cause, the license is revoked or suspended, the division shall not issue another license to the licensee nor to the husband or wife of the licensee, nor to any copartnership or corporation of which the licensee is an officer, nor to any person employed by the licensee, until the expiration of at least one year from the date of revocation of the license.

(F) In conducting an investigation to determine whether an applicant satisfies the requirements for licensure under this section, the superintendent may request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation investigate and determine whether the bureau has procured any information pursuant to section 109.57 of the Revised Code pertaining to the applicant.

If the superintendent of financial institutions determines that conducting an investigation to determine whether an applicant satisfies the requirements for licensure under this section will require procuring information outside the state, then, in addition to the fee established under division (C) of this section, the superintendent may require the applicant to pay any of the actual expenses incurred by the division to conduct such an investigation, provided that the superintendent shall assess the applicant a total no greater than one thousand dollars for such expenses. The superintendent may require the applicant to pay in advance of the investigation, sufficient funds to cover the

estimated cost of the actual expenses. If the superintendent requires the applicant to pay investigation expenses, the superintendent shall provide to the applicant an itemized statement of the actual expenses incurred by the division to conduct the investigation.

(G)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (G)(2) of this section a precious metals dealer licensed under this section shall maintain a net worth of at least ten thousand dollars, computed as required under division (B)(1) of this section, for as long as the licensee holds a valid precious metals dealer's license issued pursuant to this section.

(2) A licensee who obtains a surety bond under division (B)(2) of this section is exempt from the requirement of division (G)(1) of this section, but shall maintain the bond for at least two years after the date on which the licensee ceases to conduct business in this state.

Sec. 4729.48. When filling a prescription, if a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or terminal distributor of dangerous drugs has information indicating that the cost-sharing amount required by the patient's health benefit plan exceeds the amount that may otherwise be charged for the same drug, both of the following apply:

(A) The pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or terminal distributor shall provide this information to the patient.

(B) The patient shall not be charged the higher amount.

Sec. 4729.514. (A) As used in this section, "service entity" means a public or private entity that ~~provides~~ may provide services to individuals who there is reason to believe may be at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose. "Service entity" includes a church or other place of worship, college or university, school, local health department, community addiction services provider, court, probation department, halfway house, prison, jail, community residential center, homeless shelter, or similar entity.

(B) A service entity may procure naloxone for use in emergency situations.

(C) A service entity or an employee, volunteer, or contractor of a service entity is not liable for or subject to any of the following for injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly arises from an act or omission associated with procuring, maintaining, accessing, or using naloxone under this section, unless the act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct: damages in any civil action, prosecution in any criminal proceeding, or professional disciplinary action.

This section does not eliminate, limit, or reduce any other immunity or defense that a service entity or an employee, volunteer, or contractor of a service entity may be entitled to under Chapter 2305. or any other provision

of the Revised Code or under the common law of this state.

Sec. 4729.571. (A) The state board of pharmacy may suspend without a hearing the license of a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs if the board determines that there is clear and convincing evidence of a danger of immediate and serious harm to others due to either of the following:

(1) The method used by the terminal distributor to possess or distribute dangerous drugs;

(2) The method of prescribing dangerous drugs used by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs who holds a terminal distributor license or practices in the employ of or under contract with a terminal distributor.

(B) The board shall follow the procedure for suspension without a prior hearing in section 119.07 of the Revised Code. The suspension shall remain in effect, unless removed by the board, until the board's final adjudication order becomes effective, except that if the board does not issue its final adjudication order within one hundred twenty days after the suspension, the suspension shall be void on the one hundred twenty-first day after the suspension.

If the terminal distributor holds a license with a pain management clinic classification issued under section 4729.552 of the Revised Code or a license with an office-based opioid treatment classification issued under section 4729.553 of the Revised Code and the person holding the license also holds a ~~certificate~~ license issued under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery, prior to suspending the license without a hearing, the board shall consult with the secretary of the state medical board or, if the secretary is unavailable, another physician member of the board.

Sec. 4729.65. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, all receipts of the state board of pharmacy, from any source, shall be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the occupational licensing and regulatory fund. All vouchers of the board shall be approved by the president or executive director of the board, or both, as authorized by the board. All initial issuance fees and renewal fees required by sections 4729.01 to 4729.54 of the Revised Code shall be payable by the applicant at the time of making application.

(B)(1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the board of pharmacy drug law enforcement fund. All moneys that are derived from any fines, mandatory fines, or forfeited bail to which the board may be entitled under Chapter 2925., division (C) of section 2923.42, or division (B) of section 2925.42 of the Revised Code and all moneys that are derived from

forfeitures of property to which the board may be entitled pursuant to Chapter 2925. or 2981. of the Revised Code, any other provision of the Revised Code, or federal law shall be deposited into the fund. Subject to division (B)(2) of this section, division (B) of section 2923.44, and divisions (B), (C), and (D) of section 2981.13 of the Revised Code, the moneys in the fund shall be used solely to subsidize the drug law enforcement efforts of the board.

(2) There is hereby created in the state treasury the board of pharmacy federal equitable sharing justice fund and the board of pharmacy federal equitable sharing treasury fund. Notwithstanding any contrary provision in the Revised Code, moneys that are derived from forfeitures of property pursuant to federal law ~~and that are~~ shall be deposited into the board of pharmacy ~~drug law enforcement~~ federal equitable sharing justice fund or board of pharmacy federal equitable sharing treasury fund ~~in accordance with division (B)(1) of this section~~ as determined by the source of the money, shall be used and accounted for in accordance with the applicable federal law, and the board otherwise shall comply with that law in connection with the moneys. All investment earnings of the board of pharmacy federal equitable sharing justice fund shall be credited to that fund. All investment earnings of the board of pharmacy federal equitable sharing treasury fund shall be credited to that fund.

(C) All fines and forfeited bonds assessed and collected under prosecution or prosecution commenced in the enforcement of this chapter shall be paid to the executive director of the board within thirty days and by the executive director paid into the state treasury to the credit of the occupational licensing and regulatory fund.

(D)(1) Except as provided in divisions (D)(2) and (3) of this section, the board, subject to the approval of the controlling board, may establish fees in excess of the amounts provided by this chapter, provided that such fees do not exceed the amounts permitted by this chapter by more than fifty per cent.

(2) Division (D)(1) of this section does not apply to fees required by this chapter to be established at amounts adequate to cover designated expenses.

(3) Fees established under division (D)(1) of this section or described in division (D)(2) of this section are subject to the limitation on fee increases specified in division (A) of section 4729.83 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4729.80. (A) If the state board of pharmacy establishes and maintains a drug database pursuant to section 4729.75 of the Revised Code, the board is authorized or required to provide information from the database only as follows:

(1) On receipt of a request from a designated representative of a government entity responsible for the licensure, regulation, or discipline of health care professionals with authority to prescribe, administer, or dispense drugs, the board may provide to the representative information from the database relating to the professional who is the subject of an active investigation being conducted by the government entity or relating to a professional who is acting as an expert witness for the government entity in such an investigation.

(2) On receipt of a request from a federal officer, or a state or local officer of this or any other state, whose duties include enforcing laws relating to drugs, the board shall provide to the officer information from the database relating to the person who is the subject of an active investigation of a drug abuse offense, as defined in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, being conducted by the officer's employing government entity.

(3) Pursuant to a subpoena issued by a grand jury, the board shall provide to the grand jury information from the database relating to the person who is the subject of an investigation being conducted by the grand jury.

(4) Pursuant to a subpoena, search warrant, or court order in connection with the investigation or prosecution of a possible or alleged criminal offense, the board shall provide information from the database as necessary to comply with the subpoena, search warrant, or court order.

(5) On receipt of a request from a prescriber or the prescriber's delegate approved by the board, the board shall provide to the prescriber a report of information from the database relating to a patient who is either a current patient of the prescriber or a potential patient of the prescriber based on a referral of the patient to the prescriber, if all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The prescriber certifies in a form specified by the board that it is for the purpose of providing medical treatment to the patient who is the subject of the request;

(b) The prescriber has not been denied access to the database by the board.

(6) On receipt of a request from a pharmacist or the pharmacist's delegate approved by the board, the board shall provide to the pharmacist information from the database relating to a current patient of the pharmacist, if the pharmacist certifies in a form specified by the board that it is for the purpose of the pharmacist's practice of pharmacy involving the patient who is the subject of the request and the pharmacist has not been denied access to the database by the board.

(7) On receipt of a request from an individual seeking the individual's own database information in accordance with the procedure established in rules adopted under section 4729.84 of the Revised Code, the board may provide to the individual the individual's own prescription history.

(8) On receipt of a request from ~~a medical director or a pharmacy director~~ of a managed care organization that has entered into a contract with the department of medicaid under section 5167.10 of the Revised Code and a data security agreement with the board required by section 5167.14 of the Revised Code, the board shall provide to the ~~medical director or the pharmacy director~~ organization information from the database relating to a medicaid recipient enrolled in the ~~managed care organization~~ organization's medicaid MCO plan, as defined in section 5167.01 of the Revised Code, including information in the database related to prescriptions for the recipient that were not covered or reimbursed under a program administered by the department of medicaid.

(9) On receipt of a request from the medicaid director, the board shall provide to the director information from the database relating to a recipient of a program administered by the department of medicaid, including information in the database related to prescriptions for the recipient that were not covered or paid by a program administered by the department.

(10) On receipt of a request from a medical director of a managed care organization that has entered into a contract with the administrator of workers' compensation under division (B)(4) of section 4121.44 of the Revised Code and a data security agreement with the board required by section 4121.447 of the Revised Code, the board shall provide to the medical director information from the database relating to a claimant under Chapter 4121., 4123., 4127., or 4131. of the Revised Code assigned to the managed care organization, including information in the database related to prescriptions for the claimant that were not covered or reimbursed under Chapter 4121., 4123., 4127., or 4131. of the Revised Code, if the administrator of workers' compensation confirms, upon request from the board, that the claimant is assigned to the managed care organization.

(11) On receipt of a request from the administrator of workers' compensation, the board shall provide to the administrator information from the database relating to a claimant under Chapter 4121., 4123., 4127., or 4131. of the Revised Code, including information in the database related to prescriptions for the claimant that were not covered or reimbursed under Chapter 4121., 4123., 4127., or 4131. of the Revised Code.

(12) On receipt of a request from a prescriber or the prescriber's delegate approved by the board, the board shall provide to the prescriber

information from the database relating to a patient's mother, if the prescriber certifies in a form specified by the board that it is for the purpose of providing medical treatment to a newborn or infant patient diagnosed as opioid dependent and the prescriber has not been denied access to the database by the board.

(13) On receipt of a request from the director of health, the board shall provide to the director information from the database relating to the duties of the director or the department of health in implementing the Ohio violent death reporting system established under section 3701.93 of the Revised Code.

(14) On receipt of a request from a requestor described in division (A)(1), (2), (5), or (6) of this section who is from or participating with another state's prescription monitoring program, the board may provide to the requestor information from the database, but only if there is a written agreement under which the information is to be used and disseminated according to the laws of this state.

(15) On receipt of a request from a delegate of a retail dispensary licensed under Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code who is approved by the board to serve as the dispensary's delegate, the board shall provide to the delegate a report of information from the database pertaining only to a patient's use of medical marijuana, if both of the following conditions are met:

(a) The delegate certifies in a form specified by the board that it is for the purpose of dispensing medical marijuana for use in accordance with Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code.

(b) The retail dispensary or delegate has not been denied access to the database by the board.

(16) On receipt of a request from a judge of a program certified by the Ohio supreme court as a specialized docket program for drugs, the board shall provide to the judge, or an employee of the program who is designated by the judge to receive the information, information from the database that relates specifically to a current or prospective program participant.

(17) On receipt of a request from a coroner, deputy coroner, or coroner's delegate approved by the board, the board shall provide to the requestor information from the database relating to a deceased person about whom the coroner is conducting or has conducted an autopsy or investigation.

(18) On receipt of a request from a prescriber, the board may provide to the prescriber a summary of the prescriber's prescribing record if such a record is created by the board. Information in the summary is subject to the confidentiality requirements of this chapter.

(19)(a) On receipt of a request from a pharmacy's responsible person, the board may provide to the responsible person a summary of the pharmacy's dispensing record if such a record is created by the board. Information in the summary is subject to the confidentiality requirements of this chapter.

(b) As used in division (A)(19)(a) of this section, "responsible person" has the same meaning as in rules adopted by the board under section 4729.26 of the Revised Code.

(20) The board may provide information from the database without request to a prescriber or pharmacist who is authorized to use the database pursuant to this chapter.

(21)(a) On receipt of a request from a prescriber or pharmacist, or the prescriber's or pharmacist's delegate, who is a designated representative of a peer review committee, the board shall provide to the committee information from the database relating to a prescriber who is subject to the committee's evaluation, supervision, or discipline if the information is to be used for one of those purposes. The board shall provide only information that it determines, in accordance with rules adopted under section 4729.84 of the Revised Code, is appropriate to be provided to the committee.

(b) As used in division (A)(21)(a) of this section, "peer review committee" has the same meaning as in section 2305.25 of the Revised Code, except that it includes only a peer review committee of a hospital or a peer review committee of a nonprofit health care corporation that is a member of the hospital or of which the hospital is a member.

(22) On receipt of a request from a requestor described in division (A)(5) or (6) of this section who is from or participating with a prescription monitoring program that is operated by a federal agency and approved by the board, the board may provide to the requestor information from the database, but only if there is a written agreement under which the information is to be used and disseminated according to the laws of this state.

(23) Any personal health information submitted to the board pursuant to section 4729.772 of the Revised Code may be provided by the board only as authorized by the submitter of the information and in accordance with rules adopted under section 4729.84 of the Revised Code.

(B) The state board of pharmacy shall maintain a record of each individual or entity that requests information from the database pursuant to this section. In accordance with rules adopted under section 4729.84 of the Revised Code, the board may use the records to document and report statistics and law enforcement outcomes.

The board may provide records of an individual's requests for database information only to the following:

(1) A designated representative of a government entity that is responsible for the licensure, regulation, or discipline of health care professionals with authority to prescribe, administer, or dispense drugs who is involved in an active criminal or disciplinary investigation being conducted by the government entity of the individual who submitted the requests for database information;

(2) A federal officer, or a state or local officer of this or any other state, whose duties include enforcing laws relating to drugs and who is involved in an active investigation being conducted by the officer's employing government entity of the individual who submitted the requests for database information;

(3) A designated representative of the department of medicaid regarding a prescriber who is treating or has treated a recipient of a program administered by the department and who submitted the requests for database information.

(C) Information contained in the database and any information obtained from it is confidential and is not a public record. Information contained in the records of requests for information from the database is confidential and is not a public record. Information contained in the database that does not identify a person, including any licensee or registrant of the board or other entity, may be released in summary, statistical, or aggregate form.

(D) A pharmacist or prescriber shall not be held liable in damages to any person in any civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property on the basis that the pharmacist or prescriber did or did not seek or obtain information from the database.

Sec. 4729.801. If the state board of pharmacy establishes and maintains a drug database pursuant to section 4729.75 of the Revised Code, all of the following apply to each request for information from the database as described in division (A)(8) of section 4729.80 of the Revised Code:

(A) A managed care organization may submit a request to the board for information about all medicaid recipients enrolled in the organization's medicaid MCO plan, as defined in section 5167.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) The board shall provide the information described in division (A) of this section to the organization in a single electronic file or format.

Sec. 4729.86. If the state board of pharmacy establishes and maintains a drug database pursuant to section 4729.75 of the Revised Code, all of the following apply:

(A)(1) No person identified in divisions (A)(1) to (13), (15) to ~~(22)~~(23),

or (B) of section 4729.80 of the Revised Code shall disseminate any written or electronic information the person receives from the drug database or otherwise provide another person access to the information that the person receives from the database, except as follows:

(a) When necessary in the investigation or prosecution of a possible or alleged criminal offense;

(b) When a person provides the information to the prescriber, pharmacist, or retail dispensary licensed under Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code for whom the person is approved by the board to serve as a delegate of the prescriber, pharmacist, or retail dispensary for purposes of requesting and receiving information from the drug database under division (A)(5), (6), or (15) of section 4729.80 of the Revised Code;

(c) When a prescriber, pharmacist, or retail dispensary licensed under Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code provides the information to a person who is approved by the board to serve as such a delegate of the prescriber, pharmacist, or retail dispensary;

(d) When a prescriber or pharmacist includes the information in a medical record, as defined in section 3701.74 of the Revised Code.

(2) No person shall provide false information to the state board of pharmacy with the intent to obtain or alter information contained in the drug database.

(3) No person shall obtain drug database information by any means except as provided under section 4729.80 or 4729.81 of the Revised Code.

(B) A person shall not use information obtained pursuant to division (A) of section 4729.80 of the Revised Code as evidence in any civil or administrative proceeding.

(C)(1) Except as provided in division (C)(2) of this section, after providing notice and affording an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the board may restrict a person from obtaining further information from the drug database if any of the following is the case:

(a) The person violates division (A)(1), (2), or (3) of this section;

(b) The person is a requestor identified in division (A)(14) or (22) of section 4729.80 of the Revised Code and the board determines that the person's actions in another state would have constituted a violation of division (A)(1), (2), or (3) of this section;

(c) The person fails to comply with division (B) of this section, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the failure to comply occurred;

(d) The person creates, by clear and convincing evidence, a threat to the security of information contained in the database.

(2) If the board determines that allegations regarding a person's actions warrant restricting the person from obtaining further information from the drug database without a prior hearing, the board may summarily impose the restriction. A telephone conference call may be used for reviewing the allegations and taking a vote on the summary restriction. The summary restriction shall remain in effect, unless removed by the board, until the board's final adjudication order becomes effective.

(3) The board shall determine the extent to which the person is restricted from obtaining further information from the database.

Sec. 4730.02. (A) No person shall hold that person out as being able to function as a physician assistant, or use any words or letters indicating or implying that the person is a physician assistant, without a current, valid license to practice as a physician assistant issued pursuant to this chapter.

(B) No person shall practice as a physician assistant without the supervision, control, and direction of a physician.

(C) No person shall practice as a physician assistant without having entered into a supervision agreement with a supervising physician under section 4730.19 of the Revised Code.

(D) No person acting as the supervising physician of a physician assistant shall authorize the physician assistant to perform services if either of the following is the case:

(1) The services are not within the physician's normal course of practice and expertise;

(2) The services are inconsistent with the supervision agreement under which the physician assistant is being supervised, including, if applicable, the policies of the health care facility in which the physician and physician assistant are practicing.

(E) No person practicing as a physician assistant shall prescribe any drug or device to perform or induce an abortion, or otherwise perform or induce an abortion.

(F) No person shall advertise to provide services as a physician assistant, except for the purpose of seeking employment.

(G) No person practicing as a physician assistant shall fail to wear at all times when on duty a placard, plate, or other device identifying that person as a "physician assistant."

(H) Division (A) of this section does not apply to a person who meets ~~both~~ all of the following conditions:

(1) The person holds in good standing a valid license or other form of authority to practice as a physician assistant issued by another state.

(2) The person is practicing as a volunteer without remuneration during

a charitable event that lasts not more than seven days.

(3) The medical care provided by the person will be supervised by the medical director of the charitable event or by another physician.

When a person meets the conditions of this division, the person shall be deemed to hold, during the course of the charitable event, a license to practice as a physician assistant from the state medical board and shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter authorizing the board to take disciplinary action against a license holder. Not less than seven calendar days before the first day of the charitable event, the person or the event's organizer shall notify the board of the person's intent to practice as a physician assistant at the event. During the course of the charitable event, the person's scope of practice is limited to the procedures that a physician assistant licensed under this chapter is authorized to perform unless the person's scope of practice in the other state is more restrictive than in this state. If the latter is the case, the person's scope of practice is limited to the procedures that a physician assistant in the other state may perform.

Sec. 4730.10. (A) An individual seeking a license to practice as a physician assistant shall file with the state medical board a written application on a form prescribed and supplied by the board. The application shall include all of the following:

(1) The applicant's name, residential address, business address, if any, and social security number;

(2) Satisfactory proof that the applicant meets the age and moral character requirements specified in divisions (A)(1) and (2) of section 4730.11 of the Revised Code;

(3) Satisfactory proof that the applicant meets either the educational requirements specified in division (B)(1) or (2) of section 4730.11 of the Revised Code or the educational or other applicable requirements specified in division (C)(1), (2), or (3) of that section;

(4) Any other information the board requires.

(B) At the time of making application for a license to practice, the applicant shall pay the board a fee of ~~five~~ four hundred dollars, no part of which shall be returned. The fees shall be deposited in accordance with section 4731.24 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4730.12. (A) The state medical board shall review each application ~~received under section 4730.10 of the Revised Code~~ for a license to practice as a physician assistant received under section 4730.10 of the Revised Code. Not later than sixty days after receiving a complete application, the board shall determine whether the applicant meets the requirements to receive the license, as specified in section 4730.11 of the Revised Code. ~~An affirmative~~

~~vote of not fewer than six members of the board is required to determine that an applicant meets the requirements to receive a license to practice as a physician assistant.~~

(B) If the board determines that an applicant meets the requirements to receive the license, the secretary of the board shall register the applicant as a physician assistant and issue to the applicant a license to practice as a physician assistant.

Sec. 4730.14. (A) A license to practice as a physician assistant shall be valid for a two-year period unless revoked or suspended, shall expire biennially on the date that is two years after the date of issuance, and may be renewed for additional two-year periods in accordance with this section. A person seeking to renew a license ~~to practice as a physician assistant shall, on or before the thirty first day of January of each even numbered year,~~ apply to the state medical board for renewal of the license prior to the license's expiration date. The ~~state medical~~ board shall provide renewal notices to license holders at least one month prior to the expiration date.

Applications shall be submitted to the board in a manner prescribed by the board. Each application shall be accompanied by a biennial renewal fee of two hundred dollars. The board shall deposit the fees in accordance with section 4731.24 of the Revised Code.

The applicant shall report any criminal offense that constitutes grounds for refusing to issue a license to practice under section 4730.25 of the Revised Code to which the applicant has pleaded guilty, of which the applicant has been found guilty, or for which the applicant has been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction, since last signing an application for a license to practice as a physician assistant.

(B) To be eligible for renewal of a license, an applicant is subject to all of the following:

(1) The applicant must certify to the board that the applicant has maintained certification by the national commission on certification of physician assistants or a successor organization that is recognized by the board by meeting the standards to hold current certification from the commission or its successor, including ~~completion of continuing medical education requirements and~~ passing periodic recertification examinations;

(2) Except as provided in ~~division (F) of this section and~~ section 5903.12 of the Revised Code, the applicant must certify to the board that the applicant ~~has completed during the current licensure period not less than one hundred hours of~~ is in compliance with the continuing medical education acceptable to the board requirements necessary to hold current certification from the commission or its successor.

(3) The applicant must comply with the renewal eligibility requirements established under section 4730.49 of the Revised Code that pertain to the applicant.

~~(C) The board shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code specifying the types of continuing medical education that must be completed to fulfill the board's requirements under division (B)(2) of this section. Except when additional continuing medical education is required, as specified in section 4730.49 of the Revised Code, the board shall not adopt rules that require a physician assistant to complete in any licensure period more than one hundred hours of continuing medical education acceptable to the board. In fulfilling the board's requirements, a physician assistant may use continuing medical education courses or programs completed to maintain certification by the national commission on certification of physician assistants or a successor organization that is recognized by the board if the standards for acceptable courses and programs of the commission or its successor are at least equivalent to the standards established by the board.~~

~~(D)~~ If an applicant submits a complete renewal application and qualifies for renewal pursuant to division (B) of this section, the board shall issue to the applicant a renewed license to practice as a physician assistant.

~~(E)~~(D) The board may require a random sample of physician assistants to submit materials documenting certification both of the following:

(1) Certification by the national commission on certification of physician assistants or a successor organization that is recognized by the board and completion of:

(2) Completion of the required number of hours of continuing medical education required to hold current certification from the commission or its successor.

~~(F) The board shall provide for pro rata reductions by month of the number of hours of continuing education that must be completed for individuals who are in their first licensure period, who have been disabled due to illness or accident, or who have been absent from the country. The board shall adopt rules, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, as necessary to implement this division.~~

~~(G)~~(4) Division (D) of this section does not limit the board's authority to conduct investigations pursuant to section 4730.25 of the Revised Code.

(E) A license to practice that is not renewed on or before its expiration date is automatically suspended on its expiration date. Continued practice after suspension of the license shall be considered as practicing in violation of division (A) of section 4730.02 of the Revised Code.

~~(2)~~(F) If a license has been suspended pursuant to division ~~(G)~~(1)(E) of this section for two years or less, it may be reinstated. The board shall reinstate a license suspended for failure to renew upon an applicant's submission of a renewal application, the biennial renewal fee, and any applicable monetary penalty.

If a license has been suspended pursuant to division ~~(G)~~(1)(E) of this section for more than two years, it may be restored. In accordance with section 4730.28 of the Revised Code, the board may restore a license suspended for failure to renew upon an applicant's submission of a restoration application, the biennial renewal fee, and any applicable monetary penalty and compliance with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised Code. The board shall not restore to an applicant a license to practice as a physician assistant unless the board, in its discretion, decides that the results of the criminal records check do not make the applicant ineligible for a license issued pursuant to section 4730.12 of the Revised Code.

The penalty for reinstatement shall be fifty dollars and the penalty for restoration shall be one hundred dollars. The board shall deposit penalties in accordance with section 4731.24 of the Revised Code.

~~(H) If an individual certifies that the individual has completed the number of hours and type of continuing medical education required for renewal or reinstatement of a license to practice as a physician assistant, and the board finds through a random sample conducted under division (E) of this section or through any other means that the individual did not complete the requisite continuing medical education, the board may impose a civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars.~~

~~A civil penalty imposed under this division may be in addition to or in lieu of any other action the board may take under section 4730.25 of the Revised Code. The board shall deposit civil penalties in accordance with section 4731.24 of the Revised Code. The board shall not conduct an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code if the board imposes only a civil penalty~~

(G)(1) If, through a random sample conducted under division (D) of this section or any other means, the board finds that an individual who certified completion of the continuing medical education required to renew, reinstate, or restore a license to practice did not complete the requisite continuing medical education, the board may do either of the following:

(a) Take disciplinary action against the individual under section 4730.25 of the Revised Code, impose a civil penalty, or both;

(b) Permit the individual to agree in writing to complete the continuing

medical education and pay a civil penalty.

(2) The board's finding in any disciplinary action taken under division (G)(1)(a) of this section shall be made pursuant to an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six of its members.

(3) A civil penalty imposed under division (G)(1)(a) of this section or paid under division (G)(1)(b) of this section shall be in an amount specified by the board of not more than five thousand dollars. The board shall deposit civil penalties in accordance with section 4731.24 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4730.19. (A) Before initiating supervision of one or more physician assistants licensed under this chapter, a physician shall enter into a supervision agreement with each physician assistant who will be supervised. A supervision agreement may apply to one or more physician assistants, but, except as provided in division (B)(2)(e) of this section, may apply to not more than one physician. The supervision agreement shall specify that the physician agrees to supervise the physician assistant and the physician assistant agrees to practice under that physician's supervision.

The agreement shall clearly state that the supervising physician is legally responsible and assumes legal liability for the services provided by the physician assistant. The agreement shall be signed by the physician and the physician assistant.

(B) A supervision agreement shall include either or both of the following:

(1) If a physician assistant will practice within a health care facility, the agreement shall include terms that require the physician assistant to practice in accordance with the policies of the health care facility.

(2) If a physician assistant will practice outside a health care facility, the agreement shall include terms that specify all of the following:

(a) The responsibilities to be fulfilled by the physician in supervising the physician assistant;

(b) The responsibilities to be fulfilled by the physician assistant when performing services under the physician's supervision;

(c) Any limitations on the responsibilities to be fulfilled by the physician assistant;

(d) The circumstances under which the physician assistant is required to refer a patient to the supervising physician;

(e) If the supervising physician chooses to designate physicians to act as alternate supervising physicians, the names, business addresses, and business telephone numbers of the physicians who have agreed to act in that capacity.

(C) A supervision agreement may be amended to modify the responsibilities of one or more physician assistants or to include one or more additional physician assistants.

(D) ~~A~~ The supervising physician who entered into a supervision agreement shall be kept retain a copy of the agreement in the records maintained by the supervising physician. Each physician assistant who entered into the supervision agreement shall retain a copy of the agreement in the records maintained by the physician assistant.

(E)(1) ~~The~~ If the board may impose a civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars if it finds, through a review conducted under this section or through any other means, any of the following, the board may take disciplinary action against the individual under section 4730.25 or 4731.22 of the Revised Code, impose a civil penalty, or both:

(a) That a physician assistant has practiced in a manner that departs from, or fails to conform to, the terms of a supervision agreement entered into under this section;

(b) That a physician has supervised a physician assistant in a manner that departs from, or fails to conform to, the terms of a supervision agreement entered into under this section;

(c) That a physician or physician assistant failed to comply with division (A) or (B) of this section.

(2) If the board finds, through a review conducted under this section or through any other means, that a physician or physician assistant failed to comply with division (D) of this section, the board may do either of the following:

(a) Take disciplinary action against the individual under section 4730.25 or 4731.22 of the Revised Code, impose a civil penalty, or both;

(b) Permit the individual to agree in writing to update the records to comply with division (D) of this section and pay a civil penalty.

(3) The board's finding in any disciplinary action taken under division (A)(1)(E) of this section shall be made pursuant to an adjudication conducted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. A

(4) A civil penalty imposed under that division may be in addition to or in lieu of any other action the board may take under section 4730.25 or 4731.22 of the Revised Code (E)(1) or (2)(a) of this section or paid under division (E)(2)(b) of this section shall be in an amount specified by the board of not more than five thousand dollars and shall be deposited in accordance with section 4731.24 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4730.25. (A) The state medical board, by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six members, may revoke or may refuse to grant a license to

practice as a physician assistant to a person found by the board to have committed fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in applying for or securing the license.

(B) The board, by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six members, shall, to the extent permitted by law, limit, revoke, or suspend an individual's license to practice as a physician assistant or prescriber number, refuse to issue a license to an applicant, refuse to renew a ~~certificate~~ license, refuse to reinstate a license, or reprimand or place on probation the holder of a license for any of the following reasons:

(1) Failure to practice in accordance with the supervising physician's supervision agreement with the physician assistant, including, if applicable, the policies of the health care facility in which the supervising physician and physician assistant are practicing;

(2) Failure to comply with the requirements of this chapter, Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code, or any rules adopted by the board;

(3) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provision of this chapter, Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code, or the rules adopted by the board;

(4) Inability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care by reason of mental illness or physical illness, including physical deterioration that adversely affects cognitive, motor, or perceptive skills;

(5) Impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice;

(6) Administering drugs for purposes other than those authorized under this chapter;

(7) Willfully betraying a professional confidence;

(8) Making a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement in soliciting or advertising for employment as a physician assistant; in connection with any solicitation or advertisement for patients; in relation to the practice of medicine as it pertains to physician assistants; or in securing or attempting to secure a license to practice as a physician assistant.

As used in this division, "false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement" means a statement that includes a misrepresentation of fact, is likely to mislead or deceive because of a failure to disclose material facts, is intended or is likely to create false or unjustified expectations of favorable results, or includes representations or implications that in reasonable probability will cause an ordinarily prudent person to misunderstand or be deceived.

(9) Representing, with the purpose of obtaining compensation or other advantage personally or for any other person, that an incurable disease or injury, or other incurable condition, can be permanently cured;

(10) The obtaining of, or attempting to obtain, money or anything of value by fraudulent misrepresentations in the course of practice;

(11) A plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for, a felony;

(12) Commission of an act that constitutes a felony in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed;

(13) A plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for, a misdemeanor committed in the course of practice;

(14) A plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for, a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;

(15) Commission of an act in the course of practice that constitutes a misdemeanor in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed;

(16) Commission of an act involving moral turpitude that constitutes a misdemeanor in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed;

(17) A plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for violating any state or federal law regulating the possession, distribution, or use of any drug, including trafficking in drugs;

(18) Any of the following actions taken by the state agency responsible for regulating the practice of physician assistants in another state, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand;

(19) A departure from, or failure to conform to, minimal standards of care of similar physician assistants under the same or similar circumstances, regardless of whether actual injury to a patient is established;

(20) Violation of the conditions placed by the board on a license to practice as a physician assistant;

(21) Failure to use universal blood and body fluid precautions established by rules adopted under section 4731.051 of the Revised Code;

(22) Failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the board

under section 4730.26 of the Revised Code, including failure to comply with a subpoena or order issued by the board or failure to answer truthfully a question presented by the board at a deposition or in written interrogatories, except that failure to cooperate with an investigation shall not constitute grounds for discipline under this section if a court of competent jurisdiction has issued an order that either quashes a subpoena or permits the individual to withhold the testimony or evidence in issue;

(23) Assisting suicide, as defined in section 3795.01 of the Revised Code;

(24) Prescribing any drug or device to perform or induce an abortion, or otherwise performing or inducing an abortion;

(25) Failure to comply with section 4730.53 of the Revised Code, unless the board no longer maintains a drug database pursuant to section 4729.75 of the Revised Code;

(26) Failure to comply with the requirements in section 3719.061 of the Revised Code before issuing for a minor a prescription for an opioid analgesic, as defined in section 3719.01 of the Revised Code;

(27) Having certification by the national commission on certification of physician assistants or a successor organization expire, lapse, or be suspended or revoked;

(28) The revocation, suspension, restriction, reduction, or termination of clinical privileges by the United States department of defense or department of veterans affairs or the termination or suspension of a certificate of registration to prescribe drugs by the drug enforcement administration of the United States department of justice.

(C) Disciplinary actions taken by the board under divisions (A) and (B) of this section shall be taken pursuant to an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, except that in lieu of an adjudication, the board may enter into a consent agreement with a physician assistant or applicant to resolve an allegation of a violation of this chapter or any rule adopted under it. A consent agreement, when ratified by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six members of the board, shall constitute the findings and order of the board with respect to the matter addressed in the agreement. If the board refuses to ratify a consent agreement, the admissions and findings contained in the consent agreement shall be of no force or effect.

(D) For purposes of divisions (B)(12), (15), and (16) of this section, the commission of the act may be established by a finding by the board, pursuant to an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, that the applicant or license holder committed the act in question. The board shall have no jurisdiction under these divisions in cases where the trial court

renders a final judgment in the license holder's favor and that judgment is based upon an adjudication on the merits. The board shall have jurisdiction under these divisions in cases where the trial court issues an order of dismissal upon technical or procedural grounds.

(E) The sealing of conviction records by any court shall have no effect upon a prior board order entered under the provisions of this section or upon the board's jurisdiction to take action under the provisions of this section if, based upon a plea of guilty, a judicial finding of guilt, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction, the board issued a notice of opportunity for a hearing prior to the court's order to seal the records. The board shall not be required to seal, destroy, redact, or otherwise modify its records to reflect the court's sealing of conviction records.

(F) For purposes of this division, any individual who holds a license issued under this chapter, or applies for a license issued under this chapter, shall be deemed to have given consent to submit to a mental or physical examination when directed to do so in writing by the board and to have waived all objections to the admissibility of testimony or examination reports that constitute a privileged communication.

(1) In enforcing division (B)(4) of this section, the board, upon a showing of a possible violation, may compel any individual who holds a license issued under this chapter or who has applied for a license pursuant to this chapter to submit to a mental examination, physical examination, including an HIV test, or both a mental and physical examination. The expense of the examination is the responsibility of the individual compelled to be examined. Failure to submit to a mental or physical examination or consent to an HIV test ordered by the board constitutes an admission of the allegations against the individual unless the failure is due to circumstances beyond the individual's control, and a default and final order may be entered without the taking of testimony or presentation of evidence. If the board finds a physician assistant unable to practice because of the reasons set forth in division (B)(4) of this section, the board shall require the physician assistant to submit to care, counseling, or treatment by physicians approved or designated by the board, as a condition for an initial, continued, reinstated, or renewed license. An individual affected under this division shall be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate to the board the ability to resume practicing in compliance with acceptable and prevailing standards of care.

(2) For purposes of division (B)(5) of this section, if the board has reason to believe that any individual who holds a license issued under this chapter or any applicant for a license suffers such impairment, the board

may compel the individual to submit to a mental or physical examination, or both. The expense of the examination is the responsibility of the individual compelled to be examined. Any mental or physical examination required under this division shall be undertaken by a treatment provider or physician qualified to conduct such examination and chosen by the board.

Failure to submit to a mental or physical examination ordered by the board constitutes an admission of the allegations against the individual unless the failure is due to circumstances beyond the individual's control, and a default and final order may be entered without the taking of testimony or presentation of evidence. If the board determines that the individual's ability to practice is impaired, the board shall suspend the individual's license or deny the individual's application and shall require the individual, as a condition for initial, continued, reinstated, or renewed licensure, to submit to treatment.

Before being eligible to apply for reinstatement of a license suspended under this division, the physician assistant shall demonstrate to the board the ability to resume practice or prescribing in compliance with acceptable and prevailing standards of care. The demonstration shall include the following:

(a) Certification from a treatment provider approved under section 4731.25 of the Revised Code that the individual has successfully completed any required inpatient treatment;

(b) Evidence of continuing full compliance with an aftercare contract or consent agreement;

(c) Two written reports indicating that the individual's ability to practice has been assessed and that the individual has been found capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care. The reports shall be made by individuals or providers approved by the board for making such assessments and shall describe the basis for their determination.

The board may reinstate a license suspended under this division after such demonstration and after the individual has entered into a written consent agreement.

When the impaired physician assistant resumes practice or prescribing, the board shall require continued monitoring of the physician assistant. The monitoring shall include compliance with the written consent agreement entered into before reinstatement or with conditions imposed by board order after a hearing, and, upon termination of the consent agreement, submission to the board for at least two years of annual written progress reports made under penalty of falsification stating whether the physician assistant has maintained sobriety.

(G) If the secretary and supervising member determine that there is clear and convincing evidence that a physician assistant has violated division (B) of this section and that the individual's continued practice or prescribing presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public, they may recommend that the board suspend the individual's license without a prior hearing. Written allegations shall be prepared for consideration by the board.

The board, upon review of those allegations and by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six of its members, excluding the secretary and supervising member, may suspend a license without a prior hearing. A telephone conference call may be utilized for reviewing the allegations and taking the vote on the summary suspension.

The board shall issue a written order of suspension by certified mail or in person in accordance with section 119.07 of the Revised Code. The order shall not be subject to suspension by the court during pendency of any appeal filed under section 119.12 of the Revised Code. If the physician assistant requests an adjudicatory hearing by the board, the date set for the hearing shall be within fifteen days, but not earlier than seven days, after the physician assistant requests the hearing, unless otherwise agreed to by both the board and the license holder.

A summary suspension imposed under this division shall remain in effect, unless reversed on appeal, until a final adjudicative order issued by the board pursuant to this section and Chapter 119. of the Revised Code becomes effective. The board shall issue its final adjudicative order within sixty days after completion of its hearing. Failure to issue the order within sixty days shall result in dissolution of the summary suspension order, but shall not invalidate any subsequent, final adjudicative order.

(H) If the board takes action under division (B)(11), (13), or (14) of this section, and the judicial finding of guilt, guilty plea, or judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction is overturned on appeal, upon exhaustion of the criminal appeal, a petition for reconsideration of the order may be filed with the board along with appropriate court documents. Upon receipt of a petition and supporting court documents, the board shall reinstate the individual's license. The board may then hold an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to determine whether the individual committed the act in question. Notice of opportunity for hearing shall be given in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. If the board finds, pursuant to an adjudication held under this division, that the individual committed the act, or if no hearing is requested, it may order any of the sanctions identified under division (B) of this section.

(I) The license to practice issued to a physician assistant and the physician assistant's practice in this state are automatically suspended as of the date the physician assistant pleads guilty to, is found by a judge or jury to be guilty of, or is subject to a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction in this state or treatment or intervention in lieu of conviction in another state for any of the following criminal offenses in this state or a substantially equivalent criminal offense in another jurisdiction: aggravated murder, murder, voluntary manslaughter, felonious assault, kidnapping, rape, sexual battery, gross sexual imposition, aggravated arson, aggravated robbery, or aggravated burglary. Continued practice after the suspension shall be considered practicing without a license.

The board shall notify the individual subject to the suspension by certified mail or in person in accordance with section 119.07 of the Revised Code. If an individual whose license is suspended under this division fails to make a timely request for an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the board shall enter a final order permanently revoking the individual's license to practice.

(J) In any instance in which the board is required by Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to give notice of opportunity for hearing and the individual subject to the notice does not timely request a hearing in accordance with section 119.07 of the Revised Code, the board is not required to hold a hearing, but may adopt, by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six of its members, a final order that contains the board's findings. In that final order, the board may order any of the sanctions identified under division (A) or (B) of this section.

(K) Any action taken by the board under division (B) of this section resulting in a suspension shall be accompanied by a written statement of the conditions under which the physician assistant's license may be reinstated. The board shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing conditions to be imposed for reinstatement. Reinstatement of a license suspended pursuant to division (B) of this section requires an affirmative vote of not fewer than six members of the board.

(L) When the board refuses to grant or issue to an applicant a license to practice as a physician assistant, revokes an individual's license, refuses to renew an individual's license, or refuses to reinstate an individual's license, the board may specify that its action is permanent. An individual subject to a permanent action taken by the board is forever thereafter ineligible to hold the license and the board shall not accept an application for reinstatement of the license or for issuance of a new license.

(M) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised Code, all of the following apply:

(1) The surrender of a license issued under this chapter is not effective unless or until accepted by the board. Reinstatement of a license surrendered to the board requires an affirmative vote of not fewer than six members of the board.

(2) An application made under this chapter for a license may not be withdrawn without approval of the board.

(3) Failure by an individual to renew a license in accordance with section 4730.14 of the Revised Code shall not remove or limit the board's jurisdiction to take disciplinary action under this section against the individual.

~~Sec. 4730.28. (A) An individual whose license to practice as a physician assistant issued under this chapter has been suspended or is in an inactive state for any cause for more than two years may apply to the state medical board to have the license restored.~~

~~(B)(1) The board shall not restore a license under this section unless the applicant complies with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised Code. The board shall determine the applicant's present fitness to resume practice. The board shall consider the moral background and the activities of the applicant during the period of suspension or inactivity.~~

~~(2) When restoring a license, the board may impose terms and conditions, including the following:~~

~~(a) Requiring the applicant to obtain additional training and pass an examination upon completion of the training;~~

~~(b) Restricting or limiting the extent, scope, or type of practice as a physician assistant that the individual may resume This section applies to both of the following:~~

~~(1) An applicant seeking restoration of a license issued under this chapter that has been in a suspended or inactive state for any cause for more than two years;~~

~~(2) An applicant seeking issuance of a license pursuant to this chapter who for more than two years has not been practicing as a physician assistant as either of the following:~~

~~(a) An active practitioner;~~

~~(b) A student in a program as described in division (B) or (C) of section 4730.11 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(B) Before issuing a license to an applicant subject to this section or restoring a license to good standing for an applicant subject to this section, the state medical board may impose terms and conditions including any one~~

or more of the following:

(1) Requiring the applicant to pass an oral or written examination, or both, to determine the applicant's present fitness to resume practice;

(2) Requiring the applicant to obtain additional training and to pass an examination upon completion of such training;

(3) Requiring an assessment of the applicant's physical skills for purposes of determining whether the applicant's coordination, fine motor skills, and dexterity are sufficient for performing evaluations and procedures in a manner that meets the minimal standards of care;

(4) Requiring an assessment of the applicant's skills in recognizing and understanding diseases and conditions;

(5) Requiring the applicant to undergo a comprehensive physical examination, which may include an assessment of physical abilities, evaluation of sensory capabilities, or screening for the presence of neurological disorders;

(6) Restricting or limiting the extent, scope, or type of practice of the applicant.

The board shall consider the moral background and the activities of the applicant during the period of suspension or inactivity. The board shall not issue or restore a license under this section unless the applicant complies with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4730.43. (A) A physician assistant who holds a valid prescriber number issued by the state medical board and has been granted physician-delegated prescriptive authority may personally furnish to a patient samples of drugs and therapeutic devices that are included in the physician assistant's physician-delegated prescriptive authority, subject to all of the following:

(1) The amount of the sample furnished shall not exceed a seventy-two-hour supply, except when the minimum available quantity of the sample is packaged in an amount that is greater than a seventy-two-hour supply, in which case the physician assistant may furnish the sample in the package amount.

(2) No charge may be imposed for the sample or for furnishing it.

(3) Samples of controlled substances may not be personally furnished.

(B) A physician assistant who holds a valid prescriber number issued by the state medical board and has been granted physician-delegated prescriptive authority may personally furnish to a patient a complete or partial supply of the drugs and therapeutic devices that are included in the physician assistant's physician-delegated prescriptive authority, subject to all of the following:

(1) The physician assistant shall personally furnish only antibiotics, antifungals, scabicides, contraceptives, prenatal vitamins, antihypertensives, drugs and devices used in the treatment of diabetes, drugs and devices used in the treatment of asthma, and drugs used in the treatment of dyslipidemia.

(2) The physician assistant shall not furnish the drugs and devices in locations other than a health department operated by the board of health of a city or general health district or the authority having the duties of a board of health under section 3709.05 of the Revised Code, a federally funded comprehensive primary care clinic, or a nonprofit health care clinic or program.

(3) The physician assistant shall comply with all standards and procedures for personally furnishing supplies of drugs and devices, as established in rules adopted under section 4730.39 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4730.49. (A) To be eligible for renewal of a license to practice as a physician assistant, an applicant who has been granted physician-delegated prescriptive authority is subject to both of the following:

(1) The applicant shall complete every two years at least twelve hours of continuing education in pharmacology obtained through a program or course approved by the state medical board or a person the board has authorized to approve continuing pharmacology education programs and courses. Except as provided ~~in division (B) of this section and~~ in section 5903.12 of the Revised Code, the continuing education shall be completed not later than the ~~thirty first day of January of each even-numbered year~~ date on which the applicant's license expires.

(2)(a) Except as provided in division (A)(2)(b) of this section, in the case of an applicant who prescribes opioid analgesics or benzodiazepines, as defined in section 3719.01 of the Revised Code, the applicant shall certify to the board whether the applicant has been granted access to the drug database established and maintained by the state board of pharmacy pursuant to section 4729.75 of the Revised Code.

(b) The requirement described in division (A)(2)(a) of this section does not apply if any of the following is the case:

(i) The state board of pharmacy notifies the state medical board pursuant to section 4729.861 of the Revised Code that the applicant has been restricted from obtaining further information from the drug database.

(ii) The state board of pharmacy no longer maintains the drug database.

(iii) The applicant does not practice as a physician assistant in this state.

(c) If an applicant certifies to the state medical board that the applicant has been granted access to the drug database and the board finds through an audit or other means that the applicant has not been granted access, the

board may take action under section 4730.25 of the Revised Code.

(B) The state medical board shall provide for pro rata reductions by month of the number of hours of continuing education in pharmacology that is required to be completed for physician assistants ~~who are in their first licensure period after completing the period of supervision required under section 4730.44 of the Revised Code,~~ who have been disabled due to illness or accident, or ~~who~~ have been absent from the country. The board shall adopt rules, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, as necessary to implement this division.

(C) The continuing education required by this section is in addition to the continuing education required under section 4730.14 of the Revised Code.

(D) If the board chooses to authorize persons to approve continuing pharmacology education programs and courses, it shall establish standards for granting that authority and grant the authority in accordance with the standards.

Sec. 4731.04. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Cosmetic therapy" means the permanent removal of hair from the human body through the use of electric modalities approved by the state medical board for use in cosmetic therapy and may include the systematic friction, stroking, slapping, and kneading or tapping of the face, neck, scalp, or shoulders.

(B) "Fifth pathway training" means supervised clinical training obtained in the United States as a substitute for the internship or social service requirements of a foreign medical school.

(C) "Graduate medical education" means education received through any of the following:

(1) An internship or residency, or clinical fellowship program conducted in the United States and accredited by either the accreditation council for graduate medical education of the American medical association or the American osteopathic association;

(2) A clinical fellowship program that is not accredited as described in division (C)(1) of this section, but is conducted in the United States at an institution with a residency program that is accredited ~~by either the accreditation council for graduate medical education of the American medical association or the American osteopathic association that as described in that division and~~ is in a clinical field the same as or related to the clinical field of the fellowship program;

(3) An internship program conducted in Canada and accredited by the committee on accreditation of preregistration physician training programs of

the federation of provincial medical licensing authorities of Canada;

(4) A residency program conducted in Canada and accredited by either the royal college of physicians and surgeons of Canada or the college of family physicians of Canada.

(D) "Massage therapy" means the treatment of disorders of the human body by the manipulation of soft tissue through the systematic external application of massage techniques including touch, stroking, friction, vibration, percussion, kneading, stretching, compression, and joint movements within the normal physiologic range of motion; and adjunctive thereto, the external application of water, heat, cold, topical preparations, and mechanical devices.

Sec. 4731.05. (A) The state medical board shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to carry out the purposes of this chapter. All adjudicative proceedings of the state medical board shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(B) The state medical board shall appoint an executive director who shall be in the unclassified service of the state. The board may appoint other employees of the board as are necessary and shall prescribe their titles and duties.

(C) The state medical board shall develop requirements for and provide appropriate initial and continuing training for investigators employed by the board to carry out its duties under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code. The training and continuing education may include enrollment in courses operated or approved by the Ohio peace officer training commission that the board considers appropriate under conditions set forth in section 109.79 of the Revised Code.

(D)(1) The state medical board shall adopt internal management rules pursuant to section 111.15 of the Revised Code. The rules shall set forth criteria for assessing the board's accomplishments, activities, and performance data, including metrics detailing the board's revenues and reimbursements; budget distribution; investigation and licensing activity, including issuance of licenses and processing time frames; and enforcement data, including processing time frames. The board shall include the assessment in the annual report required by section 149.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) The state medical board shall cause the internal management rules and annual report described in division (D)(1) of this section to be publicly accessible on the state medical board's web site.

Sec. 4731.07. (A) The state medical board shall keep a record of its proceedings. The minutes of a meeting of the board shall, on approval by the

board, constitute an official record of its proceedings.

(B) The board shall keep a register of applicants for licenses and certificates issued under this chapter and Chapters 4760., 4762., and 4774. of the Revised Code and; licenses issued under this chapter and Chapters 4730., 4759., 4761., 4760., 4762., 4774., and 4778.; and licenses and limited permits issued under Chapters 4759. and 4761. of the Revised Code. The register shall show the name of the applicant and whether the applicant was granted or refused a certificate or the license, certificate, or limited permit being sought. ~~With~~

With respect to applicants to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery, the register shall show the name of the institution that granted the applicant the degree of doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine. With respect to applicants to practice respiratory care, the register shall show the addresses of the person's last known place of business and residence, the effective date and identification number of the license or limited permit, and, if applicable, the name and location of the institution that granted the person's degree or certificate of completion of respiratory care educational requirements; and the date the degree or certificate of completion was issued. ~~The~~

(C) The books and records of the board shall be prima-facie evidence of matters therein contained.

Sec. 4731.14. (A) The state medical board shall review all applications submitted under section 4731.09 ~~or 4731.296~~ of the Revised Code and determine whether each applicant meets the requirements for a license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery. ~~An affirmative vote of not fewer than six members of the board is necessary for the board to determine that an applicant meets the requirements for a license.~~

(B) If the board determines that the evidence submitted with an application is satisfactory and the applicant meets the requirements for a license, the board shall issue to the applicant a license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery, as applicable. If the applicant holds a medical degree other than the degree of doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathic medicine, the license shall indicate that the applicant is authorized to practice medicine and surgery pursuant to the laws of this state. Each license issued by the board shall be signed by its president and secretary, and attested by its seal.

(C) The holder of a license to practice medicine and surgery issued under this chapter may use the titles "Dr.," "doctor," "M.D.," or "physician." The holder of a license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery issued

under this chapter may use the titles "Dr.," "doctor," "D.O.," or "physician."

(D) The holder of a license issued under this section shall either provide verification of licensure status from the board's internet web site on request or prominently display a wall certificate in the license holder's office or place where the majority of the holder's practice is conducted.

Sec. 4731.15. (A) The state medical board also shall regulate the following limited branches of medicine: massage therapy and cosmetic therapy, and to the extent specified in section 4731.151 of the Revised Code, naprapathy and mechanotherapy. The board shall adopt rules governing the limited branches of medicine under its jurisdiction. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(B) A ~~certificate~~ license to practice a limited branch of medicine issued by the state medical board is valid for a two-year period, ~~except when an initial certificate is issued for a shorter period or when division (C)(2) of this section is applicable~~ unless revoked or suspended and expires on the date that is two years after the date of issuance. The ~~certificate~~ license may be renewed for additional two-year periods in accordance with division (C) of this section.

(C)(1) ~~Except as provided in division (C)(2) of this section, both~~ Both of the following apply with respect to the renewal of ~~certificates~~ licenses to practice a limited branch of medicine:

~~(a)(1)~~ (1) Each person seeking to renew a ~~certificate~~ license to practice a limited branch of medicine shall apply for biennial renewal with the state medical board in a manner prescribed by the board. An applicant for renewal shall pay a biennial renewal fee of one hundred dollars.

~~(b)(2)~~ (2) At least one month before a ~~certificate~~ license expires, the board shall provide a renewal notice to the ~~certificate~~ license holder.

~~(2) The board shall implement a staggered renewal system that is substantially similar to the staggered renewal system the board uses under division (A) of section 4731.281 of the Revised Code.~~

(D) All persons who hold a ~~certificate~~ license to practice a limited branch of medicine issued by the state medical board shall provide the board notice of any change of address. The notice shall be submitted to the board not later than thirty days after the change of address.

(E) A ~~certificate~~ license to practice a limited branch of medicine shall be automatically suspended if the ~~certificate~~ license holder fails to renew the ~~certificate~~ license in accordance with division (C) of this section. Continued practice after the suspension of the ~~certificate~~ license to practice shall be considered as practicing in violation of sections 4731.34 and 4731.41 of the Revised Code.

If a ~~certificate to practice~~ license has been suspended pursuant to this division for two years or less, it may be reinstated. The board shall reinstate the ~~certificate~~ license upon an applicant's submission of a renewal application and payment of a reinstatement fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars. With regard to reinstatement of a ~~certificate~~ license to practice cosmetic therapy, the applicant also shall submit with the application a certification that the number of hours of continuing education necessary to have a suspended ~~certificate~~ license reinstated have been completed, as specified in rules the board shall adopt in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

If a ~~certificate~~ license has been suspended pursuant to this division for more than two years, it may be restored. Subject to section 4731.222 of the Revised Code, the board may restore the ~~certificate~~ license upon an applicant's submission of a restoration application and a restoration fee of one hundred fifty dollars and compliance with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised Code. The board shall not restore to an applicant a ~~certificate~~ license to practice unless the board, in its discretion, decides that the results of the criminal records check do not make the applicant ineligible for a ~~certificate~~ license issued pursuant to section 4731.17 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4731.155. (A) The state medical board may adopt rules that establish continuing education requirements for renewal under section 4731.15 of the Revised Code of a ~~certificate~~ license to practice a limited branch of medicine. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) If the board adopts rules establishing continuing education requirements for holders of licenses to practice a limited branch of medicine, the board may require a holder to certify to the board that the holder has satisfied the continuing education requirements.

(2) The board may require a random sample of license holders to submit materials documenting that the continuing education requirements adopted under this section have been satisfied.

Division (B)(2) of this section does not limit the board's authority to conduct investigations pursuant to section 4731.22 of the Revised Code.

(3) If, through a random sample conducted under division (B)(2) of this section or any other means, the board finds that an individual who certified completion of the number of hours and type of continuing education required to renew, reinstate, or restore a license to practice did not complete the requisite continuing education, the board may do either of the following:

(a) Take disciplinary action against the individual under section 4731.22 of the Revised Code, impose a civil penalty, or both;

(b) Permit the individual to agree in writing to complete the continuing education and pay a civil penalty.

(4) The board's finding in any disciplinary action taken under division (B)(3)(a) of this section shall be made pursuant to an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six of its members.

(5) A civil penalty imposed under division (B)(3)(a) of this section or paid under division (B)(3)(b) of this section shall be in an amount specified by the board of not more than five thousand dollars. The board shall deposit civil penalties in accordance with section 4731.24 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4731.17. (A) The state medical board shall review all applications received under section 4731.19 of the Revised Code. The board shall determine whether an applicant meets the requirements for a certificate license to practice the applicable limited branch of medicine. ~~An affirmative vote of not fewer than six members of the board is required to determine that an applicant meets the requirements for a certificate.~~

(B) If the board determines that the applicant meets the requirements for a certificate license and that the documentation required for a certificate license is acceptable, the board shall issue to the applicant the appropriate certificate license to practice. Each certificate license shall be signed by the president and secretary of the board and attested by its seal.

(C) A certificate license shall authorize the holder to practice the limited branch of medicine for which the certificate license was issued. No person who holds a certificate license to practice a limited branch of medicine issued by the board under this section shall do any of the following:

- (1) Practice a limited branch of medicine other than the limited branch of medicine for which the certificate license was issued;
- (2) Treat infectious, contagious, or venereal diseases;
- (3) Prescribe or administer drugs;
- (4) Perform surgery or practice medicine in any other form.

Sec. 4731.171. In addition to any other eligibility requirement set forth in this chapter, each applicant for a certificate license to practice massage therapy or cosmetic therapy shall comply with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised Code. The state medical board shall not grant to an applicant a certificate license to practice massage therapy or cosmetic therapy unless the board, in its discretion, decides that the results of the criminal records check do not make the applicant ineligible for a certificate license issued pursuant to section 4731.17 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4731.19. (A) A person seeking a certificate license to practice a limited branch of medicine shall file with the state medical board an

application in a manner prescribed by the board. The application shall include or be accompanied by all of the following:

(1) Evidence that the applicant is at least eighteen years of age and of good moral character;

(2) Evidence that the applicant has attained high school graduation or its equivalent;

(3) Evidence that the applicant holds one of the following:

(a) A diploma or certificate from a school, college, or institution in good standing as determined by the board, showing the completion of the required courses of instruction;

(b) A diploma or certificate from a school, college, or institution in another state or jurisdiction showing completion of a course of instruction that meets course requirements determined by the board through rules adopted under section 4731.05 of the Revised Code;

(c) ~~For not less than five years~~ During the five-year period immediately preceding the date of application, a current license, registration, or certificate in good standing in another state for massage therapy or cosmetic therapy.

(4) Evidence that the applicant has successfully passed an examination, prescribed in rules described in section 4731.16 of the Revised Code, to determine competency to practice the applicable limited branch of medicine;

(5) An attestation that the information submitted under this section is accurate and truthful and that the applicant consents to release of information;

(6) Any other information the board requires.

(B) An applicant for a ~~certificate~~ license to practice a limited branch of medicine shall comply with the requirements of section 4731.171 of the Revised Code.

(C) At the time of making application for a ~~certificate~~ license to practice a limited branch of medicine, the applicant shall pay to the board a fee of one hundred fifty dollars, no part of which shall be returned. No application shall be considered filed until the board receives the appropriate fee.

(D) The board may investigate the application materials received under this section and contact any agency or organization for recommendations or other information about the applicant.

Sec. 4731.222. (A) This section applies to both of the following:

(1) An applicant seeking restoration of a license or certificate issued under this chapter that has been in a suspended or inactive state for any cause for more than two years;

(2) An applicant seeking issuance of a license or certificate pursuant to

this chapter who for more than two years has not been engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, podiatric medicine and surgery, or a limited branch of medicine as any of the following:

- (a) An active practitioner;
- (b) A participant in a program of graduate medical education, as defined in section 4731.04 of the Revised Code;
- (c) A participant in a podiatric internship, residency, or clinical fellowship program;
- (d) A student in a college of podiatry determined by the state medical board to be in good standing;
- (e) A student in a school, college, or institution giving instruction in a limited branch of medicine determined by the board to be in good standing under section 4731.16 of the Revised Code.

(B) ~~Before restoring a license or certificate to good standing for or~~ issuing a license or certificate to an applicant subject to this section or restoring a license or certificate to good standing for an applicant subject to this section, the state medical board may impose terms and conditions including any one or more of the following:

- (1) Requiring the applicant to pass an oral or written examination, or both, to determine the applicant's present fitness to resume practice;
- (2) Requiring the applicant to obtain additional training and to pass an examination upon completion of such training;
- (3) Requiring an assessment of the applicant's physical skills for purposes of determining whether the applicant's coordination, fine motor skills, and dexterity are sufficient for performing medical evaluations and procedures in a manner that meets the minimal standards of care;
- (4) Requiring an assessment of the applicant's skills in recognizing and understanding diseases and conditions;
- (5) Requiring the applicant to undergo a comprehensive physical examination, which may include an assessment of physical abilities, evaluation of sensory capabilities, or screening for the presence of neurological disorders;
- (6) Restricting or limiting the extent, scope, or type of practice of the applicant.

The board shall consider the moral background and the activities of the applicant during the period of suspension or inactivity, in accordance with section 4731.09, 4731.19, or 4731.52 of the Revised Code. The board shall not issue or restore a license or certificate under this section unless the applicant complies with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4731.228. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Federally qualified health center" has the same meaning as in section 3701.047 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Federally qualified health center look-alike" has the same meaning as in section 3701.047 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Health care entity" means any of the following that employs a physician to provide physician services:

(a) A hospital registered with the department of health under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code;

(b) A corporation formed under division (B) of section 1701.03 of the Revised Code;

(c) A corporation formed under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code;

(d) A limited liability company formed under Chapter 1705. of the Revised Code;

(e) A health insuring corporation holding a certificate of authority under Chapter 1751. of the Revised Code;

(f) A partnership;

(g) A professional association formed under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code.

(4) "Physician" means an individual authorized under this chapter to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery.

(5) "Physician services" means direct patient care services provided by a physician ~~pursuant to a certificate issued to the physician by the state medical board.~~

(6) "Termination" means the end of a physician's employment with a health care entity for any reason.

(B) This section applies when a physician's employment with a health care entity to provide physician services is terminated for any reason, unless the physician continues to provide medical services for patients of the health care entity on an independent contractor basis.

(C)(1) Except as provided in division (C)(2) of this section, a health care entity shall send notice of the termination of a physician's employment to each patient who received physician services from the physician in the two-year period immediately preceding the date of employment termination. Only patients of the health care entity who received services from the physician are to receive the notice.

(2) If the health care entity provides to the physician a list of patients treated and patient contact information, the health care entity may require the physician to send the notice required by this section.

(D) The notice provided under division (C) of this section shall be provided not later than the date of termination or thirty days after the health care entity has actual knowledge of termination or resignation of the physician, whichever is later. The notice shall be provided in accordance with rules adopted by the state medical board under section 4731.05 of the Revised Code. The notice shall include at least all of the following:

(1) A notice to the patient that the physician will no longer be practicing medicine as an employee of the health care entity;

(2) Except in situations in which the health care entity has a good faith concern that the physician's conduct or the medical care provided by the physician would jeopardize the health and safety of patients, the physician's name and, if known by the health care entity, information provided by the physician that the patient may use to contact the physician;

(3) The date on which the physician ceased or will cease to practice as an employee of the health care entity;

(4) Contact information for an alternative physician or physicians employed by the health care entity or contact information for a group practice that can provide care for the patient;

(5) Contact information that enables the patient to obtain information on the patient's medical records.

(E) The requirements of this section do not apply to any of the following:

(1) A physician rendering services to a patient on an episodic basis or in an emergency department or urgent care center, when it should not be reasonably expected that related medical services will be rendered by the physician to the patient in the future;

(2) A medical director or other physician providing services in a similar capacity to a medical director to patients through a hospice care program licensed pursuant to section 3712.04 of the Revised Code.

(3) Medical residents, interns, and fellows who work in hospitals, health systems, federally qualified health centers, and federally qualified health center look-alikes as part of their medical education and training.

(4) A physician providing services to a patient through a community mental health ~~agency services provider~~ certified by the director of mental health and addiction services under section ~~5119.611~~ 5119.36 of the Revised Code or ~~an alcohol and drug addiction program~~ a community addiction services provider certified by the ~~department of alcohol and drug addiction services~~ director under ~~that~~ section ~~3793.06~~ of the Revised Code.

(5) A physician providing services to a patient through a federally qualified health center or a federally qualified health center look-alike.

Sec. 4731.229. Any disciplinary action taken on an individual's ~~certificate~~ license to practice by the state medical board under section 4731.22 of the Revised Code operates automatically on the individual's certificate to recommend and remains in effect for as long as the action remains in effect on the ~~certificate~~ license to practice.

Sec. 4731.281. (A)(1) ~~Each person holding a A~~ license issued under this chapter to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery ~~wishing to renew that license shall apply to the board for renewal shall be valid for a two-year period unless revoked or suspended. A license shall expire on the date that is two years from the date of issuance and may be renewed for additional two-year periods. Applications for renewal shall be submitted to the state medical board in a manner prescribed by the board. Each~~

Each application shall be accompanied by a biennial renewal fee of three hundred five dollars. ~~Applications shall be submitted according to the following schedule:~~

~~(a) Persons whose last name begins with the letters "A" through "B," on or before the first day of July of every odd-numbered year;~~

~~(b) Persons whose last name begins with the letters "C" through "D," on or before the first day of April of every odd-numbered year;~~

~~(c) Persons whose last name begins with the letters "E" through "G," on or before the first day of January of every odd-numbered year;~~

~~(d) Persons whose last name begins with the letters "H" through "K," on or before the first day of October of every even-numbered year;~~

~~(e) Persons whose last name begins with the letters "L" through "M," on or before the first day of July of every even-numbered year;~~

~~(f) Persons whose last name begins with the letters "N" through "R," on or before the first day of April of every even-numbered year;~~

~~(g) Persons whose last name begins with the letter "S," on or before the first day of January of every even-numbered year;~~

~~(h) Persons whose last name begins with the letters "T" through "Z," on or before the first day of October of every odd-numbered year.~~

The board shall deposit the fee in accordance with section 4731.24 of the Revised Code, except that the board shall deposit twenty dollars of the fee into the state treasury to the credit of the physician loan repayment fund created by section 3702.78 of the Revised Code.

(2) The board shall provide a renewal notice to every person holding a license to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery, a renewal notice ~~or~~. The board may provide the notice to the person through the secretary of any recognized

medical, osteopathic, or podiatric society. The notice shall be provided to the person at least one month prior to the date on which the person's license expires.

(3) Failure of any person to receive a notice of renewal from the board shall not excuse the person from the requirements contained in this section.

(4) The board's notice shall inform the applicant of the renewal procedure. The board shall provide the application for renewal in a form determined by the board.

(5) The applicant shall provide in the application the applicant's full name; the applicant's residence address, business address, and electronic mail address; the number of the applicant's license to practice; and any other information required by the board.

(6)(a) Except as provided in division (A)(6)(b) of this section, in the case of an applicant who prescribes or personally furnishes opioid analgesics or benzodiazepines, as defined in section 3719.01 of the Revised Code, the applicant shall certify to the board whether the applicant has been granted access to the drug database established and maintained by the state board of pharmacy pursuant to section 4729.75 of the Revised Code.

(b) The requirement described in division (A)(6)(a) of this section does not apply if any of the following is the case:

(i) The state board of pharmacy notifies the state medical board pursuant to section 4729.861 of the Revised Code that the applicant has been restricted from obtaining further information from the drug database.

(ii) The state board of pharmacy no longer maintains the drug database.

(iii) The applicant does not practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery in this state.

(c) If an applicant certifies to the state medical board that the applicant has been granted access to the drug database and the board finds through an audit or other means that the applicant has not been granted access, the board may take action under section 4731.22 of the Revised Code.

(7) The applicant shall indicate whether the applicant currently collaborates, as that term is defined in section 4723.01 of the Revised Code, with any clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse-midwives, or certified nurse practitioners.

(8) The applicant shall report any criminal offense to which the applicant has pleaded guilty, of which the applicant has been found guilty, or for which the applicant has been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction, since last submitting an application for a license to practice or renewal of a license.

(9) The applicant shall execute and deliver the application to the board

in a manner prescribed by the board.

(B) The board shall renew a license under this chapter to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery upon application and qualification therefor in accordance with this section. A renewal shall be valid for a two-year period.

(C) Failure of any license holder to renew and comply with this section shall operate automatically to suspend the holder's license to practice and if applicable, the holder's certificate to recommend issued under section 4731.30 of the Revised Code. Continued practice after the suspension shall be considered as practicing in violation of section 4731.41, 4731.43, or 4731.60 of the Revised Code.

If the license has been suspended pursuant to this division for two years or less, it may be reinstated. The board shall reinstate a license to practice suspended for failure to renew upon an applicant's submission of a renewal application and payment of a reinstatement fee of four hundred five dollars.

If the license has been suspended pursuant to this division for more than two years, it may be restored. Subject to section 4731.222 of the Revised Code, the board may restore a license to practice suspended for failure to renew upon an applicant's submission of a restoration application, payment of a restoration fee of five hundred five dollars, and compliance with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised Code. The board shall not restore to an applicant a license to practice unless the board, in its discretion, decides that the results of the criminal records check do not make the applicant ineligible for a license issued pursuant to section 4731.14 or 4731.56 of the Revised Code. ~~Any~~

Any reinstatement or restoration of a license to practice under this section shall operate automatically to renew the holder's certificate to recommend.

(D) The state medical board may obtain information not protected by statutory or common law privilege from courts and other sources concerning malpractice claims against any person holding a license to practice under this chapter or practicing as provided in section 4731.36 of the Revised Code.

(E) Each ~~mailing sent~~ renewal notice provided by the board under division (A)(2) of this section to a person holding a license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery shall inform the applicant of the reporting requirement established by division (H) of section 3701.79 of the Revised Code. At the discretion of the board, the information may be included on the application for renewal or on an accompanying page.

(F) Each person holding a license to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery shall give notice to the board of a change in the license holder's residence address, business address, or electronic mail address not later than thirty days after the change occurs.

Sec. 4731.282. (A)(1) Except as provided in division (D) of this section, each person holding a license to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery issued by the state medical board shall complete biennially not less than ~~one hundred~~ fifty hours of continuing medical education that has been approved by the board.

(2) Each person holding a license to practice shall be given sufficient choice of continuing education programs to ensure that the person has had a reasonable opportunity to participate in continuing education programs that are relevant to the person's medical practice in terms of subject matter and level.

(B) In determining whether a course, program, or activity qualifies for credit as continuing medical education, the board shall approve all of the following:

(1) Continuing medical education completed by holders of licenses to practice medicine and surgery that is certified by the Ohio state medical association;

(2) Continuing medical education completed by holders of licenses to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery that is certified by the Ohio osteopathic association;

(3) Continuing medical education completed by holders of licenses to practice podiatric medicine and surgery that is certified by the Ohio podiatric medical association.

(C) The board shall approve one or more continuing medical education courses of study included within the programs certified by the Ohio state medical association and the Ohio osteopathic association under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section that assist doctors of medicine and doctors of osteopathic medicine in both of the following:

(1) Recognizing the signs of domestic violence and its relationship to child abuse;

(2) Diagnosing and treating chronic pain, as defined in section 4731.052 of the Revised Code.

(D) The board shall adopt rules providing for pro rata reductions by month of the number of hours of continuing education that must be completed for license holders who ~~are in their first renewal period~~, have been disabled by illness or accident; or have been absent from the country.

The board shall adopt the rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(E) The board may require a random sample of holders of licenses to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery to submit materials documenting completion of the required number of hours of continuing medical education. This division does not limit the board's authority to conduct investigations pursuant to section 4731.22 of the Revised Code.

(F)(1) If, through a random sample conducted under division (E) of this section or any other means, the board finds that an individual who certified completion of the number of hours and type of continuing medical education required to renew, reinstate, or restore a license to practice did not complete the requisite continuing medical education, the board may do either of the following:

(a) Take disciplinary action against the individual under section 4731.22 of the Revised Code,; impose a civil penalty, or both;

(b) Permit the individual to agree in writing to complete the continuing medical education and pay a civil penalty.

(2) The board's finding in any disciplinary action taken under division (F)(1)(a) of this section shall be made pursuant to an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six of its members.

(3) A civil penalty ~~paid~~ imposed under division (F)(1)(~~b~~)(a) of this section or ~~imposed~~ paid under division (F)(1)(~~a~~)(b) of this section shall be in an amount specified by the board of not more than five thousand dollars. The board shall deposit civil penalties in accordance with section 4731.24 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4731.291. (A) An individual seeking to pursue an internship, residency, clinical fellowship program, or elective clinical rotation in this state, who does not hold a license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine or surgery issued under this chapter, shall apply to the state medical board for a training certificate. The application shall be made on forms that the board shall furnish and shall be accompanied by an application fee of one hundred thirty dollars.

An applicant for a training certificate shall furnish to the board all of the following:

(1) Evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is at least eighteen years of age and is of good moral character.

(2) Evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has been accepted or appointed to participate in this state in one of the following:

(a) An internship ~~or~~, residency, or clinical fellowship program accredited by either the accreditation council for graduate medical education of the American medical association or the American osteopathic association;

(b) A clinical fellowship program that is not accredited as described in division (A)(2)(a) of this section, but is conducted at an institution with a residency program that is accredited ~~by either the accreditation council for graduate medical education of the American medical association or the American osteopathic association that as described in that division and~~ is in a clinical field the same as or related to the clinical field of the fellowship program;

(c) An elective clinical rotation that lasts not more than one year and is offered to interns, residents, or clinical fellows participating in programs that are located outside this state and meet the requirements of division (A)(2)(a) or (b) of this section.

(3) Information identifying the beginning and ending dates of the period for which the applicant has been accepted or appointed to participate in the internship, residency, or clinical fellowship program;

(4) Any other information that the board requires.

(B) If no grounds for denying a license or certificate under section 4731.22 of the Revised Code apply, and the applicant meets the requirements of division (A) of this section, the board shall issue a training certificate to the applicant. The board shall not require an examination as a condition of receiving a training certificate.

A training certificate issued pursuant to this section shall be valid only for three years, but may ~~in the discretion of the board and upon application duly made,~~ be renewed by the board for one additional three-year period. ~~The~~ To renew a training certificate, the holder shall apply to the board on or before the certificate's expiration date.

The fee for renewal of a training certificate shall be one hundred dollars. A late application may be submitted not more than thirty days after the certificate's expiration date. In such a case, the holder shall include with the application a one-hundred-fifty-dollar reinstatement fee.

~~The board shall maintain a register of all individuals who hold training certificates.~~

(C) The holder of a valid training certificate shall be entitled to perform such acts as may be prescribed by or incidental to the holder's internship, residency, or clinical fellowship program, but the holder shall not be entitled otherwise to engage in the practice of medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery in this state. The holder shall limit activities under the

certificate to the programs of the hospitals or facilities for which the training certificate is issued. The holder shall train only under the supervision of the physicians responsible for supervision as part of the internship, residency, or clinical fellowship program.

A training certificate may be revoked by the board upon proof, satisfactory to the board, that the holder thereof has engaged in practice in this state outside the scope of the internship, residency, or clinical fellowship program for which the training certificate has been issued, or upon proof, satisfactory to the board, that the holder thereof has engaged in unethical conduct or that there are grounds for action against the holder under section 4731.22 of the Revised Code.

(D) The board may adopt rules as the board finds necessary to effect the purpose of this section.

Sec. 4731.293. (A) The state medical board may issue, without examination, a clinical research faculty certificate to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery to any person who applies for the certificate and provides to the board all of the following:

(1) Evidence satisfactory to the board of all of the following:

(a) That the applicant holds a current, unrestricted license to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery issued by another state or country;

(b) That the applicant has been appointed to serve in this state on the academic staff of a medical school accredited by the liaison committee on medical education, an osteopathic medical school accredited by the American osteopathic association, or a college of podiatric medicine and surgery in good standing with the board;

(c) That the applicant is an international medical graduate who holds a medical degree from an educational institution listed in the international medical education directory.

(2) An affidavit and supporting documentation from the dean of the school or college, or the department director or chairperson of a teaching hospital affiliated with the school or college, that the applicant is qualified to perform teaching and research activities and will be permitted to work only under the authority of the department director or chairperson of a teaching hospital affiliated with the school or college where the applicant's teaching and research activities will occur;

(3) A description from the school, college, or teaching hospital of the scope of practice in which the applicant will be involved, including the types of teaching, research, and procedures in which the applicant will be

engaged;

(4) A description from the school, college, or teaching hospital of the type and amount of patient contact that will occur in connection with the applicant's teaching and research activities.

(B) An applicant for an initial clinical research faculty certificate shall pay a fee of three hundred seventy-five dollars.

(C) The holder of a clinical research faculty certificate may do one of the following, as applicable:

(1) Practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery only as is incidental to the certificate holder's teaching or research duties at the medical school or a teaching hospital affiliated with the school;

(2) Practice podiatric medicine and surgery only as is incidental to the certificate holder's teaching or research duties at the college of podiatric medicine and surgery or a teaching hospital affiliated with the college.

(D) The board may revoke a certificate on receiving proof satisfactory to the board that the certificate holder has engaged in practice in this state outside the scope of the certificate or that there are grounds for action against the certificate holder under section 4731.22 of the Revised Code.

(E) A clinical research faculty certificate is valid for three years, except that the certificate ceases to be valid if the holder's academic staff appointment described in division (A)(1)(b) of this section is no longer valid or the certificate is revoked pursuant to division (D) of this section.

(F)(1) The board shall provide a renewal notice to the certificate holder at least one month before the certificate expires. Failure of a certificate holder to receive a notice of renewal from the board shall not excuse the certificate holder from the requirements contained in this section. The notice shall inform the certificate holder of the renewal procedure. The notice also shall inform the certificate holder of the reporting requirement established by division (H) of section 3701.79 of the Revised Code. At the discretion of the board, the information may be included on the application for renewal or on an accompanying page.

(2) A clinical research faculty certificate may be renewed for an additional three-year period. There is no limit on the number of times a certificate may be renewed. A person seeking renewal of a certificate shall apply to the board. The board shall provide the application for renewal in a form determined by the board.

(3) An applicant is eligible for renewal if the applicant does all of the following:

(a) Pays a renewal fee of three hundred seventy-five dollars;

(b) Reports any criminal offense to which the applicant has pleaded

guilty, of which the applicant has been found guilty, or for which the applicant has been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction, since last filing an application for a clinical research faculty certificate;

(c) Provides to the board an affidavit and supporting documentation from the dean of the school or college, or the department director or chairperson of a teaching hospital affiliated with the school or college, that the applicant is in compliance with the applicant's current clinical research faculty certificate;

(d) Provides evidence satisfactory to the board of all of the following:

(i) That the applicant continues to maintain a current, unrestricted license to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery issued by another state or country;

(ii) That the applicant's initial appointment to serve in this state on the academic staff of a school or college is still valid or has been renewed;

(iii) That the applicant has completed ~~one hundred fifty~~ seventy-five hours of continuing medical education that meet the requirements set forth in section 4731.282 of the Revised Code.

(4) Regardless of whether the certificate has expired, a person who was granted a visiting medical faculty certificate under this section as it existed immediately prior to June 6, 2012, may apply for a clinical research faculty certificate as a renewal. The board may issue the clinical research faculty certificate if the applicant meets the requirements of division (F)(3) of this section. The board may not issue a clinical research faculty certificate if the visiting medical faculty certificate was revoked.

~~(G) The board shall maintain a register of all persons who hold clinical research faculty certificates.~~

~~(H)~~ The board may adopt any rules it considers necessary to implement this section. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4731.294. (A) The state medical board may issue, without examination, a special activity certificate to any person seeking to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery in conjunction with a special activity, program, or event taking place in this state.

(B) An applicant for a special activity certificate shall ~~hold a telemedicine certificate issued under section 4731.296 of the Revised Code~~ or submit evidence satisfactory to the board of all of the following:

(1) The applicant holds a current, unrestricted license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery issued by another state or country and that within the two-year period immediately preceding application, the applicant has done one of the following:

(a) Actively practiced medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery in the United States;

(b) Participated in a graduate medical education program accredited by either the accreditation council for graduate medical education of the American medical association or the American osteopathic association;

(c) Successfully passed the federation licensing examination established by the federation of state medical boards, a special examination established by the federation of state medical boards, or all parts of a standard medical licensing examination established for purposes of determining the competence of individuals to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery in the United States.

(2) The applicant meets the same educational requirements that individuals must meet under sections 4731.09 and 4731.14 of the Revised Code.

(3) The applicant's practice in conjunction with the special activity, program, or event will be in the public interest.

~~(C) The applicant shall pay a fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars unless the applicant holds a telemedicine certificate issued under section 4731.296 of the Revised Code. If the applicant holds a telemedicine certificate, the board shall not charge a fee for issuing a certificate under this section. The board shall maintain a register of all persons who hold a special activity certificate.~~

(D) The holder of a special activity certificate may practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery only in conjunction with the special activity, event, or program for which the certificate is issued. The board may revoke a certificate on receiving proof satisfactory to the board that the holder of the certificate has engaged in practice in this state outside the scope of the certificate or that there are grounds for action against the certificate holder under section 4731.22 of the Revised Code.

(E) A special activity certificate is valid for the shorter of thirty days or the duration of the special activity, program, or event. The certificate may not be renewed.

(F) The state medical board shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that specify how often an applicant may be granted a certificate under this section.

Sec. 4731.299. (A) The state medical board may issue, without examination, to an applicant who meets all of the requirements of this section an expedited license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery by endorsement.

(B) An individual who seeks an expedited license by endorsement shall

file with the board a written application on a form prescribed and supplied by the board. The application shall include all of the information the board considers necessary to process it.

(C) To be eligible to receive an expedited license by endorsement, an applicant shall do both of the following:

(1) Provide evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant meets all of the following requirements:

(a) Has passed one of the following:

(i) Steps one, two, and three of the United States medical licensing examination;

(ii) Levels one, two, and three of the comprehensive osteopathic medical licensing examination of the United States;

(iii) Any other medical licensing examination recognized by the board.

(b) ~~For at least five years~~ During the five-year period immediately preceding the date of application, has held a current, unrestricted license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery issued by the licensing authority of another state or a Canadian province;

(c) For at least two years immediately preceding the date of application, has actively practiced medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery in a clinical setting;

(d) Is in compliance with the medical education and training requirements in sections 4731.09 and 4731.14 of the Revised Code.

(2) Certify to the board that all of the following are the case:

(a) Not more than two malpractice claims, which resulted in a finding of liability or in payment, have been filed against the applicant ~~within a~~ during the ten-year period of ten years immediately preceding the date of application and no malpractice claim against the applicant during that ten-year period has resulted in total payment of more than five hundred thousand dollars.

(b) The applicant does not have a criminal record according to the criminal records check required by section 4731.08 of the Revised Code.

(c) The applicant does not have a medical condition that could affect the applicant's ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care.

(d) No adverse action has been taken against the applicant by a health care institution.

(e) To the applicant's knowledge, no federal agency, medical society, medical association, or branch of the United States military has investigated or taken action against the applicant.

(f) No professional licensing or regulatory authority has filed a

complaint against, investigated, or taken action against the applicant and the applicant has not withdrawn a professional license application.

(g) The applicant has not been suspended or expelled from any institution of higher education or school, including a medical school.

(D) An applicant for an expedited license by endorsement shall comply with section 4731.08 of the Revised Code.

(E) At the time of application, the applicant shall pay to the board a fee of one thousand dollars, no part of which shall be returned. No application shall be considered filed until the board receives the fee.

(F) The secretary and supervising member of the board shall review all applications received under this section.

If the secretary and supervising member determine that an applicant meets the requirements for an expedited license by endorsement, the board shall issue the license to the applicant.

If the secretary and supervising member determine that an applicant does not meet the requirements for an expedited license by endorsement, the application shall be treated as an application under section 4731.09 of the Revised Code.

(G) Each license issued by the board under this section shall be signed by the president and secretary of the board and attested by the board's seal.

(H) Within sixty days after September 29, 2013, the board shall approve acceptable means of demonstrating compliance with sections 4731.09 and 4731.14 of the Revised Code as required by division (C)(1)(d) of this section.

Sec. 4731.2910. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Facility fee" has the same meaning as in section 4723.94 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Health care professional" means:

(a) A physician licensed under this chapter to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery;

(b) A physician assistant licensed under Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code.

(3) "Health plan issuer" has the same meaning as in section 3922.01 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Telemedicine services" has the same meaning as in section 3902.30 of the Revised Code.

(B) A health care professional providing telemedicine services shall not charge a facility fee, an origination fee, or any fee associated with the cost of the equipment used to provide telemedicine services to a health plan

issuer covering telemedicine services under section 3902.30 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4731.56. (A) The state medical board shall review all applications received under section 4731.52 of the Revised Code. The board shall determine whether an applicant meets the requirements for a license to practice podiatric medicine and surgery. ~~An affirmative vote of not fewer than six members of the board is required to determine that an applicant meets the requirements for a license.~~

(B) If the board determines that the applicant meets the requirements for a license and that the documentation provided is satisfactory to the board, the board shall issue to the applicant a license to practice podiatric medicine and surgery. Each license shall be signed by the president and secretary of the board and attested by its seal.

(C) A person who holds a license to practice podiatric medicine and surgery issued under this section may use the title "Dr.," "doctor," "D.P.M.," "physician," or "surgeon."

(D) The holder of a license issued under this section shall either provide verification of licensure status from the board's internet web site on request or prominently display a wall certificate in the license holder's office or the place where a major portion of the license holder's practice is conducted.

Sec. 4731.572. (A) The state medical board may issue, without examination, a visiting podiatric faculty certificate to any person who holds a current, unrestricted license to practice podiatric medicine and surgery issued by another state or country and has been appointed to serve in this state on the academic staff of an approved college of podiatric medicine and surgery in good standing, as determined by the board.

(B) An applicant for a visiting podiatric faculty certificate shall submit evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant meets the requirements of division (A) of this section. The applicant shall pay a fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars. ~~The board shall maintain a register of all persons who hold a visiting podiatric faculty certificate.~~

(C) The holder of a visiting podiatric faculty certificate may practice podiatric medicine and surgery only as is incidental to the certificate holder's teaching duties at the college or the teaching hospitals affiliated with the college. The board may revoke a certificate on receiving proof satisfactory to the board that the holder of the certificate has engaged in practice in this state outside the scope of the certificate or that there are grounds for action against the certificate holder under section 4731.22 of the Revised Code.

(D) A visiting podiatric faculty certificate is valid for the shorter of one

year or the duration of the holder's appointment to the academic staff of the college. The certificate may not be renewed.

Sec. 4731.573. (A) An individual seeking to pursue an internship, residency, or clinical fellowship program in podiatric medicine and surgery in this state, who does not hold a license to practice podiatric medicine and surgery issued under this chapter, shall apply to the state medical board for a training certificate. The application shall be made on forms that the board shall furnish and shall be accompanied by an application fee of one hundred thirty dollars.

An applicant for a training certificate shall furnish to the board all of the following:

(1) Evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is at least eighteen years of age and is of good moral character;

(2) Evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has been accepted or appointed to participate in this state in one of the following:

(a) An internship ~~or~~, residency, or clinical fellowship program accredited by either the council on podiatric medical education or the American podiatric medical association;

(b) A clinical fellowship program that is not accredited as described in division (A)(2)(a) of this section, but is conducted at an institution with a residency program that is accredited ~~by either the council on podiatric medical education or the American podiatric medical association that as described in that division and~~ is in a clinical field the same as or related to the clinical field of the fellowship program.

(3) Information identifying the beginning and ending dates of the period for which the applicant has been accepted or appointed to participate in the internship, residency, or clinical fellowship program;

(4) Any other information that the board requires.

(B) If no grounds for denying a license or certificate under section 4731.22 of the Revised Code apply and the applicant meets the requirements of division (A) of this section, the board shall issue a training certificate to the applicant. The board shall not require an examination as a condition of receiving a training certificate.

A training certificate issued pursuant to this section shall be valid only for three years, but may ~~in the discretion of the board and upon application duly made,~~ be renewed by the board for one additional three-year period. The To renew a training certificate, the holder shall apply to the board on or before the certificate's expiration date.

The fee for renewal of a training certificate shall be one hundred dollars. A late application may be submitted not more than thirty days after the

certificate's expiration date. In such a case, the holder shall include with the application a one-hundred-fifty-dollar reinstatement fee.

~~The board shall maintain a register of all individuals who hold training certificates.~~

(C) The holder of a valid training certificate shall be entitled to perform such acts as may be prescribed by or incidental to the holder's internship, residency, or clinical fellowship program, but the holder shall not be entitled otherwise to engage in the practice of podiatric medicine and surgery in this state. The holder shall limit activities under the certificate to the programs of the hospitals or facilities for which the training certificate is issued. The holder shall train only under the supervision of the podiatrists responsible for supervision as part of the internship, residency, or clinical fellowship program. A training certificate may be revoked by the board upon proof, satisfactory to the board, that the holder thereof has engaged in practice in this state outside the scope of the internship, residency, or clinical fellowship program for which the training certificate has been issued, or upon proof, satisfactory to the board, that the holder thereof has engaged in unethical conduct or that there are grounds for action against the holder under section 4731.22 of the Revised Code.

(D) The board may adopt rules as the board finds necessary to effect the purpose of this section.

Sec. 4734.281. Except in cases where a chiropractor holds a ~~certificate~~ license issued under section 4762.04 of the Revised Code or is an individual described in division (B) of section 4762.02 of the Revised Code, a chiropractor licensed under this chapter shall not engage in the practice of acupuncture unless the chiropractor holds a valid certificate to practice acupuncture issued by the state chiropractic board under this chapter.

Sec. 4735.023. (A) An oil and gas land professional who is not otherwise permitted to engage in the activities described in division (A) of section 4735.01 of the Revised Code may perform such activities, if the oil and gas land professional does all of the following:

(1)(a) Registers on an annual basis as an oil and gas land professional with the superintendent of real estate by such date specified and on a form approved by the superintendent, which form includes both of the following:

(i) The name and address of the oil and gas land professional;

(ii) Evidence of the oil and gas land professional's membership in good standing in a national, state, or local professional organization that has been in existence for at least three years and has, as part of its mission, developed a set of standards of performance and ethics for oil and gas land professionals.

(b) Pays an annual fee, established by the superintendent in an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars, which shall accompany the registration.

(2) At or prior to first contacting any landowner or other person with an interest in real estate for the purpose of engaging in the activities of an oil and gas land professional, and on a form approved by the superintendent, discloses to the landowner or other person all of the following:

(a) The oil and gas land professional's name and address as registered with the superintendent;

(b) That the oil and gas land professional is registered as such with the superintendent and is a member in good standing in a national, state, or local professional organization that has been in existence for at least three years and has, as part of its mission, developed a set of standards of performance and ethics for oil and gas land professionals;

(c) That the oil and gas land professional is not a licensed real estate broker or real estate salesperson under Chapter 4735. of the Revised Code;

(d) That the landowner or other person with an interest in real estate may seek legal counsel in connection with any transaction with the oil and gas land professional;

(e) That the oil and gas land professional is not representing the landowner or other person with an interest in real estate.

(3) At or prior to entering into any agreements for the purpose of exploring for, transporting, producing, or developing oil and gas mineral interests including, but not limited to, oil and gas leases and pipeline easements with any landowner or other person with an interest in real estate, and on a form approved by the superintendent, discloses to the landowner or other person with an interest in real estate all of the following:

(a) The oil and gas land professional's name and address as registered with the superintendent;

(b) That the oil and gas land professional is registered as such with the superintendent and a member in good standing in a national, state, or local professional organization that has been in existence for at least three years and has, as part of its mission, developed a set of standards of performance and ethics for oil and gas land professionals;

(c) That the oil and gas land professional is not a licensed real estate broker or real estate salesperson under Chapter 4735. of the Revised Code;

(d) That the landowner or other person may seek legal counsel in connection with any transaction with the oil and gas land professional;

(e) That the oil and gas land professional is not representing the landowner or other person with an interest in real estate.

(B) Any oil and gas land professional who must be registered as such

with the superintendent pursuant to this section who ceases to be a member in good standing of an organization described in division (A)(1)(a)(ii) of this section shall report the change in membership status to the superintendent within thirty days of that change. Failure to report such change in membership status shall result in the automatic suspension of registration status and subject the registrant to the penalties for unlicensed activity as found in section ~~4735.02~~ 4735.052 of the Revised Code.

(C) Any oil and gas land professional who fails to register with the superintendent pursuant to this section is subject to the penalties for unlicensed activity as found in section ~~4735.02~~ 4735.052 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4735.052. (A) Upon receipt of a written complaint or upon the superintendent's own motion, the superintendent may investigate any person that has allegedly violated section 4735.02, ~~4735.023~~, or 4735.25 of the Revised Code, except that the superintendent shall not initiate an investigation, pursuant to this section, of any person who held a suspended or inactive license under this chapter on the date of the alleged violation.

(B) If, after investigation, the superintendent determines there exists reasonable evidence of a violation of section 4735.02, ~~4735.023~~, or 4735.25 of the Revised Code, within fourteen business days after that determination, the superintendent shall send the party who is the subject of the investigation, a written notice, by regular mail, that includes all of the following information:

(1) A description of the activity in which the party allegedly is engaging or has engaged that is a violation of section 4735.02, ~~4735.023~~, or 4735.25 of the Revised Code;

(2) The applicable law allegedly violated;

(3) A statement informing the party that a hearing concerning the alleged violation will be held, upon the party's request, before a hearing examiner pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) If a hearing is requested, the hearing examiner shall hear the testimony of all parties present at the hearing and consider any written testimony submitted pursuant to this section, and determine if there has been a violation of section 4735.02, ~~4735.023~~, or 4735.25 of the Revised Code.

(2) After the conclusion of formal hearings, the hearing examiner shall file a report of findings of fact and conclusions of law with the superintendent, the commission, the complainant, and the parties. Within twenty days of receipt of such copy of the written report of findings of fact and conclusions of law, the parties and the division may file with the commission written objections to the report, which shall be considered by

the commission before approving, modifying, or disapproving the report.

(3) The commission shall review the hearing examiner's report at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting held at least twenty business days after receipt of the hearing examiner's report. The commission shall hear the testimony of the complainant or the parties upon request.

(4) The commission shall decide whether to impose disciplinary sanctions upon a party for a violation of section 4735.02 ~~or 4735.023~~ of the Revised Code. If the commission finds that a violation has occurred, the commission may assess a civil penalty, in an amount it determines, not to exceed one thousand dollars per violation. Each day a violation occurs or continues is a separate violation. The commission shall determine the terms of payment. The commission shall maintain a record of the proceedings of the hearing and issue a written opinion to all parties, citing its findings and grounds for any action taken.

(D) Civil penalties collected under this section shall be deposited in the real estate operating fund, which is created in the state treasury under section 4735.211 of the Revised Code.

(E) If a party fails to pay a civil penalty assessed pursuant to this section within the time prescribed by the commission, the superintendent shall forward to the attorney general the name of the party and the amount of the civil penalty, for the purpose of collecting that civil penalty. In addition to the civil penalty assessed pursuant to this section, the party also shall pay any fee assessed by the attorney general for collection of the civil penalty.

(F) The superintendent may reserve the right to bring a civil action against a party that fails to pay a civil penalty for breach of contract in a court of competent jurisdiction.

Sec. 4735.06. (A) Application for a license as a real estate broker shall be made to the superintendent of real estate on forms furnished by the superintendent and filed with the superintendent and shall be signed by the applicant or its members or officers. Each application shall state the name of the person applying and the location of the place of business for which the license is desired, and give such other information as the superintendent requires in the form of application prescribed by the superintendent.

(B)(1) If the applicant is a partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or association, the names of all the members also shall be stated, and, if the applicant is a corporation, the names of its president and of each of its officers also shall be stated.

The superintendent has the right to reject the application of any partnership, association, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or corporation if the name proposed to be used by such

partnership, association, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or corporation is likely to mislead the public or if the name is not such as to distinguish it from the name of any existing partnership, association, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or corporation licensed under this chapter, unless there is filed with the application the written consent of such existing partnership, association, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or corporation, executed by a duly authorized representative of it, permitting the use of the name of such existing partnership, association, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or corporation.

(2) The superintendent shall approve the use of a trade name by a brokerage, if the name meets both of the following criteria:

(a) The proposed name is not the same as or is clearly distinguishable from a name registered with the division of real estate and professional licensing by another existing brokerage. If the superintendent determines that the proposed name is not clearly distinguishable from any other existing brokerage, the superintendent may approve the use of the trade name if there is filed with the superintendent the written consent of the existing brokerage with the same or similar name.

(b) The name is not misleading or likely to mislead the public.

(3) The superintendent may approve the use of more than one trade name for a brokerage.

(4) When a brokerage has received the approval of the superintendent to conduct business under one or more trade names, those trade names shall be the only identifying names used by the brokerage in all advertising.

(C) A fee of one hundred thirty-five dollars shall accompany the application for a real estate broker's license. The initial licensing period commences at the time the license is issued and ends on the applicant's first birthday thereafter. However, if the applicant was an inactive or active salesperson immediately preceding application for a broker's license, then the initial licensing period shall commence at the time the broker's license is issued and ends on the date the licensee's continuing education is due as set when the applicant was a salesperson. The application fee shall be nonrefundable. A fee of one hundred thirty-five dollars shall be charged by the superintendent for each successive application made by an applicant. In the case of issuance of a three-year license, upon passing the examination, or upon waiver of the examination requirement, if the superintendent determines it is necessary, the applicant shall submit an additional fee determined by the superintendent based upon the number of years remaining in a real estate salesperson's licensing period.

(D) One dollar of each application fee for a real estate broker's license shall be credited to the real estate education and research fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury. The Ohio real estate commission may use the fund in discharging the duties prescribed in divisions (E), (F), (G), and (H) of section 4735.03 of the Revised Code and shall use it in the advancement of education and research in real estate at any institution of higher education in the state, or in contracting with any such institution or a trade organization for a particular research or educational project in the field of real estate, or in advancing loans, not exceeding two thousand dollars, to applicants for salesperson licenses, to defray the costs of satisfying the educational requirements of division (F) of section 4735.09 of the Revised Code. Such loans shall be made according to rules established by the commission under the procedures of Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, and they shall be repaid to the fund within three years of the time they are made. No more than twenty-five thousand dollars shall be lent from the fund in any one fiscal year.

The governor may appoint a representative from the executive branch to be a member ex officio of the commission for the purpose of advising on research requests or educational projects. The commission shall report to the general assembly on the third Tuesday after the third Monday in January of each year setting forth the total amount contained in the fund and the amount of each research grant that it has authorized and the amount of each research grant requested. A copy of all research reports shall be submitted to the state library of Ohio and the library of the legislative service commission.

(E) If the superintendent, with the consent of the commission, enters into an agreement with a national testing service to administer the real estate broker's examination, pursuant to division (A) of section 4735.07 of the Revised Code, the superintendent may require an applicant to pay the testing service's examination fee directly to the testing service. If the superintendent requires the payment of the examination fee directly to the testing service, each applicant shall submit to the superintendent a processing fee in an amount determined by the Ohio real estate commission pursuant to division (A)(2) of section 4735.10 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4735.09. (A) Application for a license as a real estate salesperson shall be made to the superintendent of real estate on forms furnished by the superintendent and signed by the applicant. The application shall be in the form prescribed by the superintendent and shall contain such information as is required by this chapter and the rules of the Ohio real estate commission. The application shall be accompanied by the recommendation of the real

estate broker with whom the applicant is associated or with whom the applicant intends to be associated, certifying that the applicant is honest, truthful, and of good reputation, has not been convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude, and has not been finally adjudged by a court to have violated any municipal, state, or federal civil rights laws relevant to the protection of purchasers or sellers of real estate, which conviction or adjudication the applicant has not disclosed to the superintendent, and recommending that the applicant be admitted to the real estate salesperson examination.

(B) A fee of ~~sixty~~ eighty-one dollars shall accompany the application, which fee includes the fee for the initial year of the licensing period, if a license is issued. The initial year of the licensing period commences at the time the license is issued and ends on the applicant's first birthday thereafter. The application fee shall be nonrefundable. A fee of ~~sixty~~ eighty-one dollars shall be charged by the superintendent for each successive application made by the applicant. One dollar of each application fee shall be credited to the real estate education and research fund.

(C) There shall be no limit placed on the number of times an applicant may retake the examination.

(D) The superintendent, with the consent of the commission, may enter into an agreement with a recognized national testing service to administer the real estate salesperson's examination under the superintendent's supervision and control, consistent with the requirements of this chapter as to the contents of the examination.

If the superintendent, with the consent of the commission, enters into an agreement with a national testing service to administer the real estate salesperson's examination, the superintendent may require an applicant to pay the testing service's examination fee directly to the testing service. If the superintendent requires the payment of the examination fee directly to the testing service, each applicant shall submit to the superintendent a processing fee in an amount determined by the Ohio real estate commission pursuant to division (A)(1) of section 4735.10 of the Revised Code.

(E) The superintendent shall issue a real estate salesperson's license when satisfied that the applicant has received a passing score on each portion of the salesperson's examination as determined by rule by the real estate commission, except that the superintendent may waive one or more of the requirements of this section in the case of an applicant who is a licensed real estate salesperson in another state pursuant to a reciprocity agreement with the licensing authority of the state from which the applicant holds a valid real estate salesperson's license.

(F) No applicant for a salesperson's license shall take the salesperson's examination who has not established to the satisfaction of the superintendent that the applicant:

(1) Is honest, truthful, and of good reputation;

(2)(a) Has not been convicted of a felony or crime of moral turpitude or, if the applicant has been so convicted, the superintendent has disregarded the conviction because the applicant has proven to the superintendent, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the applicant's activities and employment record since the conviction show that the applicant is honest, truthful, and of good reputation, and there is no basis in fact for believing that the applicant again will violate the laws involved;

(b) Has not been finally adjudged by a court to have violated any municipal, state, or federal civil rights laws relevant to the protection of purchasers or sellers of real estate or, if the applicant has been so adjudged, at least two years have passed since the court decision and the superintendent has disregarded the adjudication because the applicant has proven, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the applicant is honest, truthful, and of good reputation, and there is no basis in fact for believing that the applicant again will violate the laws involved.

(3) Has not, during any period in which the applicant was licensed under this chapter, violated any provision of, or any rule adopted pursuant to this chapter, or, if the applicant has violated such provision or rule, has established to the satisfaction of the superintendent that the applicant will not again violate such provision or rule;

(4) Is at least eighteen years of age;

(5) If born after the year 1950, has a high school diploma or a certificate of high school equivalence issued by the department of education;

(6) Has successfully completed at an institution of higher education all of the following credit-eligible courses by either classroom instruction or distance education:

(a) Forty hours of instruction in real estate practice;

(b) Forty hours of instruction that includes the subjects of Ohio real estate law, municipal, state, and federal civil rights law, new case law on housing discrimination, desegregation issues, and methods of eliminating the effects of prior discrimination. If feasible, the instruction in Ohio real estate law shall be taught by a member of the faculty of an accredited law school. If feasible, the instruction in municipal, state, and federal civil rights law, new case law on housing discrimination, desegregation issues, and methods of eliminating the effects of prior discrimination shall be taught by a staff member of the Ohio civil rights commission who is knowledgeable

with respect to those subjects. The requirements of this division do not apply to an applicant who is admitted to practice before the supreme court.

(c) Twenty hours of instruction in real estate appraisal;

(d) Twenty hours of instruction in real estate finance.

(G)(1) Successful completion of the instruction required by division (F)(6) of this section shall be determined by the law in effect on the date the instruction was completed.

(2) Division (F)(6)(c) of this section does not apply to any new applicant who holds a valid Ohio real estate appraiser license or certificate issued prior to the date of application for a real estate salesperson's license.

(H) Only for noncredit course offerings, an institution of higher education shall obtain approval from the appropriate state authorizing entity prior to offering a real estate course that is designed and marketed as satisfying the salesperson license education requirements of division (F)(6) of this section. The state authorizing entity may consult with the superintendent in reviewing the course for compliance with this section.

(I) Any person who has not been licensed as a real estate salesperson or broker within a four-year period immediately preceding the person's current application for the salesperson's examination shall have successfully completed the prelicensure instruction required by division (F)(6) of this section within a ten-year period immediately preceding the person's current application for the salesperson's examination.

(J) Not earlier than the date of issue of a real estate salesperson's license to a licensee, but not later than twelve months after the date of issue of a real estate salesperson license to a licensee, the licensee shall submit proof satisfactory to the superintendent, on forms made available by the superintendent, of the completion of twenty hours of instruction that shall be completed in schools, seminars, and educational institutions approved by the commission. The instruction shall include, but is not limited to, current practices relating to commercial real estate, property management, short sales, and land contracts; contract law; federal and state programs; economic conditions; and fiduciary responsibility. Approval of the curriculum and providers shall be granted according to rules adopted pursuant to section 4735.10 of the Revised Code and may be taken through classroom instruction or distance education.

If proof of completion of the required instruction is not submitted within twelve months of the date a license is issued under this section, the licensee's license is suspended automatically without the taking of any action by the superintendent. The superintendent immediately shall notify the broker with whom such salesperson is associated of the suspension of

the salesperson's license. A salesperson whose license has been suspended under this division shall have twelve months after the date of the suspension of the salesperson's license to submit proof of successful completion of the instruction required under this division. No such license shall be reactivated by the superintendent until it is established, to the satisfaction of the superintendent, that the requirements of this division have been met and that the licensee is in compliance with this chapter. A licensee's license is revoked automatically without the taking of any action by the superintendent when the licensee fails to submit the required proof of completion of the education requirements under division (I) of this section within twelve months of the date the license is suspended.

(K) Examinations shall be administered with reasonable accommodations in accordance with the requirements of the "Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990," 104 Stat. 327, 42 U.S.C. 12189. The contents of an examination shall be consistent with the classroom instructional requirements of division (F)(6) of this section. An applicant who has completed the classroom instructional requirements of division (F)(6) of this section at the time of application shall be examined no later than twelve months after the applicant is notified of the applicant's admission to the examination.

Sec. 4735.12. (A) The real estate recovery fund is hereby created in the state treasury, to be administered by the superintendent of real estate. Amounts collected by the superintendent as prescribed in this section and interest earned on the assets of the fund shall be credited by the treasurer of state to the fund. The amount of money in the fund shall be ascertained by the superintendent as of the first day of July of each year.

The commission, in accordance with rules adopted under division (A)(2)(g) of section 4735.10 of the Revised Code, shall impose a special assessment not to exceed ten dollars per year for each year of a licensing period on each licensee filing a notice of renewal under section 4735.14 of the Revised Code if the amount available in the fund is less than ~~five~~ two hundred fifty thousand dollars on the first day of July preceding that filing. ~~The commission may impose a special assessment not to exceed five dollars per year for each year of a licensing period if the amount available in the fund is greater than one million dollars, but less than two million dollars on the first day of July preceding that filing.~~ The commission shall not impose a special assessment if the amount available in the fund exceeds ~~two million~~ hundred fifty thousand dollars on the first day of July preceding that filing.

(B)(1) Any person who obtains a final judgment in any court of competent jurisdiction against any broker or salesperson licensed under this

chapter, on the grounds of conduct that is in violation of this chapter or the rules adopted under it, and that is associated with an act or transaction that only a licensed real estate broker or licensed real estate salesperson is authorized to perform as specified in division (A) or (C) of section 4735.01 of the Revised Code, may file a verified application, as described in division (B)(3) of this section, in the court of common pleas of Franklin county for an order directing payment out of the real estate recovery fund of the portion of the judgment that remains unpaid and that represents the actual and direct loss sustained by the applicant.

(2) Punitive damages, attorney's fees, and interest on a judgment are not recoverable from the fund. In the discretion of the superintendent of real estate, court costs may be recovered from the fund, and, if the superintendent authorizes the recovery of court costs, the order of the court of common pleas then may direct their payment from the fund.

(3) The application shall specify the nature of the act or transaction upon which the underlying judgment was based, the activities of the applicant in pursuit of remedies available under law for the collection of judgments, and the actual and direct losses, attorney's fees, and the court costs sustained or incurred by the applicant. The applicant shall attach to the application a copy of each pleading and order in the underlying court action.

(4) The court shall order the superintendent to make such payments out of the fund when the person seeking the order has shown all of the following:

(a) The person has obtained a judgment, as provided in this division;

(b) All appeals from the judgment have been exhausted and the person has given notice to the superintendent, as required by division (C) of this section;

(c) The person is not a spouse of the judgment debtor, or the personal representative of such spouse;

(d) The person has diligently pursued the person's remedies against all the judgment debtors and all other persons liable to the person in the transaction for which the person seeks recovery from the fund;

(e) The person is making the person's application not more than one year after termination of all proceedings, including appeals, in connection with the judgment.

(5) Divisions (B)(1) to (4) of this section do not apply to any of the following:

(a) Actions arising from property management accounts maintained in the name of the property owner;

(b) A bonding company when it is not a principal in a real estate

transaction;

(c) A person in an action for the payment of a commission or fee for the performance of an act or transaction specified or comprehended in division (A) or (C) of section 4735.01 of the Revised Code;

(d) Losses incurred by investors in real estate if the applicant and the licensee are principals in the investment.

(C) A person who applies to a court of common pleas for an order directing payment out of the fund shall file notice of the application with the superintendent. The superintendent may defend any such action on behalf of the fund and shall have recourse to all appropriate means of defense and review, including examination of witnesses, verification of actual and direct losses, and challenges to the underlying judgment required in division (B)(4)(a) of this section to determine whether the underlying judgment is based on activity only a licensed broker or licensed salesperson is permitted to perform. The superintendent may move the court at any time to dismiss the application when it appears there are no triable issues and the application is without merit. The motion may be supported by affidavit of any person having knowledge of the facts and may be made on the basis that the application, including the judgment referred to in it, does not form the basis for a meritorious recovery claim; provided, that the superintendent shall give written notice to the applicant at least ten days before such motion. The superintendent may, subject to court approval, compromise a claim based upon the application of an aggrieved party. The superintendent shall not be bound by any prior compromise or stipulation of the judgment debtor.

(D) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the liability of the fund shall not exceed forty thousand dollars for any one licensee. If a licensee's license is reactivated as provided in division (E) of this section, the liability of the fund for the licensee under this section shall again be forty thousand dollars, but only for transactions that occur subsequent to the time of reactivation.

If the forty-thousand-dollar liability of the fund is insufficient to pay in full the valid claims of all aggrieved persons by whom claims have been filed against any one licensee, the forty thousand dollars shall be distributed among them in the ratio that their respective claims bear to the aggregate of valid claims or in such other manner as the court finds equitable. Distribution of moneys shall be among the persons entitled to share in it, without regard to the order of priority in which their respective judgments may have been obtained or their claims have been filed. Upon petition of the superintendent, the court may require all claimants and prospective claimants against one licensee to be joined in one action, to the end that the

respective rights of all such claimants to the fund may be equitably adjudicated and settled.

(E) If the superintendent pays from the fund any amount in settlement of a claim or toward satisfaction of a judgment against a licensed broker or salesperson, the license of the broker or salesperson shall be automatically suspended upon the date of payment from the fund. The superintendent shall not reactivate the suspended license of that broker or salesperson until the broker or salesperson has repaid in full, plus interest per annum at the rate specified in division (A) of section 1343.03 of the Revised Code, the amount paid from the fund on the broker's or salesperson's account. A discharge in bankruptcy does not relieve a person from the suspension and requirements for reactivation provided in this section unless the underlying judgment has been included in the discharge and has not been reaffirmed by the debtor.

(F) If, at any time, the money deposited in the fund is insufficient to satisfy any duly authorized claim or portion of a claim, the superintendent shall, when sufficient money has been deposited in the fund, satisfy such unpaid claims or portions, in the order that such claims or portions were originally filed, plus accumulated interest per annum at the rate specified in division (A) of section 1343.03 of the Revised Code.

(G) When, upon the order of the court, the superintendent has paid from the fund any sum to the judgment creditor, the superintendent shall be subrogated to all of the rights of the judgment creditor to the extent of the amount so paid, and the judgment creditor shall assign all the judgment creditor's right, title, and interest in the judgment to the superintendent to the extent of the amount so paid. Any amount and interest so recovered by the superintendent on the judgment shall be deposited in the fund.

(H) Nothing contained in this section shall limit the authority of the superintendent to take disciplinary action against any licensee under other provisions of this chapter; nor shall the repayment in full of all obligations to the fund by any licensee nullify or modify the effect of any other disciplinary proceeding brought pursuant to this chapter.

(I) The superintendent shall collect from the fund a service fee in an amount equivalent to the interest rate specified in division (A) of section 1343.03 of the Revised Code multiplied by the annual interest earned on the assets of the fund, to defray the expenses incurred in the administration of the fund.

Sec. 4735.13. (A) Every real estate broker licensed under this chapter shall have and maintain a definite place of business in this state. A post office box address is not a definite place of business for purposes of this

section. The license of a real estate broker shall be prominently displayed in the office or place of business of the broker, and no license shall authorize the licensee to do business except from the location specified in it. If the broker maintains more than one place of business within the state, the broker shall apply for and procure a duplicate license for each branch office maintained by the broker. Each branch office shall be in the charge of a licensed broker or salesperson. The branch office license shall be prominently displayed at the branch office location.

(B) The license of each real estate salesperson shall be mailed to and remain in the possession of the licensed broker with whom the salesperson is or is to be associated until the licensee places the license on inactive or resigned status or until the salesperson leaves the brokerage or is terminated. The broker shall keep each salesperson's license in a way that it can, and shall on request, be made immediately available for public inspection at the office or place of business of the broker. Except as provided in divisions (G) and (H) of this section, immediately upon the salesperson's leaving the association or termination of the association of a real estate salesperson with the broker, the broker shall return the salesperson's license to the superintendent of real estate.

The failure of a broker to return the license of a real estate salesperson or broker who leaves or who is terminated, via certified mail return receipt requested, within three business days of the receipt of a written request from the superintendent for the return of the license, is prima-facie evidence of misconduct under division (A)(6) of section 4735.18 of the Revised Code.

(C) A licensee shall notify the superintendent in writing within fifteen days of any of the following occurrences:

- (1) The licensee is convicted of a felony.
- (2) The licensee is convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude.
- (3) The licensee is found to have violated any federal, state, or municipal civil rights law pertaining to discrimination in housing.
- (4) The licensee is found to have engaged in a discriminatory practice pertaining to housing accommodations described in division (H) of section 4112.02 of the Revised Code.

(5) The licensee is the subject of an order by the department of commerce, the department of insurance, or the department of agriculture revoking or permanently surrendering any professional license, certificate, or registration.

(6) The licensee is the subject of an order by any government agency concerning real estate, financial matters, or the performance of fiduciary duties with respect to any license, certificate, or registration.

If a licensee fails to notify the superintendent within the required time, the superintendent immediately may suspend the license of the licensee.

Any court that convicts a licensee of a violation of any municipal civil rights law pertaining to housing discrimination also shall notify the Ohio civil rights commission within fifteen days of the conviction.

(D) In case of any change of business location, a broker shall give notice to the superintendent, on a form prescribed by the superintendent, within thirty days after the change of location, whereupon the superintendent shall issue new licenses for the unexpired period without charge. If a broker changes a business location without giving the required notice and without receiving new licenses that action is prima-facie evidence of misconduct under division (A)(6) of section 4735.18 of the Revised Code.

(E) If a real estate broker desires to associate with another real estate broker in the capacity of a real estate salesperson, the broker shall apply to the superintendent to deposit the broker's real estate broker's license with the superintendent and for the issuance of a real estate salesperson's license. The application shall be made on a form prescribed by the superintendent and shall be accompanied by the recommendation of the real estate broker with whom the applicant intends to become associated and a fee of ~~twenty-five~~ thirty-four dollars for the real estate salesperson's license. One dollar of the fee shall be credited to the real estate education and research fund. If the superintendent is satisfied that the applicant is honest, truthful, and of good reputation, has not been convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude, and has not been finally adjudged by a court to have violated any municipal, state, or federal civil rights laws relevant to the protection of purchasers or sellers of real estate, and that the association of the real estate broker and the applicant will be in the public interest, the superintendent shall grant the application and issue a real estate salesperson's license to the applicant. Any license so deposited with the superintendent shall be subject to this chapter. A broker who intends to deposit the broker's license with the superintendent, as provided in this section, shall give written notice of this fact in a format prescribed by the superintendent to all salespersons associated with the broker when applying to place the broker's license on deposit.

(F) If a real estate broker desires to become a member or officer of a partnership, association, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or corporation that is or intends to become a licensed real estate broker, the broker shall notify the superintendent of the broker's intentions. The notice of intention shall be on a form prescribed by the superintendent

and shall be accompanied by a fee of ~~twenty-five~~ thirty-four dollars. One dollar of the fee shall be credited to the real estate education and research fund.

A licensed real estate broker who is a member or officer of a partnership, association, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or corporation shall only act as a real estate broker for such partnership, association, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or corporation.

(G)(1) If a real estate broker or salesperson enters the armed forces, the broker or salesperson may place the broker's or salesperson's license on deposit with the Ohio real estate commission. The licensee shall not be required to renew the license until the renewal date that follows the date of discharge from the armed forces. Any license deposited with the commission shall be subject to this chapter.

Any licensee whose license is on deposit under this division and who fails to meet the continuing education requirements of section 4735.141 of the Revised Code because the licensee is in the armed forces shall satisfy the commission that the licensee has complied with the continuing education requirements within twelve months of the licensee's first birthday after discharge or within the amount of time equal to the total number of months the licensee spent on active duty, whichever is greater. The licensee shall submit proper documentation of active duty service and the length of that active duty service to the superintendent. The extension shall not exceed the total number of months that the licensee served in active duty. The superintendent shall notify the licensee of the licensee's obligations under section 4735.141 of the Revised Code at the time the licensee applies for reactivation of the licensee's license.

(2) If a licensee is a spouse of a member of the armed forces and the spouse's service resulted in the licensee's absence from this state, both of the following apply:

(a) The licensee shall not be required to renew the license until the renewal date that follows the date of the spouse's discharge from the armed forces.

(b) If the licensee fails to meet the continuing education requirements of section 4735.141 of the Revised Code, the licensee shall satisfy the commission that the licensee has complied with the continuing education requirements within twelve months after the licensee's first birthday after the spouse's discharge or within the amount of time equal to the total number of months the licensee's spouse spent on active duty, whichever is greater. The licensee shall submit proper documentation of the spouse's active duty

service and the length of that active duty service. This extension shall not exceed the total number of months that the licensee's spouse served in active duty.

(3) In the case of a licensee as described in division (G)(2) of this section, who holds the license through a reciprocity agreement with another state, the spouse's service shall have resulted in the licensee's absence from the licensee's state of residence for the provisions of that division to apply.

(4) As used in this division, "armed forces" means the armed forces of the United States or reserve component of the armed forces of the United States including the Ohio national guard or the national guard of any other state.

(H) If a licensed real estate salesperson submits an application to the superintendent to leave the association of one broker to associate with a different broker, the broker possessing the licensee's license need not return the salesperson's license to the superintendent. The superintendent may process the application regardless of whether the licensee's license is returned to the superintendent.

Sec. 4735.143. (A) Each person applying for a license pursuant to section 4735.07 or 4735.09 of the Revised Code shall submit one complete set of fingerprint impressions directly to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation for the purpose of conducting a criminal records check. The applicant shall provide the fingerprint impressions using a method the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation prescribes and fill out the form the superintendent prescribes pursuant to division (C) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code. Upon receiving an application under this section, the superintendent of real estate and professional licensing shall request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, or a vendor approved by the bureau, to conduct a criminal records check based on the applicant's fingerprint impressions in accordance with division (A)(16) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code. Notwithstanding division (K) of section 121.08 of the Revised Code, the superintendent of real estate and professional licensing shall request that criminal record information based on the applicant's fingerprints be obtained from the federal bureau of investigation as part of the criminal records check. Any fee required under division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code shall be paid by the applicant.

(B) An applicant who disclosed on the application that the applicant has been convicted of any criminal offense shall only be permitted to take the examination after the results of the criminal records check have been

received by the superintendent and the superintendent has made a determination to disregard the conviction because the applicant has proven to the superintendent, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the applicant's activities and employment record since the conviction show that the applicant is honest, truthful, and of good reputation, and there is no basis in fact for believing that the applicant again will violate the laws involved.

(C) Persons who have indicated on the application that they have not been convicted of any criminal offense, shall, if all other requirements for licensure have been satisfied, be permitted to take the real estate examination for which the applicant has applied prior to the superintendent's receipt of the results of the criminal records check. If the applicant receives a passing score on the examination and meets the other requirements for the license, the superintendent shall issue a provisional license pending the results of the criminal records check. During this provisional status, the licensee may perform acts that require a real estate license. If the results of the criminal records check subsequently confirm that the licensee has no convictions, the provisional status shall be removed. If it is determined that the licensee has been convicted of any criminal offense, the superintendent may immediately suspend the license of the licensee.

(D) Any entity offering the precensure education required to obtain a real estate license in this state shall, prior to a student's enrollment in a class, notify the student of both of the following:

(1) That a conviction of a criminal offense may disqualify an individual from obtaining a real estate license;

(2) The student's rights under section 9.78 of the Revised Code to request a determination as to whether such a conviction will disqualify the student.

Sec. 4735.15. (A) The nonrefundable fees for reactivation or transfer of a license shall be as follows:

(1) Reactivation or transfer of a broker's license into or out of a partnership, association, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or corporation or from one partnership, association, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or corporation to another partnership, association, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or corporation, ~~twenty-five~~ thirty-four dollars. An application for such transfer shall be made to the superintendent of real estate on forms provided by the superintendent.

(2) Reactivation or transfer of a license by a real estate salesperson, ~~twenty-five~~ thirty-four dollars.

(B) Except as may otherwise be specified pursuant to division (F) of this

section or any rules adopted by the Ohio real estate commission pursuant to division (A)(2)(b) of section 4735.10 of the Revised Code, the nonrefundable fees ~~for a branch office license, license renewal, late filing, and foreign real estate dealer and salesperson license~~ are as follows ~~per year~~ for each ~~year of a~~ licensing period:

(1) Branch office license, ~~fifteen~~ twenty dollars;

(2) Renewal of a three-year real estate broker's license, ~~sixty two hundred forty-three~~ dollars. If the licensee is a partnership, association, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or corporation, the full broker's renewal fee shall be required for each member of such partnership, association, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or corporation that is a real estate broker. If the real estate broker has not less than eleven nor more than twenty real estate salespersons associated with the broker, an additional fee of sixty-four dollars shall be assessed to the brokerage. For every additional ten real estate salespersons or fraction of that number, the brokerage assessment fee shall be increased in the amount of thirty-seven dollars.

(3) Renewal of a three-year real estate salesperson's license, ~~forty-five~~ one hundred eighty-two dollars;

(4) Renewal of a real estate broker's or salesperson's license filed within twelve months after the licensee's renewal date, an additional late filing penalty of fifty per cent of the required three-year fee;

(5) Foreign real estate dealer's license and each renewal of the license, thirty dollars per salesperson employed by the dealer, but not less than ~~one~~ two hundred fifty three dollars;

(6) Foreign real estate salesperson's license and each renewal of the license, ~~fifty~~ sixty-eight dollars.

(C) All fees collected under this section shall be paid to the treasurer of state. One dollar of each such fee shall be credited to the real estate education and research fund, except that for fees that are assessed only once every three years, three dollars of each triennial fee shall be credited to the real estate education and research fund.

(D) In all cases, the fee and any penalty shall accompany the application for the license, license transfer, or license reactivation or shall accompany the filing of the renewal.

(E) The commission may establish by rule reasonable fees for services not otherwise established by this chapter.

(F) The commission may adopt rules that provide for a reduction in the fees established in divisions (B)(2) and (3) of this section.

Sec. 4735.18. (A) Subject to section 4735.32 of the Revised Code, the

superintendent of real estate, upon the superintendent's own motion, may investigate the conduct of any licensee. Subject to division (E) of this section and section 4735.32 of the Revised Code, the Ohio real estate commission shall impose disciplinary sanctions upon any licensee who, whether or not acting in the licensee's capacity as a real estate broker or salesperson, or in handling the licensee's own property, is found to have been convicted of a felony or a crime of moral turpitude, and may impose disciplinary sanctions upon any licensee who, in the licensee's capacity as a real estate broker or salesperson, or in handling the licensee's own property, is found guilty of:

- (1) Knowingly making any misrepresentation;
- (2) Making any false promises with intent to influence, persuade, or induce;
- (3) A continued course of misrepresentation or the making of false promises through agents, salespersons, advertising, or otherwise;
- (4) Acting for more than one party in a transaction except as permitted by and in compliance with section 4735.71 of the Revised Code;
- (5) Failure within a reasonable time to account for or to remit any money coming into the licensee's possession which belongs to others;
- (6) Dishonest or illegal dealing, gross negligence, incompetency, or misconduct;
- (7)(a) By final adjudication by a court, a violation of any municipal or federal civil rights law relevant to the protection of purchasers or sellers of real estate or, by final adjudication by a court, any unlawful discriminatory practice pertaining to the purchase or sale of real estate prohibited by Chapter 4112. of the Revised Code, provided that such violation arose out of a situation wherein parties were engaged in bona fide efforts to purchase, sell, or lease real estate, in the licensee's practice as a licensed real estate broker or salesperson;
- (b) A second or subsequent violation of any unlawful discriminatory practice pertaining to the purchase or sale of real estate prohibited by Chapter 4112. of the Revised Code or any second or subsequent violation of municipal or federal civil rights laws relevant to purchasing or selling real estate whether or not there has been a final adjudication by a court, provided that such violation arose out of a situation wherein parties were engaged in bona fide efforts to purchase, sell, or lease real estate. For any second offense under this division, the commission shall suspend for a minimum of two months or revoke the license of the broker or salesperson. For any subsequent offense, the commission shall revoke the license of the broker or salesperson.

(8) Procuring a license under this chapter, for the licensee or any salesperson by fraud, misrepresentation, or deceit;

(9) Having violated or failed to comply with any provision of sections 4735.51 to 4735.74 of the Revised Code or having willfully disregarded or violated any other provisions of this chapter;

(10) As a real estate broker, having demanded, without reasonable cause, other than from a broker licensed under this chapter, a commission to which the licensee is not entitled, or, as a real estate salesperson, having demanded, without reasonable cause, a commission to which the licensee is not entitled;

(11) Except as permitted under section 4735.20 of the Revised Code, having paid commissions or fees to, or divided commissions or fees with, anyone not licensed as a real estate broker or salesperson under this chapter or anyone not operating as an out-of-state commercial real estate broker or salesperson under section 4735.022 of the Revised Code;

(12) Having falsely represented membership in any real estate professional association of which the licensee is not a member;

(13) Having accepted, given, or charged any undisclosed commission, rebate, or direct profit on expenditures made for a principal;

(14) Having offered anything of value other than the consideration recited in the sales contract as an inducement to a person to enter into a contract for the purchase or sale of real estate or having offered real estate or the improvements on real estate as a prize in a lottery or scheme of chance;

(15) Having acted in the dual capacity of real estate broker and undisclosed principal, or real estate salesperson and undisclosed principal, in any transaction;

(16) Having guaranteed, authorized, or permitted any person to guarantee future profits which may result from the resale of real property;

(17) Having advertised or placed a sign on any property offering it for sale or for rent without the consent of the owner or the owner's authorized agent;

(18) Having induced any party to a contract of sale or lease to break such contract for the purpose of substituting in lieu of it a new contract with another principal;

(19) Having negotiated the sale, exchange, or lease of any real property directly with a seller, purchaser, lessor, or tenant knowing that such seller, purchaser, lessor, or tenant is represented by another broker under a written exclusive agency agreement, exclusive right to sell or lease listing agreement, or exclusive purchaser agency agreement with respect to such property except as provided for in section 4735.75 of the Revised Code;

(20) Having offered real property for sale or for lease without the knowledge and consent of the owner or the owner's authorized agent, or on any terms other than those authorized by the owner or the owner's authorized agent;

(21) Having published advertising, whether printed, radio, display, or of any other nature, which was misleading or inaccurate in any material particular, or in any way having misrepresented any properties, terms, values, policies, or services of the business conducted;

(22) Having knowingly withheld from or inserted in any statement of account or invoice any statement that made it inaccurate in any material particular;

(23) Having published or circulated unjustified or unwarranted threats of legal proceedings which tended to or had the effect of harassing competitors or intimidating their customers;

(24) Having failed to keep complete and accurate records of all transactions for a period of three years from the date of the transaction, such records to include copies of listing forms, earnest money receipts, offers to purchase and acceptances of them, records of receipts and disbursements of all funds received by the licensee as broker and incident to the licensee's transactions as such, and records required pursuant to divisions (C)(4) and (5) of section 4735.20 of the Revised Code, and any other instruments or papers related to the performance of any of the acts set forth in the definition of a real estate broker;

(25) Failure of a real estate broker or salesperson to furnish all parties involved in a real estate transaction true copies of all listings and other agreements to which they are a party, at the time each party signs them;

(26) Failure to maintain at all times a special or trust bank account in a depository located in this state. The account shall be noninterest-bearing, separate and distinct from any personal or other account of the broker, and, except as provided in division (A)(27) of this section, shall be used for the deposit and maintenance of all escrow funds, security deposits, and other moneys received by the broker in a fiduciary capacity. The name, account number, if any, and location of the depository wherein such special or trust account is maintained shall be submitted in writing to the superintendent. Checks drawn on such special or trust bank accounts are deemed to meet the conditions imposed by section 1349.21 of the Revised Code. Funds deposited in the trust or special account in connection with a purchase agreement shall be maintained in accordance with section 4735.24 of the Revised Code.

(27) Failure to maintain at all times a special or trust bank account in a

depository in this state, to be used exclusively for the deposit and maintenance of all rents, security deposits, escrow funds, and other moneys received by the broker in a fiduciary capacity in the course of managing real property. This account shall be separate and distinct from any other account maintained by the broker. The name, account number, and location of the depository shall be submitted in writing to the superintendent. This account may earn interest, which shall be paid to the property owners on a pro rata basis.

Division (A)(27) of this section does not apply to brokers who are not engaged in the management of real property on behalf of real property owners.

(28) Having failed to put definite expiration dates in all written agency agreements to which the broker is a party;

(29) Having an unsatisfied final judgment or lien in any court of record against the licensee arising out of the licensee's conduct as a licensed broker or salesperson;

(30) Failing to render promptly upon demand a full and complete statement of the expenditures by the broker or salesperson of funds advanced by or on behalf of a party to a real estate transaction to the broker or salesperson for the purpose of performing duties as a licensee under this chapter in conjunction with the real estate transaction;

(31) Failure within a reasonable time, after the receipt of the commission by the broker, to render an accounting to and pay a real estate salesperson the salesperson's earned share of it;

(32) Performing any service for another constituting the practice of law, as determined by any court of law;

(33) Having been adjudicated incompetent for the purpose of holding the license by a court, as provided in section 5122.301 of the Revised Code. A license revoked or suspended under this division shall be reactivated upon proof to the commission of the removal of the disability.

(34) Having authorized or permitted a person to act as an agent in the capacity of a real estate broker, or a real estate salesperson, who was not then licensed as a real estate broker or real estate salesperson under this chapter or who was not then operating as an out-of-state commercial real estate broker or salesperson under section 4735.022 of the Revised Code;

(35) Having knowingly inserted or participated in inserting any materially inaccurate term in a document, including naming a false consideration;

(36) Having failed to inform the licensee's client of the existence of an offer or counteroffer or having failed to present an offer or counteroffer in a

timely manner, unless otherwise instructed by the client, provided the instruction of the client does not conflict with any state or federal law;

(37) Having failed to comply with section 4735.24 of the Revised Code;

(38) Having acted as a broker without authority, impeded the ability of a principal broker to perform any of the duties described in section 4735.081 of the Revised Code, or impeded the ability a management level licensee to perform the licensee's duties.

(B) Whenever the commission, pursuant to section 4735.051 of the Revised Code, imposes disciplinary sanctions for any violation of this section, the commission also may impose such sanctions upon the broker with whom the salesperson is affiliated if the commission finds that the broker had knowledge of the salesperson's actions that violated this section.

(C) The commission shall, pursuant to section 4735.051 of the Revised Code, impose disciplinary sanctions upon any foreign real estate dealer or salesperson who, in that capacity or in handling the dealer's or salesperson's own property, is found guilty of any of the acts or omissions specified or comprehended in division (A) of this section insofar as the acts or omissions pertain to foreign real estate. If the commission imposes such sanctions upon a foreign real estate salesperson for a violation of this section, the commission also may suspend or revoke the license of the foreign real estate dealer with whom the salesperson is affiliated if the commission finds that the dealer had knowledge of the salesperson's actions that violated this section.

(D) The commission may suspend, in whole or in part, the imposition of the penalty of suspension of a license under this section.

(E) A person licensed under this chapter who represents a party to a transaction or a proposed transaction involving the sale, purchase, exchange, lease, or management of real property that is or will be used in the cultivation, processing, dispensing, or testing of medical marijuana under Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code, or who receives, holds, or disburses funds from a real estate brokerage trust account in connection with such a transaction, shall not be subject to disciplinary sanctions under this chapter solely because the licensed person engaged in activities permitted under this chapter and related to activities under Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4735.182. If a check or other draft instrument used to pay any fee required under this chapter is returned to the superintendent unpaid by the financial institution upon which it is drawn for any reason, the superintendent shall notify the entity or person that the check or other draft instrument was returned for insufficient funds.

(A) If the check or draft instrument was submitted by a licensee, the

superintendent shall also notify the licensee that the licensee's license will be suspended unless the licensee, within fifteen days after the mailing of the notice, submits the fee and a one-hundred-dollar fee to the superintendent. If the licensee does not submit both fees within that time period, or if any check or other draft instrument used to pay either of those fees is returned to the superintendent unpaid by the financial institution upon which it is drawn for any reason, the license shall be suspended immediately without a hearing and the licensee shall cease activity as a licensee under this chapter.

(B) If the check or draft instrument was remitted by a person or entity applying to qualify foreign real estate or renew a property registration, the superintendent shall also notify the applicant that registration will be suspended, unless the applicant, within fifteen days after the mailing of the notice, submits the fee and a one-hundred-dollar fee to the superintendent. If the applicant does not submit both fees within that time period, or if any check or other draft instrument used to pay either of the fees is returned to the superintendent unpaid by the financial institution upon which it is drawn for any reason, the property registration shall be suspended immediately without a hearing and the applicant shall cease activity.

(C) If the check or draft instrument was remitted by an applicant for licensure, that application shall automatically be rejected or approval withdrawn, unless the applicant, within fifteen days after the mailing of the notice, submits the fee and a one-hundred-dollar fee to the superintendent. If the applicant does not submit both fees within that time period, or if any check or other draft instrument used to pay either of those fees is returned to the superintendent unpaid by the financial institution upon which it is drawn for any reason, the application shall be denied or approval withdrawn.

(D) If the check or draft instrument was remitted by an education course provider or course provider applicant, that application shall automatically be rejected or approval withdrawn, unless the applicant, within fifteen days after the mailing of the notice, submits the fee and a ~~one-hundred-dollar~~ one-hundred-thirty-five-dollar fee to the superintendent. If the applicant does not submit both fees within that time period, or if any check or other draft instrument used to pay either of those fees is returned to the superintendent unpaid by the financial institution upon which it is drawn for any reason, the application shall be denied or approval withdrawn.

Sec. 4735.27. (A) An application to act as a foreign real estate dealer shall be in writing and filed with the superintendent of real estate. It shall be in the form the superintendent prescribes and shall contain the following information:

- (1) The name and address of the applicant;

(2) A description of the applicant, including, if the applicant is a partnership, unincorporated association, or any similar form of business organization, the names and the residence and business addresses of all partners, officers, directors, trustees, or managers of the organization, and the limitation of the liability of any partner or member; and if the applicant is a corporation, a list of its officers and directors, and the residence and business addresses of each, and, if it is a foreign corporation, a copy of its articles of incorporation in addition;

(3) The location and addresses of the principal office and all other offices of the applicant;

(4) A general description of the business of the applicant prior to the application, including a list of states in which the applicant is a licensed foreign real estate dealer;

(5) The names and addresses of all ~~salesmen~~ salespersons of the applicant at the date of the application;

(6) The nature of the business of the applicant, and its places of business, for the ten-year period preceding the date of application.

(B) Every nonresident applicant shall name a person within this state upon whom process against the applicant may be served and shall give the complete residence and business address of the person designated. Every applicant shall file an irrevocable written consent, executed and acknowledged by an individual duly authorized to give such consent, that actions growing out of a fraud committed by the applicant in connection with the sale in this state of foreign real estate may be commenced against it, in the proper court of any county in this state in which a cause of action for such fraud may arise or in which the plaintiff in such action may reside, by serving on the secretary of state any proper process or pleading authorized by the laws of this state, in the event that the applicant if a resident of this state, or the person designated by the nonresident applicant, cannot be found at the address given. The consent shall stipulate that the service of process on the secretary of state shall be taken in all courts to be as valid and binding as if service had been made upon the foreign real estate dealer. If the applicant is a corporation or an unincorporated association, the consent shall be accompanied by a certified copy of the resolution of the board of directors, trustees, or managers of the corporation or association, authorizing such individual to execute the consent.

(C) The superintendent may investigate any applicant for a dealer's license, and may require any additional information ~~he~~ the superintendent considers necessary to determine the business repute and qualifications of the applicant to act as a foreign real estate dealer. If the application for a

dealer's license involves investigation outside this state, the superintendent may require the applicant to advance sufficient funds to pay any of the actual expenses of the investigation, and an itemized statement of such expense shall be furnished to the applicant.

(D) Every applicant shall take a written examination, prescribed and conducted by the superintendent, which covers ~~his~~ the applicant's knowledge of the principles of real estate practice, real estate law, financing and appraisal, real estate transactions and instruments relating to them, canons of business ethics relating to real estate transactions, and the duties of foreign real estate dealers and ~~salesmen~~ salespersons. The fee for the examination, when administered by the superintendent, is ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred one dollars. If the applicant does not appear for the examination, the fee shall be forfeited and a new application and fee shall be filed, unless good cause for the failure to appear is shown to the superintendent. The requirement of an examination may be waived in whole or in part by the superintendent if an applicant is licensed as a real estate broker by any state.

Any applicant who fails the examination twice shall wait six months before applying to retake the examination.

(E) No person shall take the foreign real estate dealer's examination who has not established to the satisfaction of the superintendent that ~~he~~ the person:

(1) Has not been convicted of a felony or a crime of moral turpitude or, if ~~he~~ the applicant has been so convicted, the superintendent has disregarded the conviction because the applicant has proven to the superintendent, by a preponderance of the evidence, that ~~his~~ the applicant's activities and employment record since the conviction show that ~~he~~ the applicant is honest, truthful, and of good reputation, and there is no basis in fact for believing that ~~he~~ the applicant again will violate the laws involved;

(2) Has not been finally adjudged by a court to have violated any municipal, state, or federal civil rights laws relevant to the protection of purchasers or sellers of real estate or, if ~~he~~ the applicant has been so adjudged, at least two years have passed since the court decision and the superintendent has disregarded the adjudication because the applicant has proven, by a preponderance of the evidence, that ~~his~~ the applicant's activities and employment record since the adjudication show that ~~he~~ the applicant is honest, truthful, and of good reputation, and there is no basis in fact for believing that ~~he~~ the applicant again will violate the laws involved;

(3) Has not, during any period for which ~~he~~ the applicant was licensed under this chapter or any former section of the Revised Code applicable to licensed foreign real estate dealers or ~~salesmen~~ salespersons, violated any

provision of, or any rule adopted pursuant to, this chapter or that section, or, if ~~he~~ the applicant has violated any such provision or rule, has established to the satisfaction of the superintendent that ~~he~~ the applicant will not again violate the provision or rule.

(F) If the superintendent finds that an applicant for a license as a foreign real estate dealer, or each named member, manager, or officer of a partnership, association, or corporate applicant is at least eighteen years of age, is of good business repute, has passed the examination required under this section or has had the requirement of an examination waived, and appears otherwise qualified, the superintendent shall issue a license to the applicant to engage in business in this state as a foreign real estate dealer. Dealers licensed pursuant to this section shall employ as ~~salesmen~~ salespersons of foreign real estate only persons licensed pursuant to section 4735.28 of the Revised Code. If at any time such ~~salesmen~~ salespersons resign or are discharged or new ~~salesmen~~ salespersons are added, the dealer forthwith shall notify the superintendent and shall file with the division of real estate the names and addresses of new ~~salesmen~~ salespersons.

(G) If the applicant merely is renewing ~~his~~ the applicant's license for the previous year, the application need contain only the information required by divisions (A)(2), (3), and (6) of this section.

Sec. 4735.28. (A) An application to act as a foreign real estate ~~salesman~~ salesperson shall be in writing and filed with the superintendent of real estate. It shall be in the form the superintendent prescribes and shall contain the following information:

(1) The name and complete residence and business addresses of the applicant;

(2) The name of the foreign real estate dealer who is employing the applicant or who intends to employ ~~him~~ the applicant;

(3) The age and education of the applicant, and ~~his~~ the applicant's experience in the sale of foreign real estate; whether ~~he~~ the applicant has ever been licensed by the superintendent, and if so, when; whether ~~he~~ the applicant has ever been refused a license by the superintendent; and whether ~~he~~ the applicant has ever been licensed or refused a license or any similar permit by any division or superintendent of real estate, by whatsoever name known or designated, anywhere;

(4) The nature of the employment, and the names and addresses of the employers, of the applicant for the period of ten years immediately preceding the date of the application.

(B) Every applicant shall take a written examination, prescribed and conducted by the superintendent, which covers ~~his~~ the applicant's

knowledge of the principles of real estate practice, real estate law, financing and appraisal, real estate transactions and instruments relating to them, canons of business ethics relating to real estate transactions, and the duties of foreign real estate ~~salesmen~~ salespersons. The fee for the examination, when administered by the superintendent, is ~~forty~~ sixty-eight dollars. If the applicant does not appear for the examination, the fee shall be forfeited and a new application and fee shall be filed, unless good cause for the failure to appear is shown to the superintendent. The requirement of an examination may be waived in whole or in part by the superintendent if an applicant is licensed as a real estate broker or ~~salesman~~ salesperson by any state.

Any applicant who fails the examination twice shall wait six months before applying to retake the examination.

(C) No person shall take the foreign real estate ~~salesman's~~ salesperson's examination who has not established to the satisfaction of the superintendent that ~~he~~ the person:

(1) Has not been convicted of a felony or a crime of moral turpitude or, if ~~he~~ the applicant has been so convicted, the superintendent has disregarded the conviction because the applicant has proven to the superintendent, by a preponderance of the evidence, that ~~his~~ the applicant's activities and employment record since the conviction show that ~~he~~ the applicant is honest, truthful, and of good reputation, and there is no basis in fact for believing that ~~he~~ the applicant again will violate the laws involved;

(2) Has not been finally adjudged by a court to have violated any municipal, state, or federal civil rights laws relevant to the protection of purchasers or sellers of real estate or, if ~~he~~ the applicant has been so adjudged, at least two years have passed since the court decision and the superintendent has disregarded the adjudication because the applicant has proven, by a preponderance of the evidence, that ~~his~~ the applicant's activities and employment record since the adjudication show that ~~he~~ the applicant is honest, truthful, and of good reputation, and there is no basis in fact for believing that ~~he~~ the applicant will again violate the laws;

(3) Has not, during any period for which ~~he~~ the applicant was licensed under this chapter or any former section of the Revised Code ~~aplicable~~ applicable to licensed foreign real estate dealers or ~~salesmen~~ salespersons, violated any provision of, or any rule adopted pursuant to, this chapter or that section, or, if ~~he~~ the applicant has violated any such provision or rule, has established to the satisfaction of the superintendent that ~~he~~ the applicant will not again violate the provision or rule.

(D) Every ~~salesman~~ salesperson of foreign real estate shall be licensed by the superintendent of real estate and shall be employed only by the

licensed foreign real estate dealer specified on ~~his~~ the salesperson's license.

(E) If the superintendent finds that the applicant is of good business repute, appears to be qualified to act as a foreign real estate ~~salesman~~ salesperson, and has fully complied with the provisions of this chapter, and that the dealer in the application is a licensed foreign real estate dealer, the superintendent, upon payment of the fees prescribed by section 4735.15 of the Revised Code, shall issue a license to the applicant authorizing ~~him~~ the applicant to act as ~~salesman~~ a salesperson for the dealer named in the application.

Sec. 4737.045. (A) To register as a scrap metal dealer or a bulk merchandise container dealer with the director of public safety as required by division (B) of section 4737.04 of the Revised Code, a person shall do all of the following:

- (1) Provide the name and street address of the dealer's place of business;
- (2) Provide the name of the primary owner of the business, and of the manager of the business, if the manager is not the primary owner;
- (3) Provide the electronic mail address of the business;
- (4) Provide confirmation that the dealer has the capabilities to electronically connect with the department of public safety for the purpose of sending and receiving information;
- (5) Provide any other information required by the director in rules the director adopts pursuant to sections 4737.01 to 4737.045 of the Revised Code;

- (6) Pay an initial registration fee of two hundred dollars.

(B) A person engaging in the business of a scrap metal dealer or a bulk merchandise container dealer in this state on or before September 28, 2012, shall register with the director not later than January 1, 2013. With respect to a person who commences engaging in the business of a scrap metal dealer or a bulk merchandise container dealer after September 28, 2012, the person shall register with the director pursuant to this section prior to commencing business as a scrap metal dealer or a bulk merchandise container dealer.

(C) A registration issued to a scrap metal dealer or a bulk merchandise container dealer pursuant to this section is valid for a period of one year. A dealer shall renew the registration in accordance with the rules adopted by the director and pay a renewal fee of one hundred fifty dollars to cover the costs of operating and maintaining the registry created pursuant to division (E) of this section.

(D) A scrap metal dealer or a bulk merchandise container dealer registered under this section shall prominently display a copy of the annual registration certificate received from the director pursuant to division (E)(2)

of this section.

(E) The director shall do all of the following:

(1) Develop and implement, by January 1, 2014, and maintain as a registry a secure database for use by law enforcement agencies that is capable of all of the following:

(a) Receiving and securely storing all of the information required by division (A) of this section and the daily transaction data that scrap metal dealers and bulk merchandise dealers are required to send pursuant to division (E)(1) of section 4737.04 of the Revised Code;

(b) Providing secure search capabilities to law enforcement agencies for enforcement purposes;

(c) Creating a link and retransmission capability for receipt of routine scrap theft alerts published by the institute of scrap recycling industries for transmission to dealers and law enforcement agencies in the state;

(d) Making the electronic lists prepared pursuant to division (F)(2) of section 4737.04 of the Revised Code available through an electronic searchable format for individual law enforcement agencies and for dealers in the state;

(e) Providing, without charge, interlink programming enabling the transfer of information to dealers.

(2) Issue, reissue, or deny registration to dealers;

(3) Adopt rules to enforce sections 4737.01 to 4737.045 of the Revised Code, rules establishing procedures to renew a registration issued under this section, rules for the format and maintenance for the records required under division (A) of section 4737.012 of the Revised Code or division (C) of section 4737.04 of the Revised Code, and rules regarding the delivery of the report required by division (E)(1) of section 4737.04 of the Revised Code to the registry, which shall be used exclusively by law enforcement agencies.

(F) A scrap metal dealer or bulk merchandise container dealer may search, modify, or update only the dealer's own business data contained within the registry established in division (E) of this section.

(G) All fees received by the director pursuant to this section and division (F) of section 4737.99 of the Revised Code shall be used to develop and maintain the registry required under this section and for the department of public safety's operating expenses. The fees shall be deposited into the infrastructure protection fund which is hereby created in the state treasury.

Sec. 4743.02. The examination papers of each applicant examined by boards, commissions, or agencies created under or by virtue of Chapters 4701. to 4741., 4751., and 4757. of the Revised Code shall be open for inspection by the applicant or his attorney for at least ninety days

subsequent to the announcement of the applicant's grade; provided, papers not graded by members of examining boards or their employees and which by terms of a contract with any testing company the papers are not available for inspection, need not be made available for inspection; but it shall be the applicant's right to have any such paper regraded manually, upon written request of either himself or his attorney made to the board within ninety days after announcement of the grade.

Sec. 4745.04. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Indigent and uninsured person" and "volunteer" have the same meanings as in section 2305.234 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Licensing agency that licenses health care professionals" means all of the following:

(a) The state dental board established under Chapter 4715. of the Revised Code;

(b) The board of nursing established under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code;

(c) The state vision professionals board established under Chapter 4725. of the Revised Code;

(d) The state board of pharmacy established under Chapter 4729. of the Revised Code;

(e) The state medical board established under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code;

(f) The state board of psychology established under Chapter 4732. of the Revised Code;

(g) The state chiropractic board established under Chapter 4734. of the Revised Code;

(h) The Ohio occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic trainers board established under Chapter 4755. of the Revised Code;

(i) The counselor, social worker, and marriage and family therapist board established under Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code;

(j) The chemical dependency professionals board established under Chapter 4758. of the Revised Code;

(k) The state board of emergency medical services established under Chapter 4765. of the Revised Code;

(l) The state speech and hearing professionals board established under Chapter 4744. of the Revised Code;

(m) Any other licensing agency that considers its licensees to be health care professionals.

(B) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, a licensing agency that licenses health care professionals shall apply toward

the satisfaction of a portion of a licensee's continuing education requirement the provision of health care services if all of the following apply:

(1) The licensing agency that licenses health care professionals requires a licensee to complete continuing education as a condition of having a license renewed by the agency.

(2) The licensee provides the health care services to an indigent and uninsured person.

(3) The licensee provides the health care services as a volunteer.

(4) The licensee satisfies the requirements of section 2305.234 of the Revised Code to qualify for the immunity from liability granted under that section.

(5) The health care services provided are within the scope of authority of the licensee renewing the license.

(C) ~~A~~ (1) Except as provided in division (C)(2) of this section, a licensing agency that licenses health care professionals shall permit a licensee to satisfy up to one-third of the licensee's continuing education requirement by providing health care services as a volunteer. A licensing agency that licenses health care professionals shall permit a licensee to earn continuing education credits at the rate of one credit hour for each sixty minutes spent providing health care services as a volunteer.

(2) In the case of a person holding a license to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery, the state medical board shall permit the person to satisfy not more than three hours of the person's continuing education requirement by providing health care services as a volunteer.

(D) A licensing agency that licenses health care professionals shall adopt rules as necessary to implement this section. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(E) Continuing education credit received under this section for providing health care services is not compensation or any other form of remuneration for purposes of section 2305.234 of the Revised Code and does not make the provider of those services ineligible for the immunity from liability granted under that section.

Sec. 4751.01. As used in ~~sections 4751.01 to 4751.13 of the Revised Code~~ this chapter:

(A) "Health-care licensing agency" means any department, division, board, section of a board, or other government unit that is authorized by a statute of this or another state to issue a license, certificate, permit, card, or other authority to do either of the following in the context of health care:

(1) Engage in a specific profession, occupation, or occupational activity;

(2) Have charge of and operate certain specified equipment, machinery, or premises.

(B) "Licensed health services executive" means an individual who holds a valid health services executive license.

(C) "Licensed nursing home administrator" means an individual who holds a valid nursing home administrator license.

(D) "Licensed temporary nursing home administrator" means an individual who holds a valid temporary nursing home administrator license.

(E) "Long-term services and supports ~~settings~~ setting" means any institutional or community-based setting in which medical, health, ~~psycho-social~~ psychosocial, habilitative, rehabilitative, or personal care services are provided to individuals on a post-acute care basis.

~~(B) "Nursing home administrator" means any individual responsible for planning, organizing, directing, and managing the operation of a nursing home, or who in fact performs such function, whether or not such functions and duties are shared by one or more other persons.~~

~~(C)(F) "Nursing home" means a nursing home as defined by or under the authority of section 3721.01 of the Revised Code, or a nursing home operated by a governmental agency.~~

~~(D) "Temporary license" means a license for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days issued pursuant to division (B) of section 4751.06 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(E)(G) "Nursing home administration" means planning, organizing, directing, and managing the operation of a nursing home.~~

(H) "Nursing home administrator" means any individual who engages in the practice of nursing home administration, whether or not the individual shares the functions and duties of nursing home administration with one or more other individuals.

(I) "Valid health services executive license" means a health services executive license to which all of the following apply:

(1) It was issued by the board of executives of long-term services and supports under section 4751.21, 4751.23, 4751.25, or 4751.33 of the Revised Code;

(2) It was not sold, fraudulently furnished, or fraudulently obtained in violation of division (F) of section 4751.10 of the Revised Code;

(3) It is current and in good standing.

(J) "Valid nursing home administrator license" means a nursing home administrator license to which all of the following apply:

(1) It was issued by the board under section 4751.20, 4751.201, 4751.23, 4751.24, or 4751.33 of the Revised Code;

(2) It was not sold, fraudulently furnished, or fraudulently obtained in violation of division (F) of section 4751.10 of the Revised Code;

(3) It is current and in good standing.

(K) "Valid temporary nursing home administrator license" means a temporary nursing home administrator license to which all of the following apply:

(1) It was issued by the board under section 4751.202, 4751.23, or 4751.33 of the Revised Code;

(2) It was not sold, fraudulently furnished, or fraudulently obtained in violation of division (F) of section 4751.10 of the Revised Code;

(3) It is current and in good standing.

Sec. ~~4751.03~~ 4751.02. (A) There is hereby established in the department of aging a board of executives of long-term services and supports, which board shall be composed of the following eleven members:

(1) Four members who are nursing home administrators, owners of nursing homes, or officers of corporations owning nursing homes, and who shall have an understanding of person-centered care, and experience with a range of long-term services and supports settings;

(2)(a) Three members who work in long-term services and supports settings that are not nursing homes, and who shall have an understanding of person-centered care, and experience with a range of long-term services and supports settings;

(b) At least one of the members described in division (A)(2)(a) of this section shall be a home health administrator, hospice administrator, an owner of a home health agency or hospice care program, or an officer of a home health agency or hospice care program.

(3) One member who is a member of the academic community;

(4) One member who is a consumer of services offered in a long-term services and supports setting;

(5) One nonvoting member who is a representative of the department of health, designated by the director of health, who is involved in the nursing home survey and certification process, who shall serve in an advisory capacity only;

(6) One nonvoting member who is a representative of the office of the state long-term care ombudsman, designated by the state long-term care ombudsman, who shall serve in an advisory capacity only.

All members of the board shall be citizens of the United States and residents of this state. No member of the board who is appointed under divisions (A)(3) to (6) of this section may have or acquire any direct financial interest in a nursing home or long-term services and supports

settings.

(B) The term of office for each appointed member of the board shall be for three years, commencing on the twenty-eighth day of May and ending on the twenty-seventh day of May. Each member shall serve from the date of appointment until the end of the term for which appointed. No member shall serve more than two consecutive full terms.

(C) Appointments to the board shall be made by the governor. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the remainder of such term. Any appointed member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the member's successor takes office, or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first.

(D) The governor may remove any member of the board for misconduct, incapacity, incompetence, or neglect of duty after the member so charged has been served with a written statement of charges and has been given an opportunity to be heard.

(E) Each member of the board, except the member designated by the director of health and the member designated by the ombudsman, shall be paid in accordance with section 124.15 of the Revised Code and each member shall be reimbursed for the member's actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of such duties.

(F) The board shall elect annually from its membership a chairperson and a vice-chairperson.

(G) The board shall hold and conduct meetings quarterly and at such other times as its business requires. A majority of the voting members of the board shall constitute a quorum. The affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members of the board is necessary for the board to act.

(H) The board shall appoint a secretary who has no financial interest in a long-term services and supports setting, and may employ and prescribe the powers and duties of such employees and consultants as are necessary to carry out this chapter and the rules adopted under it.

Sec. ~~4751.042~~ 4751.021. (A) The board of executives of long-term services and supports shall enter into a written agreement with the department of aging for the department to serve as the board's fiscal agent. The fiscal agent shall be responsible for all the board's fiscal matters and financial transactions, as specified in the agreement. The written agreement shall specify the fees that the board shall pay to the fiscal agent for services performed under the agreement, and such fees shall be in proportion to the services performed for the board.

(1) The agreement shall require the fiscal agent to provide the following services:

(a) Preparation and processing of payroll and other personnel documents that the board approves;

(b) Maintenance of ledgers of accounts and reports of account balances, and monitoring of budgets and allotment plans in consultation with the board;

(c) Performance of other routine support services, specified in the agreement, that the fiscal agent considers appropriate to achieve efficiency.

(2) The agreement may require the fiscal agent to provide the following services:

(a) Any shared services between the board and the fiscal agent;

(b) Any other services agreed to by the board and the department, including administrative or technical services.

(B) The board, in conjunction and consultation with the fiscal agent, has the following authority and responsibility relative to fiscal matters:

(1) Sole authority to expend funds from the board's accounts for programs and any other necessary expenses the board may incur;

(2) Responsibility to cooperate with and inform the fiscal agent fully of all financial transactions.

(C) The board shall follow all state procurement, fiscal, human resources, information technology, statutory, and administrative rule requirements.

(D) In its role as fiscal agent for the board, the department shall serve as a contractor of the board, and does not assume responsibility for the debts or fiscal obligations of the board.

Sec. ~~4751.14~~ 4751.03. There is hereby created in the state treasury the board of executives of long-term services and supports fund. The fund shall consist of the amounts the board of executives of long-term services and supports collects under this chapter as ~~license and registration fees, other~~ fees, civil penalties, and fines. ~~Money~~ The board shall use the money in the fund ~~shall be used by the board of executives of long-term services and supports~~ to administer and enforce this chapter and the rules adopted under ~~it~~ section 4751.04 of the Revised Code. Investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund.

Sec. 4751.04. The board of executives of long-term services and supports shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code as necessary to implement and enforce this chapter.

Sec. 4751.10. No person shall knowingly do any of the following:

(A) Operate a nursing home unless it is under the supervision of an

administrator whose principal occupation is nursing home administration or hospital administration and who is a licensed nursing home administrator or licensed temporary nursing home administrator;

(B) Practice or offer to practice nursing home administration unless the person is a licensed nursing home administrator or licensed temporary nursing home administrator;

(C) Use any of the following unless the person is a licensed nursing home administrator:

(1) The title "licensed nursing home administrator," "nursing home administrator," "licensed assistant nursing home administrator," or "assistant nursing home administrator";

(2) The acronym "LNHA," "L.N.H.A.," "NHA," "N.H.A.," "LANHA," "L.A.N.H.A.," "ANHA," or "A.N.H.A." after the person's name;

(3) Any other words, letters, signs, cards, or devices that tend to indicate or imply that the person is a licensed nursing home administrator.

(D) Use any of the following unless the person is a licensed temporary nursing home administrator:

(1) The title "licensed temporary nursing home administrator," "temporary nursing home administrator," "licensed temporary assistant nursing home administrator," or "temporary assistant nursing home administrator";

(2) The acronym "LTNHA," "L.T.N.H.A.," "TNHA," "T.N.H.A.," "LTANHA," "L.T.A.N.H.A.," "TANHA," or "T.A.N.H.A." after the person's name;

(3) Any other words, letters, signs, cards, or devices that tend to indicate or imply that the person is a licensed temporary nursing home administrator.

(E) Use any of the following unless the person is a licensed health services executive:

(1) The title "licensed health services executive" or "health services executive";

(2) The acronym "LHSE," "L.H.S.E.," "HSE," or "H.S.E." after the person's name;

(3) Any other words, letters, signs, cards, or devices that tend to indicate or imply that the person is a licensed health services executive.

(F) Sell, fraudulently furnish, fraudulently obtain, or aid or abet another person in selling, fraudulently furnishing, or fraudulently obtaining any of the following:

(1) A nursing home administrator license;

(2) A temporary nursing home administrator license;

(3) A health services executive license.

(G) Otherwise violate any of the provisions of this chapter or the rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4751.101. Nothing in this chapter or the rules adopted under it shall be construed as requiring either of the following:

(A) An individual to be a licensed health services executive in order to do either of the following:

(1) Practice nursing home administration;

(2) Serve in a leadership position at a long-term services and supports setting or direct the practices of others in such a setting.

(B) An applicant for a nursing home administrator license or temporary nursing home administrator license who is employed by an institution for the care and treatment of the sick to demonstrate proficiency in any medical techniques or to meet any medical educational qualifications or medical standards not in accord with the remedial care and treatment provided by the institution if all of the following apply to the institution:

(1) It is operated exclusively for patients who use spiritual means for healing and for whom the acceptance of medical care is inconsistent with their religious beliefs.

(2) It is accredited by a national accrediting organization.

(3) It is exempt from federal income taxation under section 501 of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 26 U.S.C. 501.

(4) It provides twenty-four hour nursing care pursuant to the exemption in division (E) of section 4723.32 of the Revised Code from the licensing requirements of Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4751.102. Every operator of a nursing home shall report to the board of executives of long-term services and supports the name and license number of each licensed nursing home administrator and licensed temporary nursing home administrator who practices nursing home administration at the nursing home not later than ten days after the following dates:

(A) The date the licensed nursing home administrator or licensed temporary nursing home administrator begins to practice nursing home administration at the nursing home;

(B) The date the licensed nursing home administrator or licensed temporary nursing home administrator ceases to practice nursing home administration at the nursing home.

Sec. ~~4751.05~~ 4751.15. ~~(A)~~ The board of executives of long-term services and supports, ~~or shall administer, or contract with a government or private entity under contract with the board to administer,~~ examinations ~~for licensure~~ as that an individual must pass to obtain a nursing home administrator, ~~shall admit to an examination any candidate who:~~

~~(1) Pays the application fee of fifty dollars;~~
~~(2) Submits evidence of good moral character and suitability;~~
~~(3) Is at least eighteen years of age;~~
~~(4) Has completed educational requirements and work experience satisfactory to the board;~~
~~(5) Submits an application on forms prescribed by the board;~~
~~(6) Pays license under section 4751.20 or 4751.201 of the Revised Code. If the board contracts with a government or private entity to administer the examinations, the contract may authorize the entity to collect and keep, as all or part of the entity's compensation under the contract, any fee an individual pays to take the examination. The entity is not required to deposit the fee into the state treasury.~~

To be admitted to an examination administered under this section, an individual must pay the examination fee charged by the board or government or private entity.

~~(B) Nothing in Chapter 4751. of the Revised Code or the rules adopted thereunder shall be construed to require an applicant for licensure or a temporary license, who is employed by an institution for the care and treatment of the sick to demonstrate proficiency in any medical techniques or to meet any medical educational qualifications or medical standards not in accord with the remedial care and treatment provided by the institution if the institution is all of the following:~~

~~(1) Operated exclusively for patients who use spiritual means for healing and for whom the acceptance of medical care is inconsistent with their religious beliefs;~~
~~(2) Accredited by a national accrediting organization;~~
~~(3) Exempt from federal income taxation under section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C.A. 1, as amended;~~
~~(4) Providing twenty-four hour nursing care pursuant to the exemption in division (E) of section 4723.32 of the Revised Code from the licensing requirements of Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code.~~

(C) entity. If a person an individual fails three times to attain a passing grade on pass the examination, said person the individual, before the person may again be being admitted to the examination a subsequent time, shall meet such additional also must satisfy any education or requirements, experience requirements, or both, as that may be prescribed by the board in rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code in addition to any education requirements or experience requirements that must be satisfied to obtain a nursing home administrator license under section 4751.20 or 4751.201 of the Revised Code.

Sec. ~~4751.044~~ 4751.151. Except when the board of executives of long-term services and supports considers it necessary, the board shall not disclose test materials, examinations, or evaluation tools used in an examination ~~for licensure as a nursing home administrator that the board administers~~ administered under section ~~4751.04~~ 4751.15 of the Revised Code ~~or contracts under that section with a private or government entity to administer.~~

Sec. ~~4751.06~~ 4751.20. (A) ~~An applicant for licensure as~~ Subject to section 4751.32 of the Revised Code, the board of executives of long-term services and supports shall issue a nursing home administrator ~~who has successfully completed the requirements of section 4751.05 of the Revised Code,~~ license to an individual under this section if all of the following requirements are satisfied:

(1) The individual has submitted to the board a completed application for the license in accordance with rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code.

(2) If the individual is required by rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code to serve as a nursing home administrator in training, the individual has paid to the board the administrator in training fee of fifty dollars.

(3) The individual is at least twenty-one years of age.

(4) The individual has successfully completed educational requirements and work experience specified in rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code, including, if so required by the rules, experience obtained as a nursing home administrator in training.

(5) The individual is of good moral character.

(6) The individual has complied with section 4776.02 of the Revised Code regarding a criminal records check.

(7) The board, in its discretion, has determined that the results of the criminal records check do not make the individual ineligible for the license.

(8) The individual has passed the licensing examination administered by the board of executives of long-term services and supports or a government or private entity under contract with the board, and paid section 4751.15 of the Revised Code.

(9) The individual has paid to the board an original a license fee of two hundred fifty dollars shall be issued a license on a form provided by the board. Such

(10) The individual has satisfied any additional requirements as may be prescribed in rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code.

(B) A nursing home administrator license shall certify that the applicant

individual to whom it was issued has met the licensure applicable requirements of Chapter 4751. this chapter and any applicable rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code and is entitled authorized to practice as a licensed nursing home administrator administration while the license is valid.

~~(B) A temporary license for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days may be issued to an individual temporarily filling the position of a nursing home administrator vacated by reason of death, illness, or other unexpected cause, pursuant to regulations adopted by the board.~~

~~(C) The fee for a temporary license is one hundred dollars. Said fee must accompany the application for the temporary license.~~

~~(D) Any license or temporary license issued by the board pursuant to this section shall be under the hand of the chairperson and the secretary of the board.~~

~~(E) A duplicate of the original certificate of registration or license may be secured to replace one that has been lost or destroyed by submitting to the board a notarized statement explaining the conditions of the loss, mutilation, or destruction of the certificate or license and by paying a fee of twenty-five dollars.~~

~~(F) A duplicate certificate of registration and license may be issued in the event of a legal change of name by submitting to the board a certified copy of the court order or marriage license establishing the change of name, by returning at the same time the original license and certificate of registration, and by paying a fee of twenty-five dollars.~~

Sec. 4751.08 4751.201. The (A) Subject to section 4751.32 of the Revised Code, the board of executives of long-term services and supports, in its discretion, and otherwise subject to Chapter 4751. of the Revised Code and the rules adopted by the board thereunder prescribing the qualifications for a nursing home administrator license, may license issue a nursing home administrator without examination if the nursing home administrator has a valid license issued by the proper authorities of any other state, upon payment of to an individual under this section if all of the following requirements are satisfied:

(1) The individual is legally authorized to practice nursing home administration in another state.

(2) The individual has submitted to the board a completed application for the license in accordance with rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code.

(3) The individual is at least twenty-one years of age.

(4) The individual holds at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited

educational institution.

(5) The individual is of good moral character.

(6) The individual has complied with section 4776.02 of the Revised Code regarding a criminal records check.

(7) The board, in its discretion, has determined that the results of the criminal records check do not make the individual ineligible for the license.

(8) The individual has passed the licensing examination administered under section 4751.15 of the Revised Code.

(9) The individual has paid to the board a license fee of one two hundred fifty dollars; and upon submission of evidence satisfactory to the board both:

(A) That such other state maintained a system and standard of qualifications and examinations for a nursing home administrator license which were substantially equivalent to those required in this state at the time such other license was issued by such other state;

(B) That such other state gives similar recognition to nursing home administrators licensed in this state.

(10) The individual has satisfied any additional requirements as may be prescribed in rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code.

(B) A nursing home administrator license shall certify that the individual to whom it was issued has met the applicable requirements of this chapter and any applicable rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code and is authorized to practice nursing home administration while the license is valid.

Sec. 4751.202. (A) Subject to section 4751.32 of the Revised Code, the board of executives of long-term services and supports may issue a temporary nursing home administrator license to an individual if all of the following requirements are satisfied:

(1) The operator of a nursing home has requested that the board issue a temporary nursing home administrator license to the individual to authorize the individual to temporarily practice nursing home administration at the nursing home because of a vacancy in the position of nursing home administrator at the nursing home resulting from a death, illness, or other unexpected cause.

(2) The individual is at least twenty-one years of age.

(3) The individual is of good moral character.

(4) The individual has complied with section 4776.02 of the Revised Code regarding a criminal records check.

(5) The board, in its discretion, has determined that the results of the criminal records check do not make the individual ineligible for the license.

(6) The individual has paid to the board a fee for the temporary license of one hundred dollars.

(7) The individual has satisfied any additional requirements as may be prescribed in rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code.

(B) A temporary nursing home administrator license shall certify that the individual to whom it was issued has met the applicable requirements of this chapter and any applicable rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code and is authorized to practice nursing home administration while the temporary license is valid.

(C) Except as provided in section 4751.32 of the Revised Code, a temporary nursing home administrator license is valid for a period of time the board shall specify on the temporary license. That period shall not exceed one hundred eighty days. If that period is less than one hundred eighty days, the individual holding the temporary license may apply to the board for renewal of the temporary license in accordance with rules the board shall adopt under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code. Except as provided in section 4751.32 of the Revised Code, a renewed temporary nursing home administrator license is valid for a period of time the board shall specify on the renewed temporary license. That period shall not exceed the difference between one hundred eighty days and the number of days for which the original temporary license was valid. A renewed temporary nursing home administrator license shall not be renewed. A licensed temporary nursing home administrator who intends to continue to practice nursing home administration after the temporary license, including, if applicable, the renewed temporary license, expires must obtain a nursing home administrator license under section 4751.20 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4751.21. (A) Subject to section 4751.32 of the Revised Code, the board of executives of long-term services and supports shall issue a health services executive license to an individual if all of the following requirements are satisfied:

(1) The individual has submitted to the board a completed application for the license in accordance with rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code.

(2) The individual is a licensed nursing home administrator.

(3) The individual has obtained the health services executive qualification through the national association of long-term care administrator boards.

(4) The individual has complied with section 4776.02 of the Revised Code regarding a criminal records check.

(5) The board, in its discretion, has determined that the results of the

criminal records check do not make the individual ineligible for the license.

(6) The individual has paid to the board a license fee of one hundred dollars.

(B) A health services executive license shall certify that the individual to whom it was issued has met the applicable requirements of this chapter and any applicable rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code and is a licensed health services executive while the license is valid.

Sec. 4751.22. All licenses and temporary licenses that the board of executives of long-term services and supports issues under this chapter shall include the signatures of the board's chairperson and secretary.

Sec. 4751.23. (A) Subject to section 4751.32 of the Revised Code, the board of executives of long-term services and supports may issue to a licensed nursing home administrator, licensed temporary nursing home administrator, or licensed health services executive a duplicate of the individual's nursing home administrator license, temporary nursing home administrator license, or health services executive license if the license or temporary license has been lost, mutilated, or destroyed and the individual does both of the following:

(1) Submits to the board a notarized statement explaining the conditions of the loss, mutilation, or destruction;

(2) Pays to the board a fee of twenty-five dollars.

(B) Subject to section 4751.32 of the Revised Code, the board may issue to a licensed nursing home administrator, licensed temporary nursing home administrator, or licensed health services executive whose name has been legally changed a duplicate of the individual's nursing home administrator license, temporary nursing home administrator license, or health services executive license that has the individual's new name if the individual does all of the following:

(1) Submits to the board a certified copy of the court order or marriage license establishing the change of name;

(2) Returns to the board the license or temporary license that has the individual's previous name;

(3) Pays to the board a fee of twenty-five dollars.

~~Sec. 4751.07 4751.24. (A) Every individual who holds a valid license as a nursing home administrator issued under division (A) of section 4751.06 of the Revised Code, shall immediately upon issuance thereof be registered with the board of executives of long-term services and supports and be issued a certificate of registration. Such individual shall annually apply to the board for a new certificate of registration on forms provided for such purpose prior to the expiration of the certificate of registration and shall at~~

~~the same time submit~~ Subject to section 4751.32 of the Revised Code, a nursing home administrator license is valid for one year and may be renewed and reinstated in accordance with this section.

(B) If a licensed nursing home administrator intends to continue to practice nursing home administration without interruption after the administrator's license expires, the administrator shall apply to the board of executives of long-term services and supports for a renewed nursing home administrator license. Subject to section 4751.32 of the Revised Code, the board shall renew the license if the administrator does all of the following before the license expires:

(1) Submits to the board a completed application for license renewal in accordance with rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code;

(2) Pays to the board the license renewal fee of three hundred dollars;

(3) Submits to the board satisfactory evidence to the board of having attended such continuing education programs or courses of study as may be prescribed in rules adopted by the board under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code;

(4) Satisfies any other requirements as may be prescribed in rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code.

~~(B) Upon making an application for a new certificate of registration such individual shall pay the annual registration fee of three hundred dollars.~~

(C) Upon receipt of such application for registration and the registration fee required by divisions (A) and (B) of this section, the board shall issue a certificate of registration to such nursing home administrator. If a nursing home administrator license issued under section 4751.20 or 4751.201 of the Revised Code is not renewed before it expires, the individual who held the license may apply to the board for the license's reinstatement. Subject to section 4751.32 of the Revised Code, the board shall reinstate the license if the individual does all of the following not later than one year after the date the license expired:

(1) Submits to the board the completed application for license reinstatement in accordance with rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code;

(2) Pays to the board the license reinstatement fee equal to the sum of the following:

(a) Three hundred dollars;

(b) Fifty dollars for each calendar quarter that occurs during the period beginning on the date the license expires and ending on the last day of the calendar quarter during which the individual applies for license reinstatement, up to a maximum of two hundred dollars.

(3) Submits to the board satisfactory evidence of having attended such continuing education programs or courses of study as may be prescribed in rules adopted by the board under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code;

(4) Satisfies any other requirements as may be prescribed in rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code.

~~(D) The license of a nursing home administrator who fails to comply with this section shall automatically lapse.~~

~~(E) A licensed nursing home administrator who has been licensed and registered in this state who determines to temporarily abandon the practice of nursing home administration shall notify the board in writing immediately; provided, that such individual, The former administrator may thereafter register to resume the practice of nursing home administration within the state upon complying with the requirements of this section regarding annual registration license renewal or license reinstatement, whichever is applicable.~~

~~(F) Only an individual who has qualified as a licensed and registered nursing home administrator under Chapter 4751. of the Revised Code and the rules adopted thereunder, and who holds a valid current registration certificate pursuant to this section, may use the title "nursing home administrator," or the abbreviation "N.H.A." after the individual's name. No other person shall use such title or such abbreviation or any other words, letters, sign, card, or device tending to indicate or to imply that the person is a licensed and registered nursing home administrator.~~

~~(G) Every person holding a valid license entitling the person to practice nursing home administration in this state shall display said license in the nursing home which is the person's principal place of employment, and while engaged in the practice of nursing home administration shall have at hand the current registration certificate.~~

~~(H) Every person holding a valid temporary license shall have such license at hand while engaged in the practice of nursing home administration.~~

Sec. 4751.25. (A) Subject to section 4751.32 of the Revised Code, a health services executive license is valid for one year and may be renewed and reinstated in accordance with this section.

(B) A licensed health services executive may apply to the board of executives of long-term services and supports for a renewed license. Subject to section 4751.32 of the Revised Code, the board shall renew the license if the licensed health services executive does all of the following before the license expires:

(1) Submits to the board the completed application for license renewal

in accordance with rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code:

(2) Pays to the board the license renewal fee of fifty dollars;

(3) Submits to the board satisfactory evidence of having attended such continuing education programs or courses of study as may be prescribed in rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) If a health services executive license is not renewed before it expires, the individual who held the license may apply to the board for the license's reinstatement. Subject to section 4751.32 of the Revised Code, the board shall reinstate the license if the individual does all of the following not later than one year after the date the license expired:

(a) Submits to the board the completed application for license reinstatement in accordance with rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code;

(b) Pays to the board the license reinstatement fee specified in division (C)(2) of this section;

(c) Submits to the board satisfactory evidence of having attended such continuing education programs or courses of study as may be prescribed in rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code.

(2) The fee to reinstate a health services executive license under division (C)(1) of this section is the following:

(a) If the individual applying for reinstatement has, at the same time, applied for reinstatement of a nursing home administrator license under division (C) of section 4751.24 of the Revised Code and paid the reinstatement fee required by division (C)(2) of that section, one hundred dollars;

(b) If division (C)(2)(a) of this section does not apply to the individual, the sum of the following:

(i) One hundred dollars;

(ii) Twenty-five dollars for each calendar quarter that occurs during the period beginning on the date the license expired and ending on the last day of the calendar quarter during which the individual applies for license reinstatement, up to a maximum of one hundred dollars.

Sec. ~~4751.044~~ 4751.26. The board of executives of long-term services and supports shall approve continuing education courses for licensed nursing home administrators and licensed health services executives. The board may establish a fee for approval of such courses that is adequate to cover any expense the board incurs in the approval process.

Sec. 4751.30. (A) Any person may submit to the board of executives of long-term services and supports a complaint that the person reasonably

believes that another person has violated, or failed to comply with a requirement of, this chapter or a rule adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code. All of the following apply to complaints submitted to the board under this section:

(1) They are not subject to discovery in any civil action.

(2) They are not public records for purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

(3) They are not subject to inspection or copying under section 1347.08 of the Revised Code.

(B) Except as provided in division (D) of section 4751.31 of the Revised Code, the board shall protect the confidentiality of each person who submits a complaint to the board under this section.

Sec. 4751.31. (A) The board of executives of long-term services and supports shall receive, investigate, and take appropriate action with respect to any complaint submitted to the board under section 4751.30 of the Revised Code and any other credible information the board possesses that indicates a person may have violated, or failed to comply with a requirement of, this chapter or a rule adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code.

(B) In conducting an investigation under this section, the board may do any of the following:

(1) Question witnesses;

(2) Conduct interviews;

(3) Inspect and copy any books, accounts, papers, records, or other documents;

(4) Issue subpoenas;

(5) Compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents and testimony.

(C) No member of the board who supervises an investigation conducted under this section shall participate in any adjudication arising from the investigation.

(D) The board may disclose any information it receives as part of an investigation conducted under this section, including the identity of a person who submits a complaint under section 4751.30 of the Revised Code, to a law enforcement agency, licensing board, or other government agency that investigates, prosecutes, or adjudicates alleged violations of statutes or rules. An agency or board that receives such information shall protect the confidentiality of a person who submits a complaint under section 4751.30 of the Revised Code in the same manner as the board of executives of long-term services and supports, notwithstanding any other information that the agency or other board possesses.

~~Sec. 4751.10~~ 4751.32. ~~(A) The license or registration, or both, or the temporary license of any person practicing or offering to practice nursing home administration, shall be revoked or suspended by the board of executives of long-term services and supports may take any of the actions authorized by division (B) of this section against an individual who has applied for or holds a nursing home administrator license, temporary nursing home administrator license, or health services executive license if such licensee or temporary licensee any of the following apply to the individual:~~

~~(A) Is~~ (1) The individual has failed to satisfy any requirement established by this chapter or the rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code that must be satisfied to obtain the license or temporary license.

(2) The individual has violated, or failed to comply with a requirement of, this chapter or a rule adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code regarding the practice of nursing home administration, including the requirements of sections 4751.40 and 4751.41 of the Revised Code.

(3) The individual is unfit or incompetent to practice nursing home administration, serve in a leadership position at a long-term services and supports setting, or direct the practices of others in such a setting by reason of negligence, habits, or other causes;

~~(B) Has willfully or repeatedly violated any of the provisions of Chapter 4751. of the Revised Code or the regulations adopted thereunder; or willfully or repeatedly, including the individual's habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances.~~

(4) The individual has acted in a manner inconsistent with the health and safety of either of the patients following:

(a) The residents of the nursing home in at which the licensee or temporary licensee is the administrator individual practices nursing home administration;

~~(C) Is guilty of fraud or deceit in the practice of nursing home administration or in the licensee's or temporary licensee's admission to such practice;~~

~~(D) Has~~ (b) The consumers of services and supports provided by a long-term services and supports setting at which the individual serves in a leadership position or directs the practices of others.

(5) The individual has been convicted of, or pleaded guilty to, either of the following in a court of competent jurisdiction, either within or without this state, of a:

(a) A felony;

(b) An offense of moral turpitude that constitutes a misdemeanor in this

state.

(6) The individual made a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement in seeking to obtain, or obtaining, a nursing home administrator license, temporary nursing home administrator license, or health services executive license.

(7) The individual made a fraudulent misrepresentation in attempting to obtain, or obtaining, money or anything of value in the practice of nursing home administration or while serving in a leadership position at a long-term services and supports setting or directing the practices of others in such a setting.

(8) The individual has substantially deviated from the board's code of ethics.

(9) Another health care licensing agency has taken any of the following actions against the individual for any reason other than nonpayment of a fee:

(a) Denied, refused to renew or reinstate, limited, revoked, or suspended, or accepted the surrender of, a license or other authorization to practice;

(b) Imposed probation;

(c) Issued a censure or other reprimand.

(10) The individual has failed to do any of the following:

(a) Cooperate with an investigation conducted by the board under section 4751.31 of the Revised Code;

(b) Respond to or comply with a subpoena issued by the board in an investigation of the individual;

(c) Comply with any disciplinary action the board has taken against the individual pursuant to this section.

(B) The following are the actions that the board may take for the purpose of division (A) of this section:

(1) Deny the individual any of the following:

(a) A nursing home administrator license under section 4751.20, 4751.201, 4751.23, or 4751.24 of the Revised Code;

(b) A temporary nursing home administrator license under section 4751.202 or 4751.23 of the Revised Code;

(c) A health services executive license under section 4751.21, 4751.23, or 4751.25 of the Revised Code.

(2) Suspend the individual's nursing home administrator license, temporary nursing home administrator license, or health services executive license;

(3) Revoke the individual's nursing home administrator license, temporary nursing home administrator license, or health services executive

license, either permanently or for a period of time the board specifies:

(4) Place a limitation on the individual's nursing home administrator license, temporary nursing home administrator license, or health services executive license;

(5) Place the individual on probation;

(6) Issue a written reprimand of the individual;

(7) Impose on the individual a civil penalty, fine, or other sanction specified in rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code.

(C) The board shall take actions authorized by division (B) of this section in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, except that the board may enter into a consent agreement with an individual to resolve an alleged violation of this chapter or a rule adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code in lieu of making an adjudication regarding the alleged violation. A consent agreement constitutes the board's findings and order with respect to the matter addressed in the consent agreement if the board ratifies the consent agreement. Any admissions or findings included in a proposed consent agreement have no force or effect if the board refuses to ratify the consent agreement.

Sec. ~~4751.14~~ 4751.33. (A) The board of executives of long-term services and supports may, in its discretion, reissue a nursing home administrator license or registration, or both, temporary nursing home administrator license, or health services executive license to any ~~person~~ individual whose license or ~~registration, or both,~~ temporary license has been ~~revoked.~~

~~(B) revoked.~~ Application for the reissuance of a ~~license or registration, or both,~~ shall not be made prior to one year after revocation and shall be made in such manner as the board may direct.

~~(C)~~ (B) If a person an individual who has been convicted of, or pleaded guilty to, a felony is subsequently pardoned by the governor of the state where such conviction or plea was had or by the president of the United States, or receives a final release granted by the adult parole authority of this state or its equivalent agency of another state, the board may, in its discretion, on application of such person the individual and on the submission of evidence satisfactory to the board, restore to such person the individual's nursing home administrator's administrator license or registration, temporary nursing home administrator license, or both health services executive license.

Sec. ~~4751.12~~ 4751.35. On receipt of a notice pursuant to section 3123.43 of the Revised Code, the board of executives of long-term services and supports shall comply with sections 3123.41 to 3123.50 of the Revised

Code and any applicable rules adopted under section 3123.63 of the Revised Code with respect to a license or temporary license issued pursuant to this chapter.

Sec. ~~4751.13~~ 4751.36. The board of executives of long-term services and supports shall comply with section 4776.20 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4751.37. The board of executives of long-term services and supports shall take such actions as may be necessary to enable the state to meet the requirements set forth in section 1908 of the "Social Security Act," 42 U.S.C. 1396g.

Sec. 4751.38. The board of executives of long-term services and supports shall create opportunities for the education, training, and credentialing of nursing home administrators, persons in leadership positions who practice in long-term services and supports settings or who direct the practices of others in those settings, and persons interested in serving in those roles. In carrying out this duty, the board shall do both the following:

(A) Identify core competencies and areas of knowledge that are appropriate for nursing home administrators, credentialed individuals, and others working within the long-term services and supports settings system, with an emphasis on all of the following:

(1) Leadership;

(2) Person-centered care;

(3) Principles of management within both the business and regulatory environments;

(4) An understanding of all post-acute settings, including transitions from acute settings and between post-acute settings.

(B) Assist in the development of a strong, competitive market in this state for making training, continuing education, and degree programs available to individuals seeking to practice nursing home administration, serve in a leadership position at a long-term services and support setting, or direct the practice of others in such a setting.

Sec. ~~4751.043~~ 4751.381. (A) Training and education programs developed by the board of executives of long-term services and supports pursuant to ~~division (A)(10) of section 4751.04~~ 4751.38 of the Revised Code may be conducted in person or through electronic media. The board may establish and charge a fee for the education and training programs.

(B) The board may enter into a contract with a government or private entity to perform the board's duties under ~~division (A)(10) of section 4751.04~~ 4751.38 of the Revised Code to develop and conduct education and training programs. If the board enters into such a contract, the contract may

authorize the entity to pay any or all costs associated with the education or training programs and to collect and keep, as all or part of the entity's compensation under the contract, any fee an applicant for education or training pays to enroll in the education or training program.

Sec. 4751.40. Each licensed nursing home administrator, licensed temporary nursing home administrator, and licensed health services executive shall report to the board of executives of long-term services and supports any change in any of the following not later than ten days after the change:

(A) The individual's residence mailing address;

(B) The name and address of each place at which the individual practices nursing home administration;

(C) The name and address of each long-term services and supports setting at which the individual serves in a leadership position or directs the practices of others.

Sec. 4751.41. Every licensed nursing home administrator, licensed temporary nursing home administrator, and licensed health services executive shall display the individual's license or temporary license in the place at which the individual practices nursing home administration and the long-term services and supports setting at which the individual serves in a leadership position or directs the practices of others.

Sec. 4751.45. An individual who is a licensed nursing home administrator, licensed temporary nursing home administrator, or licensed health services executive may request that the board of executives of long-term services and supports provide to a licensing board or agency of another state verification of the individual's licensure status under this chapter and other related information in the board's possession. The board shall provide the licensing board or agency of the other state the verification and other related information so requested if the individual pays to the board the fee for this service. The board shall adopt a rule under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code establishing the fee.

Sec. 4751.99. Whoever violates section ~~4751.02 or 4751.09~~ 4751.10 of the Revised Code may be fined not more than five hundred dollars for the first offense; for each subsequent offense such person may be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than ninety days, or both.

The imposition of fines pursuant to this section does not preclude the imposition of any civil penalties or fines authorized ~~under~~ by section 4751.04 4751.32 or any other section of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4757.10. (A) The counselor, social worker, and marriage and

family therapist board may adopt any rules necessary to carry out this chapter.

(B) The board shall adopt rules that do all of the following:

~~(A)~~(1) Concern intervention for and treatment of any impaired person holding a license or certificate of registration issued under this chapter;

~~(B)~~(2) Establish standards for training and experience of supervisors described in division (C) of section 4757.30 of the Revised Code;

~~(C)~~(3) Define the requirement that an applicant be of good moral character in order to be licensed or registered under this chapter;

~~(D)~~(4) Establish requirements for criminal records checks of applicants under section 4776.03 of the Revised Code;

~~(E)~~(5) Establish a graduated system of fines based on the scope and severity of violations and the history of compliance, not to exceed five hundred dollars per incident, that any professional standards committee of the board may charge for a disciplinary violation described in section 4757.36 of the Revised Code;

~~(F)~~(6) Establish the amount and content of corrective action courses required by the board under section ~~4755.36~~ 4757.36 of the Revised Code;

~~(G)~~(7) Provide for voluntary registration of all of the following:

~~(1)~~(a) Master's level counselor trainees enrolled in practice and internships;

~~(2)~~(b) Master's level social worker trainees enrolled in fieldwork, practice, and internships;

~~(3)~~(c) Master's level marriage and family therapist trainees enrolled in practice and internships.

(8) Establish a schedule of deadlines for renewal.

(C) Rules adopted under division ~~(G)~~(B)(7) of this section shall not require a trainee to register with the board, and if a trainee has not registered, shall prohibit any adverse effect with respect to a trainee's application for licensure by the board.

(D) All rules adopted under this section shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. When it adopts rules under this section or any other section of this chapter, the board may consider standards established by any national association or other organization representing the interests of those involved in professional counseling, social work, or marriage and family therapy.

Sec. 4757.13. ~~(A) Each individual who engages in the practice of professional counseling, social work, or marriage and family therapy shall prominently display, in a conspicuous place in the office or place where a major portion of the individual's practice is conducted, and in such a manner~~

~~as to be easily seen and read, the license granted to the individual by the state counselor, social worker, and marriage and family therapist board.~~

(B) A person holding a license holder issued under this chapter who is engaged in a private individual practice, partnership, or group practice shall prominently display the license holder's fee schedule in the office or place where a major portion of the license holder's practice is conducted. The bottom of the first page of the fee schedule shall include the following statement, which shall be followed by the name, address, and telephone number of the board:

"This information is required by the Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board, which regulates the practices of professional counseling, social work, and marriage and family therapy in this state."

Sec. 4757.18. The counselor, social worker, and marriage and family therapist board may enter into a reciprocal agreement with any state that regulates individuals practicing in the same capacities as those regulated under this chapter if the board finds that the state has requirements substantially equivalent to the requirements this state has for receipt of a license or certificate of registration under this chapter. In a reciprocal agreement, the board agrees to issue the appropriate license or certificate of registration to any resident of the other state whose practice is currently authorized by that state if that state's regulatory body agrees to authorize the appropriate practice of any resident of this state who holds a valid license or certificate of registration issued under this chapter.

~~The~~ Subject to section 4757.25 of the Revised Code, the professional standards committees of the board may, by endorsement, issue the appropriate license or certificate of registration to a resident of a state with which the board does not have a reciprocal agreement, if the person submits proof satisfactory to the committee of currently being licensed, certified, registered, or otherwise authorized to practice by that state.

Sec. 4757.22. (A) The counselors professional standards committee of the counselor, social worker, and marriage and family therapist board shall issue a license to practice as a licensed professional clinical counselor to each applicant who submits a properly completed application, pays the fee established under section 4757.31 of the Revised Code, and meets the requirements specified in division (B) of this section.

(B)(1) To be eligible for a licensed professional clinical counselor license, an individual must meet the following requirements:

- (a) The individual must be of good moral character.
- (b) The individual must hold a graduate degree in counseling as

described in division (B)(2) of this section.

(c) The individual must complete a minimum of ninety quarter hours or sixty semester hours of graduate credit in counselor training acceptable to the committee, including instruction in the following areas:

- (i) Clinical psychopathology, personality, and abnormal behavior;
- (ii) Evaluation of mental and emotional disorders;
- (iii) Diagnosis of mental and emotional disorders;
- (iv) Methods of prevention, intervention, and treatment of mental and emotional disorders.

(d) The individual must complete, in either a private or clinical counseling setting, supervised experience in counseling that is of a type approved by the committee, is supervised by a licensed professional clinical counselor or other qualified professional approved by the committee, and is in the following amounts:

(i) In the case of an individual holding only a master's degree, not less than two years of experience, which must be completed after the award of the master's degree;

(ii) In the case of an individual holding a doctorate, not less than one year of experience, which must be completed after the award of the doctorate.

(e) The individual must pass a field evaluation that meets the following requirements:

(i) Has been completed by the applicant's instructors, employers, supervisors, or other persons determined by the committee to be competent to evaluate an individual's professional competence;

(ii) Includes documented evidence of the quality, scope, and nature of the applicant's experience and competence in diagnosing and treating mental and emotional disorders.

(f) The individual must pass an examination administered by the board for the purpose of determining ability to practice as a licensed professional clinical counselor.

(2) To meet the requirement of division (B)(1)(b) of this section, a graduate degree in counseling obtained from a ~~mental health~~ counseling program in this state after January 1, 2018, must be from one of the following:

(a) A ~~clinical mental health counseling program, a clinical rehabilitation counseling program, or an addiction~~ counseling program accredited by the council for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs;

(b) A counseling education program approved by the board in accordance with rules adopted by the board under division (G) of this

section.

(3) All of the following meet the educational requirements of division (B)(1)(c) of this section:

(a) A clinical mental health counseling program accredited by the council for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs;

(b) Until January 1, 2018, a mental health counseling program accredited by the council for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs;

(c) A graduate degree in counseling issued by another state from a clinical mental health counseling program, a clinical rehabilitation counseling program, or an addiction counseling program that is accredited by the council for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs;

(d) A counseling education program approved by the board in accordance with rules adopted under division (G) of this section.

(C) To be accepted by the committee for purposes of division (B) of this section, counselor training must include at least the following:

(1) Instruction in human growth and development; counseling theory; counseling techniques; group dynamics, processing, and counseling; appraisal of individuals; research and evaluation; professional, legal, and ethical responsibilities; social and cultural foundations; and lifestyle and career development;

(2) Participation in a supervised practicum and clinical internship in counseling.

(D) The committee may issue a temporary license to an applicant who meets all of the requirements to be licensed under this section, pending the receipt of transcripts or action by the committee to issue a license to practice as a licensed professional clinical counselor.

(E) An individual may not sit for the licensing examination unless the individual meets the educational requirements to be licensed under this section. An individual who is denied admission to the licensing examination may appeal the denial in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(F) The board shall adopt any rules necessary for the committee to implement this section. The rules shall do both of the following:

(1) Establish criteria for the committee to use in determining whether an applicant's training should be accepted and supervised experience approved;

(2) Establish course content requirements for qualifying counseling degrees issued by institutions in other states from clinical mental health counseling programs, clinical rehabilitation counseling programs, and addiction counseling programs that are not accredited by the council for

accreditation of counseling and related educational programs.

Rules adopted under this division shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(G)(1) The board may adopt rules to temporarily approve a counseling education program created after January 1, 2018, that has not been accredited by the council for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs. If the board adopts rules under this division, the board shall do all of the following in the rules:

(a) Create an application process under which a program administrator may apply to the board for approval of the program;

(b) Identify the educational requirements that an individual must satisfy to receive a graduate degree in counseling from the approved program;

(c) Establish a time period during which an individual may use an unaccredited degree granted under the program to satisfy the requirements of divisions (B)(1)(b) and (c) of this section;

(d) Specify that, if the program is denied accreditation, a student enrolled in the program before the accreditation is denied may apply for licensure before completing the program and, on receiving a degree from the program, is considered to satisfy divisions (B)(1)(b) and (c) of this section.

(2) A degree from a counseling education program approved by the board pursuant to the rules adopted under division (G)(1) of this section satisfies the requirements of divisions (B)(1)(b) and (c) of this section for the time period approved by the board.

Sec. 4757.23. (A) The counselors professional standards committee of the counselor, social worker, and marriage and family therapist board shall issue a license as a licensed professional counselor to each applicant who submits a properly completed application, pays the fee established under section 4757.31 of the Revised Code, and meets the requirements established under division (B) of this section.

(B)(1) To be eligible for a license as a licensed professional counselor, an individual must meet the following requirements:

(a) The individual must be of good moral character.

(b) The individual must hold a graduate degree in counseling as described in division (B)(2) of this section.

(c) The individual must complete a minimum of ninety quarter hours or sixty semester hours of graduate credit in counselor training acceptable to the committee, which the individual may complete while working toward receiving a graduate degree in counseling, or subsequent to receiving the degree, and which shall include training in the following areas:

(i) Clinical psychopathology, personality, and abnormal behavior;

(ii) Evaluation of mental and emotional disorders;
(iii) Diagnosis of mental and emotional disorders;
(iv) Methods of prevention, intervention, and treatment of mental and emotional disorders.

(d) The individual must pass an examination administered by the board for the purpose of determining ability to practice as a licensed professional counselor.

(2) To meet the requirement of division (B)(1)(b) of this section, a graduate degree in counseling obtained from a ~~mental health~~ counseling program in this state after January 1, 2018, must be from one of the following:

(a) A ~~clinical mental health counseling program, clinical rehabilitation counseling program, or addiction~~ counseling program accredited by the council for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs;

(b) A counseling education program approved by the board in accordance with rules adopted by the board under division (G) of this section.

(3) All of the following meet the educational requirements of division (B)(1)(c) of this section:

(a) A clinical mental health counseling program accredited by the council for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs;

(b) Until January 1, 2018, a mental health counseling program accredited by the council for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs;

(c) A graduate degree in counseling issued by an institution in another state from a clinical mental health counseling program, a clinical rehabilitation counseling program, or an addiction counseling program that is accredited by the council for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs;

(d) A counseling education program approved by the board in accordance with rules adopted under division (G) of this section.

(C) To be accepted by the committee for purposes of division (B) of this section, counselor training must include at least the following:

(1) Instruction in human growth and development; counseling theory; counseling techniques; group dynamics, processing, and counseling; appraisal of individuals; research and evaluation; professional, legal, and ethical responsibilities; social and cultural foundations; and lifestyle and career development;

(2) Participation in a supervised practicum and clinical internship in counseling.

(D) The committee may issue a temporary license to practice as a licensed professional counselor to an applicant who meets all of the requirements to be licensed under this section as follows:

(1) Pending the receipt of transcripts or action by the committee to issue a license as a licensed professional counselor;

(2) For a period not to exceed ninety days, to an applicant who provides the board with a statement from the applicant's academic institution indicating that the applicant has met the academic requirements for the applicant's degree and the projected date the applicant will receive the applicant's transcript showing a conferred degree.

On application to the committee, a temporary license issued under division (D)(2) of this section may be renewed for good cause shown.

(E) An individual may not sit for the licensing examination unless the individual meets the educational requirements to be licensed under this section. An individual who is denied admission to the licensing examination may appeal the denial in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(F) The board shall adopt any rules necessary for the committee to implement this section. The rules shall do both of the following:

(1) Establish criteria for the committee to use in determining whether an applicant's training should be accepted and supervised experience approved;

(2) Establish course content requirements for qualifying counseling degrees issued by institutions in other states from clinical mental health counseling programs, clinical rehabilitation counseling programs, and addiction counseling programs that are not accredited by the council for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs.

Rules adopted under this division shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(G)(1) The board may adopt rules to temporarily approve a counseling education program created after January 1, 2018, that has not been accredited by the council for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs. If the board adopts rules under this division, the board shall do all of the following in the rules:

(a) Create an application process under which a program administrator may apply to the board for approval of the program;

(b) Identify the educational requirements that an individual must satisfy to receive a graduate degree in counseling from the approved program;

(c) Establish a time period during which an individual may use an unaccredited degree granted under the program to satisfy the requirements of divisions (B)(1)(b) and (c) of this section;

(d) Specify that, if the program is denied accreditation, a student

enrolled in the program before the accreditation is denied may apply for licensure before completing the program and, on receiving a degree from the program, is considered to satisfy divisions (B)(1)(b) and (c) of this section.

(2) A degree from a counseling education program approved by the board pursuant to the rules adopted under division (G)(1) of this section satisfies the requirements of divisions (B)(1)(b) and (c) of this section for the time period approved by the board.

Sec. 4757.25. (A) Notwithstanding any provision in sections 4757.22 and 4757.23 of the Revised Code to the contrary, the counselors professional standards committee of the counselor, social worker, and marriage and family therapist board may, by endorsement, issue a license to practice as a licensed professional clinical counselor or a licensed professional counselor to a person who is authorized to practice in another state even though the person does not hold a graduate degree in counseling if the person meets all of the following requirements:

(1) The person has a graduate degree in a field of study that demonstrates an education in the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders.

(2) The person has continuously engaged in the practice of professional counseling in the other state for a period of five years or more immediately preceding the date the application is submitted.

(3) The person's scope of practice in the other state is comparable to the scope of practice associated with the license the person is requesting.

(4) The person's license, certificate, registration, or other authorization to practice in the other state is in good standing at the time the person submits the application.

(5) The person has not been disciplined by the regulatory authority of the other state that issued the license, certificate, registration, or other authorization for a period of five years or more preceding the date the application is submitted.

(6) The person has achieved a passing score on the examination required by the board for licensure as a licensed professional clinical counselor or a licensed professional counselor, as applicable.

(B) To meet the requirement of division (A)(1) of this section, the coursework the person completed to obtain the graduate degree must be comparable to the coursework required to obtain a degree in clinical mental health counseling from a program accredited by the council for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs.

(C) Before issuing a license to practice as a licensed professional clinical counselor by endorsement under this section, the committee shall

require an applicant to complete not less than seven hundred fifty hours of supervised experience that is of a type approved by the committee.

Sec. 4757.32. A license or certificate of registration issued under this chapter expires two years after it is issued and is valid without further recommendation or examination until revoked or suspended or until the license or certificate of registration expires for failure to renew as provided for in this section. Licenses and certificates of registration shall be renewed biennially in accordance with the schedule established in rules adopted by the counselor, social worker, and marriage and family therapist board under section 4757.10 of the Revised Code. A license or certificate of registration may be renewed in accordance with the standard renewal procedure established under Chapter 4745. of the Revised Code.

Subject to section 4757.36 of the Revised Code, the staff of the appropriate professional standards committee of the ~~counselor, social worker, and marriage and family therapist~~ board shall, on behalf of each committee, issue a renewed license or certificate of registration to each applicant who has paid the renewal fee established by the board under section 4757.31 of the Revised Code and satisfied the continuing education requirements established by the board under section 4757.33 of the Revised Code.

A license or certificate of registration that is not renewed lapses on its expiration date. A license or certificate of registration that has lapsed may be restored if the individual, not later than two years after the license or certificate expired, applies for restoration of the license or certificate. The staff of the appropriate professional standards committee shall issue a restored license or certificate of registration to the applicant if the applicant pays the renewal fee established under section 4757.31 of the Revised Code and satisfies the continuing education requirements established under section 4757.33 of the Revised Code for restoring the license or certificate of registration. The board and its professional standards committees shall not require a person to take an examination as a condition of having a lapsed license or certificate of registration restored.

Sec. 4759.02. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this section or in section 4759.10 of the Revised Code, no person shall practice, offer to practice, or hold self forth to practice dietetics unless the person has been licensed under section 4759.06 of the Revised Code.

(B) Except for a person licensed under section 4759.06 of the Revised Code, or as otherwise provided in this section or in section 4759.10 of the Revised Code:

(1) No person shall use the title "dietitian";

(2) No person except for a person licensed under Title XLVII of the Revised Code, when acting within the scope of their practice, shall use any other title, designation, words, letters, abbreviation, or insignia or combination of any title, designation, words, letters, abbreviation, or insignia tending to indicate that the person is practicing dietetics.

(C) Notwithstanding division (B) of this section, a person who is a dietitian registered by the commission on dietetic registration and who does not violate division (A) of this section may use the designation "registered dietitian" and the abbreviation "R.D."

(D) Division (A) of this section does not apply to:

(1) A student enrolled in an academic program that is in compliance with division (A)(4) of section 4759.06 of the Revised Code who is engaging in the practice of dietetics under the supervision of a dietitian licensed under section 4759.06 of the Revised Code or a dietitian registered by the commission on dietetic registration, as part of the academic program;

(2) A person participating in the pre-professional experience required by division (A)(5) of section 4759.06 of the Revised Code;

(3) A person holding a limited permit under division ~~(E)~~(G) of section 4759.06 of the Revised Code.

(E) The attorney general, the prosecuting attorney of any county in which the offense was committed or the offender resides, the state medical board, or any other person having knowledge of a person who either directly or by complicity is in violation of this section, may, in accordance with provisions of the Revised Code governing injunctions, maintain an action in the name of the state to enjoin any person from engaging either directly or by complicity in the unlawful activity by applying for an injunction in the Franklin county court of common pleas or any other court of competent jurisdiction.

Prior to application for such injunction, the secretary of the state medical board shall notify the person allegedly engaged either directly or by complicity in the unlawful activity by registered mail that the secretary has received information indicating that the person is so engaged. The person shall answer the secretary within thirty days showing that the person is either properly licensed for the stated activity or that the person is not in violation of this chapter. If the answer is not forthcoming within thirty days after notice by the secretary, the secretary shall request that the attorney general, the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the offense was committed or the offender resides, or the state medical board proceed as authorized in this section.

Upon the filing of a verified petition in court, the court shall conduct a

hearing on the petition and shall give the same preference to this proceeding as is given all proceedings under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, irrespective of the position of the proceeding on the calendar of the court. Injunction proceedings shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, all penalties and other remedies provided under this chapter.

Sec. 4759.05. (A) The state medical board shall adopt, amend, or rescind rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to carry out the provisions of this chapter, including rules governing the following:

(1) Selection and approval of a dietitian licensure examination offered by the commission on dietetic registration or any other examination;

(2) The examination of applicants for licensure as a dietitian, as required under division (A) of section 4759.06 of the Revised Code;

(3) Requirements for pre-professional dietetic experience of applicants for licensure as a dietitian that are at least equivalent to the requirements adopted by the commission on dietetic registration;

(4) Requirements for a person holding a limited permit under division ~~(E)~~(G) of section 4759.06 of the Revised Code, including the duration of validity of a limited permit and procedures for renewal;

(5) Continuing education requirements for renewal of a license, including rules providing for pro rata reductions by month of the number of hours of continuing education that must be completed for license holders who ~~are in their first renewal period~~, have been disabled by illness or accident, or have been absent from the country. Rules adopted under this division shall be consistent with the continuing education requirements adopted by the commission on dietetic registration.

(6) Any additional education requirements the board considers necessary, for applicants who have not practiced dietetics within five years of the initial date of application for licensure;

(7) Standards of professional responsibility and practice for persons licensed under this chapter that are consistent with those standards of professional responsibility and practice adopted by the academy of nutrition and dietetics;

(8) Formulation of an application form for licensure or license renewal;

(9) Procedures for license renewal;

(10) Requirements for criminal records checks of applicants under section 4776.03 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) The board shall investigate evidence that appears to show that a person has violated any provision of this chapter or any rule adopted under it. Any person may report to the board in a signed writing any information that the person may have that appears to show a violation of any provision

of this chapter or any rule adopted under it. In the absence of bad faith, any person who reports information of that nature or who testifies before the board in any adjudication conducted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code shall not be liable in damages in a civil action as a result of the report or testimony. Each complaint or allegation of a violation received by the board shall be assigned a case number and shall be recorded by the board.

(2) Investigations of alleged violations of this chapter or any rule adopted under it shall be supervised by the supervising member elected by the board in accordance with section 4731.02 of the Revised Code and by the secretary as provided in section 4759.012 of the Revised Code. The president may designate another member of the board to supervise the investigation in place of the supervising member. No member of the board who supervises the investigation of a case shall participate in further adjudication of the case.

(3) In investigating a possible violation of this chapter or any rule adopted under this chapter, the board may issue subpoenas, question witnesses, conduct interviews, administer oaths, order the taking of depositions, inspect and copy any books, accounts, papers, records, or documents, and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, accounts, papers, records, documents, and testimony, except that a subpoena for patient record information shall not be issued without consultation with the attorney general's office and approval of the secretary and supervising member of the board.

Before issuance of a subpoena for patient record information, the secretary and supervising member shall determine whether there is probable cause to believe that the complaint filed alleges a violation of this chapter or any rule adopted under it and that the records sought are relevant to the alleged violation and material to the investigation. The subpoena may apply only to records that cover a reasonable period of time surrounding the alleged violation.

On failure to comply with any subpoena issued by the board and after reasonable notice to the person being subpoenaed, the board may move for an order compelling the production of persons or records pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure.

A subpoena issued by the board may be served by a sheriff, the sheriff's deputy, or a board employee or agent designated by the board. Service of a subpoena issued by the board may be made by delivering a copy of the subpoena to the person named therein, reading it to the person, or leaving it at the person's usual place of residence, usual place of business, or address on file with the board. When serving a subpoena to an applicant for or the

holder of a license or limited permit issued under this chapter, service of the subpoena may be made by certified mail, return receipt requested, and the subpoena shall be deemed served on the date delivery is made or the date the person refuses to accept delivery. If the person being served refuses to accept the subpoena or is not located, service may be made to an attorney who notifies the board that the attorney is representing the person.

A sheriff's deputy who serves a subpoena shall receive the same fees as a sheriff. Each witness who appears before the board in obedience to a subpoena shall receive the fees and mileage provided for under section 119.094 of the Revised Code.

(4) All hearings, investigations, and inspections of the board shall be considered civil actions for the purposes of section 2305.252 of the Revised Code.

(5) A report required to be submitted to the board under this chapter, a complaint, or information received by the board pursuant to an investigation is confidential and not subject to discovery in any civil action.

The board shall conduct all investigations or inspections and proceedings in a manner that protects the confidentiality of patients and persons who file complaints with the board. The board shall not make public the names or any other identifying information about patients or complainants unless proper consent is given.

The board may share any information it receives pursuant to an investigation or inspection, including patient records and patient record information, with law enforcement agencies, other licensing boards, and other governmental agencies that are prosecuting, adjudicating, or investigating alleged violations of statutes or administrative rules. An agency or board that receives the information shall comply with the same requirements regarding confidentiality as those with which the state medical board must comply, notwithstanding any conflicting provision of the Revised Code or procedure of the agency or board that applies when it is dealing with other information in its possession. In a judicial proceeding, the information may be admitted into evidence only in accordance with the Rules of Evidence, but the court shall require that appropriate measures are taken to ensure that confidentiality is maintained with respect to any part of the information that contains names or other identifying information about patients or complainants whose confidentiality was protected by the state medical board when the information was in the board's possession. Measures to ensure confidentiality that may be taken by the court include sealing its records or deleting specific information from its records.

(6) On a quarterly basis, the board shall prepare a report that documents

the disposition of all cases during the preceding three months. The report shall contain the following information for each case with which the board has completed its activities:

- (a) The case number assigned to the complaint or alleged violation;
- (b) The type of license, if any, held by the individual against whom the complaint is directed;
- (c) A description of the allegations contained in the complaint;
- (d) The disposition of the case.

The report shall state how many cases are still pending and shall be prepared in a manner that protects the identity of each person involved in each case. The report shall be a public record under section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

(C) The board shall keep records as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(D) The board shall maintain and publish on its internet web site the board's rules and requirements for licensure adopted under division (A) of this section.

Sec. 4759.06. (A) The state medical board shall issue a license to practice dietetics to an applicant who meets all of the following requirements:

- (1) Has satisfactorily completed an application for licensure in accordance with rules adopted under division (A) of section 4759.05 of the Revised Code;
- (2) Has paid the fee required under division (A) of section 4759.08 of the Revised Code;
- (3) Is of good moral character;
- (4) Has received a baccalaureate or higher degree from an institution of higher education that is approved by the board or a regional accreditation agency that is recognized by the council on postsecondary accreditation, and has completed a program consistent with the academic standards for dietitians established by the academy of nutrition and dietetics;
- (5) Has successfully completed a pre-professional dietetic experience approved by the academy of nutrition and dietetics, or experience approved by the board under division (A)(3) of section 4759.05 of the Revised Code;
- (6) Has passed the examination approved by the board under division (A)(1) of section 4759.05 of the Revised Code.

(B) The board shall waive the requirements of divisions (A)(4), (5), and (6) of this section and any rules adopted under division (A)(6) of section 4759.05 of the Revised Code if the applicant presents satisfactory evidence to the board of current registration as a registered dietitian with the

commission on dietetic registration.

(C)(1) The board shall issue a license to practice dietetics to an applicant who meets the requirements of division (A) of this section. A license issued before July 1, 2018, shall expire on June 30, 2018. A license issued on or after July 1, 2018, shall be valid for a two-year period unless revoked or suspended by the board and shall expire on the thirtieth day of June of the next even-numbered year date that is two years after the date of issuance. A license may be renewed for additional two-year periods.

(2) The board shall renew an applicant's license if the applicant ~~meets the continuing education requirements adopted under division (A)(5) of section 4759.05 of the Revised Code and~~ has paid the license renewal fee specified in section 4759.08 of the Revised Code and certifies to the board that the applicant has met the continuing education requirements adopted under division (A)(5) of section 4759.05 of the Revised Code. The renewal shall be pursuant to the standard renewal procedure of sections 4745.01 to 4745.03 of the Revised Code.

At least one month before a license expires, the board shall provide a renewal notice. Failure of any person to receive a notice of renewal from the board shall not excuse the person from the requirements contained in this section. Each person holding a license shall give notice to the board of a change in the license holder's residence address, business address, or electronic mail address not later than thirty days after the change occurs.

(D) Any person licensed to practice dietetics by the former Ohio board of dietetics before January 21, 2018, may continue to practice dietetics in this state under that license if the person continues to meet the requirements to renew a license under this chapter and renews the license through the state medical board.

The state medical board may take any of the following actions, as provided in section 4759.07 of the Revised Code, against the holder of a license to practice dietetics issued before January 21, 2018, by the former Ohio board of dietetics:

- (1) Limit, revoke, or suspend the holder's license;
- (2) Refuse to renew or reinstate the holder's license;
- (3) Reprimand the holder or place the holder on probation.

(E) The board may require a random sample of dietitians to submit materials documenting that the continuing education requirements adopted under division (A)(5) of section 4759.05 of the Revised Code have been met.

This division does not limit the board's authority to conduct investigations pursuant to section 4759.07 of the Revised Code.

(F)(1) If, through a random sample conducted under division (E) of this section or any other means, the board finds that an individual who certified completion of the number of hours and type of continuing education required to renew, reinstate, or restore a license to practice did not complete the requisite continuing education, the board may do either of the following:

(a) Take disciplinary action against the individual under section 4759.07 of the Revised Code, impose a civil penalty, or both;

(b) Permit the individual to agree in writing to complete the continuing education and pay a civil penalty.

(4) The board's finding in any disciplinary action taken under division (F)(1)(a) of this section shall be made pursuant to an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six of its members.

(5) A civil penalty imposed under division (F)(1)(a) of this section or paid under division (F)(1)(b) of this section shall be in an amount specified by the board of not more than five thousand dollars. The board shall deposit civil penalties in accordance with section 4731.24 of the Revised Code.

(G)(1) The board may grant a limited permit to a person who has completed the education and pre-professional requirements of divisions (A)(4) and (5) of this section and who presents evidence to the board of having applied to take the examination approved by the board under division (A)(1) of section 4759.05 of the Revised Code. An application for a limited permit shall be made on forms that the board shall furnish and shall be accompanied by the limited permit fee specified in section 4759.08 of the Revised Code.

(2) If no grounds apply under section 4759.07 of the Revised Code for denying a license to the applicant and the applicant meets the requirements of division ~~(E)~~(G)(1) of this section, the board shall issue a limited permit to the applicant.

A limited permit expires in accordance with rules adopted under section 4759.05 of the Revised Code. A limited permit may be renewed in accordance with those rules.

~~(3) The board shall maintain a register of all persons holding limited permits under this chapter.~~

~~(4)~~ A person holding a limited permit who has failed the examination shall practice only under the direct supervision of a licensed dietitian.

~~(5)~~(4) The board may revoke a limited permit on proof satisfactory to the board that the permit holder has engaged in practice in this state outside the scope of the permit, that the holder has engaged in unethical conduct, or that grounds for action against the holder exist under section 4759.07 of the

Revised Code.

Sec. 4759.062. (A) A license to practice dietetics that is not renewed on or before its expiration date is automatically suspended on its expiration date. Continued practice after suspension shall be considered as practicing in violation of section 4759.02 of the Revised Code.

(B) If a license has been suspended pursuant to division (A) of this section for two years or less, it may be reinstated. The state medical board shall reinstate the license upon the applicant's submission of a complete renewal application and payment of a reinstatement fee of two hundred five dollars.

~~(C)~~ (4) If a license has been suspended pursuant to division (A) of this section for more than two years, it may be restored. The Subject to section 4759.063 of the Revised Code, the board may restore the license upon an applicant's submission of a complete restoration application and a restoration fee of two hundred thirty dollars and compliance with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised Code. The board shall not restore a license unless the board, in its discretion, decides that the results of the criminal records check do not make the applicant ineligible for a license issued pursuant to section 4759.06 of the Revised Code.

~~(2) The board may impose terms and conditions for the restoration, including any one or more of the following:~~

~~(a) Requiring the applicant to pass an oral or written examination, or both, to determine the applicant's present fitness to resume practice;~~

~~(b) Requiring the applicant to obtain additional training and to pass an examination upon completion of such training;~~

~~(c) Restricting or limiting the extent, scope, or type of practice of the applicant.~~

Sec. 4759.063. (A) This section applies to both of the following:

(1) An applicant seeking restoration of a license issued under this chapter that has been in a suspended or inactive state for any cause for more than two years;

(2) An applicant seeking issuance of a license pursuant to this chapter who for more than two years has not been engaged in the practice of dietetics as any of the following:

(a) An active practitioner;

(b) A participant in a pre-professional dietetic experience as described in section 4759.06 of the Revised Code;

(c) A student in a program described in section 4759.06 of the Revised Code.

(B) Before issuing a license to an applicant subject to this section or

restoring a license to good standing for an applicant subject to this section, the state medical board may impose terms and conditions including any one or more of the following:

(1) Requiring the applicant to pass an oral or written examination, or both, to determine the applicant's present fitness to resume practice;

(2) Requiring the applicant to obtain additional training and to pass an examination upon completion of such training;

(3) Requiring an assessment of the applicant's physical skills for purposes of determining whether the applicant's coordination, fine motor skills, and dexterity are sufficient for performing evaluations and procedures in a manner that meets the minimal standards of care;

(4) Requiring an assessment of the applicant's skills in recognizing and understanding diseases and conditions;

(5) Requiring the applicant to undergo a comprehensive physical examination, which may include an assessment of physical abilities, evaluation of sensory capabilities, or screening for the presence of neurological disorders;

(6) Restricting or limiting the extent, scope, or type of practice of the applicant.

The board shall consider the moral background and the activities of the applicant during the period of suspension or inactivity. The board shall not issue or restore a license under this section unless the applicant complies with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4760.02. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, no person shall practice as an anesthesiologist assistant unless the person holds a current, valid ~~certificate~~ license issued under this chapter to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant.

(B) Division (A) of this section does not apply to either of the following:

(1) A person participating in a training program leading toward certification by the national commission for certification of anesthesiologist assistants, as long as the person is supervised by an anesthesiologist, an individual participating in a hospital residency program in preparation to practice as an anesthesiologist, or an anesthesiologist assistant who holds a current, valid ~~certificate to practice~~ license issued under this chapter;

(2) Any person who otherwise holds professional authority granted pursuant to the Revised Code to perform any of the activities that an anesthesiologist assistant is authorized to perform.

Sec. 4760.03. (A) An individual seeking a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant shall file with the state medical board a

written application on a form prescribed and supplied by the board. The application shall include all of the following information:

(1) Evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is at least twenty-one years of age and of good moral character;

(2) Evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has successfully completed the training necessary to prepare individuals to practice as anesthesiologist assistants, as specified in section 4760.031 of the Revised Code;

(3) Evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant holds current certification from the national commission for certification of anesthesiologist assistants and that the requirements for receiving the certification included passage of an examination to determine the individual's competence to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant;

(4) Any other information the board considers necessary to process the application and evaluate the applicant's qualifications.

(B) At the time of making application for a ~~certificate to practice~~ license, the applicant shall pay the board a fee of one hundred dollars, no part of which shall be returned.

(C) The board shall review all applications received under this section. Not later than sixty days after receiving a complete application, the board shall determine whether an applicant meets the requirements to receive a ~~certificate to practice license~~. ~~The affirmative vote of not fewer than six members of the board is required to determine that an applicant meets the requirements for a certificate.~~ The board shall not issue a ~~certificate~~ license to an applicant unless the applicant is certified by the national commission for certification of anesthesiologist assistants or a successor organization that is recognized by the board.

Sec. 4760.031. As a condition of being eligible to receive a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant, an individual must successfully complete the following training requirements:

(A) A baccalaureate or higher degree program at an institution of higher education accredited by an organization recognized by the ~~board of regents~~ department of higher education. The program must have included courses in the following areas of study:

- (1) General biology;
- (2) General chemistry;
- (3) Organic chemistry;
- (4) Physics;
- (5) Calculus.

(B) A training program conducted for the purpose of preparing

individuals to practice as anesthesiologist assistants. If the program was completed prior to May 31, 2000, the program must have been completed at case western reserve university or emory university in Atlanta, Georgia. If the program is completed on or after May 31, 2000, the program must be a graduate-level program accredited by the commission on accreditation of allied health education programs or any of the commission's successor organizations. In either case, the training program must have included at least all of the following components:

(1) Basic sciences of anesthesia: physiology, pathophysiology, anatomy, and biochemistry. The courses must be presented as a continuum of didactic courses designed to teach students the foundations of human biological existence on which clinical correlations to anesthesia practice are based.

(2) Pharmacology for the anesthetic sciences. The course must include instruction in the anesthetic principles of pharmacology, pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics, uptake and distribution, intravenous anesthetics and narcotics, and volatile anesthetics.

(3) Physics in anesthesia.

(4) Fundamentals of anesthetic sciences, presented as a continuum of courses covering a series of topics in basic medical sciences with special emphasis on the effects of anesthetics on normal physiology and pathophysiology.

(5) Patient instrumentation and monitoring, presented as a continuum of courses focusing on the design of, proper preparation of, and proper methods of resolving problems that arise with anesthesia equipment. The courses must provide a balance between the engineering concepts used in anesthesia instruments and the clinical application of anesthesia instruments.

(6) Clinically based conferences in which techniques of anesthetic management, quality assurance issues, and current professional literature are reviewed from the perspective of practice improvement.

(7) Clinical experience consisting of at least two thousand hours of direct patient contact, presented as a continuum of courses throughout the entirety of the program, beginning with a gradual introduction of the techniques for the anesthetic management of patients and culminating in the assimilation of the graduate of the program into the work force. Areas of instruction must include the following:

(a) Preoperative patient assessment;

(b) Indwelling vascular catheter placement, including intravenous and arterial catheters;

(c) Airway management, including mask airway and orotracheal intubation;

- (d) Intraoperative charting;
- (e) Administration and maintenance of anesthetic agents, narcotics, hypnotics, and muscle relaxants;
- (f) Administration and maintenance of volatile anesthetics;
- (g) Administration of blood products and fluid therapy;
- (h) Patient monitoring;
- (i) Postoperative management of patients;
- (j) Regional anesthesia techniques;
- (k) Administration of vasoactive substances for treatment of unacceptable patient hemodynamic status;

(l) Specific clinical training in all the subspecialties of anesthesia, including pediatrics, neurosurgery, cardiovascular surgery, trauma, obstetrics, orthopedics, and vascular surgery.

(8) Basic life support that qualifies the individual to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation to patients in need. The course must include the instruction necessary to be certified in basic life support by the American red cross or the American heart association.

(9) Advanced cardiac life support that qualifies the individual to participate in the pharmacologic intervention and management resuscitation efforts for a patient in full cardiac arrest. The course must include the instruction necessary to be certified in advanced cardiac life support by the American red cross or the American heart association.

Sec. 4760.032. In addition to any other eligibility requirement set forth in this chapter, each applicant for a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant shall comply with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised Code. The state medical board shall not grant to an applicant a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant unless the board, in its discretion, decides that the results of the criminal records check do not make the applicant ineligible for a ~~certificate~~ license issued pursuant to section 4760.04 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4760.04. If the state medical board determines under section 4760.03 of the Revised Code that an applicant meets the requirements for a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant, the secretary of the board shall register the applicant as an anesthesiologist assistant and issue to the applicant a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant. The ~~certificate~~ license shall be valid for a two-year period unless revoked or suspended, shall expire biennially on the date that is two years after the date of issuance, and may be renewed for additional two-year periods in accordance with section 4760.06 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4760.05. On application by the holder of a ~~certificate~~ license to

practice as an anesthesiologist assistant, the state medical board shall issue a duplicate ~~certificate~~ license to replace one that is missing or damaged, to reflect a name change, or for any other reasonable cause. The fee for a duplicate ~~certificate~~ license is thirty-five dollars.

Sec. 4760.06. (A) A person seeking to renew a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant shall, on or before the ~~thirty-first day of January of each even-numbered year~~ license's expiration date, apply to the state medical board for renewal of the ~~certificate~~ license. The ~~state medical~~ board shall provide renewal notices to license holders at least one month prior to the expiration date.

Applications shall be submitted to the board in a manner prescribed by the board. Each application shall be accompanied by a biennial renewal fee of one hundred dollars.

The applicant shall report any criminal offense that constitutes grounds for refusing to issue a ~~certificate~~ license to practice under section 4760.13 of the Revised Code to which the applicant has pleaded guilty, of which the applicant has been found guilty, or for which the applicant has been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction, since last signing an application for a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant.

(B) To be eligible for renewal, an anesthesiologist assistant must certify to the board that the assistant has maintained certification by the national commission for the certification of anesthesiologist assistants.

(C) If an applicant submits a complete renewal application and qualifies for renewal pursuant to division (B) of this section, the board shall renew the ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant.

(D) A ~~certificate~~ license to practice that is not renewed on or before its expiration date is automatically suspended on its expiration date. ~~If~~

If a ~~certificate~~ license has been suspended pursuant to this division for two years or less, the board shall reinstate the ~~certificate~~ license upon an applicant's submission of a renewal application, the biennial renewal fee, and the applicable monetary penalty. The penalty for reinstatement is twenty-five dollars. ~~If~~

If a ~~certificate~~ license has been suspended pursuant to this division for more than two years, it may be restored. Subject to section 4760.061 of the Revised Code, the board may restore the license upon an applicant's submission of a restoration application, the biennial renewal fee, and the applicable monetary penalty and compliance with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised Code. The board shall not restore a ~~certificate to practice~~ license unless the board, in its discretion, decides that the results of

the criminal records check do not make the applicant ineligible for a certificate issued pursuant to section 4760.04 of the Revised Code. The penalty for restoration is fifty dollars.

Sec. 4760.061. (A) This section applies to both of the following:

(1) An applicant seeking restoration of a license issued under this chapter that has been in a suspended or inactive state for any cause for more than two years;

(2) An applicant seeking issuance of a license pursuant to this chapter who for more than two years has not been practicing as an anesthesiologist assistant as either of the following:

(a) An active practitioner;

(b) A participant in a training program as described in section 4760.031 of the Revised Code.

(B) Before issuing a license to an applicant subject to this section or restoring a license to good standing for an applicant subject to this section, the state medical board may impose terms and conditions including any one or more of the following:

(1) Requiring the applicant to pass an oral or written examination, or both, to determine the applicant's present fitness to resume practice;

(2) Requiring the applicant to obtain additional training and to pass an examination upon completion of such training;

(3) Requiring an assessment of the applicant's physical skills for purposes of determining whether the applicant's coordination, fine motor skills, and dexterity are sufficient for performing evaluations and procedures in a manner that meets the minimal standards of care;

(4) Requiring an assessment of the applicant's skills in recognizing and understanding diseases and conditions;

(5) Requiring the applicant to undergo a comprehensive physical examination, which may include an assessment of physical abilities, evaluation of sensory capabilities, or screening for the presence of neurological disorders;

(6) Restricting or limiting the extent, scope, or type of practice of the applicant.

The board shall consider the moral background and the activities of the applicant during the period of suspension or inactivity. The board shall not issue or restore a license under this section unless the applicant complies with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4760.13. (A) The state medical board, by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six members, may revoke or may refuse to grant a certificate license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant to a person found by the

board to have committed fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in applying for or securing the certificate license.

(B) The board, by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six members, shall, to the extent permitted by law, limit, revoke, or suspend an individual's certificate license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant, refuse to issue a certificate license to an applicant, refuse to renew a certificate license, refuse to reinstate a certificate license, or reprimand or place on probation the holder of a certificate license for any of the following reasons:

(1) Permitting the holder's name or certificate license to be used by another person;

(2) Failure to comply with the requirements of this chapter, Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code, or any rules adopted by the board;

(3) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provision of this chapter, Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code, or the rules adopted by the board;

(4) A departure from, or failure to conform to, minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances whether or not actual injury to the patient is established;

(5) Inability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care by reason of mental illness or physical illness, including physical deterioration that adversely affects cognitive, motor, or perceptive skills;

(6) Impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice;

(7) Willfully betraying a professional confidence;

(8) Making a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement in securing or attempting to secure a certificate license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant.

As used in this division, "false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement" means a statement that includes a misrepresentation of fact, is likely to mislead or deceive because of a failure to disclose material facts, is intended or is likely to create false or unjustified expectations of favorable results, or includes representations or implications that in reasonable probability will cause an ordinarily prudent person to misunderstand or be deceived.

(9) The obtaining of, or attempting to obtain, money or a thing of value by fraudulent misrepresentations in the course of practice;

(10) A plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial

finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for, a felony;

(11) Commission of an act that constitutes a felony in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed;

(12) A plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for, a misdemeanor committed in the course of practice;

(13) A plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for, a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;

(14) Commission of an act in the course of practice that constitutes a misdemeanor in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed;

(15) Commission of an act involving moral turpitude that constitutes a misdemeanor in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed;

(16) A plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for violating any state or federal law regulating the possession, distribution, or use of any drug, including trafficking in drugs;

(17) Any of the following actions taken by the state agency responsible for regulating the practice of anesthesiologist assistants in another jurisdiction, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand;

(18) Violation of the conditions placed by the board on a ~~certificate~~ license to practice;

(19) Failure to use universal blood and body fluid precautions established by rules adopted under section 4731.051 of the Revised Code;

(20) Failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the board under section 4760.14 of the Revised Code, including failure to comply with a subpoena or order issued by the board or failure to answer truthfully a question presented by the board at a deposition or in written interrogatories, except that failure to cooperate with an investigation shall not constitute grounds for discipline under this section if a court of competent jurisdiction has issued an order that either quashes a subpoena or permits the individual to withhold the testimony or evidence in issue;

(21) Failure to comply with any code of ethics established by the national commission for the certification of anesthesiologist assistants;

(22) Failure to notify the state medical board of the revocation or failure to maintain certification from the national commission for certification of anesthesiologist assistants.

(C) Disciplinary actions taken by the board under divisions (A) and (B) of this section shall be taken pursuant to an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, except that in lieu of an adjudication, the board may enter into a consent agreement with an anesthesiologist assistant or applicant to resolve an allegation of a violation of this chapter or any rule adopted under it. A consent agreement, when ratified by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six members of the board, shall constitute the findings and order of the board with respect to the matter addressed in the agreement. If the board refuses to ratify a consent agreement, the admissions and findings contained in the consent agreement shall be of no force or effect.

(D) For purposes of divisions (B)(11), (14), and (15) of this section, the commission of the act may be established by a finding by the board, pursuant to an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, that the applicant or ~~certificate~~ license holder committed the act in question. The board shall have no jurisdiction under these divisions in cases where the trial court renders a final judgment in the ~~certificate~~ license holder's favor and that judgment is based upon an adjudication on the merits. The board shall have jurisdiction under these divisions in cases where the trial court issues an order of dismissal on technical or procedural grounds.

(E) The sealing of conviction records by any court shall have no effect on a prior board order entered under the provisions of this section or on the board's jurisdiction to take action under the provisions of this section if, based upon a plea of guilty, a judicial finding of guilt, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction, the board issued a notice of opportunity for a hearing prior to the court's order to seal the records. The board shall not be required to seal, destroy, redact, or otherwise modify its records to reflect the court's sealing of conviction records.

(F) For purposes of this division, any individual who holds a ~~certificate~~ license to practice issued under this chapter, or applies for a ~~certificate~~ license to practice, shall be deemed to have given consent to submit to a mental or physical examination when directed to do so in writing by the board and to have waived all objections to the admissibility of testimony or examination reports that constitute a privileged communication.

(1) In enforcing division (B)(5) of this section, the board, on a showing of a possible violation, may compel any individual who holds a ~~certificate~~ license to practice issued under this chapter or who has applied for a ~~certificate~~ license to practice pursuant to this chapter to submit to a mental

or physical examination, or both. A physical examination may include an HIV test. The expense of the examination is the responsibility of the individual compelled to be examined. Failure to submit to a mental or physical examination or consent to an HIV test ordered by the board constitutes an admission of the allegations against the individual unless the failure is due to circumstances beyond the individual's control, and a default and final order may be entered without the taking of testimony or presentation of evidence. If the board finds an anesthesiologist assistant unable to practice because of the reasons set forth in division (B)(5) of this section, the board shall require the anesthesiologist assistant to submit to care, counseling, or treatment by physicians approved or designated by the board, as a condition for an initial, continued, reinstated, or renewed ~~certificate~~ license to practice. An individual affected by this division shall be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate to the board the ability to resume practicing in compliance with acceptable and prevailing standards of care.

(2) For purposes of division (B)(6) of this section, if the board has reason to believe that any individual who holds a ~~certificate~~ license to practice issued under this chapter or any applicant for a ~~certificate~~ license to practice suffers such impairment, the board may compel the individual to submit to a mental or physical examination, or both. The expense of the examination is the responsibility of the individual compelled to be examined. Any mental or physical examination required under this division shall be undertaken by a treatment provider or physician qualified to conduct such examination and chosen by the board.

Failure to submit to a mental or physical examination ordered by the board constitutes an admission of the allegations against the individual unless the failure is due to circumstances beyond the individual's control, and a default and final order may be entered without the taking of testimony or presentation of evidence. If the board determines that the individual's ability to practice is impaired, the board shall suspend the individual's ~~certificate~~ license or deny the individual's application and shall require the individual, as a condition for an initial, continued, reinstated, or renewed ~~certificate~~ license to practice, to submit to treatment.

Before being eligible to apply for reinstatement of a ~~certificate~~ license suspended under this division, the anesthesiologist assistant shall demonstrate to the board the ability to resume practice in compliance with acceptable and prevailing standards of care. The demonstration shall include the following:

(a) Certification from a treatment provider approved under section 4731.25 of the Revised Code that the individual has successfully completed

any required inpatient treatment;

(b) Evidence of continuing full compliance with an aftercare contract or consent agreement;

(c) Two written reports indicating that the individual's ability to practice has been assessed and that the individual has been found capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care. The reports shall be made by individuals or providers approved by the board for making such assessments and shall describe the basis for their determination.

The board may reinstate a ~~certificate~~ license suspended under this division after such demonstration and after the individual has entered into a written consent agreement.

When the impaired anesthesiologist assistant resumes practice, the board shall require continued monitoring of the anesthesiologist assistant. The monitoring shall include monitoring of compliance with the written consent agreement entered into before reinstatement or with conditions imposed by board order after a hearing, and, on termination of the consent agreement, submission to the board for at least two years of annual written progress reports made under penalty of falsification stating whether the anesthesiologist assistant has maintained sobriety.

(G) If the secretary and supervising member determine that there is clear and convincing evidence that an anesthesiologist assistant has violated division (B) of this section and that the individual's continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public, they may recommend that the board suspend the individual's ~~certificate~~ license without a prior hearing. Written allegations shall be prepared for consideration by the board.

The board, on review of the allegations and by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six of its members, excluding the secretary and supervising member, may suspend a ~~certificate~~ license without a prior hearing. A telephone conference call may be utilized for reviewing the allegations and taking the vote on the summary suspension.

The board shall issue a written order of suspension by certified mail or in person in accordance with section 119.07 of the Revised Code. The order shall not be subject to suspension by the court during pendency of any appeal filed under section 119.12 of the Revised Code. If the anesthesiologist assistant requests an adjudicatory hearing by the board, the date set for the hearing shall be within fifteen days, but not earlier than seven days, after the anesthesiologist assistant requests the hearing, unless otherwise agreed to by both the board and the ~~certificate~~ license holder.

A summary suspension imposed under this division shall remain in effect, unless reversed on appeal, until a final adjudicative order issued by the board pursuant to this section and Chapter 119. of the Revised Code becomes effective. The board shall issue its final adjudicative order within sixty days after completion of its hearing. Failure to issue the order within sixty days shall result in dissolution of the summary suspension order, but shall not invalidate any subsequent, final adjudicative order.

(H) If the board takes action under division (B)(11), (13), or (14) of this section, and the judicial finding of guilt, guilty plea, or judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction is overturned on appeal, on exhaustion of the criminal appeal, a petition for reconsideration of the order may be filed with the board along with appropriate court documents. On receipt of a petition and supporting court documents, the board shall reinstate the ~~certificate~~ license to practice. The board may then hold an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to determine whether the individual committed the act in question. Notice of opportunity for hearing shall be given in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. If the board finds, pursuant to an adjudication held under this division, that the individual committed the act, or if no hearing is requested, it may order any of the sanctions specified in division (B) of this section.

(I) The ~~certificate~~ license to practice of an anesthesiologist assistant and the assistant's practice in this state are automatically suspended as of the date the anesthesiologist assistant pleads guilty to, is found by a judge or jury to be guilty of, or is subject to a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction in this state or treatment of intervention in lieu of conviction in another jurisdiction for any of the following criminal offenses in this state or a substantially equivalent criminal offense in another jurisdiction: aggravated murder, murder, voluntary manslaughter, felonious assault, kidnapping, rape, sexual battery, gross sexual imposition, aggravated arson, aggravated robbery, or aggravated burglary. Continued practice after the suspension shall be considered practicing without a ~~certificate~~ license.

The board shall notify the individual subject to the suspension by certified mail or in person in accordance with section 119.07 of the Revised Code. If an individual whose ~~certificate~~ license is suspended under this division fails to make a timely request for an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the board shall enter a final order permanently revoking the individual's ~~certificate~~ license to practice.

(J) In any instance in which the board is required by Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to give notice of opportunity for hearing and the individual

subject to the notice does not timely request a hearing in accordance with section 119.07 of the Revised Code, the board is not required to hold a hearing, but may adopt, by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six of its members, a final order that contains the board's findings. In the final order, the board may order any of the sanctions identified under division (A) or (B) of this section.

(K) Any action taken by the board under division (B) of this section resulting in a suspension shall be accompanied by a written statement of the conditions under which the anesthesiologist assistant's ~~certificate~~ license may be reinstated. The board shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing conditions to be imposed for reinstatement. Reinstatement of a ~~certificate~~ license suspended pursuant to division (B) of this section requires an affirmative vote of not fewer than six members of the board.

(L) When the board refuses to grant or issue a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant to an applicant, revokes an individual's ~~certificate~~ license, refuses to renew an individual's ~~certificate~~ license, or refuses to reinstate an individual's ~~certificate~~ license, the board may specify that its action is permanent. An individual subject to a permanent action taken by the board is forever thereafter ineligible to hold a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant and the board shall not accept an application for reinstatement of the ~~certificate~~ license or for issuance of a new ~~certificate~~ license.

(M) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised Code, all of the following apply:

(1) The surrender of a ~~certificate~~ license to practice issued under this chapter is not effective unless or until accepted by the board. Reinstatement of a ~~certificate~~ license surrendered to the board requires an affirmative vote of not fewer than six members of the board.

(2) An application made under this chapter for a ~~certificate~~ license to practice may not be withdrawn without approval of the board.

(3) Failure by an individual to renew a ~~certificate~~ license to practice in accordance with section 4760.06 of the Revised Code shall not remove or limit the board's jurisdiction to take disciplinary action under this section against the individual.

Sec. 4760.131. On receipt of a notice pursuant to section 3123.43 of the Revised Code, the state medical board shall comply with sections 3123.41 to 3123.50 of the Revised Code and any applicable rules adopted under section 3123.63 of the Revised Code with respect to a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant issued pursuant to this chapter.

Sec. 4760.132. If the state medical board has reason to believe that any person who has been granted a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant under this chapter is mentally ill or mentally incompetent, it may file in the probate court of the county in which the person has a legal residence an affidavit in the form prescribed in section 5122.11 of the Revised Code and signed by the board secretary or a member of the board secretary's staff, whereupon the same proceedings shall be had as provided in Chapter 5122. of the Revised Code. The attorney general may represent the board in any proceeding commenced under this section.

If any person who has been granted a ~~certificate~~ license to practice is adjudged by a probate court to be mentally ill or mentally incompetent, the person's ~~certificate~~ license shall be automatically suspended until the person has filed with the state medical board a certified copy of an adjudication by a probate court of the person's subsequent restoration to competency or has submitted to the board proof, satisfactory to the board, that the person has been discharged as having a restoration to competency in the manner and form provided in section 5122.38 of the Revised Code. The judge of the probate court shall forthwith notify the state medical board of an adjudication of mental illness or mental incompetence, and shall note any suspension of a ~~certificate~~ license in the margin of the court's record of such ~~certificate~~ license.

Sec. 4760.14. (A) The state medical board shall investigate evidence that appears to show that any person has violated this chapter or the rules adopted under it. Any person may report to the board in a signed writing any information the person has that appears to show a violation of any provision of this chapter or the rules adopted under it. In the absence of bad faith, a person who reports such information or testifies before the board in an adjudication conducted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code shall not be liable for civil damages as a result of reporting the information or providing testimony. Each complaint or allegation of a violation received by the board shall be assigned a case number and be recorded by the board.

(B) Investigations of alleged violations of this chapter or rules adopted under it shall be supervised by the supervising member elected by the board in accordance with section 4731.02 of the Revised Code and by the secretary as provided in section 4760.15 of the Revised Code. The board's president may designate another member of the board to supervise the investigation in place of the supervising member. A member of the board who supervises the investigation of a case shall not participate in further adjudication of the case.

(C) In investigating a possible violation of this chapter or the rules

adopted under it, the board may administer oaths, order the taking of depositions, issue subpoenas, and compel the attendance of witnesses and production of books, accounts, papers, records, documents, and testimony, except that a subpoena for patient record information shall not be issued without consultation with the attorney general's office and approval of the secretary and supervising member of the board. Before issuance of a subpoena for patient record information, the secretary and supervising member shall determine whether there is probable cause to believe that the complaint filed alleges a violation of this chapter or the rules adopted under it and that the records sought are relevant to the alleged violation and material to the investigation. The subpoena may apply only to records that cover a reasonable period of time surrounding the alleged violation.

On failure to comply with any subpoena issued by the board and after reasonable notice to the person being subpoenaed, the board may move for an order compelling the production of persons or records pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure.

A subpoena issued by the board may be served by a sheriff, the sheriff's deputy, or a board employee designated by the board. Service of a subpoena issued by the board may be made by delivering a copy of the subpoena to the person named therein, reading it to the person, or leaving it at the person's usual place of residence. When the person being served is an anesthesiologist assistant, service of the subpoena may be made by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested, and the subpoena shall be deemed served on the date delivery is made or the date the person refuses to accept delivery.

A sheriff's deputy who serves a subpoena shall receive the same fees as a sheriff. Each witness who appears before the board in obedience to a subpoena shall receive the fees and mileage provided for under section 119.094 of the Revised Code.

(D) All hearings and investigations of the board shall be considered civil actions for the purposes of section 2305.252 of the Revised Code.

(E) Information received by the board pursuant to an investigation is confidential and not subject to discovery in any civil action.

The board shall conduct all investigations and proceedings in a manner that protects the confidentiality of patients and persons who file complaints with the board. The board shall not make public the names or any other identifying information about patients or complainants unless proper consent is given.

The board may share any information it receives pursuant to an investigation, including patient records and patient record information, with

law enforcement agencies, other licensing boards, and other governmental agencies that are prosecuting, adjudicating, or investigating alleged violations of statutes or administrative rules. An agency or board that receives the information shall comply with the same requirements regarding confidentiality as those with which the state medical board must comply, notwithstanding any conflicting provision of the Revised Code or procedure of the agency or board that applies when it is dealing with other information in its possession. In a judicial proceeding, the information may be admitted into evidence only in accordance with the Rules of Evidence, but the court shall require that appropriate measures are taken to ensure that confidentiality is maintained with respect to any part of the information that contains names or other identifying information about patients or complainants whose confidentiality was protected by the state medical board when the information was in the board's possession. Measures to ensure confidentiality that may be taken by the court include sealing its records or deleting specific information from its records.

(F) The state medical board shall develop requirements for and provide appropriate initial training and continuing education for investigators employed by the board to carry out its duties under this chapter. The training and continuing education may include enrollment in courses operated or approved by the Ohio peace officer training commission that the board considers appropriate under conditions set forth in section 109.79 of the Revised Code.

(G) On a quarterly basis, the board shall prepare a report that documents the disposition of all cases during the preceding three months. The report shall contain the following information for each case with which the board has completed its activities:

- (1) The case number assigned to the complaint or alleged violation;
- (2) The type of ~~certificate~~ license to practice, if any, held by the individual against whom the complaint is directed;
- (3) A description of the allegations contained in the complaint;
- (4) The disposition of the case.

The report shall state how many cases are still pending, and shall be prepared in a manner that protects the identity of each person involved in each case. The report is a public record for purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4760.15. (A) As used in this section, "prosecutor" has the same meaning as in section 2935.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) Whenever any person holding a valid ~~certificate~~ license issued pursuant to this chapter pleads guilty to, is subject to a judicial finding of

guilt of, or is subject to a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for a violation of Chapter 2907., 2925., or 3719. of the Revised Code or of any substantively comparable ordinance of a municipal corporation in connection with the person's practice, the prosecutor in the case, on forms prescribed and provided by the state medical board, shall promptly notify the board of the conviction. Within thirty days of receipt of that information, the board shall initiate action in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to determine whether to suspend or revoke the ~~certificate~~ license under section 4760.13 of the Revised Code.

(C) The prosecutor in any case against any person holding a valid ~~certificate~~ license to practice issued pursuant to this chapter, on forms prescribed and provided by the state medical board, shall notify the board of any of the following:

(1) A plea of guilty to, a finding of guilt by a jury or court of, or judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for a felony, or a case in which the trial court issues an order of dismissal upon technical or procedural grounds of a felony charge;

(2) A plea of guilty to, a finding of guilt by a jury or court of, or judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for a misdemeanor committed in the course of practice, or a case in which the trial court issues an order of dismissal upon technical or procedural grounds of a charge of a misdemeanor, if the alleged act was committed in the course of practice;

(3) A plea of guilty to, a finding of guilt by a jury or court of, or judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, or a case in which the trial court issues an order of dismissal upon technical or procedural grounds of a charge of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.

The report shall include the name and address of the ~~certificate~~ license holder, the nature of the offense for which the action was taken, and the certified court documents recording the action.

Sec. 4760.16. (A) Within sixty days after the imposition of any formal disciplinary action taken by any health care facility, including a hospital, health care facility operated by ~~an~~ a health insuring corporation, ambulatory surgical facility, or similar facility, against any individual holding a valid ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant, the chief administrator or executive officer of the facility shall report to the state medical board the name of the individual, the action taken by the facility, and a summary of the underlying facts leading to the action taken. On request, the board shall be provided certified copies of the patient records that were the basis for the facility's action. Prior to release to the board, the

summary shall be approved by the peer review committee that reviewed the case or by the governing board of the facility.

The filing of a report with the board or decision not to file a report, investigation by the board, or any disciplinary action taken by the board, does not preclude a health care facility from taking disciplinary action against an anesthesiologist assistant.

In the absence of fraud or bad faith, no individual or entity that provides patient records to the board shall be liable in damages to any person as a result of providing the records.

(B)(1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, an anesthesiologist assistant, professional association or society of anesthesiologist assistants, physician, or professional association or society of physicians that believes a violation of any provision of this chapter, Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code, or rule of the board has occurred shall report to the board the information on which the belief is based.

(2) An anesthesiologist assistant, professional association or society of anesthesiologist assistants, physician, or professional association or society of physicians that believes that a violation of division (B)(6) of section 4760.13 of the Revised Code has occurred shall report the information upon which the belief is based to the monitoring organization conducting the program established by the board under section 4731.251 of the Revised Code. If any such report is made to the board, it shall be referred to the monitoring organization unless the board is aware that the individual who is the subject of the report does not meet the program eligibility requirements of section 4731.252 of the Revised Code.

(C) Any professional association or society composed primarily of anesthesiologist assistants that suspends or revokes an individual's membership for violations of professional ethics, or for reasons of professional incompetence or professional malpractice, within sixty days after a final decision, shall report to the board, on forms prescribed and provided by the board, the name of the individual, the action taken by the professional organization, and a summary of the underlying facts leading to the action taken.

The filing of a report with the board or decision not to file a report, investigation by the board, or any disciplinary action taken by the board, does not preclude a professional organization from taking disciplinary action against an anesthesiologist assistant.

(D) Any insurer providing professional liability insurance to any person holding a valid ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant or any other entity that seeks to indemnify the professional liability of an

anesthesiologist assistant shall notify the board within thirty days after the final disposition of any written claim for damages where such disposition results in a payment exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars. The notice shall contain the following information:

- (1) The name and address of the person submitting the notification;
- (2) The name and address of the insured who is the subject of the claim;
- (3) The name of the person filing the written claim;
- (4) The date of final disposition;
- (5) If applicable, the identity of the court in which the final disposition of the claim took place.

(E) The board may investigate possible violations of this chapter or the rules adopted under it that are brought to its attention as a result of the reporting requirements of this section, except that the board shall conduct an investigation if a possible violation involves repeated malpractice. As used in this division, "repeated malpractice" means three or more claims for malpractice within the previous five-year period, each resulting in a judgment or settlement in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars in favor of the claimant, and each involving negligent conduct by the anesthesiologist assistant.

(F) All summaries, reports, and records received and maintained by the board pursuant to this section shall be held in confidence and shall not be subject to discovery or introduction in evidence in any federal or state civil action involving an anesthesiologist assistant, supervising physician, or health care facility arising out of matters that are the subject of the reporting required by this section. The board may use the information obtained only as the basis for an investigation, as evidence in a disciplinary hearing against an anesthesiologist assistant or supervising physician, or in any subsequent trial or appeal of a board action or order.

The board may disclose the summaries and reports it receives under this section only to health care facility committees within or outside this state that are involved in credentialing or recredentialing an anesthesiologist assistant or supervising physician or reviewing their privilege to practice within a particular facility. The board shall indicate whether or not the information has been verified. Information transmitted by the board shall be subject to the same confidentiality provisions as when maintained by the board.

(G) Except for reports filed by an individual pursuant to division (B) of this section, the board shall send a copy of any reports or summaries it receives pursuant to this section to the anesthesiologist assistant. The anesthesiologist assistant shall have the right to file a statement with the

board concerning the correctness or relevance of the information. The statement shall at all times accompany that part of the record in contention.

(H) An individual or entity that reports to the board, reports to the monitoring organization described in section 4731.251 of the Revised Code, or refers an impaired anesthesiologist assistant to a treatment provider approved by the board under section 4731.25 of the Revised Code shall not be subject to suit for civil damages as a result of the report, referral, or provision of the information.

(I) In the absence of fraud or bad faith, a professional association or society of anesthesiologist assistants that sponsors a committee or program to provide peer assistance to an anesthesiologist assistant with substance abuse problems, a representative or agent of such a committee or program, a representative or agent of the monitoring organization described in section 4731.251 of the Revised Code, and a member of the state medical board shall not be held liable in damages to any person by reason of actions taken to refer an anesthesiologist assistant to a treatment provider approved under section 4731.25 of the Revised Code for examination or treatment.

Sec. 4760.18. The attorney general, the prosecuting attorney of any county in which the offense was committed or the offender resides, the state medical board, or any other person having knowledge of a person engaged either directly or by complicity in practicing as an anesthesiologist assistant without having first obtained a ~~certificate~~ license to practice ~~pursuant to issued under this chapter~~, may, in accordance with provisions of the Revised Code governing injunctions, maintain an action in the name of the state to enjoin any person from engaging either directly or by complicity in unlawfully practicing as an anesthesiologist assistant by applying for an injunction in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Prior to application for an injunction, the secretary of the state medical board shall notify the person allegedly engaged either directly or by complicity in the unlawful practice by registered mail that the secretary has received information indicating that this person is so engaged. The person shall answer the secretary within thirty days showing that the person is either properly licensed for the stated activity or that the person is not in violation of this chapter. If the answer is not forthcoming within thirty days after notice by the secretary, the secretary shall request that the attorney general, the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the offense was committed or the offender resides, or the state medical board proceed as authorized in this section.

Upon the filing of a verified petition in court, the court shall conduct a hearing on the petition and shall give the same preference to this proceeding

as is given all proceedings under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, irrespective of the position of the proceeding on the calendar of the court.

Injunction proceedings shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, all penalties and other remedies provided in this chapter.

Sec. 4761.05. (A) The state medical board shall issue a license to any applicant who complies with the requirements of section 4761.04 of the Revised Code, files the prescribed application form, and pays the fee or fees required under section 4761.07 of the Revised Code. The license entitles the holder to practice respiratory care.

(B)(1) The board shall issue a limited permit to any applicant who meets the requirements of division (A)(1) of section 4761.04 of the Revised Code, files an application on a form furnished by the board, pays the fee required under section 4761.07 of the Revised Code, and meets either of the following requirements:

(a) Is enrolled in and is in good standing in a respiratory care educational program approved by the board that meets the requirements of division (A)(2) of section 4761.04 of the Revised Code leading to a degree or certificate of completion or is a graduate of the program;

(b) Is employed as a provider of respiratory care in this state and was employed as a provider of respiratory care in this state prior to March 14, 1989.

(2) If no grounds apply under section 4761.09 of the Revised Code for denying a limited permit to the applicant and the applicant meets the requirements of division (B) of this section, the board shall issue a limited permit to the applicant.

~~The board shall maintain a register of all persons holding limited permits under this chapter.~~ The limited permit authorizes the holder to provide respiratory care under the supervision of a respiratory care professional. A person issued a limited permit under division (B)(1)(a) of this section may practice respiratory care under the limited permit for not more than three years after the date the limited permit is issued, except that the limited permit shall cease to be valid one year following the date of receipt of a certificate of completion from a board-approved respiratory care education program or immediately if the holder discontinues participation in the educational program.

The holder shall notify the board as soon as practicable when the holder completes a board-approved respiratory care education program or discontinues participation in the educational program.

This division does not require a student enrolled in an educational program leading to a degree or certificate of completion in respiratory care

approved by the board to obtain a limited permit to perform any duties that are part of the required course of study.

(3) A person issued a limited permit under division (B)(1)(b) of this section may practice under a limited permit for not more than three years, except that this restriction does not apply to a permit holder who, on March 14, 1989, has been employed as a provider of respiratory care for an average of not less than twenty-five hours per week for a period of not less than five years by a hospital.

(4) During the three-year period in which a person may practice under a limited permit, the person shall apply for renewal on an annual basis in accordance with section 4761.06 of the Revised Code.

(5) The board may revoke a limited permit upon proof satisfactory to the board that the permit holder has engaged in practice in this state outside the scope of the permit, that the holder has engaged in unethical conduct, or that there are grounds for action against the holder under section 4761.09 of the Revised Code.

(C) The holder of a license or limited permit issued under this section shall either provide verification of licensure or permit status from the board's internet web site on request or prominently display a wall certificate in the license holder's office or place where the majority of the holder's practice is conducted.

Sec. 4761.06. (A) Each license to practice respiratory care shall ~~be renewed biennially~~ expire on or before the last day of June of every even-numbered year the date that is two years after the date of issuance and may be renewed for additional two-year periods. Each limited permit to practice respiratory care shall be renewed annually. Each person ~~holding~~ seeking to renew a license or limited permit to practice respiratory care shall apply to the state medical board ~~on the form and according to the schedule in a manner~~ prescribed by the board ~~for renewal of the license or limited permit.~~ Licenses and limited permits shall be renewed in accordance with the standard renewal procedure of Chapter 4745. of the Revised Code. The ~~state medical~~ board shall renew a license if the holder pays the license renewal fee prescribed under section 4761.07 of the Revised Code and certifies that the holder has completed the continuing education or reexamination requirements of division (B) of this section.

At least one month before a license expires, the board shall provide to the license holder a renewal notice. Failure of any ~~person~~ license holder to receive a notice of renewal from the board shall not excuse the ~~person holder~~ from the requirements contained in this section. Each ~~person holding~~ a license holder shall give notice to the board of a change in the ~~license~~

holder's residence address, business address, or electronic mail address not later than thirty days after the change occurs.

The board shall renew a limited permit if the holder pays the limited permit renewal fee prescribed under section 4761.07 of the Revised Code and does either of the following:

(1) If the limited permit was issued on the basis of division (B)(1)(a) of section 4761.05 of the Revised Code, certifies that the holder is enrolled and in good standing in an educational program that meets the requirements of division (A)(2) of section 4761.04 of the Revised Code or has graduated from such a program;

(2) If the limited permit was issued on the basis of division (B)(1)(b) of section 4761.05 of the Revised Code, certifies that the applicant is employed as a provider of respiratory care under the supervision of a respiratory care professional.

~~(B) On and after March 14, 1991, and every year thereafter, on or before the annual renewal date, the holder of a limited permit issued under division (B)(1)(b) of section 4761.05 of the Revised Code shall certify to the board that the holder has satisfactorily completed the number of hours of continuing education required by the board, which shall not be less than three nor more than ten hours of continuing education acceptable to the board.~~

On or before the ~~biennial renewal~~ date a license expires, a license holder shall certify to the board that the license holder has satisfactorily completed the number of hours of continuing education required by the board, which shall be not less than six nor more than twenty hours of continuing education acceptable to the board, or has passed a reexamination in accordance with the board's renewal requirements.

(C)(1) A license to practice respiratory care that is not renewed on or before its expiration date is automatically suspended on its expiration date. Continued practice after suspension shall be considered as practicing in violation of section 4761.10 of the Revised Code.

(2) If a license has been suspended pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section for two years or less, it may be reinstated. The ~~state medical~~ board shall reinstate the license upon the applicant's submission of a complete renewal application and payment of a reinstatement fee of one hundred dollars.

~~(3)(a)~~ If a license has been suspended pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section for more than two years, it may be restored. The Subject to section 4761.061 of the Revised Code, the board may restore the license upon an applicant's submission of a complete restoration application and a

restoration fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars and compliance with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised Code. The board shall not restore a license unless the board, in its discretion, decides that the results of the criminal records check do not make the applicant ineligible for a license issued pursuant to division (A) of this section.

~~(b) The board may impose terms and conditions for the restoration, including any one or more of the following:~~

~~(i) Requiring the applicant to pass an oral or written examination, or both, to determine the applicant's present fitness to resume practice;~~

~~(ii) Requiring the applicant to obtain additional training and to pass an examination upon completion of such training;~~

~~(iii) Restricting or limiting the extent, scope, or type of practice of the applicant.~~

(D)(1) The board may require a random sample of limited permit holders to submit materials documenting that the holder has completed the number of hours of continuing education as described in division (B) of this section.

(2) The board may require a random sample of license holders to submit materials documenting that the holder has completed the number of hours of continuing education as described in division (B) of this section or has passed a reexamination.

(3) Division (D)(1) or (2) of this section does not limit the board's authority to conduct investigations pursuant to section 4731.22 of the Revised Code.

(E)(1) If, through a random sample conducted under division (D) of this section or any other means, the board finds that an individual who certified passing the reexamination or completion of the number of hours and type of continuing education required to renew, reinstate, or restore a limited permit or license did not pass the reexamination or complete the requisite continuing education, the board may do either of the following:

(a) Take disciplinary action against the individual under section 4761.09 of the Revised Code, impose a civil penalty, or both;

(b) Permit the individual to agree in writing to pass the reexamination or complete the continuing education and pay a civil penalty.

(2) The board's finding in any disciplinary action taken under division (E)(1)(a) of this section shall be made pursuant to an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six of its members.

(3) A civil penalty imposed under division (E)(1)(a) of this section or paid under division (E)(1)(b) of this section shall be in an amount specified

by the board of not more than five thousand dollars. The board shall deposit civil penalties in accordance with section 4731.24 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4761.061. (A) This section applies to both of the following:

(1) An applicant seeking restoration of a license issued under this chapter that has been in a suspended or inactive state for any cause for more than two years;

(2) An applicant seeking issuance of a license pursuant to this chapter who for more than two years has not been engaged in the practice of respiratory care as either of the following:

(a) An active practitioner;

(b) A student in an educational program as described in section 4761.04 of the Revised Code.

(B) Before issuing a license to an applicant subject to this section or restoring a license to good standing for an applicant subject to this section, the state medical board may impose terms and conditions including any one or more of the following:

(1) Requiring the applicant to pass an oral or written examination, or both, to determine the applicant's present fitness to resume practice;

(2) Requiring the applicant to obtain additional training and to pass an examination upon completion of such training;

(3) Requiring an assessment of the applicant's physical skills for purposes of determining whether the applicant's coordination, fine motor skills, and dexterity are sufficient for performing evaluations and procedures in a manner that meets the minimal standards of care;

(4) Requiring an assessment of the applicant's skills in recognizing and understanding diseases and conditions;

(5) Requiring the applicant to undergo a comprehensive physical examination, which may include an assessment of physical abilities, evaluation of sensory capabilities, or screening for the presence of neurological disorders;

(6) Restricting or limiting the extent, scope, or type of practice of the applicant.

The board shall consider the moral background and the activities of the applicant during the period of suspension or inactivity. The board shall not issue or restore a license under this section unless the applicant complies with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4762.02. (A) Except as provided in division (B), (C), or (D) of this section, no person shall do either of the following:

(1) Engage in the practice of oriental medicine unless the person holds a valid certificate license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner

issued by the state medical board under this chapter;

(2) Engage in the practice of acupuncture unless the person holds a valid ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an acupuncturist issued by the state medical board under this chapter.

(B) Division (A) of this section does not apply to a physician.

(C) Division (A)(1) of this section does not apply to the following:

(1) A person who engages in activities included in the practice of oriental medicine as part of a training program in oriental medicine, but only if both of the following conditions are met:

(a) The training program is operated by an educational institution that holds an effective certificate of authorization issued by the ~~Ohio board of regents~~ chancellor of higher education under section 1713.02 of the Revised Code or a school that holds an effective certificate of registration issued by the state board of career colleges and schools under section 3332.05 of the Revised Code.

(b) The person engages in the activities under the general supervision of an individual who holds a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner issued under this chapter and is not practicing within the supervisory period required by section 4762.10 of the Revised Code.

(2) To the extent that acupuncture is a component of oriental medicine, an individual who holds a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an acupuncturist issued under this chapter or a chiropractor who holds a certificate to practice acupuncture issued by the state chiropractic board under section 4734.283 of the Revised Code.

(D) Division (A)(2) of this section does not apply to the following:

(1) A person who performs acupuncture as part of a training program in acupuncture, but only if both of the following conditions are met:

(a) The training program is operated by an educational institution that holds an effective certificate of authorization issued by the ~~Ohio board of regents~~ chancellor of higher education under section 1713.02 of the Revised Code or a school that holds an effective certificate of registration issued by the state board of career colleges and schools under section 3332.05 of the Revised Code.

(b) The person performs the acupuncture under the general supervision of an acupuncturist who holds a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an acupuncturist issued under this chapter and is not practicing within the supervisory period required by section 4762.10 of the Revised Code.

(2) An individual who holds a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner issued under this chapter.

(3) A chiropractor who holds a certificate to practice acupuncture issued

by the state chiropractic board under section 4734.283 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4762.03. (A) An individual seeking a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner or ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an acupuncturist shall file with the state medical board a written application on a form prescribed and supplied by the board.

(B) To be eligible for the ~~certificate to practice~~ license, an applicant shall meet all of the following conditions, as applicable:

(1) The applicant shall submit evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is at least eighteen years of age and of good moral character.

(2) In the case of an applicant seeking a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner, the applicant shall submit evidence satisfactory to the board of both of the following:

(a) That the applicant holds a current and active designation from the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine as either a diplomate in oriental medicine or diplomate of acupuncture and Chinese herbology;

(b) That the applicant has successfully completed, in the two-year period immediately preceding application for the ~~certificate~~ license to practice, one course approved by the commission on federal food and drug administration dispensary and compounding guidelines and procedures.

(3) In the case of an applicant seeking a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an acupuncturist, the applicant shall submit evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant holds a current and active designation from the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine as a diplomate in acupuncture.

(4) The applicant shall demonstrate to the board proficiency in spoken English by satisfying one of the following requirements:

(a) Passing the examination described in section 4731.142 of the Revised Code;

(b) Submitting evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant was required to demonstrate proficiency in spoken English as a condition of obtaining designation from the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine as a diplomate in oriental medicine, diplomate of acupuncture and Chinese herbology, or diplomate in acupuncture;

(c) Submitting evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant, in seeking a designation from the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine as a diplomate of oriental medicine, diplomate of acupuncture and Chinese herbology, or diplomate of acupuncture, has successfully completed in English the examination

required for such a designation by the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine;

(d) In the case of an applicant seeking a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner, submitting evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has previously held a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an acupuncturist issued under section 4762.04 of the Revised Code.

(5) The applicant shall submit to the board any other information the board requires.

(6) The applicant shall pay to the board a fee of one hundred dollars, no part of which may be returned to the applicant.

(C) The board shall review all applications received under this section. The board shall determine whether an applicant meets the requirements to receive a ~~certificate to practice~~ license not later than sixty days after receiving a complete application. ~~The affirmative vote of not fewer than six members of the board is required to determine that an applicant meets the requirements for a certificate.~~

Sec. 4762.031. In addition to any other eligibility requirement set forth in this chapter, each applicant for a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner or ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an acupuncturist shall comply with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised Code. The state medical board shall not grant to an applicant a ~~certificate~~ license to practice unless the board, in its discretion, decides that the results of the criminal records check do not make the applicant ineligible for a ~~certificate~~ license issued pursuant to section 4762.04 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4762.04. If the state medical board determines under section 4762.03 of the Revised Code that an applicant meets the requirements for a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner or ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an acupuncturist, the secretary of the board shall register the applicant as an oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist, as appropriate, and issue to the applicant the appropriate ~~certificate~~ license to practice. The ~~certificate~~ license shall be valid for a two-year period unless revoked or suspended, shall expire biennially on the date that is two years after the date of issuance, and may be renewed for additional two-year periods in accordance with section 4762.06 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4762.05. Upon application by the holder of a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner or ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an acupuncturist, the state medical board shall issue a duplicate ~~certificate~~ license to replace one that is missing or damaged, to reflect a name change, or for any other reasonable cause. The fee for a duplicate ~~certificate~~ license

is thirty-five dollars.

Sec. 4762.06. (A) A person seeking to renew a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner or ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an acupuncturist shall, on or before the ~~thirty-first day of January of each even-numbered year~~ license's expiration date, apply to the state medical board for renewal ~~of the certificate~~. The ~~state medical~~ board shall provide renewal notices to license holders at least one month prior to the expiration date.

Applications shall be submitted to the board in a manner prescribed by the board. Each application shall be accompanied by a biennial renewal fee of one hundred dollars.

The applicant shall report any criminal offense that constitutes grounds for refusing to issue a ~~certificate~~ license under section 4762.13 of the Revised Code to which the applicant has pleaded guilty, of which the applicant has been found guilty, or for which the applicant has been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction, since last signing an application for a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner or ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an acupuncturist.

(B)(1) To be eligible for renewal of a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner, an applicant shall certify to the board both of the following, as applicable:

(a) That the applicant has maintained a current and active designation from the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine as either a diplomate in oriental medicine or diplomate of acupuncture and Chinese herbology;

(b) That the applicant has successfully completed one six-hour course in herb and drug interaction approved by the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine in the four years immediately preceding the expiration date of the applicant's current and active designation from the commission as a diplomate in oriental medicine or diplomate of acupuncture and Chinese herbology.

(2) To be eligible for renewal of a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an acupuncturist, an applicant shall certify to the board that the acupuncturist has maintained a current and active designation from the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine as a diplomate in acupuncture.

(C) If an applicant submits a complete renewal application and qualifies for renewal pursuant to division (B) of this section, the board shall issue to the applicant a renewed ~~certificate~~ license to practice.

(D) A ~~certificate~~ license to practice that is not renewed on or before its

expiration date is automatically suspended on its expiration date. ~~If~~

~~If a certificate license~~ has been suspended pursuant to this division for two years or less, the board shall reinstate the ~~certificate license~~ upon an applicant's submission of a renewal application, the biennial renewal fee, and the applicable monetary penalty. The penalty for reinstatement is twenty-five dollars. ~~If~~

~~If a certificate license~~ has been suspended pursuant to this division for more than two years, it may be restored. Subject to section 4762.061 of the Revised Code, the board may restore the license upon an applicant's submission of a restoration application, the biennial renewal fee, and the applicable monetary penalty and compliance with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised Code. The board shall not restore a ~~certificate to practice license~~ unless the board, in its discretion, decides that the results of the criminal records check do not make the applicant ineligible for a certificate issued pursuant to section 4762.04 of the Revised Code. The penalty for restoration is fifty dollars.

Sec. 4762.061. (A) This section applies to both of the following:

(1) An applicant seeking restoration of a license issued under this chapter that has been in a suspended or inactive state for any cause for more than two years;

(2) An applicant seeking issuance of a license pursuant to this chapter who for more than two years has not been engaged in the practice of oriental medicine or acupuncture as either of the following:

(a) An active practitioner;

(b) A participant in a training program as described in section 4762.02 of the Revised Code.

(B) Before issuing a license to an applicant subject to this section or restoring a license to good standing for an applicant subject to this section, the state medical board may impose terms and conditions including any one or more of the following:

(1) Requiring the applicant to pass an oral or written examination, or both, to determine the applicant's present fitness to resume practice;

(2) Requiring the applicant to obtain additional training and to pass an examination upon completion of such training;

(3) Requiring an assessment of the applicant's physical skills for purposes of determining whether the applicant's coordination, fine motor skills, and dexterity are sufficient for performing evaluations and procedures in a manner that meets the minimal standards of care;

(4) Requiring an assessment of the applicant's skills in recognizing and understanding diseases and conditions;

(5) Requiring the applicant to undergo a comprehensive physical examination, which may include an assessment of physical abilities, evaluation of sensory capabilities, or screening for the presence of neurological disorders;

(6) Restricting or limiting the extent, scope, or type of practice of the applicant.

The board shall consider the moral background and the activities of the applicant during the period of suspension or inactivity. The board shall not issue or restore a license under this section unless the applicant complies with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4762.08. (A) A person who holds a certificate license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner issued under this chapter may use the following titles, initials, or abbreviations, or the equivalent of such titles, initials, or abbreviations, to identify the person as an oriental medicine practitioner: "Oriental Medicine Practitioner," "Licensed Oriental Medicine Practitioner," "L.O.M.," "Diplomate in Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM)," "Dipl. O.M. (NCCAOM)," "National Board Certified in Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM)," "Acupuncturist," "Licensed Acupuncturist," "L.Ac. and L.C.H.," "Diplomate of Acupuncture and Chinese Herbology (NCCAOM)," "Dipl. Ac. and Dipl. C.H. (NCCAOM)," or "National Board Certified in Acupuncture and Chinese Herbology (NCCAOM)." The person shall not use other titles, initials, or abbreviations in conjunction with the person's practice of oriental medicine, including the title "doctor."

(B) A person who holds a certificate license to practice as an acupuncturist issued under this chapter may use the following titles, initials, or abbreviations, or the equivalent of such titles, initials, or abbreviations, to identify the person as an acupuncturist: "Acupuncturist," "Licensed Acupuncturist," "L.Ac.," "Diplomate in Acupuncture (NCCAOM)," "Dipl. Ac. (NCCAOM)," or "National Board Certified in Acupuncture (NCCAOM)." The person shall not use other titles, initials, or abbreviations in conjunction with the person's practice of acupuncture, including the title "doctor."

Sec. 4762.09. An individual who holds a certificate license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner or certificate license to practice as an acupuncturist issued under this chapter shall conspicuously display at the individual's primary place of business both of the following:

(A) The individual's certificate license, as evidence that the individual is authorized to practice in this state;

(B) A notice specifying that the practice of oriental medicine or acupuncture, as applicable, under the certificate license is regulated by the

state medical board and the address and telephone number of the board's office.

Sec. 4762.10. The following, as applicable, apply to an individual who holds a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner or ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an acupuncturist:

(A) On receipt of an initial ~~certificate~~ license to practice, the practice of the oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist is subject to a supervisory period. The supervisory period shall begin on the date the initial ~~certificate~~ license is granted and end one year thereafter, except that if the oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist is subject during that year to disciplinary action taken by the state medical board pursuant to section 4762.13 of the Revised Code, the supervision shall continue until the practitioner or acupuncturist has not been subject to any disciplinary action for one year.

(B) During the supervisory period, both of the following apply to an oriental medicine practitioner's or acupuncturist's practice in addition to the applicable requirements of divisions (D) and (E) of this section:

(1) An oriental medicine practitioner shall perform oriental medicine or acupuncture for a patient only if the patient has received a written referral or prescription for oriental medicine or acupuncture from a physician or for acupuncture from a chiropractor. An acupuncturist shall perform acupuncture for a patient only if the patient has received a written referral or prescription for acupuncture from a physician or chiropractor. As specified in the referral or prescription, the oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist shall provide reports to the physician or chiropractor on the patient's condition or progress in treatment and comply with the conditions or restrictions on the practitioner's or acupuncturist's course of treatment.

(2) The oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist shall perform oriental medicine or acupuncture under the general supervision of the patient's referring or prescribing physician or chiropractor, except that an oriental medicine practitioner using herbal therapy in the treatment of a patient shall not provide herbal therapy under the general supervision of a chiropractor. General supervision does not require that the oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist and supervising physician or chiropractor practice in the same office.

(C) After the supervisory period has ended, both of the following apply to an oriental medicine practitioner's or acupuncturist's practice in addition to the applicable requirements of divisions (D) and (E) of this section:

(1) Before treating a patient for a particular condition, an oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist shall confirm whether the patient has

undergone within the past six months a diagnostic examination that was related to the condition for which the patient is seeking oriental medicine or acupuncture and was performed by a physician or chiropractor acting within the physician's or chiropractor's scope of practice. Confirmation that the diagnostic examination was performed may be made by obtaining from the patient a signed form stating that the patient has undergone the examination.

(2) If the patient does not provide the signed form specified in division (C)(1) of this section or an oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist otherwise determines that the patient has not undergone the diagnostic examination specified in that division, the practitioner or acupuncturist shall provide to the patient a written recommendation to undergo a diagnostic examination by a physician or chiropractor.

(D) In an individual's practice of oriental medicine or acupuncture pursuant to a ~~certificate~~ license to practice issued under this chapter, all of the following apply:

(1) Prior to treating a patient, the individual shall advise the patient that oriental medicine or acupuncture, as applicable, is not a substitute for conventional medical diagnosis and treatment.

(2) On initially meeting a patient in person, the individual shall provide in writing the individual's name, business address, and business telephone number, and information on oriental medicine or acupuncture, as applicable, including the techniques that are used.

(3) While treating a patient, the individual shall not make a diagnosis. If a patient's condition is not improving or a patient requires emergency medical treatment, the individual shall consult promptly with a physician.

(4) The individual shall maintain records for each patient treated. The records shall be confidential and shall be retained for not less than three years following termination of treatment. The individual shall include in a patient's records the written referral or prescription pursuant to which ~~the~~ the patient is treated during a supervisory period and any written referral or prescription for oriental medicine or acupuncture received for a patient being treated after the supervisory period.

(E) In an individual's practice of oriental medicine by using herbal therapy in the treatment of a patient, all of the following apply:

(1) The oriental medicine practitioner shall provide to the patient counseling and treatment instructions. The treatment instructions shall do all of the following:

- (a) Explain the need for herbal therapy;
- (b) Instruct the patient how to take the herbal therapy;
- (c) Explain possible contraindications to the herbal therapy and provide

sources of care in case of an adverse reaction;

(d) Instruct the patient to inform the patient's other health care providers, including the patient's pharmacist, of the herbal therapy that has been provided to the patient.

(2) The oriental medicine practitioner shall document all of the following in the patient's record:

(a) The type, amount, and strength of herbal therapy recommended for the patient's use;

(b) The counseling and treatment instructions provided to the patient under division (E)(1) of this section;

(c) Any adverse reaction reported by the patient in conjunction with the use of herbal therapy.

(3) The oriental medicine practitioner shall report to the state medical board any adverse reactions reported by the patient under division (E)(2)(c) of this section.

Sec. 4762.13. (A) The state medical board, by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six members, may revoke or may refuse to grant a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner or ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an acupuncturist to a person found by the board to have committed fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in applying for or securing the ~~certificate~~ license.

(B) The board, by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six members, shall, to the extent permitted by law, limit, revoke, or suspend an individual's ~~certificate~~ license to practice, refuse to issue a ~~certificate~~ license to an applicant, refuse to renew a ~~certificate~~ license, refuse to reinstate a ~~certificate~~ license, or reprimand or place on probation the holder of a ~~certificate~~ license for any of the following reasons:

(1) Permitting the holder's name or ~~certificate~~ license to be used by another person;

(2) Failure to comply with the requirements of this chapter, Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code, or any rules adopted by the board;

(3) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provision of this chapter, Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code, or the rules adopted by the board;

(4) A departure from, or failure to conform to, minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances whether or not actual injury to the patient is established;

(5) Inability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care by reason of mental illness or physical illness, including physical

deterioration that adversely affects cognitive, motor, or perceptive skills;

(6) Impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice;

(7) Willfully betraying a professional confidence;

(8) Making a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement in soliciting or advertising for patients or in securing or attempting to secure a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner or ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an acupuncturist.

As used in this division, "false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement" means a statement that includes a misrepresentation of fact, is likely to mislead or deceive because of a failure to disclose material facts, is intended or is likely to create false or unjustified expectations of favorable results, or includes representations or implications that in reasonable probability will cause an ordinarily prudent person to misunderstand or be deceived.

(9) Representing, with the purpose of obtaining compensation or other advantage personally or for any other person, that an incurable disease or injury, or other incurable condition, can be permanently cured;

(10) The obtaining of, or attempting to obtain, money or a thing of value by fraudulent misrepresentations in the course of practice;

(11) A plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for, a felony;

(12) Commission of an act that constitutes a felony in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed;

(13) A plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for, a misdemeanor committed in the course of practice;

(14) A plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for, a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;

(15) Commission of an act in the course of practice that constitutes a misdemeanor in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed;

(16) Commission of an act involving moral turpitude that constitutes a misdemeanor in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed;

(17) A plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for violating any state or federal law regulating the possession, distribution, or use of any

drug, including trafficking in drugs;

(18) Any of the following actions taken by the state agency responsible for regulating the practice of oriental medicine or acupuncture in another jurisdiction, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand;

(19) Violation of the conditions placed by the board on a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner or ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an acupuncturist;

(20) Failure to use universal blood and body fluid precautions established by rules adopted under section 4731.051 of the Revised Code;

(21) Failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the board under section 4762.14 of the Revised Code, including failure to comply with a subpoena or order issued by the board or failure to answer truthfully a question presented by the board at a deposition or in written interrogatories, except that failure to cooperate with an investigation shall not constitute grounds for discipline under this section if a court of competent jurisdiction has issued an order that either quashes a subpoena or permits the individual to withhold the testimony or evidence in issue;

(22) Failure to comply with the standards of the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine regarding professional ethics, commitment to patients, commitment to the profession, and commitment to the public;

(23) Failure to have adequate professional liability insurance coverage in accordance with section 4762.22 of the Revised Code;

(24) Failure to maintain a current and active designation as a diplomate in oriental medicine, diplomate of acupuncture and Chinese herbology, or diplomate in acupuncture, as applicable, from the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine, including revocation by the commission of the individual's designation, failure by the individual to meet the commission's requirements for redesignation, or failure to notify the board that the appropriate designation has not been maintained.

(C) Disciplinary actions taken by the board under divisions (A) and (B) of this section shall be taken pursuant to an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, except that in lieu of an adjudication, the board may enter into a consent agreement with an oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist or applicant to resolve an allegation of a violation of this chapter or any rule adopted under it. A consent agreement, when ratified by

an affirmative vote of not fewer than six members of the board, shall constitute the findings and order of the board with respect to the matter addressed in the agreement. If the board refuses to ratify a consent agreement, the admissions and findings contained in the consent agreement shall be of no force or effect.

(D) For purposes of divisions (B)(12), (15), and (16) of this section, the commission of the act may be established by a finding by the board, pursuant to an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, that the applicant or ~~certificate~~ license holder committed the act in question. The board shall have no jurisdiction under these divisions in cases where the trial court renders a final judgment in the ~~certificate~~ license holder's favor and that judgment is based upon an adjudication on the merits. The board shall have jurisdiction under these divisions in cases where the trial court issues an order of dismissal upon technical or procedural grounds.

(E) The sealing of conviction records by any court shall have no effect upon a prior board order entered under the provisions of this section or upon the board's jurisdiction to take action under the provisions of this section if, based upon a plea of guilty, a judicial finding of guilt, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction, the board issued a notice of opportunity for a hearing or entered into a consent agreement prior to the court's order to seal the records. The board shall not be required to seal, destroy, redact, or otherwise modify its records to reflect the court's sealing of conviction records.

(F) For purposes of this division, any individual who holds a ~~certificate~~ license to practice issued under this chapter, or applies for a ~~certificate~~ license to practice, shall be deemed to have given consent to submit to a mental or physical examination when directed to do so in writing by the board and to have waived all objections to the admissibility of testimony or examination reports that constitute a privileged communication.

(1) In enforcing division (B)(5) of this section, the board, upon a showing of a possible violation, may compel any individual who holds a ~~certificate~~ license to practice issued under this chapter or who has applied for a ~~certificate~~ license pursuant to this chapter to submit to a mental examination, physical examination, including an HIV test, or both a mental and physical examination. The expense of the examination is the responsibility of the individual compelled to be examined. Failure to submit to a mental or physical examination or consent to an HIV test ordered by the board constitutes an admission of the allegations against the individual unless the failure is due to circumstances beyond the individual's control, and a default and final order may be entered without the taking of testimony

or presentation of evidence. If the board finds an oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist unable to practice because of the reasons set forth in division (B)(5) of this section, the board shall require the individual to submit to care, counseling, or treatment by physicians approved or designated by the board, as a condition for an initial, continued, reinstated, or renewed ~~certificate~~ license to practice. An individual affected by this division shall be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate to the board the ability to resume practicing in compliance with acceptable and prevailing standards of care.

(2) For purposes of division (B)(6) of this section, if the board has reason to believe that any individual who holds a ~~certificate~~ license to practice issued under this chapter or any applicant for a ~~certificate~~ license suffers such impairment, the board may compel the individual to submit to a mental or physical examination, or both. The expense of the examination is the responsibility of the individual compelled to be examined. Any mental or physical examination required under this division shall be undertaken by a treatment provider or physician qualified to conduct such examination and chosen by the board.

Failure to submit to a mental or physical examination ordered by the board constitutes an admission of the allegations against the individual unless the failure is due to circumstances beyond the individual's control, and a default and final order may be entered without the taking of testimony or presentation of evidence. If the board determines that the individual's ability to practice is impaired, the board shall suspend the individual's ~~certificate~~ license or deny the individual's application and shall require the individual, as a condition for an initial, continued, reinstated, or renewed ~~certificate~~ license, to submit to treatment.

Before being eligible to apply for reinstatement of a ~~certificate~~ license suspended under this division, the oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist shall demonstrate to the board the ability to resume practice in compliance with acceptable and prevailing standards of care. The demonstration shall include the following:

(a) Certification from a treatment provider approved under section 4731.25 of the Revised Code that the individual has successfully completed any required inpatient treatment;

(b) Evidence of continuing full compliance with an aftercare contract or consent agreement;

(c) Two written reports indicating that the individual's ability to practice has been assessed and that the individual has been found capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care. The

reports shall be made by individuals or providers approved by the board for making such assessments and shall describe the basis for their determination.

The board may reinstate a ~~certificate~~ license suspended under this division after such demonstration and after the individual has entered into a written consent agreement.

When the impaired individual resumes practice, the board shall require continued monitoring of the individual. The monitoring shall include monitoring of compliance with the written consent agreement entered into before reinstatement or with conditions imposed by board order after a hearing, and, upon termination of the consent agreement, submission to the board for at least two years of annual written progress reports made under penalty of falsification stating whether the individual has maintained sobriety.

(G) If the secretary and supervising member determine both of the following, they may recommend that the board suspend an individual's ~~certificate~~ license to practice without a prior hearing:

- (1) That there is clear and convincing evidence that an oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist has violated division (B) of this section;
- (2) That the individual's continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public.

Written allegations shall be prepared for consideration by the board. The board, upon review of the allegations and by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six of its members, excluding the secretary and supervising member, may suspend a ~~certificate~~ license without a prior hearing. A telephone conference call may be utilized for reviewing the allegations and taking the vote on the summary suspension.

The board shall issue a written order of suspension by certified mail or in person in accordance with section 119.07 of the Revised Code. The order shall not be subject to suspension by the court during pendency of any appeal filed under section 119.12 of the Revised Code. If the oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist requests an adjudicatory hearing by the board, the date set for the hearing shall be within fifteen days, but not earlier than seven days, after the hearing is requested, unless otherwise agreed to by both the board and the ~~certificate~~ license holder.

A summary suspension imposed under this division shall remain in effect, unless reversed on appeal, until a final adjudicative order issued by the board pursuant to this section and Chapter 119. of the Revised Code becomes effective. The board shall issue its final adjudicative order within sixty days after completion of its hearing. Failure to issue the order within

sixty days shall result in dissolution of the summary suspension order, but shall not invalidate any subsequent, final adjudicative order.

(H) If the board takes action under division (B)(11), (13), or (14) of this section, and the judicial finding of guilt, guilty plea, or judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction is overturned on appeal, upon exhaustion of the criminal appeal, a petition for reconsideration of the order may be filed with the board along with appropriate court documents. Upon receipt of a petition and supporting court documents, the board shall reinstate the ~~certificate to practice~~ license. The board may then hold an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to determine whether the individual committed the act in question. Notice of opportunity for hearing shall be given in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. If the board finds, pursuant to an adjudication held under this division, that the individual committed the act, or if no hearing is requested, it may order any of the sanctions specified in division (B) of this section.

(I) The ~~certificate~~ license to practice of an oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist and the practitioner's or acupuncturist's practice in this state are automatically suspended as of the date the practitioner or acupuncturist pleads guilty to, is found by a judge or jury to be guilty of, or is subject to a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction in this state or treatment or intervention in lieu of conviction in another jurisdiction for any of the following criminal offenses in this state or a substantially equivalent criminal offense in another jurisdiction: aggravated murder, murder, voluntary manslaughter, felonious assault, kidnapping, rape, sexual battery, gross sexual imposition, aggravated arson, aggravated robbery, or aggravated burglary. Continued practice after the suspension shall be considered practicing without a ~~certificate~~ license.

The board shall notify the individual subject to the suspension by certified mail or in person in accordance with section 119.07 of the Revised Code. If an individual whose ~~certificate~~ license is suspended under this division fails to make a timely request for an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the board shall enter a final order permanently revoking the individual's ~~certificate to practice~~ license.

(J) In any instance in which the board is required by Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to give notice of opportunity for hearing and the individual subject to the notice does not timely request a hearing in accordance with section 119.07 of the Revised Code, the board is not required to hold a hearing, but may adopt, by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six of its members, a final order that contains the board's findings. In the final order, the board may order any of the sanctions identified under division (A) or (B)

of this section.

(K) Any action taken by the board under division (B) of this section resulting in a suspension shall be accompanied by a written statement of the conditions under which the ~~certificate to practice~~ license may be reinstated. The board shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing conditions to be imposed for reinstatement. Reinstatement of a ~~certificate~~ license suspended pursuant to division (B) of this section requires an affirmative vote of not fewer than six members of the board.

(L) When the board refuses to grant or issue a ~~certificate to practice~~ license to an applicant, revokes an individual's ~~certificate~~ license, refuses to renew an individual's ~~certificate~~ license, or refuses to reinstate an individual's ~~certificate~~ license, the board may specify that its action is permanent. An individual subject to a permanent action taken by the board is forever thereafter ineligible to hold a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner or ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an acupuncturist and the board shall not accept an application for reinstatement of the ~~certificate~~ license or for issuance of a new ~~certificate~~ license.

(M) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised Code, all of the following apply:

(1) The surrender of a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner or ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an acupuncturist issued under this chapter is not effective unless or until accepted by the board. Reinstatement of a ~~certificate~~ license surrendered to the board requires an affirmative vote of not fewer than six members of the board.

(2) An application made under this chapter for a ~~certificate~~ license may not be withdrawn without approval of the board.

(3) Failure by an individual to renew a ~~certificate~~ license in accordance with section 4762.06 of the Revised Code shall not remove or limit the board's jurisdiction to take disciplinary action under this section against the individual.

Sec. 4762.131. On receipt of a notice pursuant to section 3123.43 of the Revised Code, the state medical board shall comply with sections 3123.41 to 3123.50 of the Revised Code and any applicable rules adopted under section 3123.63 of the Revised Code with respect to a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner or ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an acupuncturist issued pursuant to this chapter.

Sec. 4762.132. If the state medical board has reason to believe that any person who has been granted under this chapter a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner or ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an acupuncturist is mentally ill or mentally incompetent, it may file in the

probate court of the county in which the person has a legal residence an affidavit in the form prescribed in section 5122.11 of the Revised Code and signed by the board secretary or a member of the board secretary's staff, whereupon the same proceedings shall be had as provided in Chapter 5122. of the Revised Code. The attorney general may represent the board in any proceeding commenced under this section.

If any person who has been granted a ~~certificate~~ license is adjudged by a probate court to be mentally ill or mentally incompetent, the person's ~~certificate~~ license shall be automatically suspended until the person has filed with the state medical board a certified copy of an adjudication by a probate court of the person's subsequent restoration to competency or has submitted to the board proof, satisfactory to the board, that the person has been discharged as having a restoration to competency in the manner and form provided in section 5122.38 of the Revised Code. The judge of the probate court shall forthwith notify the state medical board of an adjudication of mental illness or mental incompetence, and shall note any suspension of a ~~certificate~~ license in the margin of the court's record of such ~~certificate~~ license.

Sec. 4762.14. (A) The state medical board shall investigate evidence that appears to show that any person has violated this chapter or the rules adopted under it. Any person may report to the board in a signed writing any information the person has that appears to show a violation of any provision of this chapter or the rules adopted under it. In the absence of bad faith, a person who reports such information or testifies before the board in an adjudication conducted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code shall not be liable for civil damages as a result of reporting the information or providing testimony. Each complaint or allegation of a violation received by the board shall be assigned a case number and be recorded by the board.

(B) Investigations of alleged violations of this chapter or rules adopted under it shall be supervised by the supervising member elected by the board in accordance with section 4731.02 of the Revised Code and by the secretary as provided in section 4762.17 of the Revised Code. The board's president may designate another member of the board to supervise the investigation in place of the supervising member. A member of the board who supervises the investigation of a case shall not participate in further adjudication of the case.

(C) In investigating a possible violation of this chapter or the rules adopted under it, the board may administer oaths, order the taking of depositions, issue subpoenas, and compel the attendance of witnesses and production of books, accounts, papers, records, documents, and testimony,

except that a subpoena for patient record information shall not be issued without consultation with the attorney general's office and approval of the secretary and supervising member of the board. Before issuance of a subpoena for patient record information, the secretary and supervising member shall determine whether there is probable cause to believe that the complaint filed alleges a violation of this chapter or the rules adopted under it and that the records sought are relevant to the alleged violation and material to the investigation. The subpoena may apply only to records that cover a reasonable period of time surrounding the alleged violation.

On failure to comply with any subpoena issued by the board and after reasonable notice to the person being subpoenaed, the board may move for an order compelling the production of persons or records pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure.

A subpoena issued by the board may be served by a sheriff, the sheriff's deputy, or a board employee designated by the board. Service of a subpoena issued by the board may be made by delivering a copy of the subpoena to the person named therein, reading it to the person, or leaving it at the person's usual place of residence. When the person being served is an oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist, service of the subpoena may be made by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested, and the subpoena shall be deemed served on the date delivery is made or the date the person refuses to accept delivery.

A sheriff's deputy who serves a subpoena shall receive the same fees as a sheriff. Each witness who appears before the board in obedience to a subpoena shall receive the fees and mileage provided for under section 119.094 of the Revised Code.

(D) All hearings and investigations of the board shall be considered civil actions for the purposes of section 2305.252 of the Revised Code.

(E) Information received by the board pursuant to an investigation is confidential and not subject to discovery in any civil action.

The board shall conduct all investigations and proceedings in a manner that protects the confidentiality of patients and persons who file complaints with the board. The board shall not make public the names or any other identifying information about patients or complainants unless proper consent is given.

The board may share any information it receives pursuant to an investigation, including patient records and patient record information, with law enforcement agencies, other licensing boards, and other governmental agencies that are prosecuting, adjudicating, or investigating alleged violations of statutes or administrative rules. An agency or board that

receives the information shall comply with the same requirements regarding confidentiality as those with which the state medical board must comply, notwithstanding any conflicting provision of the Revised Code or procedure of the agency or board that applies when it is dealing with other information in its possession. In a judicial proceeding, the information may be admitted into evidence only in accordance with the Rules of Evidence, but the court shall require that appropriate measures are taken to ensure that confidentiality is maintained with respect to any part of the information that contains names or other identifying information about patients or complainants whose confidentiality was protected by the state medical board when the information was in the board's possession. Measures to ensure confidentiality that may be taken by the court include sealing its records or deleting specific information from its records.

(F) The state medical board shall develop requirements for and provide appropriate initial training and continuing education for investigators employed by the board to carry out its duties under this chapter. The training and continuing education may include enrollment in courses operated or approved by the Ohio peace officer training commission that the board considers appropriate under conditions set forth in section 109.79 of the Revised Code.

(G) On a quarterly basis, the board shall prepare a report that documents the disposition of all cases during the preceding three months. The report shall contain the following information for each case with which the board has completed its activities:

- (1) The case number assigned to the complaint or alleged violation;
- (2) The type of ~~certificate to practice~~ license, if any, held by the individual against whom the complaint is directed;
- (3) A description of the allegations contained in the complaint;
- (4) The disposition of the case.

The report shall state how many cases are still pending, and shall be prepared in a manner that protects the identity of each person involved in each case. The report is a public record for purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4762.15. (A) As used in this section, "prosecutor" has the same meaning as in section 2935.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) Whenever any person holding a valid ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner or valid ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an acupuncturist issued pursuant to this chapter pleads guilty to, is subject to a judicial finding of guilt of, or is subject to a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for a violation of Chapter 2907., 2925.,

or 3719. of the Revised Code or of any substantively comparable ordinance of a municipal corporation in connection with the person's practice, the prosecutor in the case, on forms prescribed and provided by the state medical board, shall promptly notify the board of the conviction. Within thirty days of receipt of that information, the board shall initiate action in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to determine whether to suspend or revoke the ~~certificate~~ license under section 4762.13 of the Revised Code.

(C) The prosecutor in any case against any person holding a valid ~~certificate to practice~~ license issued pursuant to this chapter, on forms prescribed and provided by the state medical board, shall notify the board of any of the following:

(1) A plea of guilty to, a finding of guilt by a jury or court of, or judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for a felony, or a case in which the trial court issues an order of dismissal upon technical or procedural grounds of a felony charge;

(2) A plea of guilty to, a finding of guilt by a jury or court of, or judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for a misdemeanor committed in the course of practice, or a case in which the trial court issues an order of dismissal upon technical or procedural grounds of a charge of a misdemeanor, if the alleged act was committed in the course of practice;

(3) A plea of guilty to, a finding of guilt by a jury or court of, or judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, or a case in which the trial court issues an order of dismissal upon technical or procedural grounds of a charge of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.

The report shall include the name and address of the ~~certificate~~ license holder, the nature of the offense for which the action was taken, and the certified court documents recording the action.

Sec. 4762.16. (A) Within sixty days after the imposition of any formal disciplinary action taken by any health care facility, including a hospital, health care facility operated by a health insuring corporation, ambulatory surgical center, or similar facility, against any individual holding a valid ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner or valid ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an acupuncturist, the chief administrator or executive officer of the facility shall report to the state medical board the name of the individual, the action taken by the facility, and a summary of the underlying facts leading to the action taken. Upon request, the board shall be provided certified copies of the patient records that were the basis for the facility's action. Prior to release to the board, the summary shall be

approved by the peer review committee that reviewed the case or by the governing board of the facility.

The filing of a report with the board or decision not to file a report, investigation by the board, or any disciplinary action taken by the board, does not preclude a health care facility from taking disciplinary action against an oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist.

In the absence of fraud or bad faith, no individual or entity that provides patient records to the board shall be liable in damages to any person as a result of providing the records.

(B)(1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, an oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist, professional association or society of oriental medicine practitioners or acupuncturists, physician, or professional association or society of physicians that believes a violation of any provision of this chapter, Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code, or rule of the board has occurred shall report to the board the information upon which the belief is based.

(2) An oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist, professional association or society of oriental medicine practitioners or acupuncturists, physician, or professional association or society of physicians that believes a violation of division (B)(6) of section 4762.13 of the Revised Code has occurred shall report the information upon which the belief is based to the monitoring organization conducting the program established by the board under section 4731.251 of the Revised Code. If any such report is made to the board, it shall be referred to the monitoring organization unless the board is aware that the individual who is the subject of the report does not meet the program eligibility requirements of section 4731.252 of the Revised Code.

(C) Any professional association or society composed primarily of oriental medicine practitioners or acupuncturists that suspends or revokes an individual's membership for violations of professional ethics, or for reasons of professional incompetence or professional malpractice, within sixty days after a final decision, shall report to the board, on forms prescribed and provided by the board, the name of the individual, the action taken by the professional organization, and a summary of the underlying facts leading to the action taken.

The filing of a report with the board or decision not to file a report, investigation by the board, or any disciplinary action taken by the board, does not preclude a professional organization from taking disciplinary action against an individual.

(D) Any insurer providing professional liability insurance to any person holding a valid ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an oriental medicine

practitioner or valid ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an acupuncturist or any other entity that seeks to indemnify the professional liability of an oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist shall notify the board within thirty days after the final disposition of any written claim for damages where such disposition results in a payment exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars. The notice shall contain the following information:

- (1) The name and address of the person submitting the notification;
- (2) The name and address of the insured who is the subject of the claim;
- (3) The name of the person filing the written claim;
- (4) The date of final disposition;
- (5) If applicable, the identity of the court in which the final disposition of the claim took place.

(E) The board may investigate possible violations of this chapter or the rules adopted under it that are brought to its attention as a result of the reporting requirements of this section, except that the board shall conduct an investigation if a possible violation involves repeated malpractice. As used in this division, "repeated malpractice" means three or more claims for malpractice within the previous five-year period, each resulting in a judgment or settlement in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars in favor of the claimant, and each involving negligent conduct by the oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist.

(F) All summaries, reports, and records received and maintained by the board pursuant to this section shall be held in confidence and shall not be subject to discovery or introduction in evidence in any federal or state civil action involving an oriental medicine practitioner, acupuncturist, supervising physician, or health care facility arising out of matters that are the subject of the reporting required by this section. The board may use the information obtained only as the basis for an investigation, as evidence in a disciplinary hearing against an oriental medicine practitioner, acupuncturist, or supervising physician, or in any subsequent trial or appeal of a board action or order.

The board may disclose the summaries and reports it receives under this section only to health care facility committees within or outside this state that are involved in credentialing or recredentialing an oriental medicine practitioner, acupuncturist, or supervising physician or reviewing their privilege to practice within a particular facility. The board shall indicate whether or not the information has been verified. Information transmitted by the board shall be subject to the same confidentiality provisions as when maintained by the board.

(G) Except for reports filed by an individual pursuant to division (B) of

this section, the board shall send a copy of any reports or summaries it receives pursuant to this section to the acupuncturist. The oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist shall have the right to file a statement with the board concerning the correctness or relevance of the information. The statement shall at all times accompany that part of the record in contention.

(H) An individual or entity that reports to the board, reports to the monitoring organization described in section 4731.251 of the Revised Code, or refers an impaired oriental medicine practitioner or impaired acupuncturist to a treatment provider approved by the board under section 4731.25 of the Revised Code shall not be subject to suit for civil damages as a result of the report, referral, or provision of the information.

(I) In the absence of fraud or bad faith, a professional association or society of oriental medicine practitioners or acupuncturists that sponsors a committee or program to provide peer assistance to an oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist with substance abuse problems, a representative or agent of such a committee or program, a representative or agent of the monitoring organization described in section 4731.251 of the Revised Code, and a member of the state medical board shall not be held liable in damages to any person by reason of actions taken to refer an oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist to a treatment provider approved under section 4731.25 of the Revised Code for examination or treatment.

Sec. 4762.18. (A) Subject to division (E) of this section, the attorney general, the prosecuting attorney of any county in which the offense was committed or the offender resides, the state medical board, or any other person having knowledge of a person engaged either directly or by complicity in the practice of oriental medicine or acupuncture without having first obtained a ~~certificate~~ license to do so pursuant to this chapter, may, in accord with provisions of the Revised Code governing injunctions, maintain an action in the name of the state to enjoin any person from engaging either directly or by complicity in the unlawful practice of oriental medicine or acupuncture by applying for an injunction in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(B) Prior to application for an injunction under division (A) of this section, the secretary of the state medical board shall notify the person allegedly engaged either directly or by complicity in the unlawful practice of oriental medicine or acupuncture by registered mail that the secretary has received information indicating that this person is so engaged. The person shall answer the secretary within thirty days showing that the person is either properly licensed for the stated activity or that the person is not in

violation of this chapter. If the answer is not forthcoming within thirty days after notice by the secretary, the secretary shall request that the attorney general, the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the offense was committed or the offender resides, or the state medical board proceed as authorized in this section.

(C) Upon the filing of a verified petition in court, the court shall conduct a hearing on the petition and shall give the same preference to this proceeding as is given all proceedings under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, irrespective of the position of the proceeding on the calendar of the court.

(D) Injunction proceedings as authorized by this section shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, all penalties and other remedies provided in this chapter.

(E) An injunction proceeding permitted by division (A) of this section may not be maintained against a person described in division (B) of section 4762.02 of the Revised Code or a chiropractor who holds a valid certificate to practice acupuncture issued under section 4734.283 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4762.22. An individual who holds a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner or ~~certificate~~ license to practice as an acupuncturist issued under this chapter shall have professional liability insurance coverage in an amount that is not less than five hundred thousand dollars.

Sec. 4763.16. (A) The real estate appraiser recovery fund is hereby created in the state treasury, to be administered by the superintendent of real estate. The treasurer of state shall credit to the fund amounts collected by the superintendent as prescribed in this section and interest earned on the assets of the fund. The superintendent shall ascertain the balance of the fund as of the first day of October of each year. If that balance is less than ~~five~~ two hundred thousand dollars at any time, the director of budget and management, upon the request of the superintendent and approval of the controlling board, may transfer from the real estate appraiser operating fund to the real estate appraiser recovery fund a sum as will bring the real estate appraiser recovery fund to that amount.

(B) When any person obtains a final judgment in any court of competent jurisdiction against a certificate holder, registrant, or licensee, based upon conduct that is in violation of this chapter or the rules adopted under it, which conduct occurred on or after the date of their certification, registration, or licensure, and that is associated with an act or transaction of a certificate holder, registrant, or licensee specified in this chapter, that person may file a verified complaint, as described in this division, in the

Franklin county court of common pleas for an order directing payment out of the real estate appraiser recovery fund of the portion of the judgment that remains unpaid and that represents the actual and direct loss of the person for the act or transaction upon which the underlying judgment was based, and court costs, if awarded in the underlying judgment, provided that no person shall receive more than ten thousand dollars from the fund for any one judgment. A bonding or insurance company or any partnership, corporation, or association that uses any tool to develop a valuation of real property for purposes of a loan or that employs, retains, or engages as an independent contractor a person licensed, registered, or certified as a real estate appraiser in its usual or occasional operations may not seek an order directing, and is not eligible for, payment out of the fund. Punitive or exemplary damages are not recoverable from the fund.

The complaint shall specify the nature of the act or transaction upon which the underlying judgment was based, the activities of the applicant in pursuit of remedies available under law for the collection of judgments, and the amount of the fee paid by the applicant to the certificate holder, registrant, or licensee. The applicant shall attach to the complaint a copy of each pleading and order in the underlying court action.

The Franklin county court of common pleas shall order the superintendent to make payments out of the fund when the person seeking the order has shown all of the following:

- (1) The person has obtained a judgment, as provided in this division;
- (2) All appeals from the judgment have been exhausted and the person has given notice to the superintendent, as required by division (C) of this section;
- (3) The person is not a spouse of the certificate holder, registrant, or licensee, or the personal representative of the spouse;
- (4) The person has diligently pursued the person's remedies against all the certificate holders, registrants, licensees, and all other persons liable to the person in the transaction for which the person seeks recovery from the fund;
- (5) The person is making a complaint not more than one year after termination of all proceedings, including appeals, in connection with the judgment.

(C) A person who applies to the Franklin county court of common pleas for an order directing payment out of the fund shall file notice of the complaint with the superintendent. The superintendent shall send notice to the affected certificate holder, registrant, or licensee, where possible. The superintendent may defend the action on behalf of the fund and shall have

recourse to all appropriate means of defense and review, including examination of witnesses. The superintendent may move the court at any time to dismiss the complaint when it appears there are no triable issues and the complaint is without merit. The motion may be supported by affidavit of any person having knowledge of the facts and may be made on the basis that the complaint, including the judgment referred to in the complaint, does not form the basis for a meritorious recovery claim. The superintendent may, subject to court approval, compromise a claim based upon the complaint of an aggrieved party. The superintendent is not bound by any prior compromise or stipulation of the certificate holder, registrant, or licensee. Upon petition of the superintendent, the court may require all claimants and prospective claimants against one certificate holder, registrant, or licensee to be joined in one action, to the end that the respective rights of all such claimants to the fund may be equitably adjudicated and settled.

(D) If the superintendent pays from the fund any amount in settlement of a claim or toward satisfaction of a judgment against a certificate holder, registrant, or licensee, the certificate, registration, or license of the certificate holder, registrant, or licensee automatically is suspended upon the date of payment from the fund. No certificate, registration, or license that has been suspended pursuant to this division shall be reinstated until the certificate holder, registrant, or licensee has repaid in full, plus interest per annum at the rate specified in division (A) of section 1343.03 of the Revised Code, the amount paid from the fund on the certificate holder's, registrant's, or licensee's account. A discharge in bankruptcy does not relieve a person from the suspension and requirements for reinstatement provided in this section.

(E) If, at any time, the money deposited in the fund is insufficient to satisfy any duly authorized claim or portion of a claim, the superintendent shall, when sufficient money has been deposited in the fund, satisfy the unpaid claims or portions, in the order that the claims or portions were originally filed, plus accumulated interest per annum at the rate specified in division (A) of section 1343.03 of the Revised Code.

(F) When, upon the order of the court, the superintendent has paid from the fund any sum to the judgment creditor, the superintendent is subrogated to all of the rights of the judgment creditor to the extent of the amount so paid, and the judgment creditor shall assign all of the judgment creditor's right, title, and interest in the judgment to the superintendent to the extent of the amount so paid. The superintendent shall deposit in the fund any amount and interest so recovered by the superintendent on the judgment.

(G) Nothing contained in this section shall limit the authority of the real

estate appraiser board to take disciplinary action against a certificate holder, registrant, or licensee under other provisions of this chapter. The repayment in full of all obligations to the fund by a certificate holder, registrant, or licensee does not nullify or modify the effect of any other disciplinary proceeding brought pursuant to this chapter, unless repayment is imposed as a condition in that proceeding.

(H) The superintendent shall collect from the fund a service fee in an amount equivalent to the interest rate specified in division (A) of section 1343.03 of the Revised Code multiplied by the annual interest earned on the assets of the fund, to defray the expenses incurred in the administration of the fund.

Sec. 4766.17. An air medical service organization licensed under this chapter that uses a rotorcraft or fixed wing air ambulance shall do both of the following:

(A) Use at a minimum a physician who holds a current, valid license issued under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code or registered nurse who holds a current, valid license issued under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code, and a paramedic or one other person, designated by the medical director of the air medical service organization, who holds a current, valid certificate or license to practice a health care profession in this state;

(B) Employ as a medical director an individual who holds a current, valid ~~certificate~~ license issued under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code authorizing the practice of medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.

Sec. 4768.09. (A) ~~Except within the first thirty days after an appraiser is first added to the appraiser panel of an appraisal management company, an~~ An appraisal management company shall not remove the appraiser from its appraiser panel or otherwise refuse to assign requests for real estate appraisal services to the appraiser without first doing both of the following:

(1) Notifying the appraiser in writing of the reasons the appraiser is being removed from the appraiser panel or is refused assignment requests for appraisal services;

(2) Providing the appraiser with an opportunity to respond to that notification, in writing, within ten business days after the appraisal management company sends the removal notification.

(B) The notice described in division (A)(1) of this section shall be sent by a delivery system that delivers letters, packages, and other materials in its ordinary course of business with traceable delivery and signature receipt. An appraisal management company that sends such notice shall keep a copy of the notice for at least five years from the date the notice is sent to the

appraiser.

(C) Nothing in this section prohibits an appraisal management company from suspending an appraiser from receiving assignment requests during the period described in division (A)(2) of this section.

Sec. 4773.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "General x-ray machine operator" means an individual who ~~performs~~ operates ionizing radiation-generating equipment in order to perform standard, ~~diagnostic, radiologic~~ radiology procedures; whose performance of ~~radiologic~~ such procedures is limited to specific body sites; and who does not, to any significant degree, determine procedure positioning or the site or dosage of radiation to which a patient is exposed.

(B) "Chiropractor" means an individual licensed under Chapter 4734. of the Revised Code to practice chiropractic.

(C) "Ionizing radiation" means any electromagnetic or particulate radiation that interacts with atoms to produce ionization in matter, including x-rays, gamma rays, alpha and beta particles, high speed electrons, neutrons, and other nuclear particles.

(D) "Physician" means an individual ~~who holds a certificate issued authorized~~ under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code ~~authorizing the individual~~ to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.

(E) "Podiatrist" means an individual ~~who holds a certificate issued authorized~~ under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code ~~authorizing the individual~~ to practice ~~podiatry~~ podiatric medicine and surgery.

(F) "Nuclear medicine technologist" means an individual who prepares and administers radio-pharmaceuticals to human beings and conducts in vivo or in vitro detection and measurement of radioactivity for medical purposes.

(G) "Radiation therapy technologist" means an individual who utilizes ionizing radiation-generating equipment, including therapy simulator radiation-generating equipment, for therapeutic purposes on human ~~subjects~~ beings.

"Radiation therapy technologist" is the same as a radiation therapist.

(H) "Radiographer" means an individual who ~~performs~~ operates ionizing radiation-generating equipment, administers contrast, and determines procedure positioning and the dosage of ionizing radiation in order to perform a comprehensive scope of ~~diagnostic radiologic~~ radiology procedures ~~employing equipment that emits ionizing radiation, exposes radiographs, and performs other procedures that contribute significantly to determining the site or dosage of ionizing radiation to which a patient is~~

exposed on human beings.

(I) "Mechanotherapist" means an individual who holds a certificate issued under section 4731.15 of the Revised Code authorizing the individual to practice mechanotherapy.

Sec. 4773.02. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, no person shall practice or hold ~~himself self~~ out as a general x-ray machine operator, radiographer, radiation therapy technologist, or nuclear medicine technologist without a valid license issued under this chapter for ~~his the~~ person's area of practice.

(B) Division (A) of this section does not apply to any of the following:

(1) A physician, podiatrist, mechanotherapist, or chiropractor;

(2) An individual licensed under Chapter 4715. of the Revised Code to practice dentistry, to practice as a dental hygienist, or to practice as a dental x-ray machine operator;

(3) As specified in 42 C.F.R. 75, radiologic personnel employed by the federal government or serving in a branch of the armed forces of the United States;

(4) Students engaging in any of the activities performed by basic x-ray machine operators, radiographers, radiation therapy technologists, and nuclear medicine technologists as an integral part of a program of study leading to receipt of a license issued under this chapter; or Chapter 4715., 4731., or Chapter 4734. of the Revised Code; or a certificate issued under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4773.061. Subject to section 4773.06 of the Revised Code, a radiation therapy technologist or nuclear medicine technologist may perform computed tomography procedures if the technologist is certified in computed tomography by a national certifying organization approved by the director of health under section 4773.08 of the Revised Code.

When performing computed tomography procedures, the radiation therapy technologist or nuclear medicine technologist shall act in accordance with rules adopted under section 4773.08 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4773.07. (A) Each person seeking accreditation for an educational program or approval for a continuing education program in general x-ray machine operation, ~~radiography radiology~~, radiation therapy technology, or nuclear medicine technology shall apply to the department of health on a form the department shall prescribe and provide. The application shall be accompanied by the accreditation or approval fee established in rules adopted under section 4773.08 of the Revised Code.

(B) The department shall accredit educational programs and approve continuing education programs that meet the standards established in rules

adopted under section 4773.08 of the Revised Code. The accreditation or approval shall be valid until surrendered by the program or suspended or revoked by the department. A program's accreditation or approval may be suspended or revoked if the program does not comply with applicable requirements of this chapter or rules adopted under it.

Sec. 4773.08. The director of health shall adopt rules to implement and administer this chapter. In adopting the rules, the director shall consider any recommendations made by the radiation advisory council created under section ~~3701.93~~ 3748.20 of the Revised Code. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and shall not be less stringent than any applicable standards specified in 42 C.F.R. 75. The rules shall establish all of the following:

(A) Standards for licensing general x-ray machine operators, radiographers, radiation therapy technologists, and nuclear medicine technologists;

(B) Application, renewal, and reinstatement fees for licenses issued under this chapter that do not exceed the cost incurred in issuing, renewing, and reinstating the licenses;

(C) Standards for accreditation of educational programs and approval of continuing education programs in general x-ray machine operation, ~~radiography~~ radiology, radiation therapy technology, and nuclear medicine technology;

(D) Fees for accrediting educational programs and approving continuing education programs in general x-ray machine operation, ~~radiography~~ radiology, radiation therapy technology, and nuclear medicine technology that do not exceed the cost incurred in accrediting the educational programs;

(E) Fees for issuing conditional licenses under section 4773.05 of the Revised Code that do not exceed the cost incurred in issuing the licenses;

(F) Continuing education requirements that must be met to have a license renewed or reinstated under section 4773.03 of the Revised Code;

(G) Continuing education requirements that the holder of a conditional license must meet to receive a license issued under section 4773.03 of the Revised Code;

(H) Standards for approving national certifying organizations that certify nuclear medicine technologists or radiation therapy technologists to perform computed tomography;

(I) Standards for performing computed tomography procedures;

(J) Any other rules necessary for the implementation or administration of this chapter.

Sec. 4774.02. (A)(1) Except as provided in division (B) of this section,

no person shall practice as a radiologist assistant unless the person holds a current, valid ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant issued under this chapter.

(2) No person shall use the title "radiologist assistant" or otherwise hold the person out as a radiologist assistant, unless the person holds a current, valid ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant issued under this chapter.

(B) Division (A)(1) of this section does not apply to either of the following:

(1) A student participating in an advanced academic program that must be completed to receive a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant, as those programs are described in division (B)(3) of section 4774.03 of the Revised Code;

(2) A person who is otherwise authorized to perform any of the activities that a radiologist assistant is authorized to perform, either pursuant to another provision of the Revised Code or pursuant to the rules adopted by the state medical board under section 4731.053 of the Revised Code governing physician delegation of medical tasks.

Sec. 4774.03. (A) An individual seeking a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant shall file with the state medical board a written application on a form prescribed and supplied by the board. The application shall include all the information the board considers necessary to process the application, including evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant meets the requirements specified in division (B) of this section.

At the time an application is submitted, the applicant shall pay the board the application fee specified by the board in rules adopted under section 4774.11 of the Revised Code. No part of the fee shall be returned.

(B) To be eligible to receive a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant, an applicant shall meet all of the following requirements:

(1) Be at least eighteen years of age and of good moral character;

(2) Hold a current, valid license as a radiographer under Chapter 4773. of the Revised Code;

(3) Have attained a baccalaureate degree or postbaccalaureate certificate from an advanced academic program encompassing a nationally recognized radiologist assistant curriculum that includes a radiologist-directed clinical preceptorship;

(4) Hold current certification as a registered radiologist assistant from the American registry of radiologic technologists and have attained the certification by meeting the standard certification requirements established

by the registry, including the registry's requirements for documenting clinical education in the form of a clinical portfolio and passing an examination to determine competence to practice;

(5) Hold current certification in advanced cardiac life support.

(C) The board shall review all applications received under this section. Not later than sixty days after receiving an application the board considers to be complete, the board shall determine whether the applicant meets the requirements to receive a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant. ~~The affirmative vote of not fewer than six members of the board is required to determine that the applicant meets the requirements for a certificate to practice as a radiologist assistant.~~

Sec. 4774.031. In addition to any other eligibility requirement set forth in this chapter, each applicant for a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant shall comply with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised Code. The state medical board shall not grant to an applicant a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant unless the board, in its discretion, decides that the results of the criminal records check do not make the applicant ineligible for a ~~certificate~~ license issued pursuant to section 4774.04 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4774.04. If the state medical board determines under section 4774.03 of the Revised Code that an applicant meets the requirements for a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant, the secretary of the board shall register the applicant as a radiologist assistant and issue to the applicant a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant. The ~~certificate~~ license shall be valid for a two-year period unless revoked or suspended, shall expire biennially on the date that is two years after the date of issuance, and may be renewed for additional two-year periods in accordance with section 4774.06 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4774.05. On application by the holder of a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant, the state medical board shall issue a duplicate ~~certificate~~ license to replace one that is missing or damaged, to reflect a name change, or for any other reasonable cause. The fee for a duplicate ~~certificate~~ license is thirty-five dollars.

Sec. 4774.06. (A) An individual seeking to renew a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant shall, on or before the ~~thirty-first day of January of each even-numbered year~~ license's expiration date, apply to the state medical board for renewal ~~of the certificate~~. The ~~state medical~~ board shall provide renewal notices to license holders at least one month prior to the expiration date.

Renewal applications shall be submitted to the board in a manner

prescribed by the board. Each application shall be accompanied by a biennial renewal fee specified by the board in rules adopted under section 4774.11 of the Revised Code.

The applicant shall report any criminal offense that constitutes grounds for refusing to issue a ~~certificate~~ license under section 4774.13 of the Revised Code to which the applicant has pleaded guilty, of which the applicant has been found guilty, or for which the applicant has been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction, since last signing an application for a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant.

(B) To be eligible for renewal, a radiologist assistant shall certify to the board that the assistant has maintained both of the following:

(1) A license as a radiographer under Chapter 4773. of the Revised Code;

(2) Certification as a registered radiologist assistant from the American registry of radiologic technologists by meeting the registry's requirements for annual registration, including completion of the continuing education requirements established by the registry.

(C) If an applicant submits a renewal application that the board considers to be complete and qualifies for renewal pursuant to division (B) of this section, the board shall issue to the applicant a renewed ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant.

(D) A ~~certificate to practice~~ license that is not renewed on or before its expiration date is automatically suspended on its expiration date, subject to the provisions of section 119.06 of the Revised Code specifying that an applicant who appropriately files a renewal application is not required to discontinue practicing merely because the board has failed to act on the application. ~~If~~

If a ~~certificate~~ license has been suspended pursuant to this division for two years or less, the board shall reinstate the ~~certificate~~ license upon an applicant's submission of a renewal application, the biennial renewal fee, and the applicable monetary penalty. The penalty for reinstatement is twenty-five dollars. ~~If~~

If a ~~certificate~~ license has been suspended pursuant to this division for more than two years, it may be restored. Subject to section 4774.061 of the Revised Code, the board may restore the license upon an applicant's submission of a restoration application, the biennial renewal fee, and the applicable monetary penalty and compliance with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised Code. The board shall not restore a ~~certificate~~ license unless the board, in its discretion, decides that the results of the criminal records check do not make the applicant ineligible for a certificate

issued pursuant to section 4774.04 of the Revised Code. The penalty for restoration is fifty dollars.

Sec. 4774.061. (A) This section applies to both of the following:

(1) An applicant seeking restoration of a license issued under this chapter that has been in a suspended or inactive state for any cause for more than two years;

(2) An applicant seeking issuance of a license pursuant to this chapter who for more than two years has not been practicing as a radiologist assistant as either of the following:

(a) An active practitioner;

(b) A student in an academic program as described in section 4774.03 of the Revised Code.

(B) Before issuing a license to an applicant subject to this section or restoring a license to good standing for an applicant subject to this section, the state medical board may impose terms and conditions including any one or more of the following:

(1) Requiring the applicant to pass an oral or written examination, or both, to determine the applicant's present fitness to resume practice;

(2) Requiring the applicant to obtain additional training and to pass an examination upon completion of such training;

(3) Requiring an assessment of the applicant's physical skills for purposes of determining whether the applicant's coordination, fine motor skills, and dexterity are sufficient for performing evaluations and procedures in a manner that meets the minimal standards of care;

(4) Requiring an assessment of the applicant's skills in recognizing and understanding diseases and conditions;

(5) Requiring the applicant to undergo a comprehensive physical examination, which may include an assessment of physical abilities, evaluation of sensory capabilities, or screening for the presence of neurological disorders;

(6) Restricting or limiting the extent, scope, or type of practice of the applicant.

The board shall consider the moral background and the activities of the applicant during the period of suspension or inactivity. The board shall not issue or restore a license under this section unless the applicant complies with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4774.09. At all times when an individual who is a radiologist assistant is providing direct patient care, the individual shall display in an appropriate manner the title "radiologist assistant" as a means of identifying the individual's authority to practice under this chapter.

In the case of an individual who is a student participating in an advanced academic program that must be completed to receive a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant, as those programs are described in division (B)(3) of section 4774.03 of the Revised Code, when the individual is providing direct patient care or is otherwise involved with direct patient care under the program, the individual shall display in an appropriate manner the title "student radiologist assistant" or another appropriate designation as a means of identifying the individual as a student participating in the program.

Sec. 4774.11. (A) The state medical board shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement and administer this chapter. In adopting the rules, the board shall take into consideration the guidelines adopted by the American college of radiology, the American society of radiologic technologists, and the American registry of radiologic technologists.

(B) The rules adopted under this section shall include all of the following:

(1) Standards and procedures for issuing and renewing ~~certificates~~ licenses to practice as a radiologist assistant;

(2) Application fees for an initial or renewed ~~certificate to practice~~ license;

(3) Any additional radiologic procedures that radiologist assistants may perform pursuant to division (A)(5) of section 4774.08 of the Revised Code and the level of supervision that the supervising radiologist is required to provide pursuant to section 4774.10 of the Revised Code;

(4) Definitions of "general anesthesia," "deep sedation," "moderate sedation," and "minimal sedation";

(5) Any other standards and procedures the board considers necessary to govern the practice of radiologist assistants, the supervisory relationship between radiologist assistants and supervising radiologists, and the administration and enforcement of this chapter.

Sec. 4774.13. (A) The state medical board, by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six members, may revoke or may refuse to grant a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant to an individual found by the board to have committed fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in applying for or securing the ~~certificate~~ license.

(B) The board, by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six members, shall, to the extent permitted by law, limit, revoke, or suspend an individual's ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant, refuse to issue a ~~certificate~~ license to an applicant, refuse to renew a ~~certificate~~ license

license, refuse to reinstate a ~~certificate~~ license, or reprimand or place on probation the holder of a ~~certificate~~ license for any of the following reasons:

(1) Permitting the holder's name or ~~certificate~~ license to be used by another person;

(2) Failure to comply with the requirements of this chapter, Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code, or any rules adopted by the board;

(3) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provision of this chapter, Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code, or the rules adopted by the board;

(4) A departure from, or failure to conform to, minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances whether or not actual injury to the patient is established;

(5) Inability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care by reason of mental illness or physical illness, including physical deterioration that adversely affects cognitive, motor, or perceptive skills;

(6) Impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice;

(7) Willfully betraying a professional confidence;

(8) Making a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement in securing or attempting to secure a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant.

As used in this division, "false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement" means a statement that includes a misrepresentation of fact, is likely to mislead or deceive because of a failure to disclose material facts, is intended or is likely to create false or unjustified expectations of favorable results, or includes representations or implications that in reasonable probability will cause an ordinarily prudent person to misunderstand or be deceived.

(9) The obtaining of, or attempting to obtain, money or a thing of value by fraudulent misrepresentations in the course of practice;

(10) A plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for, a felony;

(11) Commission of an act that constitutes a felony in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed;

(12) A plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for, a misdemeanor committed in the course of practice;

(13) A plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial

finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for, a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;

(14) Commission of an act in the course of practice that constitutes a misdemeanor in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed;

(15) Commission of an act involving moral turpitude that constitutes a misdemeanor in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed;

(16) A plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for violating any state or federal law regulating the possession, distribution, or use of any drug, including trafficking in drugs;

(17) Any of the following actions taken by the state agency responsible for regulating the practice of radiologist assistants in another jurisdiction, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand;

(18) Violation of the conditions placed by the board on a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant;

(19) Failure to use universal blood and body fluid precautions established by rules adopted under section 4731.051 of the Revised Code;

(20) Failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the board under section 4774.14 of the Revised Code, including failure to comply with a subpoena or order issued by the board or failure to answer truthfully a question presented by the board at a deposition or in written interrogatories, except that failure to cooperate with an investigation shall not constitute grounds for discipline under this section if a court of competent jurisdiction has issued an order that either quashes a subpoena or permits the individual to withhold the testimony or evidence in issue;

(21) Failure to maintain a license as a radiographer under Chapter 4773. of the Revised Code;

(22) Failure to maintain certification as a registered radiologist assistant from the American registry of radiologic technologists, including revocation by the registry of the assistant's certification or failure by the assistant to meet the registry's requirements for annual registration, or failure to notify the board that the certification as a registered radiologist assistant has not been maintained;

(23) Failure to comply with any of the rules of ethics included in the

standards of ethics established by the American registry of radiologic technologists, as those rules apply to an individual who holds the registry's certification as a registered radiologist assistant.

(C) Disciplinary actions taken by the board under divisions (A) and (B) of this section shall be taken pursuant to an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, except that in lieu of an adjudication, the board may enter into a consent agreement with a radiologist assistant or applicant to resolve an allegation of a violation of this chapter or any rule adopted under it. A consent agreement, when ratified by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six members of the board, shall constitute the findings and order of the board with respect to the matter addressed in the agreement. If the board refuses to ratify a consent agreement, the admissions and findings contained in the consent agreement shall be of no force or effect.

(D) For purposes of divisions (B)(11), (14), and (15) of this section, the commission of the act may be established by a finding by the board, pursuant to an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, that the applicant or ~~certificate~~ license holder committed the act in question. The board shall have no jurisdiction under these divisions in cases where the trial court renders a final judgment in the ~~certificate~~ license holder's favor and that judgment is based upon an adjudication on the merits. The board shall have jurisdiction under these divisions in cases where the trial court issues an order of dismissal on technical or procedural grounds.

(E) The sealing of conviction records by any court shall have no effect on a prior board order entered under the provisions of this section or on the board's jurisdiction to take action under the provisions of this section if, based upon a plea of guilty, a judicial finding of guilt, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction, the board issued a notice of opportunity for a hearing prior to the court's order to seal the records. The board shall not be required to seal, destroy, redact, or otherwise modify its records to reflect the court's sealing of conviction records.

(F) For purposes of this division, any individual who holds a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant issued under this chapter, or applies for a ~~certificate to practice~~ license, shall be deemed to have given consent to submit to a mental or physical examination when directed to do so in writing by the board and to have waived all objections to the admissibility of testimony or examination reports that constitute a privileged communication.

(1) In enforcing division (B)(5) of this section, the board, on a showing of a possible violation, may compel any individual who holds a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant issued under this chapter or who

has applied for a ~~certificate to practice~~ license to submit to a mental or physical examination, or both. A physical examination may include an HIV test. The expense of the examination is the responsibility of the individual compelled to be examined. Failure to submit to a mental or physical examination or consent to an HIV test ordered by the board constitutes an admission of the allegations against the individual unless the failure is due to circumstances beyond the individual's control, and a default and final order may be entered without the taking of testimony or presentation of evidence. If the board finds a radiologist assistant unable to practice because of the reasons set forth in division (B)(5) of this section, the board shall require the radiologist assistant to submit to care, counseling, or treatment by physicians approved or designated by the board, as a condition for an initial, continued, reinstated, or renewed ~~certificate to practice~~ license. An individual affected by this division shall be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate to the board the ability to resume practicing in compliance with acceptable and prevailing standards of care.

(2) For purposes of division (B)(6) of this section, if the board has reason to believe that any individual who holds a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant issued under this chapter or any applicant for a ~~certificate to practice~~ license suffers such impairment, the board may compel the individual to submit to a mental or physical examination, or both. The expense of the examination is the responsibility of the individual compelled to be examined. Any mental or physical examination required under this division shall be undertaken by a treatment provider or physician qualified to conduct such examination and chosen by the board.

Failure to submit to a mental or physical examination ordered by the board constitutes an admission of the allegations against the individual unless the failure is due to circumstances beyond the individual's control, and a default and final order may be entered without the taking of testimony or presentation of evidence. If the board determines that the individual's ability to practice is impaired, the board shall suspend the individual's ~~certificate~~ license or deny the individual's application and shall require the individual, as a condition for an initial, continued, reinstated, or renewed ~~certificate~~ license to practice, to submit to treatment.

Before being eligible to apply for reinstatement of a ~~certificate~~ license suspended under this division, the radiologist assistant shall demonstrate to the board the ability to resume practice in compliance with acceptable and prevailing standards of care. The demonstration shall include the following:

(a) Certification from a treatment provider approved under section 4731.25 of the Revised Code that the individual has successfully completed

any required inpatient treatment;

(b) Evidence of continuing full compliance with an aftercare contract or consent agreement;

(c) Two written reports indicating that the individual's ability to practice has been assessed and that the individual has been found capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care. The reports shall be made by individuals or providers approved by the board for making such assessments and shall describe the basis for their determination.

The board may reinstate a ~~certificate~~ license suspended under this division after such demonstration and after the individual has entered into a written consent agreement.

When the impaired radiologist assistant resumes practice, the board shall require continued monitoring of the radiologist assistant. The monitoring shall include monitoring of compliance with the written consent agreement entered into before reinstatement or with conditions imposed by board order after a hearing, and, on termination of the consent agreement, submission to the board for at least two years of annual written progress reports made under penalty of falsification stating whether the radiologist assistant has maintained sobriety.

(G) If the secretary and supervising member determine that there is clear and convincing evidence that a radiologist assistant has violated division (B) of this section and that the individual's continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public, they may recommend that the board suspend the individual's ~~certificate~~ license to practice without a prior hearing. Written allegations shall be prepared for consideration by the board.

The board, on review of the allegations and by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six of its members, excluding the secretary and supervising member, may suspend a ~~certificate~~ license without a prior hearing. A telephone conference call may be utilized for reviewing the allegations and taking the vote on the summary suspension.

The board shall issue a written order of suspension by certified mail or in person in accordance with section 119.07 of the Revised Code. The order shall not be subject to suspension by the court during pendency of any appeal filed under section 119.12 of the Revised Code. If the radiologist assistant requests an adjudicatory hearing by the board, the date set for the hearing shall be within fifteen days, but not earlier than seven days, after the radiologist assistant requests the hearing, unless otherwise agreed to by both the board and the ~~certificate~~ license holder.

A summary suspension imposed under this division shall remain in effect, unless reversed on appeal, until a final adjudicative order issued by the board pursuant to this section and Chapter 119. of the Revised Code becomes effective. The board shall issue its final adjudicative order within sixty days after completion of its hearing. Failure to issue the order within sixty days shall result in dissolution of the summary suspension order, but shall not invalidate any subsequent, final adjudicative order.

(H) If the board takes action under division (B)(10), (12), or (13) of this section, and the judicial finding of guilt, guilty plea, or judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction is overturned on appeal, on exhaustion of the criminal appeal, a petition for reconsideration of the order may be filed with the board along with appropriate court documents. On receipt of a petition and supporting court documents, the board shall reinstate the ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant. The board may then hold an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to determine whether the individual committed the act in question. Notice of opportunity for hearing shall be given in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. If the board finds, pursuant to an adjudication held under this division, that the individual committed the act, or if no hearing is requested, it may order any of the sanctions specified in division (B) of this section.

(I) The ~~certificate~~ license to practice of a radiologist assistant and the assistant's practice in this state are automatically suspended as of the date the radiologist assistant pleads guilty to, is found by a judge or jury to be guilty of, or is subject to a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction in this state or treatment of intervention in lieu of conviction in another jurisdiction for any of the following criminal offenses in this state or a substantially equivalent criminal offense in another jurisdiction: aggravated murder, murder, voluntary manslaughter, felonious assault, kidnapping, rape, sexual battery, gross sexual imposition, aggravated arson, aggravated robbery, or aggravated burglary. Continued practice after the suspension shall be considered practicing without a ~~certificate~~ license.

The board shall notify the individual subject to the suspension by certified mail or in person in accordance with section 119.07 of the Revised Code. If an individual whose ~~certificate~~ license is suspended under this division fails to make a timely request for an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the board shall enter a final order permanently revoking the individual's ~~certificate to practice~~ license.

(J) In any instance in which the board is required by Chapter 119. of the

Revised Code to give notice of opportunity for hearing and the individual subject to the notice does not timely request a hearing in accordance with section 119.07 of the Revised Code, the board is not required to hold a hearing, but may adopt, by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six of its members, a final order that contains the board's findings. In the final order, the board may order any of the sanctions identified under division (A) or (B) of this section.

(K) Any action taken by the board under division (B) of this section resulting in a suspension shall be accompanied by a written statement of the conditions under which the radiologist assistant's ~~certificate~~ license may be reinstated. The board shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing conditions to be imposed for reinstatement. Reinstatement of a ~~certificate~~ license suspended pursuant to division (B) of this section requires an affirmative vote of not fewer than six members of the board.

(L) When the board refuses to grant or issue a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant to an applicant, revokes an individual's ~~certificate~~ license, refuses to renew an individual's ~~certificate~~ license, or refuses to reinstate an individual's ~~certificate~~ license, the board may specify that its action is permanent. An individual subject to a permanent action taken by the board is forever thereafter ineligible to hold a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant and the board shall not accept an application for reinstatement of the ~~certificate~~ license or for issuance of a new ~~certificate~~ license.

(M) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised Code, all of the following apply:

(1) The surrender of a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant issued under this chapter is not effective unless or until accepted by the board. Reinstatement of a ~~certificate~~ license surrendered to the board requires an affirmative vote of not fewer than six members of the board.

(2) An application made under this chapter for a ~~certificate~~ license to practice may not be withdrawn without approval of the board.

(3) Failure by an individual to renew a ~~certificate~~ license to practice in accordance with section 4774.06 of the Revised Code shall not remove or limit the board's jurisdiction to take disciplinary action under this section against the individual.

Sec. 4774.131. On receipt of a notice pursuant to section 3123.43 of the Revised Code, the state medical board shall comply with sections 3123.41 to 3123.50 of the Revised Code and any applicable rules adopted under section 3123.63 of the Revised Code with respect to a ~~certificate~~ license to practice

as a radiologist assistant issued under this chapter.

Sec. 4774.132. If the state medical board has reason to believe that any person who has been granted a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant under this chapter is mentally ill or mentally incompetent, it may file in the probate court of the county in which the person has a legal residence an affidavit in the form prescribed in section 5122.11 of the Revised Code and signed by the board secretary or a member of the board secretary's staff, whereupon the same proceedings shall be had as provided in Chapter 5122. of the Revised Code. The attorney general may represent the board in any proceeding commenced under this section.

If any person who has been granted a ~~certificate to practice~~ license is adjudged by a probate court to be mentally ill or mentally incompetent, the person's ~~certificate~~ license shall be automatically suspended until the person has filed with the state medical board a certified copy of an adjudication by a probate court of the person's subsequent restoration to competency or has submitted to the board proof, satisfactory to the board, that the person has been discharged as having a restoration to competency in the manner and form provided in section 5122.38 of the Revised Code. The judge of the probate court shall forthwith notify the state medical board of an adjudication of mental illness or mental incompetence, and shall note any suspension of a ~~certificate~~ license in the margin of the court's record of such ~~certificate~~ license.

Sec. 4774.14. (A) The state medical board shall investigate evidence that appears to show that any person has violated this chapter or the rules adopted under it. Any person may report to the board in a signed writing any information the person has that appears to show a violation of any provision of this chapter or the rules adopted under it. In the absence of bad faith, a person who reports such information or testifies before the board in an adjudication conducted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code shall not be liable for civil damages as a result of reporting the information or providing testimony. Each complaint or allegation of a violation received by the board shall be assigned a case number and be recorded by the board.

(B) Investigations of alleged violations of this chapter or rules adopted under it shall be supervised by the supervising member elected by the board in accordance with section 4731.02 of the Revised Code and by the secretary as provided in section 4774.17 of the Revised Code. The board's president may designate another member of the board to supervise the investigation in place of the supervising member. A member of the board who supervises the investigation of a case shall not participate in further adjudication of the case.

(C) In investigating a possible violation of this chapter or the rules adopted under it, the board may administer oaths, order the taking of depositions, issue subpoenas, and compel the attendance of witnesses and production of books, accounts, papers, records, documents, and testimony, except that a subpoena for patient record information shall not be issued without consultation with the attorney general's office and approval of the secretary and supervising member of the board. Before issuance of a subpoena for patient record information, the secretary and supervising member shall determine whether there is probable cause to believe that the complaint filed alleges a violation of this chapter or the rules adopted under it and that the records sought are relevant to the alleged violation and material to the investigation. The subpoena may apply only to records that cover a reasonable period of time surrounding the alleged violation.

On failure to comply with any subpoena issued by the board and after reasonable notice to the person being subpoenaed, the board may move for an order compelling the production of persons or records pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure.

A subpoena issued by the board may be served by a sheriff, the sheriff's deputy, or a board employee designated by the board. Service of a subpoena issued by the board may be made by delivering a copy of the subpoena to the person named therein, reading it to the person, or leaving it at the person's usual place of residence. When the person being served is a radiologist assistant, service of the subpoena may be made by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested, and the subpoena shall be deemed served on the date delivery is made or the date the person refuses to accept delivery.

A sheriff's deputy who serves a subpoena shall receive the same fees as a sheriff. Each witness who appears before the board in obedience to a subpoena shall receive the fees and mileage provided for witnesses in civil cases in the courts of common pleas.

(D) All hearings and investigations of the board shall be considered civil actions for the purposes of section 2305.252 of the Revised Code.

(E) Information received by the board pursuant to an investigation is confidential and not subject to discovery in any civil action.

The board shall conduct all investigations and proceedings in a manner that protects the confidentiality of patients and persons who file complaints with the board. The board shall not make public the names or any other identifying information about patients or complainants unless proper consent is given.

The board may share any information it receives pursuant to an

investigation, including patient records and patient record information, with law enforcement agencies, other licensing boards, and other governmental agencies that are prosecuting, adjudicating, or investigating alleged violations of statutes or administrative rules. An agency or board that receives the information shall comply with the same requirements regarding confidentiality as those with which the state medical board must comply, notwithstanding any conflicting provision of the Revised Code or procedure of the agency or board that applies when it is dealing with other information in its possession. In a judicial proceeding, the information may be admitted into evidence only in accordance with the Rules of Evidence, but the court shall require that appropriate measures are taken to ensure that confidentiality is maintained with respect to any part of the information that contains names or other identifying information about patients or complainants whose confidentiality was protected by the state medical board when the information was in the board's possession. Measures to ensure confidentiality that may be taken by the court include sealing its records or deleting specific information from its records.

(F) The state medical board shall develop requirements for and provide appropriate initial training and continuing education for investigators employed by the board to carry out its duties under this chapter. The training and continuing education may include enrollment in courses operated or approved by the Ohio peace officer training commission that the board considers appropriate under conditions set forth in section 109.79 of the Revised Code.

(G) On a quarterly basis, the board shall prepare a report that documents the disposition of all cases during the preceding three months. The report shall contain the following information for each case with which the board has completed its activities:

- (1) The case number assigned to the complaint or alleged violation;
- (2) The type of ~~certificate~~ license, if any, held by the individual against whom the complaint is directed;
- (3) A description of the allegations contained in the complaint;
- (4) The disposition of the case.

The report shall state how many cases are still pending, and shall be prepared in a manner that protects the identity of each person involved in each case. The report is a public record for purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4774.15. (A) As used in this section, "prosecutor" has the same meaning as in section 2935.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) Whenever any person holding a valid ~~certificate~~ license to practice

as a radiologist assistant issued under this chapter pleads guilty to, is subject to a judicial finding of guilt of, or is subject to a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for a violation of Chapter 2907., 2925., or 3719. of the Revised Code or of any substantively comparable ordinance of a municipal corporation in connection with the person's practice, the prosecutor in the case, on forms prescribed and provided by the state medical board, shall promptly notify the board of the conviction. Within thirty days of receipt of that information, the board shall initiate action in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to determine whether to suspend or revoke the ~~certificate~~ license under section 4774.13 of the Revised Code.

(C) The prosecutor in any case against any person holding a valid ~~certificate to practice~~ license issued under this chapter, on forms prescribed and provided by the state medical board, shall notify the board of any of the following:

(1) A plea of guilty to, a finding of guilt by a jury or court of, or judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for a felony, or a case in which the trial court issues an order of dismissal upon technical or procedural grounds of a felony charge;

(2) A plea of guilty to, a finding of guilt by a jury or court of, or judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for a misdemeanor committed in the course of practice, or a case in which the trial court issues an order of dismissal upon technical or procedural grounds of a charge of a misdemeanor, if the alleged act was committed in the course of practice;

(3) A plea of guilty to, a finding of guilt by a jury or court of, or judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, or a case in which the trial court issues an order of dismissal upon technical or procedural grounds of a charge of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.

The report shall include the name and address of the ~~certificate~~ license holder, the nature of the offense for which the action was taken, and the certified court documents recording the action.

Sec. 4774.16. (A) Within sixty days after the imposition of any formal disciplinary action taken by any health care facility, including a hospital, health care facility operated by a health insuring corporation, ambulatory surgical facility, or similar facility, against any individual holding a valid ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant, the chief administrator or executive officer of the facility shall report to the state medical board the name of the individual, the action taken by the facility, and a summary of the underlying facts leading to the action taken. On

request, the board shall be provided certified copies of the patient records that were the basis for the facility's action. Prior to release to the board, the summary shall be approved by the peer review committee that reviewed the case or by the governing board of the facility.

The filing of a report with the board or decision not to file a report, investigation by the board, or any disciplinary action taken by the board, does not preclude a health care facility from taking disciplinary action against a radiologist assistant.

In the absence of fraud or bad faith, no individual or entity that provides patient records to the board shall be liable in damages to any person as a result of providing the records.

(B)(1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, a radiologist assistant, professional association or society of radiologist assistants, physician, or professional association or society of physicians that believes a violation of any provision of this chapter, Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code, or rule of the board has occurred shall report to the board the information on which the belief is based.

(2) A radiologist assistant, professional association or society of radiologist assistants, physician, or professional association or society of physicians that believes a violation of division (B)(6) of section 4774.13 of the Revised Code has occurred shall report the information upon which the belief is based to the monitoring organization conducting the program established by the board under section 4731.251 of the Revised Code. If any such report is made to the board, it shall be referred to the monitoring organization unless the board is aware that the individual who is the subject of the report does not meet the program eligibility requirements of section 4731.252 of the Revised Code.

(C) Any professional association or society composed primarily of radiologist assistants that suspends or revokes an individual's membership for violations of professional ethics, or for reasons of professional incompetence or professional malpractice, within sixty days after a final decision, shall report to the board, on forms prescribed and provided by the board, the name of the individual, the action taken by the professional organization, and a summary of the underlying facts leading to the action taken.

The filing of a report with the board or decision not to file a report, investigation by the board, or any disciplinary action taken by the board, does not preclude a professional organization from taking disciplinary action against a radiologist assistant.

(D) Any insurer providing professional liability insurance to any person

holding a valid ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant or any other entity that seeks to indemnify the professional liability of a radiologist assistant shall notify the board within thirty days after the final disposition of any written claim for damages where such disposition results in a payment exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars. The notice shall contain the following information:

- (1) The name and address of the person submitting the notification;
- (2) The name and address of the insured who is the subject of the claim;
- (3) The name of the person filing the written claim;
- (4) The date of final disposition;
- (5) If applicable, the identity of the court in which the final disposition of the claim took place.

(E) The board may investigate possible violations of this chapter or the rules adopted under it that are brought to its attention as a result of the reporting requirements of this section, except that the board shall conduct an investigation if a possible violation involves repeated malpractice. As used in this division, "repeated malpractice" means three or more claims for malpractice within the previous five-year period, each resulting in a judgment or settlement in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars in favor of the claimant, and each involving negligent conduct by the radiologist assistant.

(F) All summaries, reports, and records received and maintained by the board pursuant to this section shall be held in confidence and shall not be subject to discovery or introduction in evidence in any federal or state civil action involving a radiologist assistant, supervising physician, or health care facility arising out of matters that are the subject of the reporting required by this section. The board may use the information obtained only as the basis for an investigation, as evidence in a disciplinary hearing against a radiologist assistant or supervising radiologist, or in any subsequent trial or appeal of a board action or order.

The board may disclose the summaries and reports it receives under this section only to health care facility committees within or outside this state that are involved in credentialing or recredentialing a radiologist assistant or supervising radiologist or reviewing their privilege to practice within a particular facility. The board shall indicate whether or not the information has been verified. Information transmitted by the board shall be subject to the same confidentiality provisions as when maintained by the board.

(G) Except for reports filed by an individual pursuant to division (B) of this section, the board shall send a copy of any reports or summaries it receives pursuant to this section to the radiologist assistant. The radiologist

assistant shall have the right to file a statement with the board concerning the correctness or relevance of the information. The statement shall at all times accompany that part of the record in contention.

(H) An individual or entity that reports to the board, reports to the monitoring organization described in section 4731.251 of the Revised Code, or refers an impaired radiologist assistant to a treatment provider approved by the board under section 4731.25 of the Revised Code shall not be subject to suit for civil damages as a result of the report, referral, or provision of the information.

(I) In the absence of fraud or bad faith, a professional association or society of radiologist assistants that sponsors a committee or program to provide peer assistance to a radiologist assistant with substance abuse problems, a representative or agent of such a committee or program, a representative or agent of the monitoring organization described in section 4731.251 of the Revised Code, and a member of the state medical board shall not be held liable in damages to any person by reason of actions taken to refer a radiologist assistant to a treatment provider approved under section 4731.25 of the Revised Code for examination or treatment.

Sec. 4774.18. The attorney general, the prosecuting attorney of any county in which the offense was committed or the offender resides, the state medical board, or any other person having knowledge of a person engaged either directly or by complicity in practicing as a radiologist assistant without having first obtained under this chapter a ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a radiologist assistant, may, in accordance with provisions of the Revised Code governing injunctions, maintain an action in the name of the state to enjoin any person from engaging either directly or by complicity in unlawfully practicing as a radiologist assistant by applying for an injunction in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Prior to application for an injunction, the secretary of the state medical board shall notify the person allegedly engaged either directly or by complicity in the unlawful practice by registered mail that the secretary has received information indicating that this person is so engaged. The person shall answer the secretary within thirty days showing that the person is either properly licensed for the stated activity or that the person is not in violation of this chapter. If the answer is not forthcoming within thirty days after notice by the secretary, the secretary shall request that the attorney general, the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the offense was committed or the offender resides, or the state medical board proceed as authorized in this section.

Upon the filing of a verified petition in court, the court shall conduct a

hearing on the petition and shall give the same preference to this proceeding as is given all proceedings under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, irrespective of the position of the proceeding on the calendar of the court.

Injunction proceedings shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, all penalties and other remedies provided in this chapter.

Sec. 4776.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "License" means an authorization evidenced by a license, certificate, registration, permit, card, or other authority that is issued or conferred by a licensing agency to a licensee or to an applicant for an initial license by which the licensee or initial license applicant has or claims the privilege to engage in a profession, occupation, or occupational activity, or, except in the case of the state dental board, to have control of and operate certain specific equipment, machinery, or premises, over which the licensing agency has jurisdiction.

(B) Except as provided in section 4776.20 of the Revised Code, "licensee" means the person to whom the license is issued by a licensing agency. "Licensee" includes a person who, for purposes of section 3796.13 of the Revised Code, has complied with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised Code and has been determined by the department of commerce or state board of pharmacy, as the applicable licensing agency, to meet the requirements for employment.

(C) Except as provided in section 4776.20 of the Revised Code, "licensing agency" means any of the following:

(1) The board authorized by Chapters 4701., 4717., 4725., 4729., 4730., 4731., 4732., 4734., 4740., 4741., 4747., 4751., 4753., 4755., 4757., 4759., 4760., 4761., 4762., 4774., 4778., 4779., and 4783. of the Revised Code to issue a license to engage in a specific profession, occupation, or occupational activity, or to have charge of and operate certain specific equipment, machinery, or premises.

(2) The state dental board, relative to its authority to issue a license pursuant to section 4715.12, 4715.16, 4715.21, or 4715.27 of the Revised Code;

(3) The department of commerce or state board of pharmacy, relative to its authority under Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code and any rules adopted under that chapter with respect to a person who is subject to section 3796.13 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Applicant for an initial license" includes persons seeking a license for the first time and persons seeking a license by reciprocity, endorsement, or similar manner of a license issued in another state. "Applicant for an initial license" also includes a person who, for purposes of section 3796.13

of the Revised Code, is required to comply with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised Code.

(E) "Applicant for a restored license" includes persons seeking restoration of a license under section 4730.14, ~~4730.28, 4731.222, 4731.281, 4759.062, 4759.063, 4760.06, or 4760.061, 4761.06, 4761.061, 4762.06, 4762.061, 4774.06, 4774.061, 4778.07, or 4778.071~~ of the Revised Code. "Applicant for a restored license" does not include a person seeking restoration of a license under section 4751.33 of the Revised Code.

(F) "Criminal records check" has the same meaning as in section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4776.20. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Licensing agency" means, in addition to each board identified in division (C) of section 4776.01 of the Revised Code, the board or other government entity authorized to issue a license under Chapters 4703., 4707., 4709., 4712., 4713., 4719., 4723., 4727., 4728., 4733., 4735., 4736., 4737., 4738., 4740., 4742., 4747., 4749., ~~4751.,~~ 4752., 4753., 4758., 4759., 4763., 4764., 4765., 4766., 4771., 4773., and 4781. of the Revised Code. "Licensing agency" includes an administrative officer that has authority to issue a license.

(2) "Licensee" means, in addition to a licensee as described in division (B) of section 4776.01 of the Revised Code, the person to whom a license is issued by the board or other government entity authorized to issue a license under Chapters 4703., 4707., 4709., 4712., 4713., 4719., 4723., 4727., 4728., 4733., 4735., 4736., 4737., 4738., 4740., 4742., 4747., 4749., 4751., 4752., 4753., 4758., 4759., 4763., 4764., 4765., 4766., 4771., 4773., and 4781. of the Revised Code.

(3) "Prosecutor" has the same meaning as in section 2935.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) On a licensee's conviction of, plea of guilty to, judicial finding of guilt of, or judicial finding of guilt resulting from a plea of no contest to the offense of trafficking in persons in violation of section 2905.32 of the Revised Code, the prosecutor in the case shall promptly notify the licensing agency of the conviction, plea, or finding and provide the licensee's name and residential address. On receipt of this notification, the licensing agency shall immediately suspend the licensee's license.

(C) If there is a conviction of, plea of guilty to, judicial finding of guilt of, or judicial finding of guilt resulting from a plea of no contest to the offense of trafficking in persons in violation of section 2905.32 of the Revised Code and all or part of the violation occurred on the premises of a facility that is licensed by a licensing agency, the prosecutor in the case shall

promptly notify the licensing agency of the conviction, plea, or finding and provide the facility's name and address and the offender's name and residential address. On receipt of this notification, the licensing agency shall immediately suspend the facility's license.

(D) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, the suspension of a license under division (B) or (C) of this section shall be implemented by a licensing agency without a prior hearing. After the suspension, the licensing agency shall give written notice to the subject of the suspension of the right to request a hearing under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. After a hearing is held, the licensing agency shall either revoke or permanently revoke the license of the subject of the suspension, unless it determines that the license holder has not been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, been found guilty of, or been found guilty based on a plea of no contest to the offense of trafficking in persons in violation of section 2905.32 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4778.03. (A) An individual seeking a license to practice as a genetic counselor shall file with the state medical board an application in a manner prescribed by the board. The application shall include all the information the board considers necessary to process the application, including evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant meets the requirements specified in division (B) of this section.

At the time an application is submitted, the applicant shall pay the board an application fee of two hundred dollars. No part of the fee shall be returned to the applicant or transferred for purposes of another application.

(B)(1) To be eligible to receive a license to practice as a genetic counselor, an applicant shall demonstrate to the board that the applicant meets all of the following requirements:

- (a) Is at least eighteen years of age and of good moral character;
- (b) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, has attained a master's degree or higher degree from a genetic counseling graduate program accredited by the American board of genetic counseling, inc.;
- (c) Is a certified genetic counselor;
- (d) Has satisfied any other requirements established by the board in rules adopted under section 4778.12 of the Revised Code.

(2) In the case of an applicant who files an application not later than December 31, 2013, and meets all eligibility requirements other than the requirement specified in division (B)(1)(b) of this section, the applicant is eligible for a license to practice as a genetic counselor if the applicant has attained a master's or higher degree in education or in a field that the state medical board considers to be closely related to genetic counseling.

(C) The board shall review all applications received under this section. Not later than sixty days after receiving an application it considers complete, the board shall determine whether the applicant meets the requirements for a license to practice as a genetic counselor. ~~The affirmative vote of not fewer than six members of the board is required to determine that the applicant meets the requirements for the license.~~

Sec. 4778.05. If the state medical board determines under section 4778.03 of the Revised Code that an applicant meets the requirements for a license to practice as a genetic counselor, the secretary of the board shall issue the license to the applicant. The license shall be valid for a two-year period unless revoked or suspended, shall expire biennially on the date that is two years after the date of issuance, and may be renewed for additional two-year periods in accordance with section 4778.06 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4778.06. (A) An individual seeking to renew a license to practice as a genetic counselor shall, on or before the ~~thirty first day of January of each even-numbered year~~ license's expiration date, apply to the state medical board for renewal ~~of the license~~. The ~~state medical~~ board shall provide renewal notices to license holders at least one month prior to the expiration date.

Renewal applications shall be submitted to the board in a manner prescribed by the board. Each application shall be accompanied by a biennial renewal fee of one hundred fifty dollars.

The applicant shall report any criminal offense to which the applicant has pleaded guilty, of which the applicant has been found guilty, or for which the applicant has been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction, since last signing an application for a license to practice as a genetic counselor.

(B) To be eligible for renewal, a genetic counselor shall certify to the board that the counselor has done both of the following:

- (1) Maintained the counselor's status as a certified genetic counselor;
- (2) Completed at least thirty hours of continuing education in genetic counseling that has been approved by the national society of genetic counselors or American board of genetic counseling.

(C) If an applicant submits a renewal application that the board considers to be complete and qualifies for renewal pursuant to division (B) of this section, the board shall issue to the applicant a renewed license to practice as a genetic counselor.

(D) The board may require a random sample of genetic counselors to submit materials documenting that their status as certified genetic counselors has been maintained and that the number of hours of continuing

education required under division (B)(2) of this section has been completed. This division does not limit the board's authority to conduct investigations pursuant to section 4778.14 of the Revised Code.

(E)(1) If, through a random sample conducted under division (D) of this section or any other means, the board finds that an individual who certified completion of the number of hours and type of continuing education required to renew, reinstate, or restore a license to practice did not complete the requisite continuing education, the board may do either of the following:

(a) Take disciplinary action against the individual under section 4778.14 of the Revised Code, impose a civil penalty, or both;

(b) Permit the individual to agree in writing to complete the continuing education and pay a civil penalty.

(2) The board's finding in any disciplinary action taken under division (E)(1)(a) of this section shall be made pursuant to an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six of its members.

(3) A civil penalty imposed under division (E)(1)(a) of this section or paid under division (E)(1)(b) of this section shall be in an amount specified by the board of not more than five thousand dollars. The board shall deposit civil penalties in accordance with section 4731.24 of the Revised Code.

~~If a genetic counselor certifies that the genetic counselor has completed the number of hours and type of continuing education required for renewal of a license, and the board finds through the random sample or any other means that the genetic counselor did not complete the requisite continuing education, the board may impose a civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars. If a civil penalty is imposed in addition to any other action the board takes under section 4778.14 of the Revised Code, the board's finding shall be made pursuant to an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six members. A civil penalty imposed under this division may be in addition to or in lieu of any other action the board may take under section 4778.14 of the Revised Code. The board shall deposit civil penalties in accordance with section 4731.24 of the Revised Code.~~

Sec. 4778.07. (A) A license to practice as a genetic counselor issued under section 4778.05 of the Revised Code that is not renewed on or before its expiration date is automatically suspended on its expiration date. Continued practice after suspension shall be considered as practicing in violation of section 4778.02 of the Revised Code.

(B) If a license has been suspended pursuant to this section for two years or less, ~~the board shall reinstate the license~~ it may be reinstated upon

an applicant's submission of a complete renewal application, the biennial renewal fee, and a monetary penalty of twenty-five dollars.

~~(C)(4)~~ If a license has been suspended pursuant to this section for more than two years, it may be restored. Subject to section 4778.071 of the Revised Code, the board may restore the license upon an applicant's submission of a complete restoration application, the biennial renewal fee, and a monetary penalty of fifty dollars and compliance with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised Code. The board shall not restore a license unless the board, in its discretion, decides that the results of the criminal records check do not make the applicant ineligible for a license issued pursuant to section 4778.05 of the Revised Code.

~~(2) The board may impose terms and conditions for the restoration, including the following:~~

~~(a) Requiring the applicant to pass an oral or written examination, or both, to determine the applicant's present fitness to resume practice;~~

~~(b) Requiring the applicant to obtain additional training and to pass an examination upon completion of such training;~~

~~(c) Restricting or limiting the extent, scope, or type of practice of the applicant.~~

Sec. 4778.071. (A) This section applies to both of the following:

(1) An applicant seeking restoration of a license issued under this chapter that has been in a suspended or inactive state for any cause for more than two years;

(2) An applicant seeking issuance of a license pursuant to this chapter who for more than two years has not been practicing as a genetic counselor as either of the following:

(a) An active practitioner;

(b) A student in a graduate program as described in section 4778.03 of the Revised Code.

(B) Before issuing a license to an applicant subject to this section or restoring a license to good standing for an applicant subject to this section, the state medical board may impose terms and conditions including any one or more of the following:

(1) Requiring the applicant to pass an oral or written examination, or both, to determine the applicant's present fitness to resume practice;

(2) Requiring the applicant to obtain additional training and to pass an examination upon completion of such training;

(3) Requiring an assessment of the applicant's physical skills for purposes of determining whether the applicant's coordination, fine motor skills, and dexterity are sufficient for performing evaluations and procedures

in a manner that meets the minimal standards of care:

(4) Requiring an assessment of the applicant's skills in recognizing and understanding diseases and conditions;

(5) Requiring the applicant to undergo a comprehensive physical examination, which may include an assessment of physical abilities, evaluation of sensory capabilities, or screening for the presence of neurological disorders;

(6) Restricting or limiting the extent, scope, or type of practice of the applicant.

The board shall consider the moral background and the activities of the applicant during the period of suspension or inactivity. The board shall not issue or restore a license under this section unless the applicant complies with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4779.02. (A) Except as provided in division (B) or (C) of this section, no person shall practice or represent that the person is authorized to practice orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics unless the person holds a current, valid license issued or renewed under this chapter.

(B) Division (A) of this section does not apply to any of the following:

(1) An individual who holds a current, valid license, certificate, or registration issued under Chapter 4723., 4729., 4730., 4731., 4734., or 4755. of the Revised Code and is practicing within the individual's scope of practice under statutes and rules regulating the individual's profession;

(2) An individual who practices orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics as an employee of the federal government and is engaged in the performance of duties prescribed by statutes and regulations of the United States;

(3) An individual who provides orthotic, prosthetic, or pedorthic services under the supervision of a licensed orthotist, prosthetist, or pedorthist in accordance with section 4779.04 of the Revised Code;

(4) An individual who provides orthotic, prosthetic, or pedorthic services as part of an educational, certification, or residency program approved by the Ohio occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic trainers board under sections 4779.25 to 4779.27 of the Revised Code;

(5) An individual who provides orthotic, prosthetic, or pedorthic services under the direct supervision of an individual authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.

(C) Division (A) of this section does not prohibit an individual who is not licensed under this chapter to practice prosthetics or orthotics and prosthetics from engaging in the 3-D printing of open-source prosthetic kits if the individual has been granted the authority to engage in that activity by

the Ohio occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic trainers board under section 4779.40 of the Revised Code. Such an individual shall not represent that the individual is authorized to practice prosthetics or orthotics and prosthetics under this chapter.

Sec. 4779.08. (A) The Ohio occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic trainers board shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to carry out the purposes of this chapter, including rules prescribing all of the following:

- (1) The form and manner of filing of applications to be admitted to examinations and for licensure and license renewal;
- (2) Standards and procedures for formulating, evaluating, approving, and administering licensing examinations or recognizing other entities that conduct examinations;
- (3) The form, scoring, and scheduling of licensing examinations;
- (4) Fees for examinations and applications for licensure and license renewal;
- (5) Fees for approval of continuing education courses;
- (6) Procedures for issuance, renewal, suspension, and revocation of licenses and the conduct of disciplinary hearings;
- (7) The schedule to be used for biennial renewal of licenses;
- (8) Standards of ethical and professional conduct in the practice of orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics;
- (9) Standards for approving national certification organizations in orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics;
- (10) Fines for violations of this chapter;
- (11) Standards for the recognition and approval of educational programs required for licensure, including standards for approving foreign educational credentials;
- (12) Standards for continuing education programs required for license renewal;
- (13) The amount, scope, and nature of continuing education activities required for license renewal, including waivers of the continuing education requirements;
- (14) Provisions for making available the information described in section 4779.22 of the Revised Code;
- (15) Requirements for criminal records checks of applicants under section 4776.03 of the Revised Code;
- (16) Requirements for an individual who is not licensed under this chapter to practice prosthetics or orthotics and prosthetics to engage in the 3-D printing of open-source prosthetic kits.

(B) The board may adopt any other rules necessary for the administration of this chapter.

(C) All fees received by the board under this section shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the occupational licensing and regulatory fund established in section 4743.05 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4779.40. An individual who is not licensed to practice prosthetics or orthotics and prosthetics under section 4779.09 of the Revised Code may apply to the Ohio occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic trainers board for the authority to engage in the 3-D printing of open-source prosthetic kits. The board shall prescribe an application form for this purpose.

The board shall grant the authority described in this section if the individual meets the requirements specified in rules adopted under section 4779.08 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4906.10. (A) The power siting board shall render a decision upon the record either granting or denying the application as filed, or granting it upon such terms, conditions, or modifications of the construction, operation, or maintenance of the major utility facility as the board considers appropriate. The certificate shall be conditioned upon the facility being in compliance with standards and rules adopted under ~~sections 1501.33, 1501.34, and section~~ 4561.32 and Chapters 3704., 3734., and 6111. of the Revised Code. An applicant may withdraw an application if the board grants a certificate on terms, conditions, or modifications other than those proposed by the applicant in the application.

The board shall not grant a certificate for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a major utility facility, either as proposed or as modified by the board, unless it finds and determines all of the following:

(1) The basis of the need for the facility if the facility is an electric transmission line or gas pipeline;

(2) The nature of the probable environmental impact;

(3) That the facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives, and other pertinent considerations;

(4) In the case of an electric transmission line or generating facility, that the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving this state and interconnected utility systems and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability;

(5) That the facility will comply with Chapters 3704., 3734., and 6111. of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under those

chapters and under ~~sections 1501.33, 1501.34, and~~ section 4561.32 of the Revised Code. In determining whether the facility will comply with all rules and standards adopted under section 4561.32 of the Revised Code, the board shall consult with the office of aviation of the division of multi-modal planning and programs of the department of transportation under section 4561.341 of the Revised Code.

(6) That the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity;

(7) In addition to the provisions contained in divisions (A)(1) to (6) of this section and rules adopted under those divisions, what its impact will be on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 929. of the Revised Code that is located within the site and alternative site of the proposed major utility facility. Rules adopted to evaluate impact under division (A)(7) of this section shall not require the compilation, creation, submission, or production of any information, document, or other data pertaining to land not located within the site and alternative site.

(8) That the facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the board, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives.

(B) If the board determines that the location of all or a part of the proposed facility should be modified, it may condition its certificate upon that modification, provided that the municipal corporations and counties, and persons residing therein, affected by the modification shall have been given reasonable notice thereof.

(C) A copy of the decision and any opinion issued therewith shall be served upon each party.

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

(A) Ensure the availability to consumers of adequate, reliable, safe, efficient, nondiscriminatory, and reasonably priced retail electric service;

(B) Ensure the availability of unbundled and comparable retail electric service that provides consumers with the supplier, price, terms, conditions, and quality options they elect to meet their respective needs;

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

(D) Encourage innovation and market access for cost-effective supply- and demand-side retail electric service including, but not limited to,

demand-side management, time-differentiated pricing, waste energy recovery systems, smart grid programs, and implementation of advanced metering infrastructure;

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

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

(G) Recognize the continuing emergence of competitive electricity markets through the development and implementation of flexible regulatory treatment;

(H) Ensure effective competition in the provision of retail electric service by avoiding anticompetitive subsidies flowing from a noncompetitive retail electric service to a competitive retail electric service or to a product or service other than retail electric service, and vice versa, including by prohibiting the recovery of any generation-related costs through distribution or transmission rates;

(I) Ensure retail electric service consumers protection against unreasonable sales practices, market deficiencies, and market power;

(J) Provide coherent, transparent means of giving appropriate incentives to technologies that can adapt successfully to potential environmental mandates;

(K) Encourage implementation of distributed generation across customer classes through regular review and updating of administrative rules governing critical issues such as, but not limited to, interconnection standards, standby charges, and net metering;

(L) Protect at-risk populations, including, but not limited to, when considering the implementation of any new advanced energy or renewable energy resource;

(M) Encourage the education of small business owners in this state regarding the use of, and encourage the use of, energy efficiency programs and alternative energy resources in their businesses;

(N) Facilitate the state's effectiveness in the global economy.

(O) Encourage cost-effective, timely, and efficient access to and sharing of customer usage data with customers and competitive suppliers to promote

customer choice and grid modernization.

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

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

Sec. 4928.143. (A) For the purpose of complying with section 4928.141 of the Revised Code, an electric distribution utility may file an application for public utilities commission approval of an electric security plan as prescribed under division (B) of this section. The utility may file that application prior to the effective date of any rules the commission may adopt for the purpose of this section, and, as the commission determines necessary, the utility immediately shall conform its filing to those rules upon their taking effect.

(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of Title XLIX of the Revised Code to the contrary except division (D) of this section, divisions (I), (J), and (K) of section 4928.20, division (E) of section 4928.64, and section 4928.69 of the Revised Code:

(1) An electric security plan shall include provisions relating to the supply and pricing of electric generation service. In addition, if the proposed electric security plan has a term longer than three years, it may include provisions in the plan to permit the commission to test the plan pursuant to division (E) of this section and any transitional conditions that should be adopted by the commission if the commission terminates the plan as authorized under that division.

(2) The plan may provide for or include, without limitation, any of the following:

(a) Automatic recovery of any of the following costs of the electric distribution utility, provided the cost is prudently incurred: the cost of fuel used to generate the electricity supplied under the offer; the cost of purchased power supplied under the offer, including the cost of energy and capacity, and including purchased power acquired from an affiliate; the cost of emission allowances; and the cost of federally mandated carbon or energy taxes;

(b) A reasonable allowance for construction work in progress for any of the electric distribution utility's cost of constructing an electric generating facility or for an environmental expenditure for any electric generating facility of the electric distribution utility, provided the cost is incurred or the

expenditure occurs on or after January 1, 2009. Any such allowance shall be subject to the construction work in progress allowance limitations of division (A) of section 4909.15 of the Revised Code, except that the commission may authorize such an allowance upon the incurrence of the cost or occurrence of the expenditure. No such allowance for generating facility construction shall be authorized, however, unless the commission first determines in the proceeding that there is need for the facility based on resource planning projections submitted by the electric distribution utility. Further, no such allowance shall be authorized unless the facility's construction was sourced through a competitive bid process, regarding which process the commission may adopt rules. An allowance approved under division (B)(2)(b) of this section shall be established as a nonbypassable surcharge for the life of the facility.

(c) The establishment of a nonbypassable surcharge for the life of an electric generating facility that is owned or operated by the electric distribution utility, was sourced through a competitive bid process subject to any such rules as the commission adopts under division (B)(2)(b) of this section, and is newly used and useful on or after January 1, 2009, which surcharge shall cover all costs of the utility specified in the application, excluding costs recovered through a surcharge under division (B)(2)(b) of this section. However, no surcharge shall be authorized unless the commission first determines in the proceeding that there is need for the facility based on resource planning projections submitted by the electric distribution utility. Additionally, if a surcharge is authorized for a facility pursuant to plan approval under division (C) of this section and as a condition of the continuation of the surcharge, the electric distribution utility shall dedicate to Ohio consumers the capacity and energy and the rate associated with the cost of that facility. Before the commission authorizes any surcharge pursuant to this division, it may consider, as applicable, the effects of any decommissioning, deratings, and retirements.

(d) Terms, conditions, or charges relating to limitations on customer shopping for retail electric generation service, bypassability, standby, back-up, or supplemental power service, default service, carrying costs, amortization periods, and accounting or deferrals, including future recovery of such deferrals, as would have the effect of stabilizing or providing certainty regarding retail electric service;

(e) Automatic increases or decreases in any component of the standard service offer price;

(f) Consistent with sections 4928.23 to 4928.2318 of the Revised Code, both of the following:

(i) Provisions for the electric distribution utility to securitize any phase-in, inclusive of carrying charges, of the utility's standard service offer price, which phase-in is authorized in accordance with section 4928.144 of the Revised Code;

(ii) Provisions for the recovery of the utility's cost of securitization.

(g) Provisions relating to transmission, ancillary, congestion, or any related service required for the standard service offer, including provisions for the recovery of any cost of such service that the electric distribution utility incurs on or after that date pursuant to the standard service offer;

(h) Provisions regarding the utility's distribution service, including, without limitation and notwithstanding any provision of Title XLIX of the Revised Code to the contrary, provisions regarding single issue ratemaking, a revenue decoupling mechanism or any other incentive ratemaking, and provisions regarding distribution infrastructure and modernization incentives for the electric distribution utility. The latter may include a long-term energy delivery infrastructure modernization plan for that utility or any plan providing for the utility's recovery of costs, including lost revenue, shared savings, and avoided costs, and a just and reasonable rate of return on such infrastructure modernization. As part of its determination as to whether to allow in an electric distribution utility's electric security plan inclusion of any provision described in division (B)(2)(h) of this section, the commission shall examine the reliability of the electric distribution utility's distribution system and ensure that customers' and the electric distribution utility's expectations are aligned and that the electric distribution utility is placing sufficient emphasis on and dedicating sufficient resources to the reliability of its distribution system.

(i) Provisions under which the electric distribution utility may implement economic development, job retention, and energy efficiency programs, which provisions may allocate program costs across all classes of customers of the utility and those of electric distribution utilities in the same holding company system.

(C)(1) The burden of proof in the proceeding shall be on the electric distribution utility. The commission shall issue an order under this division for an initial application under this section not later than one hundred fifty days after the application's filing date and, for any subsequent application by the utility under this section, not later than two hundred seventy-five days after the application's filing date. Subject to division (D) of this section, the commission by order shall approve or modify and approve an application filed under division (A) of this section if it finds that the electric security plan so approved, including its pricing and all other terms and conditions,

including any deferrals and any future recovery of deferrals, is more favorable in the aggregate as compared to the expected results that would otherwise apply under section 4928.142 of the Revised Code. Additionally, if the commission so approves an application that contains a surcharge under division (B)(2)(b) or (c) of this section, the commission shall ensure that the benefits derived for any purpose for which the surcharge is established are reserved and made available to those that bear the surcharge. Otherwise, the commission by order shall disapprove the application.

(2)(a) If the commission modifies and approves an application under division (C)(1) of this section, the electric distribution utility may withdraw the application, thereby terminating it, and may file a new standard service offer under this section or a standard service offer under section 4928.142 of the Revised Code.

(b) If the utility terminates an application pursuant to division (C)(2)(a) of this section or if the commission disapproves an application under division (C)(1) of this section, the commission shall issue such order as is necessary to continue the provisions, terms, and conditions of the utility's most recent standard service offer, along with any expected increases or decreases in fuel costs from those contained in that offer, until a subsequent offer is authorized pursuant to this section or section 4928.142 of the Revised Code, respectively.

(D) Regarding the rate plan requirement of division (A) of section 4928.141 of the Revised Code, if an electric distribution utility that has a rate plan that extends beyond December 31, 2008, files an application under this section for the purpose of its compliance with division (A) of section 4928.141 of the Revised Code, that rate plan and its terms and conditions are hereby incorporated into its proposed electric security plan and shall continue in effect until the date scheduled under the rate plan for its expiration, and that portion of the electric security plan shall not be subject to commission approval or disapproval under division (C) of this section, and the earnings test provided for in division (F) of this section shall not apply until after the expiration of the rate plan. However, that utility may include in its electric security plan under this section, and the commission may approve, modify and approve, or disapprove subject to division (C) of this section, provisions for the incremental recovery or the deferral of any costs that are not being recovered under the rate plan and that the utility incurs during that continuation period to comply with section 4928.141, division (B) of section 4928.64, or division (A) of section 4928.66 of the Revised Code.

(E) If an electric security plan approved under division (C) of this

section, except one withdrawn by the utility as authorized under that division, has a term, exclusive of phase-ins or deferrals, that exceeds three years from the effective date of the plan, the commission shall test the plan in the fourth year, and if applicable, every fourth year thereafter, to determine whether the plan, including its then-existing pricing and all other terms and conditions, including any deferrals and any future recovery of deferrals, continues to be more favorable in the aggregate and during the remaining term of the plan as compared to the expected results that would otherwise apply under section 4928.142 of the Revised Code. The commission shall also determine the prospective effect of the electric security plan to determine if that effect is substantially likely to provide the electric distribution utility with a return on common equity that is significantly in excess of the return on common equity that is likely to be earned by publicly traded companies, including utilities, that face comparable business and financial risk, with such adjustments for capital structure as may be appropriate. The burden of proof for demonstrating that significantly excessive earnings will not occur shall be on the electric distribution utility. For affiliated Ohio electric distribution utilities that operate under a joint electric security plan, their total earned return on common equity shall be used for purposes of assessing significantly excessive earnings. If the test results are in the negative or the commission finds that continuation of the electric security plan will result in a return on equity that is significantly in excess of the return on common equity that is likely to be earned by publicly traded companies, including utilities, that will face comparable business and financial risk, with such adjustments for capital structure as may be appropriate, during the balance of the plan, the commission may terminate the electric security plan, but not until it shall have provided interested parties with notice and an opportunity to be heard. The commission may impose such conditions on the plan's termination as it considers reasonable and necessary to accommodate the transition from an approved plan to the more advantageous alternative. In the event of an electric security plan's termination pursuant to this division, the commission shall permit the continued deferral and phase-in of any amounts that occurred prior to that termination and the recovery of those amounts as contemplated under that electric security plan.

(F) With regard to the provisions that are included in an electric security plan under this section, the commission shall consider, following the end of each annual period of the plan, if any such adjustments resulted in excessive earnings as measured by whether the earned return on common equity of the electric distribution utility is significantly in excess of the return on common

equity that was earned during the same period by publicly traded companies, including utilities, that face comparable business and financial risk, with such adjustments for capital structure as may be appropriate. In making its determination of significantly excessive earnings under this division, the commission shall, for affiliated Ohio electric distribution utilities that operate under a joint electric security plan, use the total of the utilities' earned return on common equity. Consideration also shall be given to the capital requirements of future committed investments in this state. The burden of proof for demonstrating that significantly excessive earnings did not occur shall be on the electric distribution utility. If the commission finds that such adjustments, in the aggregate, did result in significantly excessive earnings, it shall require the electric distribution utility to return to consumers the amount of the excess by prospective adjustments; provided that, upon making such prospective adjustments, the electric distribution utility shall have the right to terminate the plan and immediately file an application pursuant to section 4928.142 of the Revised Code. Upon termination of a plan under this division, rates shall be set on the same basis as specified in division (C)(2)(b) of this section, and the commission shall permit the continued deferral and phase-in of any amounts that occurred prior to that termination and the recovery of those amounts as contemplated under that electric security plan. In making its determination of significantly excessive earnings under this division, the commission shall not consider, directly or indirectly, the revenue, expenses, or earnings of any affiliate that is not an Ohio electric distribution utility or parent company.

Sec. 4929.18. (A) As used in this section, "biologically derived methane gas" has the same meaning as in section 5713.30 of the Revised Code.

(B) Any property, equipment, or facilities installed or constructed by a natural gas company to enable interconnection with or receipt from any property, equipment, or facilities used to generate, collect, gather, or transport biologically derived methane gas, or to enable the supply of biologically derived methane gas to consumers within this state, may be treated as instrumentalities and facilities for distribution service if the public utilities commission determines that treatment is just and reasonable. If the commission makes that determination, the property, equipment, or facilities shall be considered used and useful in rendering public utility service for purposes of section 4909.15 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4937.01. As used in sections 4937.01 to 4937.05 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Hazard" has the same meaning as in section 5502.21 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Member agency" means the state agency of which a member of the utility radiological safety board is an officer.

(C) "Nuclear electric facility" means any facility operated by a nuclear electric utility using nuclear energy to produce electricity and any facility for the storage of spent nuclear fuel arising from such production.

(D) "Nuclear electric facility incident" means any hazard within the state which is associated with a nuclear electric facility and requires, pursuant to sections 5502.21 to 5502.51 of the Revised Code, emergency management to mitigate its effects.

(E) "Nuclear electric utility" includes every person, their agents, assignees, or trustees, within this state engaged in the business of producing electricity using nuclear energy, or in the storage of spent nuclear fuel arising from such production.

(F) "Nuclear electric utility holding company" means any company that holds an equity interest in a nuclear electric utility and is part of an electric utility holding company system exempt under section 3(a)(1) or (2) of the "Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935," 49 Stat. 810, 15 U.S.C.A. 79c, and the regulations adopted under the act.

Sec. 4937.05. (A) Subject to division (B) of this section, the utility radiological safety board may apportion among and assess against each nuclear electric utility in this state against which an assessment may be made under section 4905.10 of the Revised Code an amount no greater than the maximums specified in the applicable main operating appropriations act. The assessment shall be made in proportion to the intrastate gross receipts of the utility, excluding receipts from sales to other public utilities for resale, for the calendar year next preceding that in which the assessments are made, or be made based upon the utility's decommissioning budget for the year of the assessment, if the utility is not engaged in the business of producing electricity using nuclear energy. On or before the first day of October in each year, the board shall notify each such utility of the sum assessed against it, whereupon payment shall be made to the board. The board shall deposit the payment into any nuclear safety fund for which a maximum is specified, for the purposes of this section, in the applicable main operating appropriations act. Any assessments so deposited which are not expended shall be credited ratably to each nuclear electric utility that paid them, according to the respective portions of the amount assessable against the utility for the ensuing calendar year. The assessments for such calendar year shall be adjusted accordingly.

(B) The board shall assess an amount against the nuclear electric utilities pursuant to division (A) of this section only in accordance with this

division and subject to the conditions it specifies.

(1) Nuclear electric utilities and, separately, the environmental protection agency, the department of health, the department of agriculture, and the emergency management agency of the department of public safety, as member agencies of the board, shall negotiate, in good faith, amounts to be given as grants by the nuclear electric utilities pursuant to this division for funding the member agency for a fiscal biennium. Any such grant shall cover all costs related to the statutory requirements or agreements specified in division (B)(4) of this section, but shall not be required to cover any costs of activities not directly related to those statutory requirements or agreements.

(2)(a) If any of the member agencies specified in division (B)(1) of this section disagrees, before the first day of September of the first year of a fiscal biennium, with the nuclear electric utilities on a grant amount under that division for the agency's funding for that biennium and the agency is requesting a specified amount not exceeding seventy-five per cent of the maximum specified in the applicable main operating appropriations act, the agency shall make a written directive to the board for an assessment against the nuclear electric utilities for that specified amount and shall notify the controlling board, the director of budget and management, and the nuclear electric utilities in writing of that directive. Upon receipt of the directive, the utility radiological safety board shall assess the specified amount against the nuclear electric utilities as provided in division (A) of this section, notwithstanding any provision of that division to the contrary, provided the amount assessed does not exceed the maximum specified in the applicable main operating appropriations act.

(b) If any of the member agencies specified in division (B)(1) of this section disagrees, before the first day of September of the first year of a fiscal biennium, with the nuclear electric utilities on a grant amount under that division for the agency's funding for that biennium and the agency is requesting a specified amount that exceeds seventy-five per cent of the maximum specified for that agency in the applicable main operating appropriations act, the agency may request that the controlling board approve an assessment against the electric utilities in the specified amount. The controlling board shall not approve an assessment so requested if it exceeds that maximum or will not be used for the purposes specified in division (B)(4) of this section. If the controlling board approves the request, the utility radiological safety board shall impose an assessment in the approved amount against the nuclear electric utilities as provided in division (A) of this section, notwithstanding any provision of that division to the

contrary.

(c) The board shall not assess against the nuclear electric utilities pursuant to division (A) of this section in any fiscal biennium for which each member agency and the nuclear electric utilities agree on grant amounts pursuant to division (B)(1) of this section.

(3) Revenues received pursuant to grants or assessments under division (B)(1) or (2) of this section shall be deposited into the requesting agency's nuclear safety fund, as such fund is specified in the applicable main operating appropriations act.

(4) Funding provided under this division to a member agency shall be for the purpose of enabling a member agency to fulfill its authority and duties under the statutes related to nuclear safety or the utility safety radiological board, or under agreements with the nuclear regulatory commission.

(5) If a nuclear electric utility makes any recommendation to render the nuclear safety programs of member agencies of the utility radiological safety board more cost effective, the member agencies shall implement the recommendation or provide to the utility a written statement explaining why the recommendation will not be implemented or will be implemented with substantial modification.

Sec. 5101.061. (A) There is hereby established in the department of job and family services the office of human services innovation. The office shall develop recommendations, as described in division (B) of this section, regarding the coordination and reform of state programs to assist the residents of this state in preparing for life and the dignity of work and to promote individual responsibility and work opportunity.

The director of job and family services shall establish the office's organizational structure, may reassign the department's staff and resources as necessary to support the office's activities, and is responsible for the office's operations. The superintendent of public instruction, chancellor of ~~the Ohio board of regents~~ higher education, and director of the governor's office of workforce transformation, ~~and director of the governor's office of health transformation~~ shall assist the director of job and family services with leadership and organizational support for the office.

(B) Not later than January 1, 2015, the office shall submit to the governor recommendations for all of the following:

(1) Coordinating services across all public assistance programs to help individuals find employment, succeed at work, and stay out of poverty;

(2) Revising incentives for public assistance programs to foster person-centered case management;

(3) Standardizing and automating eligibility determination policies and processes for public assistance programs;

(4) Other matters the office considers appropriate.

(C) Not later than three months after ~~the effective date of this section~~ September 15, 2014, the office shall establish clear principles to guide the development of its recommendations, shall identify in detail the problems to be addressed in the recommendations, and shall make an inventory of all state and other resources that the office considers relevant to the recommendations.

(D) The office shall convene the directors and staff of the departments, agencies, offices, boards, commissions, and institutions of the executive branch of the state as necessary to develop the office's recommendations. The departments, agencies, offices, boards, commissions, and institutions shall comply with all requests and directives that the office makes, subject to the supervision of the directors of the departments, agencies, offices, boards, commissions, and institutions. The office also shall convene other individuals interested in the issues that the office addresses in the development of the recommendations to obtain their input on, and support for, the recommendations.

Sec. 5101.141. (A) As used in sections 5101.141 to 5101.1414 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Adopted young adult" means a person:

(a) Who was in the temporary or permanent custody of a public children services agency;

(b) Who was adopted at the age of sixteen or seventeen and attained the age of sixteen before a Title IV-E adoption assistance agreement became effective;

(c) Who has attained the age of eighteen; and

(d) Who has not yet attained the age of twenty-one.

(2) "Child" ~~includes a~~ means any of the following:

(a) A person who meets the requirements of division ~~(A)(1)~~ (B)(3) of section ~~5101.1411~~ 5153.01 of the Revised Code ~~or an adopted person who meets the requirements applicable to such a person under division (B)(1) of section 5101.1411 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(2) "Designee" means a person with whom the department of job and family services has entered into a contract, pursuant to division (B)(2) of this section;~~

(b) An adopted young adult;

(c) An emancipated young adult.

(3) "Emancipated young adult" means a person:

(a) Who was in the temporary or permanent custody of a public children services agency, a planned permanent living arrangement, or in the Title-IV-E-eligible care and placement responsibility of a juvenile court or other governmental agency that provides Title IV-E reimbursable placement services;

(b) Whose custody, arrangement, or care and placement was terminated on or after the person's eighteenth birthday; and

(c) Who has not yet attained the age of twenty-one.

(4) "Representative" means a person with whom the department of job and family services has entered into a contract, pursuant to division (B)(2)(b) of this section.

(5) "Title IV-E" means Title IV-E of the "Social Security Act," 94 Stat. 501, 42 U.S.C. 670 (1980), as amended.

(B)(1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, the department of job and family services shall act as the single state agency to administer federal payments for foster care and adoption assistance made pursuant to Title IV-E. The director of job and family services shall adopt rules to implement this authority. Rules governing financial and administrative requirements applicable to public children services agencies and government entities that provide Title IV-E reimbursable placement services to children shall be adopted in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code, as if they were internal management rules. Rules governing requirements applicable to private child placing agencies and private noncustodial agencies and rules establishing eligibility, program participation, and other requirements concerning Title IV-E shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. A public children services agency to which the department distributes Title IV-E funds shall administer the funds in accordance with those rules.

(2) If the state plan is amended under divisions (A) and (B) of section 5101.1411 of the Revised Code, both of the following shall apply:

(a) Implementation of the amendments to the plan shall begin fifteen months after September 13, 2016, the effective date of H.B. 50 of the 131st general assembly, if both of the following apply:

(i) The plan as amended is approved by the secretary of health and human services;

(ii) The general assembly has appropriated sufficient funds to operate the program required under the plan as amended.

(b) The department shall have, exercise, and perform all new duties required under the plan as amended. In doing so, the department may contract with another person to carry out those new duties, to the extent

permitted under Title IV-E.

(C)(1) ~~The~~ Except with regard to the new duties imposed on the department or its contractor under division (B)(2)(b) of this section that are not imposed on the county, the county, on behalf of each child eligible for foster care maintenance payments under Title IV-E, shall make payments to cover the cost of providing all of the following:

(a) The child's food, clothing, shelter, daily supervision, and school supplies;

(b) The child's personal incidentals;

(c) Reasonable travel to the child's home for visitation.

(2) In addition to payments made under division (C)(1) of this section, the county may, on behalf of each child eligible for foster care maintenance payments under Title IV-E, make payments to cover the cost of providing the following:

(a) Liability insurance with respect to the child;

(b) If the county is participating in the demonstration project established under division (A) of section 5101.142 of the Revised Code, services provided under the project.

(3) With respect to a child who is in a child-care institution, including any type of group home designed for the care of children or any privately operated program consisting of two or more certified foster homes operated by a common administrative unit, the foster care maintenance payments made by the county on behalf of the child shall include the reasonable cost of the administration and operation of the institution, group home, or program, as necessary to provide the items described in divisions (C)(1) and (2) of this section.

(D) To the extent that either foster care maintenance payments under division (C) of this section or Title IV-E adoption assistance payments for maintenance costs require the expenditure of county funds, the board of county commissioners shall report the nature and amount of each expenditure of county funds to the department.

(E) The department shall distribute to public children services agencies that incur and report expenditures of the type described in division (D) of this section federal financial participation received for administrative and training costs incurred in the operation of foster care maintenance and adoption assistance programs. The department may withhold not more than three per cent of the federal financial participation received. The funds withheld may be used only to fund the following:

(1) The Ohio child welfare training program established under section 5103.30 of the Revised Code;

(2) The university partnership program for college and university students majoring in social work who have committed to work for a public children services agency upon graduation;

(3) Efforts supporting organizational excellence, including voluntary activities to be accredited by a nationally recognized accreditation organization.

The funds withheld shall be in addition to any administration and training cost for which the department is reimbursed through its own cost allocation plan.

(F) All federal financial participation funds received by a county pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the county's children services fund created pursuant to section 5101.144 of the Revised Code.

(G) The department shall periodically publish and distribute the maximum amounts that the department will reimburse public children services agencies for making payments on behalf of children eligible for foster care maintenance payments.

(H) The department, by and through its director, is hereby authorized to develop, participate in the development of, negotiate, and enter into one or more interstate compacts on behalf of this state with agencies of any other states, for the provision of social services to children in relation to whom all of the following apply:

(1) They have special needs.

(2) This state or another state that is a party to the interstate compact is providing adoption assistance on their behalf.

(3) They move into this state from another state or move out of this state to another state.

Sec. 5101.1411. (A)(1) The director of job and family services shall, not later than nine months after September 13, 2016, the effective date of H.B. 50 of the 131st general assembly, submit an amendment to the state plan required by 42 U.S.C. 671 to the United States secretary of health and human services to implement 42 U.S.C. 675(8) to make federal payments for foster care under Title IV-E directly to, or on behalf of, any ~~person~~ emancipated young adult who meets the following requirements:

~~(a) The person has attained the age of eighteen but not attained the age of twenty-one.~~

~~(b) The person was in the custody of a public children services agency upon attaining the age of eighteen.~~

~~(c)~~ (e) The person emancipated young adult signs a voluntary participation agreement.

~~(d)~~ (b) The person emancipated young adult satisfies division (C) of this

section.

(2) Any ~~person~~ emancipated young adult who meets the requirements of division (A)(1) of this section may apply for foster care payments and make the appropriate application at any time.

(B)(1) The director of job and family services shall, not later than nine months after September 13, 2016, the effective date of H.B. 50 of the 131st general assembly, submit an amendment to the state plan required by 42 U.S.C. 671 to the United States secretary of health and human services to implement 42 U.S.C. 675(8) to make federal payments for adoption assistance under Title IV-E available to any parent who meets all of the following requirements:

(a) ~~The parent adopted a person while the adopted person was sixteen or seventeen and had been in the custody of a public children services agency; or who is an adopted young adult and the parent enters entered into an adoption assistance agreement under 42 U.S.C. 673; while the adopted person was age sixteen or seventeen.~~

(b) ~~The adopted person has attained the age of eighteen but has not attained the age of twenty-one;~~

(e) ~~The parent maintains parental responsibility to that for the adopted person; young adult.~~

~~(d)~~(c) The adopted ~~person~~ young adult satisfies division (C) of this section.

(2) Any parent who meets the requirements of division (B)(1) of this section that are applicable to a parent may request an extension of adoption assistance payments at any time before the adopted ~~person~~ young adult reaches age twenty-one.

(3) An adopted young adult who is eligible to receive adoption assistance payments is not considered an emancipated young adult and is therefore not eligible to receive payment under division (A) of this section.

(C) In addition to other requirements, ~~a person who is in foster care or has been adopted~~ an adopted or emancipated young adult must meet at least one of the following criteria:

(1) Is completing secondary education or a program leading to an equivalent credential;

(2) Is enrolled in an institution that provides post-secondary or vocational education;

(3) Is participating in a program or activity designed to promote, or remove barriers to, employment;

(4) Is employed for at least eighty hours per month;

(5) Is incapable of doing any of the activities described in ~~division~~

divisions (C)(1) to (4) of this section due to a ~~medical~~ physical or mental condition, which incapacity is supported by regularly updated information in the person's case record or plan.

(D) Any ~~person~~ emancipated young adult described in division (A)(1) of this section who is directly receiving foster care payments, or on whose behalf such foster care payments are received, or any parent receiving adoption assistance payments, ~~pursuant to this section~~ may refuse the payments at any time. ~~If the person or parent refuses payments and seeks payments at a later date, the person or parent must reapply for the payments in accordance with this section.~~

(E)(1) ~~A person~~ An emancipated young adult described in division (A)(1) of this section who is directly receiving foster care payments, or on whose behalf such foster care payments are received, or a parent receiving adoption assistance payments and the adopted ~~person, pursuant to this section,~~ young adult shall be eligible for services set forth in the federal, "Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008," P.L. 110-351, 122 Stat. 3949.

(2) ~~A person~~ An emancipated young adult described in division (A)(1) of this section who is directly receiving foster care payments, or on whose behalf such foster care payments are received, pursuant to this section, may be eligible to reside in a supervised independent living setting, including apartment living, room and board arrangements, college or university dormitories, host homes, and shared roommate settings.

(F) Any determination by the department that denies or terminates foster care or adoption assistance payments shall be subject to a state hearing pursuant to section 5101.35 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5101.1412. (A) Without the approval of a court, ~~a child~~ an emancipated young adult who receives payments, or on whose behalf payments are received, under division (A) of section 5101.1411 of the Revised Code, may enter into a voluntary participation agreement with the department of job and family services, or its ~~designee~~ representative, for the ~~child's~~ emancipated young adult's care and placement. The agreement shall ~~expire within one hundred eighty days and may not be renewed without court approval~~ stay in effect until one of the following occurs:

(1) The emancipated young adult enrolled in the program notifies the department, or its representative, that they want to terminate the agreement.

(2) The emancipated young adult becomes ineligible for the program.

(B) ~~Prior to the agreement's expiration~~ During the one-hundred-eighty-day period after the voluntary participation agreement becomes effective, the department or its ~~designee~~ representative shall seek

approval from the court that the ~~child's~~ emancipated young adult's best interest is served by ~~extending~~ continuing the care and placement with the department or its ~~designee~~ representative.

(C) In order to maintain Title IV-E eligibility for the emancipated young adult, not later than twelve months after the effective date of the voluntary participation agreement, and at least once every twelve months thereafter, the department or its representative must petition the court for, and obtain, a judicial determination that the department or its representative has made reasonable efforts to finalize a permanency plan that addresses the department's or its representative's efforts to prepare the emancipated young adult for independence.

Sec. 5101.1414. (A) Not later than nine months after September 13, 2016, the effective date of H.B. 50 of the 131st general assembly, the department of job and family services shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the purposes of sections 5101.1411 to 5101.1413 of the Revised Code, including rules that do all of the following:

(1) Allow ~~a person~~ an emancipated young adult described in division (A)(1) of section 5101.1411 of the Revised Code who is directly receiving foster care payments, or on whose behalf such foster care payments are received, or ~~a person~~ an adopted young adult whose adoptive parents are receiving adoption assistance payments, to maintain eligibility while transitioning into, or out of, qualified employment or educational activities;

(2) Require that a thirty-day notice of termination be given by the department to ~~a person~~ an emancipated young adult described in division (A)(1) of section 5101.1411 of the Revised Code who is receiving foster care payments, or on whose behalf such foster care payments are received, or to a parent receiving adoption assistance payments for an adopted ~~person~~ young adult described in division (B)(1) of section 5101.1411 of the Revised Code, who is determined to be ineligible for payments;

(3) Establish the scope of practice and training necessary for ~~foster care workers and foster care worker~~ case managers and supervisors who care for ~~persons~~ emancipated young adults described in division (A)(1) of section 5101.1411 of the Revised Code who are receiving foster care payments, or on whose behalf such foster care payments are received, under section 5101.1411 of the Revised Code.

(B) The department of job and family services shall create an advisory council to evaluate and make recommendations for statewide implementation of sections 5101.1411 and 5101.1412 of the Revised Code not later than one month after September 13, 2016, the effective date of H.B. 50 of the 131st general assembly.

Sec. 5101.1415. The provisions of divisions (A) and (C) to (F) of section 5101.1411 of the Revised Code shall not apply if the person is eligible for temporary or permanent custody until age twenty-one pursuant to a dispositional order under sections 2151.353, 2151.414, and 2151.415 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5101.56. (A) As used in this section, "physician" means a person who holds a valid ~~certificate~~ license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery issued under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code.

(B) Unless required by the United States Constitution or by federal statute, regulation, or decisions of federal courts, state or local funds may not be used for payment or reimbursement for abortion services unless the certification required by division (C) of this section is made and one of the following circumstances exists:

(1) The woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy, that would, as certified by a physician, place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed.

(2) The pregnancy was the result of an act of rape and the patient, the patient's legal guardian, or the person who made the report to the law enforcement agency, certifies in writing that prior to the performance of the abortion a report was filed with a law enforcement agency having the requisite jurisdiction, unless the patient was physically unable to comply with the reporting requirement and that fact is certified by the physician performing the abortion.

(3) The pregnancy was the result of an act of incest and the patient, the patient's legal guardian, or the person who made the report certifies in writing that prior to the performance of the abortion a report was filed with either a law enforcement agency having the requisite jurisdiction, or, in the case of a minor, with a county children services agency established under Chapter 5153. of the Revised Code, unless the patient was physically unable to comply with the reporting requirement and that fact is certified by the physician performing the abortion.

(C)(1) Before payment of or reimbursement for an abortion can be made with state or local funds, the physician performing the abortion shall certify that one of the three circumstances in division (B) of this section has occurred. The certification shall be made on a form created by the Ohio department of job and family services known as the "Abortion Certification Form." The physician's signature shall be in the physician's own handwriting. The certification shall list the name and address of the patient.

The certification form shall be attached to the billing invoice.

(2) The certification shall be as follows:

I certify that, on the basis of my professional judgment, this service was necessary because:

(a) The woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, that would place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion was performed;

(b) The pregnancy was the result of an act of rape and the patient, the patient's legal guardian, or the person who made the report to the law enforcement agency certified in writing that prior to the performance of the abortion a report was filed with a law enforcement agency having the requisite jurisdiction;

(c) The pregnancy was the result of an act of incest and the patient, the patient's legal guardian, or the person who made the report certified in writing that prior to the performance of the abortion a report was filed with either a law enforcement agency having the requisite jurisdiction or, in the case of a minor, with a county children services agency established under Chapter 5153. of the Revised Code;

(d) The pregnancy was the result of an act of rape and in my professional opinion the recipient was physically unable to comply with the reporting requirement; or

(e) The pregnancy was a result of an act of incest and in my professional opinion the recipient was physically unable to comply with the reporting requirement.

(D) Payment or reimbursement for abortion services shall not be made with state or local funds for associated services such as anesthesia, laboratory tests, or hospital services if the abortion service itself cannot be paid or reimbursed with state or local funds. All abortion services for which a physician is seeking reimbursement or payment for the purposes of this division shall be submitted on a hard-copy billing invoice.

(E) Documentation that supports the certification made by a physician shall be maintained by the physician in the recipient's medical record. When the physician certifies that circumstances described in division (C)(2)(b) or (c) of this section are the case, a copy of the statement signed by the patient, the patient's legal guardian, or the person who made the report shall be maintained in the patient's medical record.

(F) Nothing in this section denies reimbursement for drugs or devices to prevent implantation of the fertilized ovum, or for medical procedures for the termination of an ectopic pregnancy. This section does not apply to

treatments for incomplete, missed, or septic abortions.

(G) If enforcement of this section will adversely affect eligibility of the state or a political subdivision of the state for participation in a federal program, this section shall be enforced to the extent permissible without preventing participation in that federal program.

Sec. 5101.83. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Assistance group" has the same meaning as in section 5107.02 of the Revised Code, except that it also means a group provided benefits and services under the prevention, retention, and contingency program or the comprehensive case management and employment program.

(2) "Fraudulent assistance" means assistance and ~~service~~ services, including cash assistance, provided under the Ohio works first program established under Chapter 5107., or benefits and services provided under the prevention, retention, and contingency program established under Chapter 5108. of the Revised Code or under the comprehensive case management and employment program established under Chapter 5116. of the Revised Code, to or on behalf of an assistance group that is provided as a result of fraud by a member of the assistance group, including an intentional violation of the program's requirements. "Fraudulent assistance" does not include assistance or services to or on behalf of an assistance group that is provided as a result of an error that is the fault of a county department of job and family services or the ~~state~~ Ohio department of job and family services.

(B) If a county director of job and family services determines that an assistance group has received fraudulent assistance, the assistance group is ineligible to participate in the Ohio works first program ~~or~~, the prevention, retention, and contingency program, or the comprehensive case management and employment program until a member of the assistance group repays the cost of the fraudulent assistance. If a member repays the cost of the fraudulent assistance and the assistance group otherwise meets the eligibility requirements for the Ohio works first program ~~or~~, the prevention, retention, and contingency program, or the comprehensive case management and employment program, the assistance group shall not be denied the opportunity to participate in the program.

This section does not limit the ability of a county department of job and family services to recover erroneous payments under section 5107.76 of the Revised Code.

The ~~state~~ Ohio department of job and family services shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section.

Sec. 5101.85. As used in sections 5101.851 to ~~5101.853~~ 5101.856 of the

Revised Code, "kinship caregiver" means any of the following who is eighteen years of age or older and is caring for a child in place of the child's parents:

- (A) The following individuals related by blood or adoption to the child:
 - (1) Grandparents, including grandparents with the prefix "great," "great-great," or "great-great-great";
 - (2) Siblings;
 - (3) Aunts, uncles, nephews, and nieces, including such relatives with the prefix "great," "great-great," "grand," or "great-grand";
 - (4) First cousins and first cousins once removed.
- (B) Stepparents and stepsiblings of the child;
- (C) Spouses and former spouses of individuals named in divisions (A) and (B) of this section;
- (D) A legal guardian of the child;
- (E) A legal custodian of the child;
- (F) Any nonrelative adult that has a familiar and long-standing relationship or bond with the child or the family, which relationship or bond will ensure the child's social ties.

Sec. 5101.851. The department of job and family services ~~may~~ shall establish a statewide ~~program of kinship care navigators~~ navigator program to assist kinship caregivers who are seeking information regarding, or assistance obtaining, services and benefits available at the state and local level that address the needs of those caregivers residing in each county. The program shall provide to kinship caregivers information and referral services and assistance obtaining support services including the following:

- (A) Publicly funded child care;
- (B) Respite care;
- (C) Training related to caring for special needs children;
- (D) A toll-free telephone number that may be called to obtain basic information about the rights of, and services available to, kinship caregivers;
- (E) Legal services.

Sec. 5101.853. The director of job and family services shall divide the state into not less than five and not greater than twelve regions, for the kinship care navigator program under section 5101.851 of the Revised Code. The director shall take the following into consideration when establishing the regions:

- (A) The population size;
- (B) The estimated number of kinship caregivers;
- (C) The expertise of kinship navigators;
- (D) Any other factor the director considers relevant.

Sec. 5101.854. The program in each kinship care navigator region established under section 5101.853 of the Revised Code shall provide information and referral services and assistance in obtaining support services for kinship caregivers within its region.

Sec. ~~5101.853~~ 5101.855. The Not later than one year after the effective date of this amendment, the department of job and family services ~~may~~ shall adopt rules to implement the kinship care ~~navigators~~ navigator program. The rules shall be adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, except that rules governing fiscal and administrative matters related to implementation of the ~~navigators~~ program are internal management rules and shall be adopted under section 111.15 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5101.856. (A)(1) The kinship care navigator program shall be funded to the extent that general revenue funds have been appropriated by the general assembly for that purpose.

(2) The director of job and family services shall take any action necessary to obtain funds available for the kinship care navigator program under Title IV-E of the "Social Security Act," 94 Stat. 501 (1980), 42 U.S.C. 670, as amended.

(B) The department shall pay the full nonfederal share for the kinship care navigator program. No county department of job and family services or public children services agency shall be responsible for the cost of the program.

Sec. 5103.02. As used in sections 5103.03 to ~~5103.17~~ 5103.181 of the Revised Code:

(A)(1) "Association" or "institution" includes all of the following:

(a) Any incorporated or unincorporated organization, society, association, or agency, public or private, that receives or cares for children for two or more consecutive weeks;

(b) Any individual, including the operator of a foster home, who, for hire, gain, or reward, receives or cares for children for two or more consecutive weeks, unless the individual is related to them by blood or marriage;

(c) Any individual not in the regular employ of a court, or of an institution or association certified in accordance with section 5103.03 of the Revised Code, who in any manner becomes a party to the placing of children in foster homes, unless the individual is related to such children by blood or marriage or is the appointed guardian of such children.

(2) "Association" or "institution" does not include any of the following:

(a) Any organization, society, association, school, agency, child guidance center, detention or rehabilitation facility, or children's clinic

licensed, regulated, approved, operated under the direction of, or otherwise certified by the department of education, a local board of education, the department of youth services, the department of mental health and addiction services, or the department of developmental disabilities;

(b) Any individual who provides care for only a single-family group, placed there by their parents or other relative having custody;

(c) A private, nonprofit therapeutic wilderness camp;

(d) A qualified organization as defined in section 2151.90 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Family foster home" means a foster home that is not a specialized foster home.

(C) "Foster caregiver" means a person holding a valid foster home certificate issued under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Foster home" means a private residence in which children are received apart from their parents, guardian, or legal custodian, by an individual reimbursed for providing the children nonsecure care, supervision, or training twenty-four hours a day. "Foster home" does not include care provided for a child in the home of a person other than the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian while the parent, guardian, or legal custodian is temporarily away. Family foster homes and specialized foster homes are types of foster homes.

(E) "Medically fragile foster home" means a foster home that provides specialized medical services designed to meet the needs of children with intensive health care needs who meet all of the following criteria:

(1) Under rules adopted by the medicaid director governing medicaid payments for long-term care services, the children require a skilled level of care.

(2) The children require the services of a doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine at least once a week due to the instability of their medical conditions.

(3) The children require the services of a registered nurse on a daily basis.

(4) The children are at risk of institutionalization in a hospital, skilled nursing facility, or intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

(F) "Private, nonprofit therapeutic wilderness camp" means a structured, alternative residential setting for children who are experiencing emotional, behavioral, moral, social, or learning difficulties at home or school in which all of the following are the case:

(1) The children spend the majority of their time, including overnight,

either outdoors or in a primitive structure.

(2) The children have been placed there by their parents or another relative having custody.

(3) The camp accepts no public funds for use in its operations.

(G) "Recommending agency" means a public children services agency, private child placing agency, or private noncustodial agency that recommends that the department of job and family services take any of the following actions under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code regarding a foster home:

- (1) Issue a certificate;
- (2) Deny a certificate;
- (3) Renew a certificate;
- (4) Deny renewal of a certificate;
- (5) Revoke a certificate.

(H) "Specialized foster home" means a medically fragile foster home or a treatment foster home.

(I) "Treatment foster home" means a foster home that incorporates special rehabilitative services designed to treat the specific needs of the children received in the foster home and that receives and cares for children who are emotionally or behaviorally disturbed, who are chemically dependent, who have developmental disabilities, or who otherwise have exceptional needs.

Sec. 5103.037. (A) Prior to employing or appointing a person as board president, or as an administrator or officer, an institution or association shall do the following regarding the person:

(1) Request a summary report of a search of the uniform statewide automated child welfare information system in accordance with divisions (A) and (B) of section 5103.18 of the Revised Code;

(2) Request a certified search of the findings for recovery database;

(3) Conduct a database review at the federal web site known as the system for award management;

(4) Conduct a search of the United States department of justice national sex offender public web site.

(B) The institution or association may refuse to hire or appoint a person as board president, or as an administrator or officer as follows:

(1) Based solely on the findings of the summary report described in division (B)(1)(a) of section 5103.18 of the Revised Code or the results of the search described in division (A)(4) of this section;

(2) Based on the results of a certified search or database review described in division (A)(2) or (3) of this section, when considered within

the totality of circumstances.

(C) The director of job and family services shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code necessary for the implementation and execution of this section.

Sec. 5103.0310. (A) Prior to employing a person, an institution or association, as defined in division (A)(1)(a) of section 5103.02 of the Revised Code, shall do the following regarding the person:

(1) Conduct a search of the United States department of justice national sex offender public web site regarding the person;

(2) Request a summary report of a search of the uniform statewide automated child welfare information system in accordance with divisions (A) and (B) of section 5103.18 of the Revised Code.

(B) The institution or association may refuse to hire the person based solely on the results of the search described in division (A)(1) of this section or the findings of the summary report described in division (B)(1)(a) of section 5103.18 of the Revised Code.

(C) The director of job and family services shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code necessary for the implementation and execution of this section.

Sec. 5103.0328. (A) Not later than ninety-six hours after receiving notice from the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation pursuant to section 109.5721 of the Revised Code that a foster caregiver has been arrested for, convicted of, or pleaded guilty to any foster caregiver-disqualifying offense, and not later than ninety-six hours after learning in any other manner that a foster caregiver has been arrested for, convicted of, or pleaded guilty to any foster caregiver-disqualifying offense, the department of job and family services shall provide notice of that arrest, conviction, or guilty plea to both the recommending agency relative to the foster caregiver and the custodial agency of any child currently placed with that caregiver.

(B) If a recommending agency receives notice from the department of job and family services pursuant to division (A) of this section that a foster caregiver has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any foster caregiver-disqualifying offense, or if a recommending agency learns in any other manner that a foster caregiver has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any foster caregiver-disqualifying offense, the recommending agency shall assess the foster caregiver's overall situation for safety concerns and forward any recommendations, if applicable, for revoking the foster caregiver's certificate to the department for the department's review for possible revocation.

(C) As used in this section, "foster caregiver-disqualifying offense" means any offense or violation listed or described in division (C)(1)(~~a~~) or (~~b~~) of section 2151.86 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5103.13. (A) As used in this section and section 5103.131 of the Revised Code:

(1)(a) "Children's crisis care facility" means a facility that has as its primary purpose the provision of residential and other care to either or both of the following:

(i) One or more preteens voluntarily placed in the facility by the preteen's parent or other caretaker who is facing a crisis that causes the parent or other caretaker to seek temporary care for the preteen and referral for support services;

(ii) One or more preteens placed in the facility by a public children services agency or private child placing agency that has legal custody or permanent custody of the preteen and determines that an emergency situation exists necessitating the preteen's placement in the facility rather than an institution certified under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code or elsewhere.

(b) "Children's crisis care facility" does not include either of the following:

(i) Any organization, society, association, school, agency, child guidance center, detention or rehabilitation facility, or children's clinic licensed, regulated, approved, operated under the direction of, or otherwise certified by the department of education, a local board of education, the department of youth services, the department of mental health and addiction services, or the department of developmental disabilities;

(ii) Any individual who provides care for only a single-family group, placed there by their parents or other relative having custody.

(2) "Legal custody" and "permanent custody" have the same meanings as in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Preteen" means an individual under thirteen years of age.

(B) No person shall operate a children's crisis care facility or hold a children's crisis care facility out as a certified children's crisis care facility unless there is a valid children's crisis care facility certificate issued under this section for the facility.

(C) A person seeking to operate a children's crisis care facility shall apply to the director of job and family services to obtain a certificate for the facility. The director shall certify the person's children's crisis care facility if the facility meets all of the certification standards established in rules adopted under division (F) of this section and the person complies with all

of the rules governing the certification of children's crisis care facilities adopted under that division. The issuance of a children's crisis care facility certificate does not exempt the facility from a requirement to obtain another certificate or license mandated by law.

(D)(1) No certified children's crisis care facility shall do any of the following:

(a) Provide residential care to a preteen for more than one hundred twenty days in a calendar year;

(b) Subject to division (D)(1)(c) of this section and except as provided in division (D)(2) of this section, provide residential care to a preteen for more than sixty consecutive days;

(c) ~~Except as provided in division (D)(3) of this section, provide~~ Provide residential care to a preteen for more than ~~seventy-two~~ fourteen consecutive ~~hours~~ days if a public children services agency or private child placing agency placed the preteen in the facility;

(d) Fail to comply with section 2151.86 of the Revised Code.

(2) A certified children's crisis care facility may provide residential care to a preteen for up to ninety consecutive days, other than a preteen placed in the facility by a public children services agency or private child placing agency, if any of the following are the case:

(a) The preteen's parent or other caretaker is enrolled in an alcohol and drug addiction service or a community mental health service certified under section 5119.36 of the Revised Code;

(b) The preteen's parent or other caretaker is an inpatient in a hospital;

(c) The preteen's parent or other caretaker is incarcerated;

(d) A physician has diagnosed the preteen's parent or other caretaker as medically incapacitated.

~~(3) A certified children's crisis care facility may provide residential care to a preteen placed in the facility by a public children services agency or private child placing agency for more than seventy-two consecutive hours if the director of job and family services or the director's designee issues the agency a waiver of the seventy-two consecutive hour limitation. The waiver may authorize the certified children's crisis care facility to provide residential care to the preteen for up to fourteen consecutive days.~~

(E) The director of job and family services may suspend or revoke a children's crisis care facility's certificate pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code if the facility violates division (D) of this section or ceases to meet any of the certification standards established in rules adopted under division (F) of this section or the facility's operator ceases to comply with any of the rules governing the certification of children's crisis care facilities

adopted under that division.

(F) Not later than ninety days after September 21, 2006, the director of job and family services shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for the certification of children's crisis care facilities. The rules shall specify that a certificate shall not be issued to an applicant if the conditions at the children's crisis care facility would jeopardize the health or safety of the preteens placed in the facility.

Sec. 5103.181. (A) Prior to certification or recertification of a foster home under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code, a recommending agency shall conduct a search of the United States department of justice national sex offender public web site regarding the prospective or current foster caregiver and all persons eighteen years of age or older who reside with the prospective or current foster caregiver. Certification or recertification may be denied based solely on the results of the search.

(B) The director of job and family services shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code necessary for the implementation and execution of this section.

Sec. 5103.30. The Ohio child welfare training program is hereby established in the department of job and family services as a statewide program. The program shall provide all of the following:

(A) The training that section 3107.014 of the Revised Code requires an assessor to complete;

(B) The preplacement training that sections 5103.031 and 5103.033 of the Revised Code require a prospective foster caregiver to complete;

(C) The continuing training that sections 5103.032 and 5103.033 of the Revised Code require a foster caregiver to complete;

(D) The training that section 5153.122 of the Revised Code requires a PCSA caseworker to complete;

(E) The training that section 5153.123 of the Revised Code requires a PCSA caseworker supervisor to complete;

(F) The training required under section 5101.1414 of the Revised Code for a ~~foster care worker or foster care worker~~ case manager and supervisor.

Sec. 5104.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Administrator" means the person responsible for the daily operation of a center, type A home, or ~~type B home~~ approved child day camp. The administrator and the owner may be the same person.

(B) "Approved child day camp" means a child day camp approved pursuant to section 5104.22 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Authorized representative" means an individual employed by a center, type A home, or approved child day camp that is owned by a person

other than an individual and who is authorized by the owner to do all of the following:

(1) Communicate on the owner's behalf;

(2) Submit on the owner's behalf applications for licensure or approval;

(3) Enter into on the owner's behalf provider agreements for publicly funded child care.

(D) "Border state child care provider" means a child care provider that is located in a state bordering Ohio and that is licensed, certified, or otherwise approved by that state to provide child care funded by the child care block grant act.

~~(D)~~(E) "Career pathways model" means an alternative pathway to meeting the requirements to be a child-care staff member or administrator that does both of the following:

(1) Uses a framework approved by the director of job and family services to document formal education, training, experience, and specialized credentials and certifications;

(2) Allows the child-care staff member or administrator to achieve a designation as an early childhood professional level one, two, three, four, five, or six.

~~(E)~~(F) "Caretaker parent" means the father or mother of a child whose presence in the home is needed as the caretaker of the child, a person who has legal custody of a child and whose presence in the home is needed as the caretaker of the child, a guardian of a child whose presence in the home is needed as the caretaker of the child, and any other person who stands in loco parentis with respect to the child and whose presence in the home is needed as the caretaker of the child.

~~(F)~~(G) "Chartered nonpublic school" means a school that meets standards for nonpublic schools prescribed by the state board of education for nonpublic schools pursuant to section 3301.07 of the Revised Code.

~~(G)~~(H) "Child" includes an infant, toddler, preschool-age child, or school-age child.

~~(H)~~(I) "Child care block grant act" means the "Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990," ~~established in section 5082 of the "Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990," 104 Stat. 1388-236 (1990) 2014,~~ 128 Stat. 1971 (2014), 42 U.S.C. 9858, as amended.

~~(I)~~(J) "Child day camp" means a program in which only school-age children attend or participate, that operates for no more than ~~seven~~ twelve hours per day, ~~that operates only during one or more public school district's regular vacation periods or for~~ and no more than fifteen weeks during the summer, ~~and that operates outdoor activities for each child who attends or~~

~~participates in the program for a minimum of fifty per cent of each day that children attend or participate in the program, except for any day when hazardous weather conditions prevent the program from operating outdoor activities for a minimum of fifty per cent of that day.~~ For purposes of this division, the maximum ~~seven~~ twelve hours of operation time does not include transportation time from a child's home to a child day camp and from a child day camp to a child's home.

~~(J)~~(K) "Child care" means all of the following:

- (1) Administering to the needs of infants, toddlers, preschool-age children, and school-age children outside of school hours;
- (2) By persons other than their parents, guardians, or custodians;
- (3) For ~~any~~ part of the twenty-four-hour day;
- (4) In a place other than a child's own home, except that an in-home aide provides child care in the child's own home;

(5) By a provider required by this chapter to be licensed or approved by the department of job and family services, certified by a county department of job and family services, or under contract with the department to provide publicly funded child care as described in section 5104.32 of the Revised Code.

~~(K)~~(L) "Child day-care center" and "center" mean ~~any place in which child care or publicly funded child care is provided for thirteen or more children at one time or~~ any place that is not the permanent residence of the licensee or administrator in which child care or publicly funded child care is provided for ~~seven to twelve or more~~ seven or more children at one time. ~~In counting children for the purposes of this division, any children under six years of age who are related to a licensee, administrator, or employee and who are on the premises of the center shall be counted.~~ "Child day-care center" and "center" do not include any of the following:

- (1) A place located in and operated by a hospital, as defined in section 3727.01 of the Revised Code, in which the needs of children are administered to, if all the children whose needs are being administered to are monitored under the on-site supervision of a physician licensed under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code or a registered nurse licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code, and the services are provided only for children who, in the opinion of the child's parent, guardian, or custodian, are exhibiting symptoms of a communicable disease or other illness or are injured;
- (2) A child day camp;
- (3) A place that provides ~~child care, but not publicly funded child care,~~ if all of the following apply:

- (a) An organized religious body provides the ~~child~~ care;
- (b) A parent, custodian, or guardian of at least one child receiving ~~child~~ care is on the premises and readily accessible at all times;
- (c) The ~~child~~ care is not provided for more than thirty days a year;
- (d) The ~~child~~ care is provided only for preschool-age and school-age children.

~~(L)~~(M) "Child care resource and referral service organization" means a community-based nonprofit organization that provides child care resource and referral services but not child care.

~~(M)~~(N) "Child care resource and referral services" means all of the following services:

- (1) Maintenance of a uniform data base of all child care providers in the community that are in compliance with this chapter, including current occupancy and vacancy data;
- (2) Provision of individualized consumer education to families seeking child care;
- (3) Provision of timely referrals of available child care providers to families seeking child care;
- (4) Recruitment of child care providers;
- (5) Assistance in ~~the development, conduct, and dissemination of~~ developing, conducting, and disseminating training for child care ~~providers~~ professionals and provision of technical assistance to current and potential child care providers, employers, and the community;
- (6) Collection and analysis of data on the supply of and demand for child care in the community;
- (7) Technical assistance concerning locally, state, and federally funded child care and early childhood education programs;
- (8) Stimulation of employer involvement in making child care more affordable, more available, safer, and of higher quality for their employees and for the community;
- (9) Provision of written educational materials to caretaker parents and informational resources to child care providers;
- (10) Coordination of services among child care resource and referral service organizations to assist in developing and maintaining a statewide system of child care resource and referral services if required by the department of job and family services;
- (11) Cooperation with the county department of job and family services in encouraging the establishment of parent cooperative child care centers and parent cooperative type A family day-care homes.

~~(N)~~(O) "Child-care staff member" means an employee of a child

day-care center ~~or~~, type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, or approved child day camp who is primarily responsible for the care and supervision of children. The administrator, authorized representative, or owner may be a ~~part-time~~ child-care staff member when not involved in other duties.

~~(O)~~(P) "Drop-in child day-care center," "drop-in center," "drop-in type A family day-care home," and "drop-in type A home" mean a center or type A home that provides child care or publicly funded child care for children on a temporary, irregular basis.

~~(P)~~(Q) "Employee" means a person who either:

(1) Receives compensation for duties performed in a child day-care center ~~or~~, type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, or approved child day camp;

(2) Is assigned specific working hours or duties in a child day-care center ~~or~~, type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, or approved child day camp.

~~(Q)~~(R) "Employer" means a person, firm, institution, organization, or agency that operates a child day-care center ~~or~~, type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, or approved child day camp subject to licensure or approval under this chapter.

~~(R)~~(S) "Federal poverty line" means the official poverty guideline as revised annually in accordance with section 673(2) of the "Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981," 95 Stat. 511, 42 U.S.C. 9902, as amended, for a family size equal to the size of the family of the person whose income is being determined.

~~(S)~~(T) "Head start program" means a comprehensive child development program serving birth to three years old and preschool-age children that receives funds distributed under the "Head Start Act," 95 Stat. 499 (1981), 42 U.S.C.A. 9831, as amended, and is licensed as a child ~~day-care center~~ care program.

~~(T)~~(U) "Homeless child care" means child care provided to a child who satisfies any of the following:

(1) Is homeless as defined in 42 U.S.C. 11302;

(2) Is a homeless child or youth as defined in 42 U.S.C. 11434a;

(3) Resides temporarily with a caretaker in a facility providing emergency shelter for homeless families or is determined by a county department of job and family services to be homeless.

(V) "Income" means gross income, as defined in section 5107.10 of the Revised Code, less any amounts required by federal statutes or regulations to be disregarded.

~~(U)~~(W) "Indicator checklist" means an inspection tool, used in conjunction with an instrument-based program monitoring information system, that contains selected licensing requirements that are statistically reliable indicators or predictors of a child day-care center's type A family day-care home's, or licensed type B family day-care home's compliance with licensing requirements.

~~(V)~~(X) "Infant" means a child who is less than eighteen months of age.

~~(W)~~(Y) "In-home aide" means a person who does not reside with the child but provides care in the child's home and is certified by a county director of job and family services pursuant to section 5104.12 of the Revised Code to provide publicly funded child care to a child in a child's own home pursuant to this chapter and any rules adopted under it.

~~(X)~~(Z) "Instrument-based program monitoring information system" means a method to assess compliance with licensing requirements for child day-care centers, type A family day-care homes, and licensed type B family day-care homes in which each licensing requirement is assigned a weight indicative of the relative importance of the requirement to the health, growth, and safety of the children that is used to develop an indicator checklist.

~~(Y)~~(AA) "License capacity" means the maximum number in each age category of children who may be cared for in a child day-care center ~~or~~, type A family day-care home, or licensed type B family day-care home at one time as determined by the director of job and family services considering building occupancy limits established by the department of commerce, amount of available indoor floor space and outdoor play space, and amount of available play equipment, materials, and supplies. ~~For the purposes of a provisional license issued under this chapter, the director shall also consider the number of available child care staff members when determining "license capacity" for the provisional license.~~

~~(Z)~~(BB) "Licensed child care program" means any of the following:

(1) A child day-care center licensed by the department of job and family services pursuant to this chapter;

(2) A type A family day-care home or type B family day-care home licensed by the department of job and family services pursuant to this chapter;

(3) A licensed preschool program or licensed school child program.

~~(AA)~~(CC) "Licensed preschool program" or "licensed school child program" means a preschool program or school child program, as defined in section 3301.52 of the Revised Code, that is licensed by the department of education pursuant to sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code.

~~(BB)~~(DD) "Licensed type B family day-care home" and "licensed type B home" mean a type B family day-care home for which there is a valid license issued by the director of job and family services pursuant to section 5104.03 of the Revised Code.

~~(CC)~~(EE) "Licensee" means the owner of a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, or type B family day-care home that is licensed pursuant to this chapter and who is responsible for ensuring its compliance with this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.

~~(DD)~~(FF) "Operate a child day camp" means to operate, establish, manage, conduct, or maintain a child day camp.

~~(EE)~~(GG) "Owner" includes a person, as defined in section 1.59 of the Revised Code, or government entity.

~~(FF)~~(HH) "Parent cooperative child day-care center," "parent cooperative center," "parent cooperative type A family day-care home," and "parent cooperative type A home" mean a corporation or association organized for providing educational services to the children of members of the corporation or association, without gain to the corporation or association as an entity, in which the services of the corporation or association are provided only to children of the members of the corporation or association, ownership and control of the corporation or association rests solely with the members of the corporation or association, and at least one parent-member of the corporation or association is on the premises of the center or type A home during its hours of operation.

~~(GG)~~(II) "Part-time child day-care center," "part-time center," "part-time type A family day-care home," and "part-time type A home" mean a center or type A home that provides child care or publicly funded child care for not more than four hours a day for any child or not more than fifteen consecutive weeks per year, regardless of the number of hours per day.

~~(HH)~~(JJ) "Place of worship" means a building where activities of an organized religious group are conducted and includes the grounds and any other buildings on the grounds used for such activities.

~~(II)~~(KK) "Preschool-age child" means a child who is three years old or older but is not a school-age child.

~~(JJ)~~(LL) "Protective child care" means publicly funded child care for the direct care and protection of a child to whom ~~either~~ all of the following ~~applies~~ apply:

(1) A case plan has been prepared and maintained for the child pursuant to section 2151.412 of the Revised Code.

(2) The case plan indicates a need for protective care ~~and the~~.

(3) The child resides with a parent, stepparent, guardian, or another person who stands in loco parentis as defined in rules adopted under section 5104.38 of the Revised Code;

~~(2) The child and the child's caretaker either temporarily reside in a facility providing emergency shelter for homeless families or are determined by the county department of job and family services to be homeless, and are otherwise ineligible for publicly funded child care.~~

~~(KK)~~(MM) "Publicly funded child care" means administering to the needs of infants, toddlers, preschool-age children, and school-age children under age thirteen during any part of the twenty-four-hour day by persons other than their caretaker parents for remuneration wholly or in part with federal or state funds, including funds available under the child care block grant act, Title IV-A, and Title XX, distributed by the department of job and family services.

~~(LL)~~(NN) "Religious activities" means any of the following: worship or other religious services; religious instruction; Sunday school classes or other religious classes conducted during or prior to worship or other religious services; youth or adult fellowship activities; choir or other musical group practices or programs; meals; festivals; or meetings conducted by an organized religious group.

~~(MM)~~(OO) "School-age child" means a child who is enrolled in or is eligible to be enrolled in a grade of kindergarten or above but is less than fifteen years old or, in the case of a child who is receiving special needs child care, is less than eighteen years old.

~~(NN) "School-age child care center" and "school-age child type A home" mean a center or type A home that provides child care for school-age children only and that does either or both of the following:~~

~~(1) Operates only during that part of the day that immediately precedes or follows the public school day of the school district in which the center or type A home is located;~~

~~(2) Operates only when the public schools in the school district in which the center or type A home is located are not open for instruction with pupils in attendance.~~

~~(OO)~~(PP) "Serious risk noncompliance" means a licensure or certification rule violation that leads to a great risk of harm to, or death of, a child, and is observable, not inferable.

~~(PP) "State median income" means the state median income calculated by the department of development pursuant to division (A)(1)(g) of section 5709.61 of the Revised Code~~

(QQ) "Special needs child care" means child care provided to a child

who is less than eighteen years of age and either has one or more chronic health conditions or does not meet age appropriate expectations in one or more areas of development, including social, emotional, cognitive, communicative, perceptual, motor, physical, and behavioral development and that may include on a regular basis such services, adaptations, modifications, or adjustments needed to assist in the child's function or development.

~~(QQ)~~(RR) "Title IV-A" means Title IV-A of the "Social Security Act," 110 Stat. 2113 (1996), 42 U.S.C. 601, as amended.

~~(RR)~~(SS) "Title XX" means Title XX of the "Social Security Act," 88 Stat. 2337 (1974), 42 U.S.C. 1397, as amended.

~~(SS)~~(TT) "Toddler" means a child who is at least eighteen months of age but less than three years of age.

~~(TT)~~(UU) "Type A family day-care home" and "type A home" mean a permanent residence of the administrator in which child care or publicly funded child care is provided for seven to twelve children at one time or a permanent residence of the administrator in which child care is provided for four to twelve children at one time if four or more children at one time are under two years of age. In counting children for the purposes of this division, any children under six years of age who are related to a licensee, administrator, or employee and who are on the premises of the type A home shall be counted. "Type A family day-care home" and "type A home" do not include any child day camp.

~~(UU)~~(VV) "Type B family day-care home" and "type B home" mean a permanent residence of the provider in which ~~child~~ care is provided for one to six children at one time and in which no more than three children are under two years of age at one time. In counting children for the purposes of this division, any children under six years of age who are related to the provider and who are on the premises of the type B home shall be counted. "Type B family day-care home" and "type B home" do not include any child day camp.

Sec. 5104.013. ~~(A)(1) At the times specified in division (A)(3) of this section, the director of job and family services, as part of the process of licensure of child day-care centers, type A family day-care homes, and type B family day-care homes shall request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation to conduct a criminal records check with respect to the following persons:~~

~~(a) Any owner, licensee, or administrator of a center;~~

~~(b) Any owner, licensee, or administrator of a type A home or type B home and any person eighteen years of age or older who resides in a type A~~

~~home or type B home.~~

~~(2) At the time specified in division (A)(3) of this section, the director of a county department of job and family services, as part of the process of certification of in-home aides, shall request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation to conduct a criminal records check with respect to any in-home aide.~~

~~(3) The director of job and family services shall request a criminal records check pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section at the time of the initial application for licensure and every five years thereafter. The director of a county department of job and family services shall request a criminal records check pursuant to division (A)(2) of this section at the time of the initial application for certification and every five years thereafter. When the director of job and family services or the director of a county department of job and family services requests pursuant to division (A)(1) or (2) of this section a criminal records check for a person at the time of the person's initial application for licensure or certification, the director shall request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as a part of the criminal records check for the person, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as described in 42 U.S.C. 671 for the person subject to the criminal records check. In all other cases in which the director of job and family services or the director of a county department of job and family services requests a criminal records check for an applicant pursuant to division (A)(1) or (2) of this section, the director may request that the superintendent include information from the federal bureau of investigation in the criminal records check, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as described in 42 U.S.C. 671.~~

~~(4) The director of job and family services shall review the results of a criminal records check subsequent to a request made pursuant to divisions (A)(1) and (3) of this section prior to approval of a license. The director of a county department of job and family services shall review the results of a criminal records check subsequent to a request made pursuant to divisions (A)(2) and (3) of this section prior to approval of certification.~~

~~(B) The director of job and family services or the director of a county department of job and family services shall provide to each person for whom a criminal records check is required under this section a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and a standard impression sheet to obtain fingerprint impressions prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section, obtain the~~

~~completed form and impression sheet from that person, and forward the completed form and impression sheet to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation.~~

~~(C) A person who receives pursuant to division (B) of this section a copy of the form and standard impression sheet described in that division and who is requested to complete the form and provide a set of fingerprint impressions shall complete the form or provide all the information necessary to complete the form and shall provide the impression sheet with the impressions of the person's fingerprints. If the person, upon request, fails to provide the information necessary to complete the form or fails to provide impressions of the person's fingerprints, the director may consider the failure as a reason to deny licensure or certification.~~

~~(D) Except as provided in rules adopted under division (N) of this section:~~

~~(1) The director of job and family services shall not grant a license to a center, type A home, or type B home and a county director of job and family services shall not certify an in-home aide if a person for whom a criminal records check was required in connection with the center or home previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the violations described in division (A)(5) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(2) The director of job and family services shall not grant a license to a type A home or type B home if a resident of the type A home or type B home is under eighteen years of age and has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a violation of any section listed in division (A)(5) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(E) Each center, type A home, and type B home shall pay to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation the fee prescribed pursuant to division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code for each criminal records check conducted in accordance with that section upon a request made pursuant to division (A) of this section.~~

~~(F)(1) At the times specified in division (F)(2) of this section, the administrator of a center, type A home or licensed type B home shall request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation to conduct a criminal records check with respect to any applicant who has applied to the center, type A home, or licensed type B home for employment.~~

~~(2) The administrator shall request a criminal records check pursuant to division (F)(1) of this section at the time of the applicant's initial application for employment and every five years thereafter. When the administrator requests pursuant to division (F)(1) of this section a criminal records check~~

~~for an applicant at the time of the applicant's initial application for employment, the administrator shall request that the superintendent obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as a part of the criminal records check for the applicant, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as described in 42 U.S.C. 671, for the person subject to the criminal records check. In all other cases in which the administrator requests a criminal records check for an applicant pursuant to division (F)(1) of this section, the administrator may request that the superintendent include information from the federal bureau of investigation in the criminal records check, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as described in 42 U.S.C. 671.~~

~~(G) Any person required by division (F) of this section to request a criminal records check shall inform each person, at the time of the person's initial application for employment, that the person is required to provide a set of impressions of the person's fingerprints and that a criminal records check is required to be conducted and satisfactorily completed in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code if the person comes under final consideration for appointment or employment as a precondition to employment for that position.~~

~~(H) A person required by division (F) of this section to request a criminal records check shall provide to each applicant a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, provide to each applicant a standard impression sheet to obtain fingerprint impressions prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, obtain the completed form and impression sheet from each applicant, and forward the completed form and impression sheet to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation at the time the person requests a criminal records check pursuant to division (F) of this section.~~

~~(I) An applicant who receives pursuant to division (H) of this section a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and a copy of an impression sheet prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section and who is requested to complete the form and provide a set of fingerprint impressions shall complete the form or provide all the information necessary to complete the form and shall provide the impression sheet with the impressions of the applicant's fingerprints. If an applicant, upon request, fails to provide the information necessary to complete the form or fails to provide impressions of the applicant's fingerprints, the center or type A home shall not employ that applicant for any position for which a criminal records check is required by division (F)~~

of this section.

~~(J)(1) Except as provided in rules adopted under division (N) of this section, no center, type A home, or licensed type B home shall employ or contract with another entity for the services of a person if the person previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the violations described in division (A)(5) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(2) A center, type A home, or licensed type B home may employ an applicant conditionally until the criminal records check required by this section is completed and the center or home receives the results of the criminal records check. If the results of the criminal records check indicate that, pursuant to division (J)(1) of this section, the applicant does not qualify for employment, the center, type A home, or licensed type B home shall release the applicant from employment.~~

~~(3) The administrator of a center, type A home, or licensed type B home shall review the results of the criminal records check before an applicant has sole responsibility for the care, custody, or control of any child.~~

~~(K)(1) Each center, type A home, and licensed type B home shall pay to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation the fee prescribed pursuant to division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code for each criminal records check conducted in accordance with that section upon the request pursuant to division (F) of this section of the administrator of the center, type A home, or licensed type B home.~~

~~(2) A center, type A home, or licensed type B home may charge an applicant a fee for the costs it incurs in obtaining a criminal records check under this section. A fee charged under this division shall not exceed the amount of fees the center, type A home, or licensed type B home pays under division (K)(1) of this section. If a fee is charged under this division, the center, type A home, or licensed type B home shall notify the applicant at the time of the applicant's initial application for employment of the amount of the fee and that, unless the fee is paid, the center, type A home, or licensed type B home will not consider the applicant for employment.~~

~~(L) The report of any criminal records check conducted by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code and pursuant to a request made under division (A) or (F) of this section is not a public record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall not be made available to any person other than the person who is the subject of the criminal records check or the person's representative, the director of job and family services, the director of a county department of job and family services, the center, type A home, or type B home involved, and any court, hearing officer, or other necessary~~

~~individual involved in a case dealing with a denial of licensure or certification related to the criminal records check.~~

~~(M)(1) Each of the following persons shall sign a statement on forms prescribed by the director of job and family services attesting to the fact that the person has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense set forth in division (A)(5) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and that no child has been removed from the person's home pursuant to section 2151.353 of the Revised Code:~~

- ~~(a) An employee of a center, type A home, or licensed type B home;~~
- ~~(b) A person eighteen years of age or older who resides in a type A home or licensed type B home;~~
- ~~(c) An in-home aide;~~
- ~~(d) An owner, licensee, or administrator of a center, type A home, or licensed type B home.~~

~~(2) Each licensee of a type A home or type B home shall sign a statement on a form prescribed by the director of job and family services attesting to the fact that no person who resides at the type A home or licensed type B home and is under eighteen years of age has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a violation of any section listed in division (A)(5) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(3) The statements required under divisions (M)(1) and (2) of this section shall be kept on file as follows:~~

- ~~(a) With respect to an owner, licensee, administrator, or employee of a center, type A home, or licensed type B home, or a person eighteen years of age or older residing in a type A home or licensed type B home, at the center, type A home, or licensed type B home;~~
- ~~(b) With respect to in-home aides, at the county department of job and family services.~~

~~(4) No owner, administrator, licensee, or employee of a center, type A home, or licensed type B home, and no person eighteen years of age or older residing in a type A home or licensed type B home, shall withhold information from, or falsify information on, any statement required pursuant to division (M)(1) or (2) of this section.~~

~~(N) The director of job and family services shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section, including rules specifying exceptions to the prohibitions in divisions (D) and (J) of this section for persons who have been convicted of an offense listed in division (A)(5) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code but who meet standards in regard to rehabilitation set by the director.~~

~~(O) As used in this section:~~

~~(1) "Applicant" means a person who is under final consideration for appointment to or employment in a position with a center, a type A home, or licensed type B home or any person who would serve in any position with a center, type A home, or licensed type B home pursuant to a contract with another entity.~~

~~(2) "Criminal records check" has the same meaning as in section 109.572 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(A) As used in this section:~~

~~(1) "Applicant" means either of the following:~~

~~(a) A person who is under final consideration for appointment to or employment in a position with a licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care, child day-care center, type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, or child day camp;~~

~~(b) A person who would serve in any position with a licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care, child day-care center, type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, or child day camp pursuant to a contract with another entity.~~

~~(2) "Criminal records check" has the same meaning as in section 109.572 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(B)(1) At the times specified in division (B)(2)(a) of this section, the director of job and family services shall request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation to conduct a criminal records check for each of the following persons:~~

~~(a) Any owner or licensee of a child day-care center;~~

~~(b) Any owner or licensee of a type A family day-care home or licensed type B family day-care home and any person eighteen years of age or older who resides in the home;~~

~~(c) Any owner of an approved child day camp;~~

~~(d) Any director of a licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care;~~

~~(e) Any in-home aide;~~

~~(f) Any applicant or employee, including an administrator, of a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, approved child day camp, or licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care.~~

~~(2)(a) The director shall request a criminal records check at the following times:~~

~~(i) In the case of an owner or licensee of child day-care center or an~~

owner or licensee of a type A family day-care home or licensed type B family day-care home or a resident of such a home, at the time of initial application for licensure and every five years thereafter;

(ii) In the case of an owner of an approved child day camp, at the time of initial application for approval and every five years thereafter;

(iii) In the case of a director of a licensed child care program or licensed school child program, at the time of initial application to provide publicly funded child care and every five years thereafter;

(iv) In the case of an in-home aide, at the time of initial application for certification and every five years thereafter;

(v) Except as provided in division (B)(2)(a)(vi) of this section, in the case of an applicant or employee, at the time of initial application for employment and every five years thereafter;

(vi) In the case of an applicant who has been determined eligible for employment after a review of a criminal records check within the past five years and who has been employed by a licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care, child day-care center, type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, or approved child day camp within the past one hundred eighty consecutive days, every five years after the date of the initial determination.

(b) A criminal records check requested at the time of initial application shall include a request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as part of the criminal records check for the person, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as described in 42 U.S.C. 671 for the person subject to the criminal records check.

(c) A criminal records check requested at any time other than the time of initial application may include a request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as part of the criminal records check for the person, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as described in 42 U.S.C. 671 for the person subject to the criminal records check.

(3) With respect to a criminal records check requested for a person described in division (B)(1) of this section, the director of job and family services shall do all of the following:

(a) Provide to the person a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and a standard

impression sheet to obtain fingerprint impressions prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section;

(b) Obtain the completed form and impression sheet from the person;

(c) Forward the completed form and impression sheet to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation;

(d) Review the results of the criminal records check.

(4) A person who receives from the director a copy of the form and standard impression sheet and who is requested to complete the form and provide a set of fingerprint impressions shall complete the form or provide all of the information necessary to complete the form and shall provide the impression sheet with the impressions of the person's fingerprints. If the person, upon request, fails to provide the information necessary to complete the form or fails to provide impressions of the person's fingerprints, the director or a county director of job and family services may consider the failure a reason to deny licensure, approval, or certification or to determine an employee ineligible for employment.

(5) Except as provided in rules adopted under division (F) of this section:

(a) The director of job and family services shall refuse to issue a license to or approve a center, type A home, type B home, child day camp, preschool program, or school child program, and shall revoke a license or approval, and a county director of job and family services shall not certify an in-home aide and shall revoke a certification, if a person for whom a criminal records check was required under division (B)(1)(a) to (B)(1)(e) of this section has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the violations described in division (A)(5) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

(b) The director of job and family services shall not issue a license to a type A home or type B home if a resident of the type A home or type B home is under eighteen years of age and has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing either a violation of any section listed in division (A)(5) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code or an offense of another state or the United States that is substantially equivalent to an offense listed in division (A)(5) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

(c) The director shall determine an applicant or employee ineligible for employment if the person has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the violations described in division (A)(5) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

(6) Each child day-care center, type A home, type B home, approved child day camp, licensed child care program, licensed school child program, and in-home aide shall pay to the bureau of criminal identification and

investigation the fee prescribed pursuant to division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code for each criminal records check conducted in accordance with that section upon a request made pursuant to division (B) of this section.

A center, home, camp, preschool program, or school child program may charge an applicant a fee for the costs it incurs in obtaining a criminal records check under this section. A fee charged under this division shall not exceed the amount the center, home, camp, or program pays under this section. If a fee is charged, the center, home, camp, or program shall notify the applicant at the time of the applicant's initial application for employment of the amount of the fee and that, unless the fee is paid, the center, home, camp, or program will not consider the applicant for employment.

(7) The report of any criminal records check conducted by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code and pursuant to a request made under division (B) of this section is confidential and not a public record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code. The report shall not be made available to any person other than the person who is the subject of the criminal records check or the person's representative, the director of job and family services, the director of a county department of job and family services, and any court, hearing officer, or other necessary individual involved in a case dealing with a denial or revocation of licensure, approval, or certification related to the criminal records check.

(C)(1) At the times specified in division (C)(2) of this section, the director of job and family services shall search the uniform statewide automated child welfare information system for information concerning any abuse or neglect report made pursuant to section 2151.421 of the Revised Code of which any of the following persons is a subject:

- (a) Any owner or licensee of a child day-care center;
- (b) Any owner or licensee of a type A family day-care home or licensed type B family day-care home and any person eighteen years of age or older who resides in the home;
- (c) Any owner of an approved child day camp;
- (d) Any director of a licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care;
- (e) Any in-home aide;
- (f) Any applicant or employee, including an administrator, of a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, approved child day camp, or licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care.

(2) The director shall search the information system at the following times:

(i) In the case of an owner or licensee of child day-care center or an owner or licensee of a type A family day-care home or licensed type B family day-care home or a resident of such a home, at the time of initial application for licensure and every five years thereafter;

(ii) In the case of an owner of an approved child day camp, at the time of initial application for approval and every five years thereafter;

(iii) In the case of a director of a licensed child care program or licensed school child program, at the time of initial application to provide publicly funded child care and every five years thereafter;

(iv) In the case of an in-home aide, at the time of initial application for certification and every five years thereafter;

(v) Except as provided in division (C)(2)(a)(vi) of this section, in the case of an applicant or employee, at the time of initial application for employment and every five years thereafter;

(vi) In the case of an applicant who has been determined eligible for employment after a search of the uniform statewide automated child welfare information system within the past five years and who has been employed by a licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care, child day-care center, type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, or approved child day camp within the past one hundred eighty consecutive days, every five years after the date of the initial determination.

(3) The director shall consider any information discovered pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section or that is provided by a public children services agency pursuant to section 5153.175 of the Revised Code. If the director determines that the information, when viewed within the totality of the circumstances, reasonably leads to the conclusion that the person may directly or indirectly endanger the health, safety, or welfare of children, the director or county director of job and family services shall do any of the following:

(a) Refuse to issue a license to or approve a center, type A home, type B home, child day camp, preschool program, or school child program;

(b) Revoke a license or approval;

(c) Refuse to certify an in-home aide or revoke a certification;

(d) Determine an applicant or employee ineligible for employment with the center, type A home, licensed type B home, child day camp, preschool program, or school child program.

(4) Any information obtained under division (C) of this section is

confidential and not a public record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code. The information shall not be made available to any person other than the person who is the subject of the search or the person's representative, the director of job and family services, the director of a county department of job and family services, and any court, hearing officer, or other necessary individual involved in a case dealing with a denial or revocation of licensure, approval, or certification related to the search.

(D)(1) At the times specified in division (D)(2) of this section, the director of job and family services shall inspect the state registry of sex offenders and child-victim offenders established under section 2950.13 of the Revised Code and the national sex offender registry as described in 42 U.S.C. 16901 to determine if any of the following persons is registered or required to be registered as an offender:

(a) Any owner or licensee of a child day-care center;

(b) Any owner or licensee of a type A family day-care home or licensed type B family day-care home and any person eighteen years of age or older who resides in the home;

(c) Any owner of an approved child day camp;

(d) Any director of a licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care;

(e) Any in-home aide;

(f) Any applicant or employee, including an administrator, of a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, approved child day camp, or licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care.

(2) The director shall inspect each registry at the following times:

(i) In the case of an owner or licensee of child day-care center or an owner or licensee of a type A family day-care home or type B family day-care home or a resident of such a home, at the time of initial application for licensure and every five years thereafter;

(ii) In the case of an owner of an approved child day camp, at the time of initial application for approval and every five years thereafter;

(iii) In the case of a director of a licensed child care program or licensed school child program, at the time of initial application to provide publicly funded child care;

(iv) In the case of an in-home aide, at the time of initial application for certification and every five years thereafter;

(v) Except as provided in division (D)(2)(a)(vi) of this section, in the case of an applicant or employee, at the time of initial application for employment and every five years thereafter;

(vi) In the case of an applicant who has been determined eligible for employment after an inspection of the state registry of sex offenders and child-victim offenders established under section 2950.13 of the Revised Code and the national sex offender registry as described in 42 U.S.C. 16901 within the past five years and who has been employed by a licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care, child day-care center, type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, or approved child day camp within the past one hundred eighty consecutive days, every five years after the date of the initial determination.

(3) If the director determines that the person is registered or required to be registered on either registry, the director or county director of job and family services shall do any of the following:

(a) Refuse to issue a license to or approve a center, type A home, type B home, child day camp, preschool program, or school child program;

(b) Revoke a license or approval;

(c) Refuse to certify an in-home aide or revoke a certification;

(d) Determine an applicant or employee ineligible for employment with the center, type A home, licensed type B home, child day camp, preschool program, or school child program.

(4) Any information obtained under division (D) of this section is confidential and not a public record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code. The information shall not be made available to any person other than the person who is the subject of the inspection or the person's representative, the director of job and family services, the director of a county department of job and family services, and any court, hearing officer, or other necessary individual involved in a case dealing with a denial or revocation of licensure, approval, or certification related to the search.

(E) Whenever the director of job and family services determines a person ineligible for employment under division (B), (C), or (D) of this section, the director shall as soon as practicable notify the following of that determination: the licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care, child day-care center, type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, or approved child day camp that is considering the person for appointment or employment. A licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care, child day-center, type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, or approved child day camp shall not employ a person who is determined under this section to be ineligible for employment.

(F)(1) An administrator of a child day camp, other than an approved child day camp shall request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation to conduct a criminal records check for any applicant or employee, including an administrator, of the child day camp. The request shall be made at the time of initial application for employment and every five years thereafter.

(2) A criminal records check requested at the time of initial application shall include a request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as part of the criminal records check for the person, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as described in 42 U.S.C. 671 for the person subject to the criminal records check.

(3) A criminal records check requested at any time other than the time of initial application may include a request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as part of the criminal records check for the person, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as described in 42 U.S.C. 671 for the person subject to the criminal records check.

(4) With respect to a criminal records check requested under division (F) of this section, the administrator shall do all of the following:

(a) Provide to the applicant or employee a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and a standard impression sheet to obtain fingerprint impressions prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section;

(b) Obtain the completed form and impression sheet from the applicant or employee;

(c) Forward the completed form and impression sheet to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation;

(d) Review the results of the criminal records check.

(5) An applicant or employee who receives from the administrator a copy of the form and standard impression sheet and who is requested to complete the form and provide a set of fingerprint impressions shall complete the form or provide all of the information necessary to complete the form and shall provide the impression sheet with the impressions of the person's fingerprints. If the applicant or employee, upon request, fails to provide the information necessary to complete the form or fails to provide impressions of the person's fingerprints, the administrator may consider the failure a reason to determine an applicant or employee ineligible for

employment.

(6) A child day camp, other than an approved child day camp, may employ an applicant or continue to employ an employee until the criminal records check required by this section is completed and the camp receives the results of the check. Until the administrator has reviewed the results of the criminal records check and determines that the applicant or employee is eligible for employment, the camp shall not grant the applicant or employee sole responsibility for the care, custody, or control of a child. If the results indicate that the applicant or employee is ineligible for employment, the camp shall immediately release the applicant or employee from employment.

(7) Except as provided in rules adopted under this section, the administrator shall determine an applicant or employee ineligible for employment if the person has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the violations described in division (A)(5) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code. If the applicant or employee is determined ineligible, the child day camp shall not employ the applicant or employee or contract with another entity for the services of the applicant or employee.

(8) Each child day camp shall pay to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation the fee prescribed pursuant to division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code for each criminal records check conducted in accordance with that section upon a request made pursuant to division (F) of this section. A camp may charge an applicant or employee a fee for the costs it incurs in obtaining a criminal records check under division (F) of this section. A fee charged under this division shall not exceed the fees the camp pays under this section. If a fee is charged, the camp shall notify the applicant at the time of the applicant's initial application for employment of the amount of the fee and that, unless the fee is paid, the camp will not consider the applicant for employment.

(9) The report of any criminal records check conducted by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code and pursuant to a request made under division (F) of this section is confidential and not a public record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code. The report shall not be made available to any person other than the person who is the subject of the criminal records check or the person's representative, the director of job and family services, the administrator, and any court, hearing officer, or other necessary individual involved in a case dealing with a denial or revocation of registration related to the criminal records check.

(G) The director of job and family services shall adopt rules as

necessary to implement this section. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The rules shall specify exceptions to the prohibitions in division (B), (E), and (F) of this section for a person who has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a criminal offense listed in division (A)(5) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code but who meets standards in regard to rehabilitation set by the director.

(H)(1) Whenever the director of job and family services requests a criminal records check, searches the uniform statewide automated child welfare information system, or inspects the state registry of sex offenders and child-victim offenders and national sex offender registry as required by this section and finds that a person who is subject to the requirements of division (B), (C), or (D) of this section resided in another state during the previous five years, the director shall request the following from the other state: a criminal records check and information from the uniform statewide automated child welfare information system or state registry of sex offenders.

(2) Whenever the director receives from an agency of another state a request for a criminal records check or for information from the uniform statewide automated child welfare information system or state registry of sex offenders that is related to a child care license or the provision of publicly funded child care, the director shall provide to that other state's agency the results of the records check and information from the system and registry.

Sec. 5104.015. The director of job and family services shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing the operation of child day-care centers, including parent cooperative centers, part-time centers, and drop-in centers, ~~and school-age child care centers.~~ The rules shall reflect the various forms of child care and the needs of children receiving child care or publicly funded child care and shall include specific rules for school-age child care centers that are developed in consultation with the department of education. ~~The rules shall not require an existing school facility that is in compliance with applicable building codes to undergo an additional building code inspection or to have structural modifications.~~ The rules shall include the following:

(A) Submission of a site plan and descriptive plan of operation to demonstrate how the center proposes to meet the requirements of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter for the initial license application;

(B) Standards for ensuring that the physical surroundings of the center are safe and sanitary including the physical environment, the physical plant,

and the equipment of the center;

(C) Standards for the supervision, care, and discipline of children receiving child care or publicly funded child care in the center;

(D) Standards for a program of activities, and for play equipment, materials, and supplies, to enhance the development of each child; however, any educational curricula, philosophies, and methodologies that are developmentally appropriate and that enhance the social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development of each child shall be permissible. As used in this division, "program" does not include instruction in religious or moral doctrines, beliefs, or values that is conducted at child day-care centers owned and operated by churches and does include methods of disciplining children at child day-care centers.

(E) Admissions policies and procedures;

(F) Health care policies and procedures, including procedures for the isolation of children with communicable diseases;

(G) First aid and emergency procedures;

(H) Procedures for discipline and supervision of children;

(I) Standards for the provision of nutritious meals and snacks;

(J) Procedures for screening children that may include any necessary physical examinations and shall include immunizations in accordance with section 5104.014 of the Revised Code;

(K) Procedures for screening employees that may include any necessary physical examinations and immunizations;

(L) Methods for encouraging parental participation in the center and methods for ensuring that the rights of children, parents, and employees are protected and that responsibilities of parents and employees are met;

(M) Procedures for ensuring the safety and adequate supervision of children traveling off the premises of the center while under the care of a center employee;

(N) Procedures for record keeping, organization, and administration;

(O) Procedures for issuing, denying, and revoking a license that are not otherwise provided for in Chapter 119. of the Revised Code;

(P) Inspection procedures;

(Q) Procedures and standards for setting initial license application fees;

(R) Procedures for receiving, recording, and responding to complaints about centers;

(S) Procedures for enforcing section 5104.04 of the Revised Code;

(T) ~~A standard requiring the inclusion of a current department of job and family services toll-free telephone number on each center provisional license or license which any person may use to report a suspected violation~~

~~by the center of this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter~~
Minimum qualifications for employment as an administrator or child-care staff member;

(U) Requirements for the training of administrators and child-care staff members, including training in first aid, in prevention, recognition, and management of communicable diseases, and in child abuse recognition and prevention;

(V) Standards providing for the special needs of children who are handicapped or who require treatment for health conditions while the child is receiving child care or publicly funded child care in the center;

(W) A procedure for reporting of injuries of children that occur at the center;

(X) Standards for licensing child day-care centers for children with short-term illnesses and other temporary medical conditions;

(Y) Minimum requirements for instructional time for child day-care centers rated through the step up to quality program established pursuant to section 5104.29 of the Revised Code;

(Z) Any other procedures and standards necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter regarding child day-care centers.

Sec. 5104.016. The director of job and family services, in addition to the rules adopted under section 5104.015 of the Revised Code, shall adopt rules establishing minimum requirements for child day-care centers. The rules shall include the requirements set forth in sections 5104.032 to ~~5104.036~~ 5104.034 of the Revised Code. Except as provided in section 5104.07 of the Revised Code, the rules shall not change the square footage requirements of section 5104.032 of the Revised Code; or the maximum number of children per child-care staff member and maximum group size requirements of section 5104.033 of the Revised Code; ~~the educational and experience requirements of section 5104.035 of the Revised Code; the age, educational, and experience requirements of section 5104.036 of the Revised Code;~~ ~~however.~~ However, the rules shall provide procedures for determining compliance with those requirements.

Sec. 5104.02. (A) The director of job and family services is responsible for ~~the~~ licensing ~~of~~ child day-care centers ~~and~~, type A family day-care homes, and type B family day-care homes. Each entity operating a head start program shall meet the criteria for, and be licensed as, a child day-care center. The director is responsible for the enforcement of this chapter and of rules promulgated pursuant to this chapter.

No person, firm, organization, institution, or agency shall operate, establish, manage, conduct, or maintain a child day-care center or type A

family day-care home without a license issued under section 5104.03 of the Revised Code. The current license shall be posted ~~in a conspicuous place~~ in the center or ~~type A~~ home in a conspicuous place that is accessible to parents, custodians, or guardians and employees of the center or ~~type A~~ home at all times when the center or ~~type A~~ home is in operation.

(B) A person, firm, institution, organization, or agency operating any of the following programs is exempt from the requirements of this chapter:

(1) A program ~~of child care~~ caring for children that operates for two ~~or less~~ consecutive weeks or less and not more than six weeks total in each calendar year;

(2) ~~Child care~~ Caring for children in places of worship during religious activities ~~during which children are cared for~~ while at least one parent, guardian, or custodian of each child is participating in such activities and is readily available;

(3) ~~Religious activities which do not provide child care;~~

(4) Supervised training, instruction, or activities of children in specific areas, including, but not limited to: art; drama; dance; music; ~~gymnastics, swimming, or another~~ athletic skill or sport skills or sports; computers; or an educational subject conducted on an organized or periodic basis ~~no more than one day a week and for no more than six hours duration~~ that a child does not attend for more than eight total hours per week;

(5)(4) Programs in which the director determines that at least one parent, custodian, or guardian of each child who is not an employee of the facility engaged in employment duties is on the premises of the facility offering child that offers care and is readily accessible at all times, ~~except that child care provided on the premises at which a parent, custodian, or guardian is employed more than two and one half hours a day shall be licensed in accordance with division (A) of this section;~~

(6)(a)(5) Programs that provide child care ~~funded and regulated or operated and are~~ regulated by state departments other than the department of job and family services or the state board of education ~~when the director of job and family services has determined that the rules governing the program are equivalent to or exceed the rules promulgated pursuant to this chapter.~~

Notwithstanding any exemption from regulation under this chapter, each state department shall submit to the director of job and family services a copy of the rules that govern programs that provide child care and are regulated or operated and regulated by the department. Annually, each state department shall submit to the director a report for each such program it regulates or operates and regulates that includes the following information:

(i) The site location of the program;

~~(ii) The maximum number of infants, toddlers, preschool-age children, or school-age children served by the program at one time;~~

~~(iii) The number of adults providing child care for the number of infants, toddlers, preschool-age children, or school-age children;~~

~~(iv) Any changes in the rules made subsequent to the time when the rules were initially submitted to the director.~~

~~The director shall maintain a record of the child care information submitted by other state departments and shall provide this information upon request to the general assembly or the public.~~

~~(b) Child care programs conducted by boards of education or by chartered nonpublic schools that are conducted in school buildings and that provide child care to school-age children only shall be exempt from meeting or exceeding rules promulgated pursuant to this chapter.~~

~~(7)(6)~~ Any preschool program or school child program, except a head start program, that is subject to licensure by the department of education under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code.

~~(8)(7)~~ Any program providing ~~child~~ care that meets all of the following requirements and, on October 20, 1987, was being operated by a nonpublic school that holds a charter issued by the state board of education for kindergarten only:

(a) The nonpublic school has given the notice to the state board and the director of job and family services required by Section 4 of Substitute House Bill No. 253 of the 117th general assembly;

(b) The nonpublic school continues to be chartered by the state board for kindergarten, or receives and continues to hold a charter from the state board for kindergarten through grade five;

(c) The program is conducted in a school building;

(d) The program is operated in accordance with rules promulgated by the state board under ~~sections 3301.52 to 3301.57~~ section 3301.53 of the Revised Code.

~~(9)(8)~~ A youth development program operated outside of school hours ~~by a community-based center~~ to which all of the following apply:

(a) The children enrolled in the program are under nineteen years of age and enrolled in or eligible to be enrolled in a grade of kindergarten or above.

(b) The program provides informal ~~child~~ care, which is ~~child~~ care that does not require parental signature, permission, or notice for the child receiving the care to enter or leave the program;

(c) The program provides any of the following supervised activities: educational, recreational, culturally enriching, social, and personal development activities.

~~(d) The program is eligible for participation in the child and adult care food program as an outside school hours care center pursuant to standards established under section 3313.813 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(e) The community-based center entity operating the program is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 501(a) and (c)(3).~~

~~(10)(9) A preschool program operated by a nonchartered, nontax-supported school if the preschool program meets all of the following conditions:~~

~~(a) The program complies with state and local health, fire, and safety laws.~~

~~(b) The program annually certifies in a report to the parents of its pupils that the school is in compliance with division (B)(10)(9)(a) of this section and files a copy of the report with the department of job and family services on or before the thirtieth day of September of each year.~~

~~(c) The program complies with all applicable reporting requirements in the same manner as required by the state board of education for nonchartered, nonpublic primary and secondary schools.~~

~~(d) The program is associated with a nonchartered, nontax-supported primary or secondary school.~~

~~(10) A program that provides activities for children who are five years of age or older and is operated by a county, township, municipal corporation, township park district created under section 511.18 of the Revised Code, park district created under section 1545.04 of the Revised Code, or joint recreation district established under section 755.14 of the Revised Code.~~

Sec. 5104.021. The director of job and family services may issue a child day-care center or type A family day-care home license to a youth development program that is exempted by division (B)(9)(8) of section 5104.02 of the Revised Code from the requirements of this chapter if the youth development program applies for and meets all of the requirements for the license.

Sec. 5104.03. (A) As used in this section, "owner" has the same meaning as in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code, except that "owner" also includes a firm, organization, institution, or agency, as well as any individual governing board members, partners, or authorized representatives of the owner.

(B) Any person, firm, organization, institution, or agency seeking to establish a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, or licensed type B family day-care home shall apply for a license to the director of job and family services on such form as the director prescribes. The director

shall provide at no charge to each applicant for licensure a copy of the child care license requirements in this chapter and a copy of the rules adopted pursuant to this chapter. The copies may be provided in paper or electronic form.

Fees shall be set by the director pursuant to sections 5104.015, 5104.017, and 5104.018 of the Revised Code and shall be paid at the time of application for a license to operate a center, type A home, or type B home. Fees collected under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the general revenue fund.

(C)(1) Upon filing of the application for a license, the director shall investigate and inspect the center, type A home, or type B home to determine the license capacity for each age category of children of the center, type A home, or type B home and to determine whether the center, type A home, or type B home complies with this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter. When, after investigation and inspection, the director is satisfied that this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to it are complied with, subject to division ~~(F)~~(G) of this section, a license shall be issued as soon as practicable in such form and manner as prescribed by the director. The license shall be designated as provisional and shall be valid for at least twelve months from the date of issuance unless and until the continuous license is issued or until the provisional license is revoked or suspended pursuant to section 5104.042 of the Revised Code.

(2) The director may contract with a government entity or a private nonprofit entity for the entity to inspect type A or type B family day-care homes pursuant to this section. If the director contracts with a government entity or private nonprofit entity for that purpose, the entity may contract with another government entity or private nonprofit entity for the other entity to inspect type A or type B homes pursuant to this section. The director, government entity, or private nonprofit entity shall conduct an inspection prior to the issuance of a license for a type A or type B home and, as part of that inspection, ensure that the home is safe and sanitary.

~~(D)(1) On receipt of an application for licensure as a type B family day care home to provide publicly funded child care, the director shall search the uniform statewide automated child welfare information system for information concerning any abuse or neglect report made pursuant to section 2151.421 of the Revised Code of which the applicant, any other adult residing in the applicant's home, or a person designated by the applicant to be an emergency or substitute caregiver for the applicant is the subject.~~

~~(2) The director shall consider any information discovered pursuant to~~

~~division (D)(1) of this section or that is provided by a public children services agency pursuant to section 5153.175 of the Revised Code. If the director determines that the information, when viewed within the totality of the circumstances, reasonably leads to the conclusion that the applicant may directly or indirectly endanger the health, safety, or welfare of children, the director shall deny the application for licensure or revoke the license of a type B family day care home.~~

~~(E)~~ The director shall investigate and inspect the center, type A home, or type B home at least once during operation under a license designated as provisional. If after the investigation and inspection the director determines that the requirements of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter are met, subject to division ~~(F)~~(G) of this section, the director shall issue a new continuous license to the center or home.

~~(F)~~(E) Each license shall state the name of the licensee, the name of the administrator, the address of the center, type A home, or licensed type B home, and the license capacity for each age category of children. The license shall include thereon, in accordance with sections 5104.015, 5104.017, and 5104.018 of the Revised Code, the toll-free telephone number to be used by persons suspecting that the center, type A home, or licensed type B home has violated a provision of this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter. A license is valid only for the licensee, administrator, address, and license capacity for each age category of children designated on the license. The license capacity specified on the license is the maximum number of children in each age category that may be cared for in the center, type A home, or licensed type B home at one time.

~~The~~ A center or ~~type A~~ home licensee shall notify the director in writing when the administrator, address, or license capacity of the center or home changes. The director shall amend the current license to reflect a change in an any of the following:

(1) An administrator, if the administrator meets the requirements of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, or a change in license;

(2) Address, if the new address meets the requirements of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter;

(3) License capacity for any age category of children as determined by the director of job and family services.

~~(G)~~(F) If the director revokes the license of a center, a type A home, or a type B home, the director shall not issue another license to the owner of the center, type A home, or type B home until five years have elapsed from the date the license is revoked.

If the director denies an application for a license, the director shall not

consider another application from the applicant until five years have elapsed from the date the application is denied.

~~(H) If during the application for licensure process the director determines that the license of the owner has been revoked, the investigation of the center, type A home, or type B home shall cease. This action does not constitute denial of the application and may not be appealed under division (I) of this section.~~

~~(H)(G)(1)~~ Except as provided in division ~~(H)(G)(2)~~ of this section, all actions of the director with respect to licensing centers, type A homes, or type B homes, refusal to license, and revocation of a license shall be in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. Except as provided in division ~~(H)(G)(2)~~ of this section, any applicant who is denied a license or any owner whose license is revoked may appeal in accordance with section 119.12 of the Revised Code.

(2) The following actions by the director are not subject to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code:

(a) The director does not issue a license to ceases its review of an application because the owner of a center, type A home, or type B home because the owner sought a license before five years had elapsed from the date the previous license was revoked and the director does not issue the license.

(b) The director does not issue a license ceases its review of an application because the applicant applied for licensure before five years had elapsed from the date the previous application was denied and the director does not issue the license.

(c) The director closes a license because the director has determined that the center, type A home, or type B home is no longer operating at the address stated on the license and did not notify the director of the address change as described in division (E) of this section.

~~(J)(H)~~ In no case shall the director issue a license under this section for a center, type A home, or type B home if the director, based on documentation provided by the appropriate county department of job and family services, determines that the applicant had been certified as ~~a type B family day-care home when such certifications were issued by county departments prior to January 1, 2014~~ an in-home aide, that the county department revoked that certification within the immediately preceding five years, that the revocation was based on the applicant's refusal or inability to comply with the criteria for certification, and that the refusal or inability resulted in a risk to the health or safety of children.

~~(K)(1) Except as provided in division (K)(2) of this section, an~~

~~administrator~~ (I) An owner of a type B family day-care home that receives a license pursuant to this section ~~to provide publicly funded child care~~ is an independent contractor and is not an employee of the department of job and family services.

~~(2) For purposes of Chapter 4141. of the Revised Code, determinations concerning the employment of an administrator of a type B family day care home that receives a license pursuant to this section shall be determined under Chapter 4141. of the Revised Code.~~

Sec. 5104.04. (A) The department of job and family services shall establish procedures to be followed in investigating, inspecting, and licensing child day-care centers, type A family day-care homes, and licensed type B family day-care homes.

(B)(1)(a) The department shall, at least once during every twelve-month period of operation of a center, type A home, or licensed type B home, inspect the center, type A home, or licensed type B home. The department shall inspect a part-time center or part-time type A home at least once during every twelve-month period of operation. The department shall provide a written inspection report to the licensee within a reasonable time after each inspection. ~~The licensee shall display its most recent inspection report in a conspicuous place in the center, type A home, or licensed type B home.~~

Inspections may be unannounced. No person, firm, organization, institution, or agency shall interfere with the inspection of a center, type A home, or licensed type B home by any state or local official engaged in performing duties required of the state or local official by this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, including inspecting the center, type A home, or licensed type B home, reviewing records, or interviewing licensees, employees, children, or parents.

(b) Upon receipt of any complaint that a center, type A home or licensed type B home is out of compliance with the requirements of this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, the department shall investigate the center or home, and both of the following apply:

(i) If the complaint alleges that a child suffered physical harm while receiving child care at the center or home or that the noncompliance alleged in the complaint involved, resulted in, or poses a substantial risk of physical harm to a child receiving child care at the center or home, the department shall inspect the center or home.

(ii) If division (B)(1)(b)(i) of this section does not apply regarding the complaint, the department may inspect the center or home.

(c) Division (B)(1)(b) of this section does not limit, restrict, or negate any duty of the department to inspect a center, type A home, or licensed

type B home that otherwise is imposed under this section, or any authority of the department to inspect a center, type A home, or licensed type B home that otherwise is granted under this section ~~when the department believes the inspection is necessary and it is permitted under the grant.~~

(2) If the department implements an instrument-based program monitoring information system, it may use an indicator checklist to comply with division (B)(1) of this section.

~~(3) The department shall contract with a third party by the first day of October in each even-numbered year to collect information concerning the amounts charged by the center or home for providing child care services for use in establishing reimbursement ceilings and payment pursuant to section 5104.30 of the Revised Code. The third party shall compile the information and report the results of the survey to the department not later than the first day of December in each even-numbered year.~~

(C) The department may deny an application or revoke a license of a center, type A home, or licensed type B home, if the applicant knowingly ~~makes a false statement on the application, or the applicant or owner has pleaded guilty to or been convicted of an offense described in division (A)(5) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code.~~ submits falsified information to the department or if the center or home does not comply with the requirements of this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, ~~or the applicant or owner has pleaded guilty to or been convicted of an offense described in division (A)(5) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code.~~

(D) If the department finds, after notice and hearing pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, that any applicant, person, firm, organization, institution, or agency applying for licensure or licensed under section 5104.03 of the Revised Code is in violation of any provision of this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, the department may issue an order of denial to the applicant or an order of revocation to the center, type A home, or licensed type B home revoking the license previously issued by the department. Upon the issuance of such an order, the person whose application is denied or whose license is revoked may appeal in accordance with section 119.12 of the Revised Code.

(E) The surrender of a center, type A home, or licensed type B home license to the department or the withdrawal of an application for licensure by the owner or administrator of the center, type A home, or licensed type B home shall not prohibit the department from instituting any of the actions set forth in this section.

(F) Whenever the department receives a complaint, is advised, or otherwise has any reason to believe that a center or type A home is providing child care without a license issued pursuant to section 5104.03 and is not exempt from licensing pursuant to section 5104.02 of the Revised

Code, the department shall investigate the center or type A home and may inspect the areas children have access to or areas necessary for the care of children in the center or type A home during suspected hours of operation to determine whether the center or type A home is subject to the requirements of this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.

(G) The department, upon determining that the center or type A home is operating without a license, shall notify the attorney general, the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the center or type A home is located, or the city attorney, village solicitor, or other chief legal officer of the municipal corporation in which the center or type A home is located, that the center or type A home is operating without a license. Upon receipt of the notification, the attorney general, prosecuting attorney, city attorney, village solicitor, or other chief legal officer of a municipal corporation shall file a complaint in the court of common pleas of the county in which the center or type A home is located requesting that the court grant an order enjoining the owner from operating the center or type A home in violation of section 5104.02 of the Revised Code. The court shall grant such injunctive relief upon a showing that the respondent named in the complaint is operating a center or type A home and is doing so without a license.

(H) The department shall prepare an annual report on inspections conducted under this section. The report shall include the number of inspections conducted, the number and types of violations found, and the steps taken to address the violations. The department shall file the report with the governor, the president and minority leader of the senate, and the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives on or before the first day of January of each year, beginning in 1999.

Sec. 5104.042. (A) The department of job and family services may suspend, without a prior hearing, the license of a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, or licensed type B family day-care home if any of the following occur:

(1) A child dies or suffers a serious injury while receiving child care in the center, type A home, or licensed type B home.

(2) A public children services agency receives a report pursuant to section 2151.421 of the Revised Code, and the person alleged to have inflicted abuse or neglect on the child who is the subject of the report is any of the following:

(a) The owner, licensee, or administrator of the center, type A home, or licensed type B home;

(b) An employee of the center, type A home, or licensed type B home who has not immediately been placed on administrative leave or released

from employment;

(c) Any person who resides in the type A home or licensed type B home.

(3) An owner, licensee, administrator, or employee of the center, type A home, or licensed type B home, or a resident of the type A home or licensed type B home is charged by an indictment, information, or complaint with an offense relating to the abuse or neglect of a child.

(4) The department or a county department of job and family services determines that the center, type A home, or licensed type B home created a serious risk to the health or safety of a child receiving child care in the center, type A home, or licensed type B home that resulted in or could have resulted in a child's death or injury.

(5) ~~The department determines that the owner, or licensee, or administrator~~ of the center, type A home, or licensed type B home ~~is charged by indictment, information, or complaint with fraud~~ does not meet the requirements of section 5104.013 of the Revised Code.

(B) The department shall issue a written order of suspension and furnish a copy to the licensee either by certified mail or in person as described in section 119.07 of the Revised Code. The licensee may ~~appeal the suspension in accordance with section~~ request an adjudicatory hearing before the department pursuant to sections 119.06 to 119.12 of the Revised Code.

(C) ~~Except as provided in division (D) of this section, any~~ Any summary suspension imposed under this section shall remain in effect; ~~unless reversed on appeal,~~ until any of the following occurs:

(1) The public children services agency completes its investigation of the report pursuant to section 2151.421 of the Revised Code and determines that all of the allegations are unsubstantiated.

(2) All criminal charges are disposed of through dismissal; or a finding of not guilty; ~~conviction, or a plea of guilty.~~

(3) ~~A final order is issued by the~~ The department issues pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code ~~becomes effective~~ a final order terminating the suspension.

(D) ~~If the department initiates the revocation of a license that has been suspended pursuant to this section, the suspension shall continue until the revocation process is completed.~~

(E) The center, type A home, or licensed type B home shall not provide child care while the summary suspension remains in effect. Upon issuance of the order of suspension, the licensee shall inform the caretaker parent of each child receiving child care in the center, type A home, or licensed type B home of the suspension.

~~(F)~~(E) The director of job and family services may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing standards and procedures for the summary suspension of licenses.

(F) This section does not limit the authority of the department to revoke a license pursuant to section 5104.04 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5104.09. No administrator, employee, licensee, or child-care staff member shall discriminate in the enrollment of children in a child day-care center, type A home, licensed type B home, or approved child day camp upon the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, or national origin.

Sec. 5104.12. (A) ~~The~~(1) A county director of job and family services may certify in-home aides to provide publicly funded child care pursuant to this chapter and any rules adopted under it. Any in-home aide who receives a certificate pursuant to this section to provide publicly funded child care is an independent contractor and is not an employee of the county department of job and family services that issues the certificate.

~~(B)~~(2) Every person desiring to receive certification as an in-home aide shall apply for certification to ~~the~~ a county director of job and family services on such forms as the director of job and family services prescribes. ~~The~~ A county director shall provide at no charge to each applicant a copy of rules for certifying in-home aides adopted pursuant to this chapter.

(B) To be eligible for certification as an in-home aide, a person shall not be either of the following:

(1) The owner of a center or home whose license was revoked pursuant to section 5104.04 of the Revised Code within the previous five years;

(2) An in-home aide whose certificate was revoked under division (C)(2) of this section within the previous five years.

(C)(1) If the county director of job and family services determines that ~~public funds are available and that the person applicant~~ applicant complies with this chapter and any rules adopted under it, the county director shall certify the person as an in-home aide and issue the person a certificate to provide publicly funded child care for ~~twelve~~ twenty-four months. The county director shall furnish a copy of the certificate to the parent, custodian, or guardian. The certificate shall state the name and address of the in-home aide, the expiration date of the certification, and the name and telephone number of the county director who issued the certificate.

(2) The county director may revoke the certificate in either of the following circumstances:

(a) The county director determines, pursuant to rules adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, that revocation is necessary;

(b) The in-home aide does not comply with division ~~(D)~~(C)(2) of

section 5104.32 of the Revised Code.

(D)(1) The county director of job and family services shall inspect every home of a child who is receiving publicly funded child care in the child's own home while the in-home aide is providing the services. Inspections may be unannounced. Upon receipt of a complaint, the county director shall investigate the in-home aide, shall investigate the home of a child who is receiving publicly funded child care in the child's own home, and division (D)(2) of this section applies regarding the complaint. The caretaker parent shall permit the county director to inspect any part of the child's home. The county director shall prepare a written inspection report and furnish one copy each to the in-home aide and the caretaker parent within a reasonable time after the inspection.

(2) Upon receipt of a complaint as described in division (D)(1) of this section, in addition to the investigations that are required under that division, both of the following apply:

(a) If the complaint alleges that a child suffered physical harm while receiving publicly funded child care in the child's own home from an in-home aide or that the noncompliance with law or act alleged in the complaint involved, resulted in, or poses a substantial risk of physical harm to a child receiving publicly funded child care in the child's own home from an in-home aide, the county director shall inspect the home of the child.

(b) If division (D)(2)(a) of this section does not apply regarding the complaint, the county director may inspect the home of the child.

(3) Division (D)(2) of this section does not limit, restrict, or negate any duty of the county director to inspect a home of a child who is receiving publicly funded child care from an in-home aide that otherwise is imposed under this section, or any authority of the county director to inspect such a home that otherwise is granted under this section when the county director believes the inspection is necessary and it is permitted under the grant.

Sec. 5104.21. (A) The department of job and family services shall register child day camps and enforce this section and ~~section~~ sections 5104.211 and 5104.22 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted pursuant to those sections. No person, firm, organization, institution, or agency shall operate a child day camp without annually registering with the department.

(B) A person, firm, institution, organization, or agency operating any of the following programs is exempt from the provisions of this section and ~~section~~ sections 5104.211 and 5104.22 of the Revised Code:

(1) A child day camp that operates for two ~~or less~~ consecutive weeks or less and for no more than a total of two weeks during each calendar year;

(2) Supervised training, instruction, or activities of children that is

conducted on an organized or periodic basis ~~no more than one day a week and for no more than six hours' duration and that is conducted~~ in specific areas or in a combination of areas for a maximum of eight hours each week, including, ~~but not limited to,~~ art_s, drama_s, dance_s, music_s, ~~gymnastics,~~ swimming, ~~or another,~~ athletic skill or sport_s, computers_s, or an educational subject;

(3) Programs in which the department determines that at least one parent, custodian, or guardian of each child attending or participating in the child day camp is on the child day camp activity site and is readily accessible at all times, except that a child day camp on the premises of a parent's, custodian's, or guardian's place of employment shall be registered in accordance with division (A) of this section;

(4) Child day camps ~~funded and regulated or operated and~~ regulated by any state department; other than the department of job and family services; ~~when the department of job and family services has determined that the rules governing the child day camp are equivalent to or exceed the rules adopted pursuant to this section and section 5104.22;~~

(5) A program that provides activities for children who are five years of age or older and is operated by any county, township, municipal corporation, township park district created under section 511.18 of the Revised Code, park district created under section 1545.04 of the Revised Code, or joint recreation district established under section 755.04 of the Revised Code.

(C) A person, firm, organization, institution, or agency operating a child day camp that is exempt under division (B) of this section from registering under division (A) of this section may elect to register itself under division (A) of this section. All requirements of this section and the rules adopted pursuant to this section shall apply to any exempt child day camp that so elects to register.

(D) The director of job and family services shall adopt pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code rules prescribing the registration form and establishing the procedure for the child day camps to register. The form shall ~~not be longer than one typewritten page and shall~~ state both of the following:

(1) That the child day camp administrator or the administrator's representative agrees to provide the parents of each school-age child who attends or participates in that child day camp with the telephone number of the county department of health and the public children services agency of the county in which the child day camp is located;

(2) That the child day camp administrator or the administrator's

representative agrees to permit a public children services agency or the county department of health to review or inspect the child day camp if a complaint is made to that department or any other state department or public children services agency against that child day camp.

(E) The department may charge a fee to register a child day camp. The fee for each child day camp shall be twenty-five dollars. No organization that operates, or owner of, child day camps shall pay a fee that exceeds two hundred fifty dollars for all of its child day camps.

(F) If a child day camp that is required to register under this section fails to register with the department in accordance with this section or the rules adopted pursuant to it or if a child day camp that files a registration form under this section knowingly provides false or misleading information on the registration form, the department shall require the child day camp to register or register correctly and to pay a registration fee that equals three times the registration fee as set forth in division (E) of this section.

(G) A child day camp administrator or the administrator's representative shall provide the parents of each school-age child who attends or participates in that child day camp with both of the telephone following:

(1) Telephone numbers of the county department of health and the county public children services agency of the county in which the child day camp is located and a:

(2) A statement that the parents may use these telephone numbers to contact or otherwise contact the departments county department or agency to make a complaint regarding the child day camp.

Sec. 5104.211. (A) The director of job and family services may periodically conduct a random sampling of child day camps to determine compliance with section 5104.013 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) No child day camp shall fail to comply with section 5104.013 of the Revised Code in regards to a person it appoints or employs.

(2) If the director determines that a camp has violated division (B)(1) of this section, the director shall do both of the following:

(a) Consider imposing a civil penalty on the camp in an amount that shall not exceed ten per cent of the camp's gross revenues for the full month immediately preceding the month in which the violation occurred. If the camp was not operating for the entire calendar month preceding the month in which the violation occurred, the penalty shall be five hundred dollars.

(b) Order the camp to initiate a criminal records check of the person who is the subject of the violation within a specified period of time.

(3) If, within the specified period of time, the camp fails to comply with an order to initiate a criminal records check of the person who is the subject

of the violation or to release the person from the appointment or employment, the director shall do both of the following:

(a) Impose a civil penalty in an amount that is not less than the amount previously imposed and that does not exceed twice the amount permitted by division (B)(2)(a) of this section:

(b) Order the camp to initiate a criminal records check of the person who is the subject of the violation within a specified period of time.

(C) If the director determines that a child day camp has violated division (B)(1) of this section, the director may post a notice at a prominent place at the camp that states that the camp has failed to conduct criminal records checks of its appointees or employees as required by section 5104.013 of the Revised Code. Once the camp demonstrates to the department that the camp is in compliance with that section, the director shall permit the camp to remove the notice.

(D) The director may include on the web site of the department of job and family services a list of child day camps that the director has determined to not be in compliance with the criminal records check requirements of section 5104.013 of the Revised Code. The director shall remove a camp's name from the list when the camp demonstrates to the director that the camp is in compliance with that section.

(E) For the purposes of divisions (C) and (D) of this section, a child day camp will be considered to be in compliance with section 5104.013 of the Revised Code by doing any of the following:

(1) Requesting that the bureau of criminal identification and investigation conduct a criminal records check regarding the person who is the subject of the violation of division (B)(1) of this section and, if the person does not qualify for the appointment or employment, releasing the person from the appointment or employment;

(2) Releasing the person who is the subject of the violation from the appointment or employment.

(F) The attorney general shall commence and prosecute to judgment a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction to collect any civil penalty imposed under this section that remains unpaid.

(G) This section does not apply to a child day camp that is an approved child day camp.

Sec. 5104.22. (A) The director of job and family services, no later than September 1, 1993, and pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall adopt rules establishing a procedure and standards for the approval of child day camps that will enable an approved child day camp to receive public moneys pursuant to sections 5104.30 to 5104.39 of the Revised Code. ~~The~~

~~procedure and standards shall be similar and comparable to the procedure and standards for accrediting child day camps used by the American camping association.~~ The department of job and family services may charge a reasonable fee to inspect a child day camp to determine whether that child day camp meets the standards set forth in this section or in the rules adopted under this section. The department shall approve any child day camp that ~~the~~ meets both of the following:

(1) The department inspects and approves, that the camp and determines that it meets the standards established in rules adopted under this section;

(2) The camp is accredited by the American camping camp association inspects and accredits, or that is inspected and accredited by any a nationally recognized organization that accredits child day camps by using standards that the department has determined are substantially similar and comparable to those of the American camping camp association. The department shall approve a child day camp for no longer than two years a period of one year and shall inspect an approved child day camp no less than biennially on an annual basis.

(B) An approved child day camp shall comply with this section and section 5104.21 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted pursuant to those sections. If an approved child day camp is not in substantial compliance with those sections or rules at any time, the department shall terminate the child day camp's approval until the child day camp complies with those sections and rules or for a period of two years, whichever period is longer.

Sec. 5104.29. (A) As used in this section, "early learning and development program" has the same meaning as "licensed child care program" as defined in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) There is hereby created in the department of job and family services the step up to quality program, under which the department of job and family services, in cooperation with the department of education, shall develop a tiered quality rating and improvement system for all early learning and development programs in this state. The step up to quality program shall include all of the following components:

(1) Quality program standards for early learning and development programs;

(2) Accountability measures that include tiered ratings representing each program's level of quality;

(3) Program and provider outreach and support to help programs meet higher standards and promote participation in the step up to quality program;

(4) Financial incentives for early learning and development programs that provide publicly funded child care and are linked to achieving and

maintaining quality standards;

(5) Parent and consumer education to help parents learn about program quality and ratings so they can make informed choices on behalf of their children.

(C) The step up to quality program shall have the following goals:

(1) Increasing the number of low-income children, special needs children, and children with limited English proficiency participating in quality early learning and development programs;

(2) Providing families with an easy-to-use tool for evaluating the quality of early learning and development programs;

(3) Recognizing and supporting early learning and development programs that achieve higher levels of quality;

(4) Providing incentives and supports to help early learning and development programs implement continuous quality improvement systems.

(D) Under the step up to quality program, participating early learning and development programs may be eligible for grants, technical assistance, training, and other assistance. Programs that maintain a quality rating may be eligible for unrestricted monetary awards.

(E) The tiered ratings developed pursuant to this section shall be based on an early learning and development program's performance in meeting program standards in the following four domains:

(1) Learning and development;

(2) Administration and leadership practices;

(3) Staff quality and professional development;

(4) Family and community partnerships.

(F) The director of job and family services, in collaboration with the superintendent of public instruction, shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement the step up to quality program described in this section.

(G)(1) The department of job and family services shall ensure that the following percentages of early learning and development programs ~~that are not type B family day care homes and~~ that provide publicly funded child care are rated in the third highest tier or above in the step up to quality program:

(a) By June 30, 2017, twenty-five per cent;

(b) By June 30, 2019, forty per cent;

(c) By June 30, 2021, sixty per cent;

(d) By June 30, 2023, eighty per cent;

(e) By June 30, 2025, one hundred per cent.

(2) ~~The department of job and family services and the department of~~

~~education shall identify ways to accelerate early learning and development programs moving to higher tiers in the step up to quality program and identify strategies for appropriate ratings of type B homes. The departments may consult with the early childhood advisory council established pursuant to section 3301.90 of the Revised Code to facilitate their efforts and shall include owners and administrators of early learning and development programs in the identification process. The departments shall report their recommendations to the general assembly not later than October 31, 2016. This division does not apply to early learning and development programs that are either of the following:~~

~~(a) Licensed type B family day-care homes;~~

~~(b) Providers described in division (C)(2) of section 5104.31 of the Revised Code.~~

Sec. 5104.30. (A) The department of job and family services is hereby designated as the state agency responsible for administration and coordination of federal and state funding for publicly funded child care in this state. Publicly funded child care shall be provided to the following:

(1) Recipients of transitional child care as provided under section 5104.34 of the Revised Code;

(2) Participants in the Ohio works first program established under Chapter 5107. of the Revised Code;

(3) Individuals who would be participating in the Ohio works first program if not for a sanction under section 5107.16 of the Revised Code and who continue to participate in a work activity, developmental activity, or alternative work activity pursuant to an assignment under section 5107.42 of the Revised Code;

(4) A family receiving publicly funded child care on October 1, 1997, until the family's income reaches one hundred fifty per cent of the federal poverty line;

(5) Subject to available funds, other individuals determined eligible in accordance with rules adopted under section 5104.38 of the Revised Code.

The department shall apply to the United States department of health and human services for authority to operate a coordinated program for publicly funded child care, if the director of job and family services determines that the application is necessary. For purposes of this section, the department of job and family services may enter into agreements with other state agencies that are involved in regulation or funding of child care. The department shall consider the special needs of migrant workers when it administers and coordinates publicly funded child care and shall develop appropriate procedures for accommodating the needs of migrant workers for

publicly funded child care.

(B) The department of job and family services shall distribute state and federal funds for publicly funded child care, including appropriations of state funds for publicly funded child care and appropriations of federal funds available under the child care block grant act, Title IV-A, and Title XX. The department may use any state funds appropriated for publicly funded child care as the state share required to match any federal funds appropriated for publicly funded child care.

(C) In the use of federal funds available under the child care block grant act, all of the following apply:

(1) The department may use the federal funds to hire staff to prepare any rules required under this chapter and to administer and coordinate federal and state funding for publicly funded child care.

(2) Not more than five per cent of the aggregate amount of the federal funds received for a fiscal year may be expended for administrative costs.

(3) The department shall allocate and use at least four per cent of the federal funds for the following:

(a) Activities designed to provide comprehensive consumer education to parents and the public;

(b) Activities that increase parental choice;

(c) Activities, including child care resource and referral services, designed to improve the quality, and increase the supply, of child care;

(d) Establishing the step up to quality program pursuant to section 5104.29 of the Revised Code.

(4) The department shall ensure that the federal funds will be used only to supplement, and will not be used to supplant, federal, state, and local funds available on the effective date of the child care block grant act for publicly funded child care and related programs. If authorized by rules adopted by the department pursuant to section 5104.42 of the Revised Code, county departments of job and family services may purchase child care from funds obtained through any other means.

(D) The department shall encourage the development of suitable child care throughout the state, especially in areas with high concentrations of recipients of public assistance and families with low incomes. The department shall encourage the development of suitable child care designed to accommodate the special needs of migrant workers. On request, the department, through its employees or contracts with state or community child care resource and referral service organizations, shall provide consultation to groups and individuals interested in developing child care. The department of job and family services may enter into interagency

agreements with the department of education, the chancellor of higher education, the department of development, and other state agencies and entities whenever the cooperative efforts of the other state agencies and entities are necessary for the department of job and family services to fulfill its duties and responsibilities under this chapter.

The department shall develop and maintain a registry of persons providing child care. The director shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing procedures and requirements for the registry's administration.

(E)(1) The director shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing both of the following:

(a) Reimbursement ceilings for providers of publicly funded child care not later than the first day of July in each odd-numbered year;

(b) A procedure for reimbursing and paying providers of publicly funded child care.

(2) In establishing reimbursement ceilings under division (E)(1)(a) of this section, the director shall do all of the following:

(a) Use the information obtained ~~under division (B)(3) of section 5104.04 of the Revised Code~~ in accordance with 45 C.F.R. 98.45;

(b) Establish an enhanced reimbursement ceiling for providers who provide child care for caretaker parents who work nontraditional hours;

~~(c) For an in-home aide, establish an hourly reimbursement ceiling;~~

~~(d)~~(c) With regard to the step up to quality program established pursuant to section 5104.29 of the Revised Code, do both of the following:

(i) Establish enhanced reimbursement ceilings for child day-care providers that participate in the program and maintain quality ratings;

(ii) Weigh any reduction in reimbursement ceilings more heavily against providers that do not participate in the program or do not maintain quality ratings.

(3) In establishing reimbursement ceilings under division (E)(1)(a) of this section, the director may establish different reimbursement ceilings based on any of the following:

(a) Geographic location of the provider;

(b) Type of care provided;

(c) Age of the child served;

(d) Special needs of the child served;

(e) Whether the expanded hours of service are provided;

(f) Whether weekend service is provided;

(g) Whether the provider has exceeded the minimum requirements of state statutes and rules governing child care;

(h) Any other factors the director considers appropriate.

Sec. 5104.31. (A) Publicly funded child care may be provided only by the following:

(1) Any of the following licensed by the department of job and family services pursuant to section 5104.03 of the Revised Code or pursuant to rules adopted under section 5104.018 of the Revised Code:

(a) A child day-care center, including a parent cooperative child day-care center;

(b) A type A family day-care home, including a parent cooperative type A family day-care home;

(c) A licensed type B family day-care home.

(2) An in-home aide who has been certified by the county department of job and family services pursuant to section 5104.12 of the Revised Code;

(3) A child day camp approved pursuant to section 5104.22 of the Revised Code;

(4) A licensed preschool program;

(5) A licensed school child program;

(6) A border state child care provider, except that a border state child care provider may provide publicly funded child care only to an individual who resides in an Ohio county that borders the state in which the provider is located.

(B) Publicly funded child day-care may be provided in a child's own home only by an in-home aide.

(C)(1) Beginning July 1, 2020, and except as provided in division (C)(2) of this section, a licensed child care program may provide publicly funded child care ~~may be provided only by a provider that~~ if the program is rated through the step up to quality program established pursuant to section 5104.29 of the Revised Code.

(2) A licensed child care program that is any of the following may provide publicly funded child care without being rated through the step up to quality program:

(a) A program that operates only during the summer and for not more than fifteen consecutive weeks;

(b) A program that operates only during school breaks;

(c) A program that operates only on weekday evenings, weekends, or both;

(d) A program that holds a provisional license issued under section 5104.03 of the Revised Code;

(e) A program that had its step up to quality program rating removed by the department of job and family services within the previous twelve

months:

(f) A program that is the subject of a revocation action initiated by the department, but the license has not yet been revoked.

Sec. 5104.32. (A) ~~Except as provided in division (C) of this section, all~~ All purchases of publicly funded child care shall be made under a contract entered into by a licensed child day-care center, licensed type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, certified in-home aide, approved child day camp, licensed preschool program, licensed school child program, or border state child care provider and the department of job and family services. All contracts for publicly funded child care shall be contingent upon the availability of state and federal funds. The department shall prescribe a standard form to be used for all contracts for the purchase of publicly funded child care, regardless of the source of public funds used to purchase the child care. To the extent permitted by federal law and notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised Code that regulates state contracts or contracts involving the expenditure of state or federal funds, all contracts for publicly funded child care shall be entered into in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and are exempt from any other provision of the Revised Code that regulates state contracts or contracts involving the expenditure of state or federal funds.

(B) Each contract for publicly funded child care shall specify at least the following:

(1) That the provider of publicly funded child care agrees to be paid for rendering services at the lower of the rate customarily charged by the provider for children enrolled for child care or the reimbursement ceiling or rate of payment established pursuant to section 5104.30 of the Revised Code;

(2) That, if a provider provides child care to an individual potentially eligible for publicly funded child care who is subsequently determined to be eligible, the department agrees to pay for all child care provided between the date the county department of job and family services receives the individual's completed application and the date the individual's eligibility is determined;

(3) Whether the county department of job and family services, the provider, or a child care resource and referral service organization will make eligibility determinations, whether the provider or a child care resource and referral service organization will be required to collect information to be used by the county department to make eligibility determinations, and the time period within which the provider or child care resource and referral service organization is required to complete required eligibility

determinations or to transmit to the county department any information collected for the purpose of making eligibility determinations;

(4) That the provider, other than a border state child care provider, shall continue to be licensed, approved, or certified pursuant to this chapter and shall comply with all standards and other requirements in this chapter and in rules adopted pursuant to this chapter for maintaining the provider's license, approval, or certification;

(5) That, in the case of a border state child care provider, the provider shall continue to be licensed, certified, or otherwise approved by the state in which the provider is located and shall comply with all standards and other requirements established by that state for maintaining the provider's license, certificate, or other approval;

(6) Whether the provider will be paid by the state department of job and family services or in some other manner as prescribed by rules adopted under section 5104.42 of the Revised Code;

(7) That the contract is subject to the availability of state and federal funds.

~~(C) Unless specifically prohibited by federal law or by rules adopted under section 5104.42 of the Revised Code, the county department of job and family services shall give individuals eligible for publicly funded child care the option of obtaining certificates that the individual may use to purchase services from any provider qualified to provide publicly funded child care under section 5104.31 of the Revised Code. Providers of publicly funded child care may present these certificates for payment in accordance with rules that the director of job and family services shall adopt. Only providers may receive payment for certificates. The value of the certificate shall be based on the lower of the rate customarily charged by the provider or the rate of payment established pursuant to section 5104.30 of the Revised Code. The county department may provide the certificates to the individuals or may contract with child care providers or child care resource and referral service organizations that make determinations of eligibility for publicly funded child care pursuant to contracts entered into under section 5104.34 of the Revised Code for the providers or resource and referral service organizations to provide the certificates to individuals whom they determine are eligible for publicly funded child care.~~

~~For each six-month period a provider of publicly funded child care provides publicly funded child care to the child of an individual given certificates, the individual shall provide the provider certificates for days the provider would have provided publicly funded child care to the child had the child been present. The maximum number of days providers shall be~~

~~provided certificates shall not exceed ten days in a six-month period during which publicly funded child care is provided to the child regardless of the number of providers that provide publicly funded child care to the child during that period.~~

~~(D)(1) The department shall establish the Ohio electronic an automated child care system to track attendance and calculate payments for publicly funded child care. The system shall include issuing an electronic child care card to each caretaker parent to swipe through a point of service device issued to an eligible provider, as described in section 5104.31 of the Revised Code.~~

(2) Each eligible provider that provides publicly funded child care shall participate in the ~~Ohio electronic~~ automated child care system. A provider participating in the system shall not do any of the following:

(a) Use or have possession of ~~an electronic child care card~~ a personal identification number or password issued to a caretaker parent under the automated child care system;

(b) Falsify attendance records;

(c) Knowingly seek or accept payment for publicly funded child care that was not provided or for which the provider was not eligible;

~~(d) Knowingly accept reimbursement for publicly funded child care that was not provided~~ seek or accept payment for child care provided to a child who resides in the provider's own home.

~~(D) The department may withhold any money due under this chapter and may recover through any appropriate method any money erroneously paid under this chapter if evidence demonstrates that a provider of publicly funded child care failed to comply with either of the following:~~

~~(1) The terms of the contract entered into under this section;~~

~~(2) This chapter or any rules adopted under it.~~

~~(E) If the department has evidence that a provider has employed an individual who is ineligible for employment under section 5104.013 of the Revised Code and the provider has not released the individual from employment upon notice that the individual is ineligible, the department may terminate immediately the contract entered into under this section to provide publicly funded child care.~~

~~(F) Any decision by the department concerning publicly funded child care, including the recovery of funds, overpayment determinations, and contract terminations is final and is not subject to appeal, hearing, or further review under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.~~

Sec. 5104.34. (A)(1) Each county department of job and family services shall implement procedures for making determinations of eligibility for

publicly funded child care. Under those procedures, the eligibility determination for each applicant shall be made no later than thirty calendar days from the date the county department receives a completed application for publicly funded child care. Each applicant shall be notified promptly of the results of the eligibility determination. An applicant aggrieved by a decision or delay in making an eligibility determination may appeal the decision or delay to the department of job and family services in accordance with section 5101.35 of the Revised Code. The due process rights of applicants shall be protected.

To the extent permitted by federal law, the county department may make all determinations of eligibility for publicly funded child care, may contract with child care providers or child care resource and referral service organizations for the providers or resource and referral service organizations to make all or any part of the determinations, and may contract with child care providers or child care resource and referral service organizations for the providers or resource and referral service organizations to collect specified information for use by the county department in making determinations. If a county department contracts with a child care provider or a child care resource and referral service organization for eligibility determinations or for the collection of information, the contract shall require the provider or resource and referral service organization to make each eligibility determination no later than thirty calendar days from the date the provider or resource and referral organization receives a completed application that is the basis of the determination and to collect and transmit all necessary information to the county department within a period of time that enables the county department to make each eligibility determination no later than thirty days after the filing of the application that is the basis of the determination.

The county department may station employees of the department in various locations throughout the county to collect information relevant to applications for publicly funded child care and to make eligibility determinations. The county department, child care provider, and child care resource and referral service organization shall make each determination of eligibility for publicly funded child care no later than thirty days after the filing of the application that is the basis of the determination, shall make each determination in accordance with any relevant rules adopted pursuant to section 5104.38 of the Revised Code, and shall notify promptly each applicant for publicly funded child care of the results of the determination of the applicant's eligibility.

The director of job and family services shall adopt rules in accordance

with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for monitoring the eligibility determination process. In accordance with those rules, the state department shall monitor eligibility determinations made by county departments of job and family services and shall direct any entity that is not in compliance with this division or any rule adopted under this division to implement corrective action specified by the department.

(2)(a) All eligibility determinations for publicly funded child care shall be made in accordance with rules adopted pursuant to division (A) of section 5104.38 of the Revised Code. Except as otherwise provided in this section, both of the following apply:

(i) Publicly funded child care may be provided only to eligible infants, toddlers, preschool-age children, ~~and~~ school-age children under age thirteen, or children receiving special needs child care.

(ii) For an applicant to be eligible for publicly funded child care, the caretaker parent must be employed or participating in a program of education or training for an amount of time reasonably related to the time that the parent's children are receiving publicly funded child care. This restriction does not apply to families whose children are eligible for protective child care.

(b) In accordance with rules adopted under division (B) of section 5104.38 of the Revised Code, an applicant may receive publicly funded child care while the county department determines eligibility. An applicant may receive publicly funded child care while a county department determines eligibility only once during a twelve-month period. If the county department determines that an applicant is not eligible for publicly funded child care, the ~~licensed~~ child care ~~program~~ provider shall be paid for providing publicly funded child care for up to five days after that determination if the county department received a completed application with all required documentation. A program may appeal a denial of payment under this division.

(c) If a caretaker parent who has been determined eligible to receive publicly funded child care no longer meets the requirements of division (A)(2)(a)(ii) of this section, the caretaker parent may continue to receive publicly funded child care for a period of up to thirteen weeks not to extend beyond the caretaker parent's twelve-month eligibility period. ~~Such authorization may be given only once during a twelve-month period.~~

(d) If a child turns thirteen, or if a child receiving special needs child care turns eighteen, during the twelve-month eligibility period, the caretaker parent may continue to receive publicly funded child care until the end of that twelve-month period.

Subject to available funds, the department of job and family services shall allow a family to receive publicly funded child care unless the family's income exceeds the maximum income eligibility limit. Initial and continued eligibility for publicly funded child care is subject to available funds unless the family is receiving child care pursuant to division (A)(1), (2), (3), or (4) of section 5104.30 of the Revised Code. If the department must limit eligibility due to lack of available funds, it shall give first priority for publicly funded child care to an assistance group whose income is not more than the maximum income eligibility limit that received transitional child care in the previous month but is no longer eligible because the twelve-month period has expired. Such an assistance group shall continue to receive priority for publicly funded child care until its income exceeds the maximum income eligibility limit.

(3) An assistance group that ceases to participate in the Ohio works first program established under Chapter 5107. of the Revised Code is eligible for transitional child care at any time during the immediately following twelve-month period that both of the following apply:

(a) The assistance group requires child care due to employment;

(b) The assistance group's income is not more than one hundred fifty per cent of the federal poverty line.

An assistance group ineligible to participate in the Ohio works first program pursuant to section 5101.83 or section 5107.16 of the Revised Code is not eligible for transitional child care.

(B) To the extent permitted by federal law, the department of job and family services may require a caretaker parent determined to be eligible for publicly funded child care to pay a fee according to the schedule of fees established in rules adopted under section 5104.38 of the Revised Code. The department shall make protective child care services and homeless child care services available to children without regard to the income or assets of the caretaker parent of the child.

(C) A caretaker parent receiving publicly funded child care shall report to the entity that determined eligibility any changes in status with respect to employment or participation in a program of education or training not later than ten calendar days after the change occurs.

(D) If the department of job and family services determines that available resources are not sufficient to provide publicly funded child care to all eligible families who request it, the department may establish a waiting list. The department may establish separate waiting lists within the waiting list based on income.

(E) A caretaker parent shall not receive ~~full-time~~ publicly funded child

care from more than one child care provider per child during a week, unless a county department grants the family an exemption for one of the following reasons:

~~(a)~~(1) The child needs additional care during non-traditional hours;

~~(b)~~(2) The child needs to change providers in the middle of the week and the hours of care provided by the providers do not overlap;

~~(c)~~(3) The child's provider is closed on scheduled school days off or on calamity days;

~~(d)~~(4) The child is enrolled in a part-time program participating in the tiered quality rating and improvement system established under section ~~5104.30~~ 5104.29 of the Revised Code and needs care from an additional part-time provider.

(F) As used in this section, "maximum income eligibility limit" means the amount of income specified in rules adopted under division (A) of section 5104.38 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5104.38. In addition to any other rules adopted under this chapter, the director of job and family services shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing financial and administrative requirements for publicly funded child care and establishing all of the following:

(A) Procedures and criteria to be used in making determinations of eligibility for publicly funded child care that give priority to children of families with lower incomes and procedures and criteria for eligibility for publicly funded protective child care or homeless child care. The rules shall specify the maximum amount of income a family may have for initial and continued eligibility. The maximum amount shall not exceed three hundred per cent of the federal poverty line. The rules may specify exceptions to the eligibility requirements in the case of a family that previously received publicly funded child care and is seeking to have the child care reinstated after the family's eligibility was terminated.

(B) Procedures under which an applicant for publicly funded child care may receive publicly funded child care while the county department of job and family services determines eligibility and under which a ~~licensed~~ child care ~~program~~ provider may appeal a denial of payment under division (A)(2)(b) of section 5104.34 of the Revised Code;

(C) A schedule of fees requiring all eligible caretaker parents to pay a fee for publicly funded child care according to income and family size, which shall be uniform for all types of publicly funded child care, except as authorized by rule, and, to the extent permitted by federal law, shall permit the use of state and federal funds to pay the customary deposits and other

advance payments that a provider charges all children who receive child care from that provider.

(D) A formula for determining the amount of state and federal funds appropriated for publicly funded child care that may be allocated to a county department to use for administrative purposes;

(E) Procedures to be followed by the department and county departments in recruiting individuals and groups to become providers of child care;

(F) Procedures to be followed in establishing state or local programs designed to assist individuals who are eligible for publicly funded child care in identifying the resources available to them and to refer the individuals to appropriate sources to obtain child care;

(G) Procedures to deal with fraud and abuse committed by either recipients or providers of publicly funded child care;

(H) Procedures for establishing a child care grant or loan program in accordance with the child care block grant act;

(I) Standards and procedures for applicants to apply for grants and loans, and for the department to make grants and loans;

(J) A definition of "person who stands in loco parentis" for the purposes of division ~~(JJ)(4)~~(LL)(3) of section 5104.01 of the Revised Code;

(K) Procedures for a county department of job and family services to follow in making eligibility determinations and redeterminations for publicly funded child care available through telephone, computer, and other means at locations other than the county department;

(L) If the director establishes a different reimbursement ceiling under division (E)(3)(d) of section 5104.30 of the Revised Code, standards and procedures for determining the amount of the higher payment that is to be issued to a child care provider based on the special needs of the child being served;

(M) To the extent permitted by federal law, procedures for paying for up to thirty days of child care for a child whose caretaker parent is seeking employment, taking part in employment orientation activities, or taking part in activities in anticipation of enrolling in or attending an education or training program or activity, if the employment or the education or training program or activity is expected to begin within the thirty-day period;

(N) Any other rules necessary to carry out sections 5104.30 to 5104.43 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5104.41. A child and the child's caretaker ~~who either temporarily reside in a facility providing emergency shelter for homeless families or are determined by the county department of job and family services to be~~

~~homeless, and~~ who are otherwise ineligible for publicly funded child care; are eligible for ~~protective~~ homeless child care for the lesser of the following:

(A) ~~Ninety~~ Not more than ninety days;

(B) The period of time they reside in ~~the~~ a facility providing emergency shelter, if they qualified for protective child care because they reside in the shelter, for homeless families or the period of time in which the county department determines they are homeless.

Sec. 5104.99. (A) Whoever violates section 5104.02 of the Revised Code shall be punished as follows:

(1) For each offense, the offender shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars multiplied by the number of children receiving child care at the child day-care center or type A family day-care home that either exceeds the number of children to which a type B family day-care home may provide child care or, if the offender is a licensed type A family day-care home that is operating as a child day-care center without being licensed as a center, exceeds the license capacity of the type A home.

(2) In addition to the fine specified in division (A)(1) of this section, all of the following apply:

(a) Except as provided in divisions (A)(2)(b), (c), and (d) of this section, the court shall order the offender to reduce the number of children to which it provides child care to a number that does not exceed either the number of children to which a type B family day-care home may provide child care or, if the offender is a licensed type A family day-care home that is operating as a child day-care center without being licensed as a center, the license capacity of the type A home.

(b) If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one violation of section 5104.02 of the Revised Code, the court shall order the offender to cease the provision of child care to any person until it obtains a child day-care center license or a type A family day-care home license, as appropriate, under section 5104.03 of the Revised Code.

(c) If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two violations of section 5104.02 of the Revised Code, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, and the court shall order the offender to cease the provision of child care to any person until it obtains a child day-care center license or a type A family day-care home license, as appropriate, under section 5104.03 of the Revised Code. The court shall impose the fine specified in division (A)(1) of this section and may impose an additional fine provided that the total amount of the fines so imposed does not exceed the maximum fine authorized for a misdemeanor of the first

degree under section 2929.28 of the Revised Code.

(d) If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to three or more violations of section 5104.02 of the Revised Code, the offender is guilty of a felony of the fifth degree, and the court shall order the offender to cease the provision of child care to any person until it obtains a child day-care center license or a type A family day-care home license, as appropriate, under section 5104.03 of the Revised Code. The court shall impose the fine specified in division (A)(1) of this section and may impose an additional fine provided that the total amount of the fines so imposed does not exceed the maximum fine authorized for a felony of the fifth degree under section 2929.18 of the Revised Code.

~~(B) Whoever violates division (M)(4) of section 5104.013 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender is a licensee of a center, type A home, or licensed type B home, the conviction shall constitute grounds for denial or revocation of an application for licensure pursuant to section 5104.04 of the Revised Code. Except as otherwise provided in this division, the offense established under division (M)(4) of section 5104.013 of the Revised Code is a strict liability offense, and section 2901.20 of the Revised Code does not apply. If the offender is a person eighteen years of age or older residing in a type A home or licensed type B home or is an employee of a center, type A home, or licensed type B home and if the licensee had knowledge of, and acquiesced in, the commission of the offense, the conviction shall constitute grounds for denial or revocation of an application for licensure pursuant to section 5104.04 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(C) Whoever violates section 5104.09 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.~~

Sec. 5119.185. (A) As used in this section, "physician":

(1) "Advanced practice registered nurse" has the same meaning as in section 4723.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Clinician" means any of the following:

(a) An advanced practice registered nurse;

(b) A physician;

(c) A physician assistant.

(3) "Physician" means an individual authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.

(4) "Physician assistant" means an individual who holds a current, valid license to practice as a physician assistant issued under Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code.

(B) The department of mental health and addiction services may establish a ~~physician~~ clinician recruitment program under which the department agrees to repay all or part of the principal and interest of a government or other educational loan incurred by a ~~physician~~ clinician who agrees to provide services to inpatients and outpatients of institutions under the department's administration. To be eligible to participate in the program, a ~~physician~~ clinician must have attended the following:

(1) In the case of a physician, a school that was, at the time of attendance, a medical school or osteopathic medical school in this country accredited by the liason committee on medical education or the American osteopathic association, or a medical school or osteopathic medical school located outside this country that was acknowledged by the world health organization and verified by a member state of that organization as operating within that state's jurisdiction;

(2) In the case of a physician assistant, a school that was, at the time of attendance, accredited by the accreditation review commission on education for the physician assistant or a regional or specialized and professional accrediting agency recognized by the council for higher education accreditation;

(3) In the case of an advanced practice registered nurse, a school that was, at the time of attendance, accredited by a national or regional accrediting organization.

(C) The department shall enter into a contract with each ~~physician~~ clinician it recruits under this section. Each contract shall include at least the following terms:

(1) The ~~physician~~ clinician agrees to provide a specified scope of ~~medical or osteopathic medical~~ health care services for a specified number of hours per week and a specified number of years to patients of one or more specified institutions administered by the department.

(2) The department agrees to repay all or a specified portion of the principal and interest of a government or other educational loan taken by the ~~physician~~ clinician for the following expenses if the ~~physician~~ clinician meets the service obligation agreed to and the expenses were incurred while the ~~physician~~ clinician was enrolled in, for up to a maximum of four years, a school that qualifies the ~~physician~~ clinician to participate in the program:

(a) Tuition;

(b) Other educational expenses for specific purposes, including fees, books, and laboratory expenses, in amounts determined to be reasonable in accordance with rules adopted under division (D) of this section;

(c) Room and board, in an amount determined to be reasonable in

accordance with rules adopted under division (D) of this section.

(3) The ~~physician~~ clinician agrees to pay the department a specified amount, which shall be not less than the amount already paid by the department pursuant to its agreement, as damages if the ~~physician~~ clinician fails to complete the service obligation agreed to or fails to comply with other specified terms of the contract. The contract may vary the amount of damages based on the portion of the ~~physician's~~ clinician's service obligation that remains uncompleted as determined by the department.

(4) Other terms agreed upon by the parties.

(D) If the department elects to implement the ~~physician~~ clinician recruitment program, it shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that establish all of the following:

(1) Criteria for designating institutions for which ~~physicians~~ clinicians will be recruited;

(2) Criteria for selecting ~~physicians~~ clinicians for participation in the program;

(3) Criteria for determining the portion of a ~~physician's~~ clinician's loan that the department will agree to repay;

(4) Criteria for determining reasonable amounts of the expenses described in divisions (C)(2)(b) and (c) of this section;

(5) Procedures for monitoring compliance by ~~physicians~~ clinicians with the terms of their contracts;

(6) Any other criteria or procedures necessary to implement the program.

Sec. 5119.19. (A)(1) As used in this section, "~~psychotropic~~:"

(a) "Prescribed drug" has the same meaning as in section 5164.01 of the Revised Code.

(b) "Psychotropic drug" means, except as provided in division (A)(2) of this section, a drug that has the capability of changing or controlling mental functioning or behavior through direct pharmacological action. "Psychotropic drug" includes all of the following:

(a)(i) Antipsychotic medications, including those administered or dispensed in a long-acting injectable form;

(b)(ii) Antidepressant medications;

(c)(iii) Anti-anxiety medications;

(d)(iv) Mood stabilizing medications.

(2) "Psychotropic drug" excludes a stimulant prescribed for the treatment of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

(B) There is hereby created the psychotropic drug reimbursement program. The program shall be administered by the department of mental

health and addiction services.

The purpose of the program is to provide state reimbursement to counties for the cost of psychotropic drugs that are dispensed to inmates of county jails in this state. The Each county shall ensure that inmates have access to all psychotropic drugs that are prescribed drugs covered by the fee-for-service component of the medicaid program.

The department, based on factors it considers appropriate, shall allocate an amount to each county for reimbursement of such psychotropic drug costs incurred by the county.

(C) The director of mental health and addiction services may adopt rules as necessary to implement this section. The rules, if adopted, shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5119.39. (A) As used in this section, "medication-assisted treatment" has the same meaning as in section 340.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) There is hereby created in the department of mental health and addiction services the medication-assisted treatment drug reimbursement program. Under the program, the department shall reimburse counties for the costs of drugs that are both of the following:

(1) Prescribed or furnished to inmates of county jails;

(2) Approved by the United States food and drug administration for use in medication-assisted treatment, including full opioid agonists, partial opioid agonists, and injectable long-acting or extended-release opioid antagonists.

The department, based on factors it considers appropriate, shall allocate an amount to each county for reimbursement of medication-assisted treatment drug costs incurred by the county.

(C) The director of mental health and addiction services may adopt rules as necessary to implement this section. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5119.44. As used in this section, "free clinic" has the same meaning as in section 2305.2341 of the Revised Code.

(A) The department of mental health and addiction services may provide certain goods and services for the department of mental health and addiction services, the department of developmental disabilities, the department of rehabilitation and correction, the department of youth services, and other state, county, or municipal agencies requesting such goods and services when the department of mental health and addiction services determines that it is in the public interest, and considers it advisable, to provide these goods and services. The department of mental health and addiction services also may provide goods and services to

agencies operated by the United States government and to public or private nonprofit agencies, other than free clinics, that are funded in whole or in part by the state if the public or private nonprofit agencies are designated for participation in this program by the director of mental health and addiction services for community addiction services providers and community mental health services providers, the director of developmental disabilities for community developmental disabilities agencies, the director of rehabilitation and correction for community rehabilitation and correction agencies, or the director of youth services for community youth services agencies.

Designated community agencies or services providers shall receive goods and services through the department of mental health and addiction services only in those cases where the designating state agency certifies that providing such goods and services to the agency or services provider will conserve public resources to the benefit of the public and where the provision of such goods and services is considered feasible by the department of mental health and addiction services.

(B) The department of mental health and addiction services may permit free clinics to purchase certain goods and services to the extent the purchases fall within the exemption to the Robinson-Patman Act, 15 U.S.C. 13 et seq., applicable to nonprofit institutions, in 15 U.S.C. 13c, as amended.

(C) The goods and services that may be provided by the department of mental health and addiction services under divisions (A) and (B) of this section may include:

(1) Procurement, storage, processing, and distribution of food and professional consultation on food operations;

(2) Procurement, storage, and distribution of medical and laboratory supplies, dental supplies, medical records, forms, optical supplies, and sundries, ~~subject to section 5120.135 of the Revised Code;~~

(3) Procurement, storage, repackaging, distribution, and dispensing of drugs, the provision of professional pharmacy consultation, and drug information services;

(4) Other goods and services.

(D) The department of mental health and addiction services may provide the goods and services designated in division (C) of this section to its institutions and to state-operated community-based mental health or addiction services providers.

(E) After consultation with and advice from the director of developmental disabilities, the director of rehabilitation and correction, and the director of youth services, the department of mental health and addiction services may provide the goods and services designated in division (C) of

this section to the department of developmental disabilities, the department of rehabilitation and correction, and the department of youth services.

(F) The cost of administration of this section shall be determined by the department of mental health and addiction services and paid by the agencies, services providers, or free clinics receiving the goods and services to the department for deposit in the state treasury to the credit of the Ohio pharmacy services fund, which is hereby created. The fund shall be used to pay the cost of administration of this section to the department.

(G) Whenever a state agency fails to make a payment for goods and services provided under this section within thirty-one days after the date the payment was due, the office of budget and management may transfer moneys from the state agency to the department of mental health and addiction services. The amount transferred shall not exceed the amount of overdue payments. Prior to making a transfer under this division, the office of budget and management shall apply any credits the state agency has accumulated in payments for goods and services provided under this section.

(H) Purchases of goods and services under this section are not subject to section 307.86 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5120.10. (A)(1) The director of rehabilitation and correction, by rule, shall promulgate minimum standards for jails in Ohio, including minimum security jails dedicated under section 341.34 or 753.21 of the Revised Code. Whenever the director files a rule or an amendment to a rule in final form with both the secretary of state and the director of the legislative service commission pursuant to section 111.15 of the Revised Code, the director of rehabilitation and correction promptly shall send a copy of the rule or amendment, if the rule or amendment pertains to minimum jail standards, by ordinary mail to the political subdivisions or affiliations of political subdivisions that operate jails to which the standards apply.

(2) The rules promulgated in accordance with division (A)(1) of this section shall serve as criteria for the investigative and supervisory powers and duties vested by division (D) of this section in the division of parole and community services of the department of rehabilitation and correction or in another division of the department to which those powers and duties are assigned.

(B) The director may initiate an action in the court of common pleas of the county in which a facility that is subject to the rules promulgated under division (A)(1) of this section is situated to enjoin compliance with the minimum standards for jails or with the minimum standards and minimum renovation, modification, and construction criteria for ~~minimum security~~

jails.

(C) Upon the request of an administrator of a jail facility, the chief executive of a municipal corporation, or a board of county commissioners, the director of rehabilitation and correction or the director's designee shall grant a variance from the minimum standards for jails in Ohio for a facility that is subject to one of those minimum standards when the director determines that strict compliance with the minimum standards would cause unusual, practical difficulties or financial hardship, that existing or alternative practices meet the intent of the minimum standards, and that granting a variance would not seriously affect the security of the facility, the supervision of the inmates, or the safe, healthful operation of the facility. If the director or the director's designee denies a variance, the applicant may appeal the denial pursuant to section 119.12 of the Revised Code.

(D) The following powers and duties shall be exercised by the division of parole and community services unless assigned to another division by the director:

(1) The investigation and supervision of county and municipal jails, workhouses, minimum security jails, and other correctional institutions and agencies;

(2) The review and approval of plans submitted to the department of rehabilitation and correction pursuant to division (E) of this section;

(3) The management and supervision of the adult parole authority created by section 5149.02 of the Revised Code;

(4) The review and approval of proposals for community-based correctional facilities and programs and district community-based correctional facilities and programs that are submitted pursuant to division (B) of section 2301.51 of the Revised Code;

(5) The distribution of funds made available to the division for purposes of assisting in the renovation, maintenance, and operation of community-based correctional facilities and programs and district community-based correctional facilities and programs in accordance with section 5120.112 of the Revised Code;

(6) The performance of the duty imposed upon the department of rehabilitation and correction in section 5149.31 of the Revised Code to establish and administer a program of subsidies to eligible municipal corporations, counties, and groups of contiguous counties for the development, implementation, and operation of community-based corrections programs;

(7) Licensing halfway houses and community residential centers for the care and treatment of adult offenders in accordance with section 2967.14 of

the Revised Code;

(8) Contracting with a public or private agency or a department or political subdivision of the state that operates a licensed halfway house or community residential center for the provision of housing, supervision, and other services to parolees, releasees, persons placed under a residential sanction, persons under transitional control, and other eligible offenders in accordance with section 2967.14 of the Revised Code.

Other powers and duties may be assigned by the director of rehabilitation and correction to the division of parole and community services. This section does not apply to the department of youth services or its institutions or employees.

(E) No plan for any new jail, workhouse, or lockup, and no plan for a substantial addition or alteration to an existing jail, workhouse, or lockup, shall be adopted unless the officials responsible for adopting the plan have submitted the plan to the department of rehabilitation and correction for approval, and the department has approved the plan as provided in division (D)(2) of this section.

Sec. 5120.112. (A) The division of parole and community services shall accept applications for state financial assistance for the renovation, maintenance, and operation of proposed and approved community-based correctional facilities and programs and district community-based correctional facilities and programs that are filed in accordance with section 2301.56 of the Revised Code. The division, upon receipt of an application for a particular facility and program, shall determine whether the application is in proper form, whether the applicant satisfies the standards of operation that are prescribed by the department of rehabilitation and correction under section 5120.111 of the Revised Code, whether the applicant has established the facility and program, and, if the applicant has not at that time established the facility and program, whether the proposal of the applicant sufficiently indicates that the standards will be satisfied upon the establishment of the facility and program. If the division determines that the application is in proper form and that the applicant has satisfied or will satisfy the standards of the department, the division shall notify the applicant that it is qualified to receive state financial assistance for the facility and program under this section from moneys made available to the division for purposes of providing assistance to community-based correctional facilities and programs and district community-based correctional facilities and programs.

(B) The amount of state financial assistance that is awarded to a qualified applicant under this section shall be determined by the division of parole and community services in accordance with this division. In

determining the amount of state financial assistance to be awarded to a qualified applicant under this section, the division shall not calculate the cost of an offender incarcerated in a community-based correctional facility and program or district community-based correctional facility program to be greater than the average yearly cost of incarceration per inmate in all state correctional institutions, as defined in section 2967.01 of the Revised Code, as determined by the department of rehabilitation and correction.

The times and manner of distribution of state financial assistance to be awarded to a qualified applicant under this section shall be determined by the division of parole and community services.

(C) Upon approval of a proposal for a community-based correctional facility and program or a district community-based correctional facility and program by the division of parole and community services, the facility governing board, upon the advice of the judicial advisory board, shall enter into an award agreement with the department of rehabilitation and correction that outlines terms and conditions of the agreement ~~on an annual basis~~. The agreement shall not be effective for longer than the state fiscal biennium in which the financial assistance is to be awarded. In the award agreement, the facility governing board shall identify a fiscal agent responsible for the deposit of funds and compliance with sections 2301.55 and 2301.56 of the Revised Code.

(D) No state financial assistance shall be distributed to a qualified applicant until an agreement concerning the assistance has been entered into by the director of rehabilitation and correction and the deputy director of the division of parole and community services on the part of the state, and by the chairperson of the facility governing board of the community-based correctional facility and program or district community-based correctional facility and program to receive the financial assistance, whichever is applicable. The agreement shall not be effective for ~~a period of one year from the date of the agreement~~ longer than the state fiscal biennium in which the financial assistance is to be awarded, and shall specify all terms and conditions that are applicable to the awarding of the assistance, including, but not limited to:

(1) The total amount of assistance to be awarded for each community-based correctional facility and program or district community-based correctional facility and program, and the times and manner of the payment of the assistance;

(2) How persons who will staff and operate the facility and program are to be utilized during the period for which the assistance is to be granted, including descriptions of their positions and duties, and their salaries and

fringe benefits;

(3) A statement that none of the persons who will staff and operate the facility and program, including those who are receiving some or all of their salaries out of funds received by the facility and program as state financial assistance, are employees or are to be considered as being employees of the department of rehabilitation and correction, and a statement that the employees who will staff and operate that facility and program are employees of the facility and program;

(4) A list of the type of expenses, other than salaries of persons who will staff and operate the facility and program, for which the state financial assistance can be used, and a requirement that purchases made with funds received as state financial assistance follow established fiscal guidelines as determined by the division of parole and community services and any applicable sections of the Revised Code, including, but not limited to, sections 125.01 to 125.11 and Chapter 153. of the Revised Code;

(5) The accounting procedures that are to be used by the facility and program in relation to the state financial assistance;

(6) A requirement that the facility and program file reports, during the period that it receives state financial assistance, with the division of parole and community services, which reports shall be statistical in nature and shall contain that information required under a research design agreed upon by all parties to the agreement, for purposes of evaluating the facility and program;

(7) A requirement that the facility and program comply with standards of operation as prescribed by the department under section 5120.111 of the Revised Code, and with all information submitted on its application;

(8) A statement that the facility and program will make a reasonable effort to augment the funding received from the state.

(E)(1) No state financial assistance shall be distributed to a qualified applicant until its proposal for a community-based correctional facility and program or district community-based correctional facility and program has been approved by the division of parole and community services.

(2) State financial assistance may be denied to any applicant if it fails to comply with the terms of any agreement entered into pursuant to division (D) of this section.

(F) The division of parole and community services may expend up to one-half per cent of the annual appropriation made for community-based correctional facility programs, for goods or services that benefit those programs.

Sec. 5122.43. (A) Costs, fees, and expenses of all proceedings held under this chapter shall be paid as follows:

(1) To police and health officers, other than sheriffs or their deputies, the same fees allowed to constables, to be paid upon the approval of the probate judge;

(2) To sheriffs or their deputies, the same fees allowed for similar services in the court of common pleas;

(3) To physicians or licensed clinical psychologists acting as expert witnesses and to other expert witnesses designated by the court, an amount determined by the court;

(4) To other witnesses, the same fees and mileage as for attendance at the court of common pleas, to be paid upon the approval of the probate judge;

(5) To a person, other than the sheriff or the sheriff's deputies, for taking a mentally ill person to a hospital or removing a mentally ill person from a hospital, the actual necessary expenses incurred, specifically itemized, and approved by the probate judge;

(6) To assistants who convey mentally ill persons to the hospital when authorized by the probate judge, a fee set by the probate court, provided the assistants are not drawing a salary from the state or any political subdivision of the state, and their actual necessary expenses incurred, provided that the expenses are specifically itemized and approved by the probate judge;

(7) To an attorney appointed by the probate division for an indigent who allegedly is a mentally ill person pursuant to any section of this chapter or a person suffering from alcohol and other drug abuse and who may be ordered under sections 5119.91 to 5119.98 of the Revised Code to undergo treatment, the fees that are determined by the probate division. When those indigent persons are before the court, all filing and recording fees shall be waived.

(8) To a referee who is appointed to conduct proceedings under this chapter that involve a respondent whose domicile is or, before the respondent's hospitalization, was not the county in which the proceedings are held, compensation as fixed by the probate division, but not more than the compensation paid for similar proceedings for respondents whose domicile is in the county in which the proceedings are held;

(9) To a court reporter appointed to make a transcript of proceedings under this chapter, the compensation and fees allowed in other cases under section 2101.08 of the Revised Code.

(B) A county shall pay for the costs, fees, and expenses described in division (A) of this section with money appropriated pursuant to section 2101.11 of the Revised Code. A county may seek reimbursement from the department of mental health and addiction services by submitting a request

and certification by the county auditor of the costs, fees, and expenses to the department within two months of the date the costs, fees, and expenses are incurred by the county.

Each fiscal year, based on past allocations, historical utilization, and other factors the department considers appropriate, the department shall allocate for each county an amount for reimbursements under this section. A county's allocation may be zero. The department shall set aside an amount in addition to the allocations to cover court costs associated with proceedings held under this chapter for counties that received an allocation of zero but that incurred expenditures authorized by the department. The total of all the allocations plus the additional amount set aside shall equal the amount appropriated for the fiscal year to the department specifically for the purposes of this section.

On receipt, the department shall review each request for reimbursement and prepare a voucher for the amount of the costs, fees, and expenses incurred by the county, provided that the total amount of money paid to all counties in each fiscal year shall not exceed the total amount of moneys specifically appropriated to the department for these purposes.

The department's total reimbursement to each county shall be the lesser of the full amount requested or either the amount allocated for the county under this division, or, for counties that received an allocation of zero, the amount approved by the department. In addition, the department shall distribute any surplus remaining from the money appropriated for the fiscal year to the department for the purposes of this section as follows to counties whose full requests exceed their allocations:

(1) If the surplus is sufficient to reimburse such counties the full amount of their requests, each such county shall receive the full amount of its request;

(2) If the surplus is insufficient, each such county shall receive a percentage of the surplus determined by dividing the difference between the county's full request and its allocation by the difference between the total of the full requests of all such counties and the total of the amounts allocated for all such counties.

The department may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement the payment of costs, fees, and expenses under this section.

Sec. 5123.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Chief medical officer" means the licensed physician appointed by the managing officer of an institution for persons with intellectual disabilities with the approval of the director of developmental disabilities to

provide medical treatment for residents of the institution.

(B) "Chief program director" means a person with special training and experience in the diagnosis and management of persons with developmental disabilities, certified according to division (C) of this section in at least one of the designated fields, and appointed by the managing officer of an institution for persons with intellectual disabilities with the approval of the director to provide habilitation and care for residents of the institution.

(C) "Comprehensive evaluation" means a study, including a sequence of observations and examinations, of a person leading to conclusions and recommendations formulated jointly, with dissenting opinions if any, by a group of persons with special training and experience in the diagnosis and management of persons with developmental disabilities, which group shall include individuals who are professionally qualified in the fields of medicine, psychology, and social work, together with such other specialists as the individual case may require.

(D) "Education" means the process of formal training and instruction to facilitate the intellectual and emotional development of residents.

(E) "Habilitation" means the process by which the staff of the institution assists the resident in acquiring and maintaining those life skills that enable the resident to cope more effectively with the demands of the resident's own person and of the resident's environment and in raising the level of the resident's physical, mental, social, and vocational efficiency. Habilitation includes but is not limited to programs of formal, structured education and training.

(F) "Health officer" means any public health physician, public health nurse, or other person authorized or designated by a city or general health district.

(G) "Home and community-based services" means medicaid-funded home and community-based services specified in division (A)(1) of section 5166.20 of the Revised Code provided under the medicaid waiver components the department of developmental disabilities administers pursuant to section 5166.21 of the Revised Code. Except as provided in section 5123.0412 of the Revised Code, home and community-based services provided under the medicaid waiver component known as the transitions developmental disabilities waiver are to be considered to be home and community-based services for the purposes of this chapter, and Chapters 5124. and 5126. of the Revised Code, only to the extent, if any, provided by the contract required by section 5166.21 of the Revised Code regarding the waiver.

(H) "ICF/IID" ~~has~~ and "ICF/IID services" have the same meaning

meanings as in section 5124.01 of the Revised Code.

(I) "Indigent person" means a person who is unable, without substantial financial hardship, to provide for the payment of an attorney and for other necessary expenses of legal representation, including expert testimony.

(J) "Institution" means a public or private facility, or a part of a public or private facility, that is licensed by the appropriate state department and is equipped to provide residential habilitation, care, and treatment for persons with intellectual disabilities.

(K) "Licensed physician" means a person who holds a valid ~~certificate~~ license issued under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code authorizing the person to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery, or a medical officer of the government of the United States while in the performance of the officer's official duties.

(L) "Managing officer" means a person who is appointed by the director of developmental disabilities to be in executive control of an institution under the jurisdiction of the department of developmental disabilities.

(M) "Medicaid case management services" means case management services provided to an individual with a developmental disability that the state medicaid plan requires.

(N) "Intellectual disability" means a disability characterized by having significantly subaverage general intellectual functioning existing concurrently with deficiencies in adaptive behavior, manifested during the developmental period.

(O) "Person with an intellectual disability subject to institutionalization by court order" means a person eighteen years of age or older with at least a moderate level of intellectual disability and in relation to whom, because of the person's disability, either of the following conditions exists:

(1) The person represents a very substantial risk of physical impairment or injury to self as manifested by evidence that the person is unable to provide for and is not providing for the person's most basic physical needs and that provision for those needs is not available in the community;

(2) The person needs and is susceptible to significant habilitation in an institution.

(P) "Moderate level of intellectual disability" means the condition in which a person, following a comprehensive evaluation, is found to have at least moderate deficits in overall intellectual functioning, as indicated by a full-scale intelligence quotient test score of fifty-five or below, and at least moderate deficits in adaptive behavior, as determined in accordance with the criteria established in the fifth edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders published by the American psychiatric

association.

(Q) "Developmental disability" means a severe, chronic disability that is characterized by all of the following:

(1) It is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or a combination of mental and physical impairments, other than a mental or physical impairment solely caused by mental illness, as defined in division (A) of section 5122.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) It is manifested before age twenty-two.

(3) It is likely to continue indefinitely.

(4) It results in one of the following:

(a) In the case of a person under three years of age, at least one developmental delay, as defined in rules adopted under section 5123.011 of the Revised Code, or a diagnosed physical or mental condition that has a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay, as defined in those rules;

(b) In the case of a person at least three years of age but under six years of age, at least two developmental delays, as defined in rules adopted under section 5123.011 of the Revised Code;

(c) In the case of a person six years of age or older, a substantial functional limitation in at least three of the following areas of major life activity, as appropriate for the person's age: self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, and, if the person is at least sixteen years of age, capacity for economic self-sufficiency.

(5) It causes the person to need a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or other type of care, treatment, or provision of services for an extended period of time that is individually planned and coordinated for the person.

"Developmental disability" includes intellectual disability.

(R) "State institution" means an institution that is tax-supported and under the jurisdiction of the department of developmental disabilities.

(S) "Residence" and "legal residence" have the same meaning as "legal settlement," which is acquired by residing in Ohio for a period of one year without receiving general assistance prior to July 17, 1995, under former Chapter 5113. of the Revised Code, without receiving financial assistance prior to December 31, 2017, under former Chapter 5115. of the Revised Code, or assistance from a private agency that maintains records of assistance given. A person having a legal settlement in the state shall be considered as having legal settlement in the assistance area in which the person resides. No adult person coming into this state and having a spouse

or minor children residing in another state shall obtain a legal settlement in this state as long as the spouse or minor children are receiving public assistance, care, or support at the expense of the other state or its subdivisions. For the purpose of determining the legal settlement of a person who is living in a public or private institution or in a home subject to licensing by the department of job and family services, the department of mental health and addiction services, or the department of developmental disabilities, the residence of the person shall be considered as though the person were residing in the county in which the person was living prior to the person's entrance into the institution or home. Settlement once acquired shall continue until a person has been continuously absent from Ohio for a period of one year or has acquired a legal residence in another state. A woman who marries a man with legal settlement in any county immediately acquires the settlement of her husband. The legal settlement of a minor is that of the parents, surviving parent, sole parent, parent who is designated the residential parent and legal custodian by a court, other adult having permanent custody awarded by a court, or guardian of the person of the minor, provided that:

(1) A minor female who marries shall be considered to have the legal settlement of her husband and, in the case of death of her husband or divorce, she shall not thereby lose her legal settlement obtained by the marriage.

(2) A minor male who marries, establishes a home, and who has resided in this state for one year without receiving general assistance prior to July 17, 1995, under former Chapter 5113. of the Revised Code or assistance from a private agency that maintains records of assistance given shall be considered to have obtained a legal settlement in this state.

(3) The legal settlement of a child under eighteen years of age who is in the care or custody of a public or private child caring agency shall not change if the legal settlement of the parent changes until after the child has been in the home of the parent for a period of one year.

No person, adult or minor, may establish a legal settlement in this state for the purpose of gaining admission to any state institution.

(T)(1) "Resident" means, subject to division (T)(2) of this section, a person who is admitted either voluntarily or involuntarily to an institution or other facility pursuant to section 2945.39, 2945.40, 2945.401, or 2945.402 of the Revised Code subsequent to a finding of not guilty by reason of insanity or incompetence to stand trial or under this chapter who is under observation or receiving habilitation and care in an institution.

(2) "Resident" does not include a person admitted to an institution or

other facility under section 2945.39, 2945.40, 2945.401, or 2945.402 of the Revised Code to the extent that the reference in this chapter to resident, or the context in which the reference occurs, is in conflict with any provision of sections 2945.37 to 2945.402 of the Revised Code.

(U) "Respondent" means the person whose detention, commitment, or continued commitment is being sought in any proceeding under this chapter.

(V) "Working day" and "court day" mean Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, except when such day is a legal holiday.

(W) "Prosecutor" means the prosecuting attorney, village solicitor, city director of law, or similar chief legal officer who prosecuted a criminal case in which a person was found not guilty by reason of insanity, who would have had the authority to prosecute a criminal case against a person if the person had not been found incompetent to stand trial, or who prosecuted a case in which a person was found guilty.

(X) "Court" means the probate division of the court of common pleas.

(Y) "Supported living" and "residential services" have the same meanings as in section 5126.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5123.023. (A) The director of developmental disabilities ~~may~~ shall establish an employment first task force consisting of the departments of developmental disabilities, education, medicaid, job and family services, and mental health and addiction services; and the opportunities for Ohioans with disabilities agency. The purpose of the task force shall be to improve the coordination of the state's efforts to address the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities who seek community employment as defined in section 5123.022 of the Revised Code.

(B) The department of developmental disabilities may enter into interagency agreements with any of the government entities on the task force. The interagency agreements may specify either or both of the following:

(1) The roles and responsibilities of the government entities that are members of the task force, including any money to be contributed by those entities;

(2) The projects and activities of the task force.

(C) There is hereby created in the state treasury the employment first taskforce fund. Any money received by the task force from its members shall be credited to the fund. The department of developmental disabilities shall use the fund to support the work of the task force.

~~(D) The task force shall cease to exist on January 1, 2020. Any money, assets, or employees of the department of developmental disabilities that on that date are dedicated to the work of the task force shall be reallocated by~~

~~the department for employment services for individuals with developmental disabilities.~~

Sec. 5123.044. The department of developmental disabilities shall determine whether county boards of developmental disabilities violate the rights that individuals with developmental disabilities have under section 5126.046 of the Revised Code to obtain home and community-based services, ICF/IID services, nonmedicaid residential services, or nonmedicaid supported living from qualified and willing providers. The department shall provide assistance to an individual with a developmental disability who requests assistance with the individual's rights under that section if the department is notified of a county board's alleged violation of the individual's rights under that section.

Sec. 5123.046. The department of developmental disabilities shall review each ~~component of the three-calendar-year~~ annual plan it receives from a county board of developmental disabilities under section 5126.054 of the Revised Code and, in consultation with the department of job and family services and office of budget and management, approve each ~~component plan~~ plan that includes all the information and conditions specified in that section. ~~The third component of the plan shall be approved or disapproved not later than forty-five days after the third component is submitted to the department. If the department approves all three components of the plan, the plan is approved. Otherwise, the plan is disapproved.~~ If the plan is disapproved, the department shall take action against the county board under division (B) of section 5126.056 of the Revised Code.

In approving plans under this section, the department shall ensure that the aggregate of all plans provide for the increased enrollment into home and community-based services during each state fiscal year of at least five hundred individuals who did not receive residential services, supported living, or home and community-based services the prior state fiscal year if the department has enough additional enrollment available for this purpose.

The department shall establish protocols that the department shall use to determine whether a county board is complying with the programmatic and financial accountability mechanisms and achieving outcomes specified in its approved plan. If the department determines that a county board is not in compliance with the mechanisms or achieving the outcomes specified in its approved plan, the department may take action under division (F) of section 5126.055 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5123.0414. (A) When the director of developmental disabilities; ~~under section 119.07 of the Revised Code~~, sends a party a notice by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, that the director intends

to take action against the party authorized by section 5123.166, 5123.168, 5123.19, 5123.45, 5123.51, or 5126.25 of the Revised Code and the notice is returned to the director with an endorsement indicating that the notice was refused or unclaimed, the director shall resend the notice by ordinary mail to the party.

(B) If the original notice was refused, the notice shall be deemed received as of the date the director resends the notice.

(C) If the original notice was unclaimed, the notice shall be deemed received as of the date the director resends the notice unless, not later than thirty days after the date the director sent the original notice, the resent notice is returned to the director for failure of delivery.

If the notice concerns taking action under section 5123.51 of the Revised Code and the resent notice is returned to the director for failure of delivery not later than thirty days after the date the director sent the original notice, the director shall cause the notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of the party's last known residence or business and shall mail a dated copy of the published notice to the party at the last known address. The notice shall be deemed received as of the date of the publication.

If the notice concerns taking action under section 5123.166, 5123.168, 5123.19, 5123.45, or 5126.25 of the Revised Code and the resent notice is returned to the director for failure of delivery not later than thirty days after the date the director sent the original notice, the director shall resend the notice to the party a second time. The notice shall be deemed received as of the date the director resends the notice the second time.

Sec. 5123.0419. (A) The director of developmental disabilities ~~may~~ shall establish an interagency workgroup on autism. The purpose of the workgroup shall be to improve the coordination of the state's efforts to address the service needs of individuals with autism spectrum disorders and the families of those individuals. In fulfilling this purpose, the director may enter into interagency agreements with the government entities represented by the members of the workgroup. The agreements may specify any or all of the following:

(1) The roles and responsibilities of government entities that enter into the agreements;

(2) Procedures regarding the receipt, transfer, and expenditure of funds necessary to achieve the goals of the workgroup;

(3) The projects to be undertaken and activities to be performed by the government entities that enter into the agreements.

(B) Money received from government entities represented by the

members of the workgroup shall be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the interagency workgroup on autism fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury. Money credited to the fund shall be used by the department of developmental disabilities solely to support the activities of the workgroup.

Sec. 5123.0424. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Official member" means a member of an official workgroup who was appointed by the director of developmental disabilities.

(2) "Official workgroup" means a workgroup, task force, council, committee, or similar entity that has been established by the director of developmental disabilities under the director's express or implied statutory authority.

(B) Subject to division (C) of this section, the director of developmental disabilities may, at the director's discretion, provide for an official member of an official workgroup to be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel expenses the member incurs in the performance of the member's duties on the workgroup, including attending the workgroup's meetings, if all of the following apply:

(1) The official member serves on the official workgroup as a representative of the families of, or advocates for, individuals with developmental disabilities;

(2) The official member does not receive reimbursement for the travel expenses from any other source;

(3) The official member does not receive wages or other compensation from any other source for performing the member's duties on the official workgroup; and

(4) No statute prohibits official members of the official workgroup from being reimbursed for travel expenses.

(C) The amount the director provides for an official member of an official workgroup to be reimbursed under division (B) of this section shall not exceed the rates the director of budget and management establishes in rules adopted under division (B) of section 126.31 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5123.081. (A) As used in this section:

(1)(a) "Applicant" means any of the following:

(i) A person who is under final consideration for appointment to or employment with the department of developmental disabilities or a county board of developmental disabilities;

(ii) A person who is being transferred to the department or a county board;

(iii) An employee who is being recalled to or reemployed by the

department or a county board after a layoff;

(iv) A person under final consideration for a direct services position with a provider or subcontractor.

(b) Neither of the following is an applicant:

(i) A person who is employed by a responsible entity in a position for which a criminal records check is required by this section and either is being considered for a different position with the responsible entity or is returning after a leave of absence or seasonal break in employment, unless the responsible entity has reason to believe that the person has committed a disqualifying offense;

(ii) A person who is to provide only respite care under a family support services program established under section 5126.11 of the Revised Code if a family member of the individual with a developmental disability who is to receive the respite care selects the person.

(2) "Criminal records check" has the same meaning as in section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Direct services position" means an employment position in which the employee has the opportunity to be alone with or exercises supervision or control over one or more individuals with developmental disabilities.

(4) "Disqualifying offense" means any of the offenses listed or described in divisions (A)(3)(a) to (e) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

(5)(a) "Employee" means either of the following:

(i) A person appointed to or employed by the department of developmental disabilities or a county board of developmental disabilities;

(ii) A person employed in a direct services position by a provider or subcontractor.

(b) "Employee" does not mean a person who provides only respite care under a family support services program established under section 5126.11 of the Revised Code if a family member of the individual with a developmental disability who receives the respite care selected the person.

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

(7) "Provider" means a person that provides specialized services to individuals with developmental disabilities and employs one or more persons in direct services positions.

(8) "Responsible entity" means the following:

(a) The department of developmental disabilities in the case of either of the following:

(i) A person who is an applicant because the person is under final

consideration for appointment to or employment with the department, being transferred to the department, or being recalled to or reemployed by the department after a layoff;

(ii) A person who is an employee because the person is appointed to or employed by the department.

(b) A county board of developmental disabilities in the case of either of the following:

(i) A person who is an applicant because the person is under final consideration for appointment to or employment with the county board, being transferred to the county board, or being recalled to or reemployed by the county board after a layoff;

(ii) A person who is an employee because the person is appointed to or employed by the county board.

(c) A provider in the case of either of the following:

(i) A person who is an applicant because the person is under final consideration for a direct services position with the provider;

(ii) A person who is an employee because the person is employed in a direct services position by the provider.

(d) A subcontractor in the case of either of the following:

(i) A person who is an applicant because the person is under final consideration for a direct services position with the subcontractor;

(ii) A person who is an employee because the person is employed in a direct services position by the subcontractor.

(9) "Specialized services" means any program or service designed and operated to serve primarily individuals with developmental disabilities, including a program or service provided by an entity licensed or certified by the department of developmental disabilities. If there is a question as to whether a provider or subcontractor is providing specialized services, the provider or subcontractor may request that the director of developmental disabilities make a determination. The director's determination is final.

(10) "Subcontractor" means a person to which both of the following apply:

(a) The person has either of the following:

(i) A subcontract with a provider to provide specialized services included in the contract between the provider and the department of developmental disabilities or a county board of developmental disabilities;

(ii) A subcontract with another subcontractor to provide specialized services included in a subcontract between the other subcontractor and a provider or other subcontractor.

(b) The person employs one or more persons in direct services positions.

(B) A responsible entity shall not employ an applicant or continue to employ an employee if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant or employee fails to comply with division (D)(3) of this section.

(2) Except as provided in rules adopted under this section, the applicant or employee is found by a criminal records check required by this section to have been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense.

(C) Before employing an applicant in a position for which a criminal records check is required by this section, a responsible entity shall require the applicant to submit a statement with the applicant's signature attesting that the applicant has not been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense. The responsible entity also shall require the applicant to sign an agreement under which the applicant agrees to notify the responsible entity within fourteen calendar days if, while employed by the responsible entity, the applicant is formally charged with, is convicted of, pleads guilty to, or is found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense. The agreement shall provide that the applicant's failure to provide the notification may result in termination of the applicant's employment.

(D)(1) As a condition of employing any applicant in a position for which a criminal records check is required by this section, a responsible entity shall request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation to conduct a criminal records check of the applicant. If rules adopted under this section require an employee to undergo a criminal records check, a responsible entity shall request the superintendent to conduct a criminal records check of the employee at times specified in the rules as a condition of the responsible entity's continuing to employ the employee in a position for which a criminal records check is required by this section. If an applicant or employee does not present proof that the applicant or employee has been a resident of this state for the five-year period immediately prior to the date upon which the criminal records check is requested, the responsible entity shall request that the superintendent obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as a part of the criminal records check. If the applicant or employee presents proof that the applicant or employee has been a resident of this state for that five-year period, the responsible entity may request that the superintendent include information from the federal bureau of investigation in the criminal records check. For purposes of this division, an applicant or employee may provide proof of residency in this state by presenting, with a notarized

statement asserting that the applicant or employee has been a resident of this state for that five-year period, a valid driver's license, notification of registration as an elector, a copy of an officially filed federal or state tax form identifying the applicant's or employee's permanent residence, or any other document the responsible entity considers acceptable.

(2) A responsible entity shall do all of the following:

(a) Provide to each applicant and employee for whom a criminal records check is required by this section a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and a standard impression sheet to obtain fingerprint impressions prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code;

(b) Obtain the completed form and standard impression sheet from the applicant or employee;

(c) Forward the completed form and standard impression sheet to the superintendent at the time the criminal records check is requested.

(3) Any applicant or employee who receives pursuant to this division a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and a copy of the standard impression sheet prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section and who is requested to complete the form and provide a set of the applicant's or employee's fingerprint impressions shall complete the form or provide all the information necessary to complete the form and shall provide the standard impression sheet with the impressions of the applicant's or employee's fingerprints.

(4) A responsible entity shall pay to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation the fee prescribed pursuant to division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code for each criminal records check requested and conducted pursuant to this section.

(E) A responsible entity may request any other state or federal agency to supply the responsible entity with a written report regarding the criminal record of an applicant or employee. If an employee holds an occupational or professional license or other credentials, the responsible entity may request that the state or federal agency that regulates the employee's occupation or profession supply the responsible entity with a written report of any information pertaining to the employee's criminal record that the agency obtains in the course of conducting an investigation or in the process of renewing the employee's license or other credentials. The responsible entity may consider the reports when determining whether to employ the applicant or to continue to employ the employee.

(F) As a condition of employing an applicant in a position for which a criminal records check is required by this section and that involves

transporting individuals with developmental disabilities or operating a responsible entity's vehicles for any purpose, the responsible entity shall obtain the applicant's driving record from the bureau of motor vehicles. If rules adopted under this section require a responsible entity to obtain an employee's driving record, the responsible entity shall obtain the employee's driving record from the bureau at times specified in the rules as a condition of continuing to employ the employee. The responsible entity may consider the applicant's or employee's driving record when determining whether to employ the applicant or to continue to employ the employee.

(G) A responsible entity may employ an applicant conditionally pending receipt of a report regarding the applicant requested under this section. The responsible entity shall request the report before employing the applicant conditionally. The responsible entity shall terminate the applicant's employment if it is determined from a report that the applicant failed to inform the responsible entity that the applicant had been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense.

(H) A responsible entity may charge an applicant a fee for costs the responsible entity incurs in obtaining a report regarding the applicant under this section if the responsible entity notifies the applicant of the amount of the fee at the time of the applicant's initial application for employment and that, unless the fee is paid, the responsible entity will not consider the applicant for employment. The fee shall not exceed the amount of the fee, if any, the responsible entity pays for the report.

(I)(1) Any report obtained pursuant to this section is not a public record for purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall not be made available to any person, other than the following:

(a) The applicant or employee who is the subject of the report or the applicant's or employee's representative;

(b) The responsible entity that requested the report or its representative;

(c) The department if a county board, provider, or subcontractor is the responsible entity that requested the report and the department requests the responsible entity to provide a copy of the report to the department;

(d) A county board if a provider or subcontractor is the responsible entity that requested the report and the county board requests the responsible entity to provide a copy of the report to the county board;

(e) Any court, hearing officer, or other necessary individual involved in a case dealing with any of the following:

(i) The denial of employment to the applicant or employee;

(ii) The denial, suspension, or revocation of a certificate under section

5123.166 or 5123.45 of the Revised Code;

(iii) A civil or criminal action regarding the medicaid program or a program the department administers.

(2) An applicant or employee for whom the responsible entity has obtained reports under this section may submit a written request to the responsible entity to have copies of the reports sent to any state agency, entity of local government, or private entity. The applicant or employee shall specify in the request the agencies or entities to which the copies are to be sent. On receiving the request, the responsible entity shall send copies of the reports to the agencies or entities specified.

(3) A responsible entity may request that a state agency, entity of local government, or private entity send copies to the responsible entity of any report regarding a records check or criminal records check that the agency or entity possesses, if the responsible entity obtains the written consent of the individual who is the subject of the report.

(4) A responsible entity shall provide each applicant and employee with a copy of any report obtained about the applicant or employee under this section.

(J) The director of developmental disabilities shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section.

(1) The rules may do the following:

(a) Require employees to undergo criminal records checks under this section;

(b) Require responsible entities to obtain the driving records of employees under this section;

(c) If the rules require employees to undergo criminal records checks, require responsible entities to obtain the driving records of employees, or both, exempt one or more classes of employees from the requirements.

(2) The rules shall do ~~both~~ all of the following:

(a) If the rules require employees to undergo criminal records checks, require responsible entities to obtain the driving records of employees, or both, specify the times at which the criminal records checks are to be conducted and the driving records are to be obtained;

(b) Specify circumstances under which a responsible entity may employ an applicant or employee who is found by a criminal records check required by this section to have been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense but meets standards in regard to rehabilitation set by the director;

(c) Require a responsible entity to request a criminal records check

under this section before employing an applicant conditionally as permitted under division (G) of this section.

Sec. 5123.092. (A) There is hereby established at each institution and branch institution under the control of the department of developmental disabilities a citizen's advisory council ~~consisting~~. Each council shall consist of ~~thirteen~~ seven members. At least seven of the members shall be persons who are not providers of services for persons with developmental disabilities. Each council shall include, including parents or other relatives of residents of institutions under the control of the department, community leaders, professional persons in relevant fields, and persons who have an interest in or knowledge of developmental disabilities. The managing officer of the institution shall be a nonvoting member of the council.

(B) The director of developmental disabilities shall be the appointing authority for the voting members of each citizen's advisory council. Each time the term of a voting member expires, the ~~remaining members of the council~~ managing officer of the institution with which the council is associated shall recommend to the director one or more persons to serve on the council. The director may accept a nominee of the ~~council~~ managing officer or reject the nominee or nominees. If the director rejects the nominee or nominees, the ~~remaining members of the advisory council~~ managing officer shall further recommend to the director one or more other persons to serve on the ~~advisory~~ council. This procedure shall continue until a member is appointed to the ~~advisory~~ council.

~~Each advisory council shall elect from its appointed members a chairperson, vice chairperson, and a secretary to serve for terms of one year. Advisory council officers shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms in the same office. A majority of the advisory council members constitutes a quorum.~~

(C) Terms of office shall be for three years, each term ending on the same day of the same month of the year as did the term which it succeeds. No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms, except that any former member may be appointed if one year or longer has elapsed since the member served two consecutive terms. Each member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the end of the term for which the member was appointed. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made, and the appointee to a vacancy in an unexpired term shall serve the balance of the term of the original appointee. Any member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the member's successor takes office, or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first.

(C) Each citizen's advisory council shall elect from its appointed members a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary. A person elected to an office may serve in that position until the person is no longer a member of the council.

~~(D) Members of a citizen's advisory council shall be expected to attend all meetings of the advisory council. Unexcused absence from two successive regularly scheduled meetings shall be considered prima facie evidence of intent not to continue as a member. The chairperson of the board shall, after a member has been absent for two successive regularly scheduled meetings, direct a letter to the member asking if the member wishes to remain in membership. If an affirmative reply is received, the member shall be retained as a member except that, if, after having expressed a desire to remain a member, the member then misses a third successive regularly scheduled meeting without being excused, the chairperson shall terminate the member's membership. A majority of the members constitutes a quorum.~~

~~(E) A citizen's advisory council shall meet six times annually, or more frequently if three council members request the chairperson to call a meeting. The council shall keep minutes of each meeting and shall submit them to the managing officer of the institution with which the council is associated and the department of developmental disabilities.~~

~~(F)~~(E) Members of citizen's advisory councils shall receive no compensation for their services, except that they shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties by the institution with which they are associated from funds allocated to it, provided that reimbursement for those expenses shall not exceed limits imposed upon the department of developmental disabilities by administrative rules regulating travel within this state.

~~(G)~~(F) The councils shall have reasonable access to all patient treatment and living areas and records of the institution, except those records of a strictly personal or confidential nature. The councils shall have access to a patient's personal records with the consent of the patient or the patient's legal guardian or, if the patient is a minor, with the consent of the parent or legal guardian of the patient.

~~(H)~~(G) As used in this section, "branch institution" means a facility that is located apart from an institution and is under the control of the managing officer of the institution.

Sec. 5123.166. (A) If good cause exists as specified in division (B) of this section and determined in accordance with procedures established in rules adopted under section 5123.1611 of the Revised Code, the director of

developmental disabilities may issue an adjudication order requiring that one or more of the following actions be taken against a person or government entity seeking or holding a supported living certificate:

- (1) Refusal to issue or renew a supported living certificate;
- (2) Revocation of a supported living certificate;
- (3) Suspension of a supported living certificate holder's authority to do

~~either or both~~ any of the following:

(a) Continue to provide supported living to one or more individuals ~~from one or more counties~~ who receive supported living from the certificate holder at the time the director takes the action;

(b) Begin to provide supported living to one or more individuals ~~from one or more counties~~ who do not receive supported living from the certificate holder at the time the director takes the action;

(c) Expand or add supported living services to one or more individuals who receive supported living from the certificate holder at the time the director takes action.

(B) The following constitute good cause for taking action under division (A) of this section against a person or government entity seeking or holding a supported living certificate:

(1) The person or government entity's failure to meet or continue to meet the applicable certification standards established in rules adopted under section 5123.1611 of the Revised Code;

(2) The person or government entity violates section 5123.165 of the Revised Code;

(3) The person or government entity's failure to satisfy the requirements of section 5123.081 or 5123.52 of the Revised Code;

(4) Mifeasance;

(5) Malfeasance;

(6) Nonfeasance;

(7) Confirmed abuse or neglect;

(8) Financial irresponsibility;

(9) Other conduct the director determines is or would be injurious to individuals who receive or would receive supported living from the person or government entity.

(C) Except as provided in division (D) of this section, the director shall issue an adjudication order under division (A) of this section in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(D)(1) The director may issue an order requiring that action specified in division (A)(3) of this section be taken before a provider is provided notice and an opportunity for a hearing if all of the following are the case:

(a) The director determines such action is warranted by the provider's failure to continue to meet the applicable certification standards;

(b) The director determines that the failure either represents a pattern of serious noncompliance or creates a substantial risk to the health or safety of an individual who receives or would receive supported living from the provider;

(c) If the order will suspend the provider's authority to continue to provide supported living to an individual who receives supported living from the provider at the time the director issues the order, both of the following are the case:

(i) The director makes the individual, or the individual's guardian, aware of the director's determination under division (D)(1)(b) of this section and the individual or guardian does not select another provider.

(ii) A county board of developmental disabilities has filed a complaint with a probate court under section 5126.33 of the Revised Code that includes facts describing the nature of abuse or neglect that the individual has suffered due to the provider's actions that are the basis for the director making the determination under division (D)(1)(b) of this section and the probate court does not issue an order authorizing the county board to arrange services for the individual pursuant to an individualized service plan developed for the individual under section 5126.31 of the Revised Code.

(2) If the director issues an order under division (D)(1) of this section, sections 119.091 to 119.13 of the Revised Code and all of the following apply:

(a) The director shall send the provider notice of the order by ~~registered~~ certified mail, return receipt requested, not later than twenty-four hours after issuing the order and shall include in the notice the reasons for the order, the citation to the law or rule directly involved, and a statement that the provider will be afforded a hearing if the provider requests it in writing within ten days of the time of receiving the notice.

(b) If the provider requests a hearing within the required time and the provider has provided the director the provider's current address, the director shall immediately set, and notify the provider of, the date, time, and place for the hearing. If the provider's written request for a hearing includes a request that the hearing be held not later than thirty days after the director receives the provider's timely request for the hearing, the date set for the hearing by the director shall be within thirty days.

~~(e) The date of the hearing shall be not later than thirty days after the director receives the provider's timely request for the hearing.~~

~~(d)~~(c) The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with section 119.09

of the Revised Code, except for all of the following:

(i) The hearing shall continue uninterrupted until its close, except for weekends, legal holidays, and other interruptions the provider and director agree to.

(ii) If the director appoints a referee or examiner to conduct the hearing, the referee or examiner, not later than ten days after the date the referee or examiner receives a transcript of the testimony and evidence presented at the hearing or, if the referee or examiner does not receive the transcript or no such transcript is made, the date that the referee or examiner closes the record of the hearing, shall submit to the director a written report setting forth the referee or examiner's findings of fact and conclusions of law and a recommendation of the action the director should take.

(iii) The provider may, not later than five days after the date the director, in accordance with section 119.09 of the Revised Code, sends the provider or the provider's attorney or other representative of record a copy of the referee or examiner's report and recommendation, file with the director written objections to the report and recommendation.

(iv) The director shall approve, modify, or disapprove the referee or examiner's report and recommendation not earlier than six days, and not later than fifteen days, after the date the director, in accordance with section 119.09 of the Revised Code, sends a copy of the report and recommendation to the provider or the provider's attorney or other representative of record.

(3) The director may lift an order issued under division (D)(1) of this section even though a hearing regarding the order is occurring or pending if the director determines that the provider has taken action eliminating the good cause for issuing the order. The hearing shall proceed unless the provider withdraws the request for the hearing in a written letter to the director.

(4) The director shall lift an order issued under division (D)(1) of this section if both of the following are the case:

(a) The provider provides the director a plan of compliance the director determines is acceptable.

(b) The director determines that the provider has implemented the plan of compliance correctly.

Sec. 5123.1612. (A) The director of developmental disabilities may issue a summary order suspending a supported living certificate holder's authority to provide supported living to one or more identified individuals if the director determines that both of the following are the case:

(1) The certificate holder's noncompliance with one or more requirements of this chapter or the rules adopted under it causes or presents

an immediate danger of causing serious injury, harm, impairment, or death to the individual or individuals;

(2) The certificate holder does not remove the conditions that caused or presented an immediate danger of causing serious injury, harm, impairment, or death to the individual or individuals before the order is issued.

(B) An order issued under division (A) of this section applies only to the individual or individuals the director determines experienced or are in immediate danger of experiencing serious injury, harm, impairment, or death. An order issued under division (A) of this section takes immediate effect upon notification to the certificate holder. The county board of developmental disabilities for the county where the individual or individuals reside shall arrange for an alternative method of providing services to the individual or individuals until the order is lifted under division (E) of this section.

(C) The director shall notify, by telephone, the certificate holder and the county board of developmental disabilities for the county where the individual or individuals reside of the order immediately after issuing it. The director also shall provide written notice of the order by electronic or regular mail. Both the telephone notice and the written notice to the certificate holder shall inform the certificate holder of the right to request a reconsideration of the order under division (D) of this section.

(D) A certificate holder who is subject to an order issued under division (A) of this section may request that the director reconsider the order within twenty-four hours after receiving the telephone notice under division (C) of this section. The director shall reconsider the order within twenty-four hours after receiving the request. At the certificate holder's option, the reconsideration may be conducted by an in-person meeting, telephone, or review of the certificate holder's written submission that accompanies the request. The director shall issue a decision on the reconsideration within twenty-four hours following the conclusion of the meeting, telephone conversation, or review of a written submission.

(E) The director shall lift an order issued under division (A) of this section if the director determines that the certificate holder has removed the conditions that led to the order and that the conditions will not recur.

(F) An order issued under division (A) of this section does not constitute an action against the holder of a supported living certificate described in section 5123.166 of the Revised Code and is not subject to that section or to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(G) The director's issuance of an order under division (A) of this section does not preclude the director from taking any other action against the

holder of a supported living certificate described in section 5123.166 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5123.193. The director of developmental disabilities shall include on the internet web site maintained by the department of developmental disabilities a searchable database of vacancies in licensed residential facilities. Each person or government entity operating a licensed residential facility shall provide current and accurate vacancy information to the department in accordance with procedures that the director shall establish.

Sec. 5123.691. (A) As used in this section, "mental illness" has the same meaning as in section 5122.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) The managing officer of an institution, with the concurrence of the chief program director, may admit into a specialized treatment unit for minors a minor ages ten to seventeen who is in behavior crisis and has serious behavioral challenges if one of the following applies:

(1) The minor has an intellectual disability.

(2) The minor has autism spectrum disorder.

(3) The minor has a dual diagnosis of an intellectual disability and mental illness.

(4) The minor has a dual diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder and mental illness.

(C)(1) The admission of a minor into a specialized treatment unit shall be based upon the availability of beds at the institution and the clinical treatment needs of the minor.

(2) The department of developmental disabilities may establish other criteria for admitting a minor into a specialized treatment unit.

(D) Before a minor may be admitted into a specialized treatment unit, the minor's parent or legal guardian, the county board of developmental disabilities, and the department shall enter into a memorandum of understanding setting forth the roles and responsibilities of each of the parties regarding the care and treatment of the minor and specifying the duration of admission in the specialized treatment unit.

(E)(1) The initial duration of admission for a minor in a specialized treatment unit shall not exceed one hundred eighty days.

(2) The parent or legal guardian of a minor may petition the department to extend the duration of a minor's admission in a specialized treatment unit at least thirty days before the expiration of the minor's term of admission in the specialized treatment unit. The department, in its discretion, may grant or deny a petition for extended admission, but may not extend a minor's duration of admission in a specialized treatment unit beyond one year.

(3) Upon the expiration of a minor's term of admission in a specialized

treatment unit, the minor shall be returned to the care of the minor's parent or legal guardian.

(F) The managing officer of an institution may discharge a minor from a specialized treatment unit in accordance with division (C) of section 5123.69 of the Revised Code. The uniform procedures of discharge established by rules adopted under division (G)(7) of section 5123.19 of the Revised Code shall not apply to the discharge of a minor from a specialized treatment unit.

Sec. 5124.15. (A) Except as otherwise provided by section 5124.101 of the Revised Code, sections 5124.151 to 5124.154 of the Revised Code, and divisions (D) and (E) of this section, the total per medicaid day payment rate that the department of developmental disabilities shall pay to an ICF/IID provider for ICF/IID services the provider's ICF/IID provides during a fiscal year shall equal the following:

(1) Until July 1, 2021, the greater of the total per medicaid day payment rates determined under divisions (B) and (C) of this section;

(2) Beginning July 1, 2021, the total per medicaid day payment rate determined under division (B) of this section.

(B) The total per medicaid day payment rate determined under this division is the sum of all of the following:

(1) The per medicaid day capital component rate determined for the ICF/IID under section 5124.17 of the Revised Code;

(2) The per medicaid day direct care costs component rate determined for the ICF/IID under section 5124.19 of the Revised Code;

(3) The per medicaid day indirect care costs component rate determined for the ICF/IID under section 5124.21 of the Revised Code;

(4) The per medicaid day other protected costs component rate determined for the ICF/IID under section 5124.23 of the Revised Code;

(5) Until July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021, a direct support personnel payment equal to three and four-hundredths per cent of the ICF/IID's desk-reviewed, actual, allowable, per medicaid day direct care costs from the applicable cost report year;

(6) Beginning July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021, the sum of the following:

(a) The per medicaid day quality incentive payment determined for the ICF/IID under section 5124.24 of the Revised Code;

(b) A direct support personnel payment equal to two and four-hundredths per cent of the ICF/IID's desk-reviewed, actual, allowable, per medicaid day direct care costs from the applicable cost report year.

(C) The total per medicaid day payment rate determined under this division is the sum of all of the following:

(1) The per medicaid day payment rate for capital costs determined for the ICF/IID under section 5124.171 of the Revised Code;

(2) The per medicaid day payment rate for direct care costs determined for the ICF/IID under section 5124.195 of the Revised Code;

(3) The per medicaid day payment rate for indirect care costs determined for the ICF/IID under section 5124.211 of the Revised Code;

(4) The per medicaid day payment rate for other protected costs determined for the ICF/IID under section 5124.231 of the Revised Code;

(5) A direct support personnel payment equal to three and four-hundredths per cent of the ICF/IID's desk-reviewed, actual, allowable, per medicaid day direct care costs from the applicable cost report year.

(D) The total per medicaid day payment rate for the following shall not exceed the average total per medicaid day payment rate in effect on July 1, 2013, for developmental centers:

(1) An ICF/IID that is in peer group 5-A for the purpose of the total per medicaid day payment rate determined under division (B) of this section;

(2) An ICF/IID that is in peer group 3-B for the purpose of the total per medicaid day payment rate determined under division (C) of this section.

(E) The department shall adjust the total per medicaid day payment rate otherwise determined for an ICF/IID under divisions (B) and (C) of this section as directed by the general assembly through the enactment of law governing medicaid payments to ICF/IID providers.

(F)(1) In addition to paying an ICF/IID provider the total per medicaid day payment rate determined for the provider's ICF/IID under divisions (B), (C), (D), and (E) of this section for a fiscal year, the department, ~~it~~ may do either or both of the following:

(a) In accordance with section 5124.25 of the Revised Code, may pay the provider a rate add-on for ventilator-dependent outlier ICF/IID services if the rate add-on is to be paid under that section and the department approves the provider's application for the rate add-on;

(b) In accordance with section 5124.26 of the Revised Code, pay the provider for outlier ICF/IID services the ICF/IID provides to residents identified as needing intensive behavioral health support services if the rate add-on is to be paid under that section and the department approves the provider's application for the rate add-on. The

(2) The rate add-on is add-ons are not to be part of the ICF/IID's total per medicaid day payment rate.

Sec. 5124.24. (A) For fiscal year ~~2021~~ 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter, the department of developmental disabilities shall determine in accordance with division (C) of this section a per medicaid day quality

incentive payment for each ICF/IID that earns for the fiscal year at least one point under division (B) of this section.

(B) Each fiscal year beginning with fiscal year ~~2021~~ 2022, the department, in accordance with rules authorized by this section, shall award to an ICF/IID points for ~~the following~~ quality indicators the ICF/IID meets for the fiscal year:

~~(1) The ICF/IID created and promoted diverse opportunities for its residents to participate in the broader community in the applicable cost report year.~~

~~(2) The ICF/IID offers its residents multiple opportunities for off-site day programming activities, including resident-specific activities.~~

~~(3) All of the ICF/IID's residents who are least eighteen years of age and interested in employment have an identified place on the path to community employment specified in rules adopted under section 5123.022 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(4) The ICF/IID has an active advocacy group that is driven by its residents or fosters its residents' participation in a community-wide group.~~

~~(5) The ICF/IID meets both of the following standards:~~

~~(a) The ICF/IID's bedrooms are designed and arranged to enhance privacy, promote personalization, and meet its residents' needs;~~

~~(b) The ICF/IID encourages residents to bring to the ICF/IID their own home and room decor.~~

~~(6) The ICF/IID has and follows a policy specifying how it seeks direction from its residents.~~

~~(7) The ICF/IID has a policy for doing both of the following:~~

~~(a) Evaluating each hospital emergency department visit by its residents to identify precipitating factors that led to the visit;~~

~~(b) Developing a plan to mitigate any identified precipitating factors.~~

~~(8) The ICF/IID has adopted the recommendations for resident health screenings that the department publishes on its web site.~~

~~(9) Each month, the ICF/IID offers at least the number of wellness and fitness activities specified for this purpose in rules authorized by this section.~~

~~(10) The number of the ICF/IID's staff who were trained in positive behavior support strategies, trauma-informed care, and similar topics in the applicable cost report year is at least the number specified for this purpose in rules authorized by this section.~~

~~(11) Members of the ICF/IID's staff are involved in orienting and mentoring new staff.~~

~~(12) The ICF/IID's ratio of direct care staff to residents is at least the~~

~~ratio specified for this purpose in rules authorized by this section.~~

~~(13) The ICF/IID's direct care staff retention percentage is at least the percentage specified for this purpose in rules authorized by this section. The quality indicators used under this division shall be based on the recommendations contained in the report submitted to the director of developmental disabilities by the ICF/IID quality indicators workgroup established by Section 261.230 of this act.~~

(C) An ICF/IID's per medicaid day quality incentive payment for a fiscal year shall be the product of the following:

(1) The relative weight point value for the fiscal year as determined under division (D) of this section;

(2) The number of points the ICF/IID was awarded under division ~~(C)~~ (B) of this section for the fiscal year.

(D) The relative weight point value for a fiscal year shall be determined as follows:

(1) For each ICF/IID, determine the product of the following:

(a) The number of inpatient days the ICF/IID had for the applicable cost report year;

(b) The number of points the ICF/IID was awarded under division ~~(C)~~ (B) of this section for the fiscal year.

(2) Determine the sum of all of the products determined under division (D)(1) of this section for the fiscal year;

(3) Determine the amount equal to ~~three and four hundredths~~ one per cent of the total desk-reviewed, actual, allowable direct care costs of all ICFs/IID for the applicable cost report year;

(4) Divide the amount determined under division (D)(3) of this section by the sum determined under division (D)(2) of this section.

(E) The director of developmental disabilities shall adopt rules under section 5124.03 of the Revised Code as necessary to implement this section, including rules that specify or establish all of the following:

(1) The data needed for the department to determine whether an ICF/IID meets the quality indicators specified in division (B) of this section, the medium through which a report of the data is to be submitted to the department, and the date by which the report of the data must be submitted to the department;

(2) Satisfactory evidence needed to determine that an ICF/IID has met the quality indicators;

(3) The method by which ICFs/IID are to be awarded points under division (B) of this section and the number of points that each quality indicator is worth based on the quality indicator's relative importance

compared to the other quality indicators.

Sec. 5124.26. (A) Subject to division (D) of this section, the department of developmental disabilities may pay a medicaid rate add-on to an ICF/IID provider for outlier ICF/IID services the ICF/IID provides to residents identified as needing intensive behavioral support services, if the provider applies to the department to receive the rate add-on and the department approves the application. The department may approve a provider's application if both of the following apply:

(1) The provider submits to the department a best practices protocol for providing outlier ICF/IID services under this section and the department determines that the protocol is acceptable;

(2) The provider meets all other eligibility requirements for the rate add-on established in rules adopted under section 5124.03 of the Revised Code.

(B) An ICF/IID that has been approved by the department to provide outlier ICF/IID services under this section shall provide the services in accordance with both of the following:

(1) The best practices protocol described in division (A)(1) of this section;

(2) Requirements regarding the services established in rules adopted under section 5124.03 of the Revised Code.

(C) To qualify to receive outlier ICF/IID services from an ICF/IID under this section, a resident of the ICF/IID must be a medicaid recipient, be determined to need intensive behavioral support services, and meet all other eligibility requirements established in rules adopted under section 5124.03 of the Revised Code.

(D) The department shall negotiate with the department of medicaid the amount of the medicaid payment rate add-on, if any, to be paid under this section or the method by which that amount is to be determined.

Sec. 5126.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) As used in this division, "adult" means an individual who is eighteen years of age or over and not enrolled in a program or service under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code and an individual sixteen or seventeen years of age who is eligible for adult services under rules adopted by the director of developmental disabilities pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(1) "Adult services" means services provided to an adult outside the home, except when they are provided within the home according to an individual's assessed needs and identified in an individual service plan, that support learning and assistance in the area of self-care, sensory and motor

development, socialization, daily living skills, communication, community living, social skills, or vocational skills.

(2) "Adult services" includes all of the following:

(a) Adult day habilitation services;

(b) Employment services;

(c) Educational experiences and training obtained through entities and activities that are not expressly intended for individuals with developmental disabilities, including trade schools, vocational or technical schools, adult education, job exploration and sampling, unpaid work experience in the community, volunteer activities, and spectator sports.

(B)(1) "Adult day habilitation services" means adult services that do the following:

(a) Provide access to and participation in typical activities and functions of community life that are desired and chosen by the general population, including such activities and functions as opportunities to experience and participate in community exploration, companionship with friends and peers, leisure activities, hobbies, maintaining family contacts, community events, and activities where individuals without disabilities are involved;

(b) Provide supports or a combination of training and supports that afford an individual a wide variety of opportunities to facilitate and build relationships and social supports in the community.

(2) "Adult day habilitation services" includes all of the following:

(a) Personal care services needed to ensure an individual's ability to experience and participate in vocational services, educational services, community activities, and any other adult day habilitation services;

(b) Skilled services provided while receiving adult day habilitation services, including such skilled services as behavior management intervention, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, physical therapy, and nursing services;

(c) Training and education in self-determination designed to help the individual do one or more of the following: develop self-advocacy skills, exercise the individual's civil rights, acquire skills that enable the individual to exercise control and responsibility over the services received, and acquire skills that enable the individual to become more independent, integrated, or productive in the community;

(d) Recreational and leisure activities identified in the individual's service plan as therapeutic in nature or assistive in developing or maintaining social supports;

(e) Transportation necessary to access adult day habilitation services;

(f) Habilitation management, as described in section 5126.14 of the

Revised Code.

(3) "Adult day habilitation services" does not include activities that are components of the provision of residential services, family support services, or supported living services.

(C) "Appointing authority" means the following:

(1) In the case of a member of a county board of developmental disabilities appointed by, or to be appointed by, a board of county commissioners, the board of county commissioners;

(2) In the case of a member of a county board appointed by, or to be appointed by, a senior probate judge, the senior probate judge.

(D) "Community employment," "competitive employment," and "integrated setting" have the same meanings as in section 5123.022 of the Revised Code.

(E) "Supported employment services" means vocational assessment, job training and coaching, job development and placement, worksite accessibility, and other services related to employment outside a sheltered workshop. "Supported employment services" includes both of the following:

(1) Job training resulting in the attainment of community employment, supported work in a typical work environment, or self-employment;

(2) Support for ongoing community employment, supported work at community-based sites, or self-employment.

(F) "Developmental disability" means a severe, chronic disability that is characterized by all of the following:

(1) It is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or a combination of mental and physical impairments, other than a mental or physical impairment solely caused by mental illness as defined in division (A) of section 5122.01 of the Revised Code;

(2) It is manifested before age twenty-two;

(3) It is likely to continue indefinitely;

(4) It results in one of the following:

(a) In the case of a person under age three, at least one developmental delay, as defined in rules adopted under section 5123.011 of the Revised Code, or a diagnosed physical or mental condition that has a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay, as defined in those rules;

(b) In the case of a person at least age three but under age six, at least two developmental delays, as defined in rules adopted under section 5123.011 of the Revised Code;

(c) In the case of a person age six or older, a substantial functional limitation in at least three of the following areas of major life activity, as appropriate for the person's age: self-care, receptive and expressive

language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, and, if the person is at least age sixteen, capacity for economic self-sufficiency.

(5) It causes the person to need a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or other type of care, treatment, or provision of services for an extended period of time that is individually planned and coordinated for the person.

"Developmental disability" includes intellectual disability.

(G) "Early childhood services" means a planned program of habilitation designed to meet the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities who have not attained compulsory school age.

(H) "Employment services" means prevocational services or supported employment services.

(I)(1) "Environmental modifications" means the physical adaptations to an individual's home, specified in the individual's service plan, that are necessary to ensure the individual's health, safety, and welfare or that enable the individual to function with greater independence in the home, and without which the individual would require institutionalization.

(2) "Environmental modifications" includes such adaptations as installation of ramps and grab-bars, widening of doorways, modification of bathroom facilities, and installation of specialized electric and plumbing systems necessary to accommodate the individual's medical equipment and supplies.

(3) "Environmental modifications" does not include physical adaptations or improvements to the home that are of general utility or not of direct medical or remedial benefit to the individual, including such adaptations or improvements as carpeting, roof repair, and central air conditioning.

(J) "Family support services" means the services provided under a family support services program operated under section 5126.11 of the Revised Code.

(K) "Habilitation" means the process by which the staff of the facility or agency assists an individual with a developmental disability in acquiring and maintaining those life skills that enable the individual to cope more effectively with the demands of the individual's own person and environment, and in raising the level of the individual's personal, physical, mental, social, and vocational efficiency. Habilitation includes, but is not limited to, programs of formal, structured education and training.

(L) "Home and community-based services" has the same meaning as in section 5123.01 of the Revised Code.

(M) "ICF/IID" ~~has~~ and "ICF/IID services" have the same ~~meaning~~ meanings as in section 5124.01 of the Revised Code.

(N) "Immediate family" means parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, spouses, sons, daughters, aunts, uncles, mothers-in-law, fathers-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, sons-in-law, and daughters-in-law.

(O) "Intellectual disability" means a mental impairment manifested during the developmental period characterized by significantly subaverage general intellectual functioning existing concurrently with deficiencies in the effectiveness or degree with which an individual meets the standards of personal independence and social responsibility expected of the individual's age and cultural group.

(P) "Medicaid case management services" means case management services provided to an individual with a developmental disability that the state medicaid plan requires.

(Q) "Prevocational services" means services that provide learning and work experiences, including volunteer work experiences, from which an individual can develop general strengths and skills that are not specific to a particular task or job but contribute to employability in community employment, supported work at community-based sites, or self-employment.

(R) "Residential services" means services to individuals with developmental disabilities to provide housing, food, clothing, habilitation, staff support, and related support services necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the individuals and the advancement of their quality of life. "Residential services" includes program management, as described in section 5126.14 of the Revised Code.

(S) "Resources" means available capital and other assets, including moneys received from the federal, state, and local governments, private grants, and donations; appropriately qualified personnel; and appropriate capital facilities and equipment.

(T) "Senior probate judge" means the current probate judge of a county who has served as probate judge of that county longer than any of the other current probate judges of that county. If a county has only one probate judge, "senior probate judge" means that probate judge.

(U) "Service and support administration" means the duties performed by a service and support administrator pursuant to section 5126.15 of the Revised Code.

(V)(1) "Specialized medical, adaptive, and assistive equipment, supplies, and supports" means equipment, supplies, and supports that enable an individual to increase the ability to perform activities of daily living or to

perceive, control, or communicate within the environment.

(2) "Specialized medical, adaptive, and assistive equipment, supplies, and supports" includes the following:

(a) Eating utensils, adaptive feeding dishes, plate guards, mylatex straps, hand splints, reaches, feeder seats, adjustable pointer sticks, interpreter services, telecommunication devices for the deaf, computerized communications boards, other communication devices, support animals, veterinary care for support animals, adaptive beds, supine boards, prone boards, wedges, sand bags, sidelayers, bolsters, adaptive electrical switches, hand-held shower heads, air conditioners, humidifiers, emergency response systems, folding shopping carts, vehicle lifts, vehicle hand controls, other adaptations of vehicles for accessibility, and repair of the equipment received.

(b) Nondisposable items not covered by medicaid that are intended to assist an individual in activities of daily living or instrumental activities of daily living.

(W) "Supportive home services" means a range of services to families of individuals with developmental disabilities to develop and maintain increased acceptance and understanding of such persons, increased ability of family members to teach the person, better coordination between school and home, skills in performing specific therapeutic and management techniques, and ability to cope with specific situations.

(X)(1) "Supported living" means services provided for as long as twenty-four hours a day to an individual with a developmental disability through any public or private resources, including moneys from the individual, that enhance the individual's reputation in community life and advance the individual's quality of life by doing the following:

(a) Providing the support necessary to enable an individual to live in a residence of the individual's choice, with any number of individuals who are not disabled, or with not more than three individuals with developmental disabilities unless the individuals are related by blood or marriage;

(b) Encouraging the individual's participation in the community;

(c) Promoting the individual's rights and autonomy;

(d) Assisting the individual in acquiring, retaining, and improving the skills and competence necessary to live successfully in the individual's residence.

(2) "Supported living" includes the provision of all of the following:

(a) Housing, food, clothing, habilitation, staff support, professional services, and any related support services necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the individual receiving the services;

(b) A combination of lifelong or extended-duration supervision, training, and other services essential to daily living, including assessment and evaluation and assistance with the cost of training materials, transportation, fees, and supplies;

(c) Personal care services and homemaker services;

(d) Household maintenance that does not include modifications to the physical structure of the residence;

(e) Respite care services;

(f) Program management, as described in section 5126.14 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5126.042. (A) As used in this section, "~~Department~~ department of developmental disabilities-administered medicaid waiver component" means a medicaid waiver component administered by the department of developmental disabilities pursuant to section 5166.21 of the Revised Code.

(B) If a county board of developmental disabilities determines that available resources are not sufficient to meet the needs of all individuals who request non-medicaid programs or services, it shall establish one or more waiting lists for the non-medicaid programs or services in accordance with its plan developed under section 5126.04 of the Revised Code. The board may establish priorities for making placements on its waiting lists established under this division. Any such priorities shall be consistent with the board's plan and applicable law.

(C) If a county board determines that available resources are insufficient to enroll in department of developmental disabilities-administered medicaid waiver components all individuals who are assessed as needing home and community-based services and have requested those services, it shall establish a waiting list for the services in accordance with rules adopted under this section. Before placing an individual on a waiting list established under this division, the board shall inform the individual of the option to receive ICF/IID services, provide the individual with the contact information for all ICFs/IID located in the county the board serves and contiguous counties, and direct the individual to the searchable database of vacancies in licensed residential facilities included on the department's internet web site pursuant to section 5123.193 of the Revised Code.

(D) The director of developmental disabilities shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing a county board's waiting list established under division (C) of this section, including rules that establish all of the following:

(1) Procedures a county board is to follow to transition individuals from a waiting list the county board established under division (C) of this section

before ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ September 29, 2017, to the waiting list the county board establishes under that division after that date;

(2) Procedures by which a county board is to ensure that the due process rights of individuals placed on the county board's waiting list are observed;

(3) Criteria a county board is to use to determine all of the following:

(a) An individual's eligibility to be placed on the county board's waiting list;

(b) The date an individual ~~was~~ who has been assessed as needing home and community-based services requests the services;

(c) The order in which individuals on the county board's waiting list are to be offered enrollment in a department of developmental disabilities-administered medicaid waiver component;

(d) The department of developmental disabilities-administered medicaid waiver component in which an individual on the county board's waiting list is to be offered enrollment.

(4) Grounds for removing an individual from the county board's waiting list.

(E) The director shall consult with all of the following when adopting rules under division (D) of this section:

(1) Individuals with developmental disabilities;

(2) Associations representing individuals with developmental disabilities and the families of such individuals;

(3) Associations representing providers of services to individuals with developmental disabilities;

(4) The Ohio association of county boards serving people with developmental disabilities.

(F) The following shall take precedence over the applicable provisions of this section:

(1) Medicaid rules and regulations;

(2) Any specific requirements that may be contained within a medicaid state plan amendment or department of disabilities-administered medicaid waiver component with respect to which a county board has authority to provide services, programs, or supports.

Sec. 5126.046. (A) Except as otherwise provided by 42 C.F.R. 431.51, an individual with a developmental disability who is eligible for home and community-based services has the right to obtain the services from any provider of the services that is qualified to furnish the services and is willing to furnish the services to the individual. A county board of developmental disabilities that has medicaid local administrative authority under division (A) of section 5126.055 of the Revised Code for home and

community-based services and refuses to permit an individual to obtain home and community-based services from a qualified and willing provider shall provide the individual timely notice that the individual may appeal under section 5160.31 of the Revised Code.

(B) Except as otherwise provided by 42 C.F.R. 431.51, an individual with a developmental disability who is eligible for ICF/IID services has the right to obtain the services from any provider that is qualified to furnish the services and is willing to furnish the services to the individual.

(C) An individual with a developmental disability who is eligible for both home and community-based services and ICF/IID services has the right to choose whether to receive home and community-based services or ICF/IID services.

(D) An individual with a developmental disability who is eligible for nonmedicaid residential services or nonmedicaid supported living has the right to obtain the services from any provider of the residential services or supported living that is qualified to furnish the residential services or supported living and is willing to furnish the residential services or supported living to the individual.

~~(C) The department of developmental disabilities shall make available to the public on its internet web site an up-to-date list of all providers of home and community-based services, nonmedicaid residential services, and nonmedicaid supported living. County boards shall assist individuals with developmental disabilities and the families of such individuals access the list on the department's internet web site.~~

~~(D)~~(E) The director of developmental disabilities shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing the implementation of this section. The rules shall include procedures for individuals to choose their providers.

Sec. 5126.047. (A) When an individual with a developmental disability or a person acting on such an individual's behalf contacts a county board of developmental disabilities about residential services, the county board shall inform the individual or person about the different types of programs and services offered as residential services, including both ICF/IID services and home and community-based services. When informing the individual or person about ICF/IID services and home and community-based services, the county board at a minimum shall do both of the following:

(1) Provide the individual or person a copy of the written pamphlet developed by the department of developmental disabilities under section 5124.69 of the Revised Code;

(2) Assist the individual or person in accessing the searchable database

of vacancies in licensed residential facilities that the department of developmental disabilities includes on its internet web site pursuant to section 5123.193 of the Revised Code.

(B) If an individual with a developmental disability or a person acting on such an individual's behalf contacts a county board to express interest in ICF/IID services, the county board shall provide the individual or person contact information for all ICFs/IID located in the county that the county board serves and contiguous counties.

Sec. 5126.053. (A) Beginning April 1, 2020, and then annually thereafter on or before the first day of April each year, each county board of developmental disabilities shall submit to the department of developmental disabilities, in the format established pursuant to division (B) of this section, a five-year projection of revenues and expenditures. Each five-year projection shall be approved by the superintendent of the county board.

The department shall review each five-year projection and may require a county board to do any of the following within the time frame specified by the department:

(1) Submit additional information;

(2) Permit employees or agents of the department to visit the county board to review documents and other records that are relevant to the department's review of the five-year projection;

(3) Submit a revised five-year projection;

(4) Complete any reasonable accounting action the director of developmental disabilities considers necessary in order to obtain an accurate five-year projection.

(B) The department, in consultation with the Ohio association of county boards of developmental disabilities, shall establish guidelines for completing and formatting the five-year projection required by division (A) of this section.

(C) In addition to reviewing a five-year projection submitted pursuant to division (A) of this section, the department, or an entity designated by or working under contract with the department, may conduct additional reviews as the department considers necessary to assess any county board's fiscal condition. The department shall provide prior notice to a county board of any planned review.

The department may issue recommendations to discontinue or correct fiscal practices or budgetary conditions that prompted, or were discovered by, an additional review under this division. The superintendent of a county board shall respond in writing to any such recommendations within ninety days.

(D) If a county board fails to submit a five-year projection to the department on or before the date specified in division (A) of this section, the superintendent of the county board shall submit to the department an explanation of the circumstances that prevented the timely submission. If the department finds the explanation to be sufficient, the department may grant an extension for the submission of the county board's five-year projection. If the department finds the explanation insufficient, or if no explanation is submitted, the department may do either of the following:

(1) Conduct further reviews as necessary to complete the five-year projections at full cost to the county board;

(2) Revoke the certification of the superintendent.

(E) If the department determines that a county board willfully provided erroneous, inaccurate, or incomplete data as part of its five-year projection submitted pursuant to division (A) of this section, the department may take action as provided under division (D)(1) or (2) of this section.

Sec. 5126.054. ~~(A) Each~~ Annually, on or before the thirty-first day of December each year, each county board of developmental disabilities shall, by resolution, ~~develop a three-calendar year and submit to the department of developmental disabilities an annual plan that includes the following three~~ develop a three-calendar year and submit to the department of developmental disabilities an annual plan that includes the following ~~three~~ components:

~~(1) An assessment component that includes all of the following:~~

~~(a)(A) The number of individuals with developmental disabilities residing in the county who need the level of care provided by an ICF/IID, may seek home and community-based services, and are placed on the county board's waiting list established for the services pursuant to section 5126.042 of the Revised Code; the service needs of those individuals; and the projected annualized cost for services;~~

~~(b) The source of funds available to the county board to pay the nonfederal share of medicaid expenditures that the county board is required by sections 5126.059 and 5126.0510 of the Revised Code to pay;~~

~~(c)(B) The projected number of individuals to whom the board intends to provide home and community-based services based on available funding as projected in the board's annual five-year projection report submitted pursuant to section 5126.053 of the Revised Code;~~

(C) How the services are to be phased in over the period the plan covers, including how the county board will serve the individuals identified in divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section;

(D) Any other applicable information or conditions that the department of developmental disabilities requires as a condition of approving the component plan under section 5123.046 of the Revised Code.

~~(2) A preliminary implementation component that specifies the number of individuals to be provided, during the first year that the plan is in effect, home and community-based services pursuant to their placement on the county board's waiting list established for the services pursuant to section 5126.042 of the Revised Code and the types of home and community-based services the individuals are to receive;~~

~~(3) A component that provides for the implementation of medicaid case management services and home and community-based services for individuals who begin to receive the services on or after the date the plan is approved under section 5123.046 of the Revised Code. A county board shall include all of the following in the component:~~

~~(a) If the department of developmental disabilities or department of medicaid requires, an agreement to pay the nonfederal share of medicaid expenditures that the county board is required by sections 5126.059 and 5126.0510 of the Revised Code to pay;~~

~~(b) How the services are to be phased in over the period the plan covers, including how the county board will serve individuals placed on the county board's waiting list established for the services pursuant to section 5126.042 of the Revised Code;~~

~~(c) Any agreement or commitment regarding the county board's funding of home and community-based services that the county board has with the department at the time the county board develops the component;~~

~~(d) Assurances adequate to the department that the county board will comply with all of the following requirements:~~

~~(i) To provide the types of home and community-based services specified in the preliminary implementation component required by division (A)(2) of this section to at least the number of individuals specified in that component;~~

~~(ii) To use any additional funds the county board receives for the services to improve the county board's resource capabilities for supporting such services available in the county at the time the component is developed and to expand the services to accommodate the unmet need for those services in the county;~~

~~(iii) To employ or contract with a business manager or enter into an agreement with another county board of developmental disabilities that employs or contracts with a business manager to have the business manager serve both county boards. No superintendent of a county board may serve as the county board's business manager.~~

~~(iv) To employ or contract with a medicaid services manager or enter into an agreement with another county board of developmental disabilities~~

~~that employs or contracts with a medicaid services manager to have the medicaid services manager serve both county boards. No superintendent of a county board may serve as the county board's medicaid services manager.~~

~~(e) Programmatic and financial accountability measures and projected outcomes expected from the implementation of the plan;~~

~~(f) Any other applicable information or conditions that the department requires as a condition of approving the component under section 5123.046 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(B) A county board whose plan developed under division (A) of this section is approved by the department under section 5123.046 of the Revised Code shall update and renew the plan in accordance with a schedule the department shall develop.~~

Sec. 5126.055. (A) Except as provided in section 5126.056 of the Revised Code, a county board of developmental disabilities has medicaid local administrative authority to, and shall, do all of the following for an individual with a developmental disability who resides in the county that the county board serves and seeks or receives home and community-based services:

(1) Perform assessments and evaluations of the individual. As part of the assessment and evaluation process, all of the following apply:

(a) The county board shall make a recommendation to the department of developmental disabilities on whether the department should approve or deny the individual's application for the services, including on the basis of whether the individual needs the level of care an ICF/IID provides.

(b) If the individual's application is denied because of the county board's recommendation and the individual appeals pursuant to section 5160.31 of the Revised Code, the county board shall present, with the department of developmental disabilities or department of medicaid, whichever denies the application, the reasons for the recommendation and denial at the hearing.

(c) If the individual's application is approved, the county board shall recommend to the departments of developmental disabilities and medicaid the services that should be included in the individual service plan. If either department under section 5166.21 of the Revised Code approves, reduces, denies, or terminates a service included in the plan because of the county board's recommendation, the board shall present, with the department that made the approval, reduction, denial, or termination, the reasons for the recommendation and approval, reduction, denial, or termination at a hearing held pursuant to an appeal made under section 5160.31 of the Revised Code.

(2) Perform any duties assigned to the county board in rules adopted under section 5126.046 of the Revised Code regarding the individual's right

to choose a qualified and willing provider of the services and, at a hearing held pursuant to an appeal made under section 5160.31 of the Revised Code, present evidence of the process for appropriate assistance in choosing providers;

(3) If the county board is certified under section 5123.161 of the Revised Code to provide the services and agrees to provide the services to the individual and the individual chooses the county board to provide the services, furnish, in accordance with the county board's medicaid provider agreement and for the authorized reimbursement rate, the services the individual requires;

(4) Monitor the services provided to the individual and ensure the individual's health, safety, and welfare. The monitoring shall include quality assurance activities. If the county board provides the services, the department of developmental disabilities shall also monitor the services.

(5) Develop, with the individual and the provider of the individual's services, an effective individual service plan that includes coordination of services, recommend that the departments of developmental disabilities and medicaid approve the plan, and implement the plan unless either department disapproves it. The plan shall include a summary page, agreed to by the county board, provider, and individual receiving services, that clearly outlines the amount, duration, and scope of services to be provided under the plan.

(6) Have an investigative agent conduct investigations under section 5126.313 of the Revised Code that concern the individual;

(7) Have a service and support administrator perform the duties under division (B)~~(9)~~(8) of section 5126.15 of the Revised Code that concern the individual.

(B) A county board shall perform its medicaid local administrative authority under this section in accordance with all of the following:

(1) The county board's plan that the department of developmental disabilities approves under section 5123.046 of the Revised Code;

(2) All applicable federal and state laws;

(3) All applicable policies of the departments of developmental disabilities and medicaid and the United States department of health and human services;

(4) The department of medicaid's supervision under its authority as the single state medicaid agency;

(5) The department of developmental disabilities' oversight.

(C) The departments of developmental disabilities and medicaid shall communicate with and provide training to county boards regarding medicaid

local administrative authority granted by this section. The communication and training shall include issues regarding audit protocols and other standards established by the United States department of health and human services that the departments determine appropriate for communication and training. County boards shall participate in the training. The departments shall assess the county board's compliance against uniform standards that the departments shall establish.

(D) A county board may not delegate its medicaid local administrative authority granted under this section but may contract with a person or government entity, including a council of governments, for assistance with its medicaid local administrative authority. A county board that enters into such a contract shall notify the director of developmental disabilities. The notice shall include the tasks and responsibilities that the contract gives to the person or government entity. The person or government entity shall comply in full with all requirements to which the county board is subject regarding the person or government entity's tasks and responsibilities under the contract. The county board remains ultimately responsible for the tasks and responsibilities.

(E) A county board that has medicaid local administrative authority under this section shall, through the departments of developmental disabilities and medicaid, reply to, and cooperate in arranging compliance with, a program or fiscal audit or program violation exception that a state or federal audit or review discovers. The department of medicaid shall timely notify the department of developmental disabilities and the county board of any adverse findings. After receiving the notice, the county board, in conjunction with the department of developmental disabilities, shall cooperate fully with the department of medicaid and timely prepare and send to the department a written plan of correction or response to the adverse findings. The county board is liable for any adverse findings that result from an action it takes or fails to take in its implementation of medicaid local administrative authority.

(F) If the department of developmental disabilities or department of medicaid determines that a county board's implementation of its medicaid local administrative authority under this section is deficient, the department that makes the determination shall require that county board do the following:

(1) If the deficiency affects the health, safety, or welfare of an individual with a developmental disability, correct the deficiency within twenty-four hours;

(2) If the deficiency does not affect the health, safety, or welfare of an

individual with a developmental disability, receive technical assistance from the department or submit a plan of correction to the department that is acceptable to the department within sixty days and correct the deficiency within the time required by the plan of correction.

Sec. 5126.056. (A) The department of developmental disabilities shall take action under division (B) of this section against a county board of developmental disabilities if any of the following are the case:

(1) The county board fails to submit to the department all the components of its ~~three-year~~ annual plan required by section 5126.054 of the Revised Code.

(2) The department disapproves the county board's ~~three-year~~ annual plan under section 5123.046 of the Revised Code.

~~(3) The county board fails, as required by division (B) of section 5126.054 of the Revised Code, to update and renew its three-year plan in accordance with a schedule the department develops under that section.~~

~~(4)~~ The county board fails to implement its ~~initial or renewed three-year~~ annual plan approved by the department.

~~(5)~~(4) The county board fails to correct a deficiency within the time required by division (F) of section 5126.055 of the Revised Code to the satisfaction of the department.

~~(6)~~(5) The county board fails to submit an acceptable plan of correction to the department within the time required by division (F)(2) of section 5126.055 of the Revised Code.

(B) If required by division (A) of this section to take action against a county board, the department shall issue an order terminating the county board's medicaid local administrative authority over all or part of home and community-based services, medicaid case management services, or all or part of both of those services. The department shall provide a copy of the order to the board of county commissioners, senior probate judge, county auditor, and president and superintendent of the county board. The department shall specify in the order the medicaid local administrative authority that the department is terminating, the reason for the termination, and the county board's option and responsibilities under this division.

A county board whose medicaid local administrative authority is terminated may, not later than thirty days after the department issues the termination order, recommend to the department that another county board that has not had any of its medicaid local administrative authority terminated or another entity the department approves administer the services for which the county board's medicaid local administrative authority is terminated. The department may contract with the other county board or entity to administer

the services. If the department enters into such a contract, the county board shall adopt a resolution giving the other county board or entity full medicaid local administrative authority over the services that the other county board or entity is to administer. The other county board or entity shall be known as the contracting authority.

If the department rejects the county board's recommendation regarding a contracting authority, the county board may appeal the rejection under section 5123.043 of the Revised Code.

If the county board does not submit a recommendation to the department regarding a contracting authority within the required time or the department rejects the county board's recommendation and the rejection is upheld pursuant to an appeal, if any, under section 5123.043 of the Revised Code, the department shall appoint an administrative receiver to administer the services for which the county board's medicaid local administrative authority is terminated. To the extent necessary for the department to appoint an administrative receiver, the department may utilize employees of the department, management personnel from another county board, or other individuals who are not employed by or affiliated with in any manner a person that provides home and community-based services or medicaid case management services pursuant to a contract with any county board. The administrative receiver shall assume full administrative responsibility for the county board's services for which the county board's medicaid local administrative authority is terminated.

The contracting authority or administrative receiver shall develop and submit to the department a plan of correction to remediate the problems that caused the department to issue the termination order. If, after reviewing the plan, the department approves it, the contracting authority or administrative receiver shall implement the plan.

The county board shall transfer control of state and federal funds it is otherwise eligible to receive for the services for which the county board's medicaid local administrative authority is terminated and funds the county board may use under division (A) of section 5126.0511 of the Revised Code to pay the nonfederal share of the services that the county board is required by sections 5126.059 and 5126.0510 of the Revised Code to pay. The county board shall transfer control of the funds to the contracting authority or administrative receiver administering the services. The amount the county board shall transfer shall be the amount necessary for the contracting authority or administrative receiver to fulfill its duties in administering the services, including its duties to pay its personnel for time worked, travel, and related matters. If the county board fails to make the transfer, the

department may withhold the state and federal funds from the county board and bring a mandamus action against the county board in the court of common pleas of the county served by the county board or in the Franklin county court of common pleas. The mandamus action may not require that the county board transfer any funds other than the funds the county board is required by division (B) of this section to transfer.

The contracting authority or administrative receiver has the right to authorize the payment of bills in the same manner that the county board may authorize payment of bills under this chapter and section 319.16 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5126.15. (A) A county board of developmental disabilities shall provide service and support administration to each individual three years of age or older who is eligible for service and support administration if the individual requests, or a person on the individual's behalf requests, service and support administration. A board shall provide service and support administration to each individual receiving home and community-based services. A board may provide, in accordance with the service coordination requirements of 34 C.F.R. 303.23, service and support administration to an individual under three years of age eligible for early intervention services under 34 C.F.R. part 303. A board may provide service and support administration to an individual who is not eligible for other services of the board. Service and support administration shall be provided in accordance with rules adopted under section 5126.08 of the Revised Code.

A board may provide service and support administration by directly employing service and support administrators or by contracting with entities for the performance of service and support administration. Individuals employed or under contract as service and support administrators shall not be in the same collective bargaining unit as employees who perform duties that are not administrative.

A service and support administrator shall perform only the duties specified in division (B) of this section. While employed by or under contract with a board, a service and support administrator shall neither be employed by or serve in a decision-making or policy-making capacity for any other entity that provides programs or services to individuals with developmental disabilities nor provide programs or services to individuals with ~~mental retardation~~ or developmental disabilities through self-employment.

(B) A service and support administrator shall do all of the following:

(1) Establish an individual's eligibility for the services of the county board of developmental disabilities;

- (2) Assess individual needs for services;
- (3) Develop individual service plans with the active participation of the individual to be served, other persons selected by the individual, and, when applicable, the provider selected by the individual, and recommend the plans for approval by the department of developmental disabilities when services included in the plans are funded through medicaid;
- (4) Establish budgets for services based on the individual's assessed needs and preferred ways of meeting those needs;
- (5) Assist individuals in making selections from among the providers they have chosen;
- (6) Ensure that services are effectively coordinated and provided by appropriate providers;
- (7) Establish and implement an ongoing system of monitoring the implementation of individual service plans to achieve consistent implementation and the desired outcomes for the individual;
- (8) ~~Perform quality assurance reviews as a distinct function of service and support administration;~~
- (9) Incorporate ~~the results of quality assurance reviews and~~ identified trends and patterns of unusual incidents and major unusual incidents into amendments of an individual's service plan for the purpose of improving and enhancing the quality and appropriateness of services rendered to the individual.

Sec. 5139.87. (A) The department of youth services shall serve as the state agent for the administration of ~~all~~ federal juvenile justice grants awarded to the state.

(B) There ~~are~~ is hereby created in the state treasury the ~~federal juvenile justice programs funds and delinquency prevention fund~~. ~~A separate fund shall be established each federal fiscal year.~~ All federal grants and other moneys received for federal juvenile programs shall be deposited into the ~~funds~~ fund. All receipts deposited into the ~~funds~~ fund shall be used for federal juvenile programs. All investment earnings on the cash balance in a ~~federal juvenile program~~ the fund shall be credited to ~~that the fund for the appropriate federal fiscal year.~~ The department of youth services shall maintain a financial activity report of each individual grant within the fund, including any expenses or revenues credited to those individual grants.

(C) ~~All rules, orders, and determinations of the office of criminal justice services regarding the administration of federal juvenile justice grants that are in effect on the effective date of this amendment shall continue in effect as rules, orders, and determinations of the department of youth services.~~

Sec. 5145.162. (A) There is hereby created the office of enterprise

development advisory board to advise and assist the department of rehabilitation and correction with the creation of training programs and jobs for inmates and releasees through partnerships with private sector businesses. The board shall consist of at least five appointed members and the staff representative assigned by the correctional institution inspection committee, who shall serve as an ex officio member. Each member shall have experience in labor relations, marketing, business management, or business. The members and chairperson shall be appointed by the director of the department of rehabilitation and correction.

(B) Each member of the advisory board shall receive no compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of official duties of the board. Members of the board who are state employees shall be reimbursed for expenses pursuant to travel rules promulgated by the office of budget and management.

(C) The advisory board shall adopt procedures for the conduct of the board's meetings. The board shall meet at least once every quarter, and otherwise shall meet at the call of the chairperson or the director of the department of rehabilitation and correction. Sixty per cent of the members shall constitute a quorum. No transaction of the board's business shall be taken without the concurrence of a quorum of the members. The board may have committees with persons who are not members of the board but whose experience and expertise is relevant and useful to the work of the committee.

(D) The advisory board shall have the following duties:

(1) Solicit business proposals offering job training, apprenticeship, education programs, and employment opportunities for inmates ~~and~~ releasees, and Ohio penal industries;

(2) Provide information and input to the office of enterprise development to support the job training and employment program of inmates and releasees and any additional, related duties as requested by the director of the department of rehabilitation and correction;

(3) Recommend to the office of enterprise development any legislation, administrative rule, or department policy change that the board believes is necessary to implement the department's program;

(4) Promote public awareness of the office of enterprise development and the office's employment program;

(5) Familiarize itself and the public with avenues to access the office of enterprise development on employment program concerns;

(6) Advocate for the needs and concerns of the office of enterprise development in local communities, counties, and the state;

(7) Play an active role in the office of enterprise development's efforts to

reduce recidivism in the state by doing all of the following:

(a) Providing input and making recommendations for the office's consideration in monitoring employment program compliance and effectiveness;

(b) Making suggestions on the appropriate priorities for the office's grant award criteria;

(c) Being a liaison between the office and constituents of the board's members;

(d) Working to develop constituent groups interested in employment program issues;

(8) Aid in the employment program development process by playing a leadership role in professional associations by discussing employment program issues.

(E) The department of rehabilitation and correction shall initially screen each proposal obtained under division (D)(1) of this section to ensure that the proposal is a viable venture to pursue. If the department determines that a proposal is a viable venture to pursue, the department shall submit the proposal to the board for objective review against established guidelines. The board shall determine whether to recommend the implementation of the program to the department.

Sec. 5149.38. (A) In each ~~target county and in each~~ voluntary county, subject to division (B) of this section and not later than ~~thirty days after the effective date of this section~~ October 29, 2017, a county commissioner representing the board of county commissioners of the county, the administrative judge of the general division of the court of common pleas of the county, the sheriff of the county, and an official from any municipality operating a local correctional facility in the county to which courts of the county sentence offenders shall agree to, sign, and submit to the department of rehabilitation and correction for its approval a memorandum of understanding that does both of the following:

(1) Sets forth the plans by which the county will use grant money provided to the county in state fiscal year 2018 and succeeding state fiscal years under the targeting community alternatives to prison (T-CAP) program;

(2) Specifies the manner in which the county will address a per diem reimbursement of local correctional facilities for prisoners who serve a prison term in the facility pursuant to division (B)(3)(c) of section 2929.34 of the Revised Code. The per diem reimbursement rate shall be the rate determined in division (F)(1) of this section and shall be specified in the memorandum.

(B) Two or more ~~target counties~~ or voluntary counties may join together to jointly establish a memorandum of understanding of the type described in division (A) of this section. Not later than ~~thirty days after the effective date of this section~~ October 29, 2017, a county commissioner from each of the affiliating ~~target counties~~ or voluntary counties representing the county's board of county commissioners, the administrative judge of the general division of the court of common pleas of each affiliating ~~target county~~ or voluntary county, the sheriff of each affiliating ~~target county~~ or voluntary county, and an official from any municipality operating a local correctional facility in the affiliating ~~target counties~~ and voluntary counties to which courts of the counties sentence offenders shall agree to, sign, and submit to the department of rehabilitation and correction for its approval the memorandum of understanding. The memorandum of understanding shall set forth the plans by which, and specify the manner in which, the affiliating counties will complete the tasks identified in divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section.

(C) The department of rehabilitation and correction shall adopt rules establishing standards for approval of memorandums of understanding submitted to it under division (A) or (B) of this section. The department shall review the memorandums of understanding submitted to it and may require the county or counties that submit a memorandum to modify the memorandum. The director of rehabilitation and correction shall approve memorandums of understanding submitted to it under division (A) or (B) of this section that the director determines satisfy the standards adopted by the department within thirty days after receiving each memorandum submitted.

(D) Any person responsible for agreeing to, signing, and submitting a memorandum of understanding under division (A) or (B) of this section may delegate the person's authority to do so to an employee of the agency, entity, or office served by the person.

(E) The persons signing a memorandum of understanding under division (A) or (B) of this section, or their successors in office, may revise the memorandum as they determine necessary. Any revision of the memorandum shall be signed by the parties specified in division (A) or (B) of this section and submitted to the department of rehabilitation and correction for its approval under division (C) of this section within thirty days after the beginning of the state fiscal year.

(F)(1) In each county, ~~the sheriff shall determine the per diem costs for local correctional facilities in the county for the housing of prisoners who serve a term in the facility pursuant to division (B)(3)(c) of section 2929.34 of the Revised Code, as follows:~~

~~(a) In calendar year 2017, not later than the date on which the appropriate representatives of the county enter into a contract with the department of rehabilitation and correction under the targeting community alternatives to prison (T-CAP) program, the sheriff shall determine the per diem costs for each of the facilities for the housing in the facility of prisoners serving a prison term for a felony in calendar year 2016. The per diem cost so determined shall apply in calendar year 2017.~~

~~(b) Commencing commencing in calendar year 2018, on or before the first day of February of each calendar year the sheriff shall determine the per diem costs for the preceding calendar year for each of the local correctional facilities for the housing in the facility of prisoners who serve a term in it pursuant to division (B)(3)(c) of section 2929.34 of the Revised Code. The per diem cost so determined shall apply in the calendar year in which the determination is made.~~

(2) For each county, the per diem cost determined under division (F)(1) of this section that applies with respect to a facility in a specified calendar year shall be the per diem rate of reimbursement in that calendar year, under the targeting community alternatives to prison (T-CAP) program, for prisoners who serve a term in the facility pursuant to division (B)(3)(c) of section 2929.34 of the Revised Code.

(3) The per diem costs of housing determined under division (F)(1) of this section for a facility shall be the actual costs of housing the specified prisoners in the facility, on a per diem basis.

(G) As used in this section:

(1) "Local correctional facility" means a facility of a type described in division (C) or (D) of section 2929.34 of the Revised Code.

~~(2) "Target county" and "voluntary "~~Voluntary county" ~~have~~ has the same meanings as in section 2929.34 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5160.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Assisted living program" has the same meaning as in section 173.51 of the Revised Code.

~~(B)~~ (B) "Dual eligible individual" has the same meaning as in the "Social Security Act," section 1915(h)(2)(B), 42 U.S.C. 1396n(h)(2)(B). A dual eligible individual is a medicare-medicoid enrollee (MME).

~~(C)~~ (C) "Exchange" has the same meaning as in 45 C.F.R. 155.20.

~~(D)~~ (D) "Federal financial participation" means the federal government's share of expenditures made by an entity in implementing a medical assistance program.

~~(E)~~ (E) "Medical assistance program" means all of the following:

(1) The medicoid program;

- (2) The children's health insurance program;
- (3) The refugee medical assistance program;
- (4) Any other program that provides medical assistance and state statutes authorize the department of medicaid to administer.

~~(E)~~(F) "Medical assistance recipient" means a recipient of a medical assistance program. To the extent appropriate in the context, "medical assistance recipient" includes an individual applying for a medical assistance program, a former medical assistance recipient, or both.

~~(F)~~(G) "Medicaid managed care organization" has the same meaning as in section 5167.01 of the Revised Code.

(H) "Nursing facility" has the same meaning as in section 5165.01 of the Revised Code.

~~(G)~~(I) "Refugee medical assistance program" means the program that the department of medicaid administers pursuant to section 5160.50 of the Revised Code.

(J) "Residential care facility" has the same meaning as in section 3721.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5160.48. (A)(1) The medicaid director shall adopt rules under section 5160.02 of the Revised Code implementing sections 5160.45 to 5160.481 of the Revised Code and governing the custody, use, disclosure, and preservation of the information generated or received by the department of medicaid, county departments of job and family services, other state and county entities, contractors, grantees, private entities, or officials participating in the administration of medical assistance programs. ~~The~~

Subject to division (A)(2) of this section, the rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The rules may define who is an "authorized representative" for purposes of sections 5160.45 and 5160.46 of the Revised Code. The rules shall specify conditions and procedures for the release of information, which may include both of the following:

~~(1)~~(a) Permitting a provider of a service under a medical assistance program limited access to information that is essential for the provider to render the service or to bill for the service rendered;

~~(2)~~(b) Permitting a contractor, grantee, or other state or county entity limited access to information that is essential for the contractor, grantee, or entity to perform administrative or other duties on behalf of the department or a county department.

(2) In the case of a medical assistance recipient who is a resident of a nursing facility or residential care facility, and the facility participates in the assisted living program, a county department of job and family services

shall automatically designate the nursing facility or residential care facility as the recipient's primary authorized representative at the time of the application for medical assistance. Both of the following apply to a facility that is automatically designated as an authorized representative pursuant to this division:

(a) The facility shall be considered an authorized representative for purposes of sections 5160.45 and 5160.46 of the Revised Code and shall be subject to all rules regarding authorized representatives that are adopted under division (A)(1) of this section:

(b) The facility may resign as an authorized representative.

A medical assistance recipient may designate additional authorized representatives in the manner provided for in rules.

(B) The department of aging, when investigating a complaint under section 173.20 of the Revised Code, shall be granted any limited access permitted in the rules authorized by division (A)(1)(a) of this section.

A contractor, grantee, or entity given access to information pursuant to the rules authorized by division (A)(2)(1)(b) of this section is bound by the director's rules. Disclosure of the information by the contractor, grantee, or entity in a manner not authorized by the rules is a violation of section 5160.45 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5162.01. (A) As used in the Revised Code:

(1) "Medicaid" and "medicaid program" mean the program of medical assistance established by Title XIX of the "Social Security Act," 42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq., including any medical assistance provided under the medicaid state plan or a federal medicaid waiver granted by the United States secretary of health and human services.

(2) "Medicare" and "medicare program" mean the federal health insurance program established by Title XVIII of the "Social Security Act," 42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.

(B) As used in this chapter:

~~(1) "Dual eligible individual" has the same meaning as in section 5160.01 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(2) "Exchange" has the same meaning as in 45 C.F.R. 155.20.~~

~~(3)(2) "Expansion eligibility group" has the same meaning as in section 5163.01 of the Revised Code.~~

(3) "Federal financial participation" has the same meaning as in section 5160.01 of the Revised Code.

~~(4)(4) "Federal poverty line" means the official poverty line defined by the United States office of management and budget based on the most recent data available from the United States bureau of the census and revised by~~

the United States secretary of health and human services pursuant to the "Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981," section 673(2), 42 U.S.C. 9902(2).

~~(5)~~(5) "Healthcheck" has the same meaning as in section 5164.01 of the Revised Code.

~~(6)~~(6) "Healthy start component" means the component of the medicaid program that covers pregnant women and children and is identified in rules adopted under section 5162.02 of the Revised Code as the healthy start component.

~~(7)~~(7) "Home and community-based services" means services provided under a home and community-based services medicaid waiver component.

~~(8)~~(8) "Home and community-based services medicaid waiver component" has the same meaning as in section 5166.01 of the Revised Code.

~~(9)~~(9) "ICF/IID" has the same meaning as in section 5124.01 of the Revised Code.

~~(10)~~(10) "Individualized education program" has the same meaning as in section 3323.011 of the Revised Code.

~~(11)~~(11) "Medicaid managed care organization" has the same meaning as in section 5167.01 of the Revised Code.

~~(12)~~(12) "Medicaid MCO plan" has the same meaning as in section 5167.01 of the Revised Code.

~~(13)~~(13) "Medicaid provider" has the same meaning as in section 5164.01 of the Revised Code.

~~(14)~~(14) "Medicaid services" has the same meaning as in section 5164.01 of the Revised Code.

~~(15)~~(15) "Medicaid waiver component" has the same meaning as in section 5166.01 of the Revised Code;

~~(16)~~(16) "Nursing facility" and "nursing facility services" have the same meanings as in section 5165.01 of the Revised Code.

~~(17)~~(17) "Ordering or referring only provider" means a medicaid provider who orders, prescribes, refers, or certifies a service or item reported on a claim for medicaid payment but does not bill for medicaid services.

~~(18)~~(18) "Political subdivision" means a municipal corporation, township, county, school district, or other body corporate and politic responsible for governmental activities only in a geographical area smaller than that of the state.

~~(19)~~(19) "Prescribed drug" has the same meaning as in section 5164.01 of the Revised Code.

~~(20)~~(20) "Provider agreement" has the same meaning as in section

5164.01 of the Revised Code.

~~(20)~~(21) "Qualified medicaid school provider" means the board of education of a city, local, or exempted village school district, the governing board of an educational service center, the governing authority of a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, the state school for the deaf, and the state school for the blind to which both of the following apply:

(a) It holds a valid provider agreement.

(b) It meets all other conditions for participation in the medicaid school component of the medicaid program established in rules authorized by section 5162.364 of the Revised Code.

~~(21)~~(22) "State agency" means every organized body, office, or agency, other than the department of medicaid, established by the laws of the state for the exercise of any function of state government.

~~(22)~~(23) "Vendor offset" means a reduction of a medicaid payment to a medicaid provider to correct a previous, incorrect medicaid payment to that provider.

Sec. 5162.12. (A) The medicaid director shall enter into a contract with one or more persons to receive and process, on the director's behalf, requests for medicaid recipient or claims payment data, data from reports of audits conducted under section 5165.109 of the Revised Code, or extracts or analyses of any of the foregoing data made by persons who intend to use the items prepared pursuant to the requests for commercial or academic purposes.

(B) At a minimum, a contract entered into under this section shall do both of the following:

(1) Authorize the contracting person to engage in the activities described in division (A) of this section for compensation, which must be stated as a percentage of the fees paid by persons who are provided the items;

(2) Require the contracting person to charge for an item prepared pursuant to a request a fee in an amount equal to one hundred two per cent of the cost the department of medicaid incurs in making the data used to prepare the item available to the contracting person.

(C) Except as required by federal or state law and subject to division (E) of this section, both of the following conditions apply with respect to a request for data described in division (A) of this section:

(1) The request shall be made through a person who has entered into a contract with the medicaid director under this section.

(2) An item prepared pursuant to the request may be provided to the

department of medicaid and is confidential and not subject to disclosure under section 149.43 or 1347.08 of the Revised Code.

(D) The medicaid director shall use fees the director receives pursuant to a contract entered into under this section to pay obligations specified in contracts entered under this section. Any money remaining after the obligations are paid shall be deposited in the health care/medicaid support and recoveries fund created under section 5162.52 of the Revised Code.

(E) This section does not apply to requests for medicaid recipient or claims payment data, data from reports of audits conducted under section 5165.109 of the Revised Code, or extracts or analyses of any of the foregoing data that are for any of the following purposes:

(1) Treatment of medicaid recipients;

(2) Payment of medicaid claims;

(3) Establishment or management of medicaid third party liability pursuant to sections 5160.35 to 5160.43 of the Revised Code;

(4) Compliance with the terms of an agreement the medicaid director enters into for purposes of administering the medicaid program;

~~(5) Compliance with an operating protocol the executive director of the office of health transformation or the executive director's designee adopts under division (D) of section 191.06 of the Revised Code.~~

Sec. 5162.137. The department of medicaid shall develop findings based on the quarterly reports provided to the department by pharmacy benefit managers under section 5167.243 of the Revised Code. The department shall complete a report detailing the findings not later than sixty days after receiving each quarterly report. The report shall be submitted to the general assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code. On request, the department also shall testify about its findings before either chamber of the general assembly or the joint medicaid oversight committee. The department shall keep as confidential any document or information marked "confidential" or "proprietary" and shall redact any information as necessary before it becomes public, except that the department may share the document or information with other state agencies or entities.

Sec. 5162.138. At the end of each year that the shared savings program established under section 5167.35 of the Revised Code is operated, the department of medicaid shall complete a report detailing the department's findings and recommendations regarding the program for that year. The department shall submit the reports to the governor and, in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code, the general assembly.

Sec. 5162.139. At the end of each year that the quality incentive

program established under section 5167.36 of the Revised Code is operated, the department of medicaid shall complete a report detailing the department's findings and recommendations regarding the program for that year. The department shall submit the reports to the governor and, in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code, the general assembly.

Sec. 5162.1310. (A) The department of medicaid shall periodically evaluate the success that members of the expansion eligibility group have with the following:

(1) Obtaining employer-sponsored health insurance coverage;

(2) Improving health conditions that would otherwise prevent or inhibit stable employment;

(3) Improving the conditions of their employment, including duration and hours of employment.

(B) For the purpose of aiding the department's evaluations under this section, medicaid managed care organizations shall collect and submit to the department relevant data about members of the expansion eligibility group who are enrolled in the organizations' medicaid MCO plans. The department may request that a medicaid managed care organization collect and submit to the department additional data the department needs for the evaluation.

(C) The department shall complete a report for each evaluation conducted under this section. The director shall provide a copy of the report to the general assembly and joint medicaid oversight committee. The copy to the general assembly shall be provided in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5162.364. The medicaid director shall adopt rules under section 5162.02 of the Revised Code as necessary to implement the medicaid school component of the medicaid program, including rules that establish or specify all of the following:

(A) Conditions a board of education of a city, local, or exempted school district, a governing board of an educational service center, governing authority of a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, the state school for the deaf, and the state school for the blind must meet to participate in the component;

(B) Services the component covers;

(C) Payment rates for the services the component covers.

The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5162.52. (A) The health care/medicaid support and recoveries fund is hereby created in the state treasury. All of the following shall be credited to the fund:

(1) Except as otherwise provided by statute or as authorized by the controlling board, the nonfederal share of all medicaid-related revenues, collections, and recoveries;

(2) Federal reimbursement received for payment adjustments made pursuant to section 1923 of the "Social Security Act," ~~section 1923~~, 42 U.S.C. 1396r-4, under the medicaid program to state mental health hospitals maintained and operated by the department of mental health and addiction services under division (A) of section 5119.14 of the Revised Code;

(3) Revenues the department of medicaid receives from another state agency for medicaid services pursuant to an interagency agreement;

(4) The money the department of medicaid receives in a fiscal year for performing eligibility verification services necessary for compliance with the independent, certified audit requirement of 42 C.F.R. 455.304;

(5) The nonfederal share of all rebates paid by drug manufacturers to the department of medicaid in accordance with a rebate agreement required by section 1927 of the "Social Security Act," ~~section 1927~~, 42 U.S.C. 1396r-8;

(6) The nonfederal share of all supplemental rebates paid by drug manufacturers to the department of medicaid in accordance with the supplemental drug rebate program established under section 5164.755 of the Revised Code;

(7) Amounts deposited into the fund pursuant to sections 5162.12, 5162.40, and 5162.41 of the Revised Code;

(8) The application fees charged to providers under section 5164.31 of the Revised Code;

(9) The fines collected under section 5165.1010 of the Revised Code;

(10) Amounts from assessments on hospitals under section 5168.06 of the Revised Code and intergovernmental transfers by governmental hospitals under section 5168.07 of the Revised Code that are deposited into the fund in accordance with the law.

(B) The department of medicaid shall use money credited to the health care/medicaid support and recoveries fund to pay for ~~medicaid~~ all of the following:

(1) Medicaid services and costs;

(2) Costs associated with the administration of the medicaid program;

(3) Programs that serve youth involved with multiple government agencies;

(4) Innovative programs that the department has statutory authority to implement and that promote access to health care or help achieve long-term cost savings to the state.

Sec. 5162.72. The medicaid director shall implement within the

medicaid program strategies that address social determinants of health, including employment, housing, transportation, food, interpersonal safety, and toxic stress.

Sec. 5164.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Adjudication" has the same meaning as in section 119.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Behavioral health redesign" means ~~proposals developed in a collaborative effort by the office of health transformation, department of medicaid, and department of mental health and addiction services to make~~ revisions to the medicaid program's coverage of community behavioral health services beginning July 1, 2017, including revisions that update medicaid billing codes and payment rates for community behavioral health services.

(C) "Clean claim" has the same meaning as in 42 C.F.R. 447.45(b).

(D) "Community behavioral health services" means both of the following:

(1) Alcohol and drug addiction services provided by a community addiction services provider, as defined in section 5119.01 of the Revised Code;

(2) Mental health services provided by a community mental health services provider, as defined in section 5119.01 of the Revised Code.

(E) "Early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment services" has the same meaning as in the "Social Security Act," section 1905(r), 42 U.S.C. 1396d(r).

(F) "Federal financial participation" has the same meaning as in section 5160.01 of the Revised Code.

(G) "Federal poverty line" has the same meaning as in section 5162.01 of the Revised Code.

(H) "Healthcheck" means the component of the medicaid program that provides early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment services.

(I) "Home and community-based services medicaid waiver component" has the same meaning as in section 5166.01 of the Revised Code.

(J) "Hospital" has the same meaning as in section 3727.01 of the Revised Code.

(K) "ICDS participant" means a dual eligible individual who participates in the integrated care delivery system.

(L) "ICF/IID" has the same meaning as in section 5124.01 of the Revised Code.

(M) "Integrated care delivery system" and "ICDS" mean the demonstration project authorized by section 5164.91 of the Revised Code.

(N) "Mandatory services" means the health care services and items that must be covered by the medicaid state plan as a condition of the state receiving federal financial participation for the medicaid program.

(O) "Medicaid managed care organization" has the same meaning as in section 5167.01 of the Revised Code.

(P) "Medicaid provider" means a person or government entity with a valid provider agreement to provide medicaid services to medicaid recipients. To the extent appropriate in the context, "medicaid provider" includes a person or government entity applying for a provider agreement, a former medicaid provider, or both.

(Q) "Medicaid services" means either or both of the following:

(1) Mandatory services;

(2) Optional services that the medicaid program covers.

(R) "Nursing facility" has the same meaning as in section 5165.01 of the Revised Code.

(S) "Optional services" means the health care services and items that may be covered by the medicaid state plan or a federal medicaid waiver and for which the medicaid program receives federal financial participation.

(T) "Prescribed drug" has the same meaning as in 42 C.F.R. 440.120.

(U) "Provider agreement" means an agreement to which all of the following apply:

(1) It is between a medicaid provider and the department of medicaid;

(2) It provides for the medicaid provider to provide medicaid services to medicaid recipients;

(3) It complies with 42 C.F.R. 431.107(b).

(V) "State plan home and community-based services" means home and community-based services that, as authorized by section 1915(i) of the "Social Security Act," 42 U.S.C. 1396n(i), may be covered by the medicaid program pursuant to an amendment to the medicaid state plan.

(W) "Terminal distributor of dangerous drugs" has the same meaning as in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5164.342. (A) As used in this section:

"Applicant" means a person who is under final consideration for employment with a waiver agency in a full-time, part-time, or temporary position that involves providing home and community-based services.

"Community-based long-term care provider" means a provider as defined in section 173.39 of the Revised Code.

"Community-based long-term care subcontractor" means a subcontractor as defined in section 173.38 of the Revised Code.

"Criminal records check" has the same meaning as in section 109.572 of

the Revised Code.

"Disqualifying offense" means any of the offenses listed or described in divisions (A)(3)(a) to (e) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

"Employee" means a person employed by a waiver agency in a full-time, part-time, or temporary position that involves providing home and community-based services.

"Waiver agency" means a person or government entity that provides home and community-based services under a home and community-based services medicaid waiver component administered by the department of medicaid, other than such a person or government entity that is certified under the medicare program. "Waiver agency" does not mean an independent provider as defined in section 5164.341 of the Revised Code.

(B) This section does not apply to any individual who is subject to a database review or criminal records check under section 3701.881 of the Revised Code. If a waiver agency also is a community-based long-term care provider or community-based long-term care subcontractor, the waiver agency may provide for any of its applicants and employees who are not subject to database reviews and criminal records checks under section 173.38 of the Revised Code to undergo database reviews and criminal records checks in accordance with that section ~~173.38 of the Revised Code~~ rather than this section.

(C) No waiver agency shall employ an applicant or continue to employ an employee in a position that involves providing home and community-based services if any of the following apply:

(1) A review of the databases listed in division (E) of this section reveals any of the following:

(a) That the applicant or employee is included in one or more of the databases listed in divisions (E)(1) to (5) of this section;

(b) That there is in the state nurse aide registry established under section 3721.32 of the Revised Code a statement detailing findings by the director of health that the applicant or employee abused, neglected, or exploited a long-term care facility or residential care facility resident or misappropriated property of such a resident;

(c) That the applicant or employee is included in one or more of the databases, if any, specified in rules authorized by this section and the rules prohibit the waiver agency from employing an applicant or continuing to employ an employee included in such a database in a position that involves providing home and community-based services.

(2) After the applicant or employee is given the information and notification required by divisions (F)(2)(a) and (b) of this section, the

applicant or employee fails to do either of the following:

(a) Access, complete, or forward to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation the form prescribed to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code or the standard impression sheet prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section;

(b) Instruct the superintendent to submit the completed report of the criminal records check required by this section directly to the chief administrator of the waiver agency.

(3) Except as provided in rules authorized by this section, the applicant or employee is found by a criminal records check required by this section to have been convicted of or have pleaded guilty to a disqualifying offense, regardless of the date of the conviction or date of entry of the guilty plea.

(D) At the time of each applicant's initial application for employment in a position that involves providing home and community-based services, the chief administrator of a waiver agency shall inform the applicant of both of the following:

(1) That a review of the databases listed in division (E) of this section will be conducted to determine whether the waiver agency is prohibited by division (C)(1) of this section from employing the applicant in the position;

(2) That, unless the database review reveals that the applicant may not be employed in the position, a criminal records check of the applicant will be conducted and the applicant is required to provide a set of the applicant's fingerprint impressions as part of the criminal records check.

(E) As a condition of employing any applicant in a position that involves providing home and community-based services, the chief administrator of a waiver agency shall conduct a database review of the applicant in accordance with rules authorized by this section. If rules authorized by this section so require, the chief administrator of a waiver agency shall conduct a database review of an employee in accordance with the rules as a condition of continuing to employ the employee in a position that involves providing home and community-based services. A database review shall determine whether the applicant or employee is included in any of the following:

(1) The excluded parties list system that is maintained by the United States general services administration pursuant to subpart 9.4 of the federal acquisition regulation and available at the federal web site known as the system for award management;

(2) The list of excluded individuals and entities maintained by the office of inspector general in the United States department of health and human services pursuant to the "Social Security Act," sections 1128 and 1156, 42

U.S.C. 1320a-7 and 1320c-5;

(3) The registry of developmental disabilities employees established under section 5123.52 of the Revised Code;

(4) The internet-based sex offender and child-victim offender database established under division (A)(11) of section 2950.13 of the Revised Code;

(5) The internet-based database of inmates established under section 5120.66 of the Revised Code;

(6) The state nurse aide registry established under section 3721.32 of the Revised Code;

(7) Any other database, if any, specified in rules authorized by this section.

(F)(1) As a condition of employing any applicant in a position that involves providing home and community-based services, the chief administrator of a waiver agency shall require the applicant to request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation conduct a criminal records check of the applicant. If rules authorized by this section so require, the chief administrator of a waiver agency shall require an employee to request that the superintendent conduct a criminal records check of the employee at times specified in the rules as a condition of continuing to employ the employee in a position that involves providing home and community-based services. However, a criminal records check is not required for an applicant or employee if the waiver agency is prohibited by division (C)(1) of this section from employing the applicant or continuing to employ the employee in a position that involves providing home and community-based services. If an applicant or employee for whom a criminal records check request is required by this section does not present proof of having been a resident of this state for the five-year period immediately prior to the date the criminal records check is requested or provide evidence that within that five-year period the superintendent has requested information about the applicant or employee from the federal bureau of investigation in a criminal records check, the chief administrator shall require the applicant or employee to request that the superintendent obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as part of the criminal records check. Even if an applicant or employee for whom a criminal records check request is required by this section presents proof of having been a resident of this state for the five-year period, the chief administrator may require the applicant or employee to request that the superintendent include information from the federal bureau of investigation in the criminal records check.

(2) The chief administrator shall provide the following to each applicant

and employee for whom a criminal records check is required by this section:

(a) Information about accessing, completing, and forwarding to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and the standard impression sheet prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section;

(b) Written notification that the applicant or employee is to instruct the superintendent to submit the completed report of the criminal records check directly to the chief administrator.

(3) A waiver agency shall pay to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation the fee prescribed pursuant to division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code for any criminal records check required by this section. However, a waiver agency may require an applicant to pay to the bureau the fee for a criminal records check of the applicant. If the waiver agency pays the fee for an applicant, it may charge the applicant a fee not exceeding the amount the waiver agency pays to the bureau under this section if the waiver agency notifies the applicant at the time of initial application for employment of the amount of the fee and that, unless the fee is paid, the applicant will not be considered for employment.

(G)(1) A waiver agency may employ conditionally an applicant for whom a criminal records check is required by this section prior to obtaining the results of the criminal records check if both of the following apply:

(a) The waiver agency is not prohibited by division (C)(1) of this section from employing the applicant in a position that involves providing home and community-based services.

(b) The chief administrator of the waiver agency requires the applicant to request a criminal records check regarding the applicant in accordance with division (F)(1) of this section not later than five business days after the applicant begins conditional employment.

(2) A waiver agency that employs an applicant conditionally under division (G)(1) of this section shall terminate the applicant's employment if the results of the criminal records check, other than the results of any request for information from the federal bureau of investigation, are not obtained within the period ending sixty days after the date the request for the criminal records check is made. Regardless of when the results of the criminal records check are obtained, if the results indicate that the applicant has been convicted of or has pleaded guilty to a disqualifying offense, the waiver agency shall terminate the applicant's employment unless circumstances specified in rules authorized by this section exist that permit the waiver agency to employ the applicant and the waiver agency chooses to

employ the applicant.

(H) The report of any criminal records check conducted pursuant to a request made under this section is not a public record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall not be made available to any person other than the following:

(1) The applicant or employee who is the subject of the criminal records check or the representative of the applicant or employee;

(2) The chief administrator of the waiver agency that requires the applicant or employee to request the criminal records check or the administrator's representative;

(3) The medicaid director and the staff of the department who are involved in the administration of the medicaid program;

(4) The director of aging or the director's designee if the waiver agency also is a community-based long-term care provider or community-based long-term care subcontractor;

(5) An individual receiving or deciding whether to receive home and community-based services from the subject of the criminal records check;

(6) A court, hearing officer, or other necessary individual involved in a case dealing with any of the following:

(a) A denial of employment of the applicant or employee;

(b) Employment or unemployment benefits of the applicant or employee;

(c) A civil or criminal action regarding the medicaid program.

(I) The medicaid director shall adopt rules under section 5164.02 of the Revised Code to implement this section.

(1) The rules may do the following:

(a) Require employees to undergo database reviews and criminal records checks under this section;

(b) If the rules require employees to undergo database reviews and criminal records checks under this section, exempt one or more classes of employees from the requirements;

(c) For the purpose of division (E)(7) of this section, specify other databases that are to be checked as part of a database review conducted under this section.

(2) The rules shall specify all of the following:

(a) The procedures for conducting a database review under this section;

(b) If the rules require employees to undergo database reviews and criminal records checks under this section, the times at which the database reviews and criminal records checks are to be conducted;

(c) If the rules specify other databases to be checked as part of a

database review, the circumstances under which a waiver agency is prohibited from employing an applicant or continuing to employ an employee who is found by the database review to be included in one or more of those databases;

(d) The circumstances under which a waiver agency may employ an applicant or employee who is found by a criminal records check required by this section to have been convicted of or have pleaded guilty to a disqualifying offense.

(J) The amendments made by H.B. 487 of the 129th general assembly to this section do not preclude the department of medicaid from taking action against a person for failure to comply with former division (H) of this section as that division existed on the day preceding January 1, 2013.

Sec. 5164.36. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Credible allegation of fraud" has the same meaning as in 42 C.F.R. 455.2, except that for purposes of this section any reference in that regulation to the "state" or the "state medicaid agency" means the department of medicaid.

(2) "Disqualifying indictment" means an indictment of a medicaid provider or its officer, authorized agent, associate, manager, employee, or, if the provider is a noninstitutional provider, its owner, if either of the following applies:

(a) The indictment charges the person with committing an act to which both of the following apply:

(i) The act would be a felony or misdemeanor under the laws of this state or the jurisdiction within which the act occurred.

(ii) The act relates to or results from furnishing or billing for medicaid services under the medicaid program or relates to or results from performing management or administrative services relating to furnishing medicaid services under the medicaid program.

(b) If the medicaid provider is an independent provider, the indictment charges the person with committing an act that would constitute a disqualifying offense.

(3) "Disqualifying offense" means any of the offenses listed or described in divisions (A)(3)(a) to (e) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Independent provider" has the same meaning as in section 5164.341 of the Revised Code.

(5) "Noninstitutional medicaid provider" means any person or entity with a provider agreement other than a hospital, nursing facility, or ICF/IID.

(6) "Owner" has the same meaning as in section 5164.37 of the Revised

Code means any person having at least five per cent ownership in a noninstitutional medicaid provider.

(B)(1) Except as provided in division (C) of this section and in rules authorized by this section, ~~on determining there is a credible allegation of fraud for which an investigation is pending under the medicaid program against a medicaid provider,~~ the department of medicaid shall suspend the provider agreement held by ~~the~~ a medicaid provider on determining either of the following:

(a) There is a credible allegation of fraud against any of the following for which an investigation is pending under the medicaid program:

(i) The medicaid provider;

(ii) The medicaid provider's owner, officer, authorized agent, associate, manager, or employee.

(b) A disqualifying indictment has been issued against any of the following:

(i) The medicaid provider;

(ii) The medicaid provider's officer, authorized agent, associate, manager, or employee;

(iii) If the medicaid provider is a noninstitutional provider, its owner.

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(2) Subject to division (C) of this section, the department shall also terminate suspend all medicaid payments to the a medicaid provider for services rendered, regardless of the date that the services are rendered, when the department suspends the provider's provider agreement under this section.

~~(2)(a)(3)~~ (3) The suspension of a provider agreement shall continue in effect until either of the following is the case occurs:

~~(i) The~~ (a) If the suspension is the result of a credible allegation of fraud, the department or a prosecuting authority determines that there is insufficient evidence of fraud by the medicaid provider;

~~(ii) The~~ (b) Regardless of whether the suspension is the result of a credible allegation of fraud or a disqualifying indictment, the proceedings in any related criminal case are completed through dismissal of the indictment or through conviction, entry of a guilty plea, or finding of not guilty;

~~(b) If or, if~~ the department commences a process to terminate the suspended provider agreement, ~~the suspension shall also continue in effect until~~ the termination process is concluded.

~~(3)(4)(a)~~ (4)(a) When subject to a suspension provider agreement is suspended under this section, a medicaid provider, owner, officer, authorized agent, associate, manager, or employee shall not own none of the following shall

take, during the period of the suspension, any of the actions specified in division (B)(4)(b) of this section:

(i) The medicaid provider;

(ii) If the suspension is the result of an action taken by an officer, authorized agent, associate, manager, or employee of the medicaid provider, that person;

(iii) If the medicaid provider is a noninstitutional provider and the suspension is the result of an action taken by the owner of the provider, the owner.

(b) The following are the actions that persons specified in division (B)(4)(a) of this section cannot take during the suspension of a provider agreement:

(i) Own services provided, or provide services, to any other medicaid provider or risk contractor or arrange;

(ii) Arrange for, render to, or order services to any other medicaid provider or risk contractor or arrange;

(iii) Arrange for, render to, or order services for medicaid recipients during the period of suspension. During the period of suspension, the provider, owner, officer, authorized agent, associate, manager, or employee shall not receive;

(iv) Receive direct payments under the medicaid program or indirect payments of medicaid funds in the form of salary, shared fees, contracts, kickbacks, or rebates from or through any other medicaid provider or risk contractor.

(C) The department shall not suspend a provider agreement or ~~terminate~~ medicaid payments under division (B) of this section if the medicaid provider or, if the provider is a noninstitutional provider, the owner can demonstrate through the submission of written evidence that the provider or owner did not directly or indirectly sanction the action of its authorized agent, associate, manager, or employee that resulted in the credible allegation of fraud or disqualifying indictment.

~~(D) The termination of medicaid payment under division (B) of this section applies only to payments for medicaid services rendered subsequent to the date on which the notice required by division (E) of this section is sent. Claims for payment of medicaid services rendered by the medicaid provider prior to the issuance of the notice may be subject to prepayment review procedures whereby the department reviews claims to determine whether they are supported by sufficient documentation, are in compliance with state and federal statutes and rules, and are otherwise complete.~~

~~(E)~~ After suspending a provider agreement under division (B) of this

section, the department shall, ~~as specified in 42 C.F.R. 455.23(b),~~ send notice of the suspension to the affected medicaid provider or, if the provider is a noninstitutional provider, the owner in accordance with the following ~~timeframes~~ time frames:

(1) Not later than five days after the suspension, unless a law enforcement agency makes a written request to temporarily delay the notice;

(2) If a law enforcement agency makes a written request to temporarily delay the notice, not later than thirty days after the suspension occurs subject to the conditions specified in division ~~(F)~~(E) of this section.

~~(E)~~(E) A written request for a temporary delay described in division ~~(E)~~(D)(2) of this section may be renewed in writing by a law enforcement agency not more than two times except that under no circumstances shall the notice be issued more than ninety days after the suspension occurs.

~~(G)~~(F) The notice required by division ~~(E)~~(D) of this section shall do all of the following:

(1) State that payments are being suspended in accordance with this section and 42 C.F.R. 455.23;

(2) Set forth the general allegations related to the nature of the conduct leading to the suspension, except that it is not necessary to disclose any specific information concerning an ongoing investigation;

(3) State that the suspension continues to be in effect until either of the following is the case:

~~(a) The department or a prosecuting authority determines that there is insufficient evidence of fraud by the provider;~~

~~(b) The proceedings in any related criminal case are completed through dismissal of the indictment or through conviction, entry of a guilty plea, or finding of not guilty and, if the department commences a process to terminate the suspended provider agreement, until the termination process is concluded. circumstances specified in division (B)(3) of this section occur;~~

(4) Specify, if applicable, the type or types of medicaid claims or business units of the medicaid provider that are affected by the suspension;

(5) Inform the medicaid provider or owner of the opportunity to submit to the department, not later than thirty days after receiving the notice, a request for reconsideration of the suspension in accordance with division ~~(H)~~(G) of this section.

~~(H)~~(G)(1) Pursuant to the procedure specified in division ~~(H)~~(G)(2) of this section, a medicaid provider ~~or owner~~ subject to a suspension under this section or, if the provider is a noninstitutional provider, the owner may request a reconsideration of the suspension. The request shall be made not later than thirty days after receipt of a notice required by division ~~(E)~~(D) of

this section. The reconsideration is not subject to an adjudication hearing pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(2) In requesting a reconsideration, the medicaid provider or owner shall submit written information and documents to the department. The information and documents may pertain to any of the following issues:

(a) Whether the determination to suspend the provider agreement was based on a mistake of fact, other than the validity of an indictment in a related criminal case.

(b) If there has been an indictment in a related criminal case, whether ~~any offense charged in the indictment resulted from an offense specified in division (E) of section 5164.37 of the Revised Code~~ is a disqualifying indictment.

(c) Whether the provider or owner can demonstrate that the provider or owner did not directly or indirectly sanction the action of its authorized agent, associate, manager, or employee that resulted in the suspension under this section or an indictment in a related criminal case.

~~(H)~~(H) The department shall review the information and documents submitted in a request made under division ~~(H)~~(G) of this section for reconsideration of a suspension. After the review, the suspension may be affirmed, reversed, or modified, in whole or in part. The department shall notify the affected provider or owner of the results of the review. The review and notification of its results shall be completed not later than forty-five days after receiving the information and documents submitted in a request for reconsideration.

~~(I)~~(I) Rules adopted under section 5164.02 of the Revised Code may specify circumstances under which the department would not suspend a provider agreement pursuant to this section.

Sec. 5164.37. (A) The department of medicaid may suspend a medicaid provider's provider agreement without prior notice if the department has evidence that the provider presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the health, safety, or welfare of medicaid recipients. The department also shall suspend all medicaid payments to the medicaid provider for services rendered, regardless of the date that the services were rendered, when the department suspends the provider agreement under this section.

(B) If the department suspends a medicaid provider's provider agreement under this section, the department shall do both of the following:

(1) Not later than five days after suspending the provider agreement, notify the medicaid provider of the suspension;

(2) Not later than ten business days after suspending the provider agreement, notify the medicaid provider that the department intends to

terminate the provider agreement.

(C) The notice that the department provides to a medicaid provider under division (B)(2) of this section shall include the allegation that the provider presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the health, safety, or welfare of medicaid recipients. It may also include other grounds for terminating the provider agreement. Section 5164.38 of the Revised Code applies to the termination of the provider agreement.

(D) The suspension of a medicaid provider's provider agreement and medicaid payments shall cease at the earliest of the following:

(1) The department's failure to provide a notice required by division (B) of this section by the time specified in that division;

(2) The department rescinds its notice to terminate the provider agreement.

(3) The department issues an order regarding the termination of the provider agreement pursuant to an adjudication conducted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(E) This section does not limit the department's authority to suspend or terminate a provider agreement or medicaid payments to a medicaid provider under any other provision of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5164.38. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Party" has the same meaning as in division (G) of section 119.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Revalidate" means to approve a medicaid provider's continued enrollment as a medicaid provider in accordance with the revalidation process established in rules authorized by section 5164.32 of the Revised Code.

(B) This section does not apply to either of the following:

(1) Any action taken or decision made by the department of medicaid with respect to entering into or refusing to enter into a contract with a managed care organization pursuant to section 5167.10 of the Revised Code;

(2) Any action taken by the department under division (D)(2) of section 5124.60, division (D)(1) or (2) of section 5124.61, or sections 5165.60 to 5165.89 of the Revised Code.

(C) Except as provided in division (E) of this section and section 5164.58 of the Revised Code, the department shall do any of the following by issuing an order pursuant to an adjudication conducted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code:

(1) Refuse to enter into a provider agreement with a medicaid provider;

(2) Refuse to revalidate a medicaid provider's provider agreement;

(3) Suspend or terminate a medicaid provider's provider agreement;

(4) Take any action based upon a final fiscal audit of a medicaid provider.

(D) Any party who is adversely affected by the issuance of an adjudication order under division (C) of this section may appeal to the court of common pleas of Franklin county in accordance with section 119.12 of the Revised Code.

(E) The department is not required to comply with division (C)(1), (2), or (3) of this section whenever any of the following occur:

(1) The terms of a provider agreement require the medicaid provider to hold a license, permit, or certificate or maintain a certification issued by an official, board, commission, department, division, bureau, or other agency of state or federal government other than the department of medicaid, and the license, permit, certificate, or certification has been denied, revoked, not renewed, suspended, or otherwise limited.

(2) The terms of a provider agreement require the medicaid provider to hold a license, permit, or certificate or maintain certification issued by an official, board, commission, department, division, bureau, or other agency of state or federal government other than the department of medicaid, and the provider has not obtained the license, permit, certificate, or certification.

(3) The medicaid provider's application for a provider agreement is denied, or the provider's provider agreement is terminated or not revalidated, because of or pursuant to any of the following:

(a) The termination, refusal to renew, or denial of a license, permit, certificate, or certification by an official, board, commission, department, division, bureau, or other agency of this state other than the department of medicaid, notwithstanding the fact that the provider may hold a license, permit, certificate, or certification from an official, board, commission, department, division, bureau, or other agency of another state;

(b) Division (D) or (E) of section 5164.35 of the Revised Code;

(c) The provider's termination, suspension, or exclusion from the medicare program or from another state's medicaid program and, in either case, the termination, suspension, or exclusion is binding on the provider's participation in the medicaid program in this state;

(d) The provider's pleading guilty to or being convicted of a criminal activity materially related to either the medicare or medicaid program;

(e) The provider or its owner, officer, authorized agent, associate, manager, or employee having been convicted of one of the offenses that caused the provider's provider agreement to be suspended pursuant to section 5164.36 of the Revised Code;

(f) The provider's failure to provide the department the national provider

identifier assigned the provider by the national provider system pursuant to 45 C.F.R. 162.408.

(4) The medicaid provider's application for a provider agreement is denied, or the provider's provider agreement is terminated or suspended, as a result of action by the United States department of health and human services and that action is binding on the provider's medicaid participation.

(5) ~~Pursuant to either section 5164.36 or 5164.37 of the Revised Code, the~~ The medicaid provider's provider agreement is and medicaid payments to the provider are suspended and payments to the provider are suspended pending indictment of the provider under section 5164.36 or 5164.37 of the Revised Code.

(6) The medicaid provider's application for a provider agreement is denied because the provider's application was not complete;

(7) The medicaid provider's provider agreement is converted under section 5164.32 of the Revised Code from a provider agreement that is not time-limited to a provider agreement that is time-limited.

(8) Unless the medicaid provider is a nursing facility or ICF/IID, the provider's provider agreement is not revalidated pursuant to division (B)(1) of section 5164.32 of the Revised Code.

(9) The medicaid provider's provider agreement is suspended, terminated, or not revalidated because of either of the following:

(a) Any reason authorized or required by one or more of the following: 42 C.F.R. 455.106, 455.23, 455.416, 455.434, or 455.450;

(b) The provider has not billed or otherwise submitted a medicaid claim for two years or longer.

(F) In the case of a medicaid provider described in division (E)(3)(f), (6), (7), or (9)(b) of this section, the department may take its action by sending a notice explaining the action to the provider. The notice shall be sent to the medicaid provider's address on record with the department. The notice may be sent by regular mail.

(G) The department may withhold payments for medicaid services rendered by a medicaid provider during the pendency of proceedings initiated under division (C)(1), (2), or (3) of this section. If the proceedings are initiated under division (C)(4) of this section, the department may withhold payments only to the extent that they equal amounts determined in a final fiscal audit as being due the state. This division does not apply if the department fails to comply with section 119.07 of the Revised Code, requests a continuance of the hearing, or does not issue a decision within thirty days after the hearing is completed. This division does not apply to nursing facilities and ICFs/IID.

Sec. 5164.65. The medicaid program shall comply with Chapter 3962. of the Revised Code as if it were a health plan issuer. This requirement extends to medicaid managed care organizations.

Sec. 5164.7510. (A) There is hereby established the pharmacy and therapeutics committee of the department of medicaid. The committee shall assist the department with developing and maintaining a preferred drug list for the medicaid program.

The committee shall review and recommend to the medicaid director the drugs that should be included on the preferred drug list. The recommendations shall be made based on the evaluation of competent evidence regarding the relative safety, efficacy, and effectiveness of prescribed drugs within a class or classes of prescribed drugs.

(B) The committee shall consist of ten members and shall be appointed by the medicaid director. The director shall seek recommendations for membership from relevant professional organizations. A candidate for membership recommended by a professional organization shall have professional experience working with medicaid recipients.

The membership of the committee shall include:

(1) Three pharmacists licensed under Chapter 4729. of the Revised Code;

(2) Two doctors of medicine and two doctors of osteopathy who hold ~~certificates to practice~~ licenses issued under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code, one of whom is a family practice physician;

(3) A registered nurse licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code;

(4) A pharmacologist who has a doctoral degree;

(5) A psychiatrist who holds a ~~certificate~~ license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery issued under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code and specializes in psychiatry.

(C) The committee shall elect from among its members a chairperson. Five committee members constitute a quorum.

The committee shall establish guidelines necessary for the committee's operation.

The committee may establish one or more subcommittees to investigate and analyze issues consistent with the duties of the committee under this section. The subcommittees may submit proposals regarding the issues to the committee and the committee may adopt, reject, or modify the proposals.

A vote by a majority of a quorum is necessary to make recommendations to the director. In the case of a tie, the chairperson shall

decide the outcome.

(D) The director shall act on the committee's recommendations not later than thirty days after the recommendation is posted on the department's web site under division (F) of this section. If the director does not accept a recommendation of the committee, the director shall present the basis for this determination not later than fourteen days after making the determination or at the next scheduled meeting of the committee, whichever is sooner.

(E) An interested party may request, and shall be permitted, to make a presentation or submit written materials to the committee during a committee meeting. The presentation or other materials shall be relevant to an issue under consideration by the committee and any written material, including a transcript of testimony to be given on the day of the meeting, may be submitted to the committee in advance of the meeting.

(F) The department shall post the following on the department's web site:

(1) Guidelines established by the committee under division (C) of this section;

(2) A detailed committee agenda not later than fourteen days prior to the date of a regularly scheduled meeting and not later than seventy-two hours prior to the date of a special meeting called by the committee;

(3) Committee recommendations not later than seven days after the meeting at which the recommendation was approved;

(4) The director's final determination as to the recommendations made by the committee under this section.

Sec. 5164.7515. (A) Not later than July 1, 2020, the medicaid director shall establish an annual benchmark for prescribed drug spending growth under the medicaid program. If the director determines that prescribed drug spending in a given year is projected to exceed the benchmark for that year, the director shall identify specific prescribed drugs that significantly contribute to exceeding the benchmark.

(B) For a prescribed drug identified by the director under division (A) of this section, the director shall determine if there is a current supplemental rebate for that drug between the drug's manufacturer and the department or its designee. If there is a current supplemental rebate for the drug, the director may renegotiate the supplemental rebate agreement. If there is not a supplemental rebate for the drug, the director shall evaluate whether to pursue a supplemental rebate agreement for the drug with the drug manufacturer. In making that evaluation, the director may consider any of the following:

(1) The prescribed drug's actual cost to the state;

(2) Whether the drug's manufacturer is providing significant discounts or rebates for other prescribed drugs under the medicaid program;

(3) Any other information the director considers relevant.

(C)(1) If the director determines that a prescribed drug rebate agreement renegotiation is warranted under division (B) of this section, the director shall establish a target rebate amount. In determining the target rebate amount, the director may consider any of the following:

(a) Publicly available information relevant to pricing the prescribed drug;

(b) Information the department has that is relevant to the pricing of the drug;

(c) Information relating to value-based pricing of the drug for medicaid recipients;

(d) The seriousness and prevalence of the conditions for which the drug is prescribed;

(e) The drug's volume of use among medicaid recipients;

(f) The effectiveness of the drug in treating conditions for which it is prescribed or improving a patient's health, quality of life, or overall health outcomes;

(g) The likelihood that use of the drug will reduce the need for other medical care, including hospitalization;

(h) The average wholesale price, wholesale acquisition cost, and retail price of the drug, and the cost of the drug under the medicaid program, not including any rebates received for the drug under the program;

(i) In the case of generic drugs, the number of manufacturers that produce the drug;

(j) Whether there are pharmaceutical equivalents to the drug;

(k) Any other information the director considers relevant.

(2) In negotiating a new rebate agreement under division (B) of this section, the director shall seek to negotiate an amount that is equal to the target rebate amount under division (C)(1) of this section. The director shall not enter into a rebate agreement that is less than sixty per cent of the target rebate amount. If no rebate agreement is established or renegotiated under this section, the director may consider removing the drug from the medicaid program's preferred drug list and imposing a prior authorization requirement on the drug in accordance with section 5160.34 of the Revised Code.

(D) The director shall publish a list of the prescribed drugs it identifies as being responsible for increasing spending above the annual benchmark for prescribed drug spending growth.

Sec. 5164.912. The medicaid director shall select from among universally accepted claim forms used in the United States a standardized claim form for each type of medicaid provider that provides medicaid services under the integrated care delivery system. The director shall create standardized claim codes to be used on the standardized claim forms. Each medicaid provider and medicaid provider's designee that bills for medicaid services provided under the integrated care delivery system shall use the appropriate standardized claim form and standardized claim codes.

Any claim for a medicaid service provided under the integrated care delivery system shall be considered a clean claim and paid by the department or its designee not later than thirty calendar days from the date the claim is submitted if the claim is properly submitted using the appropriate standardized claim form and standardized claim codes and the medicaid services for which the claim is submitted are medically necessary and otherwise allowable under the integrated care delivery system. If the department or its designee fails to pay the claim within thirty-five calendar days from the date the claim is so submitted, the department or its designee shall pay interest on the claim equal to one per cent per month calculated from the expiration of the thirty-five-calendar-day period.

Sec. 5165.15. Except as otherwise provided by sections 5165.151 to 5165.157 and 5165.34 of the Revised Code, the total per medicaid day payment rate that the department of medicaid shall pay a nursing facility provider for nursing facility services the provider's nursing facility provides during a state fiscal year shall be determined as follows:

(A) Determine the sum of all of the following:

(1) The per medicaid day payment rate for ancillary and support costs determined for the nursing facility under section 5165.16 of the Revised Code;

(2) The per medicaid day payment rate for capital costs determined for the nursing facility under section 5165.17 of the Revised Code;

(3) The per medicaid day payment rate for direct care costs determined for the nursing facility under section 5165.19 of the Revised Code;

(4) The per medicaid day payment rate for tax costs determined for the nursing facility under section 5165.21 of the Revised Code;

(5) If the nursing facility qualifies as a critical access nursing facility, the nursing facility's critical access incentive payment paid under section 5165.23 of the Revised Code.

(B) To the sum determined under division (A) of this section, add ~~the~~ following:

~~(1) For state fiscal years 2018 and 2019, sixteen dollars and forty-four~~

cents;

~~(2) For state fiscal year 2020 and, except as provided in division (B)(3) of this section, each state fiscal year thereafter, the sum of the following:~~

~~(a) The amount specified or determined for the purpose of division (B) of this section for the immediately preceding state fiscal year;~~

~~(b) The difference between the following:~~

~~(i) The medicare skilled nursing facility market basket index determined for the federal fiscal year that begins during the state fiscal year immediately preceding the state fiscal year for which the determination is being made under division (B) of this section;~~

~~(ii) The budget reduction adjustment factor for the state fiscal year for which the determination is being made under division (B) of this section.~~

~~(3) For the first state fiscal year in a group of consecutive state fiscal years for which a rebasing is conducted after state fiscal year 2020, the amount specified or determined for the purpose of division (B) of this section for the immediately preceding state fiscal year .~~

(C) From the sum determined under division (B) of this section, subtract one dollar and seventy-nine cents.

(D) To the difference determined under division (C) of this section, add the per medicaid day quality payment rate determined for the nursing facility under section 5165.25 of the Revised Code.

(E) To the sum determined under division (D) of this section, add, for the second half of state fiscal year 2020 and all of each state fiscal year thereafter, the per medicaid day quality incentive payment rate determined for the nursing facility under section 5165.26 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5165.152. The total per medicaid day payment rate determined under section 5165.15 of the Revised Code shall not be paid for nursing facility services provided to low resource utilization residents. Instead, the total rate for such nursing facility services shall be ~~the following:~~

~~(A) One one hundred fifteen dollars per medicaid day if the department of medicaid is satisfied that the nursing facility's provider is cooperating with the long term care ombudsman program in efforts to help the nursing facility's low resource utilization residents receive the services that are most appropriate for such residents' level of care needs;~~

~~(B) Ninety one dollars and seventy cents per medicaid day if division (A) of this section does not apply to the nursing facility.~~

Sec. 5165.21. The department of medicaid shall determine each nursing facility's per medicaid day payment rate for tax costs. The rate for tax costs determined under this division for a nursing facility shall be used for subsequent years until the department conducts a rebasing. To determine a

nursing facility's rate for tax costs, the department shall ~~do both of the following:~~

~~(A) Divide~~ divide the nursing facility's desk-reviewed, actual, allowable tax costs paid for the applicable calendar year by the number of inpatient days the nursing facility would have had if its occupancy rate had been one hundred per cent during the applicable calendar year;

~~(B) For state fiscal year 2020 and each state fiscal year thereafter (other than the first state fiscal year in a group of consecutive state fiscal years for which a rebasing is conducted), adjust the amount calculated under division (A) of this section using the difference between the following:~~

~~(1) The medicare skilled nursing facility market basket index determined for the federal fiscal year that begins during the state fiscal year immediately preceding the state fiscal year for which the adjustment is being made under division (B) of this section;~~

~~(2) The budget reduction adjustment factor for the state fiscal year for which the adjustment is being made under division (B) of this section.~~

Sec. 5165.25. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Long-stay resident" means an individual who has resided in a nursing facility for at least one hundred one days.

(2) "Measurement period" means the ~~following:~~

~~(a) For state fiscal year 2017, the period beginning July 1, 2015, and ending December 31, 2015;~~

~~(b) For each subsequent state fiscal year, the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which ~~the~~ a state fiscal year begins.~~

(3) "Nurse aide" has the same meaning as in section 3721.21 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Short-stay resident" means a nursing facility resident who is not a long-stay resident.

(B)(1) Using all of the funds made available for a state fiscal year by the rate reductions under division (C) of section 5165.15 of the Revised Code, the department of medicaid shall determine a per medicaid day quality payment rate to be paid for that state fiscal year to each nursing facility that meets at least one of the quality indicators specified in division (B)(2) of this section ~~for the measurement period~~. The largest quality payment rate for a state fiscal year shall be paid to nursing facilities that meet all of the quality indicators ~~for the measurement period~~.

(2) The following are the quality indicators to be used for the purpose of division (B)(1) of this section:

(a) Not more than the target percentage of the nursing facility's short-stay residents had new or worsened pressure ulcers for the

measurement period.

(b) Not more than the target percentage of long-stay residents at high risk for pressure ulcers had pressure ulcers for the measurement period.

(c) Not more than the target percentage of the nursing facility's short-stay residents newly received an antipsychotic medication for the measurement period.

(d) Not more than the target percentage of the nursing facility's long-stay residents received an antipsychotic medication for the measurement period.

(e) Not more than the target percentage of the nursing facility's long-stay residents had an unplanned weight loss for the measurement period.

(f) The nursing facility's employee retention rate is at least the target rate for the measurement period.

(g) The nursing facility ~~utilized the nursing home version of the preferences for everyday living inventory for all of its residents~~ obtained at least the target score on the following:

(i) For an even-numbered state fiscal year, the department of aging's most recently published resident satisfaction survey conducted pursuant to section 173.47 of the Revised Code;

(ii) For an odd-numbered state fiscal year, the department of aging's most recently published family satisfaction survey conducted pursuant to section 173.47 of the Revised Code.

(3) The department shall specify the target percentage for the purpose of divisions (B)(2)(a) to (e) of this section at the fortieth percentile of nursing facilities that have data for the quality indicators. The department also shall specify the target rate for the purpose of division (B)(2)(f) of this section and the target score for the purpose of division (B)(2)(g) of this section. ~~In determining whether a nursing facility meets the quality indicators specified in divisions (B)(2)(e) and (d) of this section, the department shall exclude from consideration the following:~~

~~(a) In the case of the quality indicator specified in division (B)(2)(e) of this section, all of the nursing facility's short stay residents who newly received an antipsychotic medication in conjunction with hospice care;~~

~~(b) In the case of the quality indicator specified in division (B)(2)(d) of this section, all of the nursing facility's long stay residents who received antipsychotic medication in conjunction with hospice care.~~

(C) If a nursing facility undergoes a change of operator during a state fiscal year, the per medicaid day quality payment rate to be paid to the entering operator for nursing facility services that the nursing facility

provides during the period beginning on the effective date of the change of operator and ending on the last day of the state fiscal year shall be the same amount as the per medicaid day quality payment rate that was in effect on the day immediately preceding the effective date of the change of operator and paid to the nursing facility's exiting operator. For the immediately following state fiscal year, the per medicaid day quality payment rate shall be the following:

~~(1) If the effective date of the change of operator is on or before the first day of October of the calendar year immediately preceding the state fiscal year, the amount determined for the nursing facility in accordance with division (B) of this section for the state fiscal year;~~

~~(2) If the effective date of the change of operator is after the first day of October of the calendar year immediately preceding the state fiscal year, the mean per medicaid day quality payment rate for all nursing facilities for the state fiscal year.~~

Sec. 5165.26. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Base rate" means the portion of a nursing facility's total per medicaid day payment rate determined under divisions (A) and (B) of section 5165.15 of the Revised Code.

(2) "CMS" means the United States centers for medicare and medicaid services.

(3) "Long-stay resident" and "measurement period" have the same meanings as in section 5165.25 of the Revised Code.

(B) For the second half of state fiscal year 2020 and all of each state fiscal year thereafter, and subject to divisions (D) and (E) of this section, the department of medicaid shall determine each nursing facility's per medicaid day quality incentive payment rate as follows:

(1) Determine the sum of the quality scores determined under division (C) of this section for all nursing facilities.

(2) Determine the average quality score by dividing the sum determined under division (B)(1) of this section by the number of nursing facilities for which a quality score was determined.

(3) Determine the following:

(a) For the second half of state fiscal year 2020, the sum of the total number of medicaid days for the second half of calendar year 2018 for all nursing facilities for which a quality score was determined;

(b) For all of state fiscal year 2021 and each state fiscal year thereafter, the sum of the total number of medicaid days for the measurement period applicable to the state fiscal year for all nursing facilities for which a quality score was determined.

(4) Multiply the average quality score determined under division (B)(2) of this section by the sum determined under division (B)(3) of this section.

(5) Determine the value per quality point by determining the quotient of the following:

(a) The following:

(i) For the second half of state fiscal year 2020, the sum determined under division (E)(1)(b) of this section;

(ii) For all of state fiscal year 2021 and each state fiscal year thereafter, the sum determined under division (E)(2)(b) of this section.

(b) The product determined under division (B)(4) of this section.

(6) Multiply the value per quality point determined under division (B)(5) of this section by the nursing facility's quality score determined under division (C) of this section.

(C)(1) Except as provided in divisions (C)(2) and (3) of this section, a nursing facility's quality score for a state fiscal year shall be the sum of the total number of points that CMS assigned to the nursing facility under CMS's nursing facility five-star quality rating system for the following quality metrics:

(a) The percentage of the nursing facility's long-stay residents at high risk for pressure ulcers who had pressure ulcers during the measurement period;

(b) The percentage of the nursing facility's long-stay residents who had a urinary tract infection during the measurement period;

(c) The percentage of the nursing facility's long-stay residents whose ability to move independently worsened during the measurement period;

(d) The percentage of the nursing facility's long-stay residents who had a catheter inserted and left in their bladder during the measurement period.

(2) In determining a nursing facility's quality score for a state fiscal year, the department shall make the following adjustment to the number of points that CMS assigned to the nursing facility for each of the quality metrics specified in division (C)(1) of this section:

(a) Unless division (C)(2)(b) of this section applies, divide the number of the nursing facility's points for the quality metric by twenty.

(b) If CMS assigned the nursing facility to the lowest percentile for the quality metric, reduce the number of the nursing facility's points for the quality metric to zero.

(3) A nursing facility's quality score shall be zero for a state fiscal year if it is not to receive a quality incentive payment for that state fiscal year because of division (D) of this section.

(D)(1) Except as provided in division (D)(2) of this section, a nursing

facility shall not receive a quality incentive payment for a state fiscal year, other than the second half of state fiscal year 2020, if the nursing facility's licensed occupancy percentage is less than eighty per cent.

(2) Division (D)(1) of this section does not apply to a nursing facility for a state fiscal year if either of the following apply:

(a) The nursing facility has a quality score under division (C) of this section for the state fiscal year of at least fifteen points;

(b) Either of the following occurred less than four years before the first day of the state fiscal year:

(i) The nursing facility was initially certified for participation in the medicaid program.

(ii) The nursing facility underwent a renovation during which the nursing facility temporarily removed one or more of its licensed beds from service.

(3) A nursing facility's licensed occupancy percentage for a state fiscal year shall be determined as follows:

(a) Multiply the nursing facility's licensed capacity on the last day of the measurement period applicable to the state fiscal year by the number of days in that measurement period;

(b) Divide the number of the nursing facility's inpatient days for the measurement period applicable to the state fiscal year by the product determined under division (D)(3)(a) of this section.

(E) The total amount to be spent on quality incentive payments for a state fiscal year shall be the following:

(1) For the second half of state fiscal year 2020, the amount determined as follows:

(a) Determine the following amount for each nursing facility, including those that do not receive a quality incentive payment because of division (D) of this section:

(i) The amount that is two and four-tenths per cent of the nursing facility's base rate for nursing facility services provided on January 1, 2020;

(ii) Multiply the amount determined under division (E)(1)(a)(i) of this section by the number of the nursing facility's medicaid days for the second half of calendar year 2018.

(b) Determine the sum of the products determined under division (E)(1)(a)(ii) of this section for all nursing facilities for which the product was determined for the second half of state fiscal year 2020.

(2) For all of state fiscal year 2021 and each state fiscal year thereafter, the amount determined as follows:

(a) Determine the following amount for each nursing facility, including

those that do not receive a quality incentive payment because of division (D) of this section:

(i) The amount that is two and four-tenths per cent of the nursing facility's base rate for nursing facility services provided on the first day of the state fiscal year;

(ii) Add the amount determined under division (E)(2)(a)(i) of this section to the nursing facility's base rate for nursing facility services provided on the first day of the state fiscal year;

(iii) Multiply the sum determined under division (E)(2)(a)(ii) of this section by the medicare skilled nursing facility market basket index for federal fiscal year 2020;

(iv) Determine the sum of the amounts determined under divisions (E)(2)(a)(i) and (iii) of this section;

(v) Multiply the sum determined under division (E)(2)(a)(iv) of this section by the number of the nursing facility's medicaid days for the measurement period applicable to the state fiscal year.

(b) Determine the sum of the products determined under division (E)(2)(a)(v) of this section for all nursing facilities for which the product was determined for the state fiscal year.

Sec. 5165.361. It is the general assembly's intent to specify in statute the factor to be used for state fiscal year 2020 and each state fiscal year thereafter (other than the first state fiscal year in a group of consecutive state fiscal years for which a rebasing is conducted) as the budget reduction adjustment factor for the purpose of sections ~~5165.15~~, 5165.16, 5165.17, and 5165.19, ~~and 5165.21~~ of the Revised Code. The budget reduction adjustment factor to be used for a state fiscal year shall not exceed the medicare skilled nursing facility market basket index determined for the federal fiscal year that begins during the state fiscal year immediately preceding the state fiscal year for which the budget reduction adjustment factor is being used. If the general assembly fails to specify in statute the factor to be used for a state fiscal year as the budget reduction adjustment factor, the budget reduction adjustment factor shall be zero.

Sec. 5166.01. As used in this chapter:

"209(b) option" means the option described in section 1902(f) of the "Social Security Act," 42 U.S.C. 1396a(f), under which the medicaid program's eligibility requirements for aged, blind, and disabled individuals are more restrictive than the eligibility requirements for the supplemental security income program.

"Administrative agency" means, with respect to a home and community-based services medicaid waiver component, the department of

medicaid or, if a state agency or political subdivision contracts with the department under section 5162.35 of the Revised Code to administer the component, that state agency or political subdivision.

"Care management system" ~~means the system established under~~ has the same meaning as in section 5167.03 5167.01 of the Revised Code.

"Dual eligible individual" has the same meaning as in section 5160.01 of the Revised Code.

"Enrollee" has the same meaning as in section 5167.01 of the Revised Code.

"Expansion eligibility group" has the same meaning as in section 5163.01 of the Revised Code.

"Federal poverty line" has the same meaning as in section 5162.01 of the Revised Code.

"Home and community-based services medicaid waiver component" means a medicaid waiver component under which home and community-based services are provided as an alternative to hospital services, nursing facility services, or ICF/IID services.

"Hospital" has the same meaning as in section 3727.01 of the Revised Code.

"Hospital long-term care unit" has the same meaning as in section 5168.40 of the Revised Code.

"ICDS participant" has the same meaning as in section 5164.01 of the Revised Code.

"ICF/IID" and "ICF/IID services" have the same meanings as in section 5124.01 of the Revised Code.

"Integrated care delivery system" and "ICDS" have the same meanings as in section 5164.01 of the Revised Code.

"Level of care determination" means a determination of whether an individual needs the level of care provided by a hospital, nursing facility, or ICF/IID and whether the individual, if determined to need that level of care, would receive hospital services, nursing facility services, or ICF/IID services if not for a home and community-based services medicaid waiver component.

"Medicaid buy-in for workers with disabilities program" has the same meaning as in section 5163.01 of the Revised Code.

"Medicaid MCO plan" has the same meaning as in section 5167.01 of the Revised Code.

"Medicaid provider" has the same meaning as in section 5164.01 of the Revised Code.

"Medicaid services" has the same meaning as in section 5164.01 of the

Revised Code.

"Medicaid waiver component" means a component of the medicaid program authorized by a waiver granted by the United States department of health and human services under the "Social Security Act," section 1115 or 1915, 42 U.S.C. 1315 or 1396n. "Medicaid waiver component" does not include ~~a the care management system established under section 5167.03 of the Revised Code.~~

"Medically fragile child" means an individual who is under eighteen years of age, has intensive health care needs, and is considered blind or disabled under section 1614(a)(2) or (3) of the "Social Security Act," 42 U.S.C. 1382c(a)(2) or (3).

"Medicare skilled nursing facility market basket index" has the same meaning as in section 5165.01 of the Revised Code.

"Nursing facility" and "nursing facility services" have the same meanings as in section 5165.01 of the Revised Code.

"Ohio home care waiver program" means the home and community-based services medicaid waiver component that is known as Ohio home care and was created pursuant to section 5166.11 of the Revised Code.

"Provider agreement" has the same meaning as in section 5164.01 of the Revised Code.

"Residential treatment facility" means a residential facility licensed by the department of mental health and addiction services under section 5119.34 of the Revised Code, or an institution certified by the department of job and family services under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code, that serves children and either has more than sixteen beds or is part of a campus of multiple facilities or institutions that, combined, have a total of more than sixteen beds.

"Skilled nursing facility" has the same meaning as in section 5165.01 of the Revised Code.

"Unified long-term services and support medicaid waiver component" means the medicaid waiver component authorized by section 5166.14 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5166.04. The following requirements apply to each home and community-based services medicaid waiver component:

(A) Only an individual who qualifies for a component shall receive that component's medicaid services.

(B) A level of care determination shall be made as part of the process of determining whether an individual qualifies for a component and shall be made each year after the initial determination if, during such a subsequent

year, the administrative agency determines there is a reasonable indication that the individual's needs have changed.

(C) A written plan of care or individual service plan based on an individual assessment of the medicaid services that an individual needs to avoid needing admission to a hospital, nursing facility, or ICF/IID shall be created for each individual determined eligible for a component.

(D) Each individual determined eligible for a component shall receive that component's medicaid services in accordance with the individual's level of care determination and written plan of care or individual service plan.

(E) No individual may receive medicaid services under a component while the individual is a hospital inpatient or resident of a skilled nursing facility, nursing facility, or ICF/IID.

(F) No individual may receive prevocational, educational, or supported employment services under a component if the individual is eligible for such services that are funded with federal funds provided under 29 U.S.C. 730 or the "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act," 111 Stat. 37 (1997), 20 U.S.C. 1400, as amended.

(G) Safeguards shall be taken to protect the health and welfare of individuals receiving medicaid services under a component, including safeguards established in rules adopted under section 5166.02 of the Revised Code and safeguards established by licensing and certification requirements that are applicable to the providers of that component's medicaid services.

(H) No medicaid services may be provided under a component by a provider that is subject to standards that the "Social Security Act," section 1616(e)(1), 42 U.S.C. 1382e(e)(1), requires be established if the provider fails to comply with the standards applicable to the provider.

(I) Individuals determined to be eligible for a component, or such individuals' representatives, shall be informed of that component's medicaid services, including any choices that the individual or representative may make regarding the component's medicaid services, and given the choice of either receiving medicaid services under that component or, as appropriate, hospital services, nursing facility services, or ICF/IID services.

(J) No individual shall lose eligibility for services under a component, or have the services reduced or otherwise disrupted, on the basis that the individual also receives services under the medicaid buy-in for workers with disabilities program.

(K) No individual shall lose eligibility for services under a component, or have the services reduced or otherwise disrupted, on the basis that the individual's income or resources increase to an amount above the eligibility limit for the component if the individual is participating in the medicaid

buy-in for workers with disabilities program and the amount of the individual's income or resources does not exceed the eligibility limit for the medicaid buy-in for workers with disabilities program.

(L) No individual receiving services under a component shall be required to pay any cost sharing expenses for the services for any period during which the individual also participates in the medicaid buy-in for workers with disabilities program.

(M) If a component covers home-delivered meals, both of the following shall apply:

(1) The format in which the meals are delivered to an individual and the frequency of the deliveries shall be consistent with the individual's needs as specified in the individual's written plan of care or individual service plan;

(2) The individual who delivers the meals shall not leave the meals with the individual to whom they are delivered unless the individuals meet face-to-face at the time of the delivery.

Sec. 5166.09. (A) Each state fiscal year beginning with state fiscal year 2022, the medicaid payment rate for personal care services provided under a home and community-based services medicaid waiver component that is an alternative to nursing facility services shall be increased by the difference between the following:

(1) The medicare skilled nursing facility market basket index determined for the federal fiscal year that begins during the state fiscal year immediately preceding the state fiscal year for which the determination is being made under this division;

(2) The budget reduction adjustment factor for the state fiscal year for which the determination is being made under this division.

(B) The budget reduction adjustment factor for a state fiscal year shall be the same as the budget reduction adjustment factor that, pursuant to section 5165.361 of the Revised Code, is used for that state fiscal year for the purpose of determining the medicaid payment rate for nursing facility services.

Sec. 5166.22. (A) Subject to division (B) of this section, when the department of developmental disabilities allocates enrollment numbers to a county board of developmental disabilities for home and community-based services specified in division (A)(1) of section 5166.20 of the Revised Code and provided under any of the medicaid waiver components that the department administers under section 5166.21 of the Revised Code, the department shall consider ~~at~~ both of the following:

(1) The number of individuals with developmental disabilities placed on the county board's waiting list established for the services pursuant to

section 5126.042 of the Revised Code;

~~(2) The implementation component required by division (A)(3) of section 5126.054 of the Revised Code of the county board's plan approved under section 5123.046 of the Revised Code;~~

~~(3) Anything else the department considers necessary to enable the county board to provide the services to individuals placed on the county board's waiting list established for the services pursuant to section 5126.042 of the Revised Code.~~

(B) Division (A) of this section applies to home and community-based services provided under the medicaid waiver component known as the transitions developmental disabilities waiver only to the extent, if any, provided by the contract required by section 5166.21 of the Revised Code regarding the component.

Sec. 5166.43. The medicaid director shall establish a medicaid waiver component under which medicaid MCO plans may cover any service or product that would have a beneficial effect on the health of enrollees and, because of the beneficial effect, is likely to reduce the per recipient per month costs under the plan by the end of the first three years that the service or product is covered.

Sec. 5166.50. (A) The medicaid director shall request that the United States secretary of health and human services enter into an enforceable agreement with the director that provides for no federal financial participation to be withheld due to any of the following:

(1) Implementation of sections 5167.35 and 5167.36 of the Revised Code;

(2) For the purpose of section 5167.10 of the Revised Code, enrollment of individuals designated for participation in the care management system pursuant to section 5167.03 of the Revised Code in medicaid managed care organizations that are regional networks consisting of hospitals.

(B) Unless the agreement specified in division (A) of this section is in effect:

(1) Sections 5167.35 and 5167.36 of the Revised Code shall not be implemented.

(2) For the purpose of section 5167.10 of the Revised Code, the department shall not enroll individuals designated for participation in the care management system pursuant to section 5167.03 of the Revised Code in medicaid managed care organizations that are regional networks consisting of hospitals.

Sec. 5167.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Affiliated company" means an entity, including a third-party payer

or specialty pharmacy, with common ownership, members of a board of directors, or managers, or that is a parent company, subsidiary company, jointly held company, or holding company with respect to the other entity.

(B) "Care management system" means the system established under section 5167.03 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Controlled substance" has the same meaning as in section 3719.01 of the Revised Code.

~~(B)~~(D) "Dual eligible individual" has the same meaning as in section 5160.01 of the Revised Code.

~~(C)~~(E) "Emergency services" has the same meaning as in the "Social Security Act," section 1932(b)(2), 42 U.S.C. 1396u-2(b)(2).

~~(D)~~(F) "Enrollee" means a medicaid recipient who participates in the care management system and enrolls in a medicaid MCO plan.

(G) "ICDS participant" has the same meaning as in section 5164.01 of the Revised Code.

~~(E)~~(H) "Medicaid managed care organization" means a managed care organization under contract with the department of medicaid pursuant to section 5167.10 of the Revised Code.

~~(F)~~(I) "Medicaid MCO plan" means a plan that a medicaid managed care organization, pursuant to its contract with the department of medicaid under section 5167.10 of the Revised Code, makes available to medicaid recipients participating in the care management system.

(J) "Medicaid waiver component" has the same meaning as in section 5166.01 of the Revised Code.

~~(G)~~(K) "Network provider" has the same meaning as in 42 C.F.R. 438.2.

(L) "Nursing facility services" has the same meaning as in section 5165.01 of the Revised Code.

(M) "Part B drug" means a drug or biological described in section 1842(o)(1)(C) of the "Social Security Act," 42 U.S.C. 1395u(o)(1)(C).

~~(H)~~(N) "Pharmacy benefit manager" has the same meaning as in section 3959.01 of the Revised Code.

(O) "Practice of pharmacy" has the same meaning as in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code.

(P) "Prescribed drug" has the same meaning as in section 5164.01 of the Revised Code.

(Q) "Prior authorization requirement" has the same meaning as in section 5160.34 of the Revised Code.

~~(I)~~(R) "Provider" means any person or government entity that furnishes services to a medicaid recipient enrolled in a medicaid ~~managed care organization~~ MCO plan, regardless of whether the person or entity has a

provider agreement.

~~(S)~~ "Provider agreement" has the same meaning as in section 5164.01 of the Revised Code.

(T) "State pharmacy benefit manager" means the pharmacy benefit manager selected by and under contract with the medicaid director under section 5167.24 of the Revised Code.

(U) "Third-party administrator" means any person who adjusts or settles claims on behalf of an insuring entity in connection with life, dental, health, prescription drugs, or disability insurance or self-insurance programs and includes a pharmacy benefit manager.

Sec. 5167.03. As part of the medicaid program, the department of medicaid shall establish a care management system. The department shall implement the system in some or all counties.

The department shall designate the medicaid recipients who are required or permitted to participate in the care management system. Those who shall be required to participate in the system include medicaid recipients who receive cognitive behavioral therapy as described in division (A)(2) of section 5167.16 of the Revised Code. Except as provided in section 5166.406 of the Revised Code, no medicaid recipient participating in the healthy Ohio program established under section 5166.40 of the Revised Code shall participate in the system.

The general assembly's authorization through the enactment of legislation is needed before home and community-based services available under a medicaid waiver component or nursing facility services are included in the care management system, except that ICDS participants may be required or permitted to obtain such services under the system. Medicaid recipients who receive such services may be designated for voluntary or mandatory participation in the system in order to receive other health care services included in the system.

The department may require or permit participants in the care management system to ~~obtain~~ do either or both of the following:

(A) Obtain health care services from providers designated by the department. ~~The department may require or permit participants to obtain health care services through medicaid managed care organizations;~~

(B) Enroll in a medicaid MCO plan.

Sec. 5167.04. The department of medicaid shall include alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services covered by medicaid in the care management system ~~established under section 5167.03 of the Revised Code.~~ ~~The services shall not be included in the system before July 1, 2018.~~

Sec. 5167.05. The department of medicaid may include prescribed drugs

covered by the medicaid program in the care management system.

~~Sec. 5167.121~~ 5167.051. If the medicaid program covers the pharmacist services described in section 5164.14 of the Revised Code, the department of medicaid may ~~require a medicaid managed care organization to provide coverage of the pharmacist services to the same extent when the services are provided to a medicaid recipient who is enrolled in the organization as a part of~~ include the services in the care management system established ~~under section 5167.03 of the Revised Code.~~

Sec. 5167.10. ~~(A) The department of medicaid may enter into contracts with managed care organizations, including health insuring corporations, under which the organizations are authorized to provide, or arrange for the provision of, health care services to medicaid recipients who are required or permitted to obtain health care services through managed care organizations as part of~~ participate in the care management system established ~~under section 5167.03 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(B)(1) Subject to division (B)(2)(a) of this section, the department or its actuary shall base the hospital inpatient capital payment portion of the payment made to managed care organizations on data for services provided to all recipients enrolled in managed care organizations with which the department contracts, as reported by hospitals on relevant cost reports submitted pursuant to rules adopted under section 5167.02 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(2)(a) The hospital inpatient capital payment portion of the payment made to medicaid managed care organizations shall not exceed any maximum rate established by the department pursuant to rules adopted under this section.~~

~~(b) If a maximum rate is established, a medicaid managed care organization shall not compensate hospitals for inpatient capital costs in an amount that exceeds that rate.~~

~~(C) The department of medicaid shall allow a medicaid managed care organization to use providers to render care upon completion of the medicaid managed care organization's credentialing process. The managed care organizations with which the department may enter into contracts include both of the following:~~

~~(A) Health insuring corporations;~~

~~(B) Subject to section 5166.50 of the Revised Code, regional networks consisting of hospitals that accept a capitated payment from the department that is not more than ninety per cent of the lowest capitated payment made to a medicaid managed care organization that is a health insuring corporation.~~

Sec. 5167.101. (A) Subject to division (B) of this section, the department of medicaid or its actuary shall base the hospital inpatient capital payment portion of the payment made to a medicaid managed care organization on data for services provided to all of the organization's enrollees, as reported by hospitals on relevant cost reports submitted pursuant to rules adopted under section 5167.02 of the Revised Code.

(B) The hospital inpatient capital payment portion of the payment made to medicaid managed care organizations shall not exceed any maximum rate established in rules adopted under section 5167.02 of the Revised Code.

If a maximum rate is established, a medicaid managed care organization shall not compensate hospitals for inpatient capital costs in an amount that exceeds that rate.

Sec. 5167.102. The department of medicaid shall allow a medicaid managed care organization to use providers to render care to the organization's enrollees upon completion of the organization's credentialing process.

Sec. 5167.103. In addition to the managed care performance payment program created under section 5167.30 of the Revised Code, the department of medicaid shall establish performance metrics that will be used to evaluate and compare how medicaid managed care organizations perform under the contracts entered into under section 5167.10 of the Revised Code. The performance metrics may include financial incentives and penalties.

The department shall make available on its internet web site the metrics the department uses to determine how well medicaid managed care organizations perform. The department shall update its internet web site each quarter to reflect any changes it makes to the metrics.

Sec. 5167.105. If a medicaid managed care organization establishes a payment rate for a service covered by its medicaid MCO plan that is greater than the payment rate for the service under the fee-for-service component of the medicaid program, the organization shall require any provider of the service that seeks to be part of the organization's provider panel available to the organization's enrollees to enter into a value-based contract with the organization.

Sec. 5167.106. A medicaid managed care organization shall not permit a provider to be part of the organization's provider panel available to the organization's enrollees unless the provider assures the organization that the provider, once a member of the provider panel, will, in accordance with section 3962.05 of the Revised Code, provide to the organization the information specified in that section if the provider chooses to have the organization provide to the organization's enrollees the reasonable, good

faith cost estimate described in section 3962.04 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5167.107. (A) This section applies to a capitation rate adjustment for medicaid managed care organizations if both of the following are the case:

(1) The adjustment would increase the capitation rate for a period of time to an amount exceeding the amount that the capitation rate otherwise would be for that period according to the contracts that have been entered into under section 5167.10 of the Revised Code and are in effect at the time the adjustment would be applied.

(2) The total cost of the adjustment to the medicaid program would exceed \$50,000,000.

(B) The department of medicaid shall not implement a capitation rate adjustment to which this section applies unless both of the following are the case:

(1) The department seeks approval for the adjustment from the joint medicaid oversight committee and the committee approves the adjustment.

(2) After receiving approval for the adjustment from the joint medicaid oversight committee, the department seeks approval for the appropriations needed for the adjustment from the controlling board and the controlling board approves the appropriations.

(C) The approval required by this section for a capitation rate adjustment is in addition to the federal approval required by section 5162.07 of the Revised Code.

~~Sec. 5167.11. When contracting under section 5167.10 of the Revised Code with a health insuring corporation that holds a certificate of authority under Chapter 1751. of the Revised Code, the department of medicaid~~ Each medicaid managed care organization shall require the health insuring corporation to provide a grievance process for medicaid recipients the organization's enrollees in accordance with 42 C.F.R. 438, subpart F.

~~Sec. 5167.12. (A) When contracting under section 5167.10 of the Revised Code with a managed care organization that is a health insuring corporation, the department of medicaid shall require the health insuring corporation to provide coverage of prescribed drugs for medicaid recipients enrolled in the health insuring corporation. In providing the required coverage, the health insuring corporation may use~~ If prescribed drugs are included in the care management system:

(A) Medicaid MCO plans may include strategies for the management of drug utilization, but any such strategies are subject to the limitations and requirements of this section and the department's approval of the department of medicaid.

(B) ~~The department~~ A medicaid MCO plan shall not ~~permit a health insuring corporation to~~ impose a prior authorization requirement in the case of a drug to which all of the following apply:

(1) The drug is an antidepressant or antipsychotic.

(2) The drug is administered or dispensed in a standard tablet or capsule form, except that in the case of an antipsychotic, the drug also may be administered or dispensed in a long-acting injectable form.

(3) The drug is prescribed by any of the following:

(a) A physician ~~who is allowed by whom~~ the health insuring corporation medicaid managed care organization that offers the plan allows to provide care as a psychiatrist through its credentialing process, ~~as described in division (C) of section 5167.10 of the Revised Code;~~

(b) A psychiatrist who is practicing at a location on behalf of a community mental health services provider whose mental health services are certified by the department of mental health and addiction services under section 5119.36 of the Revised Code;

(c) A certified nurse practitioner, as defined in section 4723.01 of the Revised Code, who is certified in psychiatric mental health by a national certifying organization approved by the board of nursing under section 4723.46 of the Revised Code;

(d) A clinical nurse specialist, as defined in section 4723.01 of the Revised Code, who is certified in psychiatric mental health by a national certifying organization approved by the board of nursing under section 4723.46 of the Revised Code.

(4) The drug is prescribed for a use that is indicated on the drug's labeling, as approved by the federal food and drug administration.

~~(C) Subject to division (E) of this section, the~~ The department shall authorize a ~~health insuring corporation medicaid MCO plan to develop and implement~~ include a pharmacy utilization management program under which prior authorization through the program is established as a condition of obtaining a controlled substance pursuant to a prescription.

~~(D) The department shall require a health insuring corporation to~~ Each medicaid managed care organization and medicaid MCO plan shall comply with sections 5164.091, 5164.7511, 5164.7512, and 5164.7514 of the Revised Code; as if the ~~health insuring corporation organization~~ organization were the department ~~and the plan were the medicaid program~~.

Sec. 5167.122. (A) The state pharmacy benefit manager shall, on request from the department of medicaid, disclose to the department all sources of payment it receives for prescribed drugs, including any financial benefits such as drug rebates, discounts, credits, clawbacks, fees, grants,

chargebacks, reimbursements, or other payments related to services provided for the medicaid managed care organization.

(B) Each medicaid managed care organization shall disclose to the department of medicaid in the format specified by the department the organization's administrative costs associated with providing pharmacy services under the care management system.

~~Sec. 5167.13. Each contract the department of medicaid enters into with a managed care organization under section 5167.10 of the Revised Code shall require the medicaid managed care organization to~~ shall implement a coordinated services program for ~~medicaid recipients enrolled in the organization~~ organization's enrollees who are found to have obtained prescribed drugs under the medicaid program at a frequency or in an amount that is not medically necessary. The program shall be implemented in a manner that is consistent with section 1915(a)(2) of the "Social Security Act," section 1915(a)(2), 42 U.S.C. 1396n(a)(2), and 42 C.F.R. 431.54(e).

~~Sec. 5167.14. Each contract the department of medicaid enters into with a medicaid managed care organization under section 5167.10 of the Revised Code shall require the managed care organization to~~ enter into a data security agreement with the state board of pharmacy governing the managed care organization's use of the board's drug database established and maintained under section 4729.75 of the Revised Code.

This section does not apply if the board no longer maintains the drug database.

~~Sec. 5167.17. When contracting under section 5167.10 of the Revised Code with a~~ Each medicaid managed care organization ~~that is a health insuring corporation, the department of medicaid shall require the health insuring corporation to~~ provide enhanced care management services for pregnant women and women capable of becoming pregnant in the communities specified in rules adopted under section 3701.142 of the Revised Code. ~~The contract shall specify that the services are to~~ shall be provided in a manner intended to decrease the incidence of prematurity, low birth weight, and infant mortality, as well as improve the overall health status of women capable of becoming pregnant for the purpose of ensuring optimal future birth outcomes.

~~Sec. 5167.171. When contracting with a~~ Each medicaid managed care organization ~~that is a health insuring corporation, the department of medicaid shall require the organization,~~ if the organization requires practitioners to obtain prior approval before administering progesterone to the organization's enrollees who are pregnant medicaid recipients enrolled in the organization, ~~to~~ use a uniform prior approval form for progesterone that

is not more than one page.

~~Sec. 5167.172. When contracting with a~~ Each ~~medicaid managed care organization that is a health insuring corporation, the department of medicaid shall require the organization to~~ promote the use of technology-based resources, such as mobile telephone or text messaging applications, that offer tips on having a healthy pregnancy and healthy baby to ~~medicaid recipients~~ the organization's enrollees who are ~~enrolled in the organization and are~~ pregnant or have an infant who is less than one year of age.

Sec. 5167.173. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Board of health" means the board of health of a city or general health district or the authority having the duties of a board of health under section 3709.05 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Certified community health worker" has the same meaning as in section 4723.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Community health worker services" means the services described in section 4723.81 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Public health nurse" means a registered nurse employed or contracted by a board of health.

(5) "Qualified community hub" means a central clearinghouse for a network of community care coordination agencies that meets all of the following criteria:

(a) Demonstrates to the director of health that it uses an evidenced-based, pay-for-performance community care coordination model (endorsed by the federal agency for healthcare research and quality, the national institutes of health, and the centers for medicare and medicaid services or their successors) or uses certified community health workers or public health nurses to connect at-risk individuals to health, housing, transportation, employment, education, and other social services;

(b) Is a board of health or demonstrates to the director of health that it has achieved, or is engaged in achieving, certification from a national hub certification program;

(c) Has a plan, approved by the medicaid director, specifying how the board of health or community hub ensures that children served by it receive appropriate developmental screenings as specified in the publication titled "Bright Futures: Guidelines for Health Supervision of Infants, Children, and Adolescents," available from the American academy of pediatrics, as well as appropriate early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment services.

(B) ~~When contracting with a~~ Each ~~medicaid managed care organization that is a health insuring corporation, the department of medicaid shall~~

~~require the organization to provide to a medicaid recipient~~ an enrollee who meets the criteria in division (C) of this section, or arrange for the ~~medicaid recipient~~ enrollee to receive, both of the following services provided by a certified community health worker or public health nurse, as applicable, who is employed by, or works under a contract with, a qualified community hub:

(1) Community health worker services or services provided by a public health nurse;

(2) Other services that are not community health worker services or services provided by a public health nurse but are performed for the purpose of ensuring that the ~~medicaid recipient~~ enrollee is linked to employment services, housing, educational services, social services, or medically necessary physical and behavioral health services.

(C) ~~A medicaid recipient~~ An enrollee qualifies to receive the services specified in division (B) of this section if the ~~medicaid recipient~~ enrollee is pregnant or capable of becoming pregnant, resides in a community served by a qualified community hub, and has been recommended to receive the services by a physician, public health nurse, or another licensed health professional specified in rules adopted under division (D) of this section; ~~and is enrolled in the medicaid managed care organization providing or arranging for the services.~~

(D) The medicaid director shall adopt rules under section 5167.02 of the Revised Code specifying the licensed health professionals, in addition to physicians and public health nurses, who may recommend that ~~a medicaid recipient~~ an enrollee receive the services specified in division (B) of this section.

Sec. 5167.18. ~~Each contract the department of medicaid enters into with a medicaid managed care organization under section 5167.10 of the Revised Code shall require the managed care organization to~~ comply with federal and state efforts to identify fraud, waste, and abuse in the medicaid program.

Sec. 5167.20. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, when a ~~participant in the care management system established under this chapter is enrolled in a~~ medicaid managed care organization ~~and the organization~~ refers ~~the participant~~ an enrollee to receive services, other than emergency services provided on or after January 1, 2007, at a hospital that participates in the medicaid program but is not under contract with the organization, the hospital shall provide the service for which the referral was made and shall accept from the organization, as payment in full, ~~the~~ an amount ~~derived from~~ equal to ninety per cent of the payment rate used by the department of medicaid to pay other hospitals of the same type for

providing the same service to a medicaid recipient who is not enrolled in a medicaid ~~managed care organization~~ MCO plan.

(B) A hospital is not subject to division (A) of this section if all of the following are the case:

(1) The hospital is located in a county in which participants in the care management system are required before January 1, 2006, to be enrolled in a medicaid ~~managed care organization that is a health insuring corporation~~ MCO plan;

(2) The hospital has entered into a contract before January 1, 2006, with at least one health insuring corporation serving the participants specified in division (B)(1) of this section;

(3) The hospital remains under contract with at least one health insuring corporation serving participants in the care management system who are required to be enrolled in a ~~health insuring corporation~~ medicaid MCO plan.

(C) The medicaid director shall adopt rules under section 5167.02 of the Revised Code specifying the circumstances under which a medicaid managed care organization is permitted to refer ~~a participant in the care management system~~ an enrollee to a hospital that is not under contract with the organization.

Sec. 5167.201. When a ~~participant in the care management system established under this chapter is enrolled in a~~ medicaid managed care ~~organization and~~ organization's enrollee receives emergency services on or after January 1, 2007, from a provider that is not under contract with the organization, the provider shall accept from the organization, as payment in full, not more than the amounts (less any payments for indirect costs of medical education and direct costs of graduate medical education) that the provider could collect if the ~~participant~~ enrollee received medicaid other than through enrollment in a ~~managed care organization~~ medicaid MCO plan.

An agreement entered into by a ~~participant~~ an enrollee, a ~~participant's~~ an enrollee's parent, or a ~~participant's~~ an enrollee's legal guardian that requires payment for emergency services in violation of this section is void and unenforceable.

Sec. 5167.22. When a medicaid managed care organization seeks to recoup an overpayment made to a provider, it shall provide the provider all of the details of the recoupment, including all of the following information:

(A) The name, address, and medicaid identification number of the enrollee to whom the services were provided;

(B) The date or dates that the services were provided;

(C) The reason for the recoupment;

(D) The method by which the provider may contest the proposed recoupment.

Sec. 5167.221. The department of medicaid shall assess the efforts of medicaid managed care organizations to recoup overpayments made to providers who are network providers and providers who are not network providers. The assessments shall examine the amount of time recoupment efforts take starting from the time providers receive final payment and ending when the recoupment effort is completed. Each medicaid managed care organization shall submit to the department information regarding such recoupment efforts that the department needs to perform the assessments. The department shall specify what information is so needed. Following the assessments, the department shall include in the contracts entered into with medicaid managed care organizations under section 5167.10 of the Revised Code terms the department determines are reasonable to establish limits on such recoupment efforts. The terms shall include exceptions for cases of fraud and other types of deception.

Sec. 5167.24. (A) If the department of medicaid includes prescribed drugs in the care management system as authorized under section 5167.05 of the Revised Code, the medicaid director, through a procurement process, shall select a third-party administrator to serve as the single pharmacy benefit manager used by medicaid managed care organizations under the care management system. The state pharmacy benefit manager shall be responsible for processing all pharmacy claims under the care management system. The department of medicaid is responsible for enforcing the contract after the procurement process.

(B) As part of the procurement process, the director shall do all of the following:

(1) Accept applications from entities seeking to become the state pharmacy benefit manager;

(2) Establish eligibility criteria an entity must meet in order to become the state pharmacy benefit manager;

(3) Select and contract with a single state pharmacy benefit manager;

(4) Develop a master contract to be used by the director when contracting with the state pharmacy benefit manager, which shall prohibit the state pharmacy benefit manager from requiring a medicaid recipient to obtain a specialty drug from a specialty pharmacy owned or otherwise associated with the state pharmacy benefit manager.

(C) A prospective state pharmacy benefit manager shall disclose to the director all of the following during the procurement process:

(1) Any activity, policy, practice, contract or arrangement of the state

pharmacy benefit manager that may directly or indirectly present any conflict of interest with the pharmacy benefit manager's relationship with or obligation to the department or a medicaid managed care organization;

(2) All common ownership, members of a board of directors, managers, or other control of the pharmacy benefit manager (or any of the pharmacy benefit manager's affiliated companies) with any of the following:

(a) A medicaid managed care organization and its affiliated companies;

(b) An entity that contracts on behalf of a pharmacy or any pharmacy services administration organization and its affiliated companies;

(c) A drug wholesaler or distributor and its affiliated companies;

(d) A third-party payer and its affiliated companies;

(e) A pharmacy and its affiliated companies.

(3) Any direct or indirect fees, charges, or any kind of assessments imposed by the pharmacy benefit manager on pharmacies licensed in this state with which the pharmacy benefit manager shares common ownership, management, or control; or that are owned, managed, or controlled by any of the pharmacy benefit manager's affiliated companies;

(4) Any direct or indirect fees, charges, or any kind of assessments imposed by the pharmacy benefit manager on pharmacies licensed in this state that operate more than eleven locations;

(5) Any direct or indirect fees, charges, or any kind of assessments imposed by the pharmacy benefit manager on pharmacies licensed in this state that operate eleven or fewer locations.

(6) Any financial terms and arrangements between the pharmacy benefit manager and a prescription drug manufacturer or labeler, including formulary management, drug substitution programs, educational support claims processing, or data sales fees.

(D) The director shall select a provisional state pharmacy benefit manager not later than July 1, 2020.

(1) Once a provisional state pharmacy benefit manager has been selected, full implementation of the entity as the state pharmacy benefit manager shall be subject to that entity's demonstrated ability to fulfill the duties and obligations of the state pharmacy benefit manager as illustrated through a readiness review process established by the director. Any entity failing to complete the readiness review process shall be deemed as having not met the criteria of the review process. The selected entity shall not enter into contracts with the department or medicaid managed care organizations as the state pharmacy benefit manager before the date on which the entity has satisfactorily completed the readiness review process.

(2) If the director determines that, for reasons beyond the director's

control, selection of a provisional state pharmacy benefit manager cannot occur before July 1, 2020, the director shall notify the joint medicaid oversight committee of the reasons for the delay and identify the steps the director is taking to complete the selection as expeditiously as possible.

(E) The director shall review the state pharmacy benefit manager contract every six months and shall effect any changes by contract amendment or renewal.

(F) Every four years, the director shall reprocur the state pharmacy benefit manager contract under division (B) of this section.

(G) The affiliated companies of the state pharmacy benefit manager selected under this section may conduct pharmacy benefit manager business in their own names with medicaid managed care organizations.

Sec. 5167.241. (A)(1) Medicaid managed care organizations shall use the state pharmacy benefit manager selected under section 5167.24 of the Revised Code pursuant to the terms of the master contract entered into under that section. The state pharmacy benefit manager shall be responsible for processing all pharmacy claims under the care management system.

(2) All contracts between the state pharmacy benefit manager and a medicaid managed care organization shall specify that all pharmacy claims information shared between the parties is confidential and proprietary.

(B)(1) The medicaid director shall determine the rate the state pharmacy benefit manager is paid for its services. All payments relating to claims adjudication shall be made to the state pharmacy benefit manager from a medicaid managed care organization. All payments relating to other administrative matters, such as formulary management and prescribed drug supplemental rebate negotiation, shall be made to the state pharmacy benefit manager directly from the department.

All payment arrangements between the department of medicaid, medicaid managed care organizations, and the state pharmacy benefit manager shall comply with state and federal statutes, regulations adopted by the centers for medicare and medicaid services, and any other agreement between the department and the centers for medicare and medicaid services. The director may change a payment arrangement in order to comply with state and federal statutes, regulations adopted by the centers for medicare and medicaid services, or any other agreement between the department and the centers for medicare and medicaid services.

(2) The director shall establish a dispensing fee to be paid to the pharmacy for each prescribed drug it dispenses under the care management system.

(C) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, a medicaid managed

care organization may contract directly with a pharmacy regarding the practice of pharmacy.

Sec. 5167.242. (A) In consultation with the medicaid director, the state pharmacy benefit manager shall develop a medicaid prescribed drug formulary that it will use when administering prescribed drug benefits on behalf of a medicaid managed care organization under the care management system. At minimum, the medicaid prescribed drug formulary shall list prescribed drugs and shall specify the per unit price for each drug. The formulary price is the total price ceiling, including any supplemental rebates or discounts received for the prescribed drug. The formulary shall not become effective until the medicaid director approves it.

(B) The state pharmacy benefit manager shall disclose immediately and in writing to the department of medicaid any changes to the medicaid prescribed drug formulary. The medicaid director may disapprove any changes to the formulary.

(C) The state pharmacy benefit manager shall not make any payment for a prescribed drug included in the medicaid prescribed drug formulary in an amount that exceeds the per unit price for the drug as described in division (A) of this section.

(D) In developing the medicaid prescribed drug formulary under this section in consultation with the director, the state pharmacy benefit manager shall negotiate prices for and price each prescribed drug at the lowest price that also maximizes the health of medicaid recipients and promotes the efficiency of the medicaid program.

Sec. 5167.243. (A) The state pharmacy benefit manager shall provide to the medicaid director a written quarterly report containing the following information from the immediately preceding quarter:

(1) The prices that the state pharmacy benefit manager negotiated for prescribed drugs under the care management system. The price must include any rebates the state pharmacy benefit manager received from the drug manufacturer;

(2) The prices the state pharmacy benefit manager paid to pharmacies for prescribed drugs;

(3) Any rebate amounts the state pharmacy benefit manager passed on to individual pharmacies;

(4) The percentage of savings in drug prices that are passed on to participants in the care management system;

(5) The information described in division (C) of section 5167.24 of the Revised Code;

(6) Any other information required by the director.

(B) The director may ask the state pharmacy benefit manager to provide additional information as necessary and shall collect other clinical data from the state pharmacy benefit manager as the director sees fit.

(C) At the time of contract execution, renewal, or modification, the department shall modify the reporting requirements under its medicaid managed care organization contracts as necessary to meet the requirements of this section.

Sec. 5167.244. No person shall violate the terms of the master state pharmacy benefit manager contract under section 5167.24 of the Revised Code or section 5167.241 or 5167.242 of the Revised Code. Whoever violates those sections is subject to a civil penalty in an amount to be determined by the medicaid director.

Sec. 5167.245. The medicaid director shall establish an appeals process by which pharmacies may appeal to the department of medicaid any disputes relating to the maximum allowable cost set by the state pharmacy benefit manager for a prescribed drug. All pharmacies participating in the care management system shall use the appeals process to resolve any disputes relating to the maximum allowable cost set by the state pharmacy benefit manager.

Sec. 5167.246. The medicaid director shall adopt rules under section 5167.02 of the Revised Code as necessary to implement and enforce sections 5167.24 to 5167.245 of the Revised Code, including rules that do all of the following:

(A) Specify the information that must be disclosed to the director by the state pharmacy benefit manager under section 5167.243 of the Revised Code;

(B) Establish the amount of the civil penalties under section 5167.244 of the Revised Code;

(C) Adjust the capitation payments to medicaid managed care organizations as necessary as a result of the state pharmacy benefit manager processing all pharmacy claims under the care management system as provided under section 5167.241 of the Revised Code;

(D) Prohibit the state pharmacy benefit manager from requiring a medicaid recipient to obtain a specialty drug from a specialty pharmacy owned or otherwise associated with the state pharmacy benefit manager;

(E) Define "specialty drug" and "specialty pharmacy" for the purpose of division (D) of this section;

(F) Establish a dispensing fee to be paid to the state pharmacy benefit manager for claims adjudication, as authorized under division (B)(2) of section 5167.241 of the Revised Code;

(G) Specify procedures for conducting the appeals process established under section 5167.245 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5167.26. For the purpose of determining the amount the department of medicaid pays hospitals under section 5168.09 of the Revised Code and the amount of disproportionate share hospital payments paid by the medicare program pursuant to section 1915 of the "Social Security Act," section 1915, 42 U.S.C. 1396n, a medicaid managed care organization shall keep detailed records for each hospital with which it contracts, including records regarding the cost to the hospital of providing hospital services for the organization, payments made by the organization to the hospital for the services, utilization of hospital services by ~~medicaid recipients enrolled in the organization~~ organization's enrollees, and other utilization data required by the department.

Sec. 5167.29. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Covered health care" means a health care product, service, or procedure covered by a medicaid MCO plan.

(2) "Emergency service" has the same meaning as in section 1753.28 of the Revised Code.

(3) "High quality and efficient participating provider" means a participating provider to which both of the following apply:

(a) The provider has a high rating under division (C) of this section.

(b) The cost to a medicaid managed care organization for covered health care the provider furnishes to an enrollee is less than the cost the organization would have incurred if the enrollee had obtained the covered health care from another participating provider with which the enrollee initially scheduled an appointment for the covered health care.

(4) "Participating provider" means a provider who is a member of a medicaid managed care organization's provider panel.

(B) Each medicaid managed care organization shall establish and implement a program that incentivizes enrollees to obtain covered health care from high quality and efficient participating providers. The incentives shall be in the form of points awarded to enrollees under division (E) of this section which the organization shall enable the enrollees to redeem for merchandise available through the organization's internet web site.

(C) As part of the program instituted under this section, a medicaid managed care organization shall do both of the following:

(1) Rate participating providers based on quality metrics. The quality metrics for hospitals shall be the measures used for the medicare hospital value-based purchasing program. The department of medicaid shall establish the quality metrics for other types of providers. In rating participating

providers, an organization shall award providers between one and five stars based on the providers' scores on the quality metrics.

(2) Establish on the organization's internet web site a system under which enrollees rate and provide comments about participating providers after appointments with the providers. The system shall be similar to internet web sites that enable consumers to rate and provide comments about commercial products. The organization shall encourage enrollees to use the system after each appointment with a participating provider. The system shall enable all enrollees to see the ratings and comments that other enrollees have made for each participating provider.

(D) A medicaid managed care organization shall provide an enrollee all of the following before any covered health care, other than an emergency service, is furnished to the enrollee by a participating provider with which the enrollee has scheduled an appointment for the covered health care:

(1) A reasonable, good faith cost estimate for the covered health care described in section 3962.04 of the Revised Code, regardless of whether the provider also provides the cost estimate to the enrollee or the enrollee's representative;

(2) The provider's quality rating under division (C)(1) of this section and average enrollee rating under division (C)(2) of this section;

(3) The address of the organization's internet web site at which the enrollee may access the enrollee rating system established under division (C)(2) of this section so that the enrollee can read the ratings and comments made by other enrollees about the provider and other participating providers;

(4) A list of high quality and efficient participating providers who could furnish the covered health care to the enrollee and the providers' quality ratings under division (C)(1) of this section and average enrollee ratings under division (C)(2) of this section.

(E)(1) Subject to division (E)(2) of this section, a medicaid managed care organization shall award points to an enrollee if the enrollee cancels an appointment for covered health care with a participating provider that is not a high quality and efficient participating provider and instead obtains the covered health care from a high quality and efficient participating provider. The number of points awarded shall be sufficient to incentivize the enrollee to cancel the initial appointment and obtain the covered health care from the high quality and efficient participating provider.

(2) A medicaid managed care organization shall monitor enrollees' behavior under the program to thwart abuse of the program. An enrollee found to have abused or attempted to abuse the program shall not be

awarded points.

(F) The department of medicaid shall monitor each medicaid managed care organization as the organization establishes and implements the program under this section and determine the effectiveness of each organization's program.

Sec. 5167.35. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Mandatory services" has the same meaning as in section 5164.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Optional services" has the same meaning as in section 5164.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Specified states" means the following states: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

(B) This section is subject to section 5166.50 of the Revised Code.

(C) The department of medicaid shall establish the shared savings bonus program. Under the program, the department shall, subject to division (D) of this section, do both of the following before the beginning of each fiscal year:

(1) Determine the average of the per recipient capitated payment rate, not including any shared savings bonus received under division (D) of this section, for each medicaid managed care organization for the three fiscal years immediately preceding the fiscal year for which the determination is made;

(2) Determine the average per recipient cost to the medicaid programs in the specified states for the eligibility groups that are designated for participation in the care management system pursuant to section 5167.03 of the Revised Code for the three fiscal years immediately preceding the fiscal year for which the determination is made.

(D) In making the determinations under divisions (C)(1) and (2) of this section, the department shall include only the costs for mandatory services and the costs for those optional services that are covered by the medicaid program in this state and the medicaid programs in all of the specified states.

(E)(1) Subject to division (E)(3) of this section, the amount of a medicaid managed care organization's shared savings bonus for a fiscal year shall be determined as follows:

(a) Subtract the organization's three-year average determined under division (C)(1) of this section for the fiscal year from the three-year average determined under division (C)(2) of this section for the fiscal year;

(b) Subject to division (E)(2) of this section, subtract the organization's three-year average determined under division (C)(1) of this section for the fiscal year from the organization's initial three-year average determined

under that division:

(c) Determine the sum of the differences determined under divisions (E)(1)(a) and (b) of this section;

(d) Multiply the sum determined under division (E)(1)(c) of this section by twenty per cent.

(2) The amount determined under division (E)(1)(b) of this section for a medicaid managed care organization for the first fiscal year that the determination is made for the organization shall be zero.

(3) If the amount determined under division (E)(1)(c) of this section for a medicaid managed care organization for the first or second fiscal year for which the determination is made is a negative number, the organization's shared savings bonus for that fiscal year shall be zero. If the amount determined under that division for a medicaid managed care organization for the third or a subsequent fiscal year for which the determination is made is a negative number, the department shall terminate the organization's contract with the department and enter into a contract with another managed care organization under section 5167.10 of the Revised Code. The effective date of the contract termination shall be the same as the effective date of the contract with the other managed care organization so as to avoid a disruption in medicaid recipients' access to services under the care management system.

Sec. 5167.36. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Assignment share percentage" means the percentage of medicaid recipients who are randomly assigned to enroll in a particular participating MCO's medicaid MCO plan under division (D) of this section.

(2) "Participating MCO" means a medicaid managed care organization participating in the quality incentive program established under this section.

(B) This section is subject to section 5166.50 of the Revised Code.

(C) The department of medicaid shall establish the quality incentive program. Under the program, if a medicaid recipient participating in the care management system does not select a medicaid MCO plan in which to enroll, the department shall randomly assign the recipient to enroll in a medicaid MCO plan offered by one of the participating MCOs. The number of recipients randomly assigned to enroll in each participating MCO's medicaid MCO plan shall be determined in accordance with that participating MCO's assignment share percentage calculated under division (D) of this section for the year the enrollment takes place.

All of the following shall participate in the quality incentive program:

(1) Each medicaid managed care organization that has a contract under section 5167.10 of the Revised Code on the effective date of this section;

(2) Other managed care organizations that become medicaid managed care organizations after the effective date of this section and are selected by the department.

(D)(1) During the first calendar year that the quality incentive program is operated, the assignment share percentage shall be the same for all of the participating MCOs. Each year thereafter, each participating MCO shall be ranked according to the number of points it is awarded under division (E) of this section, and each participating MCO's assignment share percentage shall be adjusted as follows:

(a) The assignment share percentage of the participating MCO ranked at the top shall be increased by twenty-five per cent.

(b) The assignment share percentage of the participating MCO ranked at the bottom shall be decreased by twenty-five per cent.

(c) The assignment share percentage of all of the other participating MCOs shall be increased or decreased in a corresponding, linear, and proportional manner based on their ranks.

(2) If a medicaid managed care organization becomes a participating MCO after the other participating MCOs' assignment share percentages have been assigned, the department shall do both of the following:

(a) Assign to the new participating MCO an initial assignment share percentage which shall be the percentage determined by dividing one hundred by the total number of participating MCOs;

(b) Adjust the assignment share percentages of all of the other participating MCOs proportionally.

(E)(1) The department shall award points annually to each participating MCO based on health and quality metrics taken from the previous calendar year. Subject to divisions (E)(2) and (3) of this section, the department shall determine how points are awarded to participating MCOs. The number of points awarded to a participating MCO based on quality metrics shall not be more than twenty per cent of the total number of points awarded to the participating MCO.

(2) The health metrics used to determine the number of points awarded to a participating MCO shall include the following health measurements for the group of medicaid recipients who have been randomly assigned under division (C) of this section to enroll in a medicaid MCO plan offered by the participating MCO:

(a) Smoking rate;

(b) Infant mortality rate;

(c) Hemoglobin a1c levels;

(d) Obesity rate;

(e) Incidence of relapse of alcohol or drug addiction;

(f) Health measurements developed by the department in consultation with groups representing individuals with developmental disabilities.

(3) The quality metrics used to determine the number of points awarded to a participating MCO shall include the following quality measurements as measured through a survey established by the department:

(a) How promptly the participating MCO pays claims for services rendered to enrollees;

(b) The participating MCO's responsiveness to provider and enrollee requests;

(c) Provider user satisfaction;

(d) The effectiveness of the participating MCO's program established under section 5167.29 of the Revised Code;

(e) Any other measurements the department considers appropriate.

(4) The department shall publish each participating MCO's point totals annually and provide the information to medicaid recipients before they enroll in a medicaid MCO plan.

(F) If, for the second or a subsequent calendar year that the quality incentive program is operated, a participating MCO's assignment share percentage is decreased under division (D)(1) of this section to an amount that is equal to or less than fifty per cent of its assignment share percentage for the first calendar year that the program is operated, the department shall terminate the participating MCO's participation in the program.

(G) A participating MCO shall not treat medicaid recipients who are randomly assigned to enroll in the participating MCO's medicaid MCO plan under division (C) of this section differently than how the participating MCO treats medicaid recipients who select the plan on their own.

Sec. 5167.41. The department of medicaid may disenroll some or all medicaid recipients ~~enrolled in~~ from a medicaid MCO plan offered by a medicaid managed care organization if the department proposes to terminate or not to renew the contract entered into under section 5167.10 of the Revised Code and determines that the recipients' access to medically necessary services is jeopardized by the proposal to terminate or not to renew the contract. The disenrollment is not subject to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, but the medicaid managed care organization may request a reconsideration of the disenrollment. Reconsiderations shall be requested and conducted in accordance with rules the medicaid director shall adopt under section 5167.02 of the Revised Code. The request for, or conduct of, a reconsideration regarding a proposed disenrollment shall not delay the disenrollment.

Sec. 5168.03. The requirements of sections 5168.06 to 5168.09 of the Revised Code apply only as long as the United States ~~health care financing administration~~ centers for medicare and medicaid services determines that the assessment imposed under section 5168.06 of the Revised Code is a permissible health care-related tax pursuant to the "Social Security Act," section 1903(w), 42 U.S.C. 1396b(w). Whenever the department of medicaid is informed that the assessment is an impermissible health care-related tax, the department shall promptly refund to each hospital the amount of money currently in the hospital care assurance program fund created by section 5168.11 of the Revised Code that has been paid by the hospital under section 5168.06 or 5168.07 of the Revised Code, plus any investment earnings on that amount.

Sec. 5168.05. (A) Except as provided in division (C) of this section, each hospital, on or before the first day of July of each year or at a later date approved by the medicaid director, shall submit to the department of medicaid a financial statement for the preceding calendar year that accurately reflects the income, expenses, assets, liabilities, and net worth of the hospital, and accompanying notes. A hospital that has a fiscal year different from the calendar year shall file its financial statement within one hundred eighty days of the end of its fiscal year or at a later date approved by the director. The financial statement shall be prepared by an independent certified public accountant and reflect an official audit report prepared in a manner consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. The financial statement shall, to the extent that the hospital has sufficient financial records, show bad debt and charity care separately from courtesy care and contractual allowances.

(B) Except as provided in division (C) of this section, each hospital, within one hundred eighty days after the end of the hospital's cost reporting period, shall submit to the department a cost report in a format prescribed in rules adopted under section 5168.02 of the Revised Code. The department shall grant a hospital an extension of the one hundred eighty day period if the ~~health care financing administration of the United States department of health and human~~ centers for medicare and medicaid services extends the date by which the hospital must submit its cost report for the hospital's cost reporting period.

(C) The director may adopt rules under section 5168.02 of the Revised Code specifying financial information that must be submitted by hospitals for which no financial statement or cost report is available. The rules shall specify deadlines for submitting the information. Each such hospital shall submit the information specified in the rules not later than the deadline

specified in the rules.

Sec. 5168.06. (A) For the purpose of distributing funds to hospitals under the medicaid program pursuant to sections 5168.01 to 5168.14 of the Revised Code and depositing funds into the health care/medicaid support and recoveries fund created under section 5162.52 of the Revised Code, there is hereby imposed an assessment on all hospitals. Each hospital's assessment shall be based on total facility costs. All hospitals shall be assessed according to the rate or rates established each program year in rules adopted under section 5168.02 of the Revised Code. The department shall assess all hospitals uniformly and in a manner consistent with federal statutes and regulations. During any program year, the department shall not assess any hospital more than two per cent of the hospital's total facility costs.

The department shall establish an assessment rate or rates each program year that will do both of the following:

(1) Yield funds that, when combined with intergovernmental transfers and federal matching funds, will produce a program of sufficient size to pay a substantial portion of the indigent care provided by hospitals;

(2) Yield funds that, when combined with intergovernmental transfers and federal matching funds, will produce amounts for distribution to disproportionate share hospitals that do not exceed, in the aggregate, the limits prescribed by the United States ~~health care financing administration~~ centers for medicare and medicaid services under the "Social Security Act," section 1923(f), 42 U.S.C. 1396r-4(f).

(B)(1) Except as provided in division (B)(3) of this section, each hospital shall pay its assessment in periodic installments in accordance with a schedule established in rules adopted under section 5168.02 of the Revised Code.

(2) The installments shall be equal in amount, unless either of the following applies:

(a) The department makes adjustments during a program year under division (D) of section 5168.08 of the Revised Code in the total amount of hospitals' assessments;

(b) The medicaid director determines that adjustments in the amounts of installments are necessary for the administration of sections 5168.01 to 5168.14 of the Revised Code and that unequal installments will not create cash flow difficulties for hospitals.

(3) The director may adopt rules under section 5168.02 of the Revised Code establishing alternate schedules for hospitals to pay assessments under this section in order to reduce hospitals' cash flow difficulties.

Sec. 5168.07. (A) The department of medicaid may require governmental hospitals to make intergovernmental transfers each program year for the purpose of distributing funds to hospitals under the medicaid program pursuant to sections 5168.01 to 5168.14 of the Revised Code and depositing funds into the health care/medicaid support and recoveries fund created under section 5162.52 of the Revised Code. The department shall not require transfers in an amount that, when combined with hospital assessments paid under section 5168.06 of the Revised Code and federal matching funds, produce amounts for distribution to disproportionate share hospitals that, in the aggregate, exceed limits prescribed by the United States ~~health care financing administration~~ centers for medicare and medicaid services under the "Social Security Act," section 1923(f), 42 U.S.C. 1396r-4(f).

(B) Before or during each program year, the department shall notify each governmental hospital of the amount of the intergovernmental transfer it is required to make during the program year. Each governmental hospital shall make intergovernmental transfers as required by the department under this section in periodic installments, executed by electronic fund transfer, in accordance with a schedule established in rules adopted under section 5168.02 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5168.08. (A) Before or during each program year, the department of medicaid shall mail to each hospital by certified mail, return receipt requested, the preliminary determination of the amount that the hospital is assessed under section 5168.06 of the Revised Code during the program year. The preliminary determination of a hospital's assessment shall be calculated for a cost-reporting period that is specified in rules adopted under section 5168.02 of the Revised Code.

The department shall consult with hospitals each year when determining the date on which it will mail the preliminary determinations in order to minimize hospitals' cash flow difficulties.

If no hospital submits a request for reconsideration under division (B) of this section, the preliminary determination constitutes the final reconciliation of each hospital's assessment under section 5168.06 of the Revised Code. The final reconciliation is subject to adjustments under division (D) of this section.

(B) Not later than fourteen days after the preliminary determinations are mailed, any hospital may submit to the department a written request to reconsider the preliminary determinations. The request shall be accompanied by written materials setting forth the basis for the reconsideration. If one or more hospitals submit a request, the department

shall hold a public hearing not later than thirty days after the preliminary determinations are mailed to reconsider the preliminary determinations. The department shall mail to each hospital a written notice of the date, time, and place of the hearing at least ten days prior to the hearing. On the basis of the evidence submitted to the department or presented at the public hearing, the department shall reconsider and may adjust the preliminary determinations. The result of the reconsideration is the final reconciliation of the hospital's assessment under section 5168.06 of the Revised Code. The final reconciliation is subject to adjustments under division (D) of this section.

(C) The department shall mail to each hospital a written notice of its assessment for the program year under the final reconciliation. A hospital may appeal the final reconciliation of its assessment to the court of common pleas of Franklin county. While a judicial appeal is pending, the hospital shall pay, in accordance with the schedules required by division (B) of section 5168.06 of the Revised Code, any amount of its assessment that is not in dispute into the hospital care assurance program fund created in section 5168.11 of the Revised Code.

(D) In the course of any program year, the department may adjust the assessment rate or rates established in rules pursuant to section 5168.06 of the Revised Code or adjust the amounts of intergovernmental transfers required under section 5168.07 of the Revised Code and, as a result of the adjustment, adjust each hospital's assessment and intergovernmental transfer, to reflect refinements made by the United States ~~health care financing administration~~ centers for medicare and medicaid services during that program year to the limits it prescribed under the "Social Security Act," section 1923(f), 42 U.S.C. 1396r-4(f). When adjusted, the assessment rate or rates must comply with division (A) of section 5168.06 of the Revised Code. An adjusted intergovernmental transfer must comply with division (A) of section 5168.07 of the Revised Code. The department shall notify hospitals of adjustments made under this division and adjust for the remainder of the program year the installments paid by hospitals under sections 5168.06 and 5168.07 of the Revised Code in accordance with rules adopted under section 5168.02 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5168.60. As used in sections 5168.60 to 5168.71 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Franchise permit fee rate" means the following:

(1) For fiscal year ~~2016~~ 2020, ~~eighteen~~ twenty-three dollars and ~~seven~~ ninety-five cents;

(2) For fiscal year ~~2017~~ 2021 and each fiscal year thereafter, ~~eighteen~~ twenty-four dollars and ~~two~~ eighty-nine cents.

(B) "Indirect guarantee percentage" means the percentage specified in the "Social Security Act," section 1903(w)(4)(C)(ii), 42 U.S.C. 1396b(w)(4)(C)(ii), that is to be used in determining whether a class of providers is indirectly held harmless for any portion of the costs of a broad-based health-care-related tax. If the indirect guarantee percentage changes during a fiscal year, the indirect guarantee percentage is the following:

(1) For the part of the fiscal year before the change takes effect, the percentage in effect before the change;

(2) For the part of the fiscal year beginning with the date the indirect guarantee percentage changes, the new percentage.

(C) "ICF/IID" has the same meaning as in section 5124.01 of the Revised Code.

(D) Except as provided in division (B) of section 5168.62 of the Revised Code, "inpatient days" has the same meaning as in section 5124.01 of the Revised Code.

(E) "Medicaid-certified capacity" has the same meaning as in section 5124.01 of the Revised Code.

~~(E)~~(F) "Provider agreement" has the same meaning as in section 5124.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5168.61. The department of developmental disabilities shall do all of the following:

(A) Subject to section 5168.64 of the Revised Code and divisions (B) and (C) of this section and for the purposes specified in section 5168.69 of the Revised Code, quarterly assess ~~for each fiscal year~~ each ICF/IID a franchise permit fee equal to the product of the following:

~~(1) The franchise permit fee rate multiplied by the product of the following:~~

~~(1):~~

~~(2) The number of the ICF/IID's medicaid-certified capacity on the first day of May of the calendar year in which the assessment is determined pursuant to division (A) of section 5168.63 of the Revised Code;~~

~~(2) The number of days in the fiscal year inpatient days for the quarter as determined using the monthly reports submitted to the department under section 5168.62 of the Revised Code.~~

(B) If the total amount of the franchise permit fee assessed under division (A) of this section for a fiscal year exceeds the indirect guarantee percentage of the actual net patient revenue for all ICFs/IID for that fiscal year and seventy-five per cent or more of the total number of ICFs/IID receive enhanced medicaid payments or other state payments equal to

seventy-five per cent or more of their total franchise permit fee assessments, do both of the following:

(1) Recalculate the assessments under division (A) of this section using a per ~~bed~~ per inpatient day rate equal to the indirect guarantee percentage of actual net patient revenue for all ICFs/IID for that fiscal year;

(2) Refund the difference between the total amount of the franchise permit fee assessed for that fiscal year under division (A) of this section and the amount recalculated under division (B)(1) of this section as a credit against the assessments imposed under division (A) of this section for the quarters of the subsequent fiscal year.

(C) If the United States secretary of health and human services determines that the franchise permit fee established by sections 5168.60 to 5168.71 of the Revised Code would be an impermissible health care-related tax under section 1903(w) of the "Social Security Act," ~~section 1903(w)~~, 42 U.S.C. 1396b(w), take all necessary actions to cease implementation of those sections in accordance with rules adopted under section 5168.71 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5168.62. (A) Each ICF/IID shall submit to the department of developmental disabilities a monthly report containing the number of the ICF/IID's inpatient days for that month. A report is due not later than fifteen days after the last day of the month for which it is submitted. Reports shall be submitted to the department in a manner the department shall prescribe. The department may review the data included in a report for accuracy.

(B) If an ICF/IID fails to submit a report for a month, the number of its inpatient days for that month shall be the product of the following:

(1) The ICF/IID's medicaid-certified capacity;

(2) The number of days in the month.

~~Sec. 5168.63. (A) Not later than the fifteenth last day of ~~August~~ of each ~~year~~ October, January, April, and July, the department of developmental disabilities shall ~~determine the annual franchise permit fee for each ICF/IID in accordance with section 5168.61 of the Revised Code.~~~~

~~(B) Not later than the first day of September of each year, the department shall~~ notify, electronically or by United States postal service, each ICF/IID of the amount of the quarterly franchise permit fee the ICF/IID has been assessed under section 5168.61 of the Revised Code.

~~(C)~~ (B) Subject to section 5168.64 of the Revised Code, each ICF/IID shall pay its quarterly franchise permit fee under section 5168.61 of the Revised Code to the department ~~in quarterly installment payments~~ not later than forty-five days after the last day of each ~~September, December, March, and June~~ October, January, April, and July.

Sec. 5168.64. ~~(A)~~ If the operator of an ICF/IID converts, pursuant to section 5124.60 or 5124.61 of the Revised Code, all of the ICF/IID's beds to providing home and community-based services and the operator's provider agreement for the ICF/IID is terminated as a consequence, the department of developmental disabilities shall terminate the ICF/IID's franchise permit fee effective on the first day of the quarter immediately following the quarter in which the conversion takes place.

~~(B)(1) If, during the period beginning on the first day of May of a calendar year and ending on the first day of January of the immediately following calendar year, the operator of an ICF/IID converts, pursuant to section 5124.60 or 5164.61 of the Revised Code, some but not all of the ICF/IID's beds to providing home and community-based services and the ICF/IID's medicaid-certified capacity is reduced as a consequence, the department shall redetermine the ICF/IID's franchise permit fee for the second half of the fiscal year for which the fee is assessed. To redetermine the ICF/IID's franchise permit fee, the department shall multiply the franchise permit fee rate by the product of the following:~~

~~(a) The ICF/IID's medicaid-certified capacity as of the date the conversion takes effect;~~

~~(b) The number of days in the second half of the fiscal year for which the redetermination is made.~~

~~(2) The ICF/IID shall pay its franchise permit fee as redetermined under division (B)(1) of this section in installment payments not later than forty-five days after the last day of March and June of the fiscal year for which the redetermination is made.~~

Sec. 5168.75. As used in sections 5168.75 to 5168.86 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Basic health care services" means all of the services listed in division (A)(1) of section 1751.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Care management system" ~~means the system established under~~ has the same meaning as in section ~~5167.03~~ 5167.01 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Dual eligible individual" has the same meaning as in section 5160.01 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Franchise fee" means the fee imposed on health insuring corporation plans under section 5168.76 of the Revised Code.

(E) "Health insuring corporation" has the same meaning as in section 1751.01 of the Revised Code, except it does not mean a corporation that, pursuant to a policy, contract, certificate, or agreement, pays for, reimburses, or provides, delivers, arranges for, or otherwise makes available, only supplemental health care services or only specialty health

care services.

(F) "Health insuring corporation plan" means a policy, contract, certificate, or agreement of a health insuring corporation under which the corporation pays for, reimburses, provides, delivers, arranges for, or otherwise makes available basic health care services. "Health insuring corporation plan" does not mean any of the following:

(1) A policy, contract, certificate, or agreement under which a health insuring corporation pays for, reimburses, provides, delivers, arranges for, or otherwise makes available only supplemental health care services or only specialty health care services;

(2) An approved health benefits plan described in 5 U.S.C. 8903 or 8903a, if imposing the franchise fee on the plan would violate 5 U.S.C. 8909(f);

(3) A medicare advantage plan authorized by Part C of Title XVIII of the "Social Security Act," 42 U.S.C. 1395w-21 et seq.

(G) "Indirect guarantee percentage" means the percentage specified in section 1903(w)(4)(C)(ii) of the "Social Security Act," 42 U.S.C. 1396b(w)(4)(C)(ii), that is to be used in determining whether a health care class is indirectly held harmless for any portion of the costs of a broad-based health-care-related tax. If the indirect guarantee percentage changes during a fiscal year, the indirect guarantee percentage is the following:

(1) For the part of the fiscal year before the change takes effect, the percentage in effect before the change;

(2) For the part of the fiscal year beginning with the date the indirect guarantee percentage changes, the new percentage.

(H) "Medicaid managed care organization" has the same meaning as in section 5167.01 of the Revised Code.

(I) "Medicaid provider" has the same meaning as in section 5164.01 of the Revised Code.

(J) "Ohio medicaid member month" means a month in which a medicaid recipient residing in this state is enrolled in a health insuring corporation plan.

(K) "Other Ohio member month" means a month in which a resident of this state who is not a medicaid recipient is enrolled in a health insuring corporation plan.

(L) "Rate year" means the fiscal year for which a franchise fee is imposed.

Sec. 5501.20. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Career professional service" means that part of the competitive classified service that consists of employees of the department of

transportation who, regardless of job classification, meet both of the following qualifications:

(a) They are supervisors, professional employees who are not in a collective bargaining unit, confidential employees, or management level employees, all as defined in section 4117.01 of the Revised Code.

(b) They exercise authority that is not merely routine or clerical in nature and report only to a higher level unclassified employee or employee in the career professional service.

(2) "Demoted" means that an employee is placed in a position where the employee's wage rate equals, or is not more than twenty per cent less than, the employee's wage rate immediately prior to demotion or where the employee's job responsibilities are reduced, or both.

(3) "Employee in the career professional service with restoration rights" means an employee in the career professional service who has been in the classified civil service for at least two years and who has a cumulative total of at least ten years of continuous service with the department of transportation.

~~(B) Not later than the first day of July of each odd-numbered year, the director of transportation shall adopt a rule in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code that establishes a business plan for the department of transportation that states the department's mission, business objectives, and strategies and that establishes a procedure by which employees in the career professional service will be held accountable for their performance. The director shall adopt a rule that establishes a business plan for the department only once in each two years. Within sixty days after the effective date of a rule that establishes a business plan for the department, the~~ The director shall adopt a rule in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code that identifies specific positions within the department of transportation that are included in the career professional service. The director may amend the rule that identifies the specific positions included in the career professional service whenever the director determines necessary. Any rule adopted under this division is subject to review and invalidation by the joint committee on agency rule review as provided in division (D) of section 111.15 of the Revised Code. The director shall provide a copy of any rule adopted under this division to the director of budget and management.

~~Except as otherwise provided in this section, an~~ An employee in the career professional service is subject to the provisions of Chapter 124. of the Revised Code that govern employees in the classified civil service.

~~(C) After an employee is appointed to a position in the career~~

~~professional service, the employee's direct supervisor shall provide the employee appointed to that position with a written performance action plan that describes the department's expectations for that employee in fulfilling the mission, business objectives, and strategies stated in the department's business plan. No sooner than four months after being appointed to a position in the career professional service, an employee appointed to that position shall receive a written performance review based on the employee's fulfillment of the mission, business objectives, and strategies stated in the department's business plan. After the initial performance review, the An employee in the career professional service shall receive a written performance review at least once each year or as often as the director considers necessary. The department shall give an employee whose performance is unsatisfactory an opportunity to improve performance for a period of at least six months, by means of a written corrective action performance improvement plan, before the department takes any disciplinary action under this section or section 124.34 of the Revised Code. The department shall base its performance review forms on its business plan.~~

(D) An employee in the career professional service may be suspended, demoted, or removed ~~because of performance that hinders or restricts the fulfillment of the department's business plan pursuant to division (C) of this section~~ or for disciplinary reasons under section 124.34 or 124.57 of the Revised Code. An employee in the career professional service may appeal only the employee's removal to the state personnel board of review. An employee in the career professional service may appeal a demotion or a suspension of more than three days pursuant to rules the director adopts in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code.

(E) An employee in the career professional service with restoration rights has restoration rights if demoted because of performance ~~that hinders or restricts fulfillment of the mission, business objectives, or strategies stated in the department's business plan~~, but not if involuntarily demoted or removed for any of the reasons described in section 124.34 or for a violation of section 124.57 of the Revised Code. The director shall demote an employee who has restoration rights of that nature to a position in the classified service that in the director's judgment is similar in nature to the position the employee held immediately prior to being appointed to the position in the career professional service. The director shall assign to an employee who is demoted to a position in the classified service as provided in this division a wage rate that equals, or that is not more than twenty per cent less than, the wage rate assigned to the employee in the career

professional service immediately prior to the employee's demotion.

Sec. 5501.91. (A) As used in this section, "port authority" means a port authority created under Chapter 4582. of the Revised Code.

(B) There is hereby established the Ohio maritime assistance program, which the department of transportation shall administer. Under the program, a port authority may apply to the department for a grant to be used as prescribed in division (D) of this section. In order to be eligible for a grant under this section, a port authority is required to meet either of the following requirements:

(1) At the time of application for a grant, the port authority owns an active marine cargo terminal located on the shore of Lake Erie or the Ohio river or on a Lake Erie tributary.

(2) At the time of application for a grant, the port authority is located in a federally qualified opportunity zone and the federally qualified opportunity zone has an active marine cargo terminal with a stevedoring operation that is located on the shore of Lake Erie or the Ohio river.

(C)(1) Every applicant for a grant shall submit with its application a written business justification for the investment that indicates the operational and market need for the project in a form the director of transportation shall prescribe.

(2) The department shall evaluate all grant applications according to the following criteria:

(a) The degree to which the proposed project will increase the efficiency or capacity of maritime cargo terminal operations;

(b) Whether the project will result in the handling of new types of cargo or an increase in cargo volume;

(c) Whether the project will meet an identified supply chain need or benefit Ohio firms that export goods to foreign markets, or import goods to Ohio for use in manufacturing or for value-added distribution;

(d) Any other criteria the director determines to be appropriate.

(3) If a grant application does not meet the criteria specified in divisions (C)(2)(b) and (c) of this section, an applicant is not eligible for a grant under this section.

(D) A port authority shall use a grant awarded under this section only for any of the following purposes:

(1) Land acquisition and site development for marine cargo terminal and associated uses, including demolition and environmental remediation;

(2) Construction of wharves, quay walls, bulkheads, jetties, revetments, breakwaters, shipping channels, dredge disposal facilities, projects for the beneficial use of dredge material, and other structures and improvements

directly related to maritime commerce and harbor infrastructure:

(3) Construction and repair of warehouses, transit sheds, railroad tracks, roadways, gates and gatehouses, fencing, bridges, offices, shipyards, and other improvements needed for marine cargo terminal and associated uses, including shipyards;

(4) Acquisition of cargo handling equipment, including mobile shore cranes, stationary cranes, tow motors, fork lifts, yard tractors, craneways, conveyor and bulk material handling equipment, and all types of ship loading and unloading equipment;

(5) Planning and design services and other services associated with construction.

(E) A port authority shall pay a matching amount of at least one dollar for each grant dollar received for the proposed project.

(F) The director of transportation, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall adopt rules governing the program established under this section, including the grant application, evaluation, award processes, and how the grant money may be spent by a port authority.

Sec. 5502.63. (A) The division of criminal justice services in the department of public safety shall prepare a poster and a brochure that describe safe firearms practices. The poster and brochure shall contain typeface that is at least one-quarter inch tall. The division shall furnish copies of the poster and brochure free of charge to each federally licensed firearms dealer in this state.

As used in this division, "federally licensed firearms dealer" means an importer, manufacturer, or dealer having a license to deal in destructive devices or their ammunition, issued and in effect pursuant to the federal "Gun Control Act of 1968," 82 Stat. 1213, 18 U.S.C. 923 et seq., and any amendments or additions to that act or reenactments of that act.

(B)(1) The division of criminal justice services shall create a poster that provides information regarding the national human trafficking resource center hotline. The poster shall be no smaller than eight and one-half inches by eleven inches in size and shall include a statement in substantially the following form:

"If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any activity and cannot leave – whether it is commercial sex, housework, farm work, or any other activity – call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 to access help and services.

Victims of human trafficking are protected under U.S. and Ohio law.

The toll-free Hotline is:

- Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

- Operated by a non-profit, non-governmental organization
- Anonymous & confidential
- Accessible in 170 languages
- Able to provide help, referral to services, training, and general information."

The statement shall appear on each poster in English, Spanish, and, for each county, any other language required for voting materials in that county under section 1973aa-1a of the "Voting Rights Act of 1965," 79 Stat. 437, 42 U.S.C. 1973, as amended. In addition to the national human trafficking resource center hotline, the statement may contain any additional hotlines regarding human trafficking for access to help and services.

(2) The division shall make the poster available for print on its public web site and shall make the poster available to and encourage its display at each of the following places:

- (a) A highway truck stop;
- (b) A hotel, as defined in section 3731.01 of the Revised Code;
- (c) An adult entertainment establishment, as defined in section 2907.39 of the Revised Code;
- (d) A beauty salon, as defined in section 4713.01 of the Revised Code;
- (e) An agricultural labor camp, as defined in section 3733.41 of the Revised Code;
- (f) A hospital or urgent care center;
- (g) Any place where there is occurring a contest for the championship of a division, conference, or league of a professional athletic association or of a national collegiate athletic association division I intercollegiate sport or where there is occurring an athletic competition at which cash prizes are awarded to individuals or teams;
- (h) Any establishment operating as a massage parlor, massage spa, alternative health clinic, or similar entity by persons who do not hold a valid ~~certificate~~ license from the state medical board to practice massage therapy under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code;

(i) A fair.

(3) As used in this section:

(a) "Fair" means the annual exposition conducted by any county or independent agricultural society or the Ohio expositions commission.

(b) "Highway truck stop" means a gas station with a sign that is visible from a highway, as defined in section 5501.01 of the Revised Code, that offers amenities to commercial vehicles.

Sec. 5513.06. (A) The director of transportation may debar a vendor from consideration for contract awards upon a finding based upon a

reasonable belief that the vendor has done any of the following:

(1) Abused the solicitation process by repeatedly withdrawing bids before purchase orders or contracts are issued or failing to accept orders based upon firm bids;

(2) Failed to substantially perform a contract according to its terms, conditions, and specifications within specified time limits;

(3) Failed to cooperate in monitoring contract performance by refusing to provide information or documents required in a contract, failed to respond and correct matters related to complaints to the vendor, or accumulated repeated justified complaints regarding performance of a contract;

(4) Attempted to influence a public employee to breach ethical conduct standards;

(5) Colluded with other bidders to restrain competition by any means;

(6) Been convicted of a criminal offense related to the application for or performance of any public or private contract, including, but not limited to, embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property, and any other offense that directly reflects on the vendor's business integrity;

(7) Been convicted under state or federal antitrust laws;

(8) Deliberately or willfully submitted false or misleading information in connection with the application for or performance of a public contract;

(9) Has been debarred by a state agency, another state, or by any agency or department of the federal government;

(10) Violated any other responsible business practice or performed in an unsatisfactory manner as determined by the director.

(B) When the director reasonably believes that grounds for debarment exist, the director shall send the vendor a notice of proposed debarment. If the vendor is a partnership, association, or corporation, the director also may debar from consideration for contract awards any partner of the partnership, or the officers and directors of the association or corporation, being debarred. When the director reasonably believes that grounds for debarment exist, the director shall send the individual involved a notice of proposed debarment. A notice of proposed debarment shall indicate the grounds for the debarment of the vendor or individual and the procedure for requesting a hearing. The notice and hearing shall be in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. If the vendor or individual does not respond with a request for a hearing in the manner specified in Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the director shall issue the debarment decision without a hearing and shall notify the vendor or individual of the decision by certified mail, return receipt requested. The debarment period may be of any length determined

by the director and the director may modify or rescind the debarment at any time. During the period of debarment, the director shall not include on a bidder list or consider for a contract award any partnership, association, or corporation affiliated with a debarred individual. After the debarment period expires, the vendor or individual, and any partnership, association, or corporation affiliated with the individual, may reapply for inclusion on bidder lists through the regular application process if such entity or individual is not otherwise debarred.

Sec. 5525.03. (A) All prospective bidders other than environmental remediators and specialty contractors for which there are no classes of work provided for in the rules adopted by the director of transportation shall apply for qualification on forms prescribed and furnished by the director. The application shall be accompanied by a certificate of compliance with affirmative action programs issued pursuant to section 9.47 of the Revised Code and dated no earlier than one hundred eighty days ~~prior to~~ before the date fixed for the opening of bids for a particular project. ~~The~~

(B) The director shall act upon an application for qualification within thirty days after it is presented to the director. Upon the receipt of any application for qualification, the director shall examine the application to determine whether the applicant is competent and responsible and possesses the financial resources required by section 5525.04 of the Revised Code. If the applicant is found to possess the qualifications prescribed by sections 5525.02 to 5525.09 of the Revised Code and by rules adopted by the director, including a certificate of compliance with affirmative action programs, a certificate of qualification shall be issued to the applicant, which shall be valid for the period of one year or such shorter period of time as the director prescribes, unless revoked by the director for cause as defined by rules adopted by the director under section 5525.05 of the Revised Code. ~~The~~

(C) The certificate of qualification shall contain a statement fixing the aggregate amount of work, for any or all owners, that the applicant may have under construction and uncompleted at any one time and may contain a statement limiting such bidder to the submission of bids upon a certain class of work. Subject to any restriction as to amount or class of work therein contained, the certificate of qualification shall authorize its holder to bid on all work on which bids are taken by the department of transportation during the period of time therein specified. ~~An~~

(D) An applicant who has received a certificate of qualification and desires to amend the certificate by the dollar amount or by the classes of work may submit to the director such documentation as the director

considers appropriate. The director shall review the documentation submitted by the applicant and, within fifteen days, shall either amend the certificate of qualification or deny the request. If the director denies the request to amend the certificate, the applicant may appeal that decision to the ~~director~~ ~~& r s q u o s~~; director's prequalification review board in accordance with section 5525.07 of the Revised Code. Two or more persons, partnerships, or corporations may bid jointly on any one project, but only on condition that prior to the time bids are taken on the project the bidders make a joint application for qualification and obtain a joint certificate qualification.

(E) The director may debar from participating in future contracts with the department any bidding company as well as any partner of a partnership, or the officers and directors of an association or corporation if the certificate of qualification of the company, partnership, association, or corporation is revoked or not renewed by the director. When the director reasonably believes that grounds for revocation and debarment exist, the director shall send the bidding company and any individual involved a notice of proposed revocation and debarment indicating the grounds for such action as established in rules adopted by the director under section 5525.05 of the Revised Code and the procedure for requesting a hearing. The notice and hearing shall be in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. If the bidding company or individual does not respond with a request for a hearing in the manner specified in Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the director shall revoke the certificate and issue the debarment decision without a hearing and shall notify the bidding company or individual of the decision by certified mail, return receipt requested. ~~The~~

(F) The debarment period may be of any length determined by the director and the director may modify or rescind the debarment at any time. During the period of debarment, the director shall not issue a certificate of qualification for any company, partnership, association, or corporation affiliated with a debarred individual. After the debarment period expires, the bidding company or individual, and any partnership, association, or corporation affiliated with the individual may make an application for qualification if such entity or individual is not otherwise debarred.

Sec. 5534.152. The bridge spanning ~~the Tuscarawas river~~ state route number twenty-one, located in ~~the municipal corporation of Canal Fulton Lawrence township~~ in Stark county and being a part of the highway known as state route ninety-three, shall be known as "Lance Corporal Michael Stangelo, USMC, Memorial Bridge."

The director of transportation may erect suitable markers upon the

bridge or its approaches indicating its name.

Sec. 5537.07. (A) When the cost to the Ohio turnpike and infrastructure commission under any contract with a person other than a governmental agency involves an expenditure of more than fifty thousand dollars, the commission shall make a written contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in accordance with section 9.312 of the Revised Code, after advertisement, in accordance with section 7.16 of the Revised Code, for not less than two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation ~~in Franklin county~~, and in such other publications as the commission determines, ~~which~~. The notice shall state the general character of the work and the general character of the materials to be furnished, the place where plans and specifications therefor may be examined, and the time and place of receiving bids. The commission may require that the cost estimate for the construction, demolition, alteration, repair, improvement, renovation, or reconstruction of roadways and bridges for which the commission is required to receive bids be kept confidential and remain confidential until after all bids for the public improvement have been received or the deadline for receiving bids has passed. Thereafter, and before opening the bids submitted for the roadways and bridges, the commission shall make the cost estimate public knowledge by reading the cost estimate in a public place. The commission may reject any and all bids. The requirements of this division do not apply to contracts for the acquisition of real property or compensation for professional or other personal services.

(B) Each bid for a contract for construction, demolition, alteration, repair, improvement, renovation, or reconstruction shall contain the full name of every person interested in it and shall meet the requirements of section 153.54 of the Revised Code.

(C) Other than for a contract referred to in division (B) of this section, each bid for a contract that involves an expenditure in excess of ~~one~~ five hundred ~~fifty~~ thousand dollars or any contract with a service facility operator shall contain the full name of every person interested in it and shall be accompanied by a sufficient bond or certified check on a solvent bank that if the bid is accepted a contract will be entered into and the performance of its proposal secured.

(D) Other than a contract referred to in division (B) of this section, a bond with good and sufficient surety, in a form as prescribed and approved by the commission, shall be required of every contractor awarded a contract that involves an expenditure in excess of ~~one~~ five hundred ~~fifty~~ thousand dollars or any contract with a service facility operator. The bond shall be in

an amount equal to at least fifty per cent of the contract price and shall be conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract.

(E)(1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, the commission may establish a program to expedite special turnpike projects by combining the design and construction elements of any public improvement project into a single contract. The commission shall prepare and distribute a scope of work document upon which the bidders shall base their bids. At a minimum, bidders shall meet the requirements of section 4733.161 of the Revised Code. Except in regard to those requirements relating to providing plans, the commission shall award contracts following the requirements set forth in divisions (A), (B), (C), and (D) of this section.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or any other provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, the commission may use a value-based selection process when selecting a contractor to perform a project that contains both design and construction elements in a single contract under this division.

(F) Other than for a contract referred to in division (B) or (E) of this section, and notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, the commission may enter into a written contract after submission of competitive proposals when the commission determines that competitive bidding is not practical or advantageous to the commission. The commission may conduct discussions with anyone that submits a competitive proposal when that proposal might be selected to ensure that the person understands and is responsive to the requirements of the project. The commission may award the contract to the person that submits the best proposal, as determined by the commission. The commission shall consider multiple factors in awarding a contract under this division, including price and the evaluation criteria set forth in the request for competitive proposals.

(G) The commission may contract for the purchase of equipment, materials, and services without public advertisement in any of the following circumstances:

(1) The construction of a temporary bridge;

(2) The making of temporary emergency repairs to a highway or bridge when necessary because of a storm, flood, landslide, or other natural disaster;

(3) While responding to circumstances created by an extraordinary emergency, as determined by the commission.

Sec. 5537.13. (A) Subject to division (C)(1) of this section and section 5537.26 of the Revised Code, the Ohio turnpike and infrastructure commission may fix, revise, charge, and collect tolls for each turnpike

project, and contract in the manner provided by this section with any person desiring the use of any part thereof, including the right-of-way adjoining the paved portion, for placing thereon telephone, electric light, or power lines, service facilities, or for any other purpose, and fix the terms, conditions, rents, and rates of charge for such use, provided that no toll, charge, or rental may be made by the commission for placing in, on, along, over, or under the turnpike project, equipment or public utility facilities that are necessary to serve service facilities or to interconnect any public utility facilities.

(B) Contracts for the operation of service facilities shall be made in writing. Such contracts, except contracts with state agencies or other governmental agencies, shall be made with the bidder whose bid is determined by the commission to be the best bid received, after advertisement, in accordance with section 7.16 of the Revised Code, for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in ~~Franklin county~~, and in other publications that the commission determines. The notice shall state the general character of the service facilities operation proposed, the place where plans and specifications may be examined, and the time and place of receiving bids. Bids shall contain the full name of each person interested in them, and shall be in such form as the commission requires. The commission may reject any and all bids. All contracts for service facilities shall be preserved in the principal office of the commission.

(C)(1) Except as necessary to comply with covenants in bond proceedings in existence before July 1, 2013, for calendar years 2013 through 2023, the commission shall not increase the toll rates for any class of passenger vehicle as fixed on ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ July 1, 2013, when both of the following apply:

(a) The tolls are collected and remitted in accordance with a multi-jurisdiction electronic toll collection agreement; and

(b) The distance traveled is thirty miles or less.

(2) Subject to division (C)(1) of this section, tolls shall be so fixed and adjusted as to provide funds at least sufficient with other revenues of the Ohio turnpike system, if any, to pay:

(a) The cost of maintaining, improving, repairing, constructing, and operating the Ohio turnpike system and its different parts and sections, and to create and maintain any reserves for those purposes;

(b) Any unpaid bond service charges on outstanding bonds payable from pledged revenues as such charges become due and payable, and to create and maintain any reserves for that purpose.

(D) Toll is not subject to supervision, approval, or regulation by any

state agency other than the turnpike and infrastructure commission.

(E) Revenues derived from each turnpike project shall be first applied to pay the cost of maintenance, improvement, repair, and operation and to provide any reserves therefor that are provided for in the bond proceedings authorizing the issuance of those outstanding bonds, and otherwise as provided by the commission. The bond proceedings also shall provide, subject to the provisions of any other applicable bond proceedings, for the pledge of all, or such part as the commission may determine of the pledged revenues and the applicable special fund or funds to the payment of the bond service charges, which pledge may be made to secure the bonds senior or subordinate to or on a parity with bonds theretofore or thereafter issued, if and to the extent provided in the bond proceedings. The pledge shall be valid and binding from the time the pledge is made; the revenues and the pledged revenues thereafter received by the commission immediately shall be subject to the lien of the pledge without any physical delivery thereof or further act, and the lien of the pledge shall be valid and binding as against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract, or otherwise against the commission, whether or not those parties have notice thereof. The bond proceedings by which a pledge is created need not be filed or recorded except in the records of the commission. The use and disposition of moneys to the credit of a bond service fund shall be subject to the applicable bond proceedings.

(F) The proceeds of bonds issued for the payment of the costs of infrastructure projects, net of the payment of all financing expenses and deposits into debt service reserves or other special funds as may be required in the applicable bond proceedings, shall be deposited to the infrastructure fund or funds and shall be exclusively used to pay the cost of infrastructure projects approved by the commission, except that income earned by the infrastructure fund may be used by the commission towards the payment of bond service charges.

Sec. 5537.17. (A) Each turnpike project open to traffic shall be maintained and kept in good condition and repair by the Ohio turnpike and infrastructure commission. The Ohio turnpike system shall be policed and operated by a force of police, toll collectors, and other employees and agents that the commission employs or contracts for.

(B) All public or private property damaged or destroyed in carrying out the powers granted by this chapter shall be restored or repaired and placed in its original condition, as nearly as practicable, or adequate compensation or consideration made therefor out of moneys provided under this chapter.

(C) All governmental agencies may lease, lend, grant, or convey to the

commission at its request, upon terms that the proper authorities of the governmental agencies consider reasonable and fair and without the necessity for an advertisement, order of court, or other action or formality, other than the regular and formal action of the authorities concerned, any property that is necessary or convenient to the effectuation of the purposes of the commission, including public roads and other property already devoted to public use.

(D) Each bridge constituting part of a turnpike project shall be inspected at least once each year by a professional engineer employed or retained by the commission.

~~(E) On or before the first day of July in each year, the commission shall make an annual report of its activities for the preceding calendar year to the governor and the general assembly. Each such report shall set forth a complete operating and financial statement covering the commission's operations and funding of any turnpike projects and infrastructure projects during the year. The commission shall cause an audit of its books and accounts to be made at least once each year by certified public accountants approved by the auditor of state, and the cost thereof may be treated as a part of the cost of operations of the commission. The auditor of state, at least once a every other year and without previous notice to the commission, shall audit the accounts and transactions of the commission. On or before the first day of July in each year, the commission shall submit a comprehensive annual financial report containing its audited financial statements for the preceding calendar year to the governor, the general assembly, and the director of budget and management. Each such report shall set forth a complete operating and financial statement covering the commission's operations and funding of any turnpike projects and infrastructure projects during the year.~~

(E) On or before the first day of July in each year, the commission shall submit a comprehensive annual financial report containing its audited financial statements for the preceding calendar year to the governor, the general assembly, and the director of budget and management. Each such report shall set forth a complete operating and financial statement covering the commission's operations and funding of any turnpike projects and infrastructure projects during the year.

(F) The commission shall submit a copy of its ~~annual audit by the auditor of state and~~ its proposed annual budget for each calendar or fiscal year to the governor, the presiding officers of each house of the general assembly, the director of budget and management, and the legislative service commission no later than the first day of that calendar or fiscal year.

(G) Upon request of the chairperson of the appropriate standing committee or subcommittee of the senate and house of representatives that is primarily responsible for considering transportation budget matters, the commission shall appear at least one time before each committee or subcommittee during the period when that committee or subcommittee is considering the biennial appropriations for the department of transportation and shall provide testimony outlining its budgetary results for the last two

calendar years, including a comparison of budget and actual revenue and expenditure amounts. The commission also shall address its current budget and long-term capital plan.

(H) Not more than sixty nor less than thirty days before adopting its annual budget, the commission shall submit a copy of its proposed annual budget to the governor, the presiding officers of each house of the general assembly, the director of budget and management, and the legislative service commission. The office of budget and management shall review the proposed budget and may provide recommendations to the commission for its consideration.

Sec. 5703.05. All powers, duties, and functions of the department of taxation are vested in and shall be performed by the tax commissioner, which powers, duties, and functions shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

(A) Prescribing all blank forms which the department is authorized to prescribe, and to provide such forms and distribute the same as required by law and the rules of the department.

(B) Exercising the authority provided by law, including orders from bankruptcy courts, relative to remitting or refunding taxes or assessments, including penalties and interest thereon, illegally or erroneously assessed or collected, or for any other reason overpaid, and in addition, the commissioner may on written application of any person, firm, or corporation claiming to have overpaid to the treasurer of state at any time within five years prior to the making of such application any tax payable under any law which the department of taxation is required to administer which does not contain any provision for refund, or on the commissioner's own motion investigate the facts and make in triplicate a written statement of the commissioner's findings, and, if the commissioner finds that there has been an overpayment, issue in triplicate a certificate of abatement payable to the taxpayer, the taxpayer's assigns, or legal representative which shows the amount of the overpayment and the kind of tax overpaid. One copy of such statement shall be entered on the journal of the commissioner, one shall be certified to the attorney general, and one certified copy shall be delivered to the taxpayer. All copies of the certificate of abatement shall be transmitted to the attorney general, and if the attorney general finds it to be correct the attorney general shall so certify on each copy, and deliver one copy to the taxpayer, one copy to the commissioner, and the third copy to the treasurer of state. Except as provided in section 5725.08 of the Revised Code, the taxpayer's copy of any certificates of abatement may be tendered by the payee or transferee thereof to the treasurer of state, or to the commissioner

on behalf of the treasurer, as payment, to the extent of the amount thereof, of any tax payable to the treasurer of state.

(C) Exercising the authority provided by law relative to consenting to the compromise and settlement of tax claims;

(D) Exercising the authority provided by law relative to the use of alternative tax bases by taxpayers in the making of personal property tax returns;

(E) Exercising the authority provided by law relative to authorizing the prepayment of taxes on retail sales of tangible personal property or on the storage, use, or consumption of personal property, and waiving the collection of such taxes from the consumers;

(F) Exercising the authority provided by law to revoke licenses;

(G) Maintaining a continuous study of the practical operation of all taxation and revenue laws of the state, the manner in which and extent to which such laws provide revenues for the support of the state and its political subdivisions, the probable effect upon such revenue of possible changes in existing laws, and the possible enactment of measures providing for other forms of taxation. For this purpose the commissioner may establish and maintain a division of research and statistics, and may appoint necessary employees who shall be in the unclassified civil service; the results of such study shall be available to the members of the general assembly and the public.

(H) Making all tax assessments, valuations, findings, determinations, computations, and orders the department of taxation is by law authorized and required to make and, pursuant to time limitations provided by law, on the commissioner's own motion, reviewing, redetermining, or correcting any tax assessments, valuations, findings, determinations, computations, or orders the commissioner has made, but the commissioner shall not review, redetermine, or correct any tax assessment, valuation, finding, determination, computation, or order which the commissioner has made as to which an appeal or application for rehearing, review, redetermination, or correction has been filed with the board of tax appeals, unless such appeal or application is withdrawn by the appellant or applicant or dismissed;

(I) Appointing not more than five deputy tax commissioners, who, under such regulations as the rules of the department of taxation prescribe, may act for the commissioner in the performance of such duties as the commissioner prescribes in the administration of the laws which the commissioner is authorized and required to administer, and who shall serve in the unclassified civil service at the pleasure of the commissioner, but if a person who holds a position in the classified service is appointed, it shall not

affect the civil service status of such person. The commissioner may designate not more than two of the deputy commissioners to act as commissioner in case of the absence, disability, or recusal of the commissioner or vacancy in the office of commissioner. The commissioner may adopt rules relating to the order of precedence of such designated deputy commissioners and to their assumption and administration of the office of commissioner.

(J) Appointing and prescribing the duties of all other employees of the department of taxation necessary in the performance of the work of the department which the tax commissioner is by law authorized and required to perform, and creating such divisions or sections of employees as, in the commissioner's judgment, is proper;

(K) Organizing the work of the department, which the commissioner is by law authorized and required to perform, so that, in the commissioner's judgment, an efficient and economical administration of the laws will result;

(L) Maintaining a journal, which is open to public inspection, in which the tax commissioner shall keep a record of all final determinations of the commissioner;

(M) Adopting and promulgating, in the manner provided by section 5703.14 of the Revised Code, all rules of the department, ~~including rules for the administration of sections 3517.16, 3517.17, and 5747.081 of the Revised Code;~~

(N) Destroying any or all returns or assessment certificates in the manner authorized by law;

(O) Adopting rules, in accordance with division (B) of section 325.31 of the Revised Code, governing the expenditure of moneys from the real estate assessment fund under that division;

(P) Informing taxpayers in a timely manner to resolve credit account balances as required by section 5703.77 of the Revised Code.

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

(B)(1) For purposes of an audit pursuant to section 117.15 of the Revised Code, or an audit of the department pursuant to Chapter 117. of the Revised Code, or an audit, pursuant to that chapter, the objective of which is

to express an opinion on a financial report or statement prepared or issued pursuant to division (A)(7) or (9) of section 126.21 of the Revised Code, the officers and employees of the auditor of state charged with conducting the audit shall have access to and the right to examine any state tax returns and state tax return information in the possession of the department to the extent that the access and examination are necessary for purposes of the audit. Any information acquired as the result of that access and examination shall not be divulged for any purpose other than as required for the audit or unless the officers and employees are required to testify in a court or proceeding under compulsion of legal process. Whoever violates this provision shall thereafter be disqualified from acting as an officer or employee or in any other capacity under appointment or employment of the auditor of state.

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

(3) As provided by section 6103(d)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, any federal tax returns or federal tax information that the department has acquired from the internal revenue service, through federal and state statutory authority, may be disclosed to the auditor of state or the office of internal audit solely for purposes of an audit of the department.

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

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

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

(2) Providing information to the office of child support within the department of job and family services pursuant to section 3125.43 of the

Revised Code;

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

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

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

(6) Permitting properly authorized officers, employees, or agents of a municipal corporation from inspecting reports or information pursuant to section 718.84 of the Revised Code or rules adopted under section 5745.16 of the Revised Code;

(7) Providing information regarding the name, account number, or business address of a holder of a vendor's license issued pursuant to section 5739.17 of the Revised Code, a holder of a direct payment permit issued pursuant to section 5739.031 of the Revised Code, or a seller having a use tax account maintained pursuant to section 5741.17 of the Revised Code, or information regarding the active or inactive status of a vendor's license, direct payment permit, or seller's use tax account;

(8) Releasing invoices or invoice information furnished under section 4301.433 of the Revised Code pursuant to that section;

(9) Providing to a county auditor notices or documents concerning or affecting the taxable value of property in the county auditor's county. Unless authorized by law to disclose documents so provided, the county auditor shall not disclose such documents;

(10) Providing to a county auditor sales or use tax return or audit information under section 333.06 of the Revised Code;

(11) Subject to section 4301.441 of the Revised Code, disclosing to the appropriate state agency information in the possession of the department of taxation that is necessary to verify a permit holder's gallonage or noncompliance with taxes levied under Chapter 4301. or 4305. of the Revised Code;

(12) Disclosing to the department of natural resources information in the possession of the department of taxation that is necessary for the department of taxation to verify the taxpayer's compliance with section 5749.02 of the Revised Code or to allow the department of natural resources to enforce Chapter 1509. of the Revised Code;

(13) Disclosing to the department of job and family services, industrial commission, and bureau of workers' compensation information in the

possession of the department of taxation solely for the purpose of identifying employers that misclassify employees as independent contractors or that fail to properly report and pay employer tax liabilities. The department of taxation shall disclose only such information that is necessary to verify employer compliance with law administered by those agencies.

(14) Disclosing to the Ohio casino control commission information in the possession of the department of taxation that is necessary to verify a casino operator's compliance with section 5747.063 or 5753.02 of the Revised Code and sections related thereto;

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

(16) Disclosing to the development services agency information in the possession of the department of taxation that is necessary to ensure compliance with the laws of this state governing taxation and to verify information reported to the development services agency for the purpose of evaluating potential tax credits, grants, or loans. Such information shall not include information received from the internal revenue service the disclosure of which is prohibited by section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code. No officer, employee, or agent of the development services agency shall disclose any information provided to the development services agency by the department of taxation under division (C)(16) of this section except when disclosure of the information is necessary for, and made solely for the purpose of facilitating, the evaluation of potential tax credits, grants, or loans.

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

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

(19) Disclosing to the department of education, upon that department's request, information in the possession of the department of taxation that is necessary only to verify whether the family income of a student applying for

or receiving a scholarship under the educational choice scholarship pilot program is equal to, less than, or greater than the income thresholds prescribed by section 3310.02 or 3310.032 of the Revised Code. The department of education shall provide sufficient information about the student and the student's family to enable the department of taxation to make the verification.

Sec. 5703.263. (A)(1) "Tax return preparer" means any person other than an accountant or an attorney that operates a business that prepares, or directly or indirectly employs another person to prepare, for a taxpayer a tax return or application for refund in exchange for compensation or remuneration from the taxpayer or the taxpayer's related member. The preparation of a substantial portion of a tax return or application for refund shall be considered to be the same as the preparation of the return or application for refund. "Tax return preparer" does not include an individual who performs only one or more of the following activities:

(a) Furnishes typing, reproducing, or other mechanical assistance;

(b) Prepares an application for refund or a return on behalf of an employer by whom the individual is regularly and continuously employed, or on behalf of an officer or employee of that employer;

(c) Prepares as a fiduciary an application for refund or a return;

(d) Prepares an application for refund or a return for a taxpayer in response to a notice of deficiency issued to the taxpayer or the taxpayer's related member, or in response to a waiver of restriction after the commencement of an audit of the taxpayer or the taxpayer's related member.

(2) "Related member" has the same meaning as in section 5733.042 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Accountant" means any of the following:

(a) An individual who holds both a CPA certificate and an Ohio permit or Ohio registration issued by the accountancy board under section 4701.10 of the Revised Code;

(b) An individual who holds a foreign certificate;

(c) An individual who is employed by a public accounting firm with respect to any return prepared under the supervision of an individual described in division (A)(3)(a) or (b) of this section, regardless of whether the public accounting firm is required to register with the accountancy board under section 4701.04 of the Revised Code.

(4) "CPA certificate" and "foreign certificate" have the same meanings as in section 4701.01 of the Revised Code.

(5) "Attorney" means an individual who has been admitted to the bar by order of the supreme court in compliance with its prescribed and published

rules, is permitted to practice as an attorney and counselor at law in this state under Chapter 4705. of the Revised Code, and is not currently suspended or removed from such practice under that chapter.

(6) A tax return preparer engages in "prohibited conduct" if the preparer does any of the following:

(a) Prepares any return or application for refund that includes an understatement of a taxpayer's tax liability due to an unreasonable position or due to willful or reckless conduct. For the purposes of this division, "unreasonable position" and "willful or reckless conduct" have the meanings as used in section 6694 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(b) When required under any provision of Title LVII of the Revised Code, the preparer fails to do any of the following:

(i) Provide copies of a return or application for refund;

(ii) Provide the preparer's signature or federal preparer tax identification number on a return or application for refund;

(iii) Retain copies of the preparer's records;

(iv) Provide any information or documents requested by the tax commissioner;

(v) Act diligently in determining a taxpayer's eligibility for tax credits, deductions, or exemptions.

(c) Negotiates a check or other negotiable instrument issued to a taxpayer by the department of taxation without the permission of the taxpayer;

(d) Engages in any conduct subject to criminal penalties under Title LVII of the Revised Code;

(e) Misrepresents the preparer's eligibility to file returns or applications for refund on behalf of taxpayers, or otherwise misrepresents the preparer's experience or education;

(f) Guarantees the payment of any tax refund or the allowance of any tax credit, deduction, or exemption;

(g) Engages in any other fraudulent or deceptive conduct that substantially interferes with the proper administration of any provision of Title LVII of the Revised Code.

(7) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any territory or possession of the United States.

(B) When a tax return preparer engages in prohibited conduct, the commissioner, may do either or both of the following:

(1) If the commissioner has previously warned the tax return preparer in writing of the consequences of continuing to engage in prohibited conduct,

impose a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars per instance of prohibited conduct:

(2) Regardless of whether the commissioner has previously warned the tax return preparer, request that the attorney general apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for an injunction to restrain the preparer from further engaging in the prohibited conduct. The court may take either of the following actions:

(a) If the court finds that injunctive relief is appropriate to prevent the recurrence of the prohibited conduct, the court shall issue an injunction against the preparer enjoining the preparer from engaging in such conduct.

(b) If the court finds that the preparer has continually or repeatedly engaged in prohibited conduct, and that enjoining the preparer solely from engaging in such conduct would not be sufficient to prevent the preparer's interference with the proper administration of any provision of Title LVII of the Revised Code, the court may issue an injunction against the preparer enjoining the preparer from acting as a tax return preparer in this state.

If a tax return preparer has been enjoined from preparing tax returns or applications for refunds by a federal court or by another state court in the five years preceding the date on which an injunction is requested under this section, that prior injunction shall be sufficient to establish a prima facie case for the issuance of an injunction under division (B)(2) of this section.

(C) The commissioner may require a tax return preparer to include the preparer's name and federal preparer tax identification number when filing any return or application for refund. If a tax return preparer fails to include this information when required to do so by the commissioner, or if the information provided is false, inaccurate, or incomplete, the commissioner may impose a penalty of fifty dollars for each such failure, provided that the maximum penalty imposed on a preparer under this division in a calendar year shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars.

(D) The penalties imposed under divisions (B)(1) and (C) of this section may be assessed and collected in the same manner as assessments made under Chapter 3769., 4305., 5727., 5728., 5733., 5735., 5736., 5739., 5743., 5745., 5747., 5749., 5751., or 5753., section 718.90, or sections 3734.90 to 3734.9014 of the Revised Code. The commissioner may abate all or a portion of any penalty imposed under this section upon the showing of good cause by the tax return preparer.

Sec. 5705.21. (A) At any time, the board of education of any city, local, exempted village, cooperative education, or joint vocational school district, by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may declare by resolution that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies

on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the school district, that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such limitation for one of the purposes specified in division (A), (D), (F), (H), or (DD) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, for general permanent improvements, for the purpose of operating a cultural center, for the purpose of providing for school safety and security, or for the purpose of providing education technology, and that the question of such additional tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at a special election on a day to be specified in the resolution. In the case of a qualifying library levy for the support of a library association or private corporation, the question shall be submitted to the electors of the association library district. If the resolution states that the levy is for the purpose of operating a cultural center, the ballot shall state that the levy is "for the purpose of operating the..... (name of cultural center)."

As used in this division, "cultural center" means a freestanding building, separate from a public school building, that is open to the public for educational, musical, artistic, and cultural purposes; "education technology" means, but is not limited to, computer hardware, equipment, materials, and accessories, equipment used for two-way audio or video, and software; "general permanent improvements" means permanent improvements without regard to the limitation of division (F) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code that the improvements be a specific improvement or a class of improvements that may be included in a single bond issue; and "providing for school safety and security" includes but is not limited to providing for permanent improvements to provide or enhance security, employment of or contracting for the services of safety personnel, providing mental health services and counseling, or providing training in safety and security practices and responses.

A resolution adopted under this division shall be confined to a single purpose and shall specify the amount of the increase in rate that it is necessary to levy, the purpose of the levy, and the number of years during which the increase in rate shall be in effect. The number of years may be any number not exceeding five or, if the levy is for current expenses of the district or for general permanent improvements, for a continuing period of time.

(B)(1) The board of education of a qualifying school district, by resolution, may declare that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of paying the current expenses of partnering community schools and, if any of the levy proceeds are so

allocated, of the district. A qualifying school district that is not a municipal school district may allocate all of the levy proceeds to partnering community schools. A municipal school district shall allocate a portion of the levy proceeds to the current expenses of the district. The resolution shall declare that the question of the additional tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at a special election on a day to be specified in the resolution. The resolution shall state the purpose of the levy, the rate of the tax expressed in mills per dollar of taxable value, the number of such mills to be levied for the current expenses of the partnering community schools and the number of such mills, if any, to be levied for the current expenses of the school district, the number of years the tax will be levied, and the first year the tax will be levied. The number of years the tax may be levied may be any number not exceeding ten years, or for a continuing period of time.

The levy of a tax for the current expenses of a partnering community school under this section and the distribution of proceeds from the tax by a qualifying school district to partnering community schools is hereby determined to be a proper public purpose.

(2)(a) If any portion of the levy proceeds are to be allocated to the current expenses of the qualifying school district, the form of the ballot at an election held pursuant to division (B) of this section shall be as follows:

"Shall a levy be imposed by the..... (insert the name of the qualifying school district) for the purpose of current expenses of the school district and of partnering community schools at a rate not exceeding..... (insert the number of mills) mills for each one dollar of valuation, of which..... (insert the number of mills to be allocated to partnering community schools) mills is to be allocated to partnering community schools), which amounts to..... (insert the rate expressed in dollars and cents) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for..... (insert the number of years the levy is to be imposed, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time), beginning..... (insert first year the tax is to be levied), which will first be payable in calendar year..... (insert the first calendar year in which the tax would be payable)?

	FOR THE TAX LEVY	"
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	

(b) If all of the levy proceeds are to be allocated to the current expenses of partnering community schools, the form of the ballot shall be as follows:

"Shall a levy be imposed by the..... (insert the name of the qualifying school district) for the purpose of current expenses of partnering community schools at a rate not exceeding..... (insert the number of mills) mills for each one dollar of valuation which amounts to..... (insert the rate expressed in

dollars and cents) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for..... (insert the number of years the levy is to be imposed, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time), beginning..... (insert first year the tax is to be levied), which will first be payable in calendar year..... (insert the first calendar year in which the tax would be payable)?

	FOR THE TAX LEVY	"
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	

(3) Upon each receipt of a tax distribution by the qualifying school district, the board of education shall credit the portion allocated to partnering community schools to the partnering community schools fund. All income from the investment of money in the partnering community schools fund shall be credited to that fund.

(a) If the qualifying school district is a municipal school district, the board of education shall distribute the partnering community schools amount among the then qualifying community schools not more than forty-five days after the school district receives and deposits each tax distribution. From each tax distribution, each such partnering community school shall receive a portion of the partnering community schools amount in the proportion that the number of its resident students bears to the aggregate number of resident students of all such partnering community schools as of the date of receipt and deposit of the tax distribution.

(b) If the qualifying school district is not a municipal school district, the board of education may distribute all or a portion of the amount in the partnering community schools fund during a fiscal year to partnering community schools on or before the first day of June of the preceding fiscal year. Each such partnering community school shall receive a portion of the amount distributed by the board from the partnering community schools fund during the fiscal year in the proportion that the number of its resident students bears to the aggregate number of resident students of all such partnering community schools as of the date the school district received and deposited the most recent tax distribution. On or before the fifteenth day of June of each fiscal year, the board of education shall announce an estimated allocation to partnering community schools for the ensuing fiscal year. The board is not required to allocate to partnering community schools the entire partnering community schools amount in the fiscal year in which a tax distribution is received and deposited in the partnering community schools fund. The estimated allocation shall be published on the web site of the school district and expressed as a dollar amount per resident student. The actual allocation to community schools in a fiscal year need not conform to

the estimate published by the school district so long if the estimate was made in good faith.

Distributions by a school district under division (B)(3)(b) of this section shall be made in accordance with distribution agreements entered into by the board of education and each partnering community school eligible for distributions under this division. The distribution agreements shall be certified to the department of education each fiscal year before the thirtieth day of July. Each agreement shall provide for at least three distributions by the school district to the partnering community school during the fiscal year and shall require the initial distribution be made on or before the thirtieth day of July.

(c) For the purposes of division (B) of this section, the number of resident students shall be the number of such students reported under section 3317.03 of the Revised Code and established by the department of education as of the date of receipt and deposit of the tax distribution.

(4) To the extent an agreement whereby the qualifying school district and a community school endorse each other's programs is necessary for the community school to qualify as a partnering community school under division (B)(6)(b) of this section, the board of education of the school district shall certify to the department of education the agreement along with the determination that such agreement satisfies the requirements of that division. The board's determination is conclusive.

(5) For the purposes of Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code or other laws referring to the "taxes charged and payable" for a school district, the taxes charged and payable for a qualifying school district that levies a tax under division (B) of this section includes only the taxes charged and payable under that levy for the current expenses of the school district, and does not include the taxes charged and payable for the current expenses of partnering community schools. The taxes charged and payable for the current expenses of partnering community schools shall not affect the calculation of "state education aid" as defined in section 5751.20 of the Revised Code.

(6) As used in division (B) of this section:

(a) "Qualifying school district" means a municipal school district, as defined in section 3311.71 of the Revised Code or a school district that contains within its territory a partnering community school.

(b) "Partnering community school" means a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code that is located within the territory of the qualifying school district and meets one of the following criteria:

(i) If the qualifying school district is a municipal school district, the

community school is sponsored by the district or is a party to an agreement with the district whereby the district and the community school endorse each other's programs;

(ii) If the qualifying school district is not a municipal school district, the community school is sponsored by a sponsor that was rated as "exemplary" in the ratings most recently published under section 3314.016 of the Revised Code before the resolution proposing the levy is certified to the board of elections.

(c) "Partnering community schools amount" means the product obtained, as of the receipt and deposit of the tax distribution, by multiplying the amount of a tax distribution by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of mills per dollar of taxable value of the property tax to be allocated to partnering community schools, and the denominator of which is the total number of mills per dollar of taxable value authorized by the electors in the election held under division (B) of this section, each as set forth in the resolution levying the tax. If the resolution allocates all of the levy proceeds to partnering community schools, the "partnering schools amount" equals the amount of the tax distribution.

(d) "Partnering community schools fund" means a separate fund established by the board of education of a qualifying school district for the deposit of partnering community school amounts under this section.

(e) "Resident student" means a student enrolled in a partnering community school who is entitled to attend school in the qualifying school district under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(f) "Tax distribution" means a distribution of proceeds of the tax authorized by division (B) of this section under section 321.24 of the Revised Code and distributions that are attributable to that tax under sections 323.156 and 4503.068 of the Revised Code or other applicable law.

(C) A resolution adopted under this section shall specify the date of holding the election, which shall not be earlier than ninety days after the adoption and certification of the resolution and which shall be consistent with the requirements of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code.

A resolution adopted under this section may propose to renew one or more existing levies imposed under division (A) or (B) of this section or to increase or decrease a single levy imposed under either such division.

If the board of education imposes one or more existing levies for the purpose specified in division (F) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, the resolution may propose to renew one or more of those existing levies, or to increase or decrease a single such existing levy, for the purpose of general permanent improvements.

If the resolution proposes to renew two or more existing levies, the levies shall be levied for the same purpose. The resolution shall identify those levies and the rates at which they are levied. The resolution also shall specify that the existing levies shall not be extended on the tax lists after the year preceding the year in which the renewal levy is first imposed, regardless of the years for which those levies originally were authorized to be levied.

If the resolution proposes to renew an existing levy imposed under division (B) of this section, the rates allocated to the qualifying school district and to partnering community schools each may be increased or decreased or remain the same, and the total rate may be increased, decreased, or remain the same. The resolution and notice of election shall specify the number of the mills to be levied for the current expenses of the partnering community schools and the number of the mills, if any, to be levied for the current expenses of the qualifying school district.

A resolution adopted under this section shall go into immediate effect upon its passage, and no publication of the resolution shall be necessary other than that provided for in the notice of election. A copy of the resolution shall immediately after its passing be certified to the board of elections of the proper county in the manner provided by section 5705.25 of the Revised Code. That section shall govern the arrangements for the submission of such question and other matters concerning the election to which that section refers, including publication of notice of the election, except that the election shall be held on the date specified in the resolution. In the case of a resolution adopted under division (B) of this section, the publication of notice of that election shall state the number of the mills, if any, to be levied for the current expenses of partnering community schools and the number of the mills to be levied for the current expenses of the qualifying school district. If a majority of the electors voting on the question so submitted in an election vote in favor of the levy, the board of education may make the necessary levy within the school district or, in the case of a qualifying library levy for the support of a library association or private corporation, within the association library district, at the additional rate, or at any lesser rate in excess of the ten-mill limitation on the tax list, for the purpose stated in the resolution. A levy for a continuing period of time may be reduced pursuant to section 5705.261 of the Revised Code. The tax levy shall be included in the next tax budget that is certified to the county budget commission.

(D)(1) After the approval of a levy on the current tax list and duplicate for current expenses, for recreational purposes, for community centers

provided for in section 755.16 of the Revised Code, or for a public library of the district under division (A) of this section, and prior to the time when the first tax collection from the levy can be made, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected during the first year of the levy.

(2) After the approval of a levy for general permanent improvements for a specified number of years or for permanent improvements having the purpose specified in division (F) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the levy remaining to be collected in each year over a period of five years after the issuance of the notes.

The notes shall be issued as provided in section 133.24 of the Revised Code, shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their issuance over a period not to exceed five years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance.

(3) After approval of a levy for general permanent improvements for a continuing period of time, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected in each year over a specified period of years, not exceeding ten, after the issuance of the notes.

The notes shall be issued as provided in section 133.24 of the Revised Code, shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their issuance over a period not to exceed ten years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance.

(4) After the approval of a levy on the current tax list and duplicate under division (B) of this section, and prior to the time when the first tax collection from the levy can be made, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy for the current expenses of the school district and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected during the first year of the levy and allocated to the school district. The portion of the levy proceeds to be allocated to partnering community schools under that division shall not be included in the estimated proceeds anticipated under this division and shall not be used to pay debt charges on any anticipation notes.

The notes shall be issued as provided in section 133.24 of the Revised Code, shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their

issuance over a period not to exceed five years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance.

(E) The submission of questions to the electors under this section is subject to the limitation on the number of election dates established by section 5705.214 of the Revised Code.

(F) The board of education of any school district that levies a tax under this section for the purpose of providing for school safety and security may report to the department of education how the district is using revenue from that tax.

The board of education of any school district that proposes to levy a tax for the purpose of providing for school safety and security may share the proceeds of the tax with chartered nonpublic schools, as defined by section 3310.01 of the Revised Code, that are located in the territory of the school district as provided in this division. The resolution levying the tax and the form of the ballot shall state that proceeds from the levy are to be shared with chartered nonpublic schools and shall state the percentage of the proceeds that is to be shared with those schools.

If a percentage of the proceeds of such a tax are to be shared with chartered nonpublic schools under this division, such proceeds shall be shared with all chartered nonpublic schools located in the territory of the school district. Of the percentage of the proceeds to be shared with chartered nonpublic schools, each such school shall receive an amount that bears the same proportion of that percentage that the number of resident students attending that school bears to the total number of resident students attending all such schools in the territory of the school district. For the purposes of this section, a resident student is a student enrolled in a chartered nonpublic school located in the territory of the school district who is entitled to attend school in the school district under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

All proceeds of the levy shall be credited to a fund of the school district created for that purpose, and the board of education shall pay each chartered nonpublic school its share of the proceeds from that fund not less frequently than once after each settlement of taxes under divisions (A) and (C) of section 321.24 of the Revised Code. Any chartered nonpublic school receiving payments under this section shall use all of such payments only for providing for school safety and security.

Sec. 5705.222. (A) At any time the board of county commissioners of any county by a majority vote of the full membership may declare by resolution and certify to the board of elections of the county that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the

current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide the necessary requirements of the county board of developmental disabilities established pursuant to Chapter 5126. of the Revised Code and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such limitation for the operation of community programs and services authorized by county boards of developmental disabilities, for the acquisition, construction, renovation, financing, maintenance, and operation of developmental disabilities facilities, or for both of such purposes.

The resolution shall conform to section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, except that the increased rate may be in effect for any number of years not exceeding ten or for a continuing period of time.

The resolution shall be certified and submitted in the manner provided in section 5705.25 of the Revised Code, except that it may be placed on the ballot in any election, and shall be certified to the board of elections not less than ninety days before the election at which it will be voted upon.

If the majority of the electors voting on a levy for the support of the programs and services of the county board of developmental disabilities vote in favor of the levy, the board of county commissioners may levy a tax within the county at the additional rate outside the ten-mill limitation during the specified or continuing period, for the purpose stated in the resolution.

The county board of developmental disabilities, within its budget and with the approval of the board of county commissioners through annual appropriations, shall use the proceeds of a levy approved under this section or division (L) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code solely for the purposes authorized by that section or division.

A board of county commissioners that levies a tax under this section or for the purpose authorized by division (L) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, by a majority vote of the full membership, may adopt a resolution to renew such a levy, or renew two or more such levies as a single ballot question, in the manner provided by section 5705.25 of the Revised Code for the renewal of existing levies. The purpose of the renewal levy may be for any of the purposes authorized for a levy imposed under this section or division (L) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code. The term of the renewal levy may be for any number of years not exceeding ten or for a continuing period of time.

(B) When electors have approved a tax levy under this section, the county commissioners may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy and issue anticipation notes in accordance with section 5705.191 or 5705.193 of the Revised Code.

(C) The county auditor, upon receipt of a resolution from the county

board of developmental disabilities, shall establish a capital improvements account or a reserve balance account, or both, as specified in the resolution. The capital improvements account shall be a contingency account for the necessary acquisition, replacement, renovation, or construction of facilities and movable and fixed equipment. Upon the request of the county board of developmental disabilities, moneys not needed to pay for current expenses may be appropriated to this account, in amounts such that this account does not exceed twenty-five per cent of the replacement value of all capital facilities and equipment currently used by the county board of developmental disabilities for developmental disabilities programs and services. Other moneys available for current capital expenses from federal, state, or local sources may also be appropriated to this account.

The reserve balance account shall contain those moneys that are not needed to pay for current operating expenses and not deposited in the capital improvements account but that will be needed to pay for operating expenses in the future. Upon the request of a county board of developmental disabilities, the board of county commissioners may appropriate ~~moneys~~ county funds, including funds from federal and state sources, to the reserve balance account.

The total balance in a reserve balance account shall not exceed forty per cent of the county board of developmental disabilities' expenditures for all services in the preceding calendar year.

Amounts in a capital improvements account or reserve balance account that are not in excess of the limitations prescribed in this division shall be considered reasonable and shall not be taken into consideration by the county budget commission when determining whether to reduce the taxing authority of a county under section 5705.32 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5705.322. In determining whether to reduce the taxing authority of a county under section 5705.32 of the Revised Code in connection with the balance of a county developmental disabilities general fund, the county budget commission shall take into consideration the five-year projection of revenues and expenditures prepared by the county board of developmental disabilities pursuant to section 5126.053 of the Revised Code.

Before making such a determination, the commission shall hold a hearing solely on the question of whether to reduce the taxing authority of the county in connection with the balance of that fund. The commission shall publish notice of the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the county once a week for two consecutive weeks or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code. The second publication shall be not less than ten nor more than thirty days before the date of the hearing, and the notice shall

include the date, time, place, and subject of the hearing, and a statement that a determination to reduce the taxing authority of the county may result in a decrease in revenue available to the county board of developmental disabilities.

Upon publishing the notice, the commission shall notify the board of county commissioners or board of developmental disabilities of the date, time, place, and subject of the hearing. Any board entitled to notice under this division may designate an officer or employee of such board to whom the commission shall deliver the notice.

The commission shall permit representatives of the county that established the fund to appear at such hearing and explain the financial needs of the county board of developmental disabilities.

Sec. 5709.084. Real and personal property comprising a convention center that is constructed or, in the case of personal property, acquired, after January 1, 2010, are exempt from taxation if the convention center is located in a county having a population, when construction of the convention center commences, of more than one million two hundred thousand according to the most recent federal decennial census, and if the convention center, or the land upon which the convention center is situated, is owned or leased by the county. For the purposes of this section, construction of the convention center commences upon the earlier of issuance of debt to finance all or a portion of the convention center, demolition of existing structures on the site, or grading of the site in preparation for construction.

Real and personal property comprising a convention center owned by the largest city in a county having a population greater than seven hundred thousand but less than nine hundred thousand according to the most recent federal decennial census is exempt from taxation, regardless of whether the property is leased to or otherwise operated or managed by a person other than the city.

Real and personal property comprising a convention center or arena owned by a convention facilities authority in a county having a population greater than ~~one million~~ seven hundred fifty thousand according to the most recent federal decennial census is exempt from taxation, regardless of whether the property is leased to or otherwise operated or managed by a person other than the convention facilities authority, notwithstanding section 351.12 of the Revised Code.

Real and personal property comprising a convention center or arena owned by the largest city in a county having a population greater than two hundred thirty-five thousand but less than three hundred thousand according to the most recent federal decennial census at the time of the construction of

the convention center or arena is exempt from taxation, regardless of whether the property is leased to or otherwise operated or managed by a person other than the city.

Real and personal property comprising a convention center or arena owned by the city in which the convention center or arena is located, and located in a county having a population greater than five hundred thousand but less than six hundred thousand according to the most recent federal decennial census at the time of the construction of the convention center or arena, is exempt from taxation, regardless of whether the property is leased to or otherwise operated or managed by a person other than the city.

As used in this section, "convention center" and "arena" have the same meanings as in section 307.695 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5709.17. The following property shall be exempted from taxation:

(A) Real estate held or occupied by an association or corporation, organized or incorporated under the laws of this state relative to soldiers' memorial associations or monumental building associations and that, in the opinion of the trustees, directors, or managers thereof, is necessary and proper to carry out the object intended for such association or corporation;

(B) Real estate and tangible personal property held or occupied by a qualifying veterans' organization and used primarily for meetings and administration of the qualifying veterans' organization or for providing, on a not-for-profit basis, programs and supportive services to past or present members of the armed forces of the United States and their families, except real estate held by such an organization for the production of rental income in excess of thirty-six thousand dollars in a tax year, before accounting for any cost or expense incurred in the production of such income. For the purposes of this division, rental income includes only income arising directly from renting the real estate to others for consideration, but does not include income arising from renting the real estate to a qualifying veterans' organization.

As used in this division, "qualifying veterans' organization" means an organization that is incorporated under the laws of this state or the United States and that meets either of the following requirements:

(1) The organization qualifies for exemption from taxation under section 501(c)(19) or 501(c)(23) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(2) The organization meets the criteria for exemption under section 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, but is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(C) Tangible personal property held by a corporation chartered under

112 Stat. 1335, 36 U.S.C. 40701, described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be exempt from taxation if it is property obtained as described in 112 Stat. 1335-1341, 36 U.S.C.A. Chapter 407.

(D) Real estate held or occupied by a fraternal organization and used primarily for meetings of and the administration of the fraternal organization or for providing, on a not-for-profit basis, educational or health services, except real estate held by such an organization for the production of rental income in excess of thirty-six thousand dollars in a tax year before accounting for any cost or expense incurred in the production of such income. For the purposes of this division, rental income includes only income arising directly from renting the real estate to others for consideration, but does not include income arising from renting the real estate to any fraternal organization for use primarily for meetings of and the administration of such fraternal organization or for providing, on a not-for-profit basis, educational or health services. As used in this division, ~~"rental income" has the same meaning as in division (B) of this section, and~~ "fraternal organization" means a domestic fraternal society, order, or association operating under the lodge, council, or grange system that qualifies for exemption from taxation under section 501(c)(5), 501(c)(8), or 501(c)(10) of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C. 1, as amended; that provides financial support for charitable purposes, as defined in division (B)(12) of section 5739.02 of the Revised Code; and that operates under a state governing body that has been operating in this state for at least eighty-five years.

Sec. 5709.40. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Blighted area" and "impacted city" have the same meanings as in section 1728.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Business day" means a day of the week excluding Saturday, Sunday, and a legal holiday as defined under section 1.14 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Housing renovation" means a project carried out for residential purposes.

(4) "Improvement" means the increase in the assessed value of any real property that would first appear on the tax list and duplicate of real and public utility property after the effective date of an ordinance adopted under this section were it not for the exemption granted by that ordinance.

(5) "Incentive district" means an area not more than three hundred acres in size enclosed by a continuous boundary in which a project is being, or will be, undertaken and having one or more of the following distress

characteristics:

(a) At least fifty-one per cent of the residents of the district have incomes of less than eighty per cent of the median income of residents of the political subdivision in which the district is located, as determined in the same manner specified under section 119(b) of the "Housing and Community Development Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 633, 42 U.S.C. 5318, as amended;

(b) The average rate of unemployment in the district during the most recent twelve-month period for which data are available is equal to at least one hundred fifty per cent of the average rate of unemployment for this state for the same period.

(c) At least twenty per cent of the people residing in the district live at or below the poverty level as defined in the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. 5301, as amended, and regulations adopted pursuant to that act.

(d) The district is a blighted area.

(e) The district is in a situational distress area as designated by the director of development services under division (F) of section 122.23 of the Revised Code.

(f) As certified by the engineer for the political subdivision, the public infrastructure serving the district is inadequate to meet the development needs of the district as evidenced by a written economic development plan or urban renewal plan for the district that has been adopted by the legislative authority of the subdivision.

(g) The district is comprised entirely of unimproved land that is located in a distressed area as defined in section 122.23 of the Revised Code.

(6) "Overlay" means an area of not more than three hundred acres that is a square, or that is a rectangle having two longer sides that are not more than twice the length of the two shorter sides, that the legislative authority of a municipal corporation delineates on a map of a proposed incentive district.

(7) "Project" means development activities undertaken on one or more parcels, including, but not limited to, construction, expansion, and alteration of buildings or structures, demolition, remediation, and site development, and any building or structure that results from those activities.

(8) "Public infrastructure improvement" includes, but is not limited to, public roads and highways; water and sewer lines; the continued maintenance of those public roads and highways and water and sewer lines; environmental remediation; land acquisition, including acquisition in aid of industry, commerce, distribution, or research; demolition, including demolition on private property when determined to be necessary for

economic development purposes; stormwater and flood remediation projects, including such projects on private property when determined to be necessary for public health, safety, and welfare; the provision of gas, electric, and communications service facilities, including the provision of gas or electric service facilities owned by nongovernmental entities when such improvements are determined to be necessary for economic development purposes; and the enhancement of public waterways through improvements that allow for greater public access.

(B) The legislative authority of a municipal corporation, by ordinance, may declare improvements to certain parcels of real property located in the municipal corporation to be a public purpose. Improvements with respect to a parcel that is used or to be used for residential purposes may be declared a public purpose under this division only if the parcel is located in a blighted area of an impacted city. For this purpose, "parcel that is used or to be used for residential purposes" means a parcel that, as improved, is used or to be used for purposes that would cause the tax commissioner to classify the parcel as residential property in accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner under section 5713.041 of the Revised Code. Except ~~with the approval as otherwise provided~~ under division (D) of this section ~~of the board of education of each city, local, or exempted village school district within which the improvements are located~~ or section 5709.51 of the Revised Code, not more than seventy-five per cent of an improvement thus declared to be a public purpose may be exempted from real property taxation for a period of not more than ten years. The ordinance shall specify the percentage of the improvement to be exempted from taxation and the life of the exemption.

An ordinance adopted or amended under this division shall designate the specific public infrastructure improvements made, to be made, or in the process of being made by the municipal corporation that directly benefit, or that once made will directly benefit, the parcels for which improvements are declared to be a public purpose. The service payments provided for in section 5709.42 of the Revised Code shall be used to finance the public infrastructure improvements designated in the ordinance, for the purpose described in division (D)(1) of this section or as provided in section 5709.43 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) The legislative authority of a municipal corporation may adopt an ordinance creating an incentive district and declaring improvements to parcels within the district to be a public purpose and, except as provided in division (C)(2) of this section, exempt from taxation as provided in this section, but no legislative authority of a municipal corporation that has a

population that exceeds twenty-five thousand, as shown by the most recent federal decennial census, shall adopt an ordinance that creates an incentive district if the sum of the taxable value of real property in the proposed district for the preceding tax year and the taxable value of all real property in the municipal corporation that would have been taxable in the preceding year were it not for the fact that the property was in an existing incentive district and therefore exempt from taxation exceeds twenty-five per cent of the taxable value of real property in the municipal corporation for the preceding tax year. The ordinance shall delineate the boundary of the proposed district and specifically identify each parcel within the district. A proposed district may not include any parcel that is or has been exempted from taxation under division (B) of this section or that is or has been within another district created under this division. An ordinance may create more than one such district, and more than one ordinance may be adopted under division (C)(1) of this section.

(2)(a) Not later than thirty days prior to adopting an ordinance under division (C)(1) of this section, if the municipal corporation intends to apply for exemptions from taxation under section 5709.911 of the Revised Code on behalf of owners of real property located within the proposed incentive district, the legislative authority of the municipal corporation shall conduct a public hearing on the proposed ordinance. Not later than thirty days prior to the public hearing, the legislative authority shall give notice of the public hearing and the proposed ordinance by first class mail to every real property owner whose property is located within the boundaries of the proposed incentive district that is the subject of the proposed ordinance. The notice shall include a map of the proposed incentive district on which the legislative authority of the municipal corporation shall have delineated an overlay. The notice shall inform the property owner of the owner's right to exclude the owner's property from the incentive district if the owner's entire parcel of property will not be located within the overlay, by submitting a written response in accordance with division (C)(2)(b) of this section. The notice also shall include information detailing the required contents of the response, the address to which the response may be mailed, and the deadline for submitting the response.

(b) Any owner of real property located within the boundaries of an incentive district proposed under division (C)(1) of this section whose entire parcel of property is not located within the overlay may exclude the property from the proposed incentive district by submitting a written response to the legislative authority of the municipal corporation not later than forty-five days after the postmark date on the notice required under division (C)(2)(a)

of this section. The response shall be sent by first class mail or delivered in person at a public hearing held by the legislative authority under division (C)(2)(a) of this section. The response shall conform to any content requirements that may be established by the municipal corporation and included in the notice provided under division (C)(2)(a) of this section. In the response, property owners may identify a parcel by street address, by the manner in which it is identified in the ordinance, or by other means allowing the identity of the parcel to be ascertained.

(c) Before adopting an ordinance under division (C)(1) of this section, the legislative authority of a municipal corporation shall amend the ordinance to exclude any parcel located wholly or partly outside the overlay for which a written response has been submitted under division (C)(2)(b) of this section. A municipal corporation shall not apply for exemptions from taxation under section 5709.911 of the Revised Code for any such parcel, and service payments may not be required from the owner of the parcel. Improvements to a parcel excluded from an incentive district under this division may be exempted from taxation under division (B) of this section pursuant to an ordinance adopted under that division or under any other section of the Revised Code under which the parcel qualifies.

(3)(a) An ordinance adopted under division (C)(1) of this section shall specify the life of the incentive district and the percentage of the improvements to be exempted, shall designate the public infrastructure improvements made, to be made, or in the process of being made, that benefit or serve, or, once made, will benefit or serve parcels in the district. The ordinance also shall identify one or more specific projects being, or to be, undertaken in the district that place additional demand on the public infrastructure improvements designated in the ordinance. The project identified may, but need not be, the project under division (C)(3)(b) of this section that places real property in use for commercial or industrial purposes. Except as otherwise permitted under that division, the service payments provided for in section 5709.42 of the Revised Code shall be used to finance the designated public infrastructure improvements, for the purpose described in division (D)(1), (E), or (F) of this section, or as provided in section 5709.43 of the Revised Code.

An ordinance adopted under division (C)(1) of this section on or after March 30, 2006, shall not designate police or fire equipment as public infrastructure improvements, and no service payment provided for in section 5709.42 of the Revised Code and received by the municipal corporation under the ordinance shall be used for police or fire equipment.

(b) An ordinance adopted under division (C)(1) of this section may

authorize the use of service payments provided for in section 5709.42 of the Revised Code for the purpose of housing renovations within the incentive district, provided that the ordinance also designates public infrastructure improvements that benefit or serve the district, and that a project within the district places real property in use for commercial or industrial purposes. Service payments may be used to finance or support loans, deferred loans, and grants to persons for the purpose of housing renovations within the district. The ordinance shall designate the parcels within the district that are eligible for housing renovation. The ordinance shall state separately the amounts or the percentages of the expected aggregate service payments that are designated for each public infrastructure improvement and for the general purpose of housing renovations.

(4) Except with the approval of the board of education of each city, local, or exempted village school district within the territory of which the incentive district is or will be located, and subject to division (E) of this section, the life of an incentive district shall not exceed ten years, and the percentage of improvements to be exempted shall not exceed seventy-five per cent. With approval of the board of education, the life of a district may be not more than thirty years, and the percentage of improvements to be exempted may be not more than one hundred per cent. The approval of a board of education shall be obtained in the manner provided in division (D) of this section.

(D)(1) If the ordinance declaring improvements to a parcel to be a public purpose or creating an incentive district specifies that payments in lieu of taxes provided for in section 5709.42 of the Revised Code shall be paid to the city, local, or exempted village, and joint vocational school district in which the parcel or incentive district is located in the amount of the taxes that would have been payable to the school district if the improvements had not been exempted from taxation, the percentage of the improvement that may be exempted from taxation may exceed seventy-five per cent, and the exemption may be granted for up to thirty years, without the approval of the board of education as otherwise required under division (D)(2) of this section.

(2) Improvements with respect to a parcel may be exempted from taxation under division (B) of this section, and improvements to parcels within an incentive district may be exempted from taxation under division (C) of this section, for up to ten years or, with the approval under this paragraph of the board of education of the city, local, or exempted village school district within which the parcel or district is located, for up to thirty years. The percentage of the improvement exempted from taxation may,

with such approval, exceed seventy-five per cent, but shall not exceed one hundred per cent. Not later than forty-five business days prior to adopting an ordinance under this section declaring improvements to be a public purpose that is subject to approval by a board of education under this division, the legislative authority shall deliver to the board of education a notice stating its intent to adopt an ordinance making that declaration. The notice regarding improvements with respect to a parcel under division (B) of this section shall identify the parcels for which improvements are to be exempted from taxation, provide an estimate of the true value in money of the improvements, specify the period for which the improvements would be exempted from taxation and the percentage of the improvement that would be exempted, and indicate the date on which the legislative authority intends to adopt the ordinance. The notice regarding improvements to parcels within an incentive district under division (C) of this section shall delineate the boundaries of the district, specifically identify each parcel within the district, identify each anticipated improvement in the district, provide an estimate of the true value in money of each such improvement, specify the life of the district and the percentage of improvements that would be exempted, and indicate the date on which the legislative authority intends to adopt the ordinance. The board of education, by resolution adopted by a majority of the board, may approve the exemption for the period or for the exemption percentage specified in the notice; may disapprove the exemption for the number of years in excess of ten, may disapprove the exemption for the percentage of the improvement to be exempted in excess of seventy-five per cent, or both; or may approve the exemption on the condition that the legislative authority and the board negotiate an agreement providing for compensation to the school district equal in value to a percentage of the amount of taxes exempted in the eleventh and subsequent years of the exemption period or, in the case of exemption percentages in excess of seventy-five per cent, compensation equal in value to a percentage of the taxes that would be payable on the portion of the improvement in excess of seventy-five per cent were that portion to be subject to taxation, or other mutually agreeable compensation. If an agreement is negotiated between the legislative authority and the board to compensate the school district for all or part of the taxes exempted, including agreements for payments in lieu of taxes under section 5709.42 of the Revised Code, the legislative authority shall compensate the joint vocational school district within which the parcel or district is located at the same rate and under the same terms received by the city, local, or exempted village school district.

(3) The board of education shall certify its resolution to the legislative

authority not later than fourteen days prior to the date the legislative authority intends to adopt the ordinance as indicated in the notice. If the board of education and the legislative authority negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation agreement, the ordinance may declare the improvements a public purpose for the number of years specified in the ordinance or, in the case of exemption percentages in excess of seventy-five per cent, for the exemption percentage specified in the ordinance. In either case, if the board and the legislative authority fail to negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation agreement, the ordinance may declare the improvements a public purpose for not more than ten years, and shall not exempt more than seventy-five per cent of the improvements from taxation. If the board fails to certify a resolution to the legislative authority within the time prescribed by this division, the legislative authority thereupon may adopt the ordinance and may declare the improvements a public purpose for up to thirty years, or, in the case of exemption percentages proposed in excess of seventy-five per cent, for the exemption percentage specified in the ordinance. The legislative authority may adopt the ordinance at any time after the board of education certifies its resolution approving the exemption to the legislative authority, or, if the board approves the exemption on the condition that a mutually acceptable compensation agreement be negotiated, at any time after the compensation agreement is agreed to by the board and the legislative authority.

(4) If a board of education has adopted a resolution waiving its right to approve exemptions from taxation under this section and the resolution remains in effect, approval of exemptions by the board is not required under division (D) of this section. If a board of education has adopted a resolution allowing a legislative authority to deliver the notice required under division (D) of this section fewer than forty-five business days prior to the legislative authority's adoption of the ordinance, the legislative authority shall deliver the notice to the board not later than the number of days prior to such adoption as prescribed by the board in its resolution. If a board of education adopts a resolution waiving its right to approve agreements or shortening the notification period, the board shall certify a copy of the resolution to the legislative authority. If the board of education rescinds such a resolution, it shall certify notice of the rescission to the legislative authority.

(5) If the legislative authority is not required by division (D) of this section to notify the board of education of the legislative authority's intent to declare improvements to be a public purpose, the legislative authority shall comply with the notice requirements imposed under section 5709.83 of the Revised Code, unless the board has adopted a resolution under that section

waiving its right to receive such a notice.

(6) Nothing in division (D) of this section prohibits the legislative authority of a municipal corporation from amending the ordinance or resolution under section 5709.51 of the Revised Code to extend the term of the exemption.

(E)(1) If a proposed ordinance under division (C)(1) of this section exempts improvements with respect to a parcel within an incentive district for more than ten years, or the percentage of the improvement exempted from taxation exceeds seventy-five per cent, not later than forty-five business days prior to adopting the ordinance the legislative authority of the municipal corporation shall deliver to the board of county commissioners of the county within which the incentive district will be located a notice that states its intent to adopt an ordinance creating an incentive district. The notice shall include a copy of the proposed ordinance, identify the parcels for which improvements are to be exempted from taxation, provide an estimate of the true value in money of the improvements, specify the period of time for which the improvements would be exempted from taxation, specify the percentage of the improvements that would be exempted from taxation, and indicate the date on which the legislative authority intends to adopt the ordinance.

(2) The board of county commissioners, by resolution adopted by a majority of the board, may object to the exemption for the number of years in excess of ten, may object to the exemption for the percentage of the improvement to be exempted in excess of seventy-five per cent, or both. If the board of county commissioners objects, the board may negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation agreement with the legislative authority. In no case shall the compensation provided to the board exceed the property taxes forgone due to the exemption. If the board of county commissioners objects, and the board and legislative authority fail to negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation agreement, the ordinance adopted under division (C)(1) of this section shall provide to the board compensation in the eleventh and subsequent years of the exemption period equal in value to not more than fifty per cent of the taxes that would be payable to the county or, if the board's objection includes an objection to an exemption percentage in excess of seventy-five per cent, compensation equal in value to not more than fifty per cent of the taxes that would be payable to the county, on the portion of the improvement in excess of seventy-five per cent, were that portion to be subject to taxation. The board of county commissioners shall certify its resolution to the legislative authority not later than thirty days after receipt of the notice.

(3) If the board of county commissioners does not object or fails to certify its resolution objecting to an exemption within thirty days after receipt of the notice, the legislative authority may adopt the ordinance, and no compensation shall be provided to the board of county commissioners. If the board timely certifies its resolution objecting to the ordinance, the legislative authority may adopt the ordinance at any time after a mutually acceptable compensation agreement is agreed to by the board and the legislative authority, or, if no compensation agreement is negotiated, at any time after the legislative authority agrees in the proposed ordinance to provide compensation to the board of fifty per cent of the taxes that would be payable to the county in the eleventh and subsequent years of the exemption period or on the portion of the improvement in excess of seventy-five per cent, were that portion to be subject to taxation.

(F) Service payments in lieu of taxes that are attributable to any amount by which the effective tax rate of either a renewal levy with an increase or a replacement levy exceeds the effective tax rate of the levy renewed or replaced, or that are attributable to an additional levy, for a levy authorized by the voters for any of the following purposes on or after January 1, 2006, and which are provided pursuant to an ordinance creating an incentive district under division (C)(1) of this section that is adopted on or after January 1, 2006, or a later date as specified in this division, shall be distributed to the appropriate taxing authority as required under division (C) of section 5709.42 of the Revised Code in an amount equal to the amount of taxes from that additional levy or from the increase in the effective tax rate of such renewal or replacement levy that would have been payable to that taxing authority from the following levies were it not for the exemption authorized under division (C) of this section:

(1) A tax levied under division (L) of section 5705.19 or section 5705.191 or 5705.222 of the Revised Code for community developmental disabilities programs and services pursuant to Chapter 5126. of the Revised Code;

(2) A tax levied under division (Y) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code for providing or maintaining senior citizens services or facilities;

(3) A tax levied under section 5705.22 of the Revised Code for county hospitals;

(4) A tax levied by a joint-county district or by a county under section 5705.19, 5705.191, or 5705.221 of the Revised Code for alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services or facilities;

(5) A tax levied under section 5705.23 of the Revised Code for library purposes;

(6) A tax levied under section 5705.24 of the Revised Code for the support of children services and the placement and care of children;

(7) A tax levied under division (Z) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code for the provision and maintenance of zoological park services and facilities under section 307.76 of the Revised Code;

(8) A tax levied under section 511.27 or division (H) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code for the support of township park districts;

(9) A tax levied under division (A), (F), or (H) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code for parks and recreational purposes of a joint recreation district organized pursuant to division (B) of section 755.14 of the Revised Code;

(10) A tax levied under section 1545.20 or 1545.21 of the Revised Code for park district purposes;

(11) A tax levied under section 5705.191 of the Revised Code for the purpose of making appropriations for public assistance; human or social services; public relief; public welfare; public health and hospitalization; and support of general hospitals;

(12) A tax levied under section 3709.29 of the Revised Code for a general health district program.

(13) A tax levied by a township under section 505.39, division (I) of section 5705.19, or division (JJ) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code to the extent the proceeds are used for the purposes described in division (I) of that section, for the purpose of funding fire, emergency medical, and ambulance services as described in that section and those divisions. Division (F)(13) of this section applies only if the township levying the tax provides fire, emergency medical, or ambulance services in the incentive district, and only to incentive districts created by an ordinance adopted on or after the effective date of the amendment of this section by H.B. 69 of the 132nd general assembly, March 23, 2018. The board of township trustees may, by resolution, waive the application of this division or negotiate with the municipal corporation that created the district for a lesser amount of payments in lieu of taxes.

(G) An exemption from taxation granted under this section commences with the tax year specified in the ordinance so long as the year specified in the ordinance commences after the effective date of the ordinance. If the ordinance specifies a year commencing before the effective date of the resolution or specifies no year whatsoever, the exemption commences with the tax year in which an exempted improvement first appears on the tax list and duplicate of real and public utility property and that commences after the effective date of the ordinance. In lieu of stating a specific year, the

ordinance may provide that the exemption commences in the tax year in which the value of an improvement exceeds a specified amount or in which the construction of one or more improvements is completed, provided that such tax year commences after the effective date of the ordinance. With respect to the exemption of improvements to parcels under division (B) of this section, the ordinance may allow for the exemption to commence in different tax years on a parcel-by-parcel basis, with a separate exemption term specified for each parcel.

Except as otherwise provided in this division or section 5709.51 of the Revised Code, the exemption ends on the date specified in the ordinance as the date the improvement ceases to be a public purpose or the incentive district expires, or ends on the date on which the public infrastructure improvements and housing renovations are paid in full from the municipal public improvement tax increment equivalent fund established under division (A) of section 5709.43 of the Revised Code, whichever occurs first. The exemption of an improvement with respect to a parcel or within an incentive district may end on a later date, as specified in the ordinance, if the legislative authority and the board of education of the city, local, or exempted village school district within which the parcel or district is located have entered into a compensation agreement under section 5709.82 of the Revised Code with respect to the improvement, and the board of education has approved the term of the exemption under division (D)(2) of this section, but in no case shall the improvement be exempted from taxation for more than thirty years. Exemptions shall be claimed and allowed in the same manner as in the case of other real property exemptions. If an exemption status changes during a year, the procedure for the apportionment of the taxes for that year is the same as in the case of other changes in tax exemption status during the year.

(H) Additional municipal financing of public infrastructure improvements and housing renovations may be provided by any methods that the municipal corporation may otherwise use for financing such improvements or renovations. If the municipal corporation issues bonds or notes to finance the public infrastructure improvements and housing renovations and pledges money from the municipal public improvement tax increment equivalent fund to pay the interest on and principal of the bonds or notes, the bonds or notes are not subject to Chapter 133. of the Revised Code.

(I) The municipal corporation, not later than fifteen days after the adoption of an ordinance under this section, shall submit to the director of development services a copy of the ordinance. On or before the thirty-first

day of March of each year, the municipal corporation shall submit a status report to the director of development services. The report shall indicate, in the manner prescribed by the director, the progress of the project during each year that an exemption remains in effect, including a summary of the receipts from service payments in lieu of taxes; expenditures of money from the funds created under section 5709.43 of the Revised Code; a description of the public infrastructure improvements and housing renovations financed with such expenditures; and a quantitative summary of changes in employment and private investment resulting from each project.

(J) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a legislative authority from declaring to be a public purpose improvements with respect to more than one parcel.

(K) If a parcel is located in a new community district in which the new community authority imposes a community development charge on the basis of rentals received from leases of real property as described in division (L)(2) of section 349.01 of the Revised Code, the parcel may not be exempted from taxation under this section.

Sec. 5709.41. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Business day" means a day of the week excluding Saturday, Sunday, and a legal holiday as defined under section 1.14 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Improvement" means the increase in assessed value of any parcel of property subsequent to the acquisition of the parcel by a municipal corporation engaged in urban redevelopment.

(B) The legislative authority of a municipal corporation, by ordinance, may declare to be a public purpose any improvement to a parcel of real property if both of the following apply:

(1) The municipal corporation held fee title to the parcel prior to the adoption of the ordinance;

(2) The parcel is leased, or the fee of the parcel is conveyed, to any person either before or after adoption of the ordinance.

Improvements used or to be used for residential purposes may be declared a public purpose under this section only if the parcel is located in a blighted area of an impacted city as those terms are defined in section 1728.01 of the Revised Code. For this purpose, "parcel that is used or to be used for residential purposes" means a parcel that, as improved, is used or to be used for purposes that would cause the tax commissioner to classify the parcel as residential property in accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner under section 5713.041 of the Revised Code.

(C) Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(1), (2), or (3) of this

section, not more than seventy-five per cent of an improvement thus declared to be a public purpose may be exempted from real property taxation. The ordinance shall specify the percentage of the improvement to be exempted from taxation. If a parcel is located in a new community district in which the new community authority imposes a community development charge on the basis of rentals received from leases of real property as described in division (L)(2) of section 349.01 of the Revised Code, the parcel may not be exempted from taxation under this section.

(1) If the ordinance declaring improvements to a parcel to be a public purpose specifies that payments in lieu of taxes provided for in section 5709.42 of the Revised Code shall be paid to the city, local, or exempted village school district in which the parcel is located in the amount of the taxes that would have been payable to the school district if the improvements had not been exempted from taxation, the percentage of the improvement that may be exempted from taxation may exceed seventy-five per cent, and the exemption may be granted for up to thirty years, without the approval of the board of education as otherwise required under division (C)(2) of this section.

(2) Improvements may be exempted from taxation for up to ten years or, with the approval of the board of education of the city, local, or exempted village school district within the territory of which the improvements are or will be located, for up to thirty years. The percentage of the improvement exempted from taxation may, with such approval, exceed seventy-five per cent, but shall not exceed one hundred per cent. Not later than forty-five business days prior to adopting an ordinance under this section, the legislative authority shall deliver to the board of education a notice stating its intent to declare improvements to be a public purpose under this section. The notice shall describe the parcel and the improvements, provide an estimate of the true value in money of the improvements, specify the period for which the improvements would be exempted from taxation and the percentage of the improvements that would be exempted, and indicate the date on which the legislative authority intends to adopt the ordinance. The board of education, by resolution adopted by a majority of the board, may approve the exemption for the period or for the exemption percentage specified in the notice, may disapprove the exemption for the number of years in excess of ten, may disapprove the exemption for the percentage of the improvements to be exempted in excess of seventy-five per cent, or both, or may approve the exemption on the condition that the legislative authority and the board negotiate an agreement providing for compensation to the school district equal in value to a percentage of the amount of taxes

exempted in the eleventh and subsequent years of the exemption period, or, in the case of exemption percentages in excess of seventy-five per cent, compensation equal in value to a percentage of the taxes that would be payable on the portion of the improvement in excess of seventy-five per cent were that portion to be subject to taxation. The board of education shall certify its resolution to the legislative authority not later than fourteen days prior to the date the legislative authority intends to adopt the ordinance as indicated in the notice. If the board of education approves the exemption on the condition that a compensation agreement be negotiated, the board in its resolution shall propose a compensation percentage. If the board of education and the legislative authority negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation agreement, the ordinance may declare the improvements a public purpose for the number of years specified in the ordinance or, in the case of exemption percentages in excess of seventy-five per cent, for the exemption percentage specified in the ordinance. In either case, if the board and the legislative authority fail to negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation agreement, the ordinance may declare the improvements a public purpose for not more than ten years, but shall not exempt more than seventy-five per cent of the improvements from taxation. If the board fails to certify a resolution to the legislative authority within the time prescribed by this division, the legislative authority thereupon may adopt the ordinance and may declare the improvements a public purpose for up to thirty years. The legislative authority may adopt the ordinance at any time after the board of education certifies its resolution approving the exemption to the legislative authority, or, if the board approves the exemption on the condition that a mutually acceptable compensation agreement be negotiated, at any time after the compensation agreement is agreed to by the board and the legislative authority. If a mutually acceptable compensation agreement is negotiated between the legislative authority and the board, including agreements for payments in lieu of taxes under section 5709.42 of the Revised Code, the legislative authority shall compensate the joint vocational school district within the territory of which the improvements are or will be located at the same rate and under the same terms received by the city, local, or exempted village school district.

(3) If a board of education has adopted a resolution waiving its right to approve exemptions from taxation and the resolution remains in effect, approval of exemptions by the board is not required under this division. If a board of education has adopted a resolution allowing a legislative authority to deliver the notice required under this division fewer than forty-five business days prior to the legislative authority's adoption of the ordinance,

the legislative authority shall deliver the notice to the board not later than the number of days prior to such adoption as prescribed by the board in its resolution. If a board of education adopts a resolution waiving its right to approve exemptions or shortening the notification period, the board shall certify a copy of the resolution to the legislative authority. If the board of education rescinds such a resolution, it shall certify notice of the rescission to the legislative authority.

(4) If the legislative authority is not required by division (C)(1), (2), or (3) of this section to notify the board of education of the legislative authority's intent to declare improvements to be a public purpose, the legislative authority shall comply with the notice requirements imposed under section 5709.83 of the Revised Code, unless the board has adopted a resolution under that section waiving its right to receive such a notice.

(5) Nothing in division (C) of this section prohibits the legislative authority of a municipal corporation from amending the ordinance or resolution under section 5709.51 of the Revised Code to extend the term of the exemption.

(D) The exemption commences on the effective date of the ordinance and ends on the date specified in the ordinance as the date the improvement ceases to be a public purpose. The exemption shall be claimed and allowed in the same or a similar manner as in the case of other real property exemptions. If an exemption status changes during a tax year, the procedure for the apportionment of the taxes for that year is the same as in the case of other changes in tax exemption status during the year.

(E) A municipal corporation, not later than fifteen days after the adoption of an ordinance granting a tax exemption under this section, shall submit to the director of development services a copy of the ordinance. On or before the thirty-first day of March each year, the municipal corporation shall submit a status report to the director of development outlining the progress of the project during each year that the exemption remains in effect.

Sec. 5709.51. (A) The legislative authority of a municipal corporation, a board of township trustees, or a board of county commissioners may amend an ordinance or resolution adopted in accordance with division (B) of section 5709.40, section 5709.41, division (B) of section 5709.73, or division (A) of section 5709.78 of the Revised Code, as applicable, to extend the exemption from taxation of improvements to the parcel or parcels designated in the ordinance or resolution for an additional period of not more than thirty years if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The service payments made pursuant to section 5709.42, 5709.74, or

5709.79 of the Revised Code by the owner or owners of the parcel or parcels designated in the ordinance or resolution exceeded one million five hundred thousand dollars in the calendar year preceding the adoption of the amendment.

(2) The service payments described in division (A)(1) of this section did not exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars in any calendar year before the calendar year immediately preceding the adoption of the amendment. This condition applies only to amendments adopted under this section on or after January 1, 2021.

(3) The amendment extending the exemption provides for compensation to the city, local, or exempted village school district in which the parcel or parcels are located equal in value to the amount of taxes that would be payable to the school district if the improvements had not been exempted from taxation for the additional period.

(B) Not later than fifteen days after amending an ordinance or resolution under this section, the legislative authority of the municipal corporation, board of township trustees, or board of county commissioners shall send a copy of the amendment to the director of development services.

Sec. 5709.54. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Pre-residential development property" means a subdivided parcel of unimproved real property on which construction of one or more residential buildings is planned but has not yet commenced. The construction of streets, sidewalks, curbs, or driveways or the installation of water, sewer, or other utility lines on a subdivided parcel does not cause construction of a residential building to commence for purposes of division (A)(1) or (B) of this section.

(2) "Residential building" means a building or structure any part of which is to be used as a dwelling.

(3) "Unexempted value" means, for any subdivided parcel, one of the following:

(a) Except as provided in division (A)(3)(b) of this section, the nonagricultural taxable value of the original property for the tax year preceding the tax year the subdivided property first appears on the tax list as a subdivided parcel multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the true value in money of the subdivided parcel for the tax year the subdivided parcel first appears on the tax list and the denominator of which is the true value in money of all subdivided parcels subdivided from that original parcel for that tax year.

(b) If a subdivided parcel exempted under this section is itself subdivided, the "unexempted value" of the newly subdivided parcel equals

the unexempted value, as defined in division (A)(3)(a) of this section, of the parcel from which the newly subdivided parcel was subdivided for the tax year preceding the tax year the newly subdivided parcel first appears on the tax list multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the true value in money of the newly subdivided parcel for the tax year it first appears on the tax list and the denominator of which is the true value in money for that year of all newly subdivided parcels resulting from the most recent subdivision.

(4) "Subdivided parcel" means a parcel resulting from the subdivision of original property pursuant to a plat subdividing that property presented to the county auditor under section 5713.18 of the Revised Code.

(5) "Original property" means the parcel from which a subdivided parcel is subdivided.

(6) "Qualifying owner" means the owner of pre-residential development property for any portion of a tax year ending on or after the effective date of the enactment of this section by H.B. 166 of the 133rd general assembly that includes the date a plat subdividing land including such property is presented to the county auditor under section 5713.18 of the Revised Code, or any other person to which title to the property is transferred, without consideration, by another qualifying owner.

(7) "Nonagricultural taxable value" means the taxable value of land as if such land were valued and assessed for a tax year pursuant to Section 2 of Article XII, Ohio Constitution, and not in accordance with Section 36 of Article II, Ohio Constitution.

(B) Any increase in taxable value above the unexempted value of pre-residential development property owned by a qualifying owner is exempted from taxation beginning with the first tax year the pre-residential development property appears on the tax list after a plat subdividing land including that property is presented to the county auditor under section 5713.18 of the Revised Code and for each of the two ensuing tax years or, if later, each of the ensuing tax years until, but not including, the tax year in which a sexennial reappraisal is completed, except that the exemption shall not apply beginning with the tax year that begins after the tax year in which the earlier of the following occurs:

(1) Construction of a residential building on that property commences;

(2) Title to the property is transferred for consideration by a qualifying owner to another person.

(C) The tax commissioner shall not approve an application for an exemption authorized under this section unless the applicant for the exemption certifies that the parcel that is the subject of the exemption satisfies the requirements of division (A)(1) of this section for

pre-residential development property.

(D) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize a parcel subject to the partial exemption authorized by this section to be valued and assessed for taxation in any manner other than in accordance with Section 36 of Article II or Section 2 of Article XII, Ohio Constitution, as applicable to the parcel.

Sec. 5709.73. (A) As used in this section and section 5709.74 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Business day" means a day of the week excluding Saturday, Sunday, and a legal holiday as defined in section 1.14 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Further improvements" or "improvements" means the increase in the assessed value of real property that would first appear on the tax list and duplicate of real and public utility property after the effective date of a resolution adopted under this section were it not for the exemption granted by that resolution. For purposes of division (B) of this section, "improvements" do not include any property used or to be used for residential purposes. For this purpose, "property that is used or to be used for residential purposes" means property that, as improved, is used or to be used for purposes that would cause the tax commissioner to classify the property as residential property in accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner under section 5713.041 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Housing renovation" means a project carried out for residential purposes.

(4) "Incentive district" has the same meaning as in section 5709.40 of the Revised Code, except that a blighted area is in the unincorporated area of a township.

(5) "Overlay" has the same meaning as in section 5709.40 of the Revised Code, except that the overlay is delineated by the board of township trustees.

(6) "Project" and "public infrastructure improvement" have the same meanings as in section 5709.40 of the Revised Code.

(7) "Urban township" has the same meaning as in section 504.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) A board of township trustees may, ~~by unanimous vote,~~ adopt a resolution that declares to be a public purpose any public infrastructure improvements made that are necessary for the development of certain parcels of land located in the unincorporated area of the township. Except for a resolution adopted by the board of an urban township, the resolution shall be adopted by a unanimous vote of the board. ~~Except with the approval as otherwise provided under division (D) of this section of the board of~~

~~education of each city, local, or exempted village school district within which the improvements are located~~ or section 5709.51 of the Revised Code, the resolution may exempt from real property taxation not more than seventy-five per cent of further improvements to a parcel of land that directly benefits from the public infrastructure improvements, for a period of not more than ten years. The resolution shall specify the percentage of the further improvements to be exempted and the life of the exemption.

(C)(1) A board of township trustees may adopt, ~~by unanimous vote~~, a resolution creating an incentive district and declaring improvements to parcels within the district to be a public purpose and, except as provided in division (C)(2) of this section, exempt from taxation as provided in this section, ~~but no~~. Except for a resolution adopted by the board of an urban township, the resolution shall be adopted by a unanimous vote of the board.

A board of township trustees of a township that has a population that exceeds twenty-five thousand, as shown by the most recent federal decennial census, ~~shall~~ may not adopt a resolution that creates an incentive district if the sum of the taxable value of real property in the proposed district for the preceding tax year and the taxable value of all real property in the township that would have been taxable in the preceding year were it not for the fact that the property was in an existing incentive district and therefore exempt from taxation exceeds twenty-five per cent of the taxable value of real property in the township for the preceding tax year. The district shall be located within the unincorporated area of the township and shall not include any territory that is included within a district created under division (B) of section 5709.78 of the Revised Code. The resolution shall delineate the boundary of the proposed district and specifically identify each parcel within the district. A proposed district may not include any parcel that is or has been exempted from taxation under division (B) of this section or that is or has been within another district created under this division. A resolution may create more than one such district, and more than one resolution may be adopted under division (C)(1) of this section.

(2)(a) Not later than thirty days prior to adopting a resolution under division (C)(1) of this section, if the township intends to apply for exemptions from taxation under section 5709.911 of the Revised Code on behalf of owners of real property located within the proposed incentive district, the board shall conduct a public hearing on the proposed resolution. Not later than thirty days prior to the public hearing, the board shall give notice of the public hearing and the proposed resolution by first class mail to every real property owner whose property is located within the boundaries of the proposed incentive district that is the subject of the proposed

resolution. The notice shall include a map of the proposed incentive district on which the board of township trustees shall have delineated an overlay. The notice shall inform the property owner of the owner's right to exclude the owner's property from the incentive district if both of the following conditions are met:

(i) The owner's entire parcel of property will not be located within the overlay.

(ii) The owner has submitted a statement to the board of county commissioners of the county in which the parcel is located indicating the owner's intent to seek a tax exemption for improvements to the owner's parcel under division (A) or (B) of section 5709.78 of the Revised Code within the next five years.

When both of the preceding conditions are met, the owner may exclude the owner's property from the incentive district by submitting a written response in accordance with division (C)(2)(b) of this section. The notice also shall include information detailing the required contents of the response, the address to which the response may be mailed, and the deadline for submitting the response.

(b) Any owner of real property located within the boundaries of an incentive district proposed under division (C)(1) of this section who meets the conditions specified in divisions (C)(2)(a)(i) and (ii) of this section may exclude the property from the proposed incentive district by submitting a written response to the board not later than forty-five days after the postmark date on the notice required under division (C)(2)(a) of this section. The response shall include a copy of the statement submitted under division (C)(2)(a)(ii) of this section. The response shall be sent by first class mail or delivered in person at a public hearing held by the board under division (C)(2)(a) of this section. The response shall conform to any content requirements that may be established by the board and included in the notice provided under division (C)(2)(a) of this section. In the response, property owners may identify a parcel by street address, by the manner in which it is identified in the resolution, or by other means allowing the identity of the parcel to be ascertained.

(c) Before adopting a resolution under division (C)(1) of this section, the board shall amend the resolution to exclude any parcel for which a written response has been submitted under division (C)(2)(b) of this section. A township shall not apply for exemptions from taxation under section 5709.911 of the Revised Code for any such parcel, and service payments may not be required from the owner of the parcel. Improvements to a parcel excluded from an incentive district under this division may be exempted

from taxation under division (B) of this section pursuant to a resolution adopted under that division or under any other section of the Revised Code under which the parcel qualifies.

(3)(a) A resolution adopted under division (C)(1) of this section shall specify the life of the incentive district and the percentage of the improvements to be exempted, shall designate the public infrastructure improvements made, to be made, or in the process of being made, that benefit or serve, or, once made, will benefit or serve parcels in the district. The resolution also shall identify one or more specific projects being, or to be, undertaken in the district that place additional demand on the public infrastructure improvements designated in the resolution. The project identified may, but need not be, the project under division (C)(3)(b) of this section that places real property in use for commercial or industrial purposes.

A resolution adopted under division (C)(1) of this section on or after March 30, 2006, shall not designate police or fire equipment as public infrastructure improvements, and, except as provided in division (F) of this section, no service payment provided for in section 5709.74 of the Revised Code and received by the township under the resolution shall be used for police or fire equipment.

(b) A resolution adopted under division (C)(1) of this section may authorize the use of service payments provided for in section 5709.74 of the Revised Code for the purpose of housing renovations within the incentive district, provided that the resolution also designates public infrastructure improvements that benefit or serve the district, and that a project within the district places real property in use for commercial or industrial purposes. Service payments may be used to finance or support loans, deferred loans, and grants to persons for the purpose of housing renovations within the district. The resolution shall designate the parcels within the district that are eligible for housing renovations. The resolution shall state separately the amount or the percentages of the expected aggregate service payments that are designated for each public infrastructure improvement and for the purpose of housing renovations.

(4) Except with the approval of the board of education of each city, local, or exempted village school district within the territory of which the incentive district is or will be located, and subject to division (E) of this section, the life of an incentive district shall not exceed ten years, and the percentage of improvements to be exempted shall not exceed seventy-five per cent. With approval of the board of education, the life of a district may be not more than thirty years, and the percentage of improvements to be

exempted may be not more than one hundred per cent. The approval of a board of education shall be obtained in the manner provided in division (D) of this section.

(D) Improvements with respect to a parcel may be exempted from taxation under division (B) of this section, and improvements to parcels within an incentive district may be exempted from taxation under division (C) of this section, for up to ten years or, with the approval of the board of education of the city, local, or exempted village school district within which the parcel or district is located, for up to thirty years. The percentage of the improvements exempted from taxation may, with such approval, exceed seventy-five per cent, but shall not exceed one hundred per cent. Not later than forty-five business days prior to adopting a resolution under this section declaring improvements to be a public purpose that is subject to approval by a board of education under this division, the board of township trustees shall deliver to the board of education a notice stating its intent to adopt a resolution making that declaration. The notice regarding improvements with respect to a parcel under division (B) of this section shall identify the parcels for which improvements are to be exempted from taxation, provide an estimate of the true value in money of the improvements, specify the period for which the improvements would be exempted from taxation and the percentage of the improvements that would be exempted, and indicate the date on which the board of township trustees intends to adopt the resolution. The notice regarding improvements made under division (C) of this section to parcels within an incentive district shall delineate the boundaries of the district, specifically identify each parcel within the district, identify each anticipated improvement in the district, provide an estimate of the true value in money of each such improvement, specify the life of the district and the percentage of improvements that would be exempted, and indicate the date on which the board of township trustees intends to adopt the resolution. The board of education, by resolution adopted by a majority of the board, may approve the exemption for the period or for the exemption percentage specified in the notice; may disapprove the exemption for the number of years in excess of ten, may disapprove the exemption for the percentage of the improvements to be exempted in excess of seventy-five per cent, or both; or may approve the exemption on the condition that the board of township trustees and the board of education negotiate an agreement providing for compensation to the school district equal in value to a percentage of the amount of taxes exempted in the eleventh and subsequent years of the exemption period or, in the case of exemption percentages in excess of seventy-five per cent, compensation equal in value to a percentage

of the taxes that would be payable on the portion of the improvements in excess of seventy-five per cent were that portion to be subject to taxation, or other mutually agreeable compensation.

The board of education shall certify its resolution to the board of township trustees not later than fourteen days prior to the date the board of township trustees intends to adopt the resolution as indicated in the notice. If the board of education and the board of township trustees negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation agreement, the resolution may declare the improvements a public purpose for the number of years specified in the resolution or, in the case of exemption percentages in excess of seventy-five per cent, for the exemption percentage specified in the resolution. In either case, if the board of education and the board of township trustees fail to negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation agreement, the resolution may declare the improvements a public purpose for not more than ten years, and shall not exempt more than seventy-five per cent of the improvements from taxation. If the board of education fails to certify a resolution to the board of township trustees within the time prescribed by this section, the board of township trustees thereupon may adopt the resolution and may declare the improvements a public purpose for up to thirty years or, in the case of exemption percentages proposed in excess of seventy-five per cent, for the exemption percentage specified in the resolution. The board of township trustees may adopt the resolution at any time after the board of education certifies its resolution approving the exemption to the board of township trustees, or, if the board of education approves the exemption on the condition that a mutually acceptable compensation agreement be negotiated, at any time after the compensation agreement is agreed to by the board of education and the board of township trustees. If a mutually acceptable compensation agreement is negotiated between the board of township trustees and the board of education, including agreements for payments in lieu of taxes under section 5709.74 of the Revised Code, the board of township trustees shall compensate the joint vocational school district within which the parcel or district is located at the same rate and under the same terms received by the city, local, or exempted village school district.

If a board of education has adopted a resolution waiving its right to approve exemptions from taxation under this section and the resolution remains in effect, approval of such exemptions by the board of education is not required under division (D) of this section. If a board of education has adopted a resolution allowing a board of township trustees to deliver the notice required under division (D) of this section fewer than forty-five

business days prior to adoption of the resolution by the board of township trustees, the board of township trustees shall deliver the notice to the board of education not later than the number of days prior to the adoption as prescribed by the board of education in its resolution. If a board of education adopts a resolution waiving its right to approve exemptions or shortening the notification period, the board of education shall certify a copy of the resolution to the board of township trustees. If the board of education rescinds the resolution, it shall certify notice of the rescission to the board of township trustees.

If the board of township trustees is not required by division (D) of this section to notify the board of education of the board of township trustees' intent to declare improvements to be a public purpose, the board of township trustees shall comply with the notice requirements imposed under section 5709.83 of the Revised Code before taking formal action to adopt the resolution making that declaration, unless the board of education has adopted a resolution under that section waiving its right to receive the notice.

Nothing in this division prohibits the board of township trustees from amending the resolution under section 5709.51 of the Revised Code to extend the term of the exemption.

(E)(1) If a proposed resolution under division (C)(1) of this section exempts improvements with respect to a parcel within an incentive district for more than ten years, or the percentage of the improvement exempted from taxation exceeds seventy-five per cent, not later than forty-five business days prior to adopting the resolution the board of township trustees shall deliver to the board of county commissioners of the county within which the incentive district is or will be located a notice that states its intent to adopt a resolution creating an incentive district. The notice shall include a copy of the proposed resolution, identify the parcels for which improvements are to be exempted from taxation, provide an estimate of the true value in money of the improvements, specify the period of time for which the improvements would be exempted from taxation, specify the percentage of the improvements that would be exempted from taxation, and indicate the date on which the board of township trustees intends to adopt the resolution.

(2) The board of county commissioners, by resolution adopted by a majority of the board, may object to the exemption for the number of years in excess of ten, may object to the exemption for the percentage of the improvement to be exempted in excess of seventy-five per cent, or both. If the board of county commissioners objects, the board may negotiate a

mutually acceptable compensation agreement with the board of township trustees. In no case shall the compensation provided to the board of county commissioners exceed the property taxes foregone due to the exemption. If the board of county commissioners objects, and the board of county commissioners and board of township trustees fail to negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation agreement, the resolution adopted under division (C)(1) of this section shall provide to the board of county commissioners compensation in the eleventh and subsequent years of the exemption period equal in value to not more than fifty per cent of the taxes that would be payable to the county or, if the board of county commissioner's objection includes an objection to an exemption percentage in excess of seventy-five per cent, compensation equal in value to not more than fifty per cent of the taxes that would be payable to the county, on the portion of the improvement in excess of seventy-five per cent, were that portion to be subject to taxation. The board of county commissioners shall certify its resolution to the board of township trustees not later than thirty days after receipt of the notice.

(3) If the board of county commissioners does not object or fails to certify its resolution objecting to an exemption within thirty days after receipt of the notice, the board of township trustees may adopt its resolution, and no compensation shall be provided to the board of county commissioners. If the board of county commissioners timely certifies its resolution objecting to the trustees' resolution, the board of township trustees may adopt its resolution at any time after a mutually acceptable compensation agreement is agreed to by the board of county commissioners and the board of township trustees, or, if no compensation agreement is negotiated, at any time after the board of township trustees agrees in the proposed resolution to provide compensation to the board of county commissioners of fifty per cent of the taxes that would be payable to the county in the eleventh and subsequent years of the exemption period or on the portion of the improvement in excess of seventy-five per cent, were that portion to be subject to taxation.

(F) Service payments in lieu of taxes that are attributable to any amount by which the effective tax rate of either a renewal levy with an increase or a replacement levy exceeds the effective tax rate of the levy renewed or replaced, or that are attributable to an additional levy, for a levy authorized by the voters for any of the following purposes on or after January 1, 2006, and which are provided pursuant to a resolution creating an incentive district under division (C)(1) of this section that is adopted on or after January 1, 2006, or a later date as specified in this division, shall be distributed to the

appropriate taxing authority as required under division (C) of section 5709.74 of the Revised Code in an amount equal to the amount of taxes from that additional levy or from the increase in the effective tax rate of such renewal or replacement levy that would have been payable to that taxing authority from the following levies were it not for the exemption authorized under division (C) of this section:

(1) A tax levied under division (L) of section 5705.19 or section 5705.191 or 5705.222 of the Revised Code for community developmental disabilities programs and services pursuant to Chapter 5126. of the Revised Code;

(2) A tax levied under division (Y) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code for providing or maintaining senior citizens services or facilities;

(3) A tax levied under section 5705.22 of the Revised Code for county hospitals;

(4) A tax levied by a joint-county district or by a county under section 5705.19, 5705.191, or 5705.221 of the Revised Code for alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services or families;

(5) A tax levied under section 5705.23 of the Revised Code for library purposes;

(6) A tax levied under section 5705.24 of the Revised Code for the support of children services and the placement and care of children;

(7) A tax levied under division (Z) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code for the provision and maintenance of zoological park services and facilities under section 307.76 of the Revised Code;

(8) A tax levied under section 511.27 or division (H) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code for the support of township park districts;

(9) A tax levied under division (A), (F), or (H) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code for parks and recreational purposes of a joint recreation district organized pursuant to division (B) of section 755.14 of the Revised Code;

(10) A tax levied under section 1545.20 or 1545.21 of the Revised Code for park district purposes;

(11) A tax levied under section 5705.191 of the Revised Code for the purpose of making appropriations for public assistance; human or social services; public relief; public welfare; public health and hospitalization; and support of general hospitals;

(12) A tax levied under section 3709.29 of the Revised Code for a general health district program;

(13) A tax levied by a township under section 505.39, 505.51, or division (I), (J), (U), or (JJ) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code for the

purpose of funding fire, police, emergency medical, or ambulance services as described in those sections. Division (F)(13) of this section applies only to incentive districts created by a resolution adopted on or after March 22, 2019, the effective date of the amendment of this section by H.B. 500 of the 132nd general assembly, and only if that resolution specifies that division (F) of this section shall apply to such a tax.

(G) An exemption from taxation granted under this section commences with the tax year specified in the resolution so long as the year specified in the resolution commences after the effective date of the resolution. If the resolution specifies a year commencing before the effective date of the resolution or specifies no year whatsoever, the exemption commences with the tax year in which an exempted improvement first appears on the tax list and duplicate of real and public utility property and that commences after the effective date of the resolution. In lieu of stating a specific year, the resolution may provide that the exemption commences in the tax year in which the value of an improvement exceeds a specified amount or in which the construction of one or more improvements is completed, provided that such tax year commences after the effective date of the resolution. With respect to the exemption of improvements to parcels under division (B) of this section, the resolution may allow for the exemption to commence in different tax years on a parcel-by-parcel basis, with a separate exemption term specified for each parcel.

Except as otherwise provided in this division and section 5709.51 of the Revised Code, the exemption ends on the date specified in the resolution as the date the improvement ceases to be a public purpose or the incentive district expires, or ends on the date on which the public infrastructure improvements and housing renovations are paid in full from the township public improvement tax increment equivalent fund established under section 5709.75 of the Revised Code, whichever occurs first. The exemption of an improvement with respect to a parcel or within an incentive district may end on a later date, as specified in the resolution, if the board of township trustees and the board of education of the city, local, or exempted village school district within which the parcel or district is located have entered into a compensation agreement under section 5709.82 of the Revised Code with respect to the improvement and the board of education has approved the term of the exemption under division (D) of this section, but in no case shall the improvement be exempted from taxation for more than thirty years. The board of township trustees may, by majority vote, adopt a resolution permitting the township to enter into such agreements as the board finds necessary or appropriate to provide for the construction or undertaking of

public infrastructure improvements and housing renovations. Any exemption shall be claimed and allowed in the same or a similar manner as in the case of other real property exemptions. If an exemption status changes during a tax year, the procedure for the apportionment of the taxes for that year is the same as in the case of other changes in tax exemption status during the year.

(H) The board of township trustees may issue the notes of the township to finance all costs pertaining to the construction or undertaking of public infrastructure improvements and housing renovations made pursuant to this section. The notes shall be signed by the board and attested by the signature of the township fiscal officer, shall bear interest not to exceed the rate provided in section 9.95 of the Revised Code, and are not subject to Chapter 133. of the Revised Code. The resolution authorizing the issuance of the notes shall pledge the funds of the township public improvement tax increment equivalent fund established pursuant to section 5709.75 of the Revised Code to pay the interest on and principal of the notes. The notes, which may contain a clause permitting prepayment at the option of the board, shall be offered for sale on the open market or given to the vendor or contractor if no sale is made.

(I) The township, not later than fifteen days after the adoption of a resolution under this section, shall submit to the director of development services a copy of the resolution. On or before the thirty-first day of March of each year, the township shall submit a status report to the director of development services. The report shall indicate, in the manner prescribed by the director, the progress of the project during each year that the exemption remains in effect, including a summary of the receipts from service payments in lieu of taxes; expenditures of money from the fund created under section 5709.75 of the Revised Code; a description of the public infrastructure improvements and housing renovations financed with the expenditures; and a quantitative summary of changes in private investment resulting from each project.

(J) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a board of township trustees from declaring to be a public purpose improvements with respect to more than one parcel.

If a parcel is located in a new community district in which the new community authority imposes a community development charge on the basis of rentals received from leases of real property as described in division (L)(2) of section 349.01 of the Revised Code, the parcel may not be exempted from taxation under this section.

(K) A board of township trustees that adopted a resolution under this

section prior to July 21, 1994, may amend that resolution to include any additional public infrastructure improvement. A board of township trustees that seeks by the amendment to utilize money from its township public improvement tax increment equivalent fund for land acquisition in aid of industry, commerce, distribution, or research, demolition on private property, or stormwater and flood remediation projects may do so provided that the board currently is a party to a hold-harmless agreement with the board of education of the city, local, or exempted village school district within the territory of which are located the parcels that are subject to an exemption. For the purposes of this division, a "hold-harmless agreement" means an agreement under which the board of township trustees agrees to compensate the school district for one hundred per cent of the tax revenue that the school district would have received from further improvements to parcels designated in the resolution were it not for the exemption granted by the resolution.

(L) Notwithstanding the limitation prescribed by division (D) of this section on the number of years that improvements to a parcel or parcels may be exempted from taxation, a board of trustees of a township with a population of fifteen thousand or more may amend a resolution originally adopted under this section before December 31, 1994, to extend the exemption of improvements to the parcel or parcels included in such resolution for an additional period not to exceed fifteen years. The amendment shall not increase the percentage of improvements to the parcel or parcels exempted from taxation. Before adopting an amendment authorized under this division, the board of township trustees shall obtain the approval of each board of education of the city, local, or exempted village school district within which the exempted parcels are located in the manner required under division (D) of this section, except that (1) the board of education may approve the exemption on the condition that the board of township trustees and the board of education negotiate an agreement providing for compensation to the school district equal in value to the amount of taxes the district forgoes in each year the exemption is extended pursuant to this division or any other mutually agreeable compensation and (2) if the board of education fails to certify a resolution approving the amendment to the board of township trustees within the time prescribed by division (D) of this section, the board of township trustees shall not adopt the amendment authorized under this division.

No approval under this division shall be required from a board of education that has adopted a resolution waiving its right to approve exemptions from taxation pursuant to division (D) of this section. If the

board of education has adopted such a resolution, the board of township trustees shall comply with the notice requirements imposed under section 5709.83 of the Revised Code before taking formal action to adopt an amendment authorized under this division unless the board of education has adopted a resolution under that section waiving its right to receive the notice. Not later than fourteen days before adopting an amendment authorized under this division, the board of township trustees shall deliver a notice identical to a notice required under section 5709.83 of the Revised Code to the board of county commissioners of each county in which the exempted parcels are located.

Sec. 5709.78. (A) A board of county commissioners may, by resolution, declare improvements to certain parcels of real property located in the unincorporated territory of the county to be a public purpose. Except ~~with the approval as otherwise provided~~ under division (C) of this section ~~of the board of education of each city, local, or exempted village school district within which the improvements are located~~ or section 5709.51 of the Revised Code, not more than seventy-five per cent of an improvement thus declared to be a public purpose may be exempted from real property taxation, for a period of not more than ten years. The resolution shall specify the percentage of the improvement to be exempted and the life of the exemption.

A resolution adopted under this division shall designate the specific public infrastructure improvements made, to be made, or in the process of being made by the county that directly benefit, or that once made will directly benefit, the parcels for which improvements are declared to be a public purpose. The service payments provided for in section 5709.79 of the Revised Code shall be used to finance the public infrastructure improvements designated in the resolution, or as provided in section 5709.80 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) A board of county commissioners may adopt a resolution creating an incentive district and declaring improvements to parcels within the district to be a public purpose and, except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, exempt from taxation as provided in this section, but no board of county commissioners of a county that has a population that exceeds twenty-five thousand, as shown by the most recent federal decennial census, shall adopt a resolution that creates an incentive district if the sum of the taxable value of real property in the proposed district for the preceding tax year and the taxable value of all real property in the county that would have been taxable in the preceding year were it not for the fact that the property was in an existing incentive district and therefore exempt

from taxation exceeds twenty-five per cent of the taxable value of real property in the county for the preceding tax year. The district shall be located within the unincorporated territory of the county and shall not include any territory that is included within a district created under division (C) of section 5709.73 of the Revised Code. The resolution shall delineate the boundary of the proposed district and specifically identify each parcel within the district. A proposed district may not include any parcel that is or has been exempted from taxation under division (A) of this section or that is or has been within another district created under this division. A resolution may create more than one such district, and more than one resolution may be adopted under division (B)(1) of this section.

(2)(a) Not later than thirty days prior to adopting a resolution under division (B)(1) of this section, if the county intends to apply for exemptions from taxation under section 5709.911 of the Revised Code on behalf of owners of real property located within the proposed incentive district, the board of county commissioners shall conduct a public hearing on the proposed resolution. Not later than thirty days prior to the public hearing, the board shall give notice of the public hearing and the proposed resolution by first class mail to every real property owner whose property is located within the boundaries of the proposed incentive district that is the subject of the proposed resolution. The board also shall provide the notice by first class mail to the clerk of each township in which the proposed incentive district will be located. The notice shall include a map of the proposed incentive district on which the board of county commissioners shall have delineated an overlay. The notice shall inform property owners of the owner's right to exclude the owner's property from the incentive district if both of the following conditions are met:

(i) The owner's entire parcel of property will not be located within the overlay.

(ii) The owner has submitted a statement to the board of township trustees of the township in which the parcel is located indicating the owner's intent to seek a tax exemption for improvements to the owner's parcel under division (B) or (C) of section 5709.73 of the Revised Code within the next five years.

When both of the preceding conditions are met, the owner may exclude the owner's property from the incentive district by submitting a written response in accordance with division (B)(2)(b) of this section. The notice also shall include information detailing the required contents of the response, the address to which the response may be mailed, and the deadline for submitting the response.

(b) Any owner of real property located within the boundaries of an incentive district proposed under division (B) (1) of this section who meets the conditions specified in divisions (B)(2)(a)(i) and (ii) of this section may exclude the property from the proposed incentive district by submitting a written response to the board not later than forty-five days after the postmark date on the notice required under division (B)(2)(a) of this section. The response shall include a copy of the statement submitted under division (B)(2)(a)(ii) of this section. The response shall be sent by first class mail or delivered in person at a public hearing held by the board under division (B)(2)(a) of this section. The response shall conform to any content requirements that may be established by the board and included in the notice provided under division (B)(2)(a) of this section. In the response, property owners may identify a parcel by street address, by the manner in which it is identified in the resolution, or by other means allowing the identity of the parcel to be ascertained.

(c) Before adopting a resolution under division (B)(1) of this section, the board shall amend the resolution to exclude any parcel for which a written response has been submitted under division (B)(2)(b) of this section. A county shall not apply for exemptions from taxation under section 5709.911 of the Revised Code for any such parcel, and service payments may not be required from the owner of the parcel. Improvements to a parcel excluded from an incentive district under this division may be exempted from taxation under division (A) of this section pursuant to a resolution adopted under that division or under any other section of the Revised Code under which the parcel qualifies.

(3)(a) A resolution adopted under division (B)(1) of this section shall specify the life of the incentive district and the percentage of the improvements to be exempted, shall designate the public infrastructure improvements made, to be made, or in the process of being made, that benefit or serve, or, once made, will benefit or serve parcels in the district. The resolution also shall identify one or more specific projects being, or to be, undertaken in the district that place additional demand on the public infrastructure improvements designated in the resolution. The project identified may, but need not be, the project under division (B)(3)(b) of this section that places real property in use for commercial or industrial purposes.

A resolution adopted under division (B)(1) of this section on or after March 30, 2006, shall not designate police or fire equipment as public infrastructure improvements, and no service payment provided for in section 5709.79 of the Revised Code and received by the county under the

resolution shall be used for police or fire equipment.

(b) A resolution adopted under division (B)(1) of this section may authorize the use of service payments provided for in section 5709.79 of the Revised Code for the purpose of housing renovations within the incentive district, provided that the resolution also designates public infrastructure improvements that benefit or serve the district, and that a project within the district places real property in use for commercial or industrial purposes. Service payments may be used to finance or support loans, deferred loans, and grants to persons for the purpose of housing renovations within the district. The resolution shall designate the parcels within the district that are eligible for housing renovations. The resolution shall state separately the amount or the percentages of the expected aggregate service payments that are designated for each public infrastructure improvement and for the purpose of housing renovations.

(4) Except with the approval of the board of education of each city, local, or exempted village school district within the territory of which the incentive district is or will be located, and subject to division (D) of this section, the life of an incentive district shall not exceed ten years, and the percentage of improvements to be exempted shall not exceed seventy-five per cent. With approval of the board of education, the life of a district may be not more than thirty years, and the percentage of improvements to be exempted may be not more than one hundred per cent. The approval of a board of education shall be obtained in the manner provided in division (C) of this section.

(C)(1) Improvements with respect to a parcel may be exempted from taxation under division (A) of this section, and improvements to parcels within an incentive district may be exempted from taxation under division (B) of this section, for up to ten years or, with the approval of the board of education of each city, local, or exempted village school district within which the parcel or district is located, for up to thirty years. The percentage of the improvements exempted from taxation may, with such approval, exceed seventy-five per cent, but shall not exceed one hundred per cent. Not later than forty-five business days prior to adopting a resolution under this section declaring improvements to be a public purpose that is subject to the approval of a board of education under this division, the board of county commissioners shall deliver to the board of education a notice stating its intent to adopt a resolution making that declaration. The notice regarding improvements with respect to a parcel under division (A) of this section shall identify the parcels for which improvements are to be exempted from taxation, provide an estimate of the true value in money of the

improvements, specify the period for which the improvements would be exempted from taxation and the percentage of the improvements that would be exempted, and indicate the date on which the board of county commissioners intends to adopt the resolution. The notice regarding improvements to parcels within an incentive district under division (B) of this section shall delineate the boundaries of the district, specifically identify each parcel within the district, identify each anticipated improvement in the district, provide an estimate of the true value in money of each such improvement, specify the life of the district and the percentage of improvements that would be exempted, and indicate the date on which the board of county commissioners intends to adopt the resolution. The board of education, by resolution adopted by a majority of the board, may approve the exemption for the period or for the exemption percentage specified in the notice; may disapprove the exemption for the number of years in excess of ten, may disapprove the exemption for the percentage of the improvements to be exempted in excess of seventy-five per cent, or both; or may approve the exemption on the condition that the board of county commissioners and the board of education negotiate an agreement providing for compensation to the school district equal in value to a percentage of the amount of taxes exempted in the eleventh and subsequent years of the exemption period or, in the case of exemption percentages in excess of seventy-five per cent, compensation equal in value to a percentage of the taxes that would be payable on the portion of the improvements in excess of seventy-five per cent were that portion to be subject to taxation, or other mutually agreeable compensation.

(2) The board of education shall certify its resolution to the board of county commissioners not later than fourteen days prior to the date the board of county commissioners intends to adopt its resolution as indicated in the notice. If the board of education and the board of county commissioners negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation agreement, the resolution of the board of county commissioners may declare the improvements a public purpose for the number of years specified in that resolution or, in the case of exemption percentages in excess of seventy-five per cent, for the exemption percentage specified in the resolution. In either case, if the board of education and the board of county commissioners fail to negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation agreement, the resolution may declare the improvements a public purpose for not more than ten years, and shall not exempt more than seventy-five per cent of the improvements from taxation. If the board of education fails to certify a resolution to the board of county commissioners within the time prescribed by this section, the board of

county commissioners thereupon may adopt the resolution and may declare the improvements a public purpose for up to thirty years or, in the case of exemption percentages proposed in excess of seventy-five per cent, for the exemption percentage specified in the resolution. The board of county commissioners may adopt the resolution at any time after the board of education certifies its resolution approving the exemption to the board of county commissioners, or, if the board of education approves the exemption on the condition that a mutually acceptable compensation agreement be negotiated, at any time after the compensation agreement is agreed to by the board of education and the board of county commissioners. If a mutually acceptable compensation agreement is negotiated between the board of county commissioners and the board of education, including agreements for payments in lieu of taxes under section 5709.79 of the Revised Code, the board of county commissioners shall compensate the joint vocational school district within which the parcel or district is located at the same rate and under the same terms received by the city, local, or exempted village school district.

(3) If a board of education has adopted a resolution waiving its right to approve exemptions from taxation under this section and the resolution remains in effect, approval of such exemptions by the board of education is not required under division (C) of this section. If a board of education has adopted a resolution allowing a board of county commissioners to deliver the notice required under division (C) of this section fewer than forty-five business days prior to approval of the resolution by the board of county commissioners, the board of county commissioners shall deliver the notice to the board of education not later than the number of days prior to such approval as prescribed by the board of education in its resolution. If a board of education adopts a resolution waiving its right to approve exemptions or shortening the notification period, the board of education shall certify a copy of the resolution to the board of county commissioners. If the board of education rescinds such a resolution, it shall certify notice of the rescission to the board of county commissioners.

(4) Nothing in division (C) of this section prohibits the board of county commissioners from amending the resolution under section 5709.51 of the Revised Code to extend the term of the exemption.

(D)(1) If a proposed resolution under division (B)(1) of this section exempts improvements with respect to a parcel within an incentive district for more than ten years, or the percentage of the improvement exempted from taxation exceeds seventy-five per cent, not later than forty-five business days prior to adopting the resolution the board of county

commissioners shall deliver to the board of township trustees of any township within which the incentive district is or will be located a notice that states its intent to adopt a resolution creating an incentive district. The notice shall include a copy of the proposed resolution, identify the parcels for which improvements are to be exempted from taxation, provide an estimate of the true value in money of the improvements, specify the period of time for which the improvements would be exempted from taxation, specify the percentage of the improvements that would be exempted from taxation, and indicate the date on which the board intends to adopt the resolution.

(2) The board of township trustees, by resolution adopted by a majority of the board, may object to the exemption for the number of years in excess of ten, may object to the exemption for the percentage of the improvement to be exempted in excess of seventy-five per cent, or both. If the board of township trustees objects, the board of township trustees may negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation agreement with the board of county commissioners. In no case shall the compensation provided to the board of township trustees exceed the property taxes forgone due to the exemption. If the board of township trustees objects, and the board of township trustees and the board of county commissioners fail to negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation agreement, the resolution adopted under division (B)(1) of this section shall provide to the board of township trustees compensation in the eleventh and subsequent years of the exemption period equal in value to not more than fifty per cent of the taxes that would be payable to the township or, if the board of township trustee's objection includes an objection to an exemption percentage in excess of seventy-five per cent, compensation equal in value to not more than fifty per cent of the taxes that would be payable to the township on the portion of the improvement in excess of seventy-five per cent, were that portion to be subject to taxation. The board of township trustees shall certify its resolution to the board of county commissioners not later than thirty days after receipt of the notice.

(3) If the board of township trustees does not object or fails to certify a resolution objecting to an exemption within thirty days after receipt of the notice, the board of county commissioners may adopt its resolution, and no compensation shall be provided to the board of township trustees. If the board of township trustees certifies its resolution objecting to the commissioners' resolution, the board of county commissioners may adopt its resolution at any time after a mutually acceptable compensation agreement is agreed to by the board of county commissioners and the board of

township trustees. If the board of township trustees certifies a resolution objecting to the commissioners' resolution, the board of county commissioners may adopt its resolution at any time after a mutually acceptable compensation agreement is agreed to by the board of county commissioners and the board of township trustees, or, if no compensation agreement is negotiated, at any time after the board of county commissioners in the proposed resolution to provide compensation to the board of township trustees of fifty per cent of the taxes that would be payable to the township in the eleventh and subsequent years of the exemption period or on the portion of the improvement in excess of seventy-five per cent, were that portion to be subject to taxation.

(E) Service payments in lieu of taxes that are attributable to any amount by which the effective tax rate of either a renewal levy with an increase or a replacement levy exceeds the effective tax rate of the levy renewed or replaced, or that are attributable to an additional levy, for a levy authorized by the voters for any of the following purposes on or after January 1, 2006, and which are provided pursuant to a resolution creating an incentive district under division (B)(1) of this section that is adopted on or after January 1, 2006, shall be distributed to the appropriate taxing authority as required under division (D) of section 5709.79 of the Revised Code in an amount equal to the amount of taxes from that additional levy or from the increase in the effective tax rate of such renewal or replacement levy that would have been payable to that taxing authority from the following levies were it not for the exemption authorized under division (B) of this section:

(1) A tax levied under division (L) of section 5705.19 or section 5705.191 or 5705.222 of the Revised Code for community developmental disabilities programs and services pursuant to Chapter 5126. of the Revised Code;

(2) A tax levied under division (Y) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code for providing or maintaining senior citizens services or facilities;

(3) A tax levied under section 5705.22 of the Revised Code for county hospitals;

(4) A tax levied by a joint-county district or by a county under section 5705.19, 5705.191, or 5705.221 of the Revised Code for alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services or facilities;

(5) A tax levied under section 5705.23 of the Revised Code for library purposes;

(6) A tax levied under section 5705.24 of the Revised Code for the support of children services and the placement and care of children;

(7) A tax levied under division (Z) of section 5705.19 of the Revised

Code for the provision and maintenance of zoological park services and facilities under section 307.76 of the Revised Code;

(8) A tax levied under section 511.27 or division (H) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code for the support of township park districts;

(9) A tax levied under division (A), (F), or (H) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code for parks and recreational purposes of a joint recreation district organized pursuant to division (B) of section 755.14 of the Revised Code;

(10) A tax levied under section 1545.20 or 1545.21 of the Revised Code for park district purposes;

(11) A tax levied under section 5705.191 of the Revised Code for the purpose of making appropriations for public assistance; human or social services; public relief; public welfare; public health and hospitalization; and support of general hospitals;

(12) A tax levied under section 3709.29 of the Revised Code for a general health district program.

(F) An exemption from taxation granted under this section commences with the tax year specified in the resolution so long as the year specified in the resolution commences after the effective date of the resolution. If the resolution specifies a year commencing before the effective date of the resolution or specifies no year whatsoever, the exemption commences with the tax year in which an exempted improvement first appears on the tax list and duplicate of real and public utility property and that commences after the effective date of the resolution. In lieu of stating a specific year, the resolution may provide that the exemption commences in the tax year in which the value of an improvement exceeds a specified amount or in which the construction of one or more improvements is completed, provided that such tax year commences after the effective date of the resolution. With respect to the exemption of improvements to parcels under division (A) of this section, the resolution may allow for the exemption to commence in different tax years on a parcel-by-parcel basis, with a separate exemption term specified for each parcel.

Except as otherwise provided in this division, the exemption ends on the date specified in the resolution as the date the improvement ceases to be a public purpose or the incentive district expires, or ends on the date on which the county can no longer require annual service payments in lieu of taxes under section 5709.79 of the Revised Code, whichever occurs first. The exemption of an improvement with respect to a parcel or within an incentive district may end on a later date, as specified in the resolution, if the board of commissioners and the board of education of the city, local, or exempted

village school district within which the parcel or district is located have entered into a compensation agreement under section 5709.82 of the Revised Code with respect to the improvement, and the board of education has approved the term of the exemption under division (C)(1) of this section, but in no case shall the improvement be exempted from taxation for more than thirty years. Exemptions shall be claimed and allowed in the same or a similar manner as in the case of other real property exemptions. If an exemption status changes during a tax year, the procedure for the apportionment of the taxes for that year is the same as in the case of other changes in tax exemption status during the year.

(G) If the board of county commissioners is not required by this section to notify the board of education of the board of county commissioners' intent to declare improvements to be a public purpose, the board of county commissioners shall comply with the notice requirements imposed under section 5709.83 of the Revised Code before taking formal action to adopt the resolution making that declaration, unless the board of education has adopted a resolution under that section waiving its right to receive such a notice.

(H) The county, not later than fifteen days after the adoption of a resolution under this section, shall submit to the director of development services a copy of the resolution. On or before the thirty-first day of March of each year, the county shall submit a status report to the director of development services. The report shall indicate, in the manner prescribed by the director, the progress of the project during each year that an exemption remains in effect, including a summary of the receipts from service payments in lieu of taxes; expenditures of money from the fund created under section 5709.80 of the Revised Code; a description of the public infrastructure improvements and housing renovations financed with such expenditures; and a quantitative summary of changes in employment and private investment resulting from each project.

(I) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a board of county commissioners from declaring to be a public purpose improvements with respect to more than one parcel.

(J) If a parcel is located in a new community district in which the new community authority imposes a community development charge on the basis of rentals received from leases of real property as described in division (L)(2) of section 349.01 of the Revised Code, the parcel may not be exempted from taxation under this section.

Sec. 5713.08. (A) The county auditor shall make a list of all real and personal property in the auditor's county that is exempted from taxation.

Such list shall show the name of the owner, the value of the property exempted, and a statement in brief form of the ground on which such exemption has been granted. It shall be corrected annually by adding thereto the items of property which have been exempted during the year, and by striking therefrom the items which in the opinion of the auditor have lost their right of exemption and which have been reentered on the taxable list, but no property shall be struck from the exempt property list solely because the property has been conveyed to a single member limited liability company with a nonprofit purpose from its nonprofit member or because the property has been conveyed by a single member limited liability company with a nonprofit purpose to its nonprofit member. No additions shall be made to such exempt lists and no additional items of property shall be exempted from taxation without the consent of the tax commissioner as is provided for in section 5715.27 of the Revised Code or without the consent of the housing officer under section 3735.67 of the Revised Code, except for property exempted by the auditor under that section, property owned by a community school and subject to the exemption authorized under division (A)(1) of section 5709.07 of the Revised Code for tax years after the tax year for which the commissioner grants an application under section 5715.27 of the Revised Code, as described in division (I) of that section, or qualifying agricultural real property, as defined in section 5709.28 of the Revised Code, that is enrolled in an agriculture security area that is exempt under that section. ~~The~~

The commissioner may revise at any time the list in every county so that no property is improperly or illegally exempted from taxation. The auditor shall follow the orders of the commissioner given under this section. An abstract of such list shall be filed annually with the commissioner, on a form approved by the commissioner, and a copy thereof shall be kept on file in the office of each auditor for public inspection.

An application for exemption of property shall include a certificate executed by the county treasurer certifying one of the following:

(1) That all taxes, interest, and penalties levied and assessed against the property sought to be exempted have been paid in full for all of the tax years preceding the tax year for which the application for exemption is filed, except for such taxes, interest, and penalties that may be remitted under division (C) of this section;

(2) That the applicant has entered into a valid delinquent tax contract with the county treasurer pursuant to division (A) of section 323.31 of the Revised Code to pay all of the delinquent taxes, interest, and penalties charged against the property, except for such taxes, interest, and penalties

that may be remitted under division (C) of this section. If the auditor receives notice under section 323.31 of the Revised Code that such a written delinquent tax contract has become void, the auditor shall strike such property from the list of exempted property and reenter such property on the taxable list. If property is removed from the exempt list because a written delinquent tax contract has become void, current taxes shall first be extended against that property on the general tax list and duplicate of real and public utility property for the tax year in which the auditor receives the notice required by division (A) of section 323.31 of the Revised Code that the delinquent tax contract has become void or, if that notice is not timely made, for the tax year in which falls the latest date by which the treasurer is required by such section to give such notice. A county auditor shall not remove from any tax list and duplicate the amount of any unpaid delinquent taxes, assessments, interest, or penalties owed on property that is placed on the exempt list pursuant to this division.

(3) That a tax certificate has been issued under section 5721.32 or 5721.33 of the Revised Code with respect to the property that is the subject of the application, and the tax certificate is outstanding.

(B) If the treasurer's certificate is not included with the application or the certificate reflects unpaid taxes, penalties, and interest that may not be remitted, the tax commissioner or county auditor with whom the application was filed shall notify the property owner of that fact, and the applicant shall be given sixty days from the date that notification was mailed in which to provide the tax commissioner or county auditor with a corrected treasurer's certificate. If a corrected treasurer's certificate is not received within the time permitted, the tax commissioner or county auditor does not have authority to consider the tax exemption application.

(C) Any taxes, interest, and penalties which have become a lien after the property was first used for the exempt purpose, but in no case prior to the date of acquisition of the title to the property by the applicant, may be remitted by the commissioner or county auditor, except as is provided in division (A) of section 5713.081 of the Revised Code.

(D) Real property acquired by the state in fee simple is exempt from taxation from the date of acquisition of title or date of possession, whichever is the earlier date, provided that all taxes, interest, and penalties as provided in the apportionment provisions of section 319.20 of the Revised Code have been paid to the date of acquisition of title or date of possession by the state, whichever is earlier. The proportionate amount of taxes that are a lien but not yet determined, assessed, and levied for the year in which the property is acquired, shall be remitted by the county auditor for the balance of the year

from date of acquisition of title or date of possession, whichever is earlier. This section shall not be construed to authorize the exemption of such property from taxation or the remission of taxes, interest, and penalties thereon until all private use has terminated.

Sec. 5715.27. (A)(1) Except as provided in division (A)(2) of this section and in section 3735.67 of the Revised Code, the owner, a vendee in possession under a purchase agreement or a land contract, the beneficiary of a trust, or a lessee for an initial term of not less than thirty years of any property may file an application with the tax commissioner, on forms prescribed by the commissioner, requesting that such property be exempted from taxation and that taxes, interest, and penalties be remitted as provided in division (C) of section 5713.08 of the Revised Code.

(2) If the property that is the subject of the application for exemption is any of the following, the application shall be filed with the county auditor of the county in which the property is listed for taxation:

- (a) A public road or highway;
- (b) Property belonging to the federal government of the United States;
- (c) Additions or other improvements to an existing building or structure that belongs to the state or a political subdivision, as defined in section 5713.081 of the Revised Code, and that is exempted from taxation as property used exclusively for a public purpose.

(B) The board of education of any school district may request the tax commissioner or county auditor to provide it with notification of applications for exemption from taxation for property located within that district. If so requested, the commissioner or auditor shall send to the board on a monthly basis reports that contain sufficient information to enable the board to identify each property that is the subject of an exemption application, including, but not limited to, the name of the property owner or applicant, the address of the property, and the auditor's parcel number. The commissioner or auditor shall mail the reports by the fifteenth day of the month following the end of the month in which the commissioner or auditor receives the applications for exemption.

(C) A board of education that has requested notification under division (B) of this section may, with respect to any application for exemption of property located in the district and included in the commissioner's or auditor's most recent report provided under that division, file a statement with the commissioner or auditor and with the applicant indicating its intent to submit evidence and participate in any hearing on the application. The statements shall be filed prior to the first day of the third month following the end of the month in which that application was docketed by the

commissioner or auditor. A statement filed in compliance with this division entitles the district to submit evidence and to participate in any hearing on the property and makes the district a party for purposes of sections 5717.02 to 5717.04 of the Revised Code in any appeal of the commissioner's or auditor's decision to the board of tax appeals.

(D) The commissioner or auditor shall not hold a hearing on or grant or deny an application for exemption of property in a school district whose board of education has requested notification under division (B) of this section until the end of the period within which the board may submit a statement with respect to that application under division (C) of this section. The commissioner or auditor may act upon an application at any time prior to that date upon receipt of a written waiver from each such board of education, or, in the case of exemptions authorized by section 725.02, 1728.10, 5709.40, 5709.41, 5709.411, 5709.45, 5709.62, 5709.63, 5709.632, 5709.73, 5709.78, 5709.84, or 5709.88 of the Revised Code, upon the request of the property owner. Failure of a board of education to receive the report required in division (B) of this section shall not void an action of the commissioner or auditor with respect to any application. The commissioner or auditor may extend the time for filing a statement under division (C) of this section.

(E) A complaint may also be filed with the commissioner or auditor by any person, board, or officer authorized by section 5715.19 of the Revised Code to file complaints with the county board of revision against the continued exemption of any property granted exemption by the commissioner or auditor under this section.

(F) An application for exemption and a complaint against exemption shall be filed prior to the thirty-first day of December of the tax year for which exemption is requested or for which the liability of the property to taxation in that year is requested. The commissioner or auditor shall consider such application or complaint in accordance with procedures established by the commissioner, determine whether the property is subject to taxation or exempt therefrom, and, if the commissioner makes the determination, certify the determination to the auditor. Upon making the determination or receiving the commissioner's determination, the auditor shall correct the tax list and duplicate accordingly. If a tax certificate has been sold under section 5721.32 or 5721.33 of the Revised Code with respect to property for which an exemption has been requested, the tax commissioner or auditor shall also certify the findings to the county treasurer of the county in which the property is located.

(G) Applications and complaints, and documents of any kind related to

applications and complaints, filed with the tax commissioner or county auditor under this section are public records within the meaning of section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

(H) If the commissioner or auditor determines that the use of property or other facts relevant to the taxability of property that is the subject of an application for exemption or a complaint under this section has changed while the application or complaint was pending, the commissioner or auditor may make the determination under division (F) of this section separately for each tax year beginning with the year in which the application or complaint was filed or the year for which remission of taxes under division (C) of section 5713.08 of the Revised Code was requested, and including each subsequent tax year during which the application or complaint is pending before the commissioner or auditor.

(I) If the tax commissioner grants an application filed by a community school under this section for the exemption authorized under division (A)(1) of section 5709.07 of the Revised Code, any property that is the subject of that application shall be exempt from property tax for each succeeding tax year regardless of whether the community school files an application under this section with respect to such property. The community school, on or before the thirty-first day of December of each such succeeding tax year, shall submit a statement to the commissioner attesting that the property that is the subject of that initial application qualifies for the exemption authorized under division (A)(1) of section 5709.07 of the Revised Code for that succeeding tax year. If the community school fails to file such a statement for a tax year or if the commissioner otherwise discovers that the property no longer qualifies for that exemption, the commissioner shall order the county auditor to return the property to the tax list.

Sec. 5726.04. (A) The tax levied on a financial institution under this chapter shall be the greater of the following:

(1) A minimum tax equal to one thousand dollars;

(2) The product of the total Ohio equity capital of the financial institution, as determined under this section, multiplied by eight mills for each dollar of the first two hundred million dollars of total Ohio equity capital, by four mills for each dollar of total Ohio equity capital greater than two hundred million and less than one billion three hundred million dollars, and by two and one-half mills for each dollar of total Ohio equity capital equal to or greater than one billion three hundred million dollars.

(B) If the reporting person for a financial institution files an FR Y-9 or call report, the total equity capital of the financial institution shall equal the total equity capital shown on the reporting person's FR Y-9 or call report as

of the end of the taxable year. The total equity capital of all other financial institutions shall be reported as of the end of the taxable year in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

(C) For the purposes of this section, ~~"total:~~

(1) "Total Ohio equity capital" means the product of (a) the total equity capital of a financial institution as of the end of a taxable year to the extent that the total equity capital does not exceed fourteen per cent of the financial institution's total assets multiplied by (b) the Ohio apportionment ratio calculated for the financial institution under section 5726.05 of the Revised Code, except as provided in section 5726.041 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Total assets" means:

(a) In the case of a financial institution described in division (H)(1) of section 5726.01 of the Revised Code, the total consolidated assets as shown on the reporting person's FR Y-9 as of the end of the taxable year;

(b) In the case of a financial institution described in division (H)(2) or (3) of section 5726.01 of the Revised Code, the total consolidated assets as shown on the reporting person's call report as of the end of the taxable year;

(c) In the case of all other financial institutions, the total consolidated assets of the financial institution as of the end of the taxable year in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

The tax commissioner may audit a reporting person's total assets to confirm the financial institution's actual total consolidated assets and may make any adjustments necessary.

(D) All payments received from the tax levied under this chapter shall be credited to the general revenue fund.

~~(E)(1) As used in this division:~~

~~(a) "First target tax amount" means two hundred million dollars.~~

~~(b) "Second target tax amount" means one hundred six per cent of the first target tax amount or, if applicable, the first target tax amount as adjusted under division (E)(2) or (3) of this section.~~

~~(c) "Amount of taxes collected" means the amount of taxes received by the tax commissioner from the tax levied under this chapter for a tax year, plus the total amount of the tax credit authorized by section 5726.57 of the Revised Code claimed on tax year 2014 reports, less any amounts refunded to taxpayers for the same tax year.~~

~~(2) If, for the tax year beginning on January 1, 2014, the total amount of taxes collected from all taxpayers under this chapter is greater than one hundred ten per cent of the first target tax amount, the tax commissioner shall decrease each tax rate provided in division (A)(2) of this section by a percentage equal to the percentage by which the amount of taxes collected~~

exceeded the first target tax amount.

~~(3) If, for the tax year beginning on January 1, 2014, the total amount of taxes collected from all taxpayers under this chapter is less than ninety per cent of the first target tax amount, the tax commissioner shall increase the tax rate for each dollar of total Ohio equity capital equal to or greater than one billion three hundred million dollars as provided in division (A)(2) of this section by a percentage equal to a fraction, the denominator of which is the aggregate sum of each dollar of each taxpayer's Ohio equity capital greater than or equal to one billion three hundred million dollars, as reported by each taxpayer for tax year 2014, multiplied by the tax rate for each dollar of total Ohio equity capital greater than or equal to one billion three hundred million dollars provided under division (A)(2) of this section, and the numerator of which is the sum of the denominator and the difference obtained by subtracting the amount of taxes collected under this chapter in tax year 2014 from ninety per cent of the first target tax amount.~~

~~(4) If, for the tax year beginning on January 1, 2016, the total amount of taxes collected from all taxpayers under this chapter is greater than one hundred ten per cent of the second target tax amount, the tax commissioner shall decrease each tax rate in effect on January 1, 2016, by a percentage equal to the percentage by which the amount of taxes collected exceeded the second target tax amount.~~

~~(5) If, for the tax year beginning on January 1, 2016, the total amount of taxes collected from all taxpayers under this chapter is less than ninety per cent of the second target tax amount, the tax commissioner shall increase the tax rate for each dollar of total Ohio equity capital equal to or greater than one billion three hundred million dollars as provided in division (A)(2) of this section by a percentage equal to a fraction, the denominator of which is the aggregate sum of each dollar of each taxpayer's Ohio equity capital greater than or equal to one billion three hundred million dollars, as reported by each taxpayer for tax year 2016, multiplied by the tax rate for each dollar of total Ohio equity capital greater than or equal to one billion three hundred million dollars provided under division (A)(2) of this section, and the numerator of which is the sum of the denominator and the difference obtained by subtracting the amount of taxes collected under this chapter in tax year 2016 from ninety per cent of the second target tax amount.~~

~~(6) Tax rates adjusted pursuant to division (E)(2), (3), (4), or (5) of this section shall be rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one mill per dollar. The tax commissioner shall publish the new tax rates by journal entry and provide notice of the new tax rates to taxpayers. The new tax rates adjusted pursuant to division (E)(2) or (3) of this section shall apply to tax years~~

~~beginning on or after January 1, 2015. The new tax rates adjusted pursuant to division (E)(4) or (5) of this section shall apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2017. The commissioner may adopt rules to provide additional guidance for the application of this section.~~

Sec. 5726.98. (A) To provide a uniform procedure for calculating the amount of tax due under section 5726.02 of the Revised Code, a taxpayer shall claim any credits to which the taxpayer is entitled under this chapter in the following order:

(1) The nonrefundable job retention credit under division (B) of section 5726.50 of the Revised Code;

(2) The nonrefundable credit for purchases of qualified low-income community investments under section 5726.54 of the Revised Code;

(3) The nonrefundable credit for qualified research expenses under section 5726.56 of the Revised Code;

(4) The nonrefundable credit for qualifying dealer in intangibles taxes under section 5726.57 of the Revised Code;

(5) The refundable credit for rehabilitating an historic building under section 5726.52 of the Revised Code;

(6) The refundable job retention or job creation credit under division (A) of section 5726.50 of the Revised Code;

(7) The refundable credit under section 5726.53 of the Revised Code for losses on loans made under the Ohio venture capital program under sections 150.01 to 150.10 of the Revised Code;

(8) The refundable motion picture and Broadway theatrical production credit under section 5726.55 of the Revised Code.

(B) For any credit except the refundable credits enumerated in this section, the amount of the credit for a taxable year shall not exceed the tax due after allowing for any other credit that precedes it in the order required under this section. Any excess amount of a particular credit may be carried forward if authorized under the section creating that credit. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to allow a taxpayer to claim, directly or indirectly, a credit more than once for a taxable year.

Sec. 5727.75. (A) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Qualified energy project" means an energy project certified by the director of development services pursuant to this section.

(2) "Energy project" means a project to provide electric power through the construction, installation, and use of an energy facility.

(3) "Alternative energy zone" means a county declared as such by the board of county commissioners under division (E)(1)(b) or (c) of this section.

(4) "Full-time equivalent employee" means the total number of employee-hours for which compensation was paid to individuals employed at a qualified energy project for services performed at the project during the calendar year divided by two thousand eighty hours.

(5) "Solar energy project" means an energy project composed of an energy facility using solar panels to generate electricity.

(6) "Internet identifier of record" has the same meaning as in section 9.312 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) Tangible personal property of a qualified energy project using renewable energy resources is exempt from taxation for tax years 2011 through ~~2021~~ 2023 if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) On or before December 31, ~~2020~~ 2022, the owner or a lessee pursuant to a sale and leaseback transaction of the project submits an application to the power siting board for a certificate under section 4906.20 of the Revised Code, or if that section does not apply, submits an application for any approval, consent, permit, or certificate or satisfies any condition required by a public agency or political subdivision of this state for the construction or initial operation of an energy project.

(b) Construction or installation of the energy facility begins on or after January 1, 2009, and before January 1, ~~2021~~ 2023. For the purposes of this division, construction begins on the earlier of the date of application for a certificate or other approval or permit described in division (B)(1)(a) of this section, or the date the contract for the construction or installation of the energy facility is entered into.

(c) For a qualified energy project with a nameplate capacity of five megawatts or greater, a board of county commissioners of a county in which property of the project is located has adopted a resolution under division (E)(1)(b) or (c) of this section to approve the application submitted under division (E) of this section to exempt the property located in that county from taxation. A board's adoption of a resolution rejecting an application or its failure to adopt a resolution approving the application does not affect the tax-exempt status of the qualified energy project's property that is located in another county.

(2) If tangible personal property of a qualified energy project using renewable energy resources was exempt from taxation under this section beginning in any of tax years 2011 through ~~2021~~ 2023, and the certification under division (E)(2) of this section has not been revoked, the tangible personal property of the qualified energy project is exempt from taxation for tax year ~~2022~~ 2024 and all ensuing tax years if the property was placed into service before January 1, ~~2022~~ 2024, as certified in the construction progress

report required under division (F)(2) of this section. Tangible personal property that has not been placed into service before that date is taxable property subject to taxation. An energy project for which certification has been revoked is ineligible for further exemption under this section. Revocation does not affect the tax-exempt status of the project's tangible personal property for the tax year in which revocation occurs or any prior tax year.

(C) Tangible personal property of a qualified energy project using clean coal technology, advanced nuclear technology, or cogeneration technology is exempt from taxation for the first tax year that the property would be listed for taxation and all subsequent years if all of the following circumstances are met:

(1) The property was placed into service before January 1, 2021. Tangible personal property that has not been placed into service before that date is taxable property subject to taxation.

(2) For such a qualified energy project with a nameplate capacity of five megawatts or greater, a board of county commissioners of a county in which property of the qualified energy project is located has adopted a resolution under division (E)(1)(b) or (c) of this section to approve the application submitted under division (E) of this section to exempt the property located in that county from taxation. A board's adoption of a resolution rejecting the application or its failure to adopt a resolution approving the application does not affect the tax-exempt status of the qualified energy project's property that is located in another county.

(3) The certification for the qualified energy project issued under division (E)(2) of this section has not been revoked. An energy project for which certification has been revoked is ineligible for exemption under this section. Revocation does not affect the tax-exempt status of the project's tangible personal property for the tax year in which revocation occurs or any prior tax year.

(D) Except as otherwise provided in this section, real property of a qualified energy project is exempt from taxation for any tax year for which the tangible personal property of the qualified energy project is exempted under this section.

(E)(1)(a) A person may apply to the director of development services for certification of an energy project as a qualified energy project on or before the following dates:

(i) December 31, ~~2020~~ 2022, for an energy project using renewable energy resources;

(ii) December 31, 2017, for an energy project using clean coal

technology, advanced nuclear technology, or cogeneration technology.

(b) The director shall forward a copy of each application for certification of an energy project with a nameplate capacity of five megawatts or greater to the board of county commissioners of each county in which the project is located and to each taxing unit with territory located in each of the affected counties. Any board that receives from the director a copy of an application submitted under this division shall adopt a resolution approving or rejecting the application unless it has adopted a resolution under division (E)(1)(c) of this section. A resolution adopted under division (E)(1)(b) or (c) of this section may require an annual service payment to be made in addition to the service payment required under division (G) of this section. The sum of the service payment required in the resolution and the service payment required under division (G) of this section shall not exceed nine thousand dollars per megawatt of nameplate capacity located in the county. The resolution shall specify the time and manner in which the payments required by the resolution shall be paid to the county treasurer. The county treasurer shall deposit the payment to the credit of the county's general fund to be used for any purpose for which money credited to that fund may be used.

The board shall send copies of the resolution to the owner of the facility and the director by certified mail or, if the board has record of an internet identifier of record associated with the owner or director, by ordinary mail and by that internet identifier of record. The board shall send such notice within thirty days after receipt of the application, or a longer period of time if authorized by the director.

(c) A board of county commissioners may adopt a resolution declaring the county to be an alternative energy zone and declaring all applications submitted to the director of development services under this division after the adoption of the resolution, and prior to its repeal, to be approved by the board.

All tangible personal property and real property of an energy project with a nameplate capacity of five megawatts or greater is taxable if it is located in a county in which the board of county commissioners adopted a resolution rejecting the application submitted under this division or failed to adopt a resolution approving the application under division (E)(1)(b) or (c) of this section.

(2) The director shall certify an energy project if all of the following circumstances exist:

(a) The application was timely submitted.

(b) For an energy project with a nameplate capacity of five megawatts

or greater, a board of county commissioners of at least one county in which the project is located has adopted a resolution approving the application under division (E)(1)(b) or (c) of this section.

(c) No portion of the project's facility was used to supply electricity before December 31, 2009.

(3) The director shall deny a certification application if the director determines the person has failed to comply with any requirement under this section. The director may revoke a certification if the director determines the person, or subsequent owner or lessee pursuant to a sale and leaseback transaction of the qualified energy project, has failed to comply with any requirement under this section. Upon certification or revocation, the director shall notify the person, owner, or lessee, the tax commissioner, and the county auditor of a county in which the project is located of the certification or revocation. Notice shall be provided in a manner convenient to the director.

(F) The owner or a lessee pursuant to a sale and leaseback transaction of a qualified energy project shall do each of the following:

(1) Comply with all applicable regulations;

(2) File with the director of development services a certified construction progress report before the first day of March of each year during the energy facility's construction or installation indicating the percentage of the project completed, and the project's nameplate capacity, as of the preceding thirty-first day of December. Unless otherwise instructed by the director of development services, the owner or lessee of an energy project shall file a report with the director on or before the first day of March each year after completion of the energy facility's construction or installation indicating the project's nameplate capacity as of the preceding thirty-first day of December. Not later than sixty days after June 17, 2010, the owner or lessee of an energy project, the construction of which was completed before June 17, 2010, shall file a certificate indicating the project's nameplate capacity.

(3) File with the director of development services, in a manner prescribed by the director, a report of the total number of full-time equivalent employees, and the total number of full-time equivalent employees domiciled in Ohio, who are employed in the construction or installation of the energy facility;

(4) For energy projects with a nameplate capacity of five megawatts or greater, repair all roads, bridges, and culverts affected by construction as reasonably required to restore them to their preconstruction condition, as determined by the county engineer in consultation with the local jurisdiction

responsible for the roads, bridges, and culverts. In the event that the county engineer deems any road, bridge, or culvert to be inadequate to support the construction or decommissioning of the energy facility, the road, bridge, or culvert shall be rebuilt or reinforced to the specifications established by the county engineer prior to the construction or decommissioning of the facility. The owner or lessee of the facility shall post a bond in an amount established by the county engineer and to be held by the board of county commissioners to ensure funding for repairs of roads, bridges, and culverts affected during the construction. The bond shall be released by the board not later than one year after the date the repairs are completed. The energy facility owner or lessee pursuant to a sale and leaseback transaction shall post a bond, as may be required by the Ohio power siting board in the certificate authorizing commencement of construction issued pursuant to section 4906.10 of the Revised Code, to ensure funding for repairs to roads, bridges, and culverts resulting from decommissioning of the facility. The energy facility owner or lessee and the county engineer may enter into an agreement regarding specific transportation plans, reinforcements, modifications, use and repair of roads, financial security to be provided, and any other relevant issue.

(5) Provide or facilitate training for fire and emergency responders for response to emergency situations related to the energy project and, for energy projects with a nameplate capacity of five megawatts or greater, at the person's expense, equip the fire and emergency responders with proper equipment as reasonably required to enable them to respond to such emergency situations;

(6) Maintain a ratio of Ohio-domiciled full-time equivalent employees employed in the construction or installation of the energy project to total full-time equivalent employees employed in the construction or installation of the energy project of not less than eighty per cent in the case of a solar energy project, and not less than fifty per cent in the case of any other energy project. In the case of an energy project for which certification from the power siting board is required under section 4906.20 of the Revised Code, the number of full-time equivalent employees employed in the construction or installation of the energy project equals the number actually employed or the number projected to be employed in the certificate application, if such projection is required under regulations adopted pursuant to section 4906.03 of the Revised Code, whichever is greater. For all other energy projects, the number of full-time equivalent employees employed in the construction or installation of the energy project equals the number actually employed or the number projected to be employed by the

director of development services, whichever is greater. To estimate the number of employees to be employed in the construction or installation of an energy project, the director shall use a generally accepted job-estimating model in use for renewable energy projects, including but not limited to the job and economic development impact model. The director may adjust an estimate produced by a model to account for variables not accounted for by the model.

(7) For energy projects with a nameplate capacity in excess of two megawatts, establish a relationship with a member of the university system of Ohio as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code or with a person offering an apprenticeship program registered with the employment and training administration within the United States department of labor or with the apprenticeship council created by section 4139.02 of the Revised Code, to educate and train individuals for careers in the wind or solar energy industry. The relationship may include endowments, cooperative programs, internships, apprenticeships, research and development projects, and curriculum development.

(8) Offer to sell power or renewable energy credits from the energy project to electric distribution utilities or electric service companies subject to renewable energy resource requirements under section 4928.64 of the Revised Code that have issued requests for proposal for such power or renewable energy credits. If no electric distribution utility or electric service company issues a request for proposal on or before December 31, 2010, or accepts an offer for power or renewable energy credits within forty-five days after the offer is submitted, power or renewable energy credits from the energy project may be sold to other persons. Division (F)(8) of this section does not apply if:

(a) The owner or lessee is a rural electric company or a municipal power agency as defined in section 3734.058 of the Revised Code.

(b) The owner or lessee is a person that, before completion of the energy project, contracted for the sale of power or renewable energy credits with a rural electric company or a municipal power agency.

(c) The owner or lessee contracts for the sale of power or renewable energy credits from the energy project before June 17, 2010.

(9) Make annual service payments as required by division (G) of this section and as may be required in a resolution adopted by a board of county commissioners under division (E) of this section.

(G) The owner or a lessee pursuant to a sale and leaseback transaction of a qualified energy project shall make annual service payments in lieu of taxes to the county treasurer on or before the final dates for payments of

taxes on public utility personal property on the real and public utility personal property tax list for each tax year for which property of the energy project is exempt from taxation under this section. The county treasurer shall allocate the payment on the basis of the project's physical location. Upon receipt of a payment, or if timely payment has not been received, the county treasurer shall certify such receipt or non-receipt to the director of development services and tax commissioner in a form determined by the director and commissioner, respectively. Each payment shall be in the following amount:

(1) In the case of a solar energy project, seven thousand dollars per megawatt of nameplate capacity located in the county as of the thirty-first day of December 31, 2010, for tax year 2011, as of December 31, 2011, for tax year 2012, as of December 31, 2012, for tax year 2013, as of December 31, 2013, for tax year 2014, as of December 31, 2014, for tax year 2015, as of December 31, 2015, for tax year 2016, and as of December 31, 2016, for tax year 2017 and each of the preceding tax year thereafter;

(2) In the case of any other energy project using renewable energy resources, the following:

(a) If the project maintains during the construction or installation of the energy facility a ratio of Ohio-domiciled full-time equivalent employees to total full-time equivalent employees of not less than seventy-five per cent, six thousand dollars per megawatt of nameplate capacity located in the county as of the thirty-first day of December of the preceding tax year;

(b) If the project maintains during the construction or installation of the energy facility a ratio of Ohio-domiciled full-time equivalent employees to total full-time equivalent employees of less than seventy-five per cent but not less than sixty per cent, seven thousand dollars per megawatt of nameplate capacity located in the county as of the thirty-first day of December of the preceding tax year;

(c) If the project maintains during the construction or installation of the energy facility a ratio of Ohio-domiciled full-time equivalent employees to total full-time equivalent employees of less than sixty per cent but not less than fifty per cent, eight thousand dollars per megawatt of nameplate capacity located in the county as of the thirty-first day of December of the preceding tax year.

(3) In the case of an energy project using clean coal technology, advanced nuclear technology, or cogeneration technology, the following:

(a) If the project maintains during the construction or installation of the energy facility a ratio of Ohio-domiciled full-time equivalent employees to total full-time equivalent employees of not less than seventy-five per cent,

six thousand dollars per megawatt of nameplate capacity located in the county as of the thirty-first day of December of the preceding tax year;

(b) If the project maintains during the construction or installation of the energy facility a ratio of Ohio-domiciled full-time equivalent employees to total full-time equivalent employees of less than seventy-five per cent but not less than sixty per cent, seven thousand dollars per megawatt of nameplate capacity located in the county as of the thirty-first day of December of the preceding tax year;

(c) If the project maintains during the construction or installation of the energy facility a ratio of Ohio-domiciled full-time equivalent employees to total full-time equivalent employees of less than sixty per cent but not less than fifty per cent, eight thousand dollars per megawatt of nameplate capacity located in the county as of the thirty-first day of December of the preceding tax year.

(H) The director of development services in consultation with the tax commissioner shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement and enforce this section.

Sec. 5733.98. (A) To provide a uniform procedure for calculating the amount of tax imposed by section 5733.06 of the Revised Code that is due under this chapter, a taxpayer shall claim any credits to which it is entitled in the following order, except as otherwise provided in section 5733.058 of the Revised Code:

(1) For tax year 2005, the credit for taxes paid by a qualifying pass-through entity allowed under section 5733.0611 of the Revised Code;

(2) The credit allowed for financial institutions under section 5733.45 of the Revised Code;

(3) The credit for qualifying affiliated groups under section 5733.068 of the Revised Code;

(4) The subsidiary corporation credit under section 5733.067 of the Revised Code;

(5) The credit for recycling and litter prevention donations under section 5733.064 of the Revised Code;

(6) The credit for employers that enter into agreements with child day-care centers under section 5733.36 of the Revised Code;

(7) The credit for employers that reimburse employee child care expenses under section 5733.38 of the Revised Code;

(8) The credit for purchases of lights and reflectors under section 5733.44 of the Revised Code;

(9) The nonrefundable job retention credit under division (B) of section 5733.0610 of the Revised Code;

(10) The second credit for purchases of new manufacturing machinery and equipment under section 5733.33 of the Revised Code;

(11) The job training credit under section 5733.42 of the Revised Code;

(12) The credit for qualified research expenses under section 5733.351 of the Revised Code;

(13) The enterprise zone credit under section 5709.66 of the Revised Code;

(14) The credit for the eligible costs associated with a voluntary action under section 5733.34 of the Revised Code;

(15) The credit for employers that establish on-site child day-care centers under section 5733.37 of the Revised Code;

(16) The ethanol plant investment credit under section 5733.46 of the Revised Code;

(17) The credit for purchases of qualifying grape production property under section 5733.32 of the Revised Code;

(18) The export sales credit under section 5733.069 of the Revised Code;

(19) The enterprise zone credits under section 5709.65 of the Revised Code;

(20) The credit for using Ohio coal under section 5733.39 of the Revised Code;

(21) The credit for purchases of qualified low-income community investments under section 5733.58 of the Revised Code;

(22) The credit for small telephone companies under section 5733.57 of the Revised Code;

(23) The credit for eligible nonrecurring 9-1-1 charges under section 5733.55 of the Revised Code;

(24) For tax year 2005, the credit for providing programs to aid the communicatively impaired under division (A) of section 5733.56 of the Revised Code;

(25) The research and development credit under section 5733.352 of the Revised Code;

(26) For tax years 2006 and subsequent tax years, the credit for taxes paid by a qualifying pass-through entity allowed under section 5733.0611 of the Revised Code;

(27) The refundable credit for rehabilitating a historic building under section 5733.47 of the Revised Code;

(28) The refundable jobs creation credit or job retention credit under division (A) of section 5733.0610 of the Revised Code;

(29) The refundable credit for tax withheld under division (B)(2) of

section 5747.062 of the Revised Code;

(30) The refundable credit under section 5733.49 of the Revised Code for losses on loans made to the Ohio venture capital program under sections 150.01 to 150.10 of the Revised Code;

(31) For tax years 2006, 2007, and 2008, the refundable credit allowable under division (B) of section 5733.56 of the Revised Code;

(32) The refundable motion picture and Broadway theatrical production credit under section 5733.59 of the Revised Code.

(B) For any credit except the refundable credits enumerated in this section, the amount of the credit for a tax year shall not exceed the tax due after allowing for any other credit that precedes it in the order required under this section. Any excess amount of a particular credit may be carried forward if authorized under the section creating that credit.

Sec. 5739.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Person" includes individuals, receivers, assignees, trustees in bankruptcy, estates, firms, partnerships, associations, joint-stock companies, joint ventures, clubs, societies, corporations, the state and its political subdivisions, and combinations of individuals of any form.

(B) "Sale" and "selling" include all of the following transactions for a consideration in any manner, whether absolutely or conditionally, whether for a price or rental, in money or by exchange, and by any means whatsoever:

(1) All transactions by which title or possession, or both, of tangible personal property, is or is to be transferred, or a license to use or consume tangible personal property is or is to be granted;

(2) All transactions by which lodging by a hotel is or is to be furnished to transient guests;

(3) All transactions by which:

(a) An item of tangible personal property is or is to be repaired, except property, the purchase of which would not be subject to the tax imposed by section 5739.02 of the Revised Code;

(b) An item of tangible personal property is or is to be installed, except property, the purchase of which would not be subject to the tax imposed by section 5739.02 of the Revised Code or property that is or is to be incorporated into and will become a part of a production, transmission, transportation, or distribution system for the delivery of a public utility service;

(c) The service of washing, cleaning, waxing, polishing, or painting a motor vehicle is or is to be furnished;

(d) Until August 1, 2003, industrial laundry cleaning services are or are

to be provided and, on and after August 1, 2003, laundry and dry cleaning services are or are to be provided;

(e) Automatic data processing, computer services, or electronic information services are or are to be provided for use in business when the true object of the transaction is the receipt by the consumer of automatic data processing, computer services, or electronic information services rather than the receipt of personal or professional services to which automatic data processing, computer services, or electronic information services are incidental or supplemental. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, such transactions that occur between members of an affiliated group are not sales. An "affiliated group" means two or more persons related in such a way that one person owns or controls the business operation of another member of the group. In the case of corporations with stock, one corporation owns or controls another if it owns more than fifty per cent of the other corporation's common stock with voting rights.

(f) Telecommunications service, including prepaid calling service, prepaid wireless calling service, or ancillary service, is or is to be provided, but not including coin-operated telephone service;

(g) Landscaping and lawn care service is or is to be provided;

(h) Private investigation and security service is or is to be provided;

(i) Information services or tangible personal property is provided or ordered by means of a nine hundred telephone call;

(j) Building maintenance and janitorial service is or is to be provided;

(k) Employment service is or is to be provided;

(l) Employment placement service is or is to be provided;

(m) Exterminating service is or is to be provided;

(n) Physical fitness facility service is or is to be provided;

(o) Recreation and sports club service is or is to be provided;

(p) On and after August 1, 2003, satellite broadcasting service is or is to be provided;

(q) On and after August 1, 2003, personal care service is or is to be provided to an individual. As used in this division, "personal care service" includes skin care, the application of cosmetics, manicuring, pedicuring, hair removal, tattooing, body piercing, tanning, massage, and other similar services. "Personal care service" does not include a service provided by or on the order of a licensed physician or licensed chiropractor, or the cutting, coloring, or styling of an individual's hair.

(r) On and after August 1, 2003, the transportation of persons by motor vehicle or aircraft is or is to be provided, when the transportation is entirely within this state, except for transportation provided by an ambulance

service, by a transit bus, as defined in section 5735.01 of the Revised Code, and transportation provided by a citizen of the United States holding a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued under 49 U.S.C. 41102;

(s) On and after August 1, 2003, motor vehicle towing service is or is to be provided. As used in this division, "motor vehicle towing service" means the towing or conveyance of a wrecked, disabled, or illegally parked motor vehicle.

(t) On and after August 1, 2003, snow removal service is or is to be provided. As used in this division, "snow removal service" means the removal of snow by any mechanized means, but does not include the providing of such service by a person that has less than five thousand dollars in sales of such service during the calendar year.

(u) Electronic publishing service is or is to be provided to a consumer for use in business, except that such transactions occurring between members of an affiliated group, as defined in division (B)(3)(e) of this section, are not sales.

(4) All transactions by which printed, imprinted, overprinted, lithographic, multilithic, blueprinted, photostatic, or other productions or reproductions of written or graphic matter are or are to be furnished or transferred;

(5) The production or fabrication of tangible personal property for a consideration for consumers who furnish either directly or indirectly the materials used in the production of fabrication work; and include the furnishing, preparing, or serving for a consideration of any tangible personal property consumed on the premises of the person furnishing, preparing, or serving such tangible personal property. Except as provided in section 5739.03 of the Revised Code, a construction contract pursuant to which tangible personal property is or is to be incorporated into a structure or improvement on and becoming a part of real property is not a sale of such tangible personal property. The construction contractor is the consumer of such tangible personal property, provided that the sale and installation of carpeting, the sale and installation of agricultural land tile, the sale and erection or installation of portable grain bins, or the provision of landscaping and lawn care service and the transfer of property as part of such service is never a construction contract.

As used in division (B)(5) of this section:

(a) "Agricultural land tile" means fired clay or concrete tile, or flexible or rigid perforated plastic pipe or tubing, incorporated or to be incorporated into a subsurface drainage system appurtenant to land used or to be used

primarily in production by farming, agriculture, horticulture, or floriculture. The term does not include such materials when they are or are to be incorporated into a drainage system appurtenant to a building or structure even if the building or structure is used or to be used in such production.

(b) "Portable grain bin" means a structure that is used or to be used by a person engaged in farming or agriculture to shelter the person's grain and that is designed to be disassembled without significant damage to its component parts.

(6) All transactions in which all of the shares of stock of a closely held corporation are transferred, or an ownership interest in a pass-through entity, as defined in section 5733.04 of the Revised Code, is transferred, if the corporation or pass-through entity is not engaging in business and its entire assets consist of boats, planes, motor vehicles, or other tangible personal property operated primarily for the use and enjoyment of the shareholders or owners;

(7) All transactions in which a warranty, maintenance or service contract, or similar agreement by which the vendor of the warranty, contract, or agreement agrees to repair or maintain the tangible personal property of the consumer is or is to be provided;

(8) The transfer of copyrighted motion picture films used solely for advertising purposes, except that the transfer of such films for exhibition purposes is not a sale;

(9) On and after August 1, 2003, all transactions by which tangible personal property is or is to be stored, except such property that the consumer of the storage holds for sale in the regular course of business;

(10) All transactions in which "guaranteed auto protection" is provided whereby a person promises to pay to the consumer the difference between the amount the consumer receives from motor vehicle insurance and the amount the consumer owes to a person holding title to or a lien on the consumer's motor vehicle in the event the consumer's motor vehicle suffers a total loss under the terms of the motor vehicle insurance policy or is stolen and not recovered, if the protection and its price are included in the purchase or lease agreement;

(11)(a) Except as provided in division (B)(11)(b) of this section, on and after October 1, 2009, all transactions by which health care services are paid for, reimbursed, provided, delivered, arranged for, or otherwise made available by a medicaid health insuring corporation pursuant to the corporation's contract with the state.

(b) If the centers for medicare and medicaid services of the United States department of health and human services determines that the taxation

of transactions described in division (B)(11)(a) of this section constitutes an impermissible health care-related tax under the "Social Security Act," section 1903(w), 42 U.S.C. 1396b(w), and regulations adopted thereunder, the medicaid director shall notify the tax commissioner of that determination. Beginning with the first day of the month following that notification, the transactions described in division (B)(11)(a) of this section are not sales for the purposes of this chapter or Chapter 5741. of the Revised Code. The tax commissioner shall order that the collection of taxes under sections 5739.02, 5739.021, 5739.023, 5739.026, 5741.02, 5741.021, 5741.022, and 5741.023 of the Revised Code shall cease for transactions occurring on or after that date.

(12) All transactions by which a specified digital product is provided for permanent use or less than permanent use, regardless of whether continued payment is required.

Except as provided in this section, "sale" and "selling" do not include transfers of interest in leased property where the original lessee and the terms of the original lease agreement remain unchanged, or professional, insurance, or personal service transactions that involve the transfer of tangible personal property as an inconsequential element, for which no separate charges are made.

(C) "Vendor" means the person providing the service or by whom the transfer effected or license given by a sale is or is to be made or given and, for sales described in division (B)(3)(i) of this section, the telecommunications service vendor that provides the nine hundred telephone service; if two or more persons are engaged in business at the same place of business under a single trade name in which all collections on account of sales by each are made, such persons shall constitute a single vendor.

Physicians, dentists, hospitals, and veterinarians who are engaged in selling tangible personal property as received from others, such as eyeglasses, mouthwashes, dentifrices, or similar articles, are vendors. Veterinarians who are engaged in transferring to others for a consideration drugs, the dispensing of which does not require an order of a licensed veterinarian or physician under federal law, are vendors.

The operator of any technology platform that connects a consumer with another person who is providing a service subject to the tax levied under this chapter, including a transportation network company or a peer-to-peer car sharing program operating a technology platform for the purpose of providing transportation network company services or peer-to-peer car sharing program services, shall be considered to be the vendor in such transaction, regardless of whether that other person is an agent of the

operator.

(D)(1) "Consumer" means the person for whom the service is provided, to whom the transfer effected or license given by a sale is or is to be made or given, to whom the service described in division (B)(3)(f) or (i) of this section is charged, or to whom the admission is granted.

(2) Physicians, dentists, hospitals, and blood banks operated by nonprofit institutions and persons licensed to practice veterinary medicine, surgery, and dentistry are consumers of all tangible personal property and services purchased by them in connection with the practice of medicine, dentistry, the rendition of hospital or blood bank service, or the practice of veterinary medicine, surgery, and dentistry. In addition to being consumers of drugs administered by them or by their assistants according to their direction, veterinarians also are consumers of drugs that under federal law may be dispensed only by or upon the order of a licensed veterinarian or physician, when transferred by them to others for a consideration to provide treatment to animals as directed by the veterinarian.

(3) A person who performs a facility management, or similar service contract for a contractee is a consumer of all tangible personal property and services purchased for use in connection with the performance of such contract, regardless of whether title to any such property vests in the contractee. The purchase of such property and services is not subject to the exception for resale under division (E) of this section.

(4)(a) In the case of a person who purchases printed matter for the purpose of distributing it or having it distributed to the public or to a designated segment of the public, free of charge, that person is the consumer of that printed matter, and the purchase of that printed matter for that purpose is a sale.

(b) In the case of a person who produces, rather than purchases, printed matter for the purpose of distributing it or having it distributed to the public or to a designated segment of the public, free of charge, that person is the consumer of all tangible personal property and services purchased for use or consumption in the production of that printed matter. That person is not entitled to claim exemption under division (B)(42)(f) of section 5739.02 of the Revised Code for any material incorporated into the printed matter or any equipment, supplies, or services primarily used to produce the printed matter.

(c) The distribution of printed matter to the public or to a designated segment of the public, free of charge, is not a sale to the members of the public to whom the printed matter is distributed or to any persons who purchase space in the printed matter for advertising or other purposes.

(5) A person who makes sales of any of the services listed in division (B)(3) of this section is the consumer of any tangible personal property used in performing the service. The purchase of that property is not subject to the resale exception under division (E) of this section.

(6) A person who engages in highway transportation for hire is the consumer of all packaging materials purchased by that person and used in performing the service, except for packaging materials sold by such person in a transaction separate from the service.

(7) In the case of a transaction for health care services under division (B)(11) of this section, a medicaid health insuring corporation is the consumer of such services. The purchase of such services by a medicaid health insuring corporation is not subject to the exception for resale under division (E) of this section or to the exemptions provided under divisions (B)(12), (18), (19), and (22) of section 5739.02 of the Revised Code.

(E) "Retail sale" and "sales at retail" include all sales, except those in which the purpose of the consumer is to resell the thing transferred or benefit of the service provided, by a person engaging in business, in the form in which the same is, or is to be, received by the person.

(F) "Business" includes any activity engaged in by any person with the object of gain, benefit, or advantage, either direct or indirect. "Business" does not include the activity of a person in managing and investing the person's own funds.

(G) "Engaging in business" means commencing, conducting, or continuing in business, and liquidating a business when the liquidator thereof holds itself out to the public as conducting such business. Making a casual sale is not engaging in business.

(H)(1)(a) "Price," except as provided in divisions (H)(2), (3), and (4) of this section, means the total amount of consideration, including cash, credit, property, and services, for which tangible personal property or services are sold, leased, or rented, valued in money, whether received in money or otherwise, without any deduction for any of the following:

- (i) The vendor's cost of the property sold;
- (ii) The cost of materials used, labor or service costs, interest, losses, all costs of transportation to the vendor, all taxes imposed on the vendor, including the tax imposed under Chapter 5751. of the Revised Code, and any other expense of the vendor;
- (iii) Charges by the vendor for any services necessary to complete the sale;
- (iv) On and after August 1, 2003, delivery charges. As used in this division, "delivery charges" means charges by the vendor for preparation

and delivery to a location designated by the consumer of tangible personal property or a service, including transportation, shipping, postage, handling, crating, and packing.

(v) Installation charges;

(vi) Credit for any trade-in.

(b) "Price" includes consideration received by the vendor from a third party, if the vendor actually receives the consideration from a party other than the consumer, and the consideration is directly related to a price reduction or discount on the sale; the vendor has an obligation to pass the price reduction or discount through to the consumer; the amount of the consideration attributable to the sale is fixed and determinable by the vendor at the time of the sale of the item to the consumer; and one of the following criteria is met:

(i) The consumer presents a coupon, certificate, or other document to the vendor to claim a price reduction or discount where the coupon, certificate, or document is authorized, distributed, or granted by a third party with the understanding that the third party will reimburse any vendor to whom the coupon, certificate, or document is presented;

(ii) The consumer identifies the consumer's self to the seller as a member of a group or organization entitled to a price reduction or discount. A preferred customer card that is available to any patron does not constitute membership in such a group or organization.

(iii) The price reduction or discount is identified as a third party price reduction or discount on the invoice received by the consumer, or on a coupon, certificate, or other document presented by the consumer.

(c) "Price" does not include any of the following:

(i) Discounts, including cash, term, or coupons that are not reimbursed by a third party that are allowed by a vendor and taken by a consumer on a sale;

(ii) Interest, financing, and carrying charges from credit extended on the sale of tangible personal property or services, if the amount is separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar document given to the purchaser;

(iii) Any taxes legally imposed directly on the consumer that are separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar document given to the consumer. For the purpose of this division, the tax imposed under Chapter 5751. of the Revised Code is not a tax directly on the consumer, even if the tax or a portion thereof is separately stated.

(iv) Notwithstanding divisions (H)(1)(b)(i) to (iii) of this section, any discount allowed by an automobile manufacturer to its employee, or to the

employee of a supplier, on the purchase of a new motor vehicle from a new motor vehicle dealer in this state.

(v) The dollar value of a gift card that is not sold by a vendor or purchased by a consumer and that is redeemed by the consumer in purchasing tangible personal property or services if the vendor is not reimbursed and does not receive compensation from a third party to cover all or part of the gift card value. For the purposes of this division, a gift card is not sold by a vendor or purchased by a consumer if it is distributed pursuant to an awards, loyalty, or promotional program. Past and present purchases of tangible personal property or services by the consumer shall not be treated as consideration exchanged for a gift card.

(2) In the case of a sale of any new motor vehicle by a new motor vehicle dealer, as defined in section 4517.01 of the Revised Code, in which another motor vehicle is accepted by the dealer as part of the consideration received, "price" has the same meaning as in division (H)(1) of this section, reduced by the credit afforded the consumer by the dealer for the motor vehicle received in trade.

(3) In the case of a sale of any watercraft or outboard motor by a watercraft dealer licensed in accordance with section 1547.543 of the Revised Code, in which another watercraft, watercraft and trailer, or outboard motor is accepted by the dealer as part of the consideration received, "price" has the same meaning as in division (H)(1) of this section, reduced by the credit afforded the consumer by the dealer for the watercraft, watercraft and trailer, or outboard motor received in trade. As used in this division, "watercraft" includes an outdrive unit attached to the watercraft.

(4) In the case of transactions for health care services under division (B)(11) of this section, "price" means the amount of managed care premiums received each month by a medicaid health insuring corporation.

(I) "Receipts" means the total amount of the prices of the sales of vendors, provided that the dollar value of gift cards distributed pursuant to an awards, loyalty, or promotional program, and cash discounts allowed and taken on sales at the time they are consummated are not included, minus any amount deducted as a bad debt pursuant to section 5739.121 of the Revised Code. "Receipts" does not include the sale price of property returned or services rejected by consumers when the full sale price and tax are refunded either in cash or by credit.

(J) "Place of business" means any location at which a person engages in business.

(K) "Premises" includes any real property or portion thereof upon which any person engages in selling tangible personal property at retail or making

retail sales and also includes any real property or portion thereof designated for, or devoted to, use in conjunction with the business engaged in by such person.

(L) "Casual sale" means a sale of an item of tangible personal property that was obtained by the person making the sale, through purchase or otherwise, for the person's own use and was previously subject to any state's taxing jurisdiction on its sale or use, and includes such items acquired for the seller's use that are sold by an auctioneer employed directly by the person for such purpose, provided the location of such sales is not the auctioneer's permanent place of business. As used in this division, "permanent place of business" includes any location where such auctioneer has conducted more than two auctions during the year.

(M) "Hotel" means every establishment kept, used, maintained, advertised, or held out to the public to be a place where sleeping accommodations are offered to guests, in which five or more rooms are used for the accommodation of such guests, whether the rooms are in one or several structures, except as otherwise provided in division (G) of section 5739.09 of the Revised Code.

(N) "Transient guests" means persons occupying a room or rooms for sleeping accommodations for less than thirty consecutive days.

(O) "Making retail sales" means the effecting of transactions wherein one party is obligated to pay the price and the other party is obligated to provide a service or to transfer title to or possession of the item sold. "Making retail sales" does not include the preliminary acts of promoting or soliciting the retail sales, other than the distribution of printed matter which displays or describes and prices the item offered for sale, nor does it include delivery of a predetermined quantity of tangible personal property or transportation of property or personnel to or from a place where a service is performed.

(P) "Used directly in the rendition of a public utility service" means that property that is to be incorporated into and will become a part of the consumer's production, transmission, transportation, or distribution system and that retains its classification as tangible personal property after such incorporation; fuel or power used in the production, transmission, transportation, or distribution system; and tangible personal property used in the repair and maintenance of the production, transmission, transportation, or distribution system, including only such motor vehicles as are specially designed and equipped for such use. Tangible personal property and services used primarily in providing highway transportation for hire are not used directly in the rendition of a public utility service. In this definition, "public

utility" includes a citizen of the United States holding, and required to hold, a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued under 49 U.S.C. 41102.

(Q) "Refining" means removing or separating a desirable product from raw or contaminated materials by distillation or physical, mechanical, or chemical processes.

(R) "Assembly" and "assembling" mean attaching or fitting together parts to form a product, but do not include packaging a product.

(S) "Manufacturing operation" means a process in which materials are changed, converted, or transformed into a different state or form from which they previously existed and includes refining materials, assembling parts, and preparing raw materials and parts by mixing, measuring, blending, or otherwise committing such materials or parts to the manufacturing process. "Manufacturing operation" does not include packaging.

(T) "Fiscal officer" means, with respect to a regional transit authority, the secretary-treasurer thereof, and with respect to a county that is a transit authority, the fiscal officer of the county transit board if one is appointed pursuant to section 306.03 of the Revised Code or the county auditor if the board of county commissioners operates the county transit system.

(U) "Transit authority" means a regional transit authority created pursuant to section 306.31 of the Revised Code or a county in which a county transit system is created pursuant to section 306.01 of the Revised Code. For the purposes of this chapter, a transit authority must extend to at least the entire area of a single county. A transit authority that includes territory in more than one county must include all the area of the most populous county that is a part of such transit authority. County population shall be measured by the most recent census taken by the United States census bureau.

(V) "Legislative authority" means, with respect to a regional transit authority, the board of trustees thereof, and with respect to a county that is a transit authority, the board of county commissioners.

(W) "Territory of the transit authority" means all of the area included within the territorial boundaries of a transit authority as they from time to time exist. Such territorial boundaries must at all times include all the area of a single county or all the area of the most populous county that is a part of such transit authority. County population shall be measured by the most recent census taken by the United States census bureau.

(X) "Providing a service" means providing or furnishing anything described in division (B)(3) of this section for consideration.

(Y)(1)(a) "Automatic data processing" means processing of others' data,

including keypunching or similar data entry services together with verification thereof, or providing access to computer equipment for the purpose of processing data.

(b) "Computer services" means providing services consisting of specifying computer hardware configurations and evaluating technical processing characteristics, computer programming, and training of computer programmers and operators, provided in conjunction with and to support the sale, lease, or operation of taxable computer equipment or systems.

(c) "Electronic information services" means providing access to computer equipment by means of telecommunications equipment for the purpose of either of the following:

(i) Examining or acquiring data stored in or accessible to the computer equipment;

(ii) Placing data into the computer equipment to be retrieved by designated recipients with access to the computer equipment.

For transactions occurring on or after the effective date of the amendment of this section by H.B. 157 of the 127th general assembly, December 21, 2007, "electronic information services" does not include electronic publishing as defined in division (LLL) of this section.

(d) "Automatic data processing, computer services, or electronic information services" shall not include personal or professional services.

(2) As used in divisions (B)(3)(e) and (Y)(1) of this section, "personal and professional services" means all services other than automatic data processing, computer services, or electronic information services, including but not limited to:

(a) Accounting and legal services such as advice on tax matters, asset management, budgetary matters, quality control, information security, and auditing and any other situation where the service provider receives data or information and studies, alters, analyzes, interprets, or adjusts such material;

(b) Analyzing business policies and procedures;

(c) Identifying management information needs;

(d) Feasibility studies, including economic and technical analysis of existing or potential computer hardware or software needs and alternatives;

(e) Designing policies, procedures, and custom software for collecting business information, and determining how data should be summarized, sequenced, formatted, processed, controlled, and reported so that it will be meaningful to management;

(f) Developing policies and procedures that document how business events and transactions are to be authorized, executed, and controlled;

(g) Testing of business procedures;

(h) Training personnel in business procedure applications;

(i) Providing credit information to users of such information by a consumer reporting agency, as defined in the "Fair Credit Reporting Act," 84 Stat. 1114, 1129 (1970), 15 U.S.C. 1681a(f), or as hereafter amended, including but not limited to gathering, organizing, analyzing, recording, and furnishing such information by any oral, written, graphic, or electronic medium;

(j) Providing debt collection services by any oral, written, graphic, or electronic means;

(k) Providing digital advertising services.

The services listed in divisions (Y)(2)(a) to (k) of this section are not automatic data processing or computer services.

(Z) "Highway transportation for hire" means the transportation of personal property belonging to others for consideration by any of the following:

(1) The holder of a permit or certificate issued by this state or the United States authorizing the holder to engage in transportation of personal property belonging to others for consideration over or on highways, roadways, streets, or any similar public thoroughfare;

(2) A person who engages in the transportation of personal property belonging to others for consideration over or on highways, roadways, streets, or any similar public thoroughfare but who could not have engaged in such transportation on December 11, 1985, unless the person was the holder of a permit or certificate of the types described in division (Z)(1) of this section;

(3) A person who leases a motor vehicle to and operates it for a person described by division (Z)(1) or (2) of this section.

(AA)(1) "Telecommunications service" means the electronic transmission, conveyance, or routing of voice, data, audio, video, or any other information or signals to a point, or between or among points. "Telecommunications service" includes such transmission, conveyance, or routing in which computer processing applications are used to act on the form, code, or protocol of the content for purposes of transmission, conveyance, or routing without regard to whether the service is referred to as voice-over internet protocol service or is classified by the federal communications commission as enhanced or value-added. "Telecommunications service" does not include any of the following:

(a) Data processing and information services that allow data to be generated, acquired, stored, processed, or retrieved and delivered by an electronic transmission to a consumer where the consumer's primary

purpose for the underlying transaction is the processed data or information;

(b) Installation or maintenance of wiring or equipment on a customer's premises;

(c) Tangible personal property;

(d) Advertising, including directory advertising;

(e) Billing and collection services provided to third parties;

(f) Internet access service;

(g) Radio and television audio and video programming services, regardless of the medium, including the furnishing of transmission, conveyance, and routing of such services by the programming service provider. Radio and television audio and video programming services include, but are not limited to, cable service, as defined in 47 U.S.C. 522(6), and audio and video programming services delivered by commercial mobile radio service providers, as defined in 47 C.F.R. 20.3;

(h) Ancillary service;

(i) Digital products delivered electronically, including software, music, video, reading materials, or ring tones.

(2) "Ancillary service" means a service that is associated with or incidental to the provision of telecommunications service, including conference bridging service, detailed telecommunications billing service, directory assistance, vertical service, and voice mail service. As used in this division:

(a) "Conference bridging service" means an ancillary service that links two or more participants of an audio or video conference call, including providing a telephone number. "Conference bridging service" does not include telecommunications services used to reach the conference bridge.

(b) "Detailed telecommunications billing service" means an ancillary service of separately stating information pertaining to individual calls on a customer's billing statement.

(c) "Directory assistance" means an ancillary service of providing telephone number or address information.

(d) "Vertical service" means an ancillary service that is offered in connection with one or more telecommunications services, which offers advanced calling features that allow customers to identify callers and manage multiple calls and call connections, including conference bridging service.

(e) "Voice mail service" means an ancillary service that enables the customer to store, send, or receive recorded messages. "Voice mail service" does not include any vertical services that the customer may be required to have in order to utilize the voice mail service.

(3) "900 service" means an inbound toll telecommunications service purchased by a subscriber that allows the subscriber's customers to call in to the subscriber's prerecorded announcement or live service, and which is typically marketed under the name "900 service" and any subsequent numbers designated by the federal communications commission. "900 service" does not include the charge for collection services provided by the seller of the telecommunications service to the subscriber, or services or products sold by the subscriber to the subscriber's customer.

(4) "Prepaid calling service" means the right to access exclusively telecommunications services, which must be paid for in advance and which enables the origination of calls using an access number or authorization code, whether manually or electronically dialed, and that is sold in predetermined units or dollars of which the number declines with use in a known amount.

(5) "Prepaid wireless calling service" means a telecommunications service that provides the right to utilize mobile telecommunications service as well as other non-telecommunications services, including the download of digital products delivered electronically, and content and ancillary services, that must be paid for in advance and that is sold in predetermined units or dollars of which the number declines with use in a known amount.

(6) "Value-added non-voice data service" means a telecommunications service in which computer processing applications are used to act on the form, content, code, or protocol of the information or data primarily for a purpose other than transmission, conveyance, or routing.

(7) "Coin-operated telephone service" means a telecommunications service paid for by inserting money into a telephone accepting direct deposits of money to operate.

(8) "Customer" has the same meaning as in section 5739.034 of the Revised Code.

(BB) "Laundry and dry cleaning services" means removing soil or dirt from towels, linens, articles of clothing, or other fabric items that belong to others and supplying towels, linens, articles of clothing, or other fabric items. "Laundry and dry cleaning services" does not include the provision of self-service facilities for use by consumers to remove soil or dirt from towels, linens, articles of clothing, or other fabric items.

(CC) "Magazines distributed as controlled circulation publications" means magazines containing at least twenty-four pages, at least twenty-five per cent editorial content, issued at regular intervals four or more times a year, and circulated without charge to the recipient, provided that such magazines are not owned or controlled by individuals or business concerns

which conduct such publications as an auxiliary to, and essentially for the advancement of the main business or calling of, those who own or control them.

(DD) "Landscaping and lawn care service" means the services of planting, seeding, sodding, removing, cutting, trimming, pruning, mulching, aerating, applying chemicals, watering, fertilizing, and providing similar services to establish, promote, or control the growth of trees, shrubs, flowers, grass, ground cover, and other flora, or otherwise maintaining a lawn or landscape grown or maintained by the owner for ornamentation or other nonagricultural purpose. However, "landscaping and lawn care service" does not include the providing of such services by a person who has less than five thousand dollars in sales of such services during the calendar year.

(EE) "Private investigation and security service" means the performance of any activity for which the provider of such service is required to be licensed pursuant to Chapter 4749. of the Revised Code, or would be required to be so licensed in performing such services in this state, and also includes the services of conducting polygraph examinations and of monitoring or overseeing the activities on or in, or the condition of, the consumer's home, business, or other facility by means of electronic or similar monitoring devices. "Private investigation and security service" does not include special duty services provided by off-duty police officers, deputy sheriffs, and other peace officers regularly employed by the state or a political subdivision.

(FF) "Information services" means providing conversation, giving consultation or advice, playing or making a voice or other recording, making or keeping a record of the number of callers, and any other service provided to a consumer by means of a nine hundred telephone call, except when the nine hundred telephone call is the means by which the consumer makes a contribution to a recognized charity.

(GG) "Research and development" means designing, creating, or formulating new or enhanced products, equipment, or manufacturing processes, and also means conducting scientific or technological inquiry and experimentation in the physical sciences with the goal of increasing scientific knowledge which may reveal the bases for new or enhanced products, equipment, or manufacturing processes.

(HH) "Qualified research and development equipment" means capitalized tangible personal property, and leased personal property that would be capitalized if purchased, used by a person primarily to perform research and development. Tangible personal property primarily used in

testing, as defined in division (A)(4) of section 5739.011 of the Revised Code, or used for recording or storing test results, is not qualified research and development equipment unless such property is primarily used by the consumer in testing the product, equipment, or manufacturing process being created, designed, or formulated by the consumer in the research and development activity or in recording or storing such test results.

(II) "Building maintenance and janitorial service" means cleaning the interior or exterior of a building and any tangible personal property located therein or thereon, including any services incidental to such cleaning for which no separate charge is made. However, "building maintenance and janitorial service" does not include the providing of such service by a person who has less than five thousand dollars in sales of such service during the calendar year. As used in this division, "cleaning" does not include sanitation services necessary for an establishment described in 21 U.S.C. 608 to comply with rules and regulations adopted pursuant to that section.

(JJ) "Employment service" means providing or supplying personnel, on a temporary or long-term basis, to perform work or labor under the supervision or control of another, when the personnel so provided or supplied receive their wages, salary, or other compensation from the provider or supplier of the employment service or from a third party that provided or supplied the personnel to the provider or supplier. "Employment service" does not include:

(1) Acting as a contractor or subcontractor, where the personnel performing the work are not under the direct control of the purchaser.

(2) Medical and health care services.

(3) Supplying personnel to a purchaser pursuant to a contract of at least one year between the service provider and the purchaser that specifies that each employee covered under the contract is assigned to the purchaser on a permanent basis.

(4) Transactions between members of an affiliated group, as defined in division (B)(3)(e) of this section.

(5) Transactions where the personnel so provided or supplied by a provider or supplier to a purchaser of an employment service are then provided or supplied by that purchaser to a third party as an employment service, except "employment service" does include the transaction between that purchaser and the third party.

(KK) "Employment placement service" means locating or finding employment for a person or finding or locating an employee to fill an available position.

(LL) "Exterminating service" means eradicating or attempting to

eradicate vermin infestations from a building or structure, or the area surrounding a building or structure, and includes activities to inspect, detect, or prevent vermin infestation of a building or structure.

(MM) "Physical fitness facility service" means all transactions by which a membership is granted, maintained, or renewed, including initiation fees, membership dues, renewal fees, monthly minimum fees, and other similar fees and dues, by a physical fitness facility such as an athletic club, health spa, or gymnasium, which entitles the member to use the facility for physical exercise.

(NN) "Recreation and sports club service" means all transactions by which a membership is granted, maintained, or renewed, including initiation fees, membership dues, renewal fees, monthly minimum fees, and other similar fees and dues, by a recreation and sports club, which entitles the member to use the facilities of the organization. "Recreation and sports club" means an organization that has ownership of, or controls or leases on a continuing, long-term basis, the facilities used by its members and includes an aviation club, gun or shooting club, yacht club, card club, swimming club, tennis club, golf club, country club, riding club, amateur sports club, or similar organization.

(OO) "Livestock" means farm animals commonly raised for food, food production, or other agricultural purposes, including, but not limited to, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, poultry, and captive deer. "Livestock" does not include invertebrates, amphibians, reptiles, domestic pets, animals for use in laboratories or for exhibition, or other animals not commonly raised for food or food production.

(PP) "Livestock structure" means a building or structure used exclusively for the housing, raising, feeding, or sheltering of livestock, and includes feed storage or handling structures and structures for livestock waste handling.

(QQ) "Horticulture" means the growing, cultivation, and production of flowers, fruits, herbs, vegetables, sod, mushrooms, and nursery stock. As used in this division, "nursery stock" has the same meaning as in section 927.51 of the Revised Code.

(RR) "Horticulture structure" means a building or structure used exclusively for the commercial growing, raising, or overwintering of horticultural products, and includes the area used for stocking, storing, and packing horticultural products when done in conjunction with the production of those products.

(SS) "Newspaper" means an unbound publication bearing a title or name that is regularly published, at least as frequently as biweekly, and distributed

from a fixed place of business to the public in a specific geographic area, and that contains a substantial amount of news matter of international, national, or local events of interest to the general public.

~~(TT) "Professional racing team" means a person that employs at least twenty full-time employees for the purpose of conducting a motor vehicle racing business for profit. The person must conduct the business with the purpose of racing one or more motor racing vehicles in at least ten competitive professional racing events each year that comprise all or part of a motor racing series sanctioned by one or more motor racing sanctioning organizations. A "motor racing vehicle" means a vehicle for which the chassis, engine, and parts are designed exclusively for motor racing, and does not include a stock or production model vehicle that may be modified for use in racing. For the purposes of this division:~~

~~(1) A "competitive professional racing event" is a motor vehicle racing event sanctioned by one or more motor racing sanctioning organizations, at which aggregate cash prizes in excess of eight hundred thousand dollars are awarded to the competitors.~~

~~(2) "Full time employee" means an individual who is employed for consideration for thirty-five or more hours a week, or who renders any other standard of service generally accepted by custom or specified by contract as full-time employment.~~

"Transportation network company" and "transportation network company services" have the same meanings as in section 3942.01 of the Revised Code.

(UU)(1) "Lease" or "rental" means any transfer of the possession or control of tangible personal property for a fixed or indefinite term, for consideration. "Lease" or "rental" includes future options to purchase or extend, and agreements described in 26 U.S.C. 7701(h)(1) covering motor vehicles and trailers where the amount of consideration may be increased or decreased by reference to the amount realized upon the sale or disposition of the property. "Lease" or "rental" does not include:

(a) A transfer of possession or control of tangible personal property under a security agreement or a deferred payment plan that requires the transfer of title upon completion of the required payments;

(b) A transfer of possession or control of tangible personal property under an agreement that requires the transfer of title upon completion of required payments and payment of an option price that does not exceed the greater of one hundred dollars or one per cent of the total required payments;

(c) Providing tangible personal property along with an operator for a

fixed or indefinite period of time, if the operator is necessary for the property to perform as designed. For purposes of this division, the operator must do more than maintain, inspect, or set up the tangible personal property.

(2) "Lease" and "rental," as defined in division (UU) of this section, shall not apply to leases or rentals that exist before June 26, 2003.

(3) "Lease" and "rental" have the same meaning as in division (UU)(1) of this section regardless of whether a transaction is characterized as a lease or rental under generally accepted accounting principles, the Internal Revenue Code, Title XIII of the Revised Code, or other federal, state, or local laws.

(VV) "Mobile telecommunications service" has the same meaning as in the "Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act," Pub. L. No. 106-252, 114 Stat. 631 (2000), 4 U.S.C.A. 124(7), as amended, and, on and after August 1, 2003, includes related fees and ancillary services, including universal service fees, detailed billing service, directory assistance, service initiation, voice mail service, and vertical services, such as caller ID and three-way calling.

(WW) "Certified service provider" has the same meaning as in section 5740.01 of the Revised Code.

(XX) "Satellite broadcasting service" means the distribution or broadcasting of programming or services by satellite directly to the subscriber's receiving equipment without the use of ground receiving or distribution equipment, except the subscriber's receiving equipment or equipment used in the uplink process to the satellite, and includes all service and rental charges, premium channels or other special services, installation and repair service charges, and any other charges having any connection with the provision of the satellite broadcasting service.

(YY) "Tangible personal property" means personal property that can be seen, weighed, measured, felt, or touched, or that is in any other manner perceptible to the senses. For purposes of this chapter and Chapter 5741. of the Revised Code, "tangible personal property" includes motor vehicles, electricity, water, gas, steam, and prewritten computer software.

(ZZ) "Municipal gas utility" means a municipal corporation that owns or operates a system for the distribution of natural gas.

(AAA) "Computer" means an electronic device that accepts information in digital or similar form and manipulates it for a result based on a sequence of instructions.

(BBB) "Computer software" means a set of coded instructions designed to cause a computer or automatic data processing equipment to perform a

task.

(CCC) "Delivered electronically" means delivery of computer software from the seller to the purchaser by means other than tangible storage media.

(DDD) "Prewritten computer software" means computer software, including prewritten upgrades, that is not designed and developed by the author or other creator to the specifications of a specific purchaser. The combining of two or more prewritten computer software programs or prewritten portions thereof does not cause the combination to be other than prewritten computer software. "Prewritten computer software" includes software designed and developed by the author or other creator to the specifications of a specific purchaser when it is sold to a person other than the purchaser. If a person modifies or enhances computer software of which the person is not the author or creator, the person shall be deemed to be the author or creator only of such person's modifications or enhancements. Prewritten computer software or a prewritten portion thereof that is modified or enhanced to any degree, where such modification or enhancement is designed and developed to the specifications of a specific purchaser, remains prewritten computer software; provided, however, that where there is a reasonable, separately stated charge or an invoice or other statement of the price given to the purchaser for the modification or enhancement, the modification or enhancement shall not constitute prewritten computer software.

(EEE)(1) "Food" means substances, whether in liquid, concentrated, solid, frozen, dried, or dehydrated form, that are sold for ingestion or chewing by humans and are consumed for their taste or nutritional value. "Food" does not include alcoholic beverages, dietary supplements, soft drinks, or tobacco.

(2) As used in division (EEE)(1) of this section:

(a) "Alcoholic beverages" means beverages that are suitable for human consumption and contain one-half of one per cent or more of alcohol by volume.

(b) "Dietary supplements" means any product, other than tobacco, that is intended to supplement the diet and that is intended for ingestion in tablet, capsule, powder, softgel, gelcap, or liquid form, or, if not intended for ingestion in such a form, is not represented as conventional food for use as a sole item of a meal or of the diet; that is required to be labeled as a dietary supplement, identifiable by the "supplement facts" box found on the label, as required by 21 C.F.R. 101.36; and that contains one or more of the following dietary ingredients:

(i) A vitamin;

- (ii) A mineral;
- (iii) An herb or other botanical;
- (iv) An amino acid;

(v) A dietary substance for use by humans to supplement the diet by increasing the total dietary intake;

(vi) A concentrate, metabolite, constituent, extract, or combination of any ingredient described in divisions (EEE)(2)(b)(i) to (v) of this section.

(c) "Soft drinks" means nonalcoholic beverages that contain natural or artificial sweeteners. "Soft drinks" does not include beverages that contain milk or milk products, soy, rice, or similar milk substitutes, or that contains greater than fifty per cent vegetable or fruit juice by volume.

(d) "Tobacco" means cigarettes, cigars, chewing or pipe tobacco, or any other item that contains tobacco.

(FFF) "Drug" means a compound, substance, or preparation, and any component of a compound, substance, or preparation, other than food, dietary supplements, or alcoholic beverages that is recognized in the official United States pharmacopoeia, official homeopathic pharmacopoeia of the United States, or official national formulary, and supplements to them; is intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease; or is intended to affect the structure or any function of the body.

(GGG) "Prescription" means an order, formula, or recipe issued in any form of oral, written, electronic, or other means of transmission by a duly licensed practitioner authorized by the laws of this state to issue a prescription.

(HHH) "Durable medical equipment" means equipment, including repair and replacement parts for such equipment, that can withstand repeated use, is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose, generally is not useful to a person in the absence of illness or injury, and is not worn in or on the body. "Durable medical equipment" does not include mobility enhancing equipment.

(III) "Mobility enhancing equipment" means equipment, including repair and replacement parts for such equipment, that is primarily and customarily used to provide or increase the ability to move from one place to another and is appropriate for use either in a home or a motor vehicle, that is not generally used by persons with normal mobility, and that does not include any motor vehicle or equipment on a motor vehicle normally provided by a motor vehicle manufacturer. "Mobility enhancing equipment" does not include durable medical equipment.

(JJJ) "Prosthetic device" means a replacement, corrective, or supportive device, including repair and replacement parts for the device, worn on or in

the human body to artificially replace a missing portion of the body, prevent or correct physical deformity or malfunction, or support a weak or deformed portion of the body. As used in this division, before July 1, 2019, "prosthetic device" does not include corrective eyeglasses, contact lenses, or dental prosthesis. On or after July 1, 2019, "prosthetic device" does not include dental prosthesis but does include corrective eyeglasses or contact lenses.

(KKK)(1) "Fractional aircraft ownership program" means a program in which persons within an affiliated group sell and manage fractional ownership program aircraft, provided that at least one hundred airworthy aircraft are operated in the program and the program meets all of the following criteria:

(a) Management services are provided by at least one program manager within an affiliated group on behalf of the fractional owners.

(b) Each program aircraft is owned or possessed by at least one fractional owner.

(c) Each fractional owner owns or possesses at least a one-sixteenth interest in at least one fixed-wing program aircraft.

(d) A dry-lease aircraft interchange arrangement is in effect among all of the fractional owners.

(e) Multi-year program agreements are in effect regarding the fractional ownership, management services, and dry-lease aircraft interchange arrangement aspects of the program.

(2) As used in division (KKK)(1) of this section:

(a) "Affiliated group" has the same meaning as in division (B)(3)(e) of this section.

(b) "Fractional owner" means a person that owns or possesses at least a one-sixteenth interest in a program aircraft and has entered into the agreements described in division (KKK)(1)(e) of this section.

(c) "Fractional ownership program aircraft" or "program aircraft" means a turbojet aircraft that is owned or possessed by a fractional owner and that has been included in a dry-lease aircraft interchange arrangement and agreement under divisions (KKK)(1)(d) and (e) of this section, or an aircraft a program manager owns or possesses primarily for use in a fractional aircraft ownership program.

(d) "Management services" means administrative and aviation support services furnished under a fractional aircraft ownership program in accordance with a management services agreement under division (KKK)(1)(e) of this section, and offered by the program manager to the fractional owners, including, at a minimum, the establishment and implementation of safety guidelines; the coordination of the scheduling of

the program aircraft and crews; program aircraft maintenance; program aircraft insurance; crew training for crews employed, furnished, or contracted by the program manager or the fractional owner; the satisfaction of record-keeping requirements; and the development and use of an operations manual and a maintenance manual for the fractional aircraft ownership program.

(e) "Program manager" means the person that offers management services to fractional owners pursuant to a management services agreement under division (KKK)(1)(e) of this section.

(LLL) "Electronic publishing" means providing access to one or more of the following primarily for business customers, including the federal government or a state government or a political subdivision thereof, to conduct research: news; business, financial, legal, consumer, or credit materials; editorials, columns, reader commentary, or features; photos or images; archival or research material; legal notices, identity verification, or public records; scientific, educational, instructional, technical, professional, trade, or other literary materials; or other similar information which has been gathered and made available by the provider to the consumer in an electronic format. Providing electronic publishing includes the functions necessary for the acquisition, formatting, editing, storage, and dissemination of data or information that is the subject of a sale.

(MMM) "Medicaid health insuring corporation" means a health insuring corporation that holds a certificate of authority under Chapter 1751. of the Revised Code and is under contract with the department of medicaid pursuant to section 5167.10 of the Revised Code.

(NNN) "Managed care premium" means any premium, capitation, or other payment a medicaid health insuring corporation receives for providing or arranging for the provision of health care services to its members or enrollees residing in this state.

(OOO) "Captive deer" means deer and other cervidae that have been legally acquired, or their offspring, that are privately owned for agricultural or farming purposes.

(PPP) "Gift card" means a document, card, certificate, or other record, whether tangible or intangible, that may be redeemed by a consumer for a dollar value when making a purchase of tangible personal property or services.

(QQQ) "Specified digital product" means an electronically transferred digital audiovisual work, digital audio work, or digital book.

As used in division (QQQ) of this section:

(1) "Digital audiovisual work" means a series of related images that,

when shown in succession, impart an impression of motion, together with accompanying sounds, if any.

(2) "Digital audio work" means a work that results from the fixation of a series of musical, spoken, or other sounds, including digitized sound files that are downloaded onto a device and that may be used to alert the customer with respect to a communication.

(3) "Digital book" means a work that is generally recognized in the ordinary and usual sense as a book.

(4) "Electronically transferred" means obtained by the purchaser by means other than tangible storage media.

(RRR) "Digital advertising services" means providing access, by means of telecommunications equipment, to computer equipment that is used to enter, upload, download, review, manipulate, store, add, or delete data for the purpose of electronically displaying, delivering, placing, or transferring promotional advertisements to potential customers about products or services or about industry or business brands.

(SSS) "Peer-to-peer car sharing program" has the same meaning as in section 4516.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5739.011. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Manufacturer" means a person who is engaged in manufacturing, processing, assembling, or refining a product for sale and, solely for the purposes of division (B)(12) of this section, a person who meets all the qualifications of that division.

(2) "Manufacturing facility" means a single location where a manufacturing operation is conducted, including locations consisting of one or more buildings or structures in a contiguous area owned or controlled by the manufacturer.

(3) "Materials handling" means the movement of the product being or to be manufactured, during which movement the product is not undergoing any substantial change or alteration in its state or form.

(4) "Testing" means a process or procedure to identify the properties or assure the quality of a material or product.

(5) "Completed product" means a manufactured item that is in the form and condition as it will be sold by the manufacturer. An item is completed when all processes that change or alter its state or form or enhance its value are finished, even though the item subsequently will be tested to ensure its quality or be packaged for storage or shipment.

(6) "Continuous manufacturing operation" means the process in which raw materials or components are moved through the steps whereby manufacturing occurs. Materials handling of raw materials or parts from the

point of receipt or preproduction storage or of a completed product, to or from storage, to or from packaging, or to the place from which the completed product will be shipped, is not a part of a continuous manufacturing operation.

(7) "Food" has the same meaning as in section 3717.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) For purposes of division (B)(42)(g) of section 5739.02 of the Revised Code, the "thing transferred" includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

(1) Production machinery and equipment that act upon the product or machinery and equipment that treat the materials or parts in preparation for the manufacturing operation;

(2) Materials handling equipment that moves the product through a continuous manufacturing operation; equipment that temporarily stores the product during the manufacturing operation; or, excluding motor vehicles licensed to operate on public highways, equipment used in intraplant or interplant transfers of work in process where the plant or plants between which such transfers occur are manufacturing facilities operated by the same person;

(3) Catalysts, solvents, water, acids, oil, and similar consumables that interact with the product and that are an integral part of the manufacturing operation;

(4) Machinery, equipment, and other tangible personal property used during the manufacturing operation that control, physically support, produce power for, lubricate, or are otherwise necessary for the functioning of production machinery and equipment and the continuation of the manufacturing operation;

(5) Machinery, equipment, fuel, power, material, parts, and other tangible personal property used to manufacture machinery, equipment, or other tangible personal property used in manufacturing a product for sale;

(6) Machinery, equipment, and other tangible personal property used by a manufacturer to test raw materials, the product being manufactured, or the completed product;

(7) Machinery and equipment used to handle or temporarily store scrap that is intended to be reused in the manufacturing operation at the same manufacturing facility;

(8) Coke, gas, water, steam, and similar substances used in the manufacturing operation; machinery and equipment used for, and fuel consumed in, producing or extracting those substances; machinery, equipment, and other tangible personal property used to treat, filter, pump,

or otherwise make the substance suitable for use in the manufacturing operation; and machinery and equipment used for, and fuel consumed in, producing electricity for use in the manufacturing operation;

(9) Machinery, equipment, and other tangible personal property used to transport or transmit electricity, coke, gas, water, steam, or similar substances used in the manufacturing operation from the point of generation, if produced by the manufacturer, or from the point where the substance enters the manufacturing facility, if purchased by the manufacturer, to the manufacturing operation;

(10) Machinery, equipment, and other tangible personal property that treats, filters, cools, refines, or otherwise renders water, steam, acid, oil, solvents, or similar substances used in the manufacturing operation reusable, provided that the substances are intended for reuse and not for disposal, sale, or transportation from the manufacturing facility;

(11) Parts, components, and repair and installation services for items described in division (B) of this section;

(12) Machinery and equipment, detergents, supplies, solvents, and any other tangible personal property located at a manufacturing facility that are used in the process of removing soil, dirt, or other contaminants from, or otherwise preparing in a suitable condition for use, towels, linens, articles of clothing, floor mats, mop heads, or other similar items, to be supplied to a consumer as part of laundry and dry cleaning services as defined in division (BB) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code, only when the towels, linens, articles of clothing, floor mats, mop heads, or other similar items belong to the provider of the services;

(13) Equipment and supplies used to clean processing equipment that is part of a continuous manufacturing operation to produce ~~milk, ice cream, yogurt, cheese, and similar dairy products~~ food for human consumption.

(C) For purposes of division (B)(42)(g) of section 5739.02 of the Revised Code, the "thing transferred" does not include any of the following:

(1) Tangible personal property used in administrative, personnel, security, inventory control, record-keeping, ordering, billing, or similar functions;

(2) Tangible personal property used in storing raw materials or parts prior to the commencement of the manufacturing operation or used to handle or store a completed product, including storage that actively maintains a completed product in a marketable state or form;

(3) Tangible personal property used to handle or store scrap or waste intended for disposal, sale, or other disposition, other than reuse in the manufacturing operation at the same manufacturing facility;

(4) Tangible personal property that is or is to be incorporated into realty;

(5) Machinery, equipment, and other tangible personal property used for ventilation, dust or gas collection, humidity or temperature regulation, or similar environmental control, except machinery, equipment, and other tangible personal property that totally regulates the environment in a special and limited area of the manufacturing facility where the regulation is essential for production to occur;

(6) Tangible personal property used for the protection and safety of workers, unless the property is attached to or incorporated into machinery and equipment used in a continuous manufacturing operation;

(7) Tangible personal property used to store fuel, water, solvents, acid, oil, or similar items consumed in the manufacturing operation;

(8) Except as provided in division (B)(13) of this section, machinery, equipment, and other tangible personal property used to clean, repair, or maintain real or personal property in the manufacturing facility;

(9) Motor vehicles registered for operation on public highways.

(D) For purposes of division (B)(42)(g) of section 5739.02 of the Revised Code, if the "thing transferred" is a machine used by a manufacturer in both a taxable and an exempt manner, it shall be totally taxable or totally exempt from taxation based upon its quantified primary use. If the "things transferred" are fungibles, they shall be taxed based upon the proportion of the fungibles used in a taxable manner.

Sec. 5739.02. For the purpose of providing revenue with which to meet the needs of the state, for the use of the general revenue fund of the state, for the purpose of securing a thorough and efficient system of common schools throughout the state, for the purpose of affording revenues, in addition to those from general property taxes, permitted under constitutional limitations, and from other sources, for the support of local governmental functions, and for the purpose of reimbursing the state for the expense of administering this chapter, an excise tax is hereby levied on each retail sale made in this state.

(A)(1) The tax shall be collected as provided in section 5739.025 of the Revised Code. The rate of the tax shall be five and three-fourths per cent. The tax applies and is collectible when the sale is made, regardless of the time when the price is paid or delivered.

(2) In the case of the lease or rental, with a fixed term of more than thirty days or an indefinite term with a minimum period of more than thirty days, of any motor vehicles designed by the manufacturer to carry a load of not more than one ton, watercraft, outboard motor, or aircraft, or of any tangible personal property, other than motor vehicles designed by the

manufacturer to carry a load of more than one ton, to be used by the lessee or renter primarily for business purposes, the tax shall be collected by the vendor at the time the lease or rental is consummated and shall be calculated by the vendor on the basis of the total amount to be paid by the lessee or renter under the lease agreement. If the total amount of the consideration for the lease or rental includes amounts that are not calculated at the time the lease or rental is executed, the tax shall be calculated and collected by the vendor at the time such amounts are billed to the lessee or renter. In the case of an open-end lease or rental, the tax shall be calculated by the vendor on the basis of the total amount to be paid during the initial fixed term of the lease or rental, and for each subsequent renewal period as it comes due. As used in this division, "motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in section 4501.01 of the Revised Code, and "watercraft" includes an outdrive unit attached to the watercraft.

A lease with a renewal clause and a termination penalty or similar provision that applies if the renewal clause is not exercised is presumed to be a sham transaction. In such a case, the tax shall be calculated and paid on the basis of the entire length of the lease period, including any renewal periods, until the termination penalty or similar provision no longer applies. The taxpayer shall bear the burden, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the transaction or series of transactions is not a sham transaction.

(3) Except as provided in division (A)(2) of this section, in the case of a sale, the price of which consists in whole or in part of the lease or rental of tangible personal property, the tax shall be measured by the installments of that lease or rental.

(4) In the case of a sale of a physical fitness facility service or recreation and sports club service, the price of which consists in whole or in part of a membership for the receipt of the benefit of the service, the tax applicable to the sale shall be measured by the installments thereof.

(B) The tax does not apply to the following:

(1) Sales to the state or any of its political subdivisions, or to any other state or its political subdivisions if the laws of that state exempt from taxation sales made to this state and its political subdivisions;

(2) Sales of food for human consumption off the premises where sold;

(3) Sales of food sold to students only in a cafeteria, dormitory, fraternity, or sorority maintained in a private, public, or parochial school, college, or university;

(4) Sales of newspapers and sales or transfers of magazines distributed as controlled circulation publications;

(5) The furnishing, preparing, or serving of meals without charge by an

employer to an employee provided the employer records the meals as part compensation for services performed or work done;

(6)(a) Sales of motor fuel upon receipt, use, distribution, or sale of which in this state a tax is imposed by the law of this state, but this exemption shall not apply to the sale of motor fuel on which a refund of the tax is allowable under division (A) of section 5735.14 of the Revised Code; and the tax commissioner may deduct the amount of tax levied by this section applicable to the price of motor fuel when granting a refund of motor fuel tax pursuant to division (A) of section 5735.14 of the Revised Code and shall cause the amount deducted to be paid into the general revenue fund of this state;

(b) Sales of motor fuel other than that described in division (B)(6)(a) of this section and used for powering a refrigeration unit on a vehicle other than one used primarily to provide comfort to the operator or occupants of the vehicle.

(7) Sales of natural gas by a natural gas company or municipal gas utility, of water by a water-works company, or of steam by a heating company, if in each case the thing sold is delivered to consumers through pipes or conduits, and all sales of communications services by a telegraph company, all terms as defined in section 5727.01 of the Revised Code, and sales of electricity delivered through wires;

(8) Casual sales by a person, or auctioneer employed directly by the person to conduct such sales, except as to such sales of motor vehicles, watercraft or outboard motors required to be titled under section 1548.06 of the Revised Code, watercraft documented with the United States coast guard, snowmobiles, and all-purpose vehicles as defined in section 4519.01 of the Revised Code;

(9)(a) Sales of services or tangible personal property, other than motor vehicles, mobile homes, and manufactured homes, by churches, organizations exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or nonprofit organizations operated exclusively for charitable purposes as defined in division (B)(12) of this section, provided that the number of days on which such tangible personal property or services, other than items never subject to the tax, are sold does not exceed six in any calendar year, except as otherwise provided in division (B)(9)(b) of this section. If the number of days on which such sales are made exceeds six in any calendar year, the church or organization shall be considered to be engaged in business and all subsequent sales by it shall be subject to the tax. In counting the number of days, all sales by groups within a church or within an organization shall be considered to be sales of that church or

organization.

(b) The limitation on the number of days on which tax-exempt sales may be made by a church or organization under division (B)(9)(a) of this section does not apply to sales made by student clubs and other groups of students of a primary or secondary school, or a parent-teacher association, booster group, or similar organization that raises money to support or fund curricular or extracurricular activities of a primary or secondary school.

(c) Divisions (B)(9)(a) and (b) of this section do not apply to sales by a noncommercial educational radio or television broadcasting station.

(10) Sales not within the taxing power of this state under the Constitution or laws of the United States or the Constitution of this state;

(11) Except for transactions that are sales under division (B)(3)(r) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code, the transportation of persons or property, unless the transportation is by a private investigation and security service;

(12) Sales of tangible personal property or services to churches, to organizations exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and to any other nonprofit organizations operated exclusively for charitable purposes in this state, no part of the net income of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which consists of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; sales to offices administering one or more homes for the aged or one or more hospital facilities exempt under section 140.08 of the Revised Code; and sales to organizations described in division (D) of section 5709.12 of the Revised Code.

"Charitable purposes" means the relief of poverty; the improvement of health through the alleviation of illness, disease, or injury; the operation of an organization exclusively for the provision of professional, laundry, printing, and purchasing services to hospitals or charitable institutions; the operation of a home for the aged, as defined in section 5701.13 of the Revised Code; the operation of a radio or television broadcasting station that is licensed by the federal communications commission as a noncommercial educational radio or television station; the operation of a nonprofit animal adoption service or a county humane society; the promotion of education by an institution of learning that maintains a faculty of qualified instructors, teaches regular continuous courses of study, and confers a recognized diploma upon completion of a specific curriculum; the operation of a parent-teacher association, booster group, or similar organization primarily engaged in the promotion and support of the curricular or extracurricular

activities of a primary or secondary school; the operation of a community or area center in which presentations in music, dramatics, the arts, and related fields are made in order to foster public interest and education therein; the production of performances in music, dramatics, and the arts; or the promotion of education by an organization engaged in carrying on research in, or the dissemination of, scientific and technological knowledge and information primarily for the public.

Nothing in this division shall be deemed to exempt sales to any organization for use in the operation or carrying on of a trade or business, or sales to a home for the aged for use in the operation of independent living facilities as defined in division (A) of section 5709.12 of the Revised Code.

(13) Building and construction materials and services sold to construction contractors for incorporation into a structure or improvement to real property under a construction contract with this state or a political subdivision of this state, or with the United States government or any of its agencies; building and construction materials and services sold to construction contractors for incorporation into a structure or improvement to real property that are accepted for ownership by this state or any of its political subdivisions, or by the United States government or any of its agencies at the time of completion of the structures or improvements; building and construction materials sold to construction contractors for incorporation into a horticulture structure or livestock structure for a person engaged in the business of horticulture or producing livestock; building materials and services sold to a construction contractor for incorporation into a house of public worship or religious education, or a building used exclusively for charitable purposes under a construction contract with an organization whose purpose is as described in division (B)(12) of this section; building materials and services sold to a construction contractor for incorporation into a building under a construction contract with an organization exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 when the building is to be used exclusively for the organization's exempt purposes; building and construction materials sold for incorporation into the original construction of a sports facility under section 307.696 of the Revised Code; building and construction materials and services sold to a construction contractor for incorporation into real property outside this state if such materials and services, when sold to a construction contractor in the state in which the real property is located for incorporation into real property in that state, would be exempt from a tax on sales levied by that state; building and construction materials for incorporation into a transportation facility pursuant to a public-private agreement entered into

under sections 5501.70 to 5501.83 of the Revised Code; and, until one calendar year after the construction of a convention center that qualifies for property tax exemption under section 5709.084 of the Revised Code is completed, building and construction materials and services sold to a construction contractor for incorporation into the real property comprising that convention center;

(14) Sales of ships or vessels or rail rolling stock used or to be used principally in interstate or foreign commerce, and repairs, alterations, fuel, and lubricants for such ships or vessels or rail rolling stock;

(15) Sales to persons primarily engaged in any of the activities mentioned in division (B)(42)(a), (g), or (h) of this section, to persons engaged in making retail sales, or to persons who purchase for sale from a manufacturer tangible personal property that was produced by the manufacturer in accordance with specific designs provided by the purchaser, of packages, including material, labels, and parts for packages, and of machinery, equipment, and material for use primarily in packaging tangible personal property produced for sale, including any machinery, equipment, and supplies used to make labels or packages, to prepare packages or products for labeling, or to label packages or products, by or on the order of the person doing the packaging, or sold at retail. "Packages" includes bags, baskets, cartons, crates, boxes, cans, bottles, bindings, wrappings, and other similar devices and containers, but does not include motor vehicles or bulk tanks, trailers, or similar devices attached to motor vehicles. "Packaging" means placing in a package. Division (B)(15) of this section does not apply to persons engaged in highway transportation for hire.

(16) Sales of food to persons using supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits to purchase the food. As used in this division, "food" has the same meaning as in 7 U.S.C. 2012 and federal regulations adopted pursuant to the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008.

(17) Sales to persons engaged in farming, agriculture, horticulture, or floriculture, of tangible personal property for use or consumption primarily in the production by farming, agriculture, horticulture, or floriculture of other tangible personal property for use or consumption primarily in the production of tangible personal property for sale by farming, agriculture, horticulture, or floriculture; or material and parts for incorporation into any such tangible personal property for use or consumption in production; and of tangible personal property for such use or consumption in the conditioning or holding of products produced by and for such use, consumption, or sale by persons engaged in farming, agriculture, horticulture, or floriculture, except where such property is incorporated into real property;

(18) Sales of drugs for a human being that may be dispensed only pursuant to a prescription; insulin as recognized in the official United States pharmacopoeia; urine and blood testing materials when used by diabetics or persons with hypoglycemia to test for glucose or acetone; hypodermic syringes and needles when used by diabetics for insulin injections; epoetin alfa when purchased for use in the treatment of persons with medical disease; hospital beds when purchased by hospitals, nursing homes, or other medical facilities; and medical oxygen and medical oxygen-dispensing equipment when purchased by hospitals, nursing homes, or other medical facilities;

(19) Sales of prosthetic devices, durable medical equipment for home use, or mobility enhancing equipment, when made pursuant to a prescription and when such devices or equipment are for use by a human being.

(20) Sales of emergency and fire protection vehicles and equipment to nonprofit organizations for use solely in providing fire protection and emergency services, including trauma care and emergency medical services, for political subdivisions of the state;

(21) Sales of tangible personal property manufactured in this state, if sold by the manufacturer in this state to a retailer for use in the retail business of the retailer outside of this state and if possession is taken from the manufacturer by the purchaser within this state for the sole purpose of immediately removing the same from this state in a vehicle owned by the purchaser;

(22) Sales of services provided by the state or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, instrumentalities, institutions, or authorities, or by governmental entities of the state or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, instrumentalities, institutions, or authorities;

(23) Sales of motor vehicles to nonresidents of this state under the circumstances described in division (B) of section 5739.029 of the Revised Code;

(24) Sales to persons engaged in the preparation of eggs for sale of tangible personal property used or consumed directly in such preparation, including such tangible personal property used for cleaning, sanitizing, preserving, grading, sorting, and classifying by size; packages, including material and parts for packages, and machinery, equipment, and material for use in packaging eggs for sale; and handling and transportation equipment and parts therefor, except motor vehicles licensed to operate on public highways, used in intraplant or interplant transfers or shipment of eggs in the process of preparation for sale, when the plant or plants within or between which such transfers or shipments occur are operated by the same

person. "Packages" includes containers, cases, baskets, flats, fillers, filler flats, cartons, closure materials, labels, and labeling materials, and "packaging" means placing therein.

(25)(a) Sales of water to a consumer for residential use;

(b) Sales of water by a nonprofit corporation engaged exclusively in the treatment, distribution, and sale of water to consumers, if such water is delivered to consumers through pipes or tubing.

(26) Fees charged for inspection or reinspection of motor vehicles under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code;

(27) Sales to persons licensed to conduct a food service operation pursuant to section 3717.43 of the Revised Code, of tangible personal property primarily used directly for the following:

(a) To prepare food for human consumption for sale;

(b) To preserve food that has been or will be prepared for human consumption for sale by the food service operator, not including tangible personal property used to display food for selection by the consumer;

(c) To clean tangible personal property used to prepare or serve food for human consumption for sale.

(28) Sales of animals by nonprofit animal adoption services or county humane societies;

(29) Sales of services to a corporation described in division (A) of section 5709.72 of the Revised Code, and sales of tangible personal property that qualifies for exemption from taxation under section 5709.72 of the Revised Code;

(30) Sales and installation of agricultural land tile, as defined in division (B)(5)(a) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code;

(31) Sales and erection or installation of portable grain bins, as defined in division (B)(5)(b) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code;

(32) The sale, lease, repair, and maintenance of, parts for, or items attached to or incorporated in, motor vehicles that are primarily used for transporting tangible personal property belonging to others by a person engaged in highway transportation for hire, except for packages and packaging used for the transportation of tangible personal property;

(33) Sales to the state headquarters of any veterans' organization in this state that is either incorporated and issued a charter by the congress of the United States or is recognized by the United States veterans administration, for use by the headquarters;

(34) Sales to a telecommunications service vendor, mobile telecommunications service vendor, or satellite broadcasting service vendor of tangible personal property and services used directly and primarily in

transmitting, receiving, switching, or recording any interactive, one- or two-way electromagnetic communications, including voice, image, data, and information, through the use of any medium, including, but not limited to, poles, wires, cables, switching equipment, computers, and record storage devices and media, and component parts for the tangible personal property. The exemption provided in this division shall be in lieu of all other exemptions under division (B)(42)(a) or (n) of this section to which the vendor may otherwise be entitled, based upon the use of the thing purchased in providing the telecommunications, mobile telecommunications, or satellite broadcasting service.

(35)(a) Sales where the purpose of the consumer is to use or consume the things transferred in making retail sales and consisting of newspaper inserts, catalogues, coupons, flyers, gift certificates, or other advertising material that prices and describes tangible personal property offered for retail sale.

(b) Sales to direct marketing vendors of preliminary materials such as photographs, artwork, and typesetting that will be used in printing advertising material; and of printed matter that offers free merchandise or chances to win sweepstake prizes and that is mailed to potential customers with advertising material described in division (B)(35)(a) of this section;

(c) Sales of equipment such as telephones, computers, facsimile machines, and similar tangible personal property primarily used to accept orders for direct marketing retail sales.

(d) Sales of automatic food vending machines that preserve food with a shelf life of forty-five days or less by refrigeration and dispense it to the consumer.

For purposes of division (B)(35) of this section, "direct marketing" means the method of selling where consumers order tangible personal property by United States mail, delivery service, or telecommunication and the vendor delivers or ships the tangible personal property sold to the consumer from a warehouse, catalogue distribution center, or similar fulfillment facility by means of the United States mail, delivery service, or common carrier.

(36) Sales to a person engaged in the business of horticulture or producing livestock of materials to be incorporated into a horticulture structure or livestock structure;

(37) Sales of personal computers, computer monitors, computer keyboards, modems, and other peripheral computer equipment to an individual who is licensed or certified to teach in an elementary or a secondary school in this state for use by that individual in preparation for

teaching elementary or secondary school students;

(38) ~~Sales to a professional racing team of any of the following:~~

~~(a) Motor racing vehicles;~~

~~(b) Repair services for motor racing vehicles;~~

~~(c) Items of property that are attached to or incorporated in motor racing vehicles, including engines, chassis, and all other components of the vehicles, and all spare, replacement, and rebuilt parts or components of the vehicles; except not including tires, consumable fluids, paint, and accessories consisting of instrumentation sensors and related items added to the vehicle to collect and transmit data by means of telemetry and other forms of communication. Sales of tangible personal property that is not required to be registered or licensed under the laws of this state to a citizen of a foreign nation that is not a citizen of the United States, provided the property is delivered to a person in this state that is not a related member of the purchaser, is physically present in this state for the sole purpose of temporary storage and package consolidation, and is subsequently delivered to the purchaser at a delivery address in a foreign nation. As used in division (B)(38) of this section, "related member" has the same meaning as in section 5733.042 of the Revised Code, and "temporary storage" means the storage of tangible personal property for a period of not more than sixty days.~~

(39) Sales of used manufactured homes and used mobile homes, as defined in section 5739.0210 of the Revised Code, made on or after January 1, 2000;

(40) Sales of tangible personal property and services to a provider of electricity used or consumed directly and primarily in generating, transmitting, or distributing electricity for use by others, including property that is or is to be incorporated into and will become a part of the consumer's production, transmission, or distribution system and that retains its classification as tangible personal property after incorporation; fuel or power used in the production, transmission, or distribution of electricity; energy conversion equipment as defined in section 5727.01 of the Revised Code; and tangible personal property and services used in the repair and maintenance of the production, transmission, or distribution system, including only those motor vehicles as are specially designed and equipped for such use. The exemption provided in this division shall be in lieu of all other exemptions in division (B)(42)(a) or (n) of this section to which a provider of electricity may otherwise be entitled based on the use of the tangible personal property or service purchased in generating, transmitting, or distributing electricity.

(41) Sales to a person providing services under division (B)(3)(r) of

section 5739.01 of the Revised Code of tangible personal property and services used directly and primarily in providing taxable services under that section.

(42) Sales where the purpose of the purchaser is to do any of the following:

(a) To incorporate the thing transferred as a material or a part into tangible personal property to be produced for sale by manufacturing, assembling, processing, or refining; or to use or consume the thing transferred directly in producing tangible personal property for sale by mining, including, without limitation, the extraction from the earth of all substances that are classed geologically as minerals, or directly in the rendition of a public utility service, except that the sales tax levied by this section shall be collected upon all meals, drinks, and food for human consumption sold when transporting persons. This paragraph does not exempt from "retail sale" or "sales at retail" the sale of tangible personal property that is to be incorporated into a structure or improvement to real property.

(b) To hold the thing transferred as security for the performance of an obligation of the vendor;

(c) To resell, hold, use, or consume the thing transferred as evidence of a contract of insurance;

(d) To use or consume the thing directly in commercial fishing;

(e) To incorporate the thing transferred as a material or a part into, or to use or consume the thing transferred directly in the production of, magazines distributed as controlled circulation publications;

(f) To use or consume the thing transferred in the production and preparation in suitable condition for market and sale of printed, imprinted, overprinted, lithographic, multilithic, blueprinted, photostatic, or other productions or reproductions of written or graphic matter;

(g) To use the thing transferred, as described in section 5739.011 of the Revised Code, primarily in a manufacturing operation to produce tangible personal property for sale;

(h) To use the benefit of a warranty, maintenance or service contract, or similar agreement, as described in division (B)(7) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code, to repair or maintain tangible personal property, if all of the property that is the subject of the warranty, contract, or agreement would not be subject to the tax imposed by this section;

(i) To use the thing transferred as qualified research and development equipment;

(j) To use or consume the thing transferred primarily in storing,

transporting, mailing, or otherwise handling purchased sales inventory in a warehouse, distribution center, or similar facility when the inventory is primarily distributed outside this state to retail stores of the person who owns or controls the warehouse, distribution center, or similar facility, to retail stores of an affiliated group of which that person is a member, or by means of direct marketing. This division does not apply to motor vehicles registered for operation on the public highways. As used in this division, "affiliated group" has the same meaning as in division (B)(3)(e) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code and "direct marketing" has the same meaning as in division (B)(35) of this section.

(k) To use or consume the thing transferred to fulfill a contractual obligation incurred by a warrantor pursuant to a warranty provided as a part of the price of the tangible personal property sold or by a vendor of a warranty, maintenance or service contract, or similar agreement the provision of which is defined as a sale under division (B)(7) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code;

(l) To use or consume the thing transferred in the production of a newspaper for distribution to the public;

(m) To use tangible personal property to perform a service listed in division (B)(3) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code, if the property is or is to be permanently transferred to the consumer of the service as an integral part of the performance of the service;

(n) To use or consume the thing transferred primarily in producing tangible personal property for sale by farming, agriculture, horticulture, or floriculture. Persons engaged in rendering farming, agriculture, horticulture, or floriculture services for others are deemed engaged primarily in farming, agriculture, horticulture, or floriculture. This paragraph does not exempt from "retail sale" or "sales at retail" the sale of tangible personal property that is to be incorporated into a structure or improvement to real property.

(o) To use or consume the thing transferred in acquiring, formatting, editing, storing, and disseminating data or information by electronic publishing;

(p) To provide the thing transferred to the owner or lessee of a motor vehicle that is being repaired or serviced, if the thing transferred is a rented motor vehicle and the purchaser is reimbursed for the cost of the rented motor vehicle by a manufacturer, warrantor, or provider of a maintenance, service, or other similar contract or agreement, with respect to the motor vehicle that is being repaired or serviced;

(q) To use or consume the thing transferred directly in production of crude oil and natural gas for sale. Persons engaged in rendering production

services for others are deemed engaged in production.

As used in division (B)(42)(q) of this section, "production" means operations and tangible personal property directly used to expose and evaluate an underground reservoir that may contain hydrocarbon resources, prepare the wellbore for production, and lift and control all substances yielded by the reservoir to the surface of the earth.

(i) For the purposes of division (B)(42)(q) of this section, the "thing transferred" includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

(I) Services provided in the construction of permanent access roads, services provided in the construction of the well site, and services provided in the construction of temporary impoundments;

(II) Equipment and rigging used for the specific purpose of creating with integrity a wellbore pathway to underground reservoirs;

(III) Drilling and workover services used to work within a subsurface wellbore, and tangible personal property directly used in providing such services;

(IV) Casing, tubulars, and float and centralizing equipment;

(V) Trailers to which production equipment is attached;

(VI) Well completion services, including cementing of casing, and tangible personal property directly used in providing such services;

(VII) Wireline evaluation, mud logging, and perforation services, and tangible personal property directly used in providing such services;

(VIII) Reservoir stimulation, hydraulic fracturing, and acidizing services, and tangible personal property directly used in providing such services, including all material pumped downhole;

(IX) Pressure pumping equipment;

(X) Artificial lift systems equipment;

(XI) Wellhead equipment and well site equipment used to separate, stabilize, and control hydrocarbon phases and produced water;

(XII) Tangible personal property directly used to control production equipment.

(ii) For the purposes of division (B)(42)(q) of this section, the "thing transferred" does not include any of the following:

(I) Tangible personal property used primarily in the exploration and production of any mineral resource regulated under Chapter 1509. of the Revised Code other than oil or gas;

(II) Tangible personal property used primarily in storing, holding, or delivering solutions or chemicals used in well stimulation as defined in section 1509.01 of the Revised Code;

(III) Tangible personal property used primarily in preparing, installing,

or reclaiming foundations for drilling or pumping equipment or well stimulation material tanks;

(IV) Tangible personal property used primarily in transporting, delivering, or removing equipment to or from the well site or storing such equipment before its use at the well site;

(V) Tangible personal property used primarily in gathering operations occurring off the well site, including gathering pipelines transporting hydrocarbon gas or liquids away from a crude oil or natural gas production facility;

(VI) Tangible personal property that is to be incorporated into a structure or improvement to real property;

(VII) Well site fencing, lighting, or security systems;

(VIII) Communication devices or services;

(IX) Office supplies;

(X) Trailers used as offices or lodging;

(XI) Motor vehicles of any kind;

(XII) Tangible personal property used primarily for the storage of drilling byproducts and fuel not used for production;

(XIII) Tangible personal property used primarily as a safety device;

(XIV) Data collection or monitoring devices;

(XV) Access ladders, stairs, or platforms attached to storage tanks.

The enumeration of tangible personal property in division (B)(42)(q)(ii) of this section is not intended to be exhaustive, and any tangible personal property not so enumerated shall not necessarily be construed to be a "thing transferred" for the purposes of division (B)(42)(q) of this section.

The commissioner shall adopt and promulgate rules under sections 119.01 to 119.13 of the Revised Code that the commissioner deems necessary to administer division (B)(42)(q) of this section.

As used in division (B)(42) of this section, "thing" includes all transactions included in divisions (B)(3)(a), (b), and (e) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code.

(43) Sales conducted through a coin operated device that activates vacuum equipment or equipment that dispenses water, whether or not in combination with soap or other cleaning agents or wax, to the consumer for the consumer's use on the premises in washing, cleaning, or waxing a motor vehicle, provided no other personal property or personal service is provided as part of the transaction.

(44) Sales of replacement and modification parts for engines, airframes, instruments, and interiors in, and paint for, aircraft used primarily in a fractional aircraft ownership program, and sales of services for the repair,

modification, and maintenance of such aircraft, and machinery, equipment, and supplies primarily used to provide those services.

(45) Sales of telecommunications service that is used directly and primarily to perform the functions of a call center. As used in this division, "call center" means any physical location where telephone calls are placed or received in high volume for the purpose of making sales, marketing, customer service, technical support, or other specialized business activity, and that employs at least fifty individuals that engage in call center activities on a full-time basis, or sufficient individuals to fill fifty full-time equivalent positions.

(46) Sales by a telecommunications service vendor of 900 service to a subscriber. This division does not apply to information services, as defined in division (FF) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code.

(47) Sales of value-added non-voice data service. This division does not apply to any similar service that is not otherwise a telecommunications service.

(48)(a) Sales of machinery, equipment, and software to a qualified direct selling entity for use in a warehouse or distribution center primarily for storing, transporting, or otherwise handling inventory that is held for sale to independent salespersons who operate as direct sellers and that is held primarily for distribution outside this state;

(b) As used in division (B)(48)(a) of this section:

(i) "Direct seller" means a person selling consumer products to individuals for personal or household use and not from a fixed retail location, including selling such product at in-home product demonstrations, parties, and other one-on-one selling.

(ii) "Qualified direct selling entity" means an entity selling to direct sellers at the time the entity enters into a tax credit agreement with the tax credit authority pursuant to section 122.17 of the Revised Code, provided that the agreement was entered into on or after January 1, 2007. Neither contingencies relevant to the granting of, nor later developments with respect to, the tax credit shall impair the status of the qualified direct selling entity under division (B)(48) of this section after execution of the tax credit agreement by the tax credit authority.

(c) Division (B)(48) of this section is limited to machinery, equipment, and software first stored, used, or consumed in this state within the period commencing June 24, 2008, and ending on the date that is five years after that date.

(49) Sales of materials, parts, equipment, or engines used in the repair or maintenance of aircraft or avionics systems of such aircraft, and sales of

repair, remodeling, replacement, or maintenance services in this state performed on aircraft or on an aircraft's avionics, engine, or component materials or parts. As used in division (B)(49) of this section, "aircraft" means aircraft of more than six thousand pounds maximum certified takeoff weight or used exclusively in general aviation.

(50) Sales of full flight simulators that are used for pilot or flight-crew training, sales of repair or replacement parts or components, and sales of repair or maintenance services for such full flight simulators. "Full flight simulator" means a replica of a specific type, or make, model, and series of aircraft cockpit. It includes the assemblage of equipment and computer programs necessary to represent aircraft operations in ground and flight conditions, a visual system providing an out-of-the-cockpit view, and a system that provides cues at least equivalent to those of a three-degree-of-freedom motion system, and has the full range of capabilities of the systems installed in the device as described in appendices A and B of part 60 of chapter 1 of title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

(51) Any transfer or lease of tangible personal property between the state and JobsOhio in accordance with section 4313.02 of the Revised Code.

(52)(a) Sales to a qualifying corporation.

(b) As used in division (B)(52) of this section:

(i) "Qualifying corporation" means a nonprofit corporation organized in this state that leases from an eligible county land, buildings, structures, fixtures, and improvements to the land that are part of or used in a public recreational facility used by a major league professional athletic team or a class A to class AAA minor league affiliate of a major league professional athletic team for a significant portion of the team's home schedule, provided the following apply:

(I) The facility is leased from the eligible county pursuant to a lease that requires substantially all of the revenue from the operation of the business or activity conducted by the nonprofit corporation at the facility in excess of operating costs, capital expenditures, and reserves to be paid to the eligible county at least once per calendar year.

(II) Upon dissolution and liquidation of the nonprofit corporation, all of its net assets are distributable to the board of commissioners of the eligible county from which the corporation leases the facility.

(ii) "Eligible county" has the same meaning as in section 307.695 of the Revised Code.

(53) Sales to or by a cable service provider, video service provider, or radio or television broadcast station regulated by the federal government of

cable service or programming, video service or programming, audio service or programming, or electronically transferred digital audiovisual or audio work. As used in division (B)(53) of this section, "cable service" and "cable service provider" have the same meanings as in section 1332.01 of the Revised Code, and "video service," "video service provider," and "video programming" have the same meanings as in section 1332.21 of the Revised Code.

~~(54) Sales of investment metal bullion and investment coins. "Investment metal bullion" means any bullion described in section 408(m)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code, regardless of whether that bullion is in the physical possession of a trustee. "Investment coin" means any coin composed primarily of gold, silver, platinum, or palladium.~~

~~(55) Sales of a digital audio work electronically transferred for delivery through use of a machine, such as a juke box, that does all of the following:~~

~~(a) Accepts direct payments to operate;~~

~~(b) Automatically plays a selected digital audio work for a single play upon receipt of a payment described in division (B)(55)(54)(a) of this section;~~

~~(c) Operates exclusively for the purpose of playing digital audio works in a commercial establishment.~~

~~(56)(55)(a) Sales of the following occurring on the first Friday of August and the following Saturday and Sunday of each year, beginning in 2018:~~

~~(i) An item of clothing, the price of which is seventy-five dollars or less;~~

~~(ii) An item of school supplies, the price of which is twenty dollars or less;~~

~~(iii) An item of school instructional material, the price of which is twenty dollars or less.~~

~~(b) As used in division (B)(56)(55) of this section:~~

~~(i) "Clothing" means all human wearing apparel suitable for general use. "Clothing" includes, but is not limited to, aprons, household and shop; athletic supporters; baby receiving blankets; bathing suits and caps; beach capes and coats; belts and suspenders; boots; coats and jackets; costumes; diapers, children and adult, including disposable diapers; earmuffs; footlets; formal wear; garters and garter belts; girdles; gloves and mittens for general use; hats and caps; hosiery; insoles for shoes; lab coats; neckties; overshoes; pantyhose; rainwear; rubber pants; sandals; scarves; shoes and shoe laces; slippers; sneakers; socks and stockings; steel-toed shoes; underwear; uniforms, athletic and nonathletic; and wedding apparel. "Clothing" does not include items purchased for use in a trade or business; clothing accessories~~

or equipment; protective equipment; sports or recreational equipment; belt buckles sold separately; costume masks sold separately; patches and emblems sold separately; sewing equipment and supplies including, but not limited to, knitting needles, patterns, pins, scissors, sewing machines, sewing needles, tape measures, and thimbles; and sewing materials that become part of "clothing" including, but not limited to, buttons, fabric, lace, thread, yarn, and zippers.

(ii) "School supplies" means items commonly used by a student in a course of study. "School supplies" includes only the following items: binders; book bags; calculators; cellophane tape; blackboard chalk; compasses; composition books; crayons; erasers; folders, expandable, pocket, plastic, and manila; glue, paste, and paste sticks; highlighters; index cards; index card boxes; legal pads; lunch boxes; markers; notebooks; paper, loose-leaf ruled notebook paper, copy paper, graph paper, tracing paper, manila paper, colored paper, poster board, and construction paper; pencil boxes and other school supply boxes; pencil sharpeners; pencils; pens; protractors; rulers; scissors; and writing tablets. "School supplies" does not include any item purchased for use in a trade or business.

(iii) "School instructional material" means written material commonly used by a student in a course of study as a reference and to learn the subject being taught. "School instructional material" includes only the following items: reference books, reference maps and globes, textbooks, and workbooks. "School instructional material" does not include any material purchased for use in a trade or business.

~~(57) Sales of tangible personal property that is not required to be registered or licensed under the laws of this state to a citizen of a foreign nation that is not a citizen of the United States, provided the property is delivered to a person in this state that is not a related member of the purchaser, is physically present in this state for the sole purpose of temporary storage and package consolidation, and is subsequently delivered to the purchaser at a delivery address in a foreign nation. As used in division (B)(56) of this section, "related member" has the same meaning as in section 5733.042 of the Revised Code, and "temporary storage" means the storage of tangible personal property for a period of not more than sixty days.~~

(C) For the purpose of the proper administration of this chapter, and to prevent the evasion of the tax, it is presumed that all sales made in this state are subject to the tax until the contrary is established.

(D) The levy of this tax on retail sales of recreation and sports club service shall not prevent a municipal corporation from levying any tax on recreation and sports club dues or on any income generated by recreation

and sports club dues.

(E) The tax collected by the vendor from the consumer under this chapter is not part of the price, but is a tax collection for the benefit of the state, and of counties levying an additional sales tax pursuant to section 5739.021 or 5739.026 of the Revised Code and of transit authorities levying an additional sales tax pursuant to section 5739.023 of the Revised Code. Except for the discount authorized under section 5739.12 of the Revised Code and the effects of any rounding pursuant to section 5703.055 of the Revised Code, no person other than the state or such a county or transit authority shall derive any benefit from the collection or payment of the tax levied by this section or section 5739.021, 5739.023, or 5739.026 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5739.021. (A) For the purpose of providing additional general revenues for the county, supporting criminal and administrative justice services in the county, funding a regional transportation improvement project under section 5595.06 of the Revised Code, or any combination of the foregoing, and to pay the expenses of administering such levy, any county may levy a tax at the rate of not more than one per cent upon every retail sale made in the county, except sales of watercraft and outboard motors required to be titled pursuant to Chapter 1548. of the Revised Code and sales of motor vehicles, and may increase the rate of an existing tax to not more than one per cent. The rate of any tax levied pursuant to this section shall be a multiple of ~~one-fourth or one-tenth~~ one-twentieth of one per cent. The rate levied under this section in any county other than a county that adopted a charter under Article X, Section 3, Ohio Constitution, may exceed one per cent, but may not exceed one and one-half per cent minus the amount by which the rate levied under section 5739.023 of the Revised Code by the county transit authority exceeds one per cent.

The tax shall be levied and the rate increased pursuant to a resolution of the board of county commissioners. The resolution shall state the purpose for which the tax is to be levied and the number of years for which the tax is to be levied, or that it is for a continuing period of time. If the tax is to be levied for the purpose of providing additional general revenues and for the purpose of supporting criminal and administrative justice services, the resolution shall state the rate or amount of the tax to be apportioned to each such purpose. The rate or amount may be different for each year the tax is to be levied, but the rates or amounts actually apportioned each year shall not be different from that stated in the resolution for that year. ¶ Any amount by which the rate of the tax exceeds one per cent shall be apportioned exclusively for the construction, acquisition, equipping, or repair of a

detention facility in the county.

If the resolution is adopted as an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, it must receive an affirmative vote of all of the members of the board of county commissioners and shall state the reasons for such necessity. The board shall deliver a certified copy of the resolution to the tax commissioner, not later than the sixty-fifth day prior to the date on which the tax is to become effective, which shall be the first day of the calendar quarter. A resolution proposing to levy a tax at a rate that would cause the rate levied under this section to exceed one per cent may not be adopted as an emergency measure.

Prior to the adoption of any resolution under this section, the board of county commissioners shall conduct two public hearings on the resolution, the second hearing to be not less than three nor more than ten days after the first. Notice of the date, time, and place of the hearings shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, once a week on the same day of the week for two consecutive weeks, the second publication being not less than ten nor more than thirty days prior to the first hearing.

Except as provided in division (B)(1) or (3) of this section, the resolution shall be subject to a referendum as provided in sections 305.31 to 305.41 of the Revised Code.

If a petition for a referendum is filed, the county auditor with whom the petition was filed shall, within five days, notify the board of county commissioners and the tax commissioner of the filing of the petition by certified mail. If the board of elections with which the petition was filed declares the petition invalid, the board of elections, within five days, shall notify the board of county commissioners and the tax commissioner of that declaration by certified mail. If the petition is declared to be invalid, the effective date of the tax or increased rate of tax levied by this section shall be the first day of a calendar quarter following the expiration of sixty-five days from the date the commissioner receives notice from the board of elections that the petition is invalid.

(B)(1) A resolution that is not adopted as an emergency measure may direct the board of elections to submit the question of levying the tax or increasing the rate of tax to the electors of the county at a special election held on the date specified by the board of county commissioners in the resolution, provided that the election occurs not less than ninety days after a certified copy of such resolution is transmitted to the board of elections and the election is not held in February or August of any year. A resolution

proposing to levy a tax at a rate that would cause the rate levied under this section to exceed one per cent may not go into effect unless the question is submitted to electors under this division. Upon transmission of the resolution to the board of elections, the board of county commissioners shall notify the tax commissioner in writing of the levy question to be submitted to the electors. No resolution adopted under this division shall go into effect unless approved by a majority of those voting upon it, and, except as provided in division (B)(3) of this section, shall become effective on the first day of a calendar quarter following the expiration of sixty-five days from the date the tax commissioner receives notice from the board of elections of the affirmative vote.

(2) A resolution that is adopted as an emergency measure shall go into effect as provided in division (A) of this section, but may direct the board of elections to submit the question of repealing the tax or increase in the rate of the tax to the electors of the county at the next general election in the county occurring not less than ninety days after a certified copy of the resolution is transmitted to the board of elections. Upon transmission of the resolution to the board of elections, the board of county commissioners shall notify the tax commissioner in writing of the levy question to be submitted to the electors. The ballot question shall be the same as that prescribed in section 5739.022 of the Revised Code. The board of elections shall notify the board of county commissioners and the tax commissioner of the result of the election immediately after the result has been declared. If a majority of the qualified electors voting on the question of repealing the tax or increase in the rate of the tax vote for repeal of the tax or repeal of the increase, the board of county commissioners, on the first day of a calendar quarter following the expiration of sixty-five days after the date the board and tax commissioner receive notice of the result of the election, shall, in the case of a repeal of the tax, cease to levy the tax, or, in the case of a repeal of an increase in the rate of the tax, cease to levy the increased rate and levy the tax at the rate at which it was imposed immediately prior to the increase in rate.

(3) If a vendor makes a sale in this state by printed catalog and the consumer computed the tax on the sale based on local rates published in the catalog, any tax levied or repealed or rate changed under this section shall not apply to such a sale until the first day of a calendar quarter following the expiration of one hundred twenty days from the date of notice by the tax commissioner pursuant to division (H) of this section.

(C) If a resolution is rejected at a referendum or if a resolution adopted after January 1, 1982, as an emergency measure is repealed by the electors

pursuant to division (B)(2) of this section or section 5739.022 of the Revised Code, then for one year after the date of the election at which the resolution was rejected or repealed the board of county commissioners may not adopt any resolution authorized by this section as an emergency measure.

(D) The board of county commissioners, at any time while a tax levied under this section is in effect, may by resolution reduce the rate at which the tax is levied to a lower rate authorized by this section. Any reduction in the rate at which the tax is levied shall be made effective on the first day of a calendar quarter next following the sixty-fifth day after a certified copy of the resolution is delivered to the tax commissioner.

(E) The tax on every retail sale subject to a tax levied pursuant to this section shall be in addition to the tax levied by section 5739.02 of the Revised Code and any tax levied pursuant to section 5739.023 or 5739.026 of the Revised Code.

A county that levies a tax pursuant to this section shall levy a tax at the same rate pursuant to section 5741.021 of the Revised Code.

The additional tax levied by the county shall be collected pursuant to section 5739.025 of the Revised Code. If the additional tax or some portion thereof is levied for the purpose of criminal and administrative justice services or specifically for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, equipping, or repairing a detention facility, the revenue from the tax, or the amount or rate apportioned to that purpose, shall be credited to ~~a~~ one or more special fund funds created in the county treasury for receipt of that revenue.

Any tax levied pursuant to this section is subject to the exemptions provided in section 5739.02 of the Revised Code and in addition shall not be applicable to sales not within the taxing power of a county under the Constitution of the United States or the Ohio Constitution.

(F) For purposes of this section, a copy of a resolution is "certified" when it contains a written statement attesting that the copy is a true and exact reproduction of the original resolution.

(G) If a board of commissioners intends to adopt a resolution to levy a tax in whole or in part for the purpose of criminal and administrative justice services, the board shall prepare and make available at the first public hearing at which the resolution is considered a statement containing the following information:

(1) For each of the two preceding fiscal years, the amount of expenditures made by the county from the county general fund for the purpose of criminal and administrative justice services;

(2) For the fiscal year in which the resolution is adopted, the board's

estimate of the amount of expenditures to be made by the county from the county general fund for the purpose of criminal and administrative justice services;

(3) For each of the two fiscal years after the fiscal year in which the resolution is adopted, the board's preliminary plan for expenditures to be made from the county general fund for the purpose of criminal and administrative justice services, both under the assumption that the tax will be imposed for that purpose and under the assumption that the tax would not be imposed for that purpose, and for expenditures to be made from the special fund created under division (E) of this section under the assumption that the tax will be imposed for that purpose.

The board shall prepare the statement and the preliminary plan using the best information available to the board at the time the statement is prepared. Neither the statement nor the preliminary plan shall be used as a basis to challenge the validity of the tax in any court of competent jurisdiction, nor shall the statement or preliminary plan limit the authority of the board to appropriate, pursuant to section 5705.38 of the Revised Code, an amount different from that specified in the preliminary plan.

(H) Upon receipt from a board of county commissioners of a certified copy of a resolution required by division (A) or (D) of this section, or from the board of elections of a notice of the results of an election required by division (A) or (B)(1) or (2) of this section, the tax commissioner shall provide notice of a tax rate change in a manner that is reasonably accessible to all affected vendors. The commissioner shall provide this notice at least sixty days prior to the effective date of the rate change. The commissioner, by rule, may establish the method by which notice will be provided.

(I) As used in this section, ~~"criminal~~;

(1) "Criminal and administrative justice services" means the exercise by the county sheriff of all powers and duties vested in that office by law; the exercise by the county prosecuting attorney of all powers and duties vested in that office by law; the exercise by any court in the county of all powers and duties vested in that court; the exercise by the clerk of the court of common pleas, any clerk of a municipal court having jurisdiction throughout the county, or the clerk of any county court of all powers and duties vested in the clerk by law except, in the case of the clerk of the court of common pleas, the titling of motor vehicles or watercraft pursuant to Chapter 1548. or 4505. of the Revised Code; the exercise by the county coroner of all powers and duties vested in that office by law; making payments to any other public agency or a private, nonprofit agency, the purposes of which in the county include the diversion, adjudication, detention, or rehabilitation of

criminals or juvenile offenders; the operation and maintenance of any detention facility, ~~as defined in section 2921.01 of the Revised Code~~; and the construction, acquisition, equipping, or repair of such a detention facility, ~~including~~.

(2) "Detention facility" has the same meaning as in section 2921.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Construction, acquisition, equipping, or repair" of a detention facility includes the payment of any debt charges incurred in the issuance of securities pursuant to Chapter 133. of the Revised Code for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, equipping, or repairing such a facility.

Sec. 5739.023. (A)(1) For the purpose of providing additional general revenues for a transit authority, funding a regional transportation improvement project under section 5595.06 of the Revised Code, or funding public infrastructure projects as described in section 306.353 of the Revised Code, and to pay the expenses of administering such levy, any transit authority may levy a tax upon every retail sale made in the territory of the transit authority, except sales of watercraft and outboard motors required to be titled pursuant to Chapter 1548. of the Revised Code and sales of motor vehicles, ~~at a rate of not more than one and one-half per cent~~ and may increase the rate of an existing tax ~~to not more than one and one-half per cent~~. The rate of any tax levied pursuant to this section shall be a multiple of ~~one-fourth or one-tenth~~ one-twentieth of one per cent. The rate shall not exceed one and one-half per cent minus the amount by which the rate levied under section 5739.021 of the Revised Code by a county located in the territory of the transit authority exceeds one per cent. The tax shall be levied and the rate increased pursuant to a resolution of the legislative authority of the transit authority and a certified copy of the resolution shall be delivered by the fiscal officer to the board of elections as provided in section 3505.071 of the Revised Code and to the tax commissioner. The resolution shall specify the number of years for which the tax is to be in effect or that the tax is for a continuing period of time, the purpose or purposes of the levy, and the date of the election on the question of the tax pursuant to section 306.70 of the Revised Code. The board of elections shall certify the results of the election to the transit authority and tax commissioner.

A resolution adopted under this section may not specify that the sole purpose of the tax is to fund infrastructure projects as described in section 306.353 of the Revised Code; that purpose must be combined with the purpose of providing additional general revenues for the transit authority, funding a regional transportation improvement project under section 5595.06 of the Revised Code, or both. The resolution may specify the

percentage of the proceeds of the tax that will be allocated among each of the purposes for which the tax is to be levied. If one of the purposes of the tax is to provide general revenue for the transit authority, the resolution may identify specific projects, functions, or other uses to which that general revenue will be allocated and the percentage of the tax proceeds to be allocated to each of those projects, functions, or other uses.

(2) Except as provided in division (C) of this section, the tax levied by the resolution shall become effective on the first day of a calendar quarter next following the sixty-fifth day following the date the tax commissioner receives from the board of elections the certification of the results of the election on the question of the tax.

(B) The legislative authority may, at any time while the tax is in effect, by resolution fix the rate of the tax at any rate authorized by this section and not in excess of that approved by the voters pursuant to section 306.70 of the Revised Code. Except as provided in division (C) of this section, any change in the rate of the tax shall be made effective on the first day of a calendar quarter next following the sixty-fifth day following the date the tax commissioner receives the certification of the resolution; provided, that in any case where bonds, or notes in anticipation of bonds, of a regional transit authority have been issued under section 306.40 of the Revised Code without a vote of the electors while the tax proposed to be reduced was in effect, the board of trustees of the regional transit authority shall continue to levy and collect under authority of the original election authorizing the tax a rate of tax that the board of trustees reasonably estimates will produce an amount in that year equal to the amount of principal of and interest on those bonds as is payable in that year.

(C) Upon receipt from the board of elections of the certification of the results of the election required by division (A) of this section, or from the legislative authority of the certification of a resolution under division (B) of this section, the tax commissioner shall provide notice of a tax rate change in a manner that is reasonably accessible to all affected vendors. The commissioner shall provide this notice at least sixty days prior to the effective date of the rate change. The commissioner, by rule, may establish the method by which notice will be provided.

(D) If a vendor makes a sale in this state by printed catalog and the consumer computed the tax on the sale based on local rates published in the catalog, any tax levied or rate changed under this section shall not apply to such a sale until the first day of a calendar quarter following the expiration of one hundred twenty days from the date of notice by the tax commissioner pursuant to division (C) of this section.

(E) The tax on every retail sale subject to a tax levied pursuant to this section is in addition to the tax levied by section 5739.02 of the Revised Code and any tax levied pursuant to section 5739.021 or 5739.026 of the Revised Code.

(F) The additional tax levied by the transit authority shall be collected pursuant to section 5739.025 of the Revised Code.

(G) Any tax levied pursuant to this section is subject to the exemptions provided in section 5739.02 of the Revised Code and in addition shall not be applicable to sales not within the taxing power of a transit authority under the constitution of the United States or the constitution of this state.

(H) The rate of a tax levied under this section is subject to reduction under section 5739.028 of the Revised Code, if a ballot question is approved by voters pursuant to that section.

Sec. 5739.026. (A) A board of county commissioners may levy a tax on every retail sale in the county, except sales of watercraft and outboard motors required to be titled pursuant to Chapter 1548. of the Revised Code and sales of motor vehicles, at a rate of not more than one-half of one per cent and may increase the rate of an existing tax to not more than one-half of one per cent to pay the expenses of administering the tax and, except as provided in division (A)(6) of this section, for any one or more of the following purposes provided that the aggregate levy for all such purposes does not exceed one-half of one per cent:

(1) To provide additional revenues for the payment of bonds or notes issued in anticipation of bonds issued by a convention facilities authority established by the board of county commissioners under Chapter 351. of the Revised Code and to provide additional operating revenues for the convention facilities authority;

(2) To provide additional revenues for a transit authority operating in the county;

(3) To provide additional revenue for the county's general fund;

(4) To provide additional revenue for permanent improvements to be distributed by the community improvements board in accordance with section 307.283 and to pay principal, interest, and premium on bonds issued under section 307.284 of the Revised Code;

(5) To provide additional revenue for the acquisition, construction, equipping, or repair of any specific permanent improvement or any class or group of permanent improvements, which improvement or class or group of improvements shall be enumerated in the resolution required by division (D) of this section, and to pay principal, interest, premium, and other costs associated with the issuance of bonds or notes in anticipation of bonds

issued pursuant to Chapter 133. of the Revised Code for the acquisition, construction, equipping, or repair of the specific permanent improvement or class or group of permanent improvements;

(6) To provide revenue for the implementation and operation of a 9-1-1 system in the county. If the tax is levied or the rate increased exclusively for such purpose, the tax shall not be levied or the rate increased for more than five years. At the end of the last year the tax is levied or the rate increased, any balance remaining in the special fund established for such purpose shall remain in that fund and be used exclusively for such purpose until the fund is completely expended, and, notwithstanding section 5705.16 of the Revised Code, the board of county commissioners shall not petition for the transfer of money from such special fund, and the tax commissioner shall not approve such a petition.

If the tax is levied or the rate increased for such purpose for more than five years, the board of county commissioners also shall levy the tax or increase the rate of the tax for one or more of the purposes described in divisions (A)(1) to (5) of this section and shall prescribe the method for allocating the revenues from the tax each year in the manner required by division (C) of this section.

(7) To provide additional revenue for the operation or maintenance of a detention facility, as that term is defined under division (F) of section 2921.01 of the Revised Code;

(8) To provide revenue to finance the construction or renovation of a sports facility, but only if the tax is levied for that purpose in the manner prescribed by section 5739.028 of the Revised Code.

As used in division (A)(8) of this section:

(a) "Sports facility" means a facility intended to house major league professional athletic teams.

(b) "Constructing" or "construction" includes providing fixtures, furnishings, and equipment.

(9) To provide additional revenue for the acquisition of agricultural easements, as defined in section 5301.67 of the Revised Code; to pay principal, interest, and premium on bonds issued under section 133.60 of the Revised Code; and for the supervision and enforcement of agricultural easements held by the county;

(10) To provide revenue for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services;

(11) To provide revenue for the operation of a lake facilities authority and the remediation of an impacted watershed by a lake facilities authority, as provided in Chapter 353. of the Revised Code;

(12) To provide additional revenue for a regional transportation improvement project under section 5595.06 of the Revised Code.

Pursuant to section 755.171 of the Revised Code, a board of county commissioners may pledge and contribute revenue from a tax levied for the purpose of division (A)(5) of this section to the payment of debt charges on bonds issued under section 755.17 of the Revised Code.

The rate of tax shall be a multiple of ~~one-fourth or one-tenth~~ one-twentieth of one per cent, unless a portion of the rate of an existing tax levied under section 5739.023 of the Revised Code has been reduced, and the rate of tax levied under this section has been increased, pursuant to section 5739.028 of the Revised Code, in which case the aggregate of the rates of tax levied under this section and section 5739.023 of the Revised Code shall be a multiple of ~~one-fourth or one-tenth~~ one-twentieth of one per cent.

The tax shall be levied and the rate increased pursuant to a resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the board. The board shall deliver a certified copy of the resolution to the tax commissioner, not later than the sixty-fifth day prior to the date on which the tax is to become effective, which shall be the first day of a calendar quarter.

Prior to the adoption of any resolution to levy the tax or to increase the rate of tax exclusively for the purpose set forth in division (A)(3) of this section, the board of county commissioners shall conduct two public hearings on the resolution, the second hearing to be no fewer than three nor more than ten days after the first. Notice of the date, time, and place of the hearings shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, once a week on the same day of the week for two consecutive weeks. The second publication shall be no fewer than ten nor more than thirty days prior to the first hearing. Except as provided in division (E) of this section, the resolution shall be subject to a referendum as provided in sections 305.31 to 305.41 of the Revised Code. If the resolution is adopted as an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, it must receive an affirmative vote of all of the members of the board of county commissioners and shall state the reasons for the necessity.

If the tax is for more than one of the purposes set forth in divisions (A)(1) to (7), (9), (10), and (12) of this section, or is exclusively for one of the purposes set forth in division (A)(1), (2), (4), (5), (6), (7), (9), (10), or (12) of this section, the resolution shall not go into effect unless it is approved by a majority of the electors voting on the question of the tax.

(B) The board of county commissioners shall adopt a resolution under section 351.02 of the Revised Code creating the convention facilities authority, or under section 307.283 of the Revised Code creating the community improvements board, before adopting a resolution levying a tax for the purpose of a convention facilities authority under division (A)(1) of this section or for the purpose of a community improvements board under division (A)(4) of this section.

(C)(1) If the tax is to be used for more than one of the purposes set forth in divisions (A)(1) to (7), (9), (10), and (12) of this section, the board of county commissioners shall establish the method that will be used to determine the amount or proportion of the tax revenue received by the county during each year that will be distributed for each of those purposes, including, if applicable, provisions governing the reallocation of a convention facilities authority's allocation if the authority is dissolved while the tax is in effect. The allocation method may provide that different proportions or amounts of the tax shall be distributed among the purposes in different years, but it shall clearly describe the method that will be used for each year. Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(2) of this section, the allocation method established by the board is not subject to amendment during the life of the tax.

(2) Subsequent to holding a public hearing on the proposed amendment, the board of county commissioners may amend the allocation method established under division (C)(1) of this section for any year, if the amendment is approved by the governing board of each entity whose allocation for the year would be reduced by the proposed amendment. In the case of a tax that is levied for a continuing period of time, the board may not so amend the allocation method for any year before the sixth year that the tax is in effect.

(a) If the additional revenues provided to the convention facilities authority are pledged by the authority for the payment of convention facilities authority revenue bonds for as long as such bonds are outstanding, no reduction of the authority's allocation of the tax shall be made for any year except to the extent that the reduced authority allocation, when combined with the authority's other revenues pledged for that purpose, is sufficient to meet the debt service requirements for that year on such bonds.

(b) If the additional revenues provided to the county are pledged by the county for the payment of bonds or notes described in division (A)(4) or (5) of this section, for as long as such bonds or notes are outstanding, no reduction of the county's or the community improvements board's allocation of the tax shall be made for any year, except to the extent that the reduced

county or community improvements board allocation is sufficient to meet the debt service requirements for that year on such bonds or notes.

(c) If the additional revenues provided to the transit authority are pledged by the authority for the payment of revenue bonds issued under section 306.37 of the Revised Code, for as long as such bonds are outstanding, no reduction of the authority's allocation of tax shall be made for any year, except to the extent that the authority's reduced allocation, when combined with the authority's other revenues pledged for that purpose, is sufficient to meet the debt service requirements for that year on such bonds.

(d) If the additional revenues provided to the county are pledged by the county for the payment of bonds or notes issued under section 133.60 of the Revised Code, for so long as the bonds or notes are outstanding, no reduction of the county's allocation of the tax shall be made for any year, except to the extent that the reduced county allocation is sufficient to meet the debt service requirements for that year on the bonds or notes.

(D)(1) The resolution levying the tax or increasing the rate of tax shall state the rate of the tax or the rate of the increase; the purpose or purposes for which it is to be levied; the number of years for which it is to be levied or that it is for a continuing period of time; the allocation method required by division (C) of this section; and if required to be submitted to the electors of the county under division (A) of this section, the date of the election at which the proposal shall be submitted to the electors of the county, which shall be not less than ninety days after the certification of a copy of the resolution to the board of elections and, if the tax is to be levied exclusively for the purpose set forth in division (A)(3) of this section, shall not occur in August of any year. Upon certification of the resolution to the board of elections, the board of county commissioners shall notify the tax commissioner in writing of the levy question to be submitted to the electors. If approved by a majority of the electors, the tax shall become effective on the first day of a calendar quarter next following the sixty-fifth day following the date the board of county commissioners and tax commissioner receive from the board of elections the certification of the results of the election, except as provided in division (E) of this section.

(2)(a) A resolution specifying that the tax is to be used exclusively for the purpose set forth in division (A)(3) of this section that is not adopted as an emergency measure may direct the board of elections to submit the question of levying the tax or increasing the rate of the tax to the electors of the county at a special election held on the date specified by the board of county commissioners in the resolution, provided that the election occurs

not less than ninety days after the resolution is certified to the board of elections and the election is not held in August of any year. Upon certification of the resolution to the board of elections, the board of county commissioners shall notify the tax commissioner in writing of the levy question to be submitted to the electors. No resolution adopted under division (D)(2)(a) of this section shall go into effect unless approved by a majority of those voting upon it and, except as provided in division (E) of this section, not until the first day of a calendar quarter following the expiration of sixty-five days from the date the tax commissioner receives notice from the board of elections of the affirmative vote.

(b) A resolution specifying that the tax is to be used exclusively for the purpose set forth in division (A)(3) of this section that is adopted as an emergency measure shall become effective as provided in division (A) of this section, but may direct the board of elections to submit the question of repealing the tax or increase in the rate of the tax to the electors of the county at the next general election in the county occurring not less than ninety days after the resolution is certified to the board of elections. Upon certification of the resolution to the board of elections, the board of county commissioners shall notify the tax commissioner in writing of the levy question to be submitted to the electors. The ballot question shall be the same as that prescribed in section 5739.022 of the Revised Code. The board of elections shall notify the board of county commissioners and the tax commissioner of the result of the election immediately after the result has been declared. If a majority of the qualified electors voting on the question of repealing the tax or increase in the rate of the tax vote for repeal of the tax or repeal of the increase, the board of county commissioners, on the first day of a calendar quarter following the expiration of sixty-five days after the date the board and tax commissioner received notice of the result of the election, shall, in the case of a repeal of the tax, cease to levy the tax, or, in the case of a repeal of an increase in the rate of the tax, cease to levy the increased rate and levy the tax at the rate at which it was imposed immediately prior to the increase in rate.

(c) A board of county commissioners, by resolution, may reduce the rate of a tax levied exclusively for the purpose set forth in division (A)(3) of this section to a lower rate authorized by this section. Any such reduction shall be made effective on the first day of the calendar quarter next following the sixty-fifth day after the tax commissioner receives a certified copy of the resolution from the board.

(E) If a vendor makes a sale in this state by printed catalog and the consumer computed the tax on the sale based on local rates published in the

catalog, any tax levied or repealed or rate changed under this section shall not apply to such a sale until the first day of a calendar quarter following the expiration of one hundred twenty days from the date of notice by the tax commissioner pursuant to division (G) of this section.

(F) The tax levied pursuant to this section shall be in addition to the tax levied by section 5739.02 of the Revised Code and any tax levied pursuant to section 5739.021 or 5739.023 of the Revised Code.

A county that levies a tax pursuant to this section shall levy a tax at the same rate pursuant to section 5741.023 of the Revised Code.

The additional tax levied by the county shall be collected pursuant to section 5739.025 of the Revised Code.

Any tax levied pursuant to this section is subject to the exemptions provided in section 5739.02 of the Revised Code and in addition shall not be applicable to sales not within the taxing power of a county under the Constitution of the United States or the Ohio Constitution.

(G) Upon receipt from a board of county commissioners of a certified copy of a resolution required by division (A) of this section, or from the board of elections a notice of the results of an election required by division (D)(1), (2)(a), (b), or (c) of this section, the tax commissioner shall provide notice of a tax rate change in a manner that is reasonably accessible to all affected vendors. The commissioner shall provide this notice at least sixty days prior to the effective date of the rate change. The commissioner, by rule, may establish the method by which notice will be provided.

Sec. 5739.03. (A) Except as provided in section 5739.05 or section 5739.051 of the Revised Code, the tax imposed by or pursuant to section 5739.02, 5739.021, 5739.023, or 5739.026 of the Revised Code shall be paid by the consumer to the vendor, and each vendor shall collect from the consumer, as a trustee for the state of Ohio, the full and exact amount of the tax payable on each taxable sale, in the manner and at the times provided as follows:

(1) If the price is, at or prior to the provision of the service or the delivery of possession of the thing sold to the consumer, paid in currency passed from hand to hand by the consumer or the consumer's agent to the vendor or the vendor's agent, the vendor or the vendor's agent shall collect the tax with and at the same time as the price;

(2) If the price is otherwise paid or to be paid, the vendor or the vendor's agent shall, at or prior to the provision of the service or the delivery of possession of the thing sold to the consumer, charge the tax imposed by or pursuant to section 5739.02, 5739.021, 5739.023, or 5739.026 of the Revised Code to the account of the consumer, which amount shall be

collected by the vendor from the consumer in addition to the price. Such sale shall be reported on and the amount of the tax applicable thereto shall be remitted with the return for the period in which the sale is made, and the amount of the tax shall become a legal charge in favor of the vendor and against the consumer.

(B)(1)(a) If any sale is claimed to be exempt under division (E) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code or under section 5739.02 of the Revised Code, with the exception of divisions (B)(1) to (11), (28), or ~~(56)(55)~~ of section 5739.02 of the Revised Code, or if the consumer claims the transaction is not a taxable sale due to one or more of the exclusions provided under divisions (JJ)(1) to (5) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code, the consumer must provide to the vendor, and the vendor must obtain from the consumer, a certificate specifying the reason that the sale is not legally subject to the tax. The certificate shall be in such form, and shall be provided either in a hard copy form or electronic form, as the tax commissioner prescribes.

(b) A vendor that obtains a fully completed exemption certificate from a consumer is relieved of liability for collecting and remitting tax on any sale covered by that certificate. If it is determined the exemption was improperly claimed, the consumer shall be liable for any tax due on that sale under section 5739.02, 5739.021, 5739.023, or 5739.026 or Chapter 5741. of the Revised Code. Relief under this division from liability does not apply to any of the following:

(i) A vendor that fraudulently fails to collect tax;

(ii) A vendor that solicits consumers to participate in the unlawful claim of an exemption;

(iii) A vendor that accepts an exemption certificate from a consumer that claims an exemption based on who purchases or who sells property or a service, when the subject of the transaction sought to be covered by the exemption certificate is actually received by the consumer at a location operated by the vendor in this state, and this state has posted to its web site an exemption certificate form that clearly and affirmatively indicates that the claimed exemption is not available in this state;

(iv) A vendor that accepts an exemption certificate from a consumer who claims a multiple points of use exemption under division (D) of section 5739.033 of the Revised Code, if the item purchased is tangible personal property, other than prewritten computer software.

(2) The vendor shall maintain records, including exemption certificates, of all sales on which a consumer has claimed an exemption, and provide them to the tax commissioner on request.

(3) The tax commissioner may establish an identification system whereby the commissioner issues an identification number to a consumer that is exempt from payment of the tax. The consumer must present the number to the vendor, if any sale is claimed to be exempt as provided in this section.

(4) If no certificate is provided or obtained within ninety days after the date on which such sale is consummated, it shall be presumed that the tax applies. Failure to have so provided or obtained a certificate shall not preclude a vendor, within one hundred twenty days after the tax commissioner gives written notice of intent to levy an assessment, from either establishing that the sale is not subject to the tax, or obtaining, in good faith, a fully completed exemption certificate.

(5) Certificates need not be obtained nor provided where the identity of the consumer is such that the transaction is never subject to the tax imposed or where the item of tangible personal property sold or the service provided is never subject to the tax imposed, regardless of use, or when the sale is in interstate commerce.

(6) If a transaction is claimed to be exempt under division (B)(13) of section 5739.02 of the Revised Code, the contractor shall obtain certification of the claimed exemption from the contractee. This certification shall be in addition to an exemption certificate provided by the contractor to the vendor. A contractee that provides a certification under this division shall be deemed to be the consumer of all items purchased by the contractor under the claim of exemption, if it is subsequently determined that the exemption is not properly claimed. The certification shall be in such form as the tax commissioner prescribes.

(C) As used in this division, "contractee" means a person who seeks to enter or enters into a contract or agreement with a contractor or vendor for the construction of real property or for the sale and installation onto real property of tangible personal property.

Any contractor or vendor may request from any contractee a certification of what portion of the property to be transferred under such contract or agreement is to be incorporated into the realty and what portion will retain its status as tangible personal property after installation is completed. The contractor or vendor shall request the certification by certified mail delivered to the contractee, return receipt requested. Upon receipt of such request and prior to entering into the contract or agreement, the contractee shall provide to the contractor or vendor a certification sufficiently detailed to enable the contractor or vendor to ascertain the resulting classification of all materials purchased or fabricated by the

contractor or vendor and transferred to the contractee. This requirement applies to a contractee regardless of whether the contractee holds a direct payment permit under section 5739.031 of the Revised Code or provides to the contractor or vendor an exemption certificate as provided under this section.

For the purposes of the taxes levied by this chapter and Chapter 5741. of the Revised Code, the contractor or vendor may in good faith rely on the contractee's certification. Notwithstanding division (B) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code, if the tax commissioner determines that certain property certified by the contractee as tangible personal property pursuant to this division is, in fact, real property, the contractee shall be considered to be the consumer of all materials so incorporated into that real property and shall be liable for the applicable tax, and the contractor or vendor shall be excused from any liability on those materials.

If a contractee fails to provide such certification upon the request of the contractor or vendor, the contractor or vendor shall comply with the provisions of this chapter and Chapter 5741. of the Revised Code without the certification. If the tax commissioner determines that such compliance has been performed in good faith and that certain property treated as tangible personal property by the contractor or vendor is, in fact, real property, the contractee shall be considered to be the consumer of all materials so incorporated into that real property and shall be liable for the applicable tax, and the construction contractor or vendor shall be excused from any liability on those materials.

This division does not apply to any contract or agreement where the tax commissioner determines as a fact that a certification under this division was made solely on the decision or advice of the contractor or vendor.

(D) Notwithstanding division (B) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code, whenever the total rate of tax imposed under this chapter is increased after the date after a construction contract is entered into, the contractee shall reimburse the construction contractor for any additional tax paid on tangible property consumed or services received pursuant to the contract.

(E) A vendor who files a petition for reassessment contesting the assessment of tax on sales for which the vendor obtained no valid exemption certificates and for which the vendor failed to establish that the sales were properly not subject to the tax during the one-hundred-twenty-day period allowed under division (B) of this section, may present to the tax commissioner additional evidence to prove that the sales were properly subject to a claim of exception or exemption. The vendor shall file such evidence within ninety days of the receipt by the vendor of the notice of

assessment, except that, upon application and for reasonable cause, the period for submitting such evidence shall be extended thirty days.

The commissioner shall consider such additional evidence in reaching the final determination on the assessment and petition for reassessment.

(F) Whenever a vendor refunds the price, minus any separately stated delivery charge, of an item of tangible personal property on which the tax imposed under this chapter has been paid, the vendor shall also refund the amount of tax paid, minus the amount of tax attributable to the delivery charge.

Sec. 5739.05. (A)(1) The tax commissioner shall enforce and administer sections 5739.01 to 5739.31 of the Revised Code, which are hereby declared to be sections which the commissioner is required to administer within the meaning of sections 5703.17 to 5703.37, 5703.39, 5703.41, and 5703.45 of the Revised Code. The commissioner may adopt and promulgate, in accordance with sections 119.01 to 119.13 of the Revised Code, such rules as the commissioner deems necessary to administer sections 5739.01 to 5739.31 of the Revised Code.

(2) On or before the first day of May of each year, the commissioner shall make available to vendors a notice explaining the three-day exemption period required under division (B)~~(56)~~(55) of section 5739.02 of the Revised Code.

(B) Upon application, the commissioner may authorize a vendor to pay on a predetermined basis the tax levied by or pursuant to section 5739.02, 5739.021, 5739.023, or 5739.026 of the Revised Code upon sales of things produced or distributed or services provided by such vendor, and the commissioner may waive the collection of the tax from the consumer. The commissioner shall not grant such authority unless the commissioner finds that the granting of the authority would improve compliance and increase the efficiency of the administration of the tax. The person to whom such authority is granted shall post a notice, if required by the commissioner, at the location where the product is offered for sale that the tax is included in the selling price. The commissioner may adopt rules to administer this division.

(C) Upon application, the commissioner may authorize a vendor to remit, on the basis of a prearranged agreement under this division, the tax levied by section 5739.02 or pursuant to section 5739.021, 5739.023, or 5739.026 of the Revised Code. The proportions and ratios in a prearranged agreement shall be determined either by a test check conducted by the commissioner under terms and conditions agreed to by the commissioner and the vendor or by any other method agreed upon by the vendor and the

commissioner. If the parties are unable to agree to the terms and conditions of the test check or other method, the application shall be denied.

If used, the test check shall determine the proportion that taxable retail sales bear to all of the vendor's retail sales and the ratio which the tax required to be collected under sections 5739.02, 5739.021, 5739.023, and 5739.026 of the Revised Code bears to the receipts from the vendor's taxable retail sales.

The vendor's liability for remitting the tax shall be based solely upon the proportions and ratios established in the agreement until such time that the vendor or the commissioner believes that the nature of the vendor's business has so changed as to make the agreement no longer representative. The commissioner may give notice to the vendor at any time that the authorization is revoked or the vendor may notify the commissioner that the vendor no longer elects to report under the authorization. Such notice shall be delivered to the other party personally or by registered mail. The revocation or cancellation is effective the last day of the month in which the vendor or the commissioner receives the notice.

Sec. 5739.09. (A)(1) A board of county commissioners may, by resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the board, levy an excise tax not to exceed three per cent on transactions by which lodging by a hotel is or is to be furnished to transient guests. The board shall establish all regulations necessary to provide for the administration and allocation of the tax. The regulations may prescribe the time for payment of the tax, and may provide for the imposition of a penalty or interest, or both, for late payments, provided that the penalty does not exceed ten per cent of the amount of tax due, and the rate at which interest accrues does not exceed the rate per annum prescribed pursuant to section 5703.47 of the Revised Code. Except as provided in divisions (A)(2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), and (12) of this section, the regulations shall provide, after deducting the real and actual costs of administering the tax, for the return to each municipal corporation or township that does not levy an excise tax on the transactions, a uniform percentage of the tax collected in the municipal corporation or in the unincorporated portion of the township from each transaction, not to exceed thirty-three and one-third per cent. The remainder of the revenue arising from the tax shall be deposited in a separate fund and shall be spent solely to make contributions to the convention and visitors' bureau operating within the county, including a pledge and contribution of any portion of the remainder pursuant to an agreement authorized by section 307.678 or 307.695 of the Revised Code, provided that if the board of county commissioners of an eligible county as defined in section 307.678 or

307.695 of the Revised Code adopts a resolution amending a resolution levying a tax under this division to provide that revenue from the tax shall be used by the board as described in either division (D) of section 307.678 or division (H) of section 307.695 of the Revised Code, the remainder of the revenue shall be used as described in the resolution making that amendment. Except as provided in division (A)(2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), or (11) or (H) of this section, on and after May 10, 1994, a board of county commissioners may not levy an excise tax pursuant to this division in any municipal corporation or township located wholly or partly within the county that has in effect an ordinance or resolution levying an excise tax pursuant to division (B) of this section. The board of a county that has levied a tax under division (C) of this section may, by resolution adopted within ninety days after July 15, 1985, by a majority of the members of the board, amend the resolution levying a tax under this division to provide for a portion of that tax to be pledged and contributed in accordance with an agreement entered into under section 307.695 of the Revised Code. A tax, any revenue from which is pledged pursuant to such an agreement, shall remain in effect at the rate at which it is imposed for the duration of the period for which the revenue from the tax has been so pledged.

The board of county commissioners of an eligible county as defined in section 307.695 of the Revised Code may, by resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the board, amend a resolution levying a tax under this division to provide that the revenue from the tax shall be used by the board as described in division (H) of section 307.695 of the Revised Code, in which case the tax shall remain in effect at the rate at which it was imposed for the duration of any agreement entered into by the board under section 307.695 of the Revised Code, the duration during which any securities issued by the board under that section are outstanding, or the duration of the period during which the board owns a project as defined in section 307.695 of the Revised Code, whichever duration is longest.

The board of county commissioners of an eligible county as defined in section 307.678 of the Revised Code may, by resolution, amend a resolution levying a tax under this division to provide that revenue from the tax, not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars each year, may be used as described in division (E) of section 307.678 of the Revised Code.

Notwithstanding division (A)(1) of this section, the board of county commissioners of a county described in division (A)(8)(a) of this section may, by resolution, amend a resolution levying a tax under this division to provide that all or a portion of the revenue from the tax, including any revenue otherwise required to be returned to townships or municipal

corporations under this division, may be used or pledged for the payment of debt service on securities issued to pay the costs of constructing, operating, and maintaining sports facilities described in division (A)(8)(b) of this section.

The board of county commissioners of a county described in division (A)(9) of this section may, by resolution, amend a resolution levying a tax under this division to provide that all or a portion of the revenue from the tax may be used for the purposes described in section 307.679 of the Revised Code.

(2) A board of county commissioners that levies an excise tax under division (A)(1) of this section on June 30, 1997, at a rate of three per cent, and that has pledged revenue from the tax to an agreement entered into under section 307.695 of the Revised Code or, in the case of the board of county commissioners of an eligible county as defined in section 307.695 of the Revised Code, has amended a resolution levying a tax under division (C) of this section to provide that proceeds from the tax shall be used by the board as described in division (H) of section 307.695 of the Revised Code, may, at any time by a resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the board, amend the resolution levying a tax under division (A)(1) of this section to provide for an increase in the rate of that tax up to seven per cent on each transaction; to provide that revenue from the increase in the rate shall be used as described in division (H) of section 307.695 of the Revised Code or be spent solely to make contributions to the convention and visitors' bureau operating within the county to be used specifically for promotion, advertising, and marketing of the region in which the county is located; and to provide that the rate in excess of the three per cent levied under division (A)(1) of this section shall remain in effect at the rate at which it is imposed for the duration of the period during which any agreement is in effect that was entered into under section 307.695 of the Revised Code by the board of county commissioners levying a tax under division (A)(1) of this section, the duration of the period during which any securities issued by the board under division (I) of section 307.695 of the Revised Code are outstanding, or the duration of the period during which the board owns a project as defined in section 307.695 of the Revised Code, whichever duration is longest. The amendment also shall provide that no portion of that revenue need be returned to townships or municipal corporations as would otherwise be required under division (A)(1) of this section.

(3) A board of county commissioners that levies a tax under division (A)(1) of this section on March 18, 1999, at a rate of three per cent may, by resolution adopted not later than forty-five days after March 18, 1999,

amend the resolution levying the tax to provide for all of the following:

(a) That the rate of the tax shall be increased by not more than an additional four per cent on each transaction;

(b) That all of the revenue from the increase in the rate shall be pledged and contributed to a convention facilities authority established by the board of county commissioners under Chapter 351. of the Revised Code on or before November 15, 1998, and used to pay costs of constructing, maintaining, operating, and promoting a facility in the county, including paying bonds, or notes issued in anticipation of bonds, as provided by that chapter;

(c) That no portion of the revenue arising from the increase in rate need be returned to municipal corporations or townships as otherwise required under division (A)(1) of this section;

(d) That the increase in rate shall not be subject to diminution by initiative or referendum or by law while any bonds, or notes in anticipation of bonds, issued by the authority under Chapter 351. of the Revised Code to which the revenue is pledged, remain outstanding in accordance with their terms, unless provision is made by law or by the board of county commissioners for an adequate substitute therefor that is satisfactory to the trustee if a trust agreement secures the bonds.

Division (A)(3) of this section does not apply to the board of county commissioners of any county in which a convention center or facility exists or is being constructed on November 15, 1998, or of any county in which a convention facilities authority levies a tax pursuant to section 351.021 of the Revised Code on that date.

As used in division (A)(3) of this section, "cost" and "facility" have the same meanings as in section 351.01 of the Revised Code, and "convention center" has the same meaning as in section 307.695 of the Revised Code.

(4)(a) A board of county commissioners that levies a tax under division (A)(1) of this section on June 30, 2002, at a rate of three per cent may, by resolution adopted not later than September 30, 2002, amend the resolution levying the tax to provide for all of the following:

(i) That the rate of the tax shall be increased by not more than an additional three and one-half per cent on each transaction;

(ii) That all of the revenue from the increase in rate shall be pledged and contributed to a convention facilities authority established by the board of county commissioners under Chapter 351. of the Revised Code on or before May 15, 2002, and be used to pay costs of constructing, expanding, maintaining, operating, or promoting a convention center in the county, including paying bonds, or notes issued in anticipation of bonds, as provided

by that chapter;

(iii) That no portion of the revenue arising from the increase in rate need be returned to municipal corporations or townships as otherwise required under division (A)(1) of this section;

(iv) That the increase in rate shall not be subject to diminution by initiative or referendum or by law while any bonds, or notes in anticipation of bonds, issued by the authority under Chapter 351. of the Revised Code to which the revenue is pledged, remain outstanding in accordance with their terms, unless provision is made by law or by the board of county commissioners for an adequate substitute therefor that is satisfactory to the trustee if a trust agreement secures the bonds.

(b) Any board of county commissioners that, pursuant to division (A)(4)(a) of this section, has amended a resolution levying the tax authorized by division (A)(1) of this section may further amend the resolution to provide that the revenue referred to in division (A)(4)(a)(ii) of this section shall be pledged and contributed both to a convention facilities authority to pay the costs of constructing, expanding, maintaining, or operating one or more convention centers in the county, including paying bonds, or notes issued in anticipation of bonds, as provided in Chapter 351. of the Revised Code, and to a convention and visitors' bureau to pay the costs of promoting one or more convention centers in the county.

As used in division (A)(4) of this section, "cost" has the same meaning as in section 351.01 of the Revised Code, and "convention center" has the same meaning as in section 307.695 of the Revised Code.

(5)(a) As used in division (A)(5) of this section:

(i) "Port authority" means a port authority created under Chapter 4582. of the Revised Code.

(ii) "Port authority military-use facility" means port authority facilities on which or adjacent to which is located an installation of the armed forces of the United States, a reserve component thereof, or the national guard and at least part of which is made available for use, for consideration, by the armed forces of the United States, a reserve component thereof, or the national guard.

(b) For the purpose of contributing revenue to pay operating expenses of a port authority that operates a port authority military-use facility, the board of county commissioners of a county that created, participated in the creation of, or has joined such a port authority may do one or both of the following:

(i) Amend a resolution previously adopted under division (A)(1) of this section to designate some or all of the revenue from the tax levied under the

resolution to be used for that purpose, notwithstanding that division;

(ii) Amend a resolution previously adopted under division (A)(1) of this section to increase the rate of the tax by not more than an additional two per cent and use the revenue from the increase exclusively for that purpose.

(c) If a board of county commissioners amends a resolution to increase the rate of a tax as authorized in division (A)(5)(b)(ii) of this section, the board also may amend the resolution to specify that the increase in rate of the tax does not apply to "hotels," as otherwise defined in section 5739.01 of the Revised Code, having fewer rooms used for the accommodation of guests than a number of rooms specified by the board.

(6) A board of county commissioners of a county organized under a county charter adopted pursuant to Article X, Section 3, Ohio Constitution, and that levies an excise tax under division (A)(1) of this section at a rate of three per cent and levies an additional excise tax under division (E) of this section at a rate of one and one-half per cent may, by resolution adopted not later than January 1, 2008, by a majority of the members of the board, amend the resolution levying a tax under division (A)(1) of this section to provide for an increase in the rate of that tax by not more than an additional one per cent on transactions by which lodging by a hotel is or is to be furnished to transient guests. Notwithstanding divisions (A)(1) and (E) of this section, the resolution shall provide that all of the revenue from the increase in rate, after deducting the real and actual costs of administering the tax, shall be used to pay the costs of improving, expanding, equipping, financing, or operating a convention center by a convention and visitors' bureau in the county. The increase in rate shall remain in effect for the period specified in the resolution, not to exceed ten years, and may be extended for an additional period of time not to exceed ten years thereafter by a resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the board. The increase in rate shall be subject to the regulations adopted under division (A)(1) of this section, except that the resolution may provide that no portion of the revenue from the increase in the rate shall be returned to townships or municipal corporations as would otherwise be required under that division.

(7) Division (A)(7) of this section applies only to a county with a population greater than sixty-five thousand and less than seventy thousand according to the most recent federal decennial census and in which, on December 31, 2006, an excise tax is levied under division (A)(1) of this section at a rate not less than and not greater than three per cent, and in which the most recent increase in the rate of that tax was enacted or took effect in November 1984.

The board of county commissioners of a county to which this division

applies, by resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the board, may increase the rate of the tax by not more than one per cent on transactions by which lodging by a hotel is or is to be furnished to transient guests. The increase in rate shall be for the purpose of paying expenses deemed necessary by the convention and visitors' bureau operating in the county to promote travel and tourism. The increase in rate shall remain in effect for the period specified in the resolution, not to exceed twenty years, provided that the increase in rate may not continue beyond the time when the purpose for which the increase is levied ceases to exist. If revenue from the increase in rate is pledged to the payment of debt charges on securities, the increase in rate is not subject to diminution by initiative or referendum or by law for so long as the securities are outstanding, unless provision is made by law or by the board of county commissioners for an adequate substitute for that revenue that is satisfactory to the trustee if a trust agreement secures payment of the debt charges. The increase in rate shall be subject to the regulations adopted under division (A)(1) of this section, except that the resolution may provide that no portion of the revenue from the increase in the rate shall be returned to townships or municipal corporations as would otherwise be required under division (A)(1) of this section. A resolution adopted under division (A)(7) of this section is subject to referendum under sections 305.31 to 305.99 of the Revised Code.

(8)(a) Division (A)(8) of this section applies only to a county satisfying all of the following:

(i) The population of the county is greater than one hundred seventy-five thousand and less than two hundred twenty-five thousand according to the most recent federal decennial census.

(ii) An amusement park with an average yearly attendance in excess of two million guests is located in the county.

(iii) On December 31, 2014, an excise tax was levied in the county under division (A)(1) of this section at a rate of three per cent.

(b) The board of county commissioners of a county to which this division applies, by resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the board, may increase the rate of the tax by not more than one per cent on transactions by which lodging by a hotel is or is to be furnished to transient guests. The increase in rate shall be used to pay the costs of constructing and maintaining facilities owned by the county or by a port authority created under Chapter 4582. of the Revised Code, and designed to host sporting events and expenses deemed necessary by the convention and visitors' bureau operating in the county to promote travel and tourism with reference to the sports facilities, and to pay or pledge to the payment of debt service

on securities issued to pay the costs of constructing, operating, and maintaining the sports facilities. The increase in rate shall remain in effect for the period specified in the resolution. If revenue from the increase in rate is pledged to the payment of debt charges on securities, the increase in rate is not subject to diminution by initiative or referendum or by law for so long as the securities are outstanding, unless provision is made by law or by the board of county commissioners for an adequate substitute for that revenue that is satisfactory to the trustee if a trust agreement secures payment of the debt charges. The increase in rate shall be subject to the regulations adopted under division (A)(1) of this section, except that the resolution may provide that no portion of the revenue from the increase in the rate shall be returned to townships or municipal corporations as would otherwise be required under division (A)(1) of this section.

(9) The board of county commissioners of a county with a population greater than seventy-five thousand and less than seventy-eight thousand, by resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the board not later than October 15, 2015, may increase the rate of the tax by not more than one per cent on transactions by which lodging by a hotel is or is to be furnished to transient guests. The increase in rate shall be for the purposes described in section 307.679 of the Revised Code or for the promotion of travel and tourism in the county, including travel and tourism to sports facilities. The increase in rate shall remain in effect for the period specified in the resolution and as necessary to fulfill the county's obligations under a cooperative agreement entered into under section 307.679 of the Revised Code. If the resolution is adopted by the board before September 29, 2015, but after that enactment becomes law, the increase in rate shall become effective beginning on September 29, 2015. If revenue from the increase in rate is pledged to the payment of debt charges on securities, or to substitute for other revenues pledged to the payment of such debt, the increase in rate is not subject to diminution by initiative or referendum or by law for so long as the securities are outstanding, unless provision is made by law or by the board of county commissioners for an adequate substitute for that revenue that is satisfactory to the trustee if a trust agreement secures payment of the debt charges. The increase in rate shall be subject to the regulations adopted under division (A)(1) of this section, except that no portion of the revenue from the increase in the rate shall be returned to townships or municipal corporations as would otherwise be required under division (A)(1) of this section.

(10) Division (A)(10) of this section applies only to counties satisfying either of the following:

(a) A county that, on July 1, 2015, does not levy an excise tax under division (A)(1) of this section and that has a population of at least thirty-nine thousand but not more than forty thousand according to the 2010 federal decennial census;

(b) A county that, on July 1, 2015, levies an excise tax under division (A)(1) of this section at a rate of three per cent and that has a population of at least seventy-one thousand but not more than seventy-five thousand according to 2010 federal decennial census.

The board of county commissioners of a county to which division (A)(10) of this section applies, by resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the board, may levy an excise tax at a rate not to exceed three per cent on transactions by which lodging by a hotel is or is to be furnished to transient guests for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, equipping, or repairing permanent improvements, as defined in section 133.01 of the Revised Code. If the board does not levy a tax under division (A)(1) of this section, the board shall establish regulations necessary to provide for the administration of the tax, which may prescribe the time for payment of the tax and the imposition of penalty or interest subject to the limitations on penalty and interest provided in division (A)(1) of this section. No portion of the revenue shall be returned to townships or municipal corporations in the county unless otherwise provided by resolution of the board. The tax shall apply throughout the territory of the county, including in any township or municipal corporation levying an excise tax under division (B) of this section or division (A) of section 5739.08 of the Revised Code. The levy of the tax is subject to referendum as provided under section 305.31 of the Revised Code.

The tax shall remain in effect for the period specified in the resolution. If revenue from the increase in rate is pledged to the payment of debt charges on securities, the increase in rate is not subject to diminution by initiative or referendum or by law for so long as the securities are outstanding unless provision is made by law or by the board for an adequate substitute for that revenue that is satisfactory to the trustee if a trust agreement secures payment of the debt charges.

(11) The board of county commissioners of an eligible county, as defined in section 307.678 of the Revised Code, that levies an excise tax under division (A)(1) of this section on July 1, 2017, at a rate of three per cent may, by resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the board, amend the resolution levying the tax to increase the rate of the tax by not more than an additional three per cent on each transaction. No portion of the revenue shall be returned to townships or municipal corporations in the

county unless otherwise provided by resolution of the board. Otherwise, the revenue from the increase in the rate shall be distributed and used in the same manner described under division (A)(1) of this section or distributed or used to provide credit enhancement facilities as authorized under section 307.678 of the Revised Code. The increase in rate shall remain in effect for the period specified in the resolution. If revenue from the increase in rate is pledged to the payment of debt charges on securities, the increase in rate is not subject to diminution by initiative or referendum or by law for so long as the securities are outstanding unless provision is made by law or by the board for an adequate substitute for that revenue that is satisfactory to the trustee if a trust agreement secures payment of the debt charges.

(12)(a) As used in this division:

(i) "Eligible county" means a county that has a population greater than one hundred ninety thousand and less than two hundred thousand according to the 2010 federal decennial census and that levies an excise tax under division (A)(1) of this section at a rate of three per cent.

(ii) "Professional sports facility" means a sports facility that is intended to house major or minor league professional athletic teams, including a stadium, together with all parking facilities, walkways, and other auxiliary facilities, real and personal property, property rights, easements, and interests that may be appropriate for, or used in connection with, the operation of the facility.

(b) Subject to division (A)(12)(c) of this section, the board of county commissioners of an eligible county, by resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the board, may increase the rate of the tax by not more than one per cent on transactions by which lodging by a hotel is or is to be furnished to transient guests. Revenue from the increase in rate shall be used for the purposes of paying the costs of constructing, improving, and maintaining a professional sports facility in the county and paying expenses considered necessary by the convention and visitors' bureau operating in the county to promote travel and tourism with respect to that professional sports facility. The tax shall take effect only after the convention and visitors' bureau enters into a contract for the construction, improvement, or maintenance of a professional sports facility that is or will be located on property acquired, in whole or in part, with revenue from the increased rate, and thereafter shall remain in effect for the period specified in the resolution. If revenue from the increase in rate is pledged to the payment of debt charges on securities, the increase in rate is not subject to diminution by initiative or referendum or by law for so long as the securities are outstanding, unless a provision is made by law or by the board of county

commissioners for an adequate substitute for that revenue that is satisfactory to the trustee if a trust agreement secures payment of the debt charges. The increase in rate shall be subject to the regulations adopted under division (A)(1) of this section, except that the resolution may provide that no portion of the revenue from the increase in the rate shall be returned to townships or municipal corporations as would otherwise be required under division (A)(1) of this section.

(c) If, on December 31, 2019, the convention and visitors' bureau has not entered into a contract for the construction, improvement, or maintenance of a professional sports facility that is or will be located on property acquired, in whole or in part, with revenue from the increased rate, the authority to levy the tax under division (A)(12)(b) of this section is hereby repealed on that date.

(B)(1) The legislative authority of a municipal corporation or the board of trustees of a township that is not wholly or partly located in a county that has in effect a resolution levying an excise tax pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section may, by ordinance or resolution, levy an excise tax not to exceed three per cent on transactions by which lodging by a hotel is or is to be furnished to transient guests. The legislative authority of the municipal corporation or the board of trustees of the township shall deposit at least fifty per cent of the revenue from the tax levied pursuant to this division into a separate fund, which shall be spent solely to make contributions to convention and visitors' bureaus operating within the county in which the municipal corporation or township is wholly or partly located, and the balance of that revenue shall be deposited in the general fund. The municipal corporation or township shall establish all regulations necessary to provide for the administration and allocation of the tax. The regulations may prescribe the time for payment of the tax, and may provide for the imposition of a penalty or interest, or both, for late payments, provided that the penalty does not exceed ten per cent of the amount of tax due, and the rate at which interest accrues does not exceed the rate per annum prescribed pursuant to section 5703.47 of the Revised Code. The levy of a tax under this division is in addition to any tax imposed on the same transaction by a municipal corporation or a township as authorized by division (A) of section 5739.08 of the Revised Code.

(2)(a) The legislative authority of the most populous municipal corporation located wholly or partly in a county in which the board of county commissioners has levied a tax under division (A)(4) of this section may amend, on or before September 30, 2002, that municipal corporation's ordinance or resolution that levies an excise tax on transactions by which

lodging by a hotel is or is to be furnished to transient guests, to provide for all of the following:

(i) That the rate of the tax shall be increased by not more than an additional one per cent on each transaction;

(ii) That all of the revenue from the increase in rate shall be pledged and contributed to a convention facilities authority established by the board of county commissioners under Chapter 351. of the Revised Code on or before May 15, 2002, and be used to pay costs of constructing, expanding, maintaining, operating, or promoting a convention center in the county, including paying bonds, or notes issued in anticipation of bonds, as provided by that chapter;

(iii) That the increase in rate shall not be subject to diminution by initiative or referendum or by law while any bonds, or notes in anticipation of bonds, issued by the authority under Chapter 351. of the Revised Code to which the revenue is pledged, remain outstanding in accordance with their terms, unless provision is made by law, by the board of county commissioners, or by the legislative authority, for an adequate substitute therefor that is satisfactory to the trustee if a trust agreement secures the bonds.

(b) The legislative authority of a municipal corporation that, pursuant to division (B)(2)(a) of this section, has amended its ordinance or resolution to increase the rate of the tax authorized by division (B)(1) of this section may further amend the ordinance or resolution to provide that the revenue referred to in division (B)(2)(a)(ii) of this section shall be pledged and contributed both to a convention facilities authority to pay the costs of constructing, expanding, maintaining, or operating one or more convention centers in the county, including paying bonds, or notes issued in anticipation of bonds, as provided in Chapter 351. of the Revised Code, and to a convention and visitors' bureau to pay the costs of promoting one or more convention centers in the county.

As used in division (B)(2) of this section, "cost" has the same meaning as in section 351.01 of the Revised Code, and "convention center" has the same meaning as in section 307.695 of the Revised Code.

(3) The legislative authority of an eligible municipal corporation may amend, on or before December 31, 2017, that municipal corporation's ordinance or resolution that levies an excise tax on transactions by which lodging by a hotel is or is to be furnished to transient guests, to provide for the following:

(a) That the rate of the tax shall be increased by not more than an additional three per cent on each transaction;

(b) That all of the revenue from the increase in rate shall be used by the municipal corporation for economic development and tourism-related purposes.

As used in division (B)(3) of this section, "eligible municipal corporation" means a municipal corporation that, on the effective date of the amendment of this section by H.B. 49 of the 132nd general assembly, September 29, 2017, levied a tax under division (B)(1) of this section at a rate of three per cent and that is located in a county that, on that date, levied a tax under division (A) of this section at a rate of three per cent and that has, according to the most recent federal decennial census, a population exceeding three hundred thousand but not greater than three hundred fifty thousand.

(C) For the purposes described in section 307.695 of the Revised Code and to cover the costs of administering the tax, a board of county commissioners of a county where a tax imposed under division (A)(1) of this section is in effect may, by resolution adopted within ninety days after July 15, 1985, by a majority of the members of the board, levy an additional excise tax not to exceed three per cent on transactions by which lodging by a hotel is or is to be furnished to transient guests. The tax authorized by this division shall be in addition to any tax that is levied pursuant to division (A) of this section, but it shall not apply to transactions subject to a tax levied by a municipal corporation or township pursuant to the authorization granted by division (A) of section 5739.08 of the Revised Code. The board shall establish all regulations necessary to provide for the administration and allocation of the tax. The regulations may prescribe the time for payment of the tax, and may provide for the imposition of a penalty or interest, or both, for late payments, provided that the penalty does not exceed ten per cent of the amount of tax due, and the rate at which interest accrues does not exceed the rate per annum prescribed pursuant to section 5703.47 of the Revised Code. All revenues arising from the tax shall be expended in accordance with section 307.695 of the Revised Code. The board of county commissioners of an eligible county as defined in section 307.695 of the Revised Code may, by resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the board, amend the resolution levying a tax under this division to provide that the revenue from the tax shall be used by the board as described in division (H) of section 307.695 of the Revised Code. A tax imposed under this division shall remain in effect at the rate at which it is imposed for the duration of the period during which any agreement entered into by the board under section 307.695 of the Revised Code is in effect, the duration of the period during which any securities issued by the board under division (I) of

section 307.695 of the Revised Code are outstanding, or the duration of the period during which the board owns a project as defined in section 307.695 of the Revised Code, whichever duration is longest.

(D) For the purpose of providing contributions under division (B)(1) of section 307.671 of the Revised Code to enable the acquisition, construction, and equipping of a port authority educational and cultural facility in the county and, to the extent provided for in the cooperative agreement authorized by that section, for the purpose of paying debt service charges on bonds, or notes in anticipation of bonds, described in division (B)(1)(b) of that section, a board of county commissioners, by resolution adopted within ninety days after December 22, 1992, by a majority of the members of the board, may levy an additional excise tax not to exceed one and one-half per cent on transactions by which lodging by a hotel is or is to be furnished to transient guests. The excise tax authorized by this division shall be in addition to any tax that is levied pursuant to divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section, to any excise tax levied pursuant to section 5739.08 of the Revised Code, and to any excise tax levied pursuant to section 351.021 of the Revised Code. The board of county commissioners shall establish all regulations necessary to provide for the administration and allocation of the tax that are not inconsistent with this section or section 307.671 of the Revised Code. The regulations may prescribe the time for payment of the tax, and may provide for the imposition of a penalty or interest, or both, for late payments, provided that the penalty does not exceed ten per cent of the amount of tax due, and the rate at which interest accrues does not exceed the rate per annum prescribed pursuant to section 5703.47 of the Revised Code. All revenues arising from the tax shall be expended in accordance with section 307.671 of the Revised Code and division (D) of this section. The levy of a tax imposed under this division may not commence prior to the first day of the month next following the execution of the cooperative agreement authorized by section 307.671 of the Revised Code by all parties to that agreement. The tax shall remain in effect at the rate at which it is imposed for the period of time described in division (C) of section 307.671 of the Revised Code for which the revenue from the tax has been pledged by the county to the corporation pursuant to that section, but, to any extent provided for in the cooperative agreement, for no lesser period than the period of time required for payment of the debt service charges on bonds, or notes in anticipation of bonds, described in division (B)(1)(b) of that section.

(E) For the purpose of paying the costs of acquiring, constructing, equipping, and improving a municipal educational and cultural facility, including debt service charges on bonds provided for in division (B) of

section 307.672 of the Revised Code, and for any additional purposes determined by the county in the resolution levying the tax or amendments to the resolution, including subsequent amendments providing for paying costs of acquiring, constructing, renovating, rehabilitating, equipping, and improving a port authority educational and cultural performing arts facility, as defined in section 307.674 of the Revised Code, and including debt service charges on bonds provided for in division (B) of section 307.674 of the Revised Code, the legislative authority of a county, by resolution adopted within ninety days after June 30, 1993, by a majority of the members of the legislative authority, may levy an additional excise tax not to exceed one and one-half per cent on transactions by which lodging by a hotel is or is to be furnished to transient guests. The excise tax authorized by this division shall be in addition to any tax that is levied pursuant to divisions (A), (B), (C), and (D) of this section, to any excise tax levied pursuant to section 5739.08 of the Revised Code, and to any excise tax levied pursuant to section 351.021 of the Revised Code. The legislative authority of the county shall establish all regulations necessary to provide for the administration and allocation of the tax. The regulations may prescribe the time for payment of the tax, and may provide for the imposition of a penalty or interest, or both, for late payments, provided that the penalty does not exceed ten per cent of the amount of tax due, and the rate at which interest accrues does not exceed the rate per annum prescribed pursuant to section 5703.47 of the Revised Code. All revenues arising from the tax shall be expended in accordance with section 307.672 of the Revised Code and this division. The levy of a tax imposed under this division shall not commence prior to the first day of the month next following the execution of the cooperative agreement authorized by section 307.672 of the Revised Code by all parties to that agreement. The tax shall remain in effect at the rate at which it is imposed for the period of time determined by the legislative authority of the county. That period of time shall not exceed fifteen years, except that the legislative authority of a county with a population of less than two hundred fifty thousand according to the most recent federal decennial census, by resolution adopted by a majority of its members before the original tax expires, may extend the duration of the tax for an additional period of time. The additional period of time by which a legislative authority extends a tax levied under this division shall not exceed fifteen years.

(F) The legislative authority of a county that has levied a tax under division (E) of this section may, by resolution adopted within one hundred eighty days after January 4, 2001, by a majority of the members of the

legislative authority, amend the resolution levying a tax under that division to provide for the use of the proceeds of that tax, to the extent that it is no longer needed for its original purpose as determined by the parties to a cooperative agreement amendment pursuant to division (D) of section 307.672 of the Revised Code, to pay costs of acquiring, constructing, renovating, rehabilitating, equipping, and improving a port authority educational and cultural performing arts facility, including debt service charges on bonds provided for in division (B) of section 307.674 of the Revised Code, and to pay all obligations under any guaranty agreements, reimbursement agreements, or other credit enhancement agreements described in division (C) of section 307.674 of the Revised Code. The resolution may also provide for the extension of the tax at the same rate for the longer of the period of time determined by the legislative authority of the county, but not to exceed an additional twenty-five years, or the period of time required to pay all debt service charges on bonds provided for in division (B) of section 307.672 of the Revised Code and on port authority revenue bonds provided for in division (B) of section 307.674 of the Revised Code. All revenues arising from the amendment and extension of the tax shall be expended in accordance with section 307.674 of the Revised Code, this division, and division (E) of this section.

(G) For purposes of a tax levied by a county, township, or municipal corporation under this section or section 5739.08 of the Revised Code, a board of county commissioners, board of township trustees, or the legislative authority of a municipal corporation may adopt a resolution or ordinance at any time specifying that "hotel," as otherwise defined in section 5739.01 of the Revised Code, includes the following:

(1) Establishments in which fewer than five rooms are used for the accommodation of guests.

(2) Establishments at which rooms are used for the accommodation of guests regardless of whether each room is accessible through its own keyed entry or several rooms are accessible through the same keyed entry; and, in determining the number of rooms, all rooms are included regardless of the number of structures in which the rooms are situated or the number of parcels of land on which the structures are located if the structures are under the same ownership and the structures are not identified in advertisements of the accommodations as distinct establishments. For the purposes of division (G)(2) of this section, two or more structures are under the same ownership if they are owned by the same person, or if they are owned by two or more persons the majority of the ownership interests of which are owned by the same person.

The resolution or ordinance may apply to a tax imposed pursuant to this section prior to the adoption of the resolution or ordinance if the resolution or ordinance so states, but the tax shall not apply to transactions by which lodging by such an establishment is provided to transient guests prior to the adoption of the resolution or ordinance.

(H)(1) As used in this division:

(a) "Convention facilities authority" has the same meaning as in section 351.01 of the Revised Code.

(b) "Convention center" has the same meaning as in section 307.695 of the Revised Code.

(2) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of division (D) of this section, the legislative authority of a county with a population of one million or more according to the most recent federal decennial census that has levied a tax under division (D) of this section may, by resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the legislative authority, provide for the extension of such levy and may provide that the proceeds of that tax, to the extent that they are no longer needed for their original purpose as defined by a cooperative agreement entered into under section 307.671 of the Revised Code, shall be deposited into the county general revenue fund. The resolution shall provide for the extension of the tax at a rate not to exceed the rate specified in division (D) of this section for a period of time determined by the legislative authority of the county, but not to exceed an additional forty years.

(3) The legislative authority of a county with a population of one million or more that has levied a tax under division (A)(1) of this section may, by resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the legislative authority, increase the rate of the tax levied by such county under division (A)(1) of this section to a rate not to exceed five per cent on transactions by which lodging by a hotel is or is to be furnished to transient guests. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of division (A)(1) of this section, the resolution may provide that all collections resulting from the rate levied in excess of three per cent, after deducting the real and actual costs of administering the tax, shall be deposited in the county general fund.

(4) The legislative authority of a county with a population of one million or more that has levied a tax under division (A)(1) of this section may, by resolution adopted on or before August 30, 2004, by a majority of the members of the legislative authority, provide that all or a portion of the proceeds of the tax levied under division (A)(1) of this section, after deducting the real and actual costs of administering the tax and the amounts required to be returned to townships and municipal corporations with

respect to the first three per cent levied under division (A)(1) of this section, shall be deposited in the county general fund, provided that such proceeds shall be used to satisfy any pledges made in connection with an agreement entered into under section 307.695 of the Revised Code.

(5) No amount collected from a tax levied, extended, or required to be deposited in the county general fund under division (H) of this section shall be contributed to a convention facilities authority, corporation, or other entity created after July 1, 2003, for the principal purpose of constructing, improving, expanding, equipping, financing, or operating a convention center unless the mayor of the municipal corporation in which the convention center is to be operated by that convention facilities authority, corporation, or other entity has consented to the creation of that convention facilities authority, corporation, or entity. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of section 351.04 of the Revised Code, if a tax is levied by a county under division (H) of this section, the board of county commissioners of that county may determine the manner of selection, the qualifications, the number, and terms of office of the members of the board of directors of any convention facilities authority, corporation, or other entity described in division (H)(5) of this section.

(6)(a) No amount collected from a tax levied, extended, or required to be deposited in the county general fund under division (H) of this section may be used for any purpose other than paying the direct and indirect costs of constructing, improving, expanding, equipping, financing, or operating a convention center and for the real and actual costs of administering the tax, unless, prior to the adoption of the resolution of the legislative authority of the county authorizing the levy, extension, increase, or deposit, the county and the mayor of the most populous municipal corporation in that county have entered into an agreement as to the use of such amounts, provided that such agreement has been approved by a majority of the mayors of the other municipal corporations in that county. The agreement shall provide that the amounts to be used for purposes other than paying the convention center or administrative costs described in division (H)(6)(a) of this section be used only for the direct and indirect costs of capital improvements, including the financing of capital improvements.

(b) If the county in which the tax is levied has an association of mayors and city managers, the approval of that association of an agreement described in division (H)(6)(a) of this section shall be considered to be the approval of the majority of the mayors of the other municipal corporations for purposes of that division.

(7) Each year, the auditor of state shall conduct an audit of the uses of

any amounts collected from taxes levied, extended, or deposited under division (H) of this section and shall prepare a report of the auditor of state's findings. The auditor of state shall submit the report to the legislative authority of the county that has levied, extended, or deposited the tax, the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, and the leaders of the minority parties of the house of representatives and the senate.

(I)(1) As used in this division:

(a) "Convention facilities authority" has the same meaning as in section 351.01 of the Revised Code.

(b) "Convention center" has the same meaning as in section 307.695 of the Revised Code.

(2) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of division (D) of this section, the legislative authority of a county with a population of one million two hundred thousand or more according to the most recent federal decennial census or the most recent annual population estimate published or released by the United States census bureau at the time the resolution is adopted placing the levy on the ballot, that has levied a tax under division (D) of this section may, by resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the legislative authority, provide for the extension of such levy and may provide that the proceeds of that tax, to the extent that the proceeds are no longer needed for their original purpose as defined by a cooperative agreement entered into under section 307.671 of the Revised Code and after deducting the real and actual costs of administering the tax, shall be used for paying the direct and indirect costs of constructing, improving, expanding, equipping, financing, or operating a convention center. The resolution shall provide for the extension of the tax at a rate not to exceed the rate specified in division (D) of this section for a period of time determined by the legislative authority of the county, but not to exceed an additional forty years.

(3) The legislative authority of a county with a population of one million two hundred thousand or more that has levied a tax under division (A)(1) of this section may, by resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the legislative authority, increase the rate of the tax levied by such county under division (A)(1) of this section to a rate not to exceed five per cent on transactions by which lodging by a hotel is or is to be furnished to transient guests. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of division (A)(1) of this section, the resolution shall provide that all collections resulting from the rate levied in excess of three per cent, after deducting the real and actual costs of administering the tax, shall be used for paying the direct and indirect costs of constructing, improving, expanding, equipping,

financing, or operating a convention center.

(4) The legislative authority of a county with a population of one million two hundred thousand or more that has levied a tax under division (A)(1) of this section may, by resolution adopted on or before July 1, 2008, by a majority of the members of the legislative authority, provide that all or a portion of the proceeds of the tax levied under division (A)(1) of this section, after deducting the real and actual costs of administering the tax and the amounts required to be returned to townships and municipal corporations with respect to the first three per cent levied under division (A)(1) of this section, shall be used to satisfy any pledges made in connection with an agreement entered into under section 307.695 of the Revised Code or shall otherwise be used for paying the direct and indirect costs of constructing, improving, expanding, equipping, financing, or operating a convention center.

(5) Any amount collected from a tax levied or extended under division (I) of this section may be contributed to a convention facilities authority created before July 1, 2005, but no amount collected from a tax levied or extended under division (I) of this section may be contributed to a convention facilities authority, corporation, or other entity created after July 1, 2005, unless the mayor of the municipal corporation in which the convention center is to be operated by that convention facilities authority, corporation, or other entity has consented to the creation of that convention facilities authority, corporation, or entity.

(J)(1) Except as provided in division (J)(2) of this section, money collected by a county and distributed under this section to a convention and visitors' bureau in existence as of June 30, 2013, the effective date of H.B. 59 of the 130th general assembly, except for any such money pledged, as of that effective date, to the payment of debt service charges on bonds, notes, securities, or lease agreements, shall be used solely for tourism sales, marketing and promotion, and their associated costs, including, but not limited to, operational and administrative costs of the bureau, sales and marketing, and maintenance of the physical bureau structure.

(2) A convention and visitors' bureau that has entered into an agreement under section 307.678 of the Revised Code may use revenue it receives from a tax levied under division (A)(1) of this section as described in division (E) of section 307.678 of the Revised Code.

(K) The board of county commissioners of a county with a population between one hundred three thousand and one hundred seven thousand according to the most recent federal decennial census, by resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the board within six months after

September 15, 2014, the effective date of H.B. 483 of the 130th general assembly, may levy a tax not to exceed three per cent on transactions by which a hotel is or is to be furnished to transient guests. The purpose of the tax shall be to pay the costs of expanding, maintaining, or operating a soldiers' memorial and the costs of administering the tax. All revenue arising from the tax shall be credited to one or more special funds in the county treasury and shall be spent solely for the purposes of paying those costs. The board of county commissioners shall adopt all rules necessary to provide for the administration of the tax subject to the same limitations on imposing penalty or interest under division (A)(1) of this section.

As used in this division "soldiers' memorial" means a memorial constructed and funded under Chapter 345. of the Revised Code.

(L) A board of county commissioners of an eligible county, by resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the board, may levy an excise tax at the rate of up to three per cent on transactions by which lodging by a hotel is or is to be furnished to transient guests for the purpose of paying the costs of permanent improvements at sites at which one or more agricultural societies conduct fairs or exhibits, paying the costs of maintaining or operating such permanent improvements, and paying the costs of administering the tax. A resolution adopted under this division, other than a resolution that only extends the period of time for which the tax is levied, shall direct the board of elections to submit the question of the proposed lodging tax to the electors of the county at a special election held on the date specified by the board in the resolution, provided that the election occurs not less than ninety days after a certified copy of the resolution is transmitted to the board of elections. A resolution submitted to the electors under this division shall not go into effect unless it is approved by a majority of those voting upon it. The resolution takes effect on the date the board of county commissioners receives notification from the board of elections of an affirmative vote.

The tax shall remain in effect for the period specified in the resolution, not to exceed five years, and may be extended for an additional period of time not to exceed fifteen years thereafter by a resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the board. A resolution extending the period of time for which the tax is in effect is not subject to approval of the electors of the county, but is subject to referendum under sections 305.31 to 305.99 of the Revised Code. All revenue arising from the tax shall be credited to one or more special funds in the county treasury and shall be spent solely for the purposes of paying the costs of such permanent improvements and maintaining or operating the improvements. Revenue allocated for the use of

a county agricultural society may be credited to the county agricultural society fund created in section 1711.16 of the Revised Code upon appropriation by the board. If revenue is credited to that fund, it shall be expended only as provided in that section.

The board of county commissioners shall adopt all rules necessary to provide for the administration of the tax. The rules may prescribe the time for payment of the tax, and may provide for the imposition or penalty or interest, or both, for late payments, provided that the penalty does not exceed ten per cent of the amount of tax due, and the rate at which interest accrues does not exceed the rate per annum prescribed in section 5703.47 of the Revised Code.

As used in this division, "eligible county" means a county in which a county agricultural society or independent agricultural society is organized under section 1711.01 or 1711.02 of the Revised Code, provided the agricultural society owns a facility or site in the county at which an annual harness horse race is conducted where one-day attendance equals at least forty thousand attendees.

(M) As used in this division, "eligible county" means a county in which a tax is levied under division (A) of this section at a rate of three per cent and whose territory includes a part of Lake Erie the shoreline of which represents at least fifty per cent of the linear length of the county's border with other counties of this state.

The board of county commissioners of an eligible county that has entered into an agreement with a port authority in the county under section 4582.56 of the Revised Code may levy an additional lodging tax on transactions by which lodging by a hotel is or is to be furnished to transient guests for the purpose of financing lakeshore improvement projects constructed or financed by the port authority under that section. The resolution levying the tax shall specify the purpose of the tax, the rate of the tax, which shall not exceed two per cent, and the number of years the tax will be levied or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time. The tax shall be administered pursuant to the regulations adopted by the board under division (A) of this section, except that all the proceeds of the tax levied under this division shall be pledged to the payment of the costs, including debt charges, of lakeshore improvements undertaken by a port authority pursuant to the agreement under section 4582.56 of the Revised Code. No revenue from the tax may be used to pay the current expenses of the port authority.

A resolution levying a tax under this division is subject to referendum under sections 305.31 to 305.41 and 305.99 of the Revised Code.

(N)(1)(a) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, the board of county commissioners, board of township trustees, or legislative authority of any county, township, or municipal corporation that levies a lodging tax on September 29, 2017, and in which any part of a tourism development district is located on or after that date shall amend the ordinance or resolution levying the tax to require either of the following:

(i) In the case of a tax levied by a county, that all tourism development district lodging tax proceeds from that tax be used exclusively to foster and develop tourism in the tourism development district;

(ii) In the case of a tax levied by a township or municipal corporation, that all tourism development district lodging tax proceeds from that tax be used exclusively to foster and develop tourism in the tourism development district.

(b) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, any ordinance or resolution levying a lodging tax adopted on or after September 29, 2017, by a county, township, or municipal corporation in which any part of a tourism development district is located on or after that date shall require that all tourism development district lodging tax proceeds from that tax be used exclusively to foster and develop tourism in the tourism development district.

(c) A county shall not use any of the proceeds described in division (N)(1)(a)(i) or (N)(1)(b) of this section unless the convention and visitors' bureau operating within the county approves the manner in which such proceeds are used to foster and develop tourism in the tourism development district. Upon obtaining such approval, the county may pay such proceeds to the bureau to use for the agreed-upon purpose.

A municipal corporation or township shall not use any of the proceeds described in division (N)(1)(a)(ii) or (N)(1)(b) of this section unless the convention and visitors' bureau operating within the municipal corporation or township approves the manner in which such proceeds are used to foster and develop tourism in the tourism development district. Upon obtaining such approval, the municipal corporation or township may pay such proceeds to the bureau to use for the agreed-upon purpose.

(2)(a) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, the board of county commissioners of an eligible county that levies a lodging tax on March 23, 2018, may amend the resolution levying that tax to require that all or a portion of the proceeds of that tax otherwise required to be spent solely to make contributions to the convention and visitors' bureau operating within the county shall be used to foster and develop tourism in a tourism development district.

(b) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, the board of county commissioners of an eligible county that adopts a resolution levying a lodging tax on or after March 23, 2018, may require that all or a portion of the proceeds of that tax otherwise required to be spent solely to make contributions to the convention and visitors' bureau operating within the county pursuant to division (A) of this section shall be used to foster and develop tourism in a tourism development district.

(c) A county shall not use any of the proceeds in the manner described in division (N)(2)(a) or (b) of this section unless the convention and visitors' bureau operating within the county approves the manner in which such proceeds are used to foster and develop tourism in the tourism development district. Upon obtaining such approval, the county may pay such proceeds to the bureau to use for the agreed upon purpose.

(3) As used in division (N) of this section:

(a) "Tourism development district" means a district designated by a municipal corporation under section 715.014 of the Revised Code or by a township under section 503.56 of the Revised Code.

(b) "Lodging tax" means a tax levied pursuant to this section or section 5739.08 of the Revised Code.

(c) "Tourism development district lodging tax proceeds" means all proceeds of a lodging tax derived from transactions by which lodging by a hotel located in a tourism development district is or is to be provided to transient guests.

(d) "Eligible county" has the same meaning as in section 307.678 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5739.101. (A) The legislative authority of a municipal corporation, by ordinance or resolution, or of a township, by resolution, may declare the municipal corporation or township to be a resort area for the purposes of this section, if all of the following criteria are met:

(1) According to statistics published by the federal government based on data compiled during the most recent decennial census of the United States, at least sixty-two per cent of total housing units in the municipal corporation or township are classified as "for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use";

(2) Entertainment and recreation facilities are provided within the municipal corporation or township that are primarily intended to provide seasonal leisure time activities for persons other than permanent residents of the municipal corporation or township;

(3) The municipal corporation or township experiences seasonal peaks of employment and demand for government services as a direct result of the seasonal population increase.

(B) For the purpose of providing revenue for its general fund, the legislative authority of a municipal corporation or township, in its ordinance or resolution declaring itself a resort area under this section, may levy a tax on the privilege of engaging in the business of either of the following:

(1) Making sales in the municipal corporation or township, whether wholesale or retail, but including sales of food only to the extent such sales are subject to the tax levied under section 5739.02 of the Revised Code;

(2) Intrastate transportation of passengers or property primarily to or from the municipal corporation or township by a railroad, watercraft, or motor vehicle subject to regulation by the public utilities commission, except not including transportation of passengers as part of a tour or cruise in which the passengers will stay in the municipal corporation or township for no more than one hour.

The tax is imposed upon and shall be paid by the person making the sales or transporting the passengers or property. The rate of the tax shall be one-half, one, or one and one-half per cent of the person's gross receipts derived from making the sales or transporting the passengers or property to or from the municipal corporation or township.

(C) For the purpose of fostering and developing tourism in a tourism development district designated under section 503.56 or 715.014 of the Revised Code, the legislative authority of a municipal corporation or township, by ordinance or resolution adopted on or before December 31, ~~2018~~ 2020, may levy a tax on the privilege of engaging in the business of making sales in the tourism development district, whether wholesale or retail, but including sales of food only to the extent such sales are subject to the tax levied under section 5739.02 of the Revised Code.

The tax is imposed upon and shall be paid by the person making the sales. The rate of the tax shall be one-half, one, one and one-half, or two per cent of the person's gross receipts derived from making the sales in the tourism development district.

(D) A tax levied under division (B) or (C) of this section shall take effect on the first day of the month that begins at least sixty days after the effective date of the ordinance or resolution by which it is levied. The legislative authority shall certify copies of the ordinance or resolution to the tax commissioner and treasurer of state within five days after its adoption. In addition, one time each week during the two weeks following the adoption of the ordinance or resolution, the legislative authority shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipal corporation or township, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, a notice explaining the tax and stating the rate of the tax, the date it will take effect,

and that persons subject to the tax must register with the tax commissioner under section 5739.103 of the Revised Code.

(E) No more than once a year, and subject to the rates prescribed in division (B) or (C) of this section, the legislative authority of the municipal corporation or township, by ordinance or resolution, may increase or decrease the rate of a tax levied under this section. The legislative authority, by ordinance or resolution, at any time may repeal such a tax. The legislative authority shall certify to the tax commissioner and treasurer of state copies of the ordinance or resolution repealing or changing the rate of the tax within five days after its adoption. In addition, one time each week during the two weeks following the adoption of the ordinance or resolution, the legislative authority shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipal corporation or township, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, notice of the repeal or change.

(F) A person may separately or proportionately bill or invoice a tax levied pursuant to division (B) or (C) of this section to another person.

Sec. 5741.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Person" includes individuals, receivers, assignees, trustees in bankruptcy, estates, firms, partnerships, associations, joint-stock companies, joint ventures, clubs, societies, corporations, business trusts, governments, and combinations of individuals of any form.

(B) "Storage" means and includes any keeping or retention in this state for use or other consumption in this state.

(C) "Use" means and includes the exercise of any right or power incidental to the ownership of the thing used. A thing is also "used" in this state if its consumer gives or otherwise distributes it, without charge, to recipients in this state.

(D) "Purchase" means acquired or received for a consideration, whether such acquisition or receipt was effected by a transfer of title, or of possession, or of both, or a license to use or consume; whether such transfer was absolute or conditional, and by whatever means the transfer was effected; and whether the consideration was money, credit, barter, or exchange. Purchase includes production, even though the article produced was used, stored, or consumed by the producer. The transfer of copyrighted motion picture films for exhibition purposes is not a purchase, except such films as are used solely for advertising purposes.

(E) "Seller" means the person from whom a purchase is made, and includes every person engaged in this state or elsewhere in the business of selling tangible personal property or providing a service for storage, use, or other consumption or benefit in this state; and when, in the opinion of the

tax commissioner, it is necessary for the efficient administration of this chapter, to regard any salesperson, representative, peddler, or canvasser as the agent of a dealer, distributor, supervisor, or employer under whom the person operates, or from whom the person obtains tangible personal property, sold by the person for storage, use, or other consumption in this state, irrespective of whether or not the person is making such sales on the person's own behalf, or on behalf of such dealer, distributor, supervisor, or employer, the commissioner may regard the person as such agent, and may regard such dealer, distributor, supervisor, or employer as the seller. ~~"Seller"~~ A marketplace facilitator shall be treated as the "seller" with respect to all sales facilitated by the marketplace facilitator on behalf of one or more marketplace sellers on and after the first day of the first month that begins at least thirty days after the marketplace facilitator first has substantial nexus with this state. Otherwise, "seller" does not include any person to the extent the person provides a communications medium, such as, but not limited to, newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or cable television, by means of which sellers solicit purchases of their goods or services.

(F) "Consumer" means any person who has purchased tangible personal property or has been provided a service for storage, use, or other consumption or benefit in this state. "Consumer" does not include a person who receives, without charge, tangible personal property or a service.

A person who performs a facility management or similar service contract for a contractee is a consumer of all tangible personal property and services purchased for use in connection with the performance of such contract, regardless of whether title to any such property vests in the contractee. The purchase of such property and services is not subject to the exception for resale under division (E) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code.

(G)(1) "Price," except as provided in divisions (G)(2) to (6) of this section, has the same meaning as in division (H)(1) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) In the case of watercraft, outboard motors, or new motor vehicles, "price" has the same meaning as in divisions (H)(2) and (3) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) In the case of a nonresident business consumer that purchases and uses tangible personal property outside this state and subsequently temporarily stores, uses, or otherwise consumes such tangible personal property in the conduct of business in this state, the consumer or the tax commissioner may determine the price based on the value of the temporary storage, use, or other consumption, in lieu of determining the price pursuant

to division (G)(1) of this section. A price determination made by the consumer is subject to review and redetermination by the commissioner.

(4) In the case of tangible personal property held in this state as inventory for sale or lease, and that is temporarily stored, used, or otherwise consumed in a taxable manner, the price is the value of the temporary use. A price determination made by the consumer is subject to review and redetermination by the commissioner.

(5) In the case of tangible personal property originally purchased and used by the consumer outside this state, and that becomes permanently stored, used, or otherwise consumed in this state more than six months after its acquisition by the consumer, the consumer or the commissioner may determine the price based on the current value of such tangible personal property, in lieu of determining the price pursuant to division (G)(1) of this section. A price determination made by the consumer is subject to review and redetermination by the commissioner.

(6) If a consumer produces tangible personal property for sale and removes that property from inventory for the consumer's own use, the price is the produced cost of that tangible personal property.

(H) "Nexus with this state" means that the seller engages in continuous and widespread solicitation of purchases from residents of this state or otherwise purposefully directs its business activities at residents of this state.

(I)(1) "Substantial nexus with this state" means that the seller has sufficient contact with this state, in accordance with Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution of the United States, to allow the state to require the seller to collect and remit use tax on sales of tangible personal property or services made to consumers in this state.

(2) "Substantial nexus with this state" is presumed to exist when the seller does any of the following:

(a) Uses an office, distribution facility, warehouse, storage facility, or similar place of business within this state, whether operated by the seller or any other person, other than a common carrier acting in its capacity as a common carrier.

(b) Regularly uses employees, agents, representatives, solicitors, installers, repairers, salespersons, or other persons in this state for the purpose of conducting the business of the seller or either to engage in a business with the same or a similar industry classification as the seller selling a similar product or line of products as the seller, or to use trademarks, service marks, or trade names in this state that are the same or substantially similar to those used by the seller.

(c) Uses any person, other than a common carrier acting in its capacity

as a common carrier, in this state for any of the following purposes:

(i) Receiving or processing orders of the seller's goods or services;

(ii) Using that person's employees or facilities in this state to advertise, promote, or facilitate sales by the seller to customers;

(iii) Delivering, installing, assembling, or performing maintenance services for the seller's customers;

(iv) Facilitating the seller's delivery of tangible personal property to customers in this state by allowing the seller's customers to pick up property sold by the seller at an office, distribution facility, warehouse, storage facility, or similar place of business.

(d) Makes regular deliveries of tangible personal property into this state by means other than common carrier.

(e) Has an affiliated person that has substantial nexus with this state.

(f) Owns tangible personal property that is rented or leased to a consumer in this state, or offers tangible personal property, on approval, to consumers in this state.

~~(g) Enters into an agreement with one or more residents of this state under which the resident, for a commission or other consideration, directly or indirectly refers potential customers to the seller, whether by a link on a web site, an in-person oral presentation, telemarketing, or otherwise, provided the cumulative gross receipts from sales to consumers referred to the seller by all such residents exceeded ten thousand dollars during the preceding twelve months.~~

~~(h) Uses in-state software to sell or lease taxable tangible personal property or services to consumers, provided the seller has Has gross receipts in excess of ~~five~~ one hundred thousand dollars in the current or preceding calendar year from the sale of tangible personal property for storage, use, or consumption in this state or from providing services the benefit of which is realized in this state.~~

~~(i) Provides or enters into an agreement with another person to provide a content distribution network in this state to accelerate or enhance the delivery of the seller's web site to consumers, provided the seller has gross receipts in excess of five hundred thousand dollars~~ (h) Engages, in the current or preceding calendar year from the sale of , in two hundred or more separate transactions selling tangible personal property for storage, use, or consumption in this state or ~~from~~ providing services the benefit of which is realized in this state.

(3) A seller presumed to have substantial nexus with this state under divisions (I)(2)(a) to (f), (g), and (h), ~~and (i)~~ of this section may rebut that presumption by demonstrating that activities described in any of those

divisions that are conducted by a person in this state on the seller's behalf are not significantly associated with the seller's ability to establish or maintain a market in this state for the seller's sales.

~~(4) A seller presumed to have substantial nexus with this state under division (I)(2)(g) of this section may rebut that presumption by submitting proof that each resident engaged by the seller as described in that division did not engage in any activity within this state during the preceding twelve months that was significantly associated with the seller's ability to establish or maintain the seller's market in this state during the preceding twelve months. Such proof may consist of sworn written statements from all the residents with whom the seller has an agreement stating that the resident did not engage in any solicitation in this state on behalf of the seller during the preceding twelve months if such statements are provided and obtained in good faith. A marketplace facilitator is presumed to have substantial nexus with this state if either of the following apply in the current or preceding calendar year:~~

(a) The aggregate gross receipts derived from sales of tangible personal property for storage, use, or consumption in this state or services the benefit of which is realized in this state, including sales made by the marketplace facilitator on its own behalf and sales facilitated by the marketplace facilitator on behalf of one or more marketplace sellers, exceed one hundred thousand dollars;

(b) The marketplace facilitator engages in on its own behalf, or facilitates on behalf of one or more marketplace sellers, two hundred or more separate transactions selling tangible personal property for storage, use, or consumption in this state or services the benefit of which is realized in this state.

(5) A seller that does not have substantial nexus with this state, and any affiliated person of the seller, before selling or leasing tangible personal property or services to a state agency, shall register with the tax commissioner in the same manner as a seller described in division (A)(1) of section 5741.17 of the Revised Code.

(6) As used in division (I) of this section:

(a) "Affiliated person" means any person that is a member of the same controlled group of corporations as the seller or any other person that, notwithstanding the form of organization, bears the same ownership relationship to the seller as a corporation that is a member of the same controlled group of corporations.

(b) "Controlled group of corporations" has the same meaning as in section 1563(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(c) "State agency" has the same meaning as in section 1.60 of the Revised Code.

~~(d) "In state software" means computer software, as that term is defined in section 5739.01 of the Revised Code, that is stored on property in this state or is distributed within this state for the purpose of facilitating a seller's sales.~~

~~(e) "Content delivery network" means a system of distributed servers that deliver web sites and other web content to a user based on the geographic location of the user, the origin of the web site or web content, and a content delivery server.~~

(J) "Fiscal officer" means, with respect to a regional transit authority, the secretary-treasurer thereof, and with respect to a county which is a transit authority, the fiscal officer of the county transit board appointed pursuant to section 306.03 of the Revised Code or, if the board of county commissioners operates the county transit system, the county auditor.

(K) "Territory of the transit authority" means all of the area included within the territorial boundaries of a transit authority as they from time to time exist. Such territorial boundaries must at all times include all the area of a single county or all the area of the most populous county which is a part of such transit authority. County population shall be measured by the most recent census taken by the United States census bureau.

(L) "Transit authority" means a regional transit authority created pursuant to section 306.31 of the Revised Code or a county in which a county transit system is created pursuant to section 306.01 of the Revised Code. For the purposes of this chapter, a transit authority must extend to at least the entire area of a single county. A transit authority which includes territory in more than one county must include all the area of the most populous county which is a part of such transit authority. County population shall be measured by the most recent census taken by the United States census bureau.

(M) "Providing a service" has the same meaning as in section 5739.01 of the Revised Code.

(N) "Other consumption" includes receiving the benefits of a service.

(O) "Lease" or "rental" has the same meaning as in section 5739.01 of the Revised Code.

(P) "Certified service provider" has the same meaning as in section 5740.01 of the Revised Code.

(Q) "Remote sale" means a sale for which the seller could not be legally required to pay, collect, or remit a tax imposed under this chapter or Chapter 5739. of the Revised Code, unless otherwise provided by the laws of the

United States.

(R) "Remote seller" means a seller that lacks substantial nexus with this state but is required to register with the tax commissioner under section 5741.17 of the Revised Code pursuant to federal law authorizing states to require such sellers to register, collect, and remit use tax. A seller that is not required to register with the commissioner under division (A) of section 5741.17 of the Revised Code but registers voluntarily under division (B) of that section is not a "remote seller." A seller that registers with the commissioner under section 5741.17 of the Revised Code after the effective date of any federal law that authorizes states to require sellers that lack substantial nexus with the state to register, collect, and remit use tax is presumed to be a "remote seller." The seller or the commissioner may rebut this presumption with evidence that the seller has substantial nexus with this state.

(S) "Remote small seller" means a remote seller that has gross annual receipts from remote sales in the United States not exceeding one million dollars for the preceding calendar year. For the purposes of determining whether a person is a small remote seller, the sales of all persons related within the meaning of subsection (b) or (c) of section 267 or section 707(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be aggregated, and persons with one or more ownership relationships shall be aggregated if those relationships were designed with the principal purpose to qualify as a remote small seller.

(T) "Marketplace facilitator" means a person that owns, operates, or controls a physical or electronic marketplace through which retail sales are facilitated on behalf of one or more marketplace sellers, or an affiliate of such a person. "Marketplace facilitator" does not include a person that provides advertising services, including tangible personal property or services listed for sale, if the advertising service platform or forum does not engage directly or indirectly through one or more affiliated persons in the activities described in division (W)(2) of this section.

(U) "Marketplace seller" means a person on behalf of which a marketplace facilitator facilitates the sale of tangible personal property for storage, use, or consumption in this state or services the benefit of which are realized in this state, regardless of whether or not the person has a substantial nexus with this state.

(V) "Electronic marketplace" includes digital distribution services, digital distribution platforms, online portals, application stores, computer software applications, in-app purchase mechanisms, or other digital products.

(W) A sale is "facilitated" by a marketplace facilitator on behalf of a marketplace seller if it satisfies divisions (W)(1), (2), and (3) of this section:

(1) The marketplace facilitator, directly or indirectly, does any of the following:

(a) Lists, makes available, or advertises the tangible personal property or services that are the subject of the sale in a physical or electronic marketplace owned, operated, or controlled by the marketplace facilitator;

(b) Transmits or otherwise communicates an offer or acceptance of the sale between the marketplace seller and the purchaser in a shop, store, booth, catalog, internet site, or other similar forum;

(c) Owns, rents, licenses, makes available, or operates any electronic or physical infrastructure or any property, process, method, copyright, trademark, or patent that connects the marketplace seller to the purchaser for the purpose of making sales;

(d) Provides the marketplace in which the sale was made or otherwise facilitates the sale regardless of ownership or control of the tangible personal property or services that are the subject of the sale;

(e) Provides software development or research and development services directly related to a physical or electronic marketplace that is involved in one or more of the activities described in division (W)(1) of this section;

(f) Provides fulfillment or storage services for the marketplace seller that are related to the tangible personal property or services that are the subject of the sale;

(g) Sets the price of the sale on behalf of the marketplace seller;

(h) Provides or offers customer service to the marketplace seller or the marketplace seller's customers, or accepts or assists with taking orders, returns, or exchanges of the tangible personal property or services that are the subject of the sale;

(i) Brands or otherwise identifies the sale as a sale of the marketplace facilitator.

(2) The marketplace facilitator, directly or indirectly, does any of the following:

(a) Collects the price of the tangible personal property or services sold to the consumer;

(b) Provides payment processing services for the sale;

(c) Collects payment in connection with the sale from the consumer through terms and conditions, agreements, or arrangements with a third party, and transmits that payment to the marketplace seller, regardless of whether the person collecting and transmitting such payment receives

compensation or other consideration in exchange for the service:

(d) Provides virtual currency that consumers are allowed or required to use to purchase the tangible personal property or services that are the subject of the sale.

(3) The subject of the sale is tangible personal property or services other than lodging by a hotel that is or is to be furnished to transient guests.

Sec. 5741.04. Every seller required to register with the tax commissioner pursuant to section 5741.17 of the Revised Code who is engaged in the business of selling or facilitating the sale of tangible personal property in this state for storage, use, or other consumption in this state, to which section 5741.02 of the Revised Code applies, or which is subject to a tax levied pursuant to section 5741.021, 5741.022, or 5741.023 of the Revised Code, shall, and any other seller who is authorized by rule of the tax commissioner to do so may, collect from the consumer the full and exact amount of the tax payable on each such storage, use, or consumption, in the manner and at the times provided as follows:

(A) If the price is, at or prior to the delivery of possession of the thing sold to the consumer, paid in currency passed from hand to hand by the consumer or the consumer's agent, to the seller or the seller's agent, the seller or the seller's agent shall collect the tax with and at the same time as the price.

(B) If the price is otherwise paid or to be paid, the seller or the seller's agent shall, at or prior to the delivery of possession of the thing sold to the consumer, charge the tax imposed by or pursuant to section 5741.02, 5741.021, 5741.022, or 5741.023 of the Revised Code to the account of the consumer, which amount shall be collected by the seller from the consumer in addition to the price. Such transaction shall be reported on the return for the period in which the transaction occurred, and the amount of tax applicable to the transaction shall be remitted with the return or, if the consumer is subject to section 5741.121 of the Revised Code, in the manner prescribed by that section. The amount of the tax shall become a legal charge in favor of the seller and against the consumer.

(C) It shall be the obligation of each consumer, as required by section 5741.12 of the Revised Code, to report and pay the taxes levied by sections 5741.021, 5741.022, and 5741.023 of the Revised Code, if applicable, on any storage, use, or other consumption of tangible personal property purchased in this state from a vendor required to be licensed pursuant to section 5739.17 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5741.05. As used in this section, "receive" means taking possession of tangible personal property or making first use of a service. "Receive"

does not include possession by a shipping company on behalf of a consumer.

(A) ~~A~~ Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of this section, a seller that collects the tax levied by sections 5741.02, 5741.021, 5741.022, or 5741.023 of the Revised Code on transactions, other than sales of titled motor vehicles, titled watercraft, or titled outboard motors, shall determine under section 5739.033 or 5739.034 of the Revised Code the jurisdiction for which to collect the tax. A

(B) A marketplace facilitator that collects the tax levied by sections 5741.02, 5741.021, 5741.022, or 5741.023 of the Revised Code on sales facilitated by the marketplace facilitator, other than sales of titled motor vehicles, titled watercraft, or titled outboard motors, shall determine the jurisdiction for which to collect the tax as follows:

(1) The location known to the marketplace facilitator where the consumer or the donee designated by the consumer receives the tangible personal property or service, including the location indicated by instructions for delivery to the consumer or the consumer's donee;

(2) If division (B)(1) of this section does not apply, the location indicated by an address for the consumer that is available from the marketplace facilitator's business records that are maintained in the ordinary course of the marketplace facilitator's business, when use of that address does not constitute bad faith;

(3) If divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section do not apply, the location indicated by an address for the consumer obtained during the consummation of the sale, including the address associated with the consumer's payment instrument, if no other address is available, when use of that address does not constitute bad faith.

(4) If divisions (B)(1), (2), and (3) of this section do not apply, including in the circumstance where the marketplace facilitator is without sufficient information to apply any of those divisions, the address from which tangible personal property was shipped, or from which the service was provided, disregarding any location that merely provided the electronic transfer of the property sold or service provided.

(C) A vendor or seller of motor vehicles, watercraft, or outboard motors required to be titled in this state shall collect the tax levied by section 5739.02 or 5741.02 of the Revised Code and the additional taxes levied by division (A)(1) of section 5741.021, division (A)(1) of section 5741.022, and division (A)(1) of section 5741.023 of the Revised Code for the consumer's county of residence as provided in section 1548.06 and division (B) of section 4505.06 of the Revised Code.

~~(B)~~(D) A vendor or seller is not responsible for collecting or remitting additional tax if a consumer subsequently stores, uses, or consumes the tangible personal property or service in another jurisdiction with a rate of tax imposed by sections 5741.02, 5741.021, 5741.022, or 5741.023 of the Revised Code that is higher than the amount collected by the vendor or seller pursuant to Chapter 5739. or 5741. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5741.07. Except as otherwise provided in section 5741.11 of the Revised Code, a marketplace facilitator that is treated as a seller pursuant to division (E) of section 5741.01 of the Revised Code has the same rights and obligations under this chapter as other sellers. Such obligations include registering with the tax commissioner under section 5741.17 of the Revised Code and collecting and remitting the taxes levied under this chapter on sales facilitated by the marketplace facilitator in accordance with section 5741.04 of the Revised Code. A marketplace facilitator's rights and obligations regarding a sale are not affected by the amount of the price paid by the consumer that will accrue to or benefit the marketplace facilitator as compared to the marketplace seller for which the sale is facilitated, or by whether or not such marketplace seller has substantial nexus with this state, registers with the tax commissioner under section 5741.17 of the Revised Code, or collects and remits taxes on sales not facilitated by a marketplace facilitator in accordance with section 5741.04 of the Revised Code.

A marketplace seller that is required to collect and remit the taxes levied under this chapter shall continue to do so for all sales other than those facilitated by a marketplace facilitator that is treated as a seller pursuant to division (E) of section 5741.01 of the Revised Code, including sales facilitated before the first day of the first month that begins at least thirty days after the marketplace facilitator first has substantial nexus with this state.

Sec. 5741.071. (A) A marketplace seller may request and shall obtain a waiver from the tax commissioner for a marketplace facilitator not to be treated as a seller pursuant to division (E) of section 5741.01 of the Revised Code with respect to a specific marketplace seller if the following conditions are met:

(1) The marketplace seller certifies it has annual gross receipts within the United States, including the gross receipts of any affiliate, as defined in section 122.15 of the Revised Code, of at least one billion dollars;

(2) The marketplace seller or its affiliate, as defined in section 122.15 of the Revised Code, is publicly traded on at least one major stock exchange;

(3) The marketplace seller is current on all taxes, fees, and charges administered by the department of taxation that are not subject to a bona fide

dispute:

(4) The marketplace seller has not, within the past twelve months, requested that a waiver related to the marketplace facilitator at issue be canceled nor has the waiver been revoked by the commissioner; and

(5) The marketplace seller has not violated division (B) of section 5739.30 of the Revised Code.

(B) A marketplace seller shall request a waiver on the form prescribed by the commissioner. A request for a waiver shall contain a signed declaration from the marketplace facilitator acquiescing to the request for a waiver. A waiver request that is not ruled upon by the commissioner within thirty days of the date it was filed is deemed granted. A waiver that is granted by the commissioner or deemed to be granted is effective on and after the first day of the first month that begins at least thirty days after the commissioner grants the waiver or the waiver is deemed granted. The waiver is valid until the first day of the first month that begins at least sixty days after it is revoked by the commissioner or cancelled by the marketplace seller.

(C)(1) If a waiver is granted by the commissioner, the commissioner shall notify the marketplace seller and the seller shall be considered the vendor pursuant to division (C) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code or a seller pursuant to division (E) of section 5741.01 of the Revised Code, as applicable.

(2) A marketplace seller is required to notify the marketplace facilitator of the status of the waiver of the marketplace seller. However, if a waiver is denied by the commissioner, a copy of the denial shall be provided to the marketplace facilitator.

(3) A marketplace seller that has been issued a waiver under this section may cancel the waiver by sending notice to the commissioner and to the marketplace facilitator identified in the waiver application. The commissioner may revoke a waiver if the commissioner determines that any of the conditions described in divisions (A)(1) to (5) of this section are no longer met by the marketplace seller. The commissioner shall notify the marketplace seller and the marketplace facilitator upon revoking a waiver.

(D) Notwithstanding section 5703.21 of the Revised Code, the commissioner may divulge information related to the status of the waiver sought by or granted to the marketplace seller for a particular marketplace facilitator to either the impacted marketplace seller or marketplace facilitator.

(E) The commissioner may promulgate rules the commissioner deems necessary to administer this section.

Sec. 5741.11. ~~If (A) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (B) and (C) of this section, if~~ any seller who is required or authorized to collect the tax imposed by or pursuant to section 5741.02, 5741.021, 5741.022, or 5741.023 of the Revised Code fails to do so, ~~he~~ the seller shall be liable personally for such amount as ~~he~~ the seller failed to collect. If any seller collects the tax imposed by or pursuant to any such section and fails to remit the same to the state as prescribed, ~~he~~ the seller shall be personally liable for any amount collected ~~which he~~ that the seller failed to remit. The tax commissioner may make an assessment against such seller, based upon any information within ~~his~~ the commissioner's possession. The commissioner shall give to the seller written notice of such assessment. Such notice may be served upon the seller personally or by certified mail.

(B) A marketplace facilitator is relieved of all liability under division (A) of this section for failure to collect the tax imposed by or pursuant to section 5741.02, 5741.021, 5741.022, or 5741.023 of the Revised Code on a sale facilitated by the marketplace facilitator on behalf of an unaffiliated marketplace seller if it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the commissioner that the marketplace facilitator made a reasonable effort to obtain sufficient and accurate information about the sale from the marketplace seller and that the marketplace facilitator failed to collect the correct amount of tax because of insufficient or incorrect information provided by the marketplace seller.

If a marketplace facilitator is relieved of liability under this division, the marketplace seller for which the sale was facilitated and the purchaser are personally liable for any amount of tax that is not properly collected, paid, or remitted.

(C) Division (B) of this section does not absolve a marketplace facilitator, marketplace seller, or any other person from personal liability for collecting but failing to remit the tax imposed by or pursuant to section 5741.02, 5741.021, 5741.022, or 5741.023 of the Revised Code.

(D) No class action may be brought against a marketplace facilitator in any court of this state on behalf of consumers arising from or in any way related to an overpayment of the tax imposed by or pursuant to sections 5741.02, 5741.021, 5741.022, or 5741.023 of the Revised Code on sales facilitated by the marketplace facilitator, regardless of whether the claim is characterized as a tax refund claim.

Sec. 5741.13. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section:

(1) If any person required by section 5741.12 of the Revised Code to make a return to the tax commissioner fails to make such return at the time required by or under authority of such section, the commissioner may make

an assessment against such person, based upon any information within the commissioner's possession. The commissioner shall give to such person written notice of the assessment as provided in section 5703.37 of the Revised Code.

(2) If information in the possession of the commissioner indicates that the tax paid by any consumer is less than that due, the commissioner may audit a representative sample of that consumer's purchases and may issue an assessment based thereon. The commissioner shall make a good faith effort to reach agreement with the consumer on selecting a representative sample.

(3) If information in the possession of the commissioner indicates that the amount required to be collected or paid under this chapter is greater than the amount remitted by the seller, the commissioner may audit a representative sample of the seller's sales to determine the per cent of exempt or taxable transactions or the effective tax rate and may issue an assessment based on the audit. The commissioner shall make a good faith effort to reach agreement with the seller in selecting a representative sample.

(B) The commissioner may audit only the marketplace facilitator for sales with respect to which the marketplace facilitator is treated as the seller pursuant to division (E) of section 5741.01 of the Revised Code and may not audit the marketplace seller on behalf of which the sale was facilitated. This division does not absolve a marketplace seller or the purchaser from personal liability under division (B) of section 5741.11 of the Revised Code for taxes that are not properly collected, paid, or remitted due to the inability of the marketplace facilitator to obtain accurate information about the sale from the marketplace seller.

Sec. 5741.17. (A)(1) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (A)(2), (3), and (4) of this section, every seller of tangible personal property or services who has substantial nexus with this state shall register with the tax commissioner and supply any information concerning the seller's contacts with this state that may be required by the commissioner.

(2) A seller who is licensed as a vendor pursuant to section 5739.17 of the Revised Code shall not be required to register with the commissioner pursuant to this section if all sales to consumers in this state are made under the authority of the seller's vendor's license.

~~(3) Unless the seller has substantial nexus with this state pursuant to division (I)(2)(g) of section 5741.01 of the Revised Code, a~~ A seller is not required to register under this section if the seller has no contact with this state other than an agency relationship with a person engaged in the business of telemarketing in this state and engaged by the seller exclusively for the purpose of solicitation of customers in other states.

(4) A seller is not required to register under this section if the seller has no contact with this state other than the ownership of property that is located at the facility of a printer with which the seller has contracted for printing and that consists of the final printed product, property that becomes a part of the final printed product, or copy from which the final printed product is produced.

(B) A seller who does not have substantial nexus with this state may voluntarily register with the commissioner. A seller who voluntarily registers with the commissioner under this section is entitled to the same benefits and is subject to the same duties and requirements as a seller required to be registered with the commissioner under this chapter.

The commissioner shall maintain an alphabetical index of all sellers registered under this chapter and records of the use tax reported and paid. Upon request, this information shall be made available to the treasurer of state.

(C) A remote small seller is not required to register under this section.

Sec. 5743.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Person" includes individuals, firms, partnerships, associations, joint-stock companies, corporations, combinations of individuals of any form, and the state and any of its political subdivisions.

(B) "Wholesale dealer" includes only those persons:

(1) Who bring in or cause to be brought into this state unstamped cigarettes purchased directly from the manufacturer, producer, or importer of cigarettes for sale in this state but does not include persons who bring in or cause to be brought into this state cigarettes with respect to which no evidence of tax payment is required thereon as provided in section 5743.04 of the Revised Code; or

(2) Who are engaged in the business of selling cigarettes ~~or~~ tobacco products, or vapor products to others for the purpose of resale.

"Wholesale dealer" does not include any cigarette manufacturer, export warehouse proprietor, or importer with a valid permit under 26 U.S.C. 5713 if that person sells cigarettes in this state only to wholesale dealers holding valid and current licenses under section 5743.15 of the Revised Code or to an export warehouse proprietor or another manufacturer.

(C) "Retail dealer" includes:

(1) In reference to dealers in cigarettes, every person other than a wholesale dealer engaged in the business of selling cigarettes in this state, regardless of whether the person is located in this state or elsewhere, and regardless of quantity, amount, or number of sales;

(2) In reference to dealers in tobacco products, any person in this state

engaged in the business of selling tobacco products to ultimate consumers in this state, regardless of quantity, amount, or number of sales;

(3) In reference to dealers in vapor products, any person in this state engaged in the business of selling vapor products to ultimate consumers in this state, regardless of quantity, amount, or number of sales.

(D) "Sale" includes exchange, barter, gift, offer for sale, and distribution, and includes transactions in interstate or foreign commerce.

(E) "Cigarettes" includes any roll for smoking made wholly or in part of tobacco, irrespective of size or shape, and whether or not such tobacco is flavored, adulterated, or mixed with any other ingredient, the wrapper or cover of which is made of paper, reconstituted cigarette tobacco, homogenized cigarette tobacco, cigarette tobacco sheet, or any similar materials other than cigar tobacco.

(F) "Package" means the individual package, box, or other container in or from which retail sales of cigarettes are normally made or intended to be made.

(G) "Storage" includes any keeping or retention of cigarettes ~~or~~ tobacco products, or vapor products for use or consumption in this state.

(H) "Use" includes the exercise of any right or power incidental to the ownership of cigarettes ~~or~~ tobacco products, or vapor products.

(I) "Tobacco product" or "other tobacco product" means any product made from tobacco, other than cigarettes, that is made for smoking or chewing, or both, and snuff.

(J) "Wholesale price" means the invoice price, including all federal excise taxes, at which the manufacturer of the tobacco product sells the tobacco product to unaffiliated distributors, excluding any discounts based on the method of payment of the invoice or on time of payment of the invoice. If the taxpayer buys from other than a manufacturer, "wholesale price" means the invoice price, including all federal excise taxes and excluding any discounts based on the method of payment of the invoice or on time of payment of the invoice.

(K) "Distributor" means:

(1) Any manufacturer who sells, barter, exchanges, or distributes tobacco products to a retail dealer in the state, except when selling to a retail dealer that has filed with the manufacturer a signed statement agreeing to pay and be liable for the tax imposed by section 5743.51 of the Revised Code;

(2) Any wholesale dealer located in the state who receives tobacco products from a manufacturer, or who receives tobacco products on which the tax imposed by this chapter has not been paid;

(3) Any wholesale dealer located outside the state who sells, barter, exchanges, or distributes tobacco products to a wholesale or retail dealer in the state; or

(4) Any retail dealer who receives tobacco products on which the tax has not or will not be paid by another distributor, including a retail dealer that has filed a signed statement with a manufacturer in which the retail dealer agrees to pay and be liable for the tax that would otherwise be imposed on the manufacturer by section 5743.51 of the Revised Code.

(L) "Taxpayer" means any person liable for the tax imposed by section 5743.51, 5743.62, or 5743.63 of the Revised Code.

(M) "Seller" means any person located outside this state engaged in the business of selling tobacco products or vapor products to consumers for storage, use, or other consumption in this state.

(N) "Manufacturer" means any person who manufactures and sells cigarettes ~~or~~ tobacco products, or vapor products.

(O) "Importer" means any person that is authorized, under a valid permit issued under Section 5713 of the Internal Revenue Code, to import finished cigarettes into the United States, either directly or indirectly.

(P) "Little cigar" means any roll for smoking, other than cigarettes, made wholly or in part of tobacco that uses an integrated cellulose acetate filter or other filter and is wrapped in any substance containing tobacco, other than natural leaf tobacco.

(Q) "Premium cigar" means any roll for smoking, other than cigarettes and little cigars, that is made wholly or in part of tobacco and that has all of the following characteristics:

(1) The binder and wrapper of the roll consist entirely of leaf tobacco.

(2) The roll contains no filter or tip, nor any mouthpiece consisting of a material other than tobacco.

(3) The weight of one thousand such rolls is at least six pounds.

(R) "Maximum tax amount" means fifty cents plus the tax adjustment factor computed under this division.

In April of each year beginning in 2018, the tax commissioner shall compute a tax adjustment factor by multiplying fifty cents by the cumulative percentage increase in the consumer price index (all items, all urban consumers) prepared by the bureau of labor statistics of the United States department of labor from January 1, 2017, to the last day of December of the preceding year and rounding the resulting product to the nearest one cent; provided, that the tax adjustment factor for any year shall not be less than that for the immediately preceding year. The maximum tax amount resulting from the computation of the tax adjustment factor applies on and

after the ensuing first day of July through the thirtieth day of June thereafter.

(S) "Secondary manufacturer" means any person in this state engaged in the business of repackaging, reconstituting, diluting, or reprocessing a vapor product for resale to consumers.

(T) "Vapor product" means any liquid solution or other substance that (1) contains nicotine and (2) is depleted as it is used in an electronic smoking product. "Vapor product" does not include any solution or substance regulated as a drug, device, or combination product under Chapter V of the "Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act," 21 U.S.C. 301, et seq.

(U) "Electronic smoking product" means any noncombustible product, other than a cigarette or tobacco product, that (1) contains or is designed to use vapor products and (2) employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical, or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce vapor from the vapor product. "Electronic smoking product" includes, but is not limited to, an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, electronic hookah, vape pen, vaporizer, or similar product or device, but does not include any product regulated as a drug, device, or combination product under Chapter V of the "Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act," 21 U.S.C. 301, et seq.

(V) "Vapor distributor" means any person that:

(1) Sells vapor products to a retail dealer;

(2) Is a retail dealer that receives vapor products with respect to which the tax imposed by this chapter has not or will not be paid by another person that is a vapor distributor;

(3) Is a secondary manufacturer;

(4) Is a wholesale dealer located in this state that receives vapor products from a manufacturer, or receives vapor products on which the tax imposed by this chapter has not been paid;

(5) Is a wholesale dealer located outside this state that sells vapor products to a wholesale dealer in this state.

(W) "Vapor volume" means one of the following, as applicable:

(1) If a vapor product is sold in liquid form, one-tenth of one milliliter of vapor product;

(2) If the vapor product is sold in a nonliquid form, one-tenth of one gram of vapor product.

Sec. 5743.025. In addition to the return required by section 5743.03 of the Revised Code, each retail dealer of cigarettes in a county in which a tax is levied under section 5743.021, 5743.024, or 5743.026 of the Revised Code shall, within thirty days after the date on which the tax takes effect,

make and file a return, on forms prescribed by the tax commissioner, showing the total number of cigarettes which such retail dealer had on hand as of the beginning of business on the date on which the tax takes effect, and such other information as the commissioner deems necessary for the administration of section 5743.021, 5743.024, or 5743.026 of the Revised Code. Each such retail dealer shall deliver the return together with a remittance of the additional amount of tax due on the cigarettes shown on such return to the commissioner. Any retail dealer of cigarettes who fails to file a return under this section shall, for each day the retail dealer so fails, forfeit and pay into the state treasury the sum of one dollar as revenue arising from the tax imposed by section 5743.021, 5743.024, or 5743.026 of the Revised Code, and such sum may be collected by assessment in the manner provided in section 5743.081 of the Revised Code. For thirty days after the effective date of a tax imposed by section 5743.021, 5743.024, or 5743.026 of the Revised Code, a retail dealer may possess for sale or sell in the county in which the tax is levied cigarettes not bearing the stamp required by section 5743.03 of the Revised Code to evidence payment of the county tax but on which the tax has or will be paid.

Sec. 5743.03. (A) Except as provided in section 5743.04 of the Revised Code, the taxes imposed under sections 5743.02, 5743.021, 5743.024, and 5743.026 of the Revised Code shall be paid by the purchase of tax stamps. A tax stamp shall be affixed to each package of an aggregate denomination not less than the amount of the tax upon the contents thereof. The tax stamp, so affixed, shall be prima-facie evidence of payment of the tax.

Except as is provided in the rules prescribed by the tax commissioner under authority of sections 5743.01 to 5743.20 of the Revised Code, and unless tax stamps have been previously affixed, they shall be so affixed by each wholesale dealer, and canceled by writing or stamping across the face thereof the number assigned to such wholesale dealer by the tax commissioner for that purpose, prior to the delivery of any cigarettes to any person in this state, or in the case of a tax levied pursuant to section 5743.021, 5743.024, or 5743.026 of the Revised Code, prior to the delivery of cigarettes to any person in the county in which the tax is levied.

(B) Except as provided in the rules prescribed by the commissioner under authority of sections 5743.01 to 5743.20 of the Revised Code, each retail dealer, within twenty-four hours after the receipt of any cigarettes at the retail dealer's place of business, shall inspect the cigarettes to ensure that tax stamps are affixed. The inspection shall be completed before the cigarettes are delivered to any person in this state, or, in the case of a tax levied pursuant to section 5743.021, 5743.024, or 5743.026 of the Revised

Code, before the cigarettes are delivered to any person in the county in which the tax is levied.

(C) Whenever any cigarettes are found in the place of business of any retail dealer without proper tax stamps affixed thereto and canceled, it is presumed that such cigarettes are kept therein in violation of sections 5743.01 to 5743.20 of the Revised Code.

(D) Each wholesale dealer who purchases cigarettes without proper tax stamps affixed thereto shall, on or before the last day of each month, make and file a return for the preceding calendar month, on such form as is prescribed by the tax commissioner, showing the dealer's entire purchases and sales of cigarettes and stamps for such month and accurate inventories as of the beginning and end of each month of cigarettes, stamped or unstamped; cigarette tax stamps affixed or unaffixed; and such other information as the commissioner finds necessary to the proper administration of sections 5743.01 to 5743.20 of the Revised Code. The commissioner may extend the time for making and filing returns and may remit all or any part of amounts of penalties that may become due under sections 5743.01 to 5743.20 of the Revised Code. The wholesale dealer shall deliver the return together with a remittance of the tax deficiency reported thereon to the commissioner.

(E) Any wholesale dealer who fails to file a return under this section and the rules of the commissioner, other than a report required pursuant to division (F) of this section, may be required, for each day the dealer so fails, to forfeit and pay into the state treasury the sum of one dollar as revenue arising from the tax imposed by sections 5743.01 to 5743.20 of the Revised Code and such sum may be collected by assessment in the manner provided in section 5743.081 of the Revised Code. If the commissioner finds it necessary in order to insure the payment of the tax imposed by sections 5743.01 to 5743.20 of the Revised Code, the commissioner may require returns and payments to be made other than monthly. The returns shall be signed by the wholesale dealer or an authorized agent thereof.

(F) Each Except as otherwise provided in this division, each person required to file a tax return under section 5743.03, 5743.52, or 5743.62 of the Revised Code shall report to the commissioner the quantity of all cigarettes and roll-your-own cigarette tobacco sold in Ohio for each brand not covered by the tobacco master settlement agreement for which the person is liable for the taxes levied under section 5743.02, 5743.51, or 5743.62 of the Revised Code. A vapor distributor licensed to engage solely in the distribution of vapor products under section 5743.61 of the Revised Code is not required to file the report.

As used in this division, "tobacco master settlement agreement" has the same meaning as in section 183.01 of the Revised Code.

(G) The report required by division (F) of this section shall be made on a form prescribed by the commissioner and shall be filed not later than the last day of each month for the previous month, except that if the commissioner determines that the quantity reported by a person does not warrant monthly reporting, the commissioner may authorize reporting at less frequent intervals. The commissioner may assess a penalty of not more than two hundred fifty dollars for each month or portion thereof that a person fails to timely file a required report, and such sum may be collected by assessment in the manner provided in section 5743.081 of the Revised Code. All money collected under this division shall be considered as revenue arising from the taxes imposed by sections 5743.01 to 5743.20 of the Revised Code.

(H) The commissioner may sell tax stamps only to a licensed wholesale dealer, except as otherwise authorized by the commissioner. The commissioner may charge the costs associated with the shipment of tax stamps to the licensed wholesale dealer. Amounts collected from such charges shall be credited to the cigarette tax enforcement fund created under section 5743.15 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5743.14. (A) The tax commissioner or an agent of the ~~tax~~ commissioner may enter and inspect the facilities and records of a person selling cigarettes ~~or~~, other tobacco products, or vapor products. Such entrance and inspection requires a properly issued search warrant if conducted outside the normal business hours of the person, but does not require a search warrant if conducted during the normal business hours of the person. No person shall prevent or hinder the ~~tax~~ commissioner or an agent of the ~~tax~~ commissioner from carrying out the authority granted under this division.

(B) If a peace officer as defined in section 2935.01 of the Revised Code knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a motor vehicle is transporting cigarettes ~~or~~, other tobacco products, or vapor products in violation of this chapter or section 2927.023 of the Revised Code, the peace officer may stop the vehicle and inspect the vehicle to determine the presence of such cigarettes ~~or~~, other tobacco products, or vapor products.

Sec. 5743.20. No person shall sell any cigarettes both as a retail dealer and as a wholesale dealer at the same place of business. No person other than a licensed wholesale dealer shall sell cigarettes to a licensed retail dealer. No retail dealer shall purchase cigarettes from any person other than a licensed wholesale dealer.

Subject to section 5743.031 of the Revised Code, a licensed wholesale dealer may not sell cigarettes to any person in this state other than a licensed retail dealer, except a licensed wholesale dealer may sell cigarettes to another licensed wholesale dealer if the tax commissioner has authorized the sale of the cigarettes between those wholesale dealers and the wholesale dealer that sells the cigarettes received them directly from a licensed manufacturer or licensed importer.

The tax commissioner shall adopt rules governing sales of cigarettes between licensed wholesale dealers, including rules establishing criteria for authorizing such sales.

No manufacturer or importer shall sell cigarettes to any person in this state other than to a licensed wholesale dealer or licensed importer. No importer shall purchase cigarettes from any person other than a licensed manufacturer or licensed importer.

A retail dealer may purchase other tobacco products only from a licensed distributor. A licensed distributor may sell tobacco products only to a retail dealer, except a licensed distributor may sell tobacco products to another licensed distributor if the tax commissioner has authorized the sale of the tobacco products between those distributors and if the distributor that sells the tobacco products received them directly from a manufacturer or importer of tobacco products.

A retail dealer may purchase vapor products only from a licensed vapor distributor. A licensed vapor distributor may sell vapor products only to a retail dealer, except a licensed vapor dealer may sell vapor products (A) to a consumer if the licensed vapor distributor is a retail dealer or (B) to another licensed vapor distributor if the tax commissioner has authorized the sale of the vapor products between those distributors and if the distributor that sells the vapor products received them directly from a manufacturer or importer of vapor products.

The tax commissioner may adopt rules governing sales of tobacco products or vapor products between licensed distributors or vapor distributors, including rules establishing criteria for authorizing such sales.

No person other than a secondary manufacturer that is a licensed vapor distributor shall reconstitute, dilute, or reprocess vapor products for resale to consumers. All secondary manufacturers shall package reconstituted, diluted, or reprocessed vapor products in compliance with Chapter 39A of Title 15 of the United States Code.

The identities of cigarette manufacturers and importers, licensed cigarette wholesalers, licensed distributors of other tobacco products, ~~and~~ registered manufacturers and importers of other tobacco products or vapor

products, and licensed vapor distributors are subject to public disclosure. The tax commissioner shall maintain an alphabetical list of all such manufacturers, importers, wholesalers, and distributors, shall post the list on a web site accessible to the public through the internet, and shall periodically update the web site posting.

As used in this section, "licensed" means the manufacturer, importer, wholesale dealer, or distributor or vapor distributor holds a current and valid license issued under section 5743.15 or 5743.61 of the Revised Code, and "registered" means registered with the commissioner under section 5743.66 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5743.41. No person engaged in the business of trafficking in cigarettes or in the business of distributing tobacco products, vapor products, or both shall fail to post and keep constantly displayed in a conspicuous place in the building where such business is carried on the license required by section 5743.15 or 5743.61 of the Revised Code, or sell or offer to sell cigarettes, cigarette wrappers, or a substitute for either, or sell or offer to sell tobacco products or vapor products, without complying with the law relating to cigarettes ~~and~~ tobacco products, and vapor products.

Sec. 5743.44. (A) Any person, other than an employee of the state, who furnishes to the department of taxation, attorney general, or any law enforcement agency original information concerning any violation of Chapter 5743. of the Revised Code, which information results in the collection and recovery of any tax or penalty or leads to the forfeiture of any cigarettes, may be awarded and paid by the treasurer of state, upon the certification of the tax commissioner, a compensation of not more than twenty per cent of the net amount received from the sale of any forfeited cigarettes, but not exceeding ten thousand dollars in any case, which shall be paid out of the receipts of such sale. If in the opinion of the attorney general and the tax commissioner it is necessary to preserve the identity of the person furnishing such information, they shall file with the treasurer of state an affidavit stating such necessity and a warrant may be issued jointly to the attorney general and the tax commissioner. Upon payment of such money to the person furnishing the information, the attorney general and the tax commissioner shall file with the treasurer of state an affidavit that the money has been paid by them to the person entitled thereto.

(B) Except for the minimum quantity of cigarettes ~~or~~ tobacco products, or vapor products needed as evidence to establish a violation under this chapter, all cigarettes ~~or~~ tobacco products, or vapor products seized under this chapter shall be within the sole control and jurisdiction of the tax commissioner for sale pursuant to section 5743.08 or 5743.55 of the Revised

Code.

Sec. 5743.51. (A) To provide revenue for the general revenue fund of the state, an excise tax on tobacco products and vapor products is hereby levied at one of the following rates:

(1) For tobacco products other than little cigars or premium cigars, seventeen per cent of the wholesale price of the tobacco product received by a distributor or sold by a manufacturer to a retail dealer located in this state.

(2) ~~For invoices dated October 1, 2013, or later, thirty seven~~ Thirty-seven per cent of the wholesale price of little cigars received by a distributor or sold by a manufacturer to a retail dealer located in this state.

(3) For premium cigars received by a distributor or sold by a manufacturer to a retail dealer located in this state, the lesser of seventeen per cent of the wholesale price of such premium cigars or the maximum tax amount per each such premium cigar.

(4) For vapor products, one cent multiplied by the vapor volume of vapor products the first time the products are received by a vapor distributor in this state.

Each distributor or vapor distributor who brings tobacco products or vapor products, or causes tobacco products or vapor products to be brought, into this state for distribution within this state, or any out-of-state distributor or vapor distributor who sells tobacco products or vapor products to wholesale or retail dealers located in this state for resale by those wholesale or retail dealers is liable for the tax imposed by this section. Only one sale of the same article shall be used in computing the amount of the tax due. If a vapor product is repackaged, reconstituted, diluted, or reprocessed, the subsequent sale of that vapor product shall be considered another sale of the same article for purposes of computing the amount of tax due.

(B) The treasurer of state shall place to the credit of the tax refund fund created by section 5703.052 of the Revised Code, out of the receipts from the tax levied by this section, amounts equal to the refunds certified by the tax commissioner pursuant to section 5743.53 of the Revised Code. The balance of the taxes collected under this section shall be paid into the general revenue fund.

(C) The commissioner may adopt rules as are necessary to assist in the enforcement and administration of sections 5743.51 to 5743.66 of the Revised Code, including rules providing for the remission of penalties imposed.

(D) A manufacturer is not liable for payment of the tax imposed by this section for sales of tobacco products or vapor products to a retail dealer that has filed a signed statement with the manufacturer in which the retail dealer

agrees to pay and be liable for the tax, as long as the manufacturer has provided a copy of the statement to the tax commissioner.

Sec. 5743.52. (A) Each distributor of tobacco products or vapor distributor subject to the tax levied by section 5743.51 of the Revised Code, on or before the twenty-third day of each month, shall file with the tax commissioner a return for the preceding month showing any information the tax commissioner finds necessary for the proper administration of ~~sections 5743.51 to 5743.66 of the Revised Code~~ this chapter, together with remittance of the tax due. The return and payment of the tax required by this section shall be filed ~~in such a manner that it is received by the commissioner~~ and made electronically on or before the twenty-third day of the month following the reporting period. If the return is filed and the amount of tax shown on the return to be due is paid on or before the date the return is required to be filed, the distributor or vapor distributor is entitled to a discount equal to two and five-tenths per cent of the amount shown on the return to be due.

(B) Any person who fails to timely file the return and make payment of taxes as required under this section, section 5743.62, or section 5743.63 of the Revised Code may be required to pay an additional charge not exceeding the greater of fifty dollars or ten per cent of the tax due. Any additional charge imposed under this section may be collected by assessment as provided in section 5743.56 of the Revised Code.

(C) If any tax due is not paid timely in accordance with sections 5743.52, 5743.62, or 5743.63 of the Revised Code, the person liable for the tax shall pay interest, calculated at the rate per annum as prescribed by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code, from the date the tax payment was due to the date of payment or to the date an assessment is issued under section 5743.56 of the Revised Code, whichever occurs first. The commissioner may collect such interest by assessment pursuant to section 5743.56 of the Revised Code.

(D) The commissioner may authorize the filing of returns and the payment of the tax required by this section, section 5743.62, or section 5743.63 of the Revised Code for periods longer than a calendar month.

(E) The commissioner may order any taxpayer to file with the commissioner security to the satisfaction of the commissioner conditioned upon filing the return and paying the taxes required under this section, section 5743.62, or section 5743.63 of the Revised Code if the commissioner believes that the collection of the tax may be in jeopardy.

Sec. 5743.53. (A) The treasurer of state shall refund to a taxpayer any of the following:

- (1) Any tobacco products or vapor products tax paid erroneously;
- (2) Any tobacco products or vapor products tax paid on an illegal or erroneous assessment;
- (3) Any tax paid on tobacco products or vapor products that have been sold or shipped to retail ~~or~~ dealers, wholesale dealers, or vapor distributors outside this state, returned to the manufacturer, or destroyed by the taxpayer with the prior approval of the tax commissioner.

Any application for refund shall be filed with the ~~tax~~ commissioner on a form prescribed by the commissioner for that purpose. The commissioner may not pay any refund on an application for refund filed with the commissioner more than three years from the date of payment of the tax.

(B) On the filing of the application for refund, the commissioner shall determine the amount of the refund to which the applicant is entitled. If the amount is not less than that claimed, the commissioner shall certify the amount to the director of budget and management and to the treasurer of state for payment from the tax refund fund created by section 5703.052 of the Revised Code. If the amount is less than that claimed, the commissioner shall proceed in accordance with section 5703.70 of the Revised Code.

If a refund is granted for payment of an illegal or erroneous assessment issued by the department of taxation, the refund shall include interest on the amount of the refund from the date of the overpayment. The interest shall be computed at the rate per annum in the manner prescribed by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code.

(C) If any person entitled to a refund of tax under this section or section 5703.70 of the Revised Code is indebted to the state for any tax administered by the tax commissioner, or any charge, penalties, or interest arising from such tax, the amount allowable on the application for refund first shall be applied in satisfaction of the debt.

(D) In lieu of granting a refund payable under division (A)(3) of this section, the tax commissioner may allow a taxpayer to claim a credit of the amount of refundable tax on the return for the period during which the tax became refundable. The commissioner may require taxpayers to submit any information necessary to support a claim for a credit under this section, and the commissioner shall allow no credit if that information is not provided.

Sec. 5743.54. (A) Each distributor of tobacco products and each vapor distributor of vapor products shall maintain complete and accurate records of all purchases and sales of tobacco products or vapor products, and shall procure and retain all invoices, bills of lading, and other documents relating to the purchases and sales of ~~tobacco~~ those products. The distributor or vapor distributor shall keep open records and documents during business

hours for the inspection of the tax commissioner, and shall preserve them for a period of three years from the date the return was due or was filed, whichever is later, unless the commissioner, in writing, consents to their destruction within that period, or orders that they be kept for a longer period of time.

(B)(1) Each distributor of tobacco products and each vapor distributor of vapor products subject to the tax levied by section 5743.51 of the Revised Code shall mark on the invoices of tobacco products or vapor products sold that the tax levied by that section has been paid and shall indicate the distributor's or vapor distributor's account number as assigned by the ~~tax~~ commissioner.

(2) Each vapor distributor subject to the tax imposed by section 5743.51 of the Revised Code shall mark on all invoices the total weight of the vapor product, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one gram, if the vapor product is not sold in liquid form. If the vapor product is sold in liquid form, the invoice shall instead indicate the total volume of the vapor product, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one milliliter.

(C) No person shall make a false entry upon any invoice or record upon which an entry is required by this section and no person shall present any false entry for the inspection of the commissioner with the intent to evade the tax levied under section 5743.51, 5743.62, or 5743.63 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5743.55. Whenever the tax commissioner discovers any tobacco products or vapor products, subject to the tax levied under section 5743.51, 5743.62, or 5743.63 of the Revised Code, ~~and~~ upon which the tax has not been paid or the commissioner has reason to believe the tax is being avoided, the commissioner may seize and take possession of the tobacco products or vapor products, which, upon seizure, shall be forfeited to the state. Within a reasonable time after seizure, the commissioner may sell the forfeited ~~tobacco~~ products. From the proceeds of this sale, the ~~tax~~ commissioner shall pay the costs incurred in the seizure and sale, and any proceeds remaining after the sale shall be considered as revenue arising from the tax. The seizure and sale shall not relieve any person from the fine or imprisonment provided for violation of sections 5743.51 to 5743.66 of the Revised Code. The commissioner shall make the sale where it is most convenient and economical, but may order the destruction of the forfeited ~~tobacco~~ products if the quantity or quality ~~of tobacco products~~ is not sufficient to warrant their sale.

Sec. 5743.59. (A) No retail dealer of tobacco products or vapor products shall have in the retail dealer's possession tobacco products or vapor

products on which the tax imposed by section 5743.51 of the Revised Code has not been paid, unless the retail dealer is licensed under section 5743.61 of the Revised Code. Payment may be evidenced by invoices from distributors or vapor distributors stating the tax has been paid.

(B) The tax commissioner may inspect any place where tobacco products or vapor products subject to the tax levied under section 5743.51 of the Revised Code are sold or stored.

(C) No person shall prevent or hinder the ~~tax~~ commissioner from making a full inspection of any place where tobacco products or vapor products subject to the tax imposed by section 5743.51 of the Revised Code are sold or stored, or prevent or hinder the full inspection of invoices, books, or records required to be kept by section 5743.54 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5743.60. No person shall prepare for shipment, ship, transport, deliver, prepare for distribution, or distribute tobacco products or vapor products, or otherwise engage or participate in the business of distributing tobacco products or vapor products, with the intent to avoid payment of the tax levied by section 5743.51, 5743.62, or 5743.63 of the Revised Code, when the wholesale price of the tobacco products exceeds three hundred dollars, or when the vapor volume of the vapor products exceeds five hundred milliliters or five hundred grams, as applicable, during any twelve-month period.

Sec. 5743.61. (A) ~~Except as otherwise provided in this division, no (1) No distributor or vapor distributor shall engage in the business of distributing tobacco products, vapor products, or both within this state without having a license issued by the department of taxation to engage in that business. ~~On~~~~

~~(2) On~~ the dissolution of a partnership by death, the surviving partner may operate under the license of the partnership until the expiration of the license, and the heirs or legal representatives of deceased persons, and receivers and trustees in bankruptcy appointed by any competent authority, may operate under the license of the person succeeded in possession by the heir, representative, receiver, or trustee in bankruptcy if the partner or successor notifies the department of taxation of the dissolution or succession within thirty days after the dissolution or succession.

(B)(1) Each applicant for a license ~~to engage in the business of distributing tobacco products~~ described by division (A)(1) of this section, annually, on or before the first day of February, shall make and deliver to the tax commissioner, upon a form furnished by the commissioner for that purpose, a statement showing the name of the applicant, each physical place from which the applicant distributes to distributors, vapor distributors, retail

dealers, or wholesale dealers, and any other information the commissioner considers necessary for the administration of sections 5743.51 to 5743.66 of the Revised Code.

(2) At the time of making the license application for a license to engage either in the business of distributing tobacco products or in the business of distributing both tobacco products and vapor products, the applicant shall pay an application fee of one thousand dollars for each place listed on the application where the applicant proposes to carry on that business. The application fee for a license to engage solely in the business of distributing vapor products shall be one hundred twenty-five dollars for each place listed on the application where the applicant proposes to carry on that business. The fee charged for the application shall accompany the application and shall be made payable to the treasurer of state for deposit into the cigarette tax enforcement fund.

(3) Upon receipt of the application and payment of any licensing fee required by this section, the commissioner shall verify that the applicant has filed all returns, submitted all information, and paid all outstanding taxes, charges, or fees as required for any taxes, charges, or fees administered by the commissioner, to the extent the commissioner is aware of the returns, information, taxes, charges, or fees at the time of the application. Upon approval, the commissioner shall issue to the applicant a license for each place of distribution designated in the application authorizing the applicant to engage in business at that location for one year commencing on the first day of February. For licenses issued after the first day of February, the license application fee shall be reduced proportionately by the remainder of the twelve-month period for which the license is issued, except that the application fee required to be paid under this section shall be not less than two hundred dollars. If the original license is lost, destroyed, or defaced, a duplicate license may be obtained from the commissioner upon payment of a license replacement fee of twenty-five dollars.

(C) The holder of a tobacco or vapor products license may transfer the license to a place of business on condition that the licensee's ownership and business structure remains unchanged and the licensee applies to the commissioner for the transfer on a form issued by the commissioner, and pays a transfer fee of twenty-five dollars.

(D) If a distributor or vapor distributor fails to file forms as required under Chapter 1346. or section 5743.52 of the Revised Code or pay the tax due for two consecutive periods or three periods during any twelve-month period, the commissioner may suspend the license issued to the distributor or vapor distributor under this section. The suspension is effective ten days

after the commissioner notifies the distributor or vapor distributor of the suspension in writing personally or by certified mail. The commissioner shall lift the suspension when the distributor or vapor distributor files the delinquent forms and pays the tax due, including any penalties, interest, and additional charges. The commissioner may refuse to issue the annual renewal of the license required by this section and may refuse to issue a new license for a location of the distributor until all delinquent forms are filed and outstanding taxes are paid. This division does not apply to any unpaid or underpaid tax liability that is the subject of a petition or appeal filed pursuant to section 5743.56, 5717.02, or 5717.04 of the Revised Code.

(E)(1) The tax commissioner may impose a penalty of up to one thousand dollars on any person found to be engaging in the business of distributing tobacco products or vapor products without a license as required by this section.

(2) Any person engaging in the business of distributing tobacco products or vapor products without a license as required by this section shall comply with divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section within ten days after being notified of the requirement to do so. Failure to comply with division (E)(2) of this section subjects a person to penalties imposed under section 5743.99 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5743.62. (A) To provide revenue for the general revenue fund of the state, an excise tax is hereby levied on the seller of tobacco products or vapor products in this state at one of the following rates:

(1) For tobacco products other than little cigars or premium cigars, seventeen per cent of the wholesale price of the tobacco product whenever the tobacco product is delivered to a consumer in this state for the storage, use, or other consumption of such tobacco products.

(2) For little cigars, thirty-seven per cent of the wholesale price of the little cigars whenever the little cigars are delivered to a consumer in this state for the storage, use, or other consumption of the little cigars.

(3) For premium cigars, whenever the premium cigars are delivered to a consumer in this state for the storage, use, or other consumption of the premium cigars, the lesser of seventeen per cent of the wholesale price of such premium cigars or the maximum tax amount per each such premium cigar.

(4) For vapor products, one cent multiplied by the vapor volume of vapor products when the vapor products are delivered to a consumer in this state for the storage, use, or other consumption of the vapor products.

The tax imposed by this section applies only to sellers having substantial nexus ~~in~~ with this state, as defined in section 5741.01 of the

Revised Code.

(B) A seller of tobacco products or vapor products who has substantial nexus ~~in~~ with this state as defined in section 5741.01 of the Revised Code shall register with the tax commissioner and supply any information concerning the seller's contacts with this state as may be required by the tax commissioner. A seller who does not have substantial nexus ~~in~~ with this state may voluntarily register with the tax commissioner. A seller who voluntarily registers with the tax commissioner is entitled to the same benefits and is subject to the same duties and requirements as a seller required to be registered with the tax commissioner under this division.

(C) Each seller of tobacco products or vapor products subject to the tax levied by this section, on or before the ~~last~~ twenty-third day of each month, shall file with the tax commissioner a return for the preceding month showing any information the tax commissioner finds necessary for the proper administration of sections 5743.51 to 5743.66 of the Revised Code, together with remittance of the tax due, payable to the treasurer of state. The return and payment of the tax required by this section shall be filed in such a manner that it is received by the tax commissioner on or before the ~~last~~ twenty-third day of the month following the reporting period. If the return is filed and the amount of the tax shown on the return to be due is paid on or before the date the return is required to be filed, the seller is entitled to a discount equal to two and five-tenths per cent of the amount shown on the return to be due.

(D) The tax commissioner shall immediately forward to the treasurer of state all money received from the tax levied by this section, and the treasurer shall credit the amount to the general revenue fund.

(E) Each seller of tobacco products or vapor products subject to the tax levied by this section shall mark on the invoices of tobacco products or vapor products sold that the tax levied by that section has been paid and shall indicate the seller's account number as assigned by the tax commissioner.

Sec. 5743.63. (A) To provide revenue for the general revenue fund of the state, an excise tax is hereby levied on the storage, use, or other consumption of tobacco products or vapor products at one of the following rates:

(1) For tobacco products other than little cigars or premium cigars, seventeen per cent of the wholesale price of the tobacco product.

(2) For little cigars, thirty-seven per cent of the wholesale price of the little cigars.

(3) For premium cigars, the lesser of seventeen per cent of the wholesale

price of the premium cigars or the maximum tax amount per each premium cigar.

(4) For vapor products, one cent multiplied by the vapor volume of the vapor products.

The tax levied under division (A) of this section is imposed only if the tax has not been paid by the seller as provided in section 5743.62 of the Revised Code, or by the distributor or vapor distributor as provided in section 5743.51 of the Revised Code.

(B) Each person subject to the tax levied by this section, on or before the ~~last~~ twenty-third day of each month, shall file with the tax commissioner a return for the preceding month showing any information the ~~tax~~ commissioner finds necessary for the proper administration of sections 5743.51 to 5743.66 of the Revised Code, together with remittance of the tax due, payable to the treasurer of state. The return and payment of the tax required by this section shall be filed in such a manner that it is received by the ~~tax~~ commissioner on or before the ~~last~~ twenty-third day of the month following the reporting period.

(C) The tax commissioner shall immediately forward to the treasurer of state all money received from the tax levied by this section, and the treasurer shall credit the amount to the general revenue fund.

Sec. 5743.64. No person shall transport within this state, tobacco products that have a wholesale value in excess of three hundred dollars, or vapor products with a vapor volume in excess of five hundred milliliters or five hundred grams, as applicable, unless he the person has obtained consent to transport the tobacco products or vapor products from the tax commissioner prior to transportation. The consent is not required if the applicable tax levied under section 5743.51, 5743.62, or 5743.63 of the Revised Code has been paid or will be paid by the distributor, vapor distributor, or seller. Application for the consent shall be in the form prescribed by the commissioner.

Every person transporting tobacco products or vapor products with the department's consent shall have the consent with ~~him~~ the person while transporting or possessing the tobacco products or vapor products within this state and shall produce the consent upon request of any law enforcement officer or authorized agent of the tax commissioner.

Any person transporting tobacco products or vapor products without the consent required by this section shall be subject to the provisions of sections 5743.51 to 5743.66 of the Revised Code, including the tax imposed by section 5743.51, 5743.62, or 5743.63 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5743.66. (A) Each manufacturer or importer of tobacco products or

vapor products shall register with the tax commissioner before it sells or distributes tobacco products or vapor products to distributors in this state, and, upon the request of the commissioner, shall provide complete information on sales made to distributors in this state and a current list of prices charged for tobacco products or vapor products sold to distributors in this state.

(B) On or before the ~~last~~ twenty-third day of each month, every manufacturer or importer of tobacco products or vapor products shall file a report with the commissioner listing all sales of tobacco products or vapor products to distributors located in this state during the preceding month and any other information the commissioner finds necessary for the proper administration of sections 5743.51 to 5743.66 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5745.05. (A) Prior to the first day of March, June, September, and December, the tax commissioner shall certify to the director of budget and management the amount to be paid to each municipal corporation, as indicated on the declaration of estimated tax reports and annual reports received under sections 5745.03 and 5745.04 of the Revised Code, less any amounts previously distributed and net of any audit adjustments made by the tax commissioner. Not later than the first day of March, June, September, and December, the director of budget and management shall provide for payment of the amount certified to each municipal corporation from the municipal income tax fund, plus a pro rata share of any investment earnings accruing to the fund since the previous payment under this section apportioned among municipal corporations entitled to such payments in proportion to the amount certified by the tax commissioner, and minus any reduction required by the commissioner under division (D) of section 718.83 of the Revised Code. All investment earnings on money in the municipal income tax fund shall be credited to that fund.

(B) If the tax commissioner determines that the amount of tax paid by a taxpayer and distributed to a municipal corporation under this section for a taxable year exceeds the amount payable to that municipal corporation under this chapter after accounting for amounts remitted with the annual report and as estimated taxes, the tax commissioner shall permit the taxpayer to credit the excess against the taxpayer's payments to the municipal corporation of estimated taxes remitted for an ensuing taxable year under section 5745.04 of the Revised Code. If, upon the written request of the taxpayer, the tax commissioner determines that the excess to be so credited is likely to exceed the amount of estimated taxes payable by the taxpayer to the municipal corporation during the ensuing twelve months, the tax commissioner shall so notify the municipal corporation and the

municipal corporation shall issue a refund of the excess to the taxpayer within ninety days after receiving such a notice. Interest shall accrue on the amount to be refunded and is payable to the taxpayer at the rate per annum prescribed by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code from the ninety-first day after the notice is received by the municipal corporation until the day the refund is paid. Immediately after notifying a municipal corporation under this division of an excess to be refunded, the commissioner also shall notify the director of budget and management of the amount of the excess, and the director shall transfer from the municipal income tax administrative fund to the municipal income tax fund one and one-half per cent of the amount of the excess. The commissioner shall include the transferred amount in the computation of the amount due the municipal corporation in the next certification to the director under division (A) of this section.

Sec. 5747.01. Except as otherwise expressly provided or clearly appearing from the context, any term used in this chapter that is not otherwise defined in this section has the same meaning as when used in a comparable context in the laws of the United States relating to federal income taxes or if not used in a comparable context in those laws, has the same meaning as in section 5733.40 of the Revised Code. Any reference in this chapter to the Internal Revenue Code includes other laws of the United States relating to federal income taxes.

As used in this chapter:

(A) "Adjusted gross income" or "Ohio adjusted gross income" means federal adjusted gross income, as defined and used in the Internal Revenue Code, adjusted as provided in this section:

(1) Add interest or dividends on obligations or securities of any state or of any political subdivision or authority of any state, other than this state and its subdivisions and authorities.

(2) Add interest or dividends on obligations of any authority, commission, instrumentality, territory, or possession of the United States to the extent that the interest or dividends are exempt from federal income taxes but not from state income taxes.

(3) Deduct interest or dividends on obligations of the United States and its territories and possessions or of any authority, commission, or instrumentality of the United States to the extent that the interest or dividends are included in federal adjusted gross income but exempt from state income taxes under the laws of the United States.

(4) Deduct disability and survivor's benefits to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income.

(5) Deduct benefits under Title II of the Social Security Act and tier 1

railroad retirement benefits to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income under section 86 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(6) In the case of a taxpayer who is a beneficiary of a trust that makes an accumulation distribution as defined in section 665 of the Internal Revenue Code, add, for the beneficiary's taxable years beginning before 2002, the portion, if any, of such distribution that does not exceed the undistributed net income of the trust for the three taxable years preceding the taxable year in which the distribution is made to the extent that the portion was not included in the trust's taxable income for any of the trust's taxable years beginning in 2002 or thereafter. "Undistributed net income of a trust" means the taxable income of the trust increased by (a)(i) the additions to adjusted gross income required under division (A) of this section and (ii) the personal exemptions allowed to the trust pursuant to section 642(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, and decreased by (b)(i) the deductions to adjusted gross income required under division (A) of this section, (ii) the amount of federal income taxes attributable to such income, and (iii) the amount of taxable income that has been included in the adjusted gross income of a beneficiary by reason of a prior accumulation distribution. Any undistributed net income included in the adjusted gross income of a beneficiary shall reduce the undistributed net income of the trust commencing with the earliest years of the accumulation period.

(7) Deduct the amount of wages and salaries, if any, not otherwise allowable as a deduction but that would have been allowable as a deduction in computing federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year, had the targeted jobs credit allowed and determined under sections 38, 51, and 52 of the Internal Revenue Code not been in effect.

(8) Deduct any interest or interest equivalent on public obligations and purchase obligations to the extent that the interest or interest equivalent is included in federal adjusted gross income.

(9) Add any loss or deduct any gain resulting from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of public obligations to the extent that the loss has been deducted or the gain has been included in computing federal adjusted gross income.

(10) Deduct or add amounts, as provided under section 5747.70 of the Revised Code, related to contributions to variable college savings program accounts made or tuition units purchased pursuant to Chapter 3334. of the Revised Code.

(11)(a) Deduct, to the extent not otherwise allowable as a deduction or exclusion in computing federal or Ohio adjusted gross income for the taxable year, the amount the taxpayer paid during the taxable year for

medical care insurance and qualified long-term care insurance for the taxpayer, the taxpayer's spouse, and dependents. No deduction for medical care insurance under division (A)(11) of this section shall be allowed either to any taxpayer who is eligible to participate in any subsidized health plan maintained by any employer of the taxpayer or of the taxpayer's spouse, or to any taxpayer who is entitled to, or on application would be entitled to, benefits under part A of Title XVIII of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C. 301, as amended. For the purposes of division (A)(11)(a) of this section, "subsidized health plan" means a health plan for which the employer pays any portion of the plan's cost. The deduction allowed under division (A)(11)(a) of this section shall be the net of any related premium refunds, related premium reimbursements, or related insurance premium dividends received during the taxable year.

(b) Deduct, to the extent not otherwise deducted or excluded in computing federal or Ohio adjusted gross income during the taxable year, the amount the taxpayer paid during the taxable year, not compensated for by any insurance or otherwise, for medical care of the taxpayer, the taxpayer's spouse, and dependents, to the extent the expenses exceed seven and one-half per cent of the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income.

(c) Deduct, to the extent not otherwise deducted or excluded in computing federal or Ohio adjusted gross income, any amount included in federal adjusted gross income under section 105 or not excluded under section 106 of the Internal Revenue Code solely because it relates to an accident and health plan for a person who otherwise would be a "qualifying relative" and thus a "dependent" under section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code but for the fact that the person fails to meet the income and support limitations under section 152(d)(1)(B) and (C) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(d) For purposes of division (A)(11) of this section, "medical care" has the meaning given in section 213 of the Internal Revenue Code, subject to the special rules, limitations, and exclusions set forth therein, and "qualified long-term care" has the same meaning given in section 7702B(c) of the Internal Revenue Code. Solely for purposes of divisions (A)(11)(a) and (c) of this section, "dependent" includes a person who otherwise would be a "qualifying relative" and thus a "dependent" under section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code but for the fact that the person fails to meet the income and support limitations under section 152(d)(1)(B) and (C) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(12)(a) Deduct any amount included in federal adjusted gross income solely because the amount represents a reimbursement or refund of expenses

that in any year the taxpayer had deducted as an itemized deduction pursuant to section 63 of the Internal Revenue Code and applicable United States department of the treasury regulations. The deduction otherwise allowed under division (A)(12)(a) of this section shall be reduced to the extent the reimbursement is attributable to an amount the taxpayer deducted under this section in any taxable year.

(b) Add any amount not otherwise included in Ohio adjusted gross income for any taxable year to the extent that the amount is attributable to the recovery during the taxable year of any amount deducted or excluded in computing federal or Ohio adjusted gross income in any taxable year.

(13) Deduct any portion of the deduction described in section 1341(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, for repaying previously reported income received under a claim of right, that meets both of the following requirements:

(a) It is allowable for repayment of an item that was included in the taxpayer's adjusted gross income for a prior taxable year and did not qualify for a credit under division (A) or (B) of section 5747.05 of the Revised Code for that year;

(b) It does not otherwise reduce the taxpayer's adjusted gross income for the current or any other taxable year.

(14) Deduct an amount equal to the deposits made to, and net investment earnings of, a medical savings account during the taxable year, in accordance with section 3924.66 of the Revised Code. The deduction allowed by division (A)(14) of this section does not apply to medical savings account deposits and earnings otherwise deducted or excluded for the current or any other taxable year from the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income.

(15)(a) Add an amount equal to the funds withdrawn from a medical savings account during the taxable year, and the net investment earnings on those funds, when the funds withdrawn were used for any purpose other than to reimburse an account holder for, or to pay, eligible medical expenses, in accordance with section 3924.66 of the Revised Code;

(b) Add the amounts distributed from a medical savings account under division (A)(2) of section 3924.68 of the Revised Code during the taxable year.

(16) Add any amount claimed as a credit under section 5747.059 ~~or 5747.65~~ of the Revised Code to the extent that such amount satisfies either of the following:

(a) The amount was deducted or excluded from the computation of the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income as required to be reported for the

taxpayer's taxable year under the Internal Revenue Code;

(b) The amount resulted in a reduction of the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income as required to be reported for any of the taxpayer's taxable years under the Internal Revenue Code.

(17) Deduct the amount contributed by the taxpayer to an individual development account program established by a county department of job and family services pursuant to sections 329.11 to 329.14 of the Revised Code for the purpose of matching funds deposited by program participants. On request of the tax commissioner, the taxpayer shall provide any information that, in the tax commissioner's opinion, is necessary to establish the amount deducted under division (A)(17) of this section.

(18) Beginning in taxable year 2001 but not for any taxable year beginning after December 31, 2005, if the taxpayer is married and files a joint return and the combined federal adjusted gross income of the taxpayer and the taxpayer's spouse for the taxable year does not exceed one hundred thousand dollars, or if the taxpayer is single and has a federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, deduct amounts paid during the taxable year for qualified tuition and fees paid to an eligible institution for the taxpayer, the taxpayer's spouse, or any dependent of the taxpayer, who is a resident of this state and is enrolled in or attending a program that culminates in a degree or diploma at an eligible institution. The deduction may be claimed only to the extent that qualified tuition and fees are not otherwise deducted or excluded for any taxable year from federal or Ohio adjusted gross income. The deduction may not be claimed for educational expenses for which the taxpayer claims a credit under section 5747.27 of the Revised Code.

(19) Add any reimbursement received during the taxable year of any amount the taxpayer deducted under division (A)(18) of this section in any previous taxable year to the extent the amount is not otherwise included in Ohio adjusted gross income.

(20)(a)(i) Subject to divisions (A)(20)(a)(iii), (iv), and (v) of this section, add five-sixths of the amount of depreciation expense allowed by subsection (k) of section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code, including the taxpayer's proportionate or distributive share of the amount of depreciation expense allowed by that subsection to a pass-through entity in which the taxpayer has a direct or indirect ownership interest.

(ii) Subject to divisions (A)(20)(a)(iii), (iv), and (v) of this section, add five-sixths of the amount of qualifying section 179 depreciation expense, including the taxpayer's proportionate or distributive share of the amount of qualifying section 179 depreciation expense allowed to any pass-through

entity in which the taxpayer has a direct or indirect ownership interest.

(iii) Subject to division (A)(20)(a)(v) of this section, for taxable years beginning in 2012 or thereafter, if the increase in income taxes withheld by the taxpayer is equal to or greater than ten per cent of income taxes withheld by the taxpayer during the taxpayer's immediately preceding taxable year, "two-thirds" shall be substituted for "five-sixths" for the purpose of divisions (A)(20)(a)(i) and (ii) of this section.

(iv) Subject to division (A)(20)(a)(v) of this section, for taxable years beginning in 2012 or thereafter, a taxpayer is not required to add an amount under division (A)(20) of this section if the increase in income taxes withheld by the taxpayer and by any pass-through entity in which the taxpayer has a direct or indirect ownership interest is equal to or greater than the sum of (I) the amount of qualifying section 179 depreciation expense and (II) the amount of depreciation expense allowed to the taxpayer by subsection (k) of section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code, and including the taxpayer's proportionate or distributive shares of such amounts allowed to any such pass-through entities.

(v) If a taxpayer directly or indirectly incurs a net operating loss for the taxable year for federal income tax purposes, to the extent such loss resulted from depreciation expense allowed by subsection (k) of section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code and by qualifying section 179 depreciation expense, "the entire" shall be substituted for "five-sixths of the" for the purpose of divisions (A)(20)(a)(i) and (ii) of this section.

The tax commissioner, under procedures established by the commissioner, may waive the add-backs related to a pass-through entity if the taxpayer owns, directly or indirectly, less than five per cent of the pass-through entity.

(b) Nothing in division (A)(20) of this section shall be construed to adjust or modify the adjusted basis of any asset.

(c) To the extent the add-back required under division (A)(20)(a) of this section is attributable to property generating nonbusiness income or loss allocated under section 5747.20 of the Revised Code, the add-back shall be situated to the same location as the nonbusiness income or loss generated by the property for the purpose of determining the credit under division (A) of section 5747.05 of the Revised Code. Otherwise, the add-back shall be apportioned, subject to one or more of the four alternative methods of apportionment enumerated in section 5747.21 of the Revised Code.

(d) For the purposes of division (A)(20)(a)(v) of this section, net operating loss carryback and carryforward shall not include the allowance of any net operating loss deduction carryback or carryforward to the taxable

year to the extent such loss resulted from depreciation allowed by section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code and by the qualifying section 179 depreciation expense amount.

(e) For the purposes of divisions (A)(20) and (21) of this section:

(i) "Income taxes withheld" means the total amount withheld and remitted under sections 5747.06 and 5747.07 of the Revised Code by an employer during the employer's taxable year.

(ii) "Increase in income taxes withheld" means the amount by which the amount of income taxes withheld by an employer during the employer's current taxable year exceeds the amount of income taxes withheld by that employer during the employer's immediately preceding taxable year.

(iii) "Qualifying section 179 depreciation expense" means the difference between (I) the amount of depreciation expense directly or indirectly allowed to a taxpayer under section 179 of the Internal Revised Code, and (II) the amount of depreciation expense directly or indirectly allowed to the taxpayer under section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code as that section existed on December 31, 2002.

(21)(a) If the taxpayer was required to add an amount under division (A)(20)(a) of this section for a taxable year, deduct one of the following:

(i) One-fifth of the amount so added for each of the five succeeding taxable years if the amount so added was five-sixths of qualifying section 179 depreciation expense or depreciation expense allowed by subsection (k) of section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code;

(ii) One-half of the amount so added for each of the two succeeding taxable years if the amount so added was two-thirds of such depreciation expense;

(iii) One-sixth of the amount so added for each of the six succeeding taxable years if the entire amount of such depreciation expense was so added.

(b) If the amount deducted under division (A)(21)(a) of this section is attributable to an add-back allocated under division (A)(20)(c) of this section, the amount deducted shall be situated to the same location. Otherwise, the add-back shall be apportioned using the apportionment factors for the taxable year in which the deduction is taken, subject to one or more of the four alternative methods of apportionment enumerated in section 5747.21 of the Revised Code.

(c) No deduction is available under division (A)(21)(a) of this section with regard to any depreciation allowed by section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code and by the qualifying section 179 depreciation expense amount to the extent that such depreciation results in or increases a federal

net operating loss carryback or carryforward. If no such deduction is available for a taxable year, the taxpayer may carry forward the amount not deducted in such taxable year to the next taxable year and add that amount to any deduction otherwise available under division (A)(21)(a) of this section for that next taxable year. The carryforward of amounts not so deducted shall continue until the entire addition required by division (A)(20)(a) of this section has been deducted.

(d) No refund shall be allowed as a result of adjustments made by division (A)(21) of this section.

(22) Deduct, to the extent not otherwise deducted or excluded in computing federal or Ohio adjusted gross income for the taxable year, the amount the taxpayer received during the taxable year as reimbursement for life insurance premiums under section 5919.31 of the Revised Code.

(23) Deduct, to the extent not otherwise deducted or excluded in computing federal or Ohio adjusted gross income for the taxable year, the amount the taxpayer received during the taxable year as a death benefit paid by the adjutant general under section 5919.33 of the Revised Code.

(24) Deduct, to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income and not otherwise allowable as a deduction or exclusion in computing federal or Ohio adjusted gross income for the taxable year, military pay and allowances received by the taxpayer during the taxable year for active duty service in the United States army, air force, navy, marine corps, or coast guard or reserve components thereof or the national guard. The deduction may not be claimed for military pay and allowances received by the taxpayer while the taxpayer is stationed in this state.

(25) Deduct, to the extent not otherwise allowable as a deduction or exclusion in computing federal or Ohio adjusted gross income for the taxable year and not otherwise compensated for by any other source, the amount of qualified organ donation expenses incurred by the taxpayer during the taxable year, not to exceed ten thousand dollars. A taxpayer may deduct qualified organ donation expenses only once for all taxable years beginning with taxable years beginning in 2007.

For the purposes of division (A)(25) of this section:

(a) "Human organ" means all or any portion of a human liver, pancreas, kidney, intestine, or lung, and any portion of human bone marrow.

(b) "Qualified organ donation expenses" means travel expenses, lodging expenses, and wages and salary forgone by a taxpayer in connection with the taxpayer's donation, while living, of one or more of the taxpayer's human organs to another human being.

(26) Deduct, to the extent not otherwise deducted or excluded in

computing federal or Ohio adjusted gross income for the taxable year, amounts received by the taxpayer as retired personnel pay for service in the uniformed services or reserve components thereof, or the national guard, or received by the surviving spouse or former spouse of such a taxpayer under the survivor benefit plan on account of such a taxpayer's death. If the taxpayer receives income on account of retirement paid under the federal civil service retirement system or federal employees retirement system, or under any successor retirement program enacted by the congress of the United States that is established and maintained for retired employees of the United States government, and such retirement income is based, in whole or in part, on credit for the taxpayer's uniformed service, the deduction allowed under this division shall include only that portion of such retirement income that is attributable to the taxpayer's uniformed service, to the extent that portion of such retirement income is otherwise included in federal adjusted gross income and is not otherwise deducted under this section. Any amount deducted under division (A)(26) of this section is not included in a taxpayer's adjusted gross income for the purposes of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code. No amount may be deducted under division (A)(26) of this section on the basis of which a credit was claimed under section 5747.055 of the Revised Code.

(27) Deduct, to the extent not otherwise deducted or excluded in computing federal or Ohio adjusted gross income for the taxable year, the amount the taxpayer received during the taxable year from the military injury relief fund created in section 5902.05 of the Revised Code.

(28) Deduct, to the extent not otherwise deducted or excluded in computing federal or Ohio adjusted gross income for the taxable year, the amount the taxpayer received as a veterans bonus during the taxable year from the Ohio department of veterans services as authorized by Section 2r of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution.

(29) Deduct, to the extent not otherwise deducted or excluded in computing federal or Ohio adjusted gross income for the taxable year, any income derived from a transfer agreement or from the enterprise transferred under that agreement under section 4313.02 of the Revised Code.

(30) Deduct, to the extent not otherwise deducted or excluded in computing federal or Ohio adjusted gross income for the taxable year, Ohio college opportunity or federal Pell grant amounts received by the taxpayer or the taxpayer's spouse or dependent pursuant to section 3333.122 of the Revised Code or 20 U.S.C. 1070a, et seq., and used to pay room or board furnished by the educational institution for which the grant was awarded at the institution's facilities, including meal plans administered by the

institution. For the purposes of this division, receipt of a grant includes the distribution of a grant directly to an educational institution and the crediting of the grant to the enrollee's account with the institution.

~~(31)(a) For taxable years beginning in 2015, deduct from the portion of an individual's adjusted gross income that is business income, to the extent not otherwise deducted or excluded in computing federal or Ohio adjusted gross income for the taxable year, the lesser of the following amounts:~~

~~(i) Seventy five per cent of the individual's business income;~~

~~(ii) Ninety three thousand seven hundred fifty dollars for each spouse if spouses file separate returns under section 5747.08 of the Revised Code or one hundred eighty seven thousand five hundred dollars for all other individuals.~~

~~(b) For taxable years beginning in 2016 or thereafter, deduct~~ Deduct from the portion of an individual's federal adjusted gross income that is eligible business income, to the extent not otherwise deducted or excluded in computing federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year, one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars for each spouse if spouses file separate returns under section 5747.08 of the Revised Code or two hundred fifty thousand dollars for all other individuals.

(32) Deduct, as provided under section 5747.78 of the Revised Code, contributions to ABLE savings accounts made in accordance with sections 113.50 to 113.56 of the Revised Code.

(33)(a) Deduct, to the extent not otherwise deducted or excluded in computing federal or Ohio adjusted gross income during the taxable year, all of the following:

(i) Compensation paid to a qualifying employee described in division (A)(14)(a) of section 5703.94 of the Revised Code to the extent such compensation is for disaster work conducted in this state during a disaster response period pursuant to a qualifying solicitation received by the employee's employer;

(ii) Compensation paid to a qualifying employee described in division (A)(14)(b) of section 5703.94 of the Revised Code to the extent such compensation is for disaster work conducted in this state by the employee during the disaster response period on critical infrastructure owned or used by the employee's employer;

(iii) Income received by an out-of-state disaster business for disaster work conducted in this state during a disaster response period, or, if the out-of-state disaster business is a pass-through entity, a taxpayer's distributive share of the pass-through entity's income from the business conducting disaster work in this state during a disaster response period, if, in

either case, the disaster work is conducted pursuant to a qualifying solicitation received by the business.

(b) All terms used in division (A)(33) of this section have the same meanings as in section 5703.94 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) "Business income" means income, including gain or loss, arising from transactions, activities, and sources in the regular course of a trade or business and includes income, gain, or loss from real property, tangible property, and intangible property if the acquisition, rental, management, and disposition of the property constitute integral parts of the regular course of a trade or business operation. "Business income" includes income, including gain or loss, from a partial or complete liquidation of a business, including, but not limited to, gain or loss from the sale or other disposition of goodwill.

(2) "Eligible business income" means business income excluding income from a trade or business that performs either or both of the following:

(a) Legal services provided by an active attorney admitted to the practice of law in this state or by an attorney registered for corporate counsel status under section 6 of rule VI of the Ohio supreme court rules for the government of the bar of Ohio;

(b) Executive agency lobbying activity, retirement system lobbying activity, or actively advocating by a person required to register with the joint legislative ethics committee under section 101.78, 101.92, or 121.62 of the Revised Code. Terms used in division (B)(2) of this section have the same meaning as in section 101.70, 101.92, or 121.60 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Nonbusiness income" means all income other than business income and may include, but is not limited to, compensation, rents and royalties from real or tangible personal property, capital gains, interest, dividends and distributions, patent or copyright royalties, or lottery winnings, prizes, and awards.

(D) "Compensation" means any form of remuneration paid to an employee for personal services.

(E) "Fiduciary" means a guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, receiver, conservator, or any other person acting in any fiduciary capacity for any individual, trust, or estate.

(F) "Fiscal year" means an accounting period of twelve months ending on the last day of any month other than December.

(G) "Individual" means any natural person.

(H) "Internal Revenue Code" means the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C.A. 1, as amended.

(I) "Resident" means any of the following, provided that division (I)(3)

of this section applies only to taxable years of a trust beginning in 2002 or thereafter:

(1) An individual who is domiciled in this state, subject to section 5747.24 of the Revised Code;

(2) The estate of a decedent who at the time of death was domiciled in this state. The domicile tests of section 5747.24 of the Revised Code are not controlling for purposes of division (I)(2) of this section.

(3) A trust that, in whole or part, resides in this state. If only part of a trust resides in this state, the trust is a resident only with respect to that part.

For the purposes of division (I)(3) of this section:

(a) A trust resides in this state for the trust's current taxable year to the extent, as described in division (I)(3)(d) of this section, that the trust consists directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, of assets, net of any related liabilities, that were transferred, or caused to be transferred, directly or indirectly, to the trust by any of the following:

(i) A person, a court, or a governmental entity or instrumentality on account of the death of a decedent, but only if the trust is described in division (I)(3)(e)(i) or (ii) of this section;

(ii) A person who was domiciled in this state for the purposes of this chapter when the person directly or indirectly transferred assets to an irrevocable trust, but only if at least one of the trust's qualifying beneficiaries is domiciled in this state for the purposes of this chapter during all or some portion of the trust's current taxable year;

(iii) A person who was domiciled in this state for the purposes of this chapter when the trust document or instrument or part of the trust document or instrument became irrevocable, but only if at least one of the trust's qualifying beneficiaries is a resident domiciled in this state for the purposes of this chapter during all or some portion of the trust's current taxable year. If a trust document or instrument became irrevocable upon the death of a person who at the time of death was domiciled in this state for purposes of this chapter, that person is a person described in division (I)(3)(a)(iii) of this section.

(b) A trust is irrevocable to the extent that the transferor is not considered to be the owner of the net assets of the trust under sections 671 to 678 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(c) With respect to a trust other than a charitable lead trust, "qualifying beneficiary" has the same meaning as "potential current beneficiary" as defined in section 1361(e)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, and with respect to a charitable lead trust "qualifying beneficiary" is any current, future, or contingent beneficiary, but with respect to any trust "qualifying beneficiary"

excludes a person or a governmental entity or instrumentality to any of which a contribution would qualify for the charitable deduction under section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(d) For the purposes of division (I)(3)(a) of this section, the extent to which a trust consists directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, of assets, net of any related liabilities, that were transferred directly or indirectly, in whole or part, to the trust by any of the sources enumerated in that division shall be ascertained by multiplying the fair market value of the trust's assets, net of related liabilities, by the qualifying ratio, which shall be computed as follows:

(i) The first time the trust receives assets, the numerator of the qualifying ratio is the fair market value of those assets at that time, net of any related liabilities, from sources enumerated in division (I)(3)(a) of this section. The denominator of the qualifying ratio is the fair market value of all the trust's assets at that time, net of any related liabilities.

(ii) Each subsequent time the trust receives assets, a revised qualifying ratio shall be computed. The numerator of the revised qualifying ratio is the sum of (1) the fair market value of the trust's assets immediately prior to the subsequent transfer, net of any related liabilities, multiplied by the qualifying ratio last computed without regard to the subsequent transfer, and (2) the fair market value of the subsequently transferred assets at the time transferred, net of any related liabilities, from sources enumerated in division (I)(3)(a) of this section. The denominator of the revised qualifying ratio is the fair market value of all the trust's assets immediately after the subsequent transfer, net of any related liabilities.

(iii) Whether a transfer to the trust is by or from any of the sources enumerated in division (I)(3)(a) of this section shall be ascertained without regard to the domicile of the trust's beneficiaries.

(e) For the purposes of division (I)(3)(a)(i) of this section:

(i) A trust is described in division (I)(3)(e)(i) of this section if the trust is a testamentary trust and the testator of that testamentary trust was domiciled in this state at the time of the testator's death for purposes of the taxes levied under Chapter 5731. of the Revised Code.

(ii) A trust is described in division (I)(3)(e)(ii) of this section if the transfer is a qualifying transfer described in any of divisions (I)(3)(f)(i) to (vi) of this section, the trust is an irrevocable inter vivos trust, and at least one of the trust's qualifying beneficiaries is domiciled in this state for purposes of this chapter during all or some portion of the trust's current taxable year.

(f) For the purposes of division (I)(3)(e)(ii) of this section, a "qualifying

transfer" is a transfer of assets, net of any related liabilities, directly or indirectly to a trust, if the transfer is described in any of the following:

(i) The transfer is made to a trust, created by the decedent before the decedent's death and while the decedent was domiciled in this state for the purposes of this chapter, and, prior to the death of the decedent, the trust became irrevocable while the decedent was domiciled in this state for the purposes of this chapter.

(ii) The transfer is made to a trust to which the decedent, prior to the decedent's death, had directly or indirectly transferred assets, net of any related liabilities, while the decedent was domiciled in this state for the purposes of this chapter, and prior to the death of the decedent the trust became irrevocable while the decedent was domiciled in this state for the purposes of this chapter.

(iii) The transfer is made on account of a contractual relationship existing directly or indirectly between the transferor and either the decedent or the estate of the decedent at any time prior to the date of the decedent's death, and the decedent was domiciled in this state at the time of death for purposes of the taxes levied under Chapter 5731. of the Revised Code.

(iv) The transfer is made to a trust on account of a contractual relationship existing directly or indirectly between the transferor and another person who at the time of the decedent's death was domiciled in this state for purposes of this chapter.

(v) The transfer is made to a trust on account of the will of a testator who was domiciled in this state at the time of the testator's death for purposes of the taxes levied under Chapter 5731. of the Revised Code.

(vi) The transfer is made to a trust created by or caused to be created by a court, and the trust was directly or indirectly created in connection with or as a result of the death of an individual who, for purposes of the taxes levied under Chapter 5731. of the Revised Code, was domiciled in this state at the time of the individual's death.

(g) The tax commissioner may adopt rules to ascertain the part of a trust residing in this state.

(J) "Nonresident" means an individual or estate that is not a resident. An individual who is a resident for only part of a taxable year is a nonresident for the remainder of that taxable year.

(K) "Pass-through entity" has the same meaning as in section 5733.04 of the Revised Code.

(L) "Return" means the notifications and reports required to be filed pursuant to this chapter for the purpose of reporting the tax due and includes declarations of estimated tax when so required.

(M) "Taxable year" means the calendar year or the taxpayer's fiscal year ending during the calendar year, or fractional part thereof, upon which the adjusted gross income is calculated pursuant to this chapter.

(N) "Taxpayer" means any person subject to the tax imposed by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code or any pass-through entity that makes the election under division (D) of section 5747.08 of the Revised Code.

(O) "Dependents" means dependents as defined in the Internal Revenue Code and as claimed in the taxpayer's federal income tax return for the taxable year or which the taxpayer would have been permitted to claim had the taxpayer filed a federal income tax return.

(P) "Principal county of employment" means, in the case of a nonresident, the county within the state in which a taxpayer performs services for an employer or, if those services are performed in more than one county, the county in which the major portion of the services are performed.

(Q) As used in sections 5747.50 to 5747.55 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Subdivision" means any county, municipal corporation, park district, or township.

(2) "Essential local government purposes" includes all functions that any subdivision is required by general law to exercise, including like functions that are exercised under a charter adopted pursuant to the Ohio Constitution.

(R) "Overpayment" means any amount already paid that exceeds the figure determined to be the correct amount of the tax.

(S) "Taxable income" or "Ohio taxable income" applies only to estates and trusts, and means federal taxable income, as defined and used in the Internal Revenue Code, adjusted as follows:

(1) Add interest or dividends, net of ordinary, necessary, and reasonable expenses not deducted in computing federal taxable income, on obligations or securities of any state or of any political subdivision or authority of any state, other than this state and its subdivisions and authorities, but only to the extent that such net amount is not otherwise includible in Ohio taxable income and is described in either division (S)(1)(a) or (b) of this section:

(a) The net amount is not attributable to the S portion of an electing small business trust and has not been distributed to beneficiaries for the taxable year;

(b) The net amount is attributable to the S portion of an electing small business trust for the taxable year.

(2) Add interest or dividends, net of ordinary, necessary, and reasonable expenses not deducted in computing federal taxable income, on obligations

of any authority, commission, instrumentality, territory, or possession of the United States to the extent that the interest or dividends are exempt from federal income taxes but not from state income taxes, but only to the extent that such net amount is not otherwise includible in Ohio taxable income and is described in either division (S)(1)(a) or (b) of this section;

(3) Add the amount of personal exemption allowed to the estate pursuant to section 642(b) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(4) Deduct interest or dividends, net of related expenses deducted in computing federal taxable income, on obligations of the United States and its territories and possessions or of any authority, commission, or instrumentality of the United States to the extent that the interest or dividends are exempt from state taxes under the laws of the United States, but only to the extent that such amount is included in federal taxable income and is described in either division (S)(1)(a) or (b) of this section;

(5) Deduct the amount of wages and salaries, if any, not otherwise allowable as a deduction but that would have been allowable as a deduction in computing federal taxable income for the taxable year, had the targeted jobs credit allowed under sections 38, 51, and 52 of the Internal Revenue Code not been in effect, but only to the extent such amount relates either to income included in federal taxable income for the taxable year or to income of the S portion of an electing small business trust for the taxable year;

(6) Deduct any interest or interest equivalent, net of related expenses deducted in computing federal taxable income, on public obligations and purchase obligations, but only to the extent that such net amount relates either to income included in federal taxable income for the taxable year or to income of the S portion of an electing small business trust for the taxable year;

(7) Add any loss or deduct any gain resulting from sale, exchange, or other disposition of public obligations to the extent that such loss has been deducted or such gain has been included in computing either federal taxable income or income of the S portion of an electing small business trust for the taxable year;

(8) Except in the case of the final return of an estate, add any amount deducted by the taxpayer on both its Ohio estate tax return pursuant to section 5731.14 of the Revised Code, and on its federal income tax return in determining federal taxable income;

(9)(a) Deduct any amount included in federal taxable income solely because the amount represents a reimbursement or refund of expenses that in a previous year the decedent had deducted as an itemized deduction pursuant to section 63 of the Internal Revenue Code and applicable treasury

regulations. The deduction otherwise allowed under division (S)(9)(a) of this section shall be reduced to the extent the reimbursement is attributable to an amount the taxpayer or decedent deducted under this section in any taxable year.

(b) Add any amount not otherwise included in Ohio taxable income for any taxable year to the extent that the amount is attributable to the recovery during the taxable year of any amount deducted or excluded in computing federal or Ohio taxable income in any taxable year, but only to the extent such amount has not been distributed to beneficiaries for the taxable year.

(10) Deduct any portion of the deduction described in section 1341(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, for repaying previously reported income received under a claim of right, that meets both of the following requirements:

(a) It is allowable for repayment of an item that was included in the taxpayer's taxable income or the decedent's adjusted gross income for a prior taxable year and did not qualify for a credit under division (A) or (B) of section 5747.05 of the Revised Code for that year.

(b) It does not otherwise reduce the taxpayer's taxable income or the decedent's adjusted gross income for the current or any other taxable year.

(11) Add any amount claimed as a credit under section 5747.059 ~~or 5747.65~~ of the Revised Code to the extent that the amount satisfies either of the following:

(a) The amount was deducted or excluded from the computation of the taxpayer's federal taxable income as required to be reported for the taxpayer's taxable year under the Internal Revenue Code;

(b) The amount resulted in a reduction in the taxpayer's federal taxable income as required to be reported for any of the taxpayer's taxable years under the Internal Revenue Code.

(12) Deduct any amount, net of related expenses deducted in computing federal taxable income, that a trust is required to report as farm income on its federal income tax return, but only if the assets of the trust include at least ten acres of land satisfying the definition of "land devoted exclusively to agricultural use" under section 5713.30 of the Revised Code, regardless of whether the land is valued for tax purposes as such land under sections 5713.30 to 5713.38 of the Revised Code. If the trust is a pass-through entity investor, section 5747.231 of the Revised Code applies in ascertaining if the trust is eligible to claim the deduction provided by division (S)(12) of this section in connection with the pass-through entity's farm income.

Except for farm income attributable to the S portion of an electing small business trust, the deduction provided by division (S)(12) of this section is

allowed only to the extent that the trust has not distributed such farm income. Division (S)(12) of this section applies only to taxable years of a trust beginning in 2002 or thereafter.

(13) Add the net amount of income described in section 641(c) of the Internal Revenue Code to the extent that amount is not included in federal taxable income.

(14) Add or deduct the amount the taxpayer would be required to add or deduct under division (A)(20) or (21) of this section if the taxpayer's Ohio taxable income were computed in the same manner as an individual's Ohio adjusted gross income is computed under this section. In the case of a trust, division (S)(14) of this section applies only to any of the trust's taxable years beginning in 2002 or thereafter.

(T) "School district income" and "school district income tax" have the same meanings as in section 5748.01 of the Revised Code.

(U) As used in divisions (A)(8), (A)(9), (S)(6), and (S)(7) of this section, "public obligations," "purchase obligations," and "interest or interest equivalent" have the same meanings as in section 5709.76 of the Revised Code.

(V) "Limited liability company" means any limited liability company formed under Chapter 1705. of the Revised Code or under the laws of any other state.

(W) "Pass-through entity investor" means any person who, during any portion of a taxable year of a pass-through entity, is a partner, member, shareholder, or equity investor in that pass-through entity.

(X) "Banking day" has the same meaning as in section 1304.01 of the Revised Code.

(Y) "Month" means a calendar month.

(Z) "Quarter" means the first three months, the second three months, the third three months, or the last three months of the taxpayer's taxable year.

(AA)(1) "Eligible institution" means a state university or state institution of higher education as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, or a private, nonprofit college, university, or other post-secondary institution located in this state that possesses a certificate of authorization issued by the chancellor of higher education pursuant to Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code or a certificate of registration issued by the state board of career colleges and schools under Chapter 3332. of the Revised Code.

(2) "Qualified tuition and fees" means tuition and fees imposed by an eligible institution as a condition of enrollment or attendance, not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars in each of the individual's first two years of post-secondary education. If the individual is a part-time student,

"qualified tuition and fees" includes tuition and fees paid for the academic equivalent of the first two years of post-secondary education during a maximum of five taxable years, not exceeding a total of five thousand dollars. "Qualified tuition and fees" does not include:

(a) Expenses for any course or activity involving sports, games, or hobbies unless the course or activity is part of the individual's degree or diploma program;

(b) The cost of books, room and board, student activity fees, athletic fees, insurance expenses, or other expenses unrelated to the individual's academic course of instruction;

(c) Tuition, fees, or other expenses paid or reimbursed through an employer, scholarship, grant in aid, or other educational benefit program.

(BB)(1) "Modified business income" means the business income included in a trust's Ohio taxable income after such taxable income is first reduced by the qualifying trust amount, if any.

(2) "Qualifying trust amount" of a trust means capital gains and losses from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of equity or ownership interests in, or debt obligations of, a qualifying investee to the extent included in the trust's Ohio taxable income, but only if the following requirements are satisfied:

(a) The book value of the qualifying investee's physical assets in this state and everywhere, as of the last day of the qualifying investee's fiscal or calendar year ending immediately prior to the date on which the trust recognizes the gain or loss, is available to the trust.

(b) The requirements of section 5747.011 of the Revised Code are satisfied for the trust's taxable year in which the trust recognizes the gain or loss.

Any gain or loss that is not a qualifying trust amount is modified business income, qualifying investment income, or modified nonbusiness income, as the case may be.

(3) "Modified nonbusiness income" means a trust's Ohio taxable income other than modified business income, other than the qualifying trust amount, and other than qualifying investment income, as defined in section 5747.012 of the Revised Code, to the extent such qualifying investment income is not otherwise part of modified business income.

(4) "Modified Ohio taxable income" applies only to trusts, and means the sum of the amounts described in divisions (BB)(4)(a) to (c) of this section:

(a) The fraction, calculated under section 5747.013, and applying section 5747.231 of the Revised Code, multiplied by the sum of the

following amounts:

(i) The trust's modified business income;

(ii) The trust's qualifying investment income, as defined in section 5747.012 of the Revised Code, but only to the extent the qualifying investment income does not otherwise constitute modified business income and does not otherwise constitute a qualifying trust amount.

(b) The qualifying trust amount multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the sum of the book value of the qualifying investee's physical assets in this state on the last day of the qualifying investee's fiscal or calendar year ending immediately prior to the day on which the trust recognizes the qualifying trust amount, and the denominator of which is the sum of the book value of the qualifying investee's total physical assets everywhere on the last day of the qualifying investee's fiscal or calendar year ending immediately prior to the day on which the trust recognizes the qualifying trust amount. If, for a taxable year, the trust recognizes a qualifying trust amount with respect to more than one qualifying investee, the amount described in division (BB)(4)(b) of this section shall equal the sum of the products so computed for each such qualifying investee.

(c)(i) With respect to a trust or portion of a trust that is a resident as ascertained in accordance with division (I)(3)(d) of this section, its modified nonbusiness income.

(ii) With respect to a trust or portion of a trust that is not a resident as ascertained in accordance with division (I)(3)(d) of this section, the amount of its modified nonbusiness income satisfying the descriptions in divisions (B)(2) to (5) of section 5747.20 of the Revised Code, except as otherwise provided in division (BB)(4)(c)(ii) of this section. With respect to a trust or portion of a trust that is not a resident as ascertained in accordance with division (I)(3)(d) of this section, the trust's portion of modified nonbusiness income recognized from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of a debt interest in or equity interest in a section 5747.212 entity, as defined in section 5747.212 of the Revised Code, without regard to division (A) of that section, shall not be allocated to this state in accordance with section 5747.20 of the Revised Code but shall be apportioned to this state in accordance with division (B) of section 5747.212 of the Revised Code without regard to division (A) of that section.

If the allocation and apportionment of a trust's income under divisions (BB)(4)(a) and (c) of this section do not fairly represent the modified Ohio taxable income of the trust in this state, the alternative methods described in division (C) of section 5747.21 of the Revised Code may be applied in the manner and to the same extent provided in that section.

(5)(a) Except as set forth in division (BB)(5)(b) of this section, "qualifying investee" means a person in which a trust has an equity or ownership interest, or a person or unit of government the debt obligations of either of which are owned by a trust. For the purposes of division (BB)(2)(a) of this section and for the purpose of computing the fraction described in division (BB)(4)(b) of this section, all of the following apply:

(i) If the qualifying investee is a member of a qualifying controlled group on the last day of the qualifying investee's fiscal or calendar year ending immediately prior to the date on which the trust recognizes the gain or loss, then "qualifying investee" includes all persons in the qualifying controlled group on such last day.

(ii) If the qualifying investee, or if the qualifying investee and any members of the qualifying controlled group of which the qualifying investee is a member on the last day of the qualifying investee's fiscal or calendar year ending immediately prior to the date on which the trust recognizes the gain or loss, separately or cumulatively own, directly or indirectly, on the last day of the qualifying investee's fiscal or calendar year ending immediately prior to the date on which the trust recognizes the qualifying trust amount, more than fifty per cent of the equity of a pass-through entity, then the qualifying investee and the other members are deemed to own the proportionate share of the pass-through entity's physical assets which the pass-through entity directly or indirectly owns on the last day of the pass-through entity's calendar or fiscal year ending within or with the last day of the qualifying investee's fiscal or calendar year ending immediately prior to the date on which the trust recognizes the qualifying trust amount.

(iii) For the purposes of division (BB)(5)(a)(iii) of this section, "upper level pass-through entity" means a pass-through entity directly or indirectly owning any equity of another pass-through entity, and "lower level pass-through entity" means that other pass-through entity.

An upper level pass-through entity, whether or not it is also a qualifying investee, is deemed to own, on the last day of the upper level pass-through entity's calendar or fiscal year, the proportionate share of the lower level pass-through entity's physical assets that the lower level pass-through entity directly or indirectly owns on the last day of the lower level pass-through entity's calendar or fiscal year ending within or with the last day of the upper level pass-through entity's fiscal or calendar year. If the upper level pass-through entity directly and indirectly owns less than fifty per cent of the equity of the lower level pass-through entity on each day of the upper level pass-through entity's calendar or fiscal year in which or with which ends the calendar or fiscal year of the lower level pass-through entity and if,

based upon clear and convincing evidence, complete information about the location and cost of the physical assets of the lower pass-through entity is not available to the upper level pass-through entity, then solely for purposes of ascertaining if a gain or loss constitutes a qualifying trust amount, the upper level pass-through entity shall be deemed as owning no equity of the lower level pass-through entity for each day during the upper level pass-through entity's calendar or fiscal year in which or with which ends the lower level pass-through entity's calendar or fiscal year. Nothing in division (BB)(5)(a)(iii) of this section shall be construed to provide for any deduction or exclusion in computing any trust's Ohio taxable income.

(b) With respect to a trust that is not a resident for the taxable year and with respect to a part of a trust that is not a resident for the taxable year, "qualifying investee" for that taxable year does not include a C corporation if both of the following apply:

(i) During the taxable year the trust or part of the trust recognizes a gain or loss from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of equity or ownership interests in, or debt obligations of, the C corporation.

(ii) Such gain or loss constitutes nonbusiness income.

(6) "Available" means information is such that a person is able to learn of the information by the due date plus extensions, if any, for filing the return for the taxable year in which the trust recognizes the gain or loss.

(CC) "Qualifying controlled group" has the same meaning as in section 5733.04 of the Revised Code.

(DD) "Related member" has the same meaning as in section 5733.042 of the Revised Code.

(EE)(1) For the purposes of division (EE) of this section:

(a) "Qualifying person" means any person other than a qualifying corporation.

(b) "Qualifying corporation" means any person classified for federal income tax purposes as an association taxable as a corporation, except either of the following:

(i) A corporation that has made an election under subchapter S, chapter one, subtitle A, of the Internal Revenue Code for its taxable year ending within, or on the last day of, the investor's taxable year;

(ii) A subsidiary that is wholly owned by any corporation that has made an election under subchapter S, chapter one, subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code for its taxable year ending within, or on the last day of, the investor's taxable year.

(2) For the purposes of this chapter, unless expressly stated otherwise, no qualifying person indirectly owns any asset directly or indirectly owned

by any qualifying corporation.

(FF) For purposes of this chapter and Chapter 5751. of the Revised Code:

(1) "Trust" does not include a qualified pre-income tax trust.

(2) A "qualified pre-income tax trust" is any pre-income tax trust that makes a qualifying pre-income tax trust election as described in division (FF)(3) of this section.

(3) A "qualifying pre-income tax trust election" is an election by a pre-income tax trust to subject to the tax imposed by section 5751.02 of the Revised Code the pre-income tax trust and all pass-through entities of which the trust owns or controls, directly, indirectly, or constructively through related interests, five per cent or more of the ownership or equity interests. The trustee shall notify the tax commissioner in writing of the election on or before April 15, 2006. The election, if timely made, shall be effective on and after January 1, 2006, and shall apply for all tax periods and tax years until revoked by the trustee of the trust.

(4) A "pre-income tax trust" is a trust that satisfies all of the following requirements:

(a) The document or instrument creating the trust was executed by the grantor before January 1, 1972;

(b) The trust became irrevocable upon the creation of the trust; and

(c) The grantor was domiciled in this state at the time the trust was created.

(GG) "Uniformed services" has the same meaning as in 10 U.S.C. 101.

(HH) "Taxable business income" means the amount by which an individual's eligible business income that is included in federal adjusted gross income exceeds the amount of eligible business income the individual is authorized to deduct under division (A)(31) of this section for the taxable year.

(II) "Employer" does not include a franchisor with respect to the franchisor's relationship with a franchisee or an employee of a franchisee, unless the franchisor agrees to assume that role in writing or a court of competent jurisdiction determines that the franchisor exercises a type or degree of control over the franchisee or the franchisee's employees that is not customarily exercised by a franchisor for the purpose of protecting the franchisor's trademark, brand, or both. For purposes of this division, "franchisor" and "franchisee" have the same meanings as in 16 C.F.R. 436.1.

(JJ) "Modified adjusted gross income" means Ohio adjusted gross income plus any amount deducted under division (A)(31) of this section for the taxable year.

Sec. 5747.02. (A) For the purpose of providing revenue for the support of schools and local government functions, to provide relief to property taxpayers, to provide revenue for the general revenue fund, and to meet the expenses of administering the tax levied by this chapter, there is hereby levied on every individual, trust, and estate residing in or earning or receiving income in this state, on every individual, trust, and estate earning or receiving lottery winnings, prizes, or awards pursuant to Chapter 3770. of the Revised Code, on every individual, trust, and estate earning or receiving winnings on casino gaming, and on every individual, trust, and estate otherwise having nexus with or in this state under the Constitution of the United States, an annual tax measured as prescribed in divisions (A)(1) to (4) of this section.

(1) In the case of trusts, the tax imposed by this section shall be measured by modified Ohio taxable income under division (D) of this section and levied in the same amount as the tax is imposed on estates as prescribed in division (A)(2) of this section.

(2) In the case of estates, the tax imposed by this section shall be measured by Ohio taxable income ~~and~~. The tax shall be levied at the rate of seven thousand four hundred twenty-five ten-thousandths one and forty-two thousand seven hundred forty-four hundred-thousandths per cent for the first ten twenty-one thousand five seven hundred fifty dollars of such income and, for income in excess of that amount, the tax shall be levied at the same rates prescribed in division (A)(3) of this section for individuals.

(3) In the case of individuals, ~~for taxable years beginning in 2017 or thereafter~~, the tax imposed by this section on income other than taxable business income shall be measured by Ohio adjusted gross income, less taxable business income and less an exemption for the taxpayer, the taxpayer's spouse, and each dependent as provided in section 5747.025 of the Revised Code. If the balance thus obtained is equal to or less than ~~ten~~ twenty-one thousand ~~five~~ seven hundred fifty dollars, no tax shall be imposed on that balance. If the balance thus obtained is greater than ~~ten~~ twenty-one thousand ~~five~~ seven hundred fifty dollars, the tax is hereby levied as follows:

OHIO ADJUSTED GROSS
INCOME LESS TAXABLE
BUSINESS INCOME AND
EXEMPTIONS (INDIVIDUALS)
OR
MODIFIED OHIO
TAXABLE INCOME (TRUSTS)

OR OHIO TAXABLE INCOME (ESTATES)	TAX
More than \$10,500 but not more than \$15,800	\$77.96 plus 1.980% of the amount in excess of \$10,500
More than \$15,800 but not more than \$21,100	\$182.90 plus 2.476% of the amount in excess of \$15,800
More than \$21,100 <u>21,750</u> but not more than \$42,100 <u>43,450</u>	\$314.13 <u>310.47</u> plus 2.96 <u>2.850</u> % of the amount in excess of \$21,100 <u>21,750</u>
More than \$42,100 <u>43,450</u> but not more than \$84,200 <u>86,900</u>	\$937.62 <u>928.92</u> plus 3.46 <u>3.326</u> % of the amount in excess of \$42,100 <u>43,450</u>
More than \$84,200 <u>86,900</u> but not more than \$105,300 <u>108,700</u>	\$2,396.39 <u>2,374.07</u> plus 3.96 <u>3.802</u> % of the amount in excess of \$84,200 <u>86,900</u>
More than \$105,300 <u>108,700</u> but not more than \$210,600 <u>217,400</u>	\$3,231.95 <u>3,202.91</u> plus 4.59 <u>4.413</u> % of the amount in excess of \$105,300 <u>108,700</u>
More than \$210,600 <u>217,400</u>	\$8,072.59 <u>7,999.84</u> plus 4.99 <u>4.797</u> % of the amount in excess of \$210,600 <u>217,400</u>

(4)(a) In the case of individuals, ~~for taxable years beginning in 2016 or thereafter,~~ the tax imposed by this section on taxable business income shall equal three per cent of the result obtained by subtracting any amount allowed under division (A)(4)(b) of this section from the individual's taxable business income.

(b) If the exemptions allowed to an individual under division (A)(3) of this section exceed the taxpayer's Ohio adjusted gross income less taxable business income, the excess shall be deducted from taxable business income before computing the tax under division (A)(4)(a) of this section.

(5) Except as otherwise provided in this division, in August of each year, the tax commissioner shall make a new adjustment to the income amounts prescribed in divisions (A)(2) and (3) of this section by multiplying the percentage increase in the gross domestic product deflator computed that year under section 5747.025 of the Revised Code by each of the income amounts resulting from the adjustment under this division in the preceding year, adding the resulting product to the corresponding income amount resulting from the adjustment in the preceding year, and rounding the resulting sum to the nearest multiple of fifty dollars. The tax commissioner

also shall recompute each of the tax dollar amounts to the extent necessary to reflect the new adjustment of the income amounts. To recompute the tax dollar amount corresponding to the lowest tax rate in division (A)(3) of this section, the commissioner shall multiply the tax rate prescribed in division (A)(2) of this section by the income amount specified in that division and as adjusted according to this paragraph. The rates of taxation shall not be adjusted.

The adjusted amounts apply to taxable years beginning in the calendar year in which the adjustments are made and to taxable years beginning in each ensuing calendar year until a calendar year in which a new adjustment is made pursuant to this division. The tax commissioner shall not make a new adjustment in any year in which the amount resulting from the adjustment would be less than the amount resulting from the adjustment in the preceding year.

(B) If the director of budget and management makes a certification to the tax commissioner under division (B) of section 131.44 of the Revised Code, the amount of tax as determined under divisions (A)(1) to (3) of this section shall be reduced by the percentage prescribed in that certification for taxable years beginning in the calendar year in which that certification is made.

(C) The levy of this tax on income does not prevent a municipal corporation, a joint economic development zone created under section 715.691, or a joint economic development district created under section 715.70, 715.71, or 715.72 of the Revised Code from levying a tax on income.

(D) This division applies only to taxable years of a trust beginning in 2002 or thereafter.

(1) The tax imposed by this section on a trust shall be computed by multiplying the Ohio modified taxable income of the trust by the rates prescribed by division (A) of this section.

(2) A resident trust may claim a credit against the tax computed under division (D) of this section equal to the lesser of (a) the tax paid to another state or the District of Columbia on the resident trust's modified nonbusiness income, other than the portion of the resident trust's nonbusiness income that is qualifying investment income as defined in section 5747.012 of the Revised Code, or (b) the effective tax rate, based on modified Ohio taxable income, multiplied by the resident trust's modified nonbusiness income other than the portion of the resident trust's nonbusiness income that is qualifying investment income. The credit applies before any other applicable credits.

(3) The credits ~~enumerated in divisions (A)(1) to (9) and (A)(18) to (20) of section 5747.98~~ authorized by the following sections of the Revised Code do not apply to a trust subject to division (D) of this section: section 5747.022, 5747.05, 5747.054, 5747.055, 5747.27, 5747.37, 5747.66, or 5747.71 of the Revised Code. Any ~~credits enumerated in other divisions of credit authorized against the tax imposed by this section 5747.98 of the Revised Code~~ apply ~~applies~~ to a trust subject to division (D) of this section that otherwise qualifies for such a credit. To the extent that the trust distributes income for the taxable year for which a credit is available to the trust, the credit shall be shared by the trust and its beneficiaries. The tax commissioner and the trust shall be guided by applicable regulations of the United States treasury regarding the sharing of credits.

(E) For the purposes of this section, "trust" means any trust described in Subchapter J of Chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code, excluding trusts that are not irrevocable as defined in division (I)(3)(b) of section 5747.01 of the Revised Code and that have no modified Ohio taxable income for the taxable year, charitable remainder trusts, qualified funeral trusts and preneed funeral contract trusts established pursuant to sections 4717.31 to 4717.38 of the Revised Code that are not qualified funeral trusts, endowment and perpetual care trusts, qualified settlement trusts and funds, designated settlement trusts and funds, and trusts exempted from taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(F) Nothing in division (A)(3) of this section shall prohibit an individual with an Ohio adjusted gross income, less taxable business income and exemptions, of ~~ten~~ twenty-one thousand ~~five~~ seven hundred ~~fifty~~ dollars or less from filing a return under this chapter to receive a refund of taxes withheld or to claim any refundable credit allowed under this chapter.

Sec. 5747.022. An individual subject to the tax imposed by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code whose ~~Ohio~~ modified adjusted gross income, less applicable exemptions under section 5747.025 of the Revised Code, for the taxable year as shown on an individual or joint annual return is less than thirty thousand dollars may claim a credit equal to twenty dollars times the number of exemptions allowed for the taxpayer, the taxpayer's spouse, and each dependent under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code. The credit shall be claimed in the order required under section 5747.98 of the Revised Code. The credit shall not be considered in determining the taxes required to be withheld under section 5747.06 of the Revised Code or the estimated taxes required to be paid under section 5747.09 of the Revised Code. In the case of an individual with respect to whom an exemption under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code is allowable to another taxpayer for a taxable year

beginning in the calendar year in which the individual's taxable year begins, the "number of exemptions allowed" for purposes of calculating the credit allowed under this section to such individual for the individual's taxable year shall not include an exemption for the individual.

Sec. 5747.025. (A) ~~For taxable years beginning in 2014 or 2015, the~~ The personal exemption for the taxpayer, the taxpayer's spouse, and each dependent shall be one of the following amounts:

(1) Two thousand ~~two~~ three hundred fifty dollars if the taxpayer's ~~Ohio~~ modified adjusted gross income for the taxable year as shown on an individual or joint annual return is less than or equal to forty thousand dollars;

(2) ~~One~~ Two thousand ~~nine~~ one hundred fifty dollars if the taxpayer's ~~Ohio~~ modified adjusted gross income for the taxable year as shown on an individual or joint annual return is greater than forty thousand dollars but less than or equal to eighty thousand dollars;

(3) One thousand ~~seven~~ eight hundred fifty dollars if the taxpayer's ~~Ohio~~ modified adjusted gross income for the taxable year as shown on an individual or joint annual return is greater than eighty thousand dollars.

(B) For taxable years beginning in ~~2016~~ 2020 and thereafter, the personal exemption amounts prescribed in division (A) of this section shall be adjusted each year in the manner prescribed in division (C) of this section. In the case of an individual with respect to whom an exemption under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code is allowable to another taxpayer for a taxable year beginning in the calendar year in which the individual's taxable year begins, the exemption amount applicable to such individual for such individual's taxable year shall be zero.

(C) Except as otherwise provided in this division, in August of each year, the tax commissioner shall determine the percentage increase in the gross domestic product deflator determined by the bureau of economic analysis of the United States department of commerce from the first day of January of the preceding calendar year to the last day of December of the preceding year, and make a new adjustment to the personal exemption amount for taxable years beginning in the current calendar year by multiplying that amount by the percentage increase in the gross domestic product deflator for that period; adding the resulting product to the personal exemption amount for taxable years beginning in the preceding calendar year; and rounding the resulting sum upward to the nearest multiple of fifty dollars. The adjusted amount applies to taxable years beginning in the calendar year in which the adjustment is made and to taxable years beginning in each ensuing calendar year until a calendar year in which a

new adjustment is made pursuant to this division. The commissioner shall not make a new adjustment in any calendar year in which the amount resulting from the adjustment would be less than the amount resulting from the adjustment in the preceding calendar year.

Sec. 5747.03. (A)(1) All money collected under this chapter arising from the taxes imposed by section 5747.02 or 5747.41 of the Revised Code shall be credited to the general revenue fund, ~~except that the treasurer of state shall, at the beginning of each calendar quarter, credit to the Ohio political party fund, pursuant to section 3517.16 of the Revised Code, an amount equal to the total dollar value realized from the taxpayer exercise of the income tax checkoff option on tax forms processed during the preceding calendar quarter.~~

~~(B)(1) Following the crediting of moneys pursuant to division (A) of this section, the remainder deposited in the general revenue fund shall be and distributed pursuant to division (F) of section 321.24 and section 323.156 of the Revised Code; to make subsidy payments to institutions of higher education from appropriations to the Ohio board of regents department of higher education; to support expenditures for programs and services for the mentally ill, persons with developmental disabilities, and the elderly; for primary and secondary education; for medical assistance; and for any other purposes authorized by law, subject to the limitation that at least fifty per cent of the income tax collected by the state from the tax imposed by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code shall be returned pursuant to Section 9 of Article XII, Ohio Constitution.~~

(2) To ensure that such constitutional requirement is satisfied the tax commissioner shall, on or before the thirtieth day of June of each year, from the best information available to the tax commissioner, determine and certify for each county to the director of budget and management the amount of taxes collected under this chapter from the tax imposed under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code during the preceding calendar year that are required to be returned to the county by Section 9 of Article XII, Ohio Constitution. The director shall provide for payment from the general revenue fund to the county in the amount, if any, that the sum of the amount so certified for that county exceeds the sum of the following:

(a) The sum of the payments from the general revenue fund for the preceding calendar year credited to the county's undivided income tax fund pursuant to division (F) of section 321.24 and section 323.156 of the Revised Code or made directly from the general revenue fund to political subdivisions located in the county;

(b) The sum of the amounts from the general revenue fund distributed in

the county during the preceding calendar year for subsidy payments to institutions of higher education from appropriations to the ~~Ohio board of regents~~ department of higher education; for programs and services for mentally ill persons, persons with developmental disabilities, and elderly persons; for primary and secondary education; and for medical assistance.

(c) In the case of payments made by the director under this division in 2007, the total amount distributed to the county during the preceding calendar year from the local government fund and the local government revenue assistance fund, and, in the case of payments made by the director under this division in subsequent calendar years, the amount distributed to the county from the local government fund;

(d) In the case of payments made by the director under this division, the total amount distributed to the county during the preceding calendar year from the public library fund.

Payments under this division shall be credited to the county's undivided income tax fund, except that, notwithstanding section 5705.14 of the Revised Code, such payments may be transferred by the board of county commissioners to the county general fund by resolution adopted with the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members thereof.

~~(C)~~(B) All payments received in each month from taxes imposed under Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code and any penalties or interest thereon shall be paid into the school district income tax fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury, except that an amount equal to the following portion of such payments shall be paid into the general school district income tax administrative fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury:

(1) One and three-quarters of one per cent of those received in fiscal year 1996;

(2) One and one-half per cent of those received in fiscal year 1997 and thereafter.

Money in the school district income tax administrative fund shall be used by the tax commissioner to defray costs incurred in administering the school district's income tax, including the cost of providing employers with information regarding the rate of tax imposed by any school district. Any moneys remaining in the fund after such use shall be deposited in the school district income tax fund.

All interest earned on moneys in the school district income tax fund shall be credited to the fund.

~~(D)~~(C)(1)(a) Within thirty days of the end of each calendar quarter ending on the last day of March, June, September, and December, the

director of budget and management shall make a payment from the school district income tax fund to each school district for which school district income tax revenue was received during that quarter. The amount of the payment shall equal the balance in the school district's account at the end of that quarter.

(b) After a school district ceases to levy an income tax, the director of budget and management shall adjust the payments under division ~~(D)~~(C)(1)(a) of this section to retain sufficient money in the school district's account to pay refunds. For the calendar quarters ending on the last day of March and December of the calendar year following the last calendar year the tax is levied, the director shall make the payments in the amount required under division ~~(D)~~(C)(1)(a) of this section. For the calendar quarter ending on the last day of June of the calendar year following the last calendar year the tax is levied, the director shall make a payment equal to nine-tenths of the balance in the account at the end of that quarter. For the calendar quarter ending on the last day of September of the calendar year following the last calendar year the tax is levied, the director shall make no payment. For the second and succeeding calendar years following the last calendar year the tax is levied, the director shall make one payment each year, within thirty days of the last day of June, in an amount equal to the balance in the district's account on the last day of June.

(2) Moneys paid to a school district under this division shall be deposited in its school district income tax fund. All interest earned on moneys in the school district income tax fund shall be apportioned by the tax commissioner pro rata among the school districts in the proportions and at the times the districts are entitled to receive payments under this division.

Sec. 5747.04. All reports, returns, and payments required of a taxpayer or employer by this chapter, except payments by electronic funds transfer as required under section 5747.072 of the Revised Code, shall be filed with the tax commissioner.

Upon receipt by ~~him~~ the commissioner of any payments under this chapter arising from a tax imposed under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code, the commissioner shall estimate and annually reconcile and determine for any amount paid by or on behalf of any taxpayer and for any amount shown due or owed to any taxpayer, the county to which such amount is attributable. The county of attribution is the county in which the taxpayer was a resident for one more than half of the number of days of the payroll period during which any income subject to taxation under this chapter was earned or, in the case of a nonresident taxpayer, ~~his~~ the nonresident taxpayer's principal county of employment. If there is no payroll period to

which such income can be attributed, the county of attribution is the county in which the taxpayer resided at the time ~~he~~ the taxpayer received such income.

The commissioner shall adopt such rules, including a requirement that each taxpayer indicate ~~his~~ the taxpayer's school district of residence on ~~his~~ the taxpayer's tax return, as are reasonably necessary to insure the efficient administration of this section and the distribution required by division ~~(B)~~(A) of section 5747.03 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5747.05. As used in this section, "income tax" includes both a tax on net income and a tax measured by net income.

The following credits shall be allowed against the aggregate income tax liability imposed by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code on individuals and estates:

(A)(1) The amount of tax otherwise due under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code on such portion of the combined adjusted gross income and business income of any nonresident taxpayer that is not allocable or apportionable to this state pursuant to sections 5747.20 to 5747.23 of the Revised Code. The credit provided under this division shall not exceed the total tax due under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code.

(2) The tax commissioner may enter into an agreement with the taxing authorities of any state or of the District of Columbia that imposes an income tax to provide that compensation paid in this state to a nonresident taxpayer shall not be subject to the tax levied in section 5747.02 of the Revised Code so long as compensation paid in such other state or in the District of Columbia to a resident taxpayer shall likewise not be subject to the income tax of such other state or of the District of Columbia.

(B) The lesser of division (B)(1) or (2) of this section:

(1) The aggregate amount of tax otherwise due under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code on such portion of the combined adjusted gross income and business income of a resident taxpayer that in another state or in the District of Columbia is subjected to an income tax. The credit provided under division (B)(1) of this section shall not exceed the total tax due under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code.

(2) The amount of income tax liability to another state or the District of Columbia on the portion of the combined adjusted gross income and business income of a resident taxpayer that in another state or in the District of Columbia is subjected to an income tax. The credit provided under division (B)(2) of this section shall not exceed the total amount of tax otherwise due under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code.

(3) If the credit provided under division (B) of this section is affected by

a change in either the portion of the combined adjusted gross income and business income of a resident taxpayer subjected to an income tax in another state or the District of Columbia or the amount of income tax liability that has been paid to another state or the District of Columbia, the taxpayer shall report the change to the tax commissioner within sixty days of the change in such form as the commissioner requires.

(a) In the case of an underpayment, the report shall be accompanied by payment of any additional tax due as a result of the reduction in credit together with interest on the additional tax and is a return subject to assessment under section 5747.13 of the Revised Code solely for the purpose of assessing any additional tax due under this division, together with any applicable penalty and interest. It shall not reopen the computation of the taxpayer's tax liability under this chapter from a previously filed return no longer subject to assessment except to the extent that such liability is affected by an adjustment to the credit allowed by division (B) of this section.

(b) In the case of an overpayment, an application for refund may be filed under this division within the sixty-day period prescribed for filing the report even if it is beyond the period prescribed in section 5747.11 of the Revised Code if it otherwise conforms to the requirements of such section. An application filed under this division shall only claim refund of overpayments resulting from an adjustment to the credit allowed by division (B) of this section unless it is also filed within the time prescribed in section 5747.11 of the Revised Code. It shall not reopen the computation of the taxpayer's tax liability except to the extent that such liability is affected by an adjustment to the credit allowed by division (B) of this section.

(4) No credit shall be allowed under division (B) of this section:

(a) For income tax paid or accrued to another state or to the District of Columbia if the taxpayer, when computing federal adjusted gross income, has directly or indirectly deducted, or was required to directly or indirectly deduct, the amount of that income tax;

(b) For compensation that is not subject to the income tax of another state or the District of Columbia as the result of an agreement entered into by the tax commissioner under division (A)(3) of this section; or

(c) For income tax paid or accrued to another state or the District of Columbia if the taxpayer fails to furnish such proof as the tax commissioner shall require that such income tax liability has been paid.

(C) An individual who is a resident for part of a taxable year and a nonresident for the remainder of the taxable year is allowed the credits under divisions (A) and (B) of this section in accordance with rules

prescribed by the tax commissioner. In no event shall the same income be subject to both credits.

(D) The credit allowed under division (A) of this section shall be calculated based upon the amount of tax due under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code after subtracting any other credits that precede the credit under that division in the order required under section 5747.98 of the Revised Code. The credit allowed under division (B) of this section shall be calculated based upon the amount of tax due under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code after subtracting any other credits that precede the credit under that division in the order required under section 5747.98 of the Revised Code.

(E)(1) On a joint return filed by a husband and wife, each of whom had adjusted gross income of at least five hundred dollars, exclusive of interest, dividends and distributions, royalties, rent, and capital gains, a credit equal to the lesser of six hundred fifty dollars or the percentage shown in column B that corresponds with the taxpayer's modified adjusted gross income, less exemptions for the taxable year, of the total amount of tax due after allowing for any other credit that precedes this credit as required under section 5747.98 of the Revised Code:

A.	B.
IF THE <u>MODIFIED</u> ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME, LESS EXEMPTIONS, FOR THE TAX YEAR IS:	THE CREDIT FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR IS:
\$25,000 or less	20%
More than \$25,000 but not more than \$50,000	15%
More than \$50,000 but not more than \$75,000	10%
More than \$75,000	5%

(2) The credit shall be claimed in the order required under section 5747.98 of the Revised Code.

(F) No claim for credit under this section shall be allowed unless the claimant furnishes such supporting information as the tax commissioner prescribes by rules.

Sec. 5747.054. In addition to all other credits allowed by this chapter, a credit shall be allowed against a taxpayer's aggregate tax liability under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code for taxpayers with modified adjusted gross income of less than forty thousand dollars. The amount of the credit shall equal twenty-five per cent of the federal dependent care credit for

which the taxpayer is eligible for the taxable year under section 21 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C.A. 21; except that the amount of the credit for a taxpayer with modified adjusted gross income of less than twenty thousand dollars shall equal the federal credit for which the taxpayer is eligible, in any case without regard to any limitation imposed by section 26 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C.A. 26.

The credit allowed by this section shall be claimed in the order required under section 5747.98 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5747.055. (A) As used in this section "retirement income" means retirement benefits, annuities, or distributions that are made from or pursuant to a pension, retirement, or profit-sharing plan and that:

(1) In the case of an individual, are received by the individual on account of retirement and are included in the individual's adjusted gross income;

(2) In the case of an estate, are payable to the estate for the benefit of the surviving spouse of the decedent and are included in the estate's taxable income.

(B) A credit shall be allowed against a taxpayer's aggregate tax liability under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code for taxpayers who received retirement income during the taxable year and whose modified adjusted gross income for the taxable year, less applicable exemptions under section 5747.025 of the Revised Code, as shown on an individual or joint annual return is less than one hundred thousand dollars. Only one such credit shall be allowed for each return, and the amount of the credit shall be computed in accordance with the following schedule:

AMOUNT OF RETIREMENT INCOME RECEIVED DURING THE TAXABLE YEAR	CREDIT FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR
\$500 or less	\$ 0
Over \$500 but not more than \$1,500	\$ 25
Over \$1,500 but not more than \$3,000	\$ 50
Over \$3,000 but not more than \$5,000	\$ 80
Over \$5,000 but not more than \$8,000	\$130
Over \$8,000	\$200

(C) A taxpayer who received a lump-sum distribution from a pension, retirement, or profit-sharing plan in the taxable year and whose modified adjusted gross income for the taxable year, less applicable exemptions under section 5747.025 of the Revised Code, as shown on an individual or joint annual return is less than one hundred thousand dollars, may elect to receive a credit under this division in lieu of the credit allowed under division (B) of

this section. A taxpayer making such an election is not entitled to the credit authorized under this division or division (B) of this section in subsequent taxable years. A taxpayer electing the credit under this division shall receive a credit for the taxable year against the taxpayer's aggregate tax liability under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code computed as follows:

(1) Divide the amount of retirement income received during the taxable year by the taxpayer's expected remaining life on the last day of the taxable year, as shown by annuity tables issued under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and in effect for the calendar year that includes the last day of the taxable year;

(2) Using the quotient thus obtained as the amount of retirement income received during the taxable year, compute the credit for the taxable year in accordance with division (B) of this section;

(3) Multiply the credit thus obtained by the taxpayer's expected remaining life. The product thus obtained shall be the credit under this division for the taxable year.

(D) If the credit under division (C) or (E) of this section exceeds the taxpayer's aggregate tax liability under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code for the taxable year after allowing for any other credit that precedes that credit in the order required under section 5747.98 of the Revised Code, the taxpayer may elect to receive a credit for each subsequent taxable year. The amount of the credit for each such year shall be computed as follows:

(1) Determine the amount by which the unused credit elected under division (C) or (E) of this section exceeded the total tax due for the taxable year after allowing for any preceding credit in the required order;

(2) Divide the amount of such excess by one year less than the taxpayer's expected remaining life on the last day of the taxable year of the distribution for which the credit was allowed under division (C) or (E) of this section. The quotient thus obtained shall be the credit for each subsequent year.

(E) If subsequent to the receipt of a lump-sum distribution and an election under division (C) of this section an individual receives another lump-sum distribution within one taxable year, and the taxpayer's modified adjusted gross income for the taxable year, less applicable exemptions under section 5747.025 of the Revised Code, as shown on an individual or joint annual return is less than one hundred thousand dollars, the taxpayer may elect to receive a credit for that taxable year. The credit shall equal the lesser of:

(1) A credit computed in the manner prescribed in division (C) of this section;

(2) The amount of credit, if any, to which the taxpayer would otherwise be entitled for the taxable year under division (D) of this section times the taxpayer's expected remaining life on the last day of the taxable year. A taxpayer who elects to receive a credit under this division is not entitled to a credit under this division or division (B) or (C) of this section for any subsequent year except as provided in division (D) of this section.

(F) A credit equal to fifty dollars for each return required to be filed under section 5747.08 of the Revised Code shall be allowed against a taxpayer's aggregate tax liability under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code for taxpayers sixty-five years of age or older during the taxable year whose modified adjusted gross income, less applicable exemptions under section 5747.025 of the Revised Code, as shown on an individual or joint annual return is less than one hundred thousand dollars for that taxable year.

(G) A taxpayer sixty-five years of age or older during the taxable year who has received a lump-sum distribution from a pension, retirement, or profit-sharing plan in the taxable year, and whose modified adjusted gross income, less applicable exemptions under section 5747.025 of the Revised Code, as shown on an individual or joint annual return is less than one hundred thousand dollars for that taxable year may elect to receive a credit under this division in lieu of the credit to which the taxpayer is entitled under division (F) of this section. A taxpayer making such an election shall receive a credit for the taxable year against the taxpayer's aggregate tax liability under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code equal to fifty dollars times the taxpayer's expected remaining life as shown by annuity tables issued under the Internal Revenue Code and in effect for the calendar year that includes the last day of the taxable year. A taxpayer making an election under this division is not entitled to the credit authorized under this division or division (F) of this section in subsequent taxable years.

(H) The credits allowed by this section shall be claimed in the order required under section 5747.98 of the Revised Code. The tax commissioner may require a taxpayer to furnish any information necessary to support a claim for credit under this section, and no credit shall be allowed unless such information is provided.

Sec. 5747.06. (A) Except as provided in division (E)(3) of this section, every employer, including the state and its political subdivisions, maintaining an office or transacting business within this state and making payment of any compensation to an employee who is a taxpayer shall deduct and withhold from such compensation for each payroll period a tax computed in such manner as to result, as far as practicable, in withholding from the employee's compensation during each calendar year an amount

substantially equivalent to the tax reasonably estimated to be due from the employee under this chapter and Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code with respect to the amount of such compensation included in the employee's adjusted gross income during the calendar year. The employer shall deduct and withhold the tax on the date that the employer directly, indirectly, or constructively pays the compensation to, or credits the compensation to the benefit of, the employee.

The method of determining the amount to be withheld shall be prescribed by rule of the tax commissioner. ~~Notwithstanding section 5747.02 of the Revised Code, the rule prescribed by the commissioner~~ The rule shall require that taxes are withheld on ~~the first ten thousand dollars of~~ a taxpayer's compensation at rates sufficient to ensure payment of the appropriate amount of tax reasonably estimated to be due.

In addition to any other exclusions from withholding permitted under this section, no tax shall be withheld by an employer from the compensation of an employee when such compensation is paid for:

(1) Agricultural labor as defined in division G of section 3121 of Title 26 of the United States Code;

(2) Domestic service in a private home, local college club, or local chapter of a college fraternity or sorority;

(3) Service performed in any calendar quarter by an employee unless the cash remuneration paid for such service is three hundred dollars or more and such service is performed by an individual who is regularly employed by such employer to perform such service;

(4) Services performed for a foreign government or an international organization;

(5) Services performed by an individual under the age of eighteen in the delivery or distribution of newspapers or shopping news, not including delivery or distribution to any point for subsequent delivery or distribution, or when performed by such individual under the age of eighteen under an arrangement where newspapers or magazines are to be sold by the individual at a fixed price, the individual's compensation being based on the retention of the excess of such price over the amount at which the newspapers or magazines are charged to the individual;

(6) Services not in the course of the employer's trade or business to the extent paid in any medium other than cash.

(B) Every employer required to deduct and withhold tax from the compensation of an employee under this chapter shall furnish to each employee, with respect to the compensation paid by such employer to such employee during the calendar year, on or before the thirty-first day of

January of the succeeding year, or, if the employee's employment is terminated before the close of such calendar year, within thirty days from the date on which the last payment of compensation was made, a written statement as prescribed by the tax commissioner showing the amount of compensation paid by the employer to the employee, the amount deducted and withheld as state income tax, any amount deducted and withheld as school district income tax for each applicable school district, and any other information as the commissioner prescribes.

(C) The failure of an employer to withhold tax as required by this section does not relieve an employee from the liability for the tax. The failure of an employer to remit the tax as required by law does not relieve an employee from liability for the tax if the tax commissioner ascertains that the employee colluded with the employer with respect to the failure to remit the tax.

(D) If an employer fails to deduct and withhold any tax as required, and thereafter the tax is paid, the tax so required to be deducted and withheld shall not be collected from the employer, but the employer is not relieved from liability for penalties and interest otherwise applicable in respect to the failure to deduct and withhold the tax.

(E) To ensure that taxes imposed pursuant to Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code are deducted and withheld as provided in this section:

(1) An employer shall request that each employee furnish the name of the employee's school district of residence;

(2) Each employee shall furnish the employer with sufficient and correct information to enable the employer to withhold the taxes imposed under Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code. The employee shall provide additional or corrected information whenever information previously provided to the employer becomes insufficient or incorrect.

(3) If the employer complies with the requirements of division (E)(1) of this section and if the employee fails to comply with the requirements of division (E)(2) of this section, the employer is not required to withhold and pay the taxes imposed under Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code and is not subject to any penalties and interest otherwise applicable for failing to deduct and withhold such taxes.

Sec. 5747.08. An annual return with respect to the tax imposed by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code and each tax imposed under Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code shall be made by every taxpayer for any taxable year for which the taxpayer is liable for the tax imposed by that section or under that chapter, unless the total credits allowed under division (E) of section 5747.05 and divisions (F) and (G) of section 5747.055 of the

Revised Code for the year are equal to or exceed the tax imposed by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code, in which case no return shall be required unless the taxpayer is liable for a tax imposed pursuant to Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code.

(A) If an individual is deceased, any return or notice required of that individual under this chapter shall be made and filed by that decedent's executor, administrator, or other person charged with the property of that decedent.

(B) If an individual is unable to make a return or notice required by this chapter, the return or notice required of that individual shall be made and filed by the individual's duly authorized agent, guardian, conservator, fiduciary, or other person charged with the care of the person or property of that individual.

(C) Returns or notices required of an estate or a trust shall be made and filed by the fiduciary of the estate or trust.

(D)(1)(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (D)(1)(b) of this section, any pass-through entity may file a single return on behalf of one or more of the entity's investors other than an investor that is a person subject to the tax imposed under section 5733.06 of the Revised Code. The single return shall set forth the name, address, and social security number or other identifying number of each of those pass-through entity investors and shall indicate the distributive share of each of those pass-through entity investor's income taxable in this state in accordance with sections 5747.20 to 5747.231 of the Revised Code. Such pass-through entity investors for whom the pass-through entity elects to file a single return are not entitled to the exemption or credit provided for by sections 5747.02 and 5747.022 of the Revised Code; shall calculate the tax before business credits at the highest rate of tax set forth in section 5747.02 of the Revised Code for the taxable year for which the return is filed; and are entitled to only their distributive share of the business credits as defined in division (D)(2) of this section. A single check drawn by the pass-through entity shall accompany the return in full payment of the tax due, as shown on the single return, for such investors, other than investors who are persons subject to the tax imposed under section 5733.06 of the Revised Code.

(b)(i) A pass-through entity shall not include in such a single return any investor that is a trust to the extent that any direct or indirect current, future, or contingent beneficiary of the trust is a person subject to the tax imposed under section 5733.06 of the Revised Code.

(ii) A pass-through entity shall not include in such a single return any investor that is itself a pass-through entity to the extent that any direct or

indirect investor in the second pass-through entity is a person subject to the tax imposed under section 5733.06 of the Revised Code.

(c) Nothing in division (D) of this section precludes the tax commissioner from requiring such investors to file the return and make the payment of taxes and related interest, penalty, and interest penalty required by this section or section 5747.02, 5747.09, or 5747.15 of the Revised Code. Nothing in division (D) of this section precludes such an investor from filing the annual return under this section, utilizing the refundable credit equal to the investor's proportionate share of the tax paid by the pass-through entity on behalf of the investor under division (I) of this section, and making the payment of taxes imposed under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code. Nothing in division (D) of this section shall be construed to provide to such an investor or pass-through entity any additional deduction or credit, other than the credit provided by division (I) of this section, solely on account of the entity's filing a return in accordance with this section. Such a pass-through entity also shall make the filing and payment of estimated taxes on behalf of the pass-through entity investors other than an investor that is a person subject to the tax imposed under section 5733.06 of the Revised Code.

(2) For the purposes of this section, "business credits" means the credits listed in section 5747.98 of the Revised Code excluding the following credits:

(a) The retirement income credit under division (B) of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code;

(b) The senior citizen credit under division (F) of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code;

(c) The lump sum distribution credit under division (G) of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code;

(d) The dependent care credit under section 5747.054 of the Revised Code;

(e) The lump sum retirement income credit under division (C) of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code;

(f) The lump sum retirement income credit under division (D) of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code;

(g) The lump sum retirement income credit under division (E) of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code;

(h) The credit for displaced workers who pay for job training under section 5747.27 of the Revised Code;

(i) The twenty-dollar personal exemption credit under section 5747.022 of the Revised Code;

(j) The joint filing credit under division (E) of section 5747.05 of the Revised Code;

(k) The nonresident credit under division (A) of section 5747.05 of the Revised Code;

(l) The credit for a resident's out-of-state income under division (B) of section 5747.05 of the Revised Code;

(m) The earned income tax credit under section 5747.71 of the Revised Code;

(n) The lead abatement credit under section 5747.26 of the Revised Code.

(3) The election provided for under division (D) of this section applies only to the taxable year for which the election is made by the pass-through entity. Unless the tax commissioner provides otherwise, this election, once made, is binding and irrevocable for the taxable year for which the election is made. Nothing in this division shall be construed to provide for any deduction or credit that would not be allowable if a nonresident pass-through entity investor were to file an annual return.

(4) If a pass-through entity makes the election provided for under division (D) of this section, the pass-through entity shall be liable for any additional taxes, interest, interest penalty, or penalties imposed by this chapter if the tax commissioner finds that the single return does not reflect the correct tax due by the pass-through entity investors covered by that return. Nothing in this division shall be construed to limit or alter the liability, if any, imposed on pass-through entity investors for unpaid or underpaid taxes, interest, interest penalty, or penalties as a result of the pass-through entity's making the election provided for under division (D) of this section. For the purposes of division (D) of this section, "correct tax due" means the tax that would have been paid by the pass-through entity had the single return been filed in a manner reflecting the commissioner's findings. Nothing in division (D) of this section shall be construed to make or hold a pass-through entity liable for tax attributable to a pass-through entity investor's income from a source other than the pass-through entity electing to file the single return.

(E) If a husband and wife file a joint federal income tax return for a taxable year, they shall file a joint return under this section for that taxable year, and their liabilities are joint and several, but, if the federal income tax liability of either spouse is determined on a separate federal income tax return, they shall file separate returns under this section.

If either spouse is not required to file a federal income tax return and either or both are required to file a return pursuant to this chapter, they may

elect to file separate or joint returns, and, pursuant to that election, their liabilities are separate or joint and several. If a husband and wife file separate returns pursuant to this chapter, each must claim the taxpayer's own exemption, but not both, as authorized under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code on the taxpayer's own return.

(F) Each return or notice required to be filed under this section shall contain the signature of the taxpayer or the taxpayer's duly authorized agent and of the person who prepared the return for the taxpayer, and shall include the taxpayer's social security number. Each return shall be verified by a declaration under the penalties of perjury. The tax commissioner shall prescribe the form that the signature and declaration shall take.

(G) Each return or notice required to be filed under this section shall be made and filed as required by section 5747.04 of the Revised Code, on or before the fifteenth day of April of each year, on forms that the tax commissioner shall prescribe, together with remittance made payable to the treasurer of state in the combined amount of the state and all school district income taxes shown to be due on the form.

Upon good cause shown, the commissioner may extend the period for filing any notice or return required to be filed under this section and may adopt rules relating to extensions. If the extension results in an extension of time for the payment of any state or school district income tax liability with respect to which the return is filed, the taxpayer shall pay at the time the tax liability is paid an amount of interest computed at the rate per annum prescribed by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code on that liability from the time that payment is due without extension to the time of actual payment. Except as provided in section 5747.132 of the Revised Code, in addition to all other interest charges and penalties, all taxes imposed under this chapter or Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code and remaining unpaid after they become due, except combined amounts due of one dollar or less, bear interest at the rate per annum prescribed by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code until paid or until the day an assessment is issued under section 5747.13 of the Revised Code, whichever occurs first.

If the commissioner considers it necessary in order to ensure the payment of the tax imposed by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code or any tax imposed under Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code, the commissioner may require returns and payments to be made otherwise than as provided in this section.

To the extent that any provision in this division conflicts with any provision in section 5747.026 of the Revised Code, the provision in that section prevails.

(H) The amounts withheld by an employer pursuant to section 5747.06 of the Revised Code, a casino operator pursuant to section 5747.063 of the Revised Code, or a lottery sales agent pursuant to section 5747.064 of the Revised Code shall be allowed to the recipient of the compensation casino winnings, or lottery prize award as credits against payment of the appropriate taxes imposed on the recipient by section 5747.02 and under Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code.

(I) If a pass-through entity elects to file a single return under division (D) of this section and if any investor is required to file the annual return and make the payment of taxes required by this chapter on account of the investor's other income that is not included in a single return filed by a pass-through entity or any other investor elects to file the annual return, the investor is entitled to a refundable credit equal to the investor's proportionate share of the tax paid by the pass-through entity on behalf of the investor. The investor shall claim the credit for the investor's taxable year in which or with which ends the taxable year of the pass-through entity. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to allow any credit provided in this chapter to be claimed more than once. For the purpose of computing any interest, penalty, or interest penalty, the investor shall be deemed to have paid the refundable credit provided by this division on the day that the pass-through entity paid the estimated tax or the tax giving rise to the credit.

(J) The tax commissioner shall ensure that each return required to be filed under this section includes a box that the taxpayer may check to authorize a paid tax preparer who prepared the return to communicate with the department of taxation about matters pertaining to the return. The return or instructions accompanying the return shall indicate that by checking the box the taxpayer authorizes the department of taxation to contact the preparer concerning questions that arise during the processing of the return and authorizes the preparer only to provide the department with information that is missing from the return, to contact the department for information about the processing of the return or the status of the taxpayer's refund or payments, and to respond to notices about mathematical errors, offsets, or return preparation that the taxpayer has received from the department and has shown to the preparer.

(K) The tax commissioner shall permit individual taxpayers to instruct the department of taxation to cause any refund of overpaid taxes to be deposited directly into a checking account, savings account, or an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity, or preexisting college savings plan or program account offered by the Ohio tuition trust authority under Chapter 3334. of the Revised Code, as designated by the taxpayer,

when the taxpayer files the annual return required by this section electronically.

(L) The tax commissioner may adopt rules to administer this section.

Sec. 5747.10. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Audited partnership" means a partnership subject to an examination by the internal revenue service pursuant to subchapter C, chapter 63, subtitle F of the Internal Revenue Code resulting in a federal adjustment.

(2)(a) "Direct investor" means a partner or other investor that holds a direct interest in a pass-through entity.

(b) "Indirect investor" means a partner or other investor that holds an interest in a pass-through entity that itself holds an interest, directly or through another indirect partner or other investor, in a pass-through entity.

(3) "Exempt partner" means a partner that is neither a pass-through entity nor a person subject to the tax imposed by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Federal adjustment" means a change to an item or amount required to be determined under the Internal Revenue Code that directly or indirectly affects a taxpayer's aggregate tax liability under section 5747.02 or Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code and that results from an action or examination by the internal revenue service, or from the filing of an amended federal tax return, a claim for a federal tax refund, or an administrative adjustment request filed by a partnership under section 6227 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(5) "Federal adjustments return" means the form or other document prescribed by the tax commissioner for use by a taxpayer in reporting final federal adjustments.

(6) "State partnership representative" means either of the following:

(a) The person who served as the partnership's representative for federal income tax purposes, pursuant to section 6223(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, during the corresponding federal partnership audit;

(b) The person designated, on a form prescribed by the tax commissioner, to serve as the partnership's representative during the state partnership audit. The commissioner may establish reasonable qualifications and procedures for a person to be designated as a state partnership representative under this division.

(7) A federal adjustment is "final" or "agreed to or finally determined for federal income tax purposes" on any of the following:

(a) The day after which the period for appeal of a federal assessment has expired;

(b) The date on a refund check issued by the internal revenue service; or

(c) For agreements required to be signed by the internal revenue service and the taxpayer or audited partnership, the date on which the last party signed the agreement.

(B) If any of the facts, figures, computations, or attachments required in a taxpayer's annual return to determine the tax charged by this chapter or Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code must be altered as the result of ~~an a final federal adjustment to the taxpayer's federal income tax return, whether initiated by the taxpayer or the internal revenue service, and such alteration affects the taxpayer's tax liability under this chapter or Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code, and the federal adjustment is not required to be reported under division (C) of this section,~~ the taxpayer shall file an amended return with the tax commissioner in such form as the commissioner requires. The amended return shall be filed not later than ~~sixty~~ ninety days after the federal adjustment has been agreed to or finally determined for federal income tax purposes or any federal income tax deficiency or refund, or the abatement or credit resulting therefrom, has been assessed or paid, whichever occurs first.

(A)(C) Except for adjustments required to be reported for federal purposes pursuant to section 6225(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and adjustments that are taken into account on a federal amended return or similar report filed pursuant to section 6225(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, partnerships and partners shall report final federal adjustments and make payments as required under division (C) of this section.

(1) With respect to an action required or permitted to be taken by a partnership under this section, and any petition for reassessment or appeal to the board of tax appeals or any court with respect to such an action, the state partnership representative shall have the sole authority to act on behalf of the audited partnership, and the partnership's direct and indirect investors shall be bound by those actions.

(2) Unless an audited partnership makes the election under division (C)(3) of this section:

(a) The audited partnership, through its state partnership representative, shall do all of the following within ninety days after the federal adjustment is final:

(i) File a federal adjustments return with the tax commissioner, including a copy of the notifications provided under division (C)(2)(a)(ii) of this section;

(ii) Notify each of its direct investors, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, of the investor's distributive share of the final federal adjustments;

(iii) File an amended tax return on behalf of its nonresident direct investors and pay any additional tax that would have been due under sections 5733.41 and 5747.41, or division (D) of section 5747.08, of the Revised Code with respect to those direct investors had the final federal adjustments been reported properly on the original filing.

(b) Each direct investor that is subject to the tax imposed by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code shall file an original or amended tax return to include the investor's distributive share of the adjustments reported to the direct investor under division (C)(2)(a) of this section, and pay any additional tax due, within ninety days after the audited partnership files its federal adjustments return with the commissioner.

(c)(i) Each direct and indirect investor of an audited partnership that is a pass-through entity and all investors in such a pass-through entity that are subject to the filing and payment requirements of Chapters 5733. and 5747. of the Revised Code are subject to the reporting and payment requirements of division (C)(2) or, upon a timely election, division (C)(3) of this section.

(ii) Such direct and indirect investors shall make the required returns and payments within ninety days after the deadline for filing and furnishing statements under section 6226(b)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and applicable treasury regulations.

(3) If an audited partnership makes the election under this division, the audited partnership, through its state partnership representative, shall do all of the following within ninety days after all federal adjustments are final:

(a) File a federal adjustments return with the tax commissioner indicating the partnership has made the election under division (C)(3) of this section:

(b) Pay the amount of combined additional tax due under division (D)(2) of this section, calculated by multiplying the highest rate of tax set forth in section 5747.02 of the Revised Code by the sum of the following:

(i) The distributive shares of the final federal adjustments that are allocable or apportionable to this state of each investor who is a nonresident taxpayer or pass-through entity;

(ii) The distributive share of the final federal adjustments for each investor who is a resident taxpayer.

(c) Notify each of its direct investors, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, of the investor's distributive share of the final federal adjustments and the amount paid on their behalf pursuant to division (C)(3)(b) of this section.

(4)(a) A direct investor of an audited partnership is not required to file an amended return or pay tax otherwise due under section 5747.02 of the

Revised Code if the audited partnership properly reports and pays the tax under division (C)(3) of this section.

(b)(i) Nothing in division (C) of this section precludes a direct or indirect investor in the audited partnership from filing a return to report the investor's share of the final federal adjustments. Such an investor who files a return and reports the income related to the final federal adjustments is entitled to a refundable credit for taxes paid by the audited partnership under division (C)(3)(b) of this section. The credit shall be computed and claimed in the same manner as the credit allowed under division (I) of section 5747.08 of the Revised Code.

(ii) Notwithstanding division (C)(4)(b)(i) of this section, an exempt partner, whether a direct or indirect investor, may file an application for refund of its proportionate share of the amounts erroneously paid by the audited partnership pursuant to division (C)(3)(b) of this section on the exempt partner's behalf.

(5) Upon request by an audited partnership, the tax commissioner may agree, in writing, to allow an alternative method of reporting and payment than required by divisions (C)(2) or (3) of this section. The request must be submitted to the commissioner in writing before the applicable deadline for filing a return under division (C)(2)(a) or (3) of this section. The commissioner's decision on whether to enter into an agreement under this division is not subject to further administrative review or appeal.

(6) Nothing in division (C) of this section precludes either of the following:

(a) A resident taxpayer from filing a return to claim the credit under division (B) of section 5747.05 or division (D)(2) of section 5747.02 of the Revised Code based upon any amounts paid by the audited partnership on such investor's behalf to another state.

(b) The tax commissioner from issuing an assessment under this chapter against any direct or indirect investor for taxes due from the investor if an audited partnership, or direct and indirect investor of an audited partnership that is a pass-through entity, fails to timely file any return or remit any payment required by this section or underreports income or underpays tax on behalf of an indirect investor who is a resident taxpayer.

(D) In the case of an underpayment, ~~the~~ and unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the tax commissioner:

(1) The taxpayer's amended return shall be accompanied by payment of any combined additional tax due together with interest thereon. An amended return required by this section is a return subject to assessment under section 5747.13 of the Revised Code for the purpose of assessing any additional tax

due under this section, together with any applicable penalty and interest. It shall not reopen those facts, figures, computations, or attachments from a previously filed return no longer subject to assessment that are not affected, either directly or indirectly, by the final federal adjustment to the taxpayer's federal income tax return.

~~(B)~~(2) The audited partnership's federal adjustments return shall be accompanied by payment of any combined additional tax due together with interest thereon. The federal adjustments return required by this section is a return subject to assessment under section 5747.13 of the Revised Code for the purpose of assessing any additional tax due under this section, together with any applicable penalty and interest. It shall not reopen those facts, figures, computations, or attachments from a previously filed return no longer subject to assessment that are not affected, either directly or indirectly, by the final federal adjustment.

(3) The tax commissioner may accept estimated payments of the tax arising from pending federal adjustments before the date for filing a federal adjustments return. The commissioner may adopt rules for the payment of such estimated taxes.

(E) In the case of an overpayment, and unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the tax commissioner:

(1) A taxpayer may file an application for refund ~~may be filed~~ under this division within the ~~sixty-day~~ ninety-day period prescribed for filing the amended return even if it is filed beyond the period prescribed in section 5747.11 of the Revised Code if it otherwise conforms to the requirements of such section. An application filed under this division shall claim refund of overpayments resulting from alterations to only those facts, figures, computations, or attachments required in the taxpayer's annual return that are affected, either directly or indirectly, by the final federal adjustment to the taxpayer's federal income tax return unless it is also filed within the time prescribed in section 5747.11 of the Revised Code. It shall not reopen those facts, figures, computations, or attachments that are not affected, either directly or indirectly, by the adjustment to the taxpayer's federal income tax return.

(2)(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (E)(2)(b) of this section, an audited partnership may file an application for a refund under this division within the ninety-day period prescribed for filing the federal adjustments return, even if it is filed beyond the period prescribed by section 5747.11 of the Revised Code, if it otherwise conforms to the requirements of that section. An application filed under this division may claim a refund of overpayments resulting only from final federal adjustments unless it is

also filed within the time prescribed by section 5747.11 of the Revised Code. It shall not reopen those facts, figures, computations, or attachments that are not affected, either directly or indirectly, by the federal adjustment.

(b) An audited partnership may not file an application for refund under division (E) of this section based on final federal adjustments described in section 6225(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(3) Any refund granted to a pass-through entity filing an application for refund under division (E) of this section shall be reduced by amounts previously claimed as a credit under section 5747.059 or division (I) of section 5747.08 of the Revised Code by the pass-through entity's direct or indirect investors.

(F) Excluding the deadline in division (C)(2)(c)(ii) of this section, an audited partnership, or a direct or indirect investor of an audited partnership that is a pass-through entity, may automatically extend the deadline for reporting, payments, and refunds under this section by sixty days if the entity has ten thousand or more direct investors and notifies the commissioner of such extension, in writing, before the unextended deadline.

Sec. 5747.11. (A) The tax commissioner shall refund to employers, qualifying entities, or taxpayers subject to a tax imposed under section 5733.41, 5747.02, or 5747.41, or Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code the amount of any overpayment of such tax.

(B) Except as otherwise provided under divisions (D) and (E) of this section, applications for refund shall be filed with the tax commissioner, on the form prescribed by the commissioner, within four years from the date of the illegal, erroneous, or excessive payment of the tax, or within any additional period allowed by division (B)(3)(b) of section 5747.05, division ~~(B)~~(E) of section 5747.10, division (A) of section 5747.13, or division (C) of section 5747.45 of the Revised Code.

On filing of the refund application, the commissioner shall determine the amount of refund due and, if that amount exceeds one dollar, certify such amount to the director of budget and management and treasurer of state for payment from the tax refund fund created by section 5703.052 of the Revised Code. Payment shall be made as provided in division (C) of section 126.35 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) Interest shall be allowed and paid at the rate per annum prescribed by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code on amounts refunded with respect to the tax imposed under section 5747.02 or Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code from the date of the overpayment until the date of the refund of the overpayment, except that if any overpayment is refunded within ninety days after the final filing date of the annual return or ninety

days after the return is filed, whichever is later, no interest shall be allowed on such overpayment. If the overpayment results from the carryback of a net operating loss or net capital loss to a previous taxable year, the overpayment is deemed not to have been made prior to the filing date, including any extension thereof, for the taxable year in which the net operating loss or net capital loss arises. For purposes of the payment of interest on overpayments, no amount of tax, for any taxable year, shall be treated as having been paid before the date on which the tax return for that year was due without regard to any extension of time for filing such return.

(2) Interest shall be allowed at the rate per annum prescribed by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code on amounts refunded with respect to the taxes imposed under sections 5733.41 and 5747.41 of the Revised Code. The interest shall run from whichever of the following days is the latest until the day the refund is paid: the day the illegal, erroneous, or excessive payment was made; the ninetieth day after the final day the annual report was required to be filed under section 5747.42 of the Revised Code; or the ninetieth day after the day that report was filed.

(D) "Ninety days" shall be substituted for "four years" in division (B) of this section if the taxpayer satisfies both of the following conditions:

(1) The taxpayer has applied for a refund based in whole or in part upon section 5747.059 of the Revised Code;

(2) The taxpayer asserts that either the imposition or collection of the tax imposed or charged by this chapter or any portion of such tax violates the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of Ohio.

(E)(1) Division (E)(2) of this section applies only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) A qualifying entity pays an amount of the tax imposed by section 5733.41 or 5747.41 of the Revised Code;

(b) The taxpayer is a qualifying investor as to that qualifying entity;

(c) The taxpayer did not claim the credit provided for in section 5747.059 of the Revised Code as to the tax described in division (E)(1)(a) of this section;

(d) The four-year period described in division (B) of this section has ended as to the taxable year for which the taxpayer otherwise would have claimed that credit.

(2) A taxpayer shall file an application for refund pursuant to division (E) of this section within one year after the date the payment described in division (E)(1)(a) of this section is made. An application filed under division (E)(2) of this section shall claim refund only of overpayments resulting from the taxpayer's failure to claim the credit described in division (E)(1)(c) of

this section. Nothing in division (E) of this section shall be construed to relieve a taxpayer from complying with division (A)(16) of section 5747.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5747.26. (A) Terms used in this section have the same meanings as in section 3742.50 of the Revised Code.

(B) There is hereby allowed a nonrefundable credit against a taxpayer's aggregate tax liability under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code for a taxpayer to whom a lead abatement tax credit certificate was issued under section 3742.50 of the Revised Code. The credit equals the amount listed on the certificate and shall be claimed for the taxable year in which the certificate was issued.

The credit shall be claimed in the order required under section 5747.98 of the Revised Code. If the credit exceeds the taxpayer's aggregate tax due under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code for that taxable year after allowing for credits that precede the credit under this section in that order, such excess shall be allowed as a credit in each of the ensuing seven taxable years, but the amount of any excess credit allowed in any such taxable year shall be deducted from the balance carried forward to the ensuing taxable year.

(C) The taxpayer shall provide, upon request of the tax commissioner, any documentation necessary to verify the taxpayer is entitled to the credit under this section.

Sec. 5747.50. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "County's proportionate share of the calendar year 2007 LGF and LGRAF distributions" means the percentage computed for the county under division (B)(1)(a) of section 5747.501 of the Revised Code.

(2) "County's proportionate share of the total amount of the local government fund additional revenue formula" means each county's proportionate share of the state's population as determined for and certified to the county for distributions to be made during the current calendar year under division (B)(2)(a) of section 5747.501 of the Revised Code. If prior to the first day of January of the current calendar year the federal government has issued a revision to the population figures reflected in the estimate produced pursuant to division (B)(2)(a) of section 5747.501 of the Revised Code, such revised population figures shall be used for making the distributions during the current calendar year.

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

(a) The total amount available for distribution to counties from the local

government fund during the current month.

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

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

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

(B) On or before the tenth day of each month, the tax commissioner shall provide for payment to each county an amount equal to the sum of:

(1) The county's proportionate share of the calendar year 2007 LGF and LGRAF distributions multiplied by the 2007 LGF and LGRAF county distribution base available in that month, provided that if the 2007 LGF and LGRAF county distribution base available in that month is zero, no payment shall be made under division (B)(1) of this section for the month or the remainder of the calendar year; and

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

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

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

(a) "Total amount available for distribution to municipalities during the current month" means the difference obtained by subtracting one million

dollars from the product obtained by multiplying the total amount available for distribution from the local government fund during the current month by the aggregate municipal share.

(b) "Aggregate municipal share" means the quotient obtained by dividing the total amount distributed directly from the local government fund to municipal corporations during calendar year 2007 by the total distributions from the local government fund and local government revenue assistance fund during calendar year 2007.

(c) A municipal corporation's "distribution share" equals one of the following:

(i) For municipal corporations with a population of more than fifty thousand, fifty thousand;

(ii) For municipal corporations with a population of less than one thousand, zero;

(iii) For all other municipal corporations, the municipal corporation's population.

(d) A municipal corporation's "distribution percentage" equals the percentage that a municipal corporation's distribution share is of the total of all municipal corporations' distribution shares.

(2) On or before the tenth day of each month, the tax commissioner shall provide for payment from the local government fund to each municipal corporation an amount equal to the product derived by multiplying the municipal corporation's distribution percentage ~~of the total amount distributed to all such municipal corporations under this division during calendar year 2007~~ by the total amount available for distribution to municipal corporations during the current month.

(3) Payments received by a municipal corporation under this division shall be paid into its general fund and may be used for any lawful purpose.

(4) The amount distributed to municipal corporations under this division during any calendar year shall not exceed the amount distributed directly from the local government fund to municipal corporations during calendar year 2007. If that maximum amount is reached during any month, distributions to municipal corporations in that month shall be as provided in divisions (C)(1) and (2) of this section, but no further distributions shall be made to municipal corporations under division (C) of this section during the remainder of the calendar year.

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

municipal corporations under this division shall be increased on a pro rata basis.

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

(D) Each municipal corporation which has in effect a tax imposed under Chapter 718. of the Revised Code shall, no later than the thirty-first day of August of each year, certify to the tax commissioner, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, the amount of income tax revenue collected and refunded by such municipal corporation pursuant to such chapter during the preceding calendar year, arranged, when possible, by the type of income from which the revenue was collected or the refund was issued. The municipal corporation shall also report the amount of income tax revenue collected and refunded on behalf of a joint economic development district or a joint economic development zone that levies an income tax administered by the municipal corporation and the amount of such revenue distributed to contracting parties during the preceding calendar year. The tax commissioner may withhold payment of local government fund moneys pursuant to division (C) of this section from any municipal corporation for failure to comply with this reporting requirement.

(E)(1) For the purposes of division (E) of this section:

(a) "Eligible taxing district" means a township, township fire district, or joint fire district for which the total taxable value of eligible power plants for tax year 2017 is at least thirty per cent less than the total taxable value of eligible power plants for tax year 2016.

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

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

(d) "Taxable property" has the same meaning as in section 5727.01 of the Revised Code.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Money received into the treasury of a county under division (E) of this section shall be credited to the undivided local government fund in the treasury of the county on or before the fifteenth day of each month. On or before the twentieth day of each month, the county auditor shall issue warrants against the undivided local government fund for the amounts attributable to each eligible taxing district, and the treasurer shall distribute and pay such amounts to each eligible taxing district. Money received by a township fire district or joint fire district under this division shall be credited to the district's general fund and may be used for any lawful purpose of the district. Money received by a township under this division shall be credited to the township's general fund and shall be used for the purpose of funding fire, police, emergency medical, or ambulance services.

Sec. 5747.98. (A) To provide a uniform procedure for calculating a taxpayer's aggregate tax liability under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code, a taxpayer shall claim any credits to which the taxpayer is entitled in the

following order:

(1) Either the retirement income credit under division (B) of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code or the lump sum retirement income credits under divisions (C), (D), and (E) of that section;

(2) Either the senior citizen credit under division (F) of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code or the lump sum distribution credit under division (G) of that section;

(3) The dependent care credit under section 5747.054 of the Revised Code;

(4) The credit for displaced workers who pay for job training under section 5747.27 of the Revised Code;

~~(5) The campaign contribution credit under section 5747.29 of the Revised Code;~~

~~(6)~~ The twenty-dollar personal exemption credit under section 5747.022 of the Revised Code;

~~(7)~~(6) The joint filing credit under division (G) of section 5747.05 of the Revised Code;

~~(8)~~(7) The earned income credit under section 5747.71 of the Revised Code;

~~(9)~~(8) The credit for adoption of a minor child under section 5747.37 of the Revised Code;

~~(10)~~(9) The nonrefundable job retention credit under division (B) of section 5747.058 of the Revised Code;

~~(11)~~(10) The enterprise zone credit under section 5709.66 of the Revised Code;

~~(12)~~(11) The ethanol plant investment credit under section 5747.75 of the Revised Code;

~~(13)~~(12) The credit for purchases of qualifying grape production property under section 5747.28 of the Revised Code;

~~(14)~~(13) The small business investment credit under section 5747.81 of the Revised Code;

~~(15)~~(14) The nonrefundable lead abatement credit under section 5747.26 of the Revised Code;

(15) The opportunity zone investment credit under section 122.84 of the Revised Code;

(16) The enterprise zone credits under section 5709.65 of the Revised Code;

~~(16)~~(17) The research and development credit under section 5747.331 of the Revised Code;

~~(17)~~(18) The credit for rehabilitating a historic building under section

5747.76 of the Revised Code;

~~(18)~~(19) The nonresident credit under division (A) of section 5747.05 of the Revised Code;

~~(19)~~(20) The credit for a resident's out-of-state income under division (B) of section 5747.05 of the Revised Code;

~~(20)~~(21) The refundable motion picture and Broadway theatrical production credit under section 5747.66 of the Revised Code;

~~(21)~~(22) The refundable jobs creation credit or job retention credit under division (A) of section 5747.058 of the Revised Code;

~~(22)~~(23) The refundable credit for taxes paid by a qualifying entity granted under section 5747.059 of the Revised Code;

~~(23)~~(24) The refundable credits for taxes paid by a qualifying pass-through entity granted under division (I) of section 5747.08 of the Revised Code;

~~(24)~~(25) The refundable credit under section 5747.80 of the Revised Code for losses on loans made to the Ohio venture capital program under sections 150.01 to 150.10 of the Revised Code;

~~(25)~~(26) The refundable credit for rehabilitating a historic building under section 5747.76 of the Revised Code;

~~(26) The refundable credit for financial institution taxes paid by a pass-through entity granted under section 5747.65 of the Revised Code.~~

(B) For any credit, except the refundable credits enumerated in this section and the credit granted under division (H) of section 5747.08 of the Revised Code, the amount of the credit for a taxable year shall not exceed the taxpayer's aggregate amount of tax due under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code, after allowing for any other credit that precedes it in the order required under this section. Any excess amount of a particular credit may be carried forward if authorized under the section creating that credit. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to allow a taxpayer to claim, directly or indirectly, a credit more than once for a taxable year.

Sec. 5748.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "School district income tax" means an income tax adopted under one of the following:

(1) Former section 5748.03 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to its repeal by Amended Substitute House Bill No. 291 of the 115th general assembly;

(2) Section 5748.03 of the Revised Code as enacted in Substitute Senate Bill No. 28 of the 118th general assembly;

(3) Section 5748.08 of the Revised Code as enacted in Amended Substitute Senate Bill No. 17 of the 122nd general assembly;

(4) Section 5748.021 of the Revised Code;

(5) Section 5748.081 of the Revised Code;

(6) Section 5748.09 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Individual" means an individual subject to the tax levied by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Estate" means an estate subject to the tax levied by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Taxable year" means a taxable year as defined in division (M) of section 5747.01 of the Revised Code.

(E) "Taxable income" means:

(1) In the case of an individual, one of the following, as specified in the resolution imposing the tax:

(a) ~~Ohio Modified~~ adjusted gross income for the taxable year, as defined in ~~division (A) of section 5747.01 of the Revised Code, less the exemptions provided by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code, plus any amount deducted under division (A)(31) of section 5747.01 of the Revised Code for the taxable year;~~

(b) Wages, salaries, tips, and other employee compensation to the extent included in ~~Ohio modified~~ adjusted gross income as defined in section 5747.01 of the Revised Code, and net earnings from self-employment, as defined in section 1402(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, to the extent included in ~~Ohio modified~~ adjusted gross income.

(2) In the case of an estate, taxable income for the taxable year as defined in division (S) of section 5747.01 of the Revised Code.

(F) "Resident" of the school district means:

(1) An individual who is a resident of this state as defined in division (I) of section 5747.01 of the Revised Code during all or a portion of the taxable year and who, during all or a portion of such period of state residency, is domiciled in the school district or lives in and maintains a permanent place of abode in the school district;

(2) An estate of a decedent who, at the time of death, was domiciled in the school district.

(G) "School district income" means:

(1) With respect to an individual, the portion of the taxable income of an individual that is received by the individual during the portion of the taxable year that the individual is a resident of the school district and the school district income tax is in effect in that school district. An individual may have school district income with respect to more than one school district.

(2) With respect to an estate, the taxable income of the estate for the portion of the taxable year that the school district income tax is in effect in

that school district.

(H) "Taxpayer" means an individual or estate having school district income upon which a school district income tax is imposed.

(I) "School district purposes" means any of the purposes for which a tax may be levied pursuant to division (A) of section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, including the combined purposes authorized by section 5705.217 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5751.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Person" means, but is not limited to, individuals, combinations of individuals of any form, receivers, assignees, trustees in bankruptcy, firms, companies, joint-stock companies, business trusts, estates, partnerships, limited liability partnerships, limited liability companies, associations, joint ventures, clubs, societies, for-profit corporations, S corporations, qualified subchapter S subsidiaries, qualified subchapter S trusts, trusts, entities that are disregarded for federal income tax purposes, and any other entities.

(B) "Consolidated elected taxpayer" means a group of two or more persons treated as a single taxpayer for purposes of this chapter as the result of an election made under section 5751.011 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Combined taxpayer" means a group of two or more persons treated as a single taxpayer for purposes of this chapter under section 5751.012 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Taxpayer" means any person, or any group of persons in the case of a consolidated elected taxpayer or combined taxpayer treated as one taxpayer, required to register or pay tax under this chapter. "Taxpayer" does not include excluded persons.

(E) "Excluded person" means any of the following:

(1) Any person with not more than one hundred fifty thousand dollars of taxable gross receipts during the calendar year. Division (E)(1) of this section does not apply to a person that is a member of a consolidated elected taxpayer;

(2) A public utility that paid the excise tax imposed by section 5727.24 or 5727.30 of the Revised Code based on one or more measurement periods that include the entire tax period under this chapter, except that a public utility that is a combined company is a taxpayer with regard to the following gross receipts:

(a) Taxable gross receipts directly attributed to a public utility activity, but not directly attributed to an activity that is subject to the excise tax imposed by section 5727.24 or 5727.30 of the Revised Code;

(b) Taxable gross receipts that cannot be directly attributed to any activity, multiplied by a fraction whose numerator is the taxable gross

receipts described in division (E)(2)(a) of this section and whose denominator is the total taxable gross receipts that can be directly attributed to any activity;

(c) Except for any differences resulting from the use of an accrual basis method of accounting for purposes of determining gross receipts under this chapter and the use of the cash basis method of accounting for purposes of determining gross receipts under section 5727.24 of the Revised Code, the gross receipts directly attributed to the activity of a natural gas company shall be determined in a manner consistent with division (D) of section 5727.03 of the Revised Code.

As used in division (E)(2) of this section, "combined company" and "public utility" have the same meanings as in section 5727.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) A financial institution, as defined in section 5726.01 of the Revised Code, that paid the tax imposed by section 5726.02 of the Revised Code based on one or more taxable years that include the entire tax period under this chapter;

(4) A person directly or indirectly owned by one or more financial institutions, as defined in section 5726.01 of the Revised Code, that paid the tax imposed by section 5726.02 of the Revised Code based on one or more taxable years that include the entire tax period under this chapter.

For the purposes of division (E)(4) of this section, a person owns another person under the following circumstances:

(a) In the case of corporations issuing capital stock, one corporation owns another corporation if it owns fifty per cent or more of the other corporation's capital stock with current voting rights;

(b) In the case of a limited liability company, one person owns the company if that person's membership interest, as defined in section 1705.01 of the Revised Code, is fifty per cent or more of the combined membership interests of all persons owning such interests in the company;

(c) In the case of a partnership, trust, or other unincorporated business organization other than a limited liability company, one person owns the organization if, under the articles of organization or other instrument governing the affairs of the organization, that person has a beneficial interest in the organization's profits, surpluses, losses, or distributions of fifty per cent or more of the combined beneficial interests of all persons having such an interest in the organization.

(5) A domestic insurance company or foreign insurance company, as defined in section 5725.01 of the Revised Code, that paid the insurance company premiums tax imposed by section 5725.18 or Chapter 5729. of the

Revised Code, or an unauthorized insurance company whose gross premiums are subject to tax under section 3905.36 of the Revised Code based on one or more measurement periods that include the entire tax period under this chapter;

(6) A person that solely facilitates or services one or more securitizations of phase-in-recovery property pursuant to a final financing order as those terms are defined in section 4928.23 of the Revised Code. For purposes of this division, "securitization" means transferring one or more assets to one or more persons and then issuing securities backed by the right to receive payment from the asset or assets so transferred.

(7) Except as otherwise provided in this division, a pre-income tax trust as defined in division (FF)(4) of section 5747.01 of the Revised Code and any pass-through entity of which such pre-income tax trust owns or controls, directly, indirectly, or constructively through related interests, more than five per cent of the ownership or equity interests. If the pre-income tax trust has made a qualifying pre-income tax trust election under division (FF)(3) of section 5747.01 of the Revised Code, then the trust and the pass-through entities of which it owns or controls, directly, indirectly, or constructively through related interests, more than five per cent of the ownership or equity interests, shall not be excluded persons for purposes of the tax imposed under section 5751.02 of the Revised Code.

(8) Nonprofit organizations or the state and its agencies, instrumentalities, or political subdivisions.

(F) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (F)(2), (3), and (4) of this section, "gross receipts" means the total amount realized by a person, without deduction for the cost of goods sold or other expenses incurred, that contributes to the production of gross income of the person, including the fair market value of any property and any services received, and any debt transferred or forgiven as consideration.

(1) The following are examples of gross receipts:

(a) Amounts realized from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of the taxpayer's property to or with another;

(b) Amounts realized from the taxpayer's performance of services for another;

(c) Amounts realized from another's use or possession of the taxpayer's property or capital;

(d) Any combination of the foregoing amounts.

(2) "Gross receipts" excludes the following amounts:

(a) Interest income except interest on credit sales;

(b) Dividends and distributions from corporations, and distributive or

proportionate shares of receipts and income from a pass-through entity as defined under section 5733.04 of the Revised Code;

(c) Receipts from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of an asset described in section 1221 or 1231 of the Internal Revenue Code, without regard to the length of time the person held the asset. Notwithstanding section 1221 of the Internal Revenue Code, receipts from hedging transactions also are excluded to the extent the transactions are entered into primarily to protect a financial position, such as managing the risk of exposure to (i) foreign currency fluctuations that affect assets, liabilities, profits, losses, equity, or investments in foreign operations; (ii) interest rate fluctuations; or (iii) commodity price fluctuations. As used in division (F)(2)(c) of this section, "hedging transaction" has the same meaning as used in section 1221 of the Internal Revenue Code and also includes transactions accorded hedge accounting treatment under statement of financial accounting standards number 133 of the financial accounting standards board. For the purposes of division (F)(2)(c) of this section, the actual transfer of title of real or tangible personal property to another entity is not a hedging transaction.

(d) Proceeds received attributable to the repayment, maturity, or redemption of the principal of a loan, bond, mutual fund, certificate of deposit, or marketable instrument;

(e) The principal amount received under a repurchase agreement or on account of any transaction properly characterized as a loan to the person;

(f) Contributions received by a trust, plan, or other arrangement, any of which is described in section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, or to which Title 26, Subtitle A, Chapter 1, Subchapter (D) of the Internal Revenue Code applies;

(g) Compensation, whether current or deferred, and whether in cash or in kind, received or to be received by an employee, former employee, or the employee's legal successor for services rendered to or for an employer, including reimbursements received by or for an individual for medical or education expenses, health insurance premiums, or employee expenses, or on account of a dependent care spending account, legal services plan, any cafeteria plan described in section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code, or any similar employee reimbursement;

(h) Proceeds received from the issuance of the taxpayer's own stock, options, warrants, puts, or calls, or from the sale of the taxpayer's treasury stock;

(i) Proceeds received on the account of payments from insurance policies, except those proceeds received for the loss of business revenue;

(j) Gifts or charitable contributions received; membership dues received by trade, professional, homeowners', or condominium associations; and payments received for educational courses, meetings, meals, or similar payments to a trade, professional, or other similar association; and fundraising receipts received by any person when any excess receipts are donated or used exclusively for charitable purposes;

(k) Damages received as the result of litigation in excess of amounts that, if received without litigation, would be gross receipts;

(l) Property, money, and other amounts received or acquired by an agent on behalf of another in excess of the agent's commission, fee, or other remuneration;

(m) Tax refunds, other tax benefit recoveries, and reimbursements for the tax imposed under this chapter made by entities that are part of the same combined taxpayer or consolidated elected taxpayer group, and reimbursements made by entities that are not members of a combined taxpayer or consolidated elected taxpayer group that are required to be made for economic parity among multiple owners of an entity whose tax obligation under this chapter is required to be reported and paid entirely by one owner, pursuant to the requirements of sections 5751.011 and 5751.012 of the Revised Code;

(n) Pension reversions;

(o) Contributions to capital;

(p) Sales or use taxes collected as a vendor or an out-of-state seller on behalf of the taxing jurisdiction from a consumer or other taxes the taxpayer is required by law to collect directly from a purchaser and remit to a local, state, or federal tax authority;

(q) In the case of receipts from the sale of cigarettes ~~or~~, tobacco products, or vapor products by a wholesale dealer, retail dealer, distributor, manufacturer, vapor distributor, or seller, all as defined in section 5743.01 of the Revised Code, an amount equal to the federal and state excise taxes paid by any person on or for such cigarettes ~~or~~, tobacco products, or vapor products under subtitle E of the Internal Revenue Code or Chapter 5743. of the Revised Code;

(r) In the case of receipts from the sale, transfer, exchange, or other disposition of motor fuel as "motor fuel" is defined in section 5736.01 of the Revised Code, an amount equal to the value of the motor fuel, including federal and state motor fuel excise taxes and receipts from billing or invoicing the tax imposed under section 5736.02 of the Revised Code to another person;

(s) In the case of receipts from the sale of beer or intoxicating liquor, as

defined in section 4301.01 of the Revised Code, by a person holding a permit issued under Chapter 4301. or 4303. of the Revised Code, an amount equal to federal and state excise taxes paid by any person on or for such beer or intoxicating liquor under subtitle E of the Internal Revenue Code or Chapter 4301. or 4305. of the Revised Code;

(t) Receipts realized by a new motor vehicle dealer or used motor vehicle dealer, as defined in section 4517.01 of the Revised Code, from the sale or other transfer of a motor vehicle, as defined in that section, to another motor vehicle dealer for the purpose of resale by the transferee motor vehicle dealer, but only if the sale or other transfer was based upon the transferee's need to meet a specific customer's preference for a motor vehicle;

(u) Receipts from a financial institution described in division (E)(3) of this section for services provided to the financial institution in connection with the issuance, processing, servicing, and management of loans or credit accounts, if such financial institution and the recipient of such receipts have at least fifty per cent of their ownership interests owned or controlled, directly or constructively through related interests, by common owners;

(v) Receipts realized from administering anti-neoplastic drugs and other cancer chemotherapy, biologicals, therapeutic agents, and supportive drugs in a physician's office to patients with cancer;

(w) Funds received or used by a mortgage broker that is not a dealer in intangibles, other than fees or other consideration, pursuant to a table-funding mortgage loan or warehouse-lending mortgage loan. Terms used in division (F)(2)(w) of this section have the same meanings as in section 1322.01 of the Revised Code, except "mortgage broker" means a person assisting a buyer in obtaining a mortgage loan for a fee or other consideration paid by the buyer or a lender, or a person engaged in table-funding or warehouse-lending mortgage loans that are first lien mortgage loans.

(x) Property, money, and other amounts received by a professional employer organization, as defined in section 4125.01 of the Revised Code, from a client employer, as defined in that section, in excess of the administrative fee charged by the professional employer organization to the client employer;

(y) In the case of amounts retained as commissions by a permit holder under Chapter 3769. of the Revised Code, an amount equal to the amounts specified under that chapter that must be paid to or collected by the tax commissioner as a tax and the amounts specified under that chapter to be used as purse money;

(z) Qualifying distribution center receipts.

(i) For purposes of division (F)(2)(z) of this section:

(I) "Qualifying distribution center receipts" means receipts of a supplier from qualified property that is delivered to a qualified distribution center, multiplied by a quantity that equals one minus the Ohio delivery percentage. If the qualified distribution center is a refining facility, "supplier" includes all dealers, brokers, processors, sellers, vendors, cosigners, and distributors of qualified property.

(II) "Qualified property" means tangible personal property delivered to a qualified distribution center that is shipped to that qualified distribution center solely for further shipping by the qualified distribution center to another location in this state or elsewhere or, in the case of gold, silver, platinum, or palladium delivered to a refining facility solely for refining to a grade and fineness acceptable for delivery to a registered commodities exchange. "Further shipping" includes storing and repackaging property into smaller or larger bundles, so long as the property is not subject to further manufacturing or processing. "Refining" is limited to extracting impurities from gold, silver, platinum, or palladium through smelting or some other process at a refining facility.

(III) "Qualified distribution center" means a warehouse, a facility similar to a warehouse, or a refining facility in this state that, for the qualifying year, is operated by a person that is not part of a combined taxpayer group and that has a qualifying certificate. All warehouses or facilities similar to warehouses that are operated by persons in the same taxpayer group and that are located within one mile of each other shall be treated as one qualified distribution center. All refining facilities that are operated by persons in the same taxpayer group and that are located in the same or adjacent counties may be treated as one qualified distribution center.

(IV) "Qualifying year" means the calendar year to which the qualifying certificate applies.

(V) "Qualifying period" means the period of the first day of July of the second year preceding the qualifying year through the thirtieth day of June of the year preceding the qualifying year.

(VI) "Qualifying certificate" means the certificate issued by the tax commissioner after the operator of a distribution center files an annual application with the commissioner. The application and annual fee shall be filed and paid for each qualified distribution center on or before the first day of September before the qualifying year or within forty-five days after the distribution center opens, whichever is later.

The applicant must substantiate to the commissioner's satisfaction that, for the qualifying period, all persons operating the distribution center have more than fifty per cent of the cost of the qualified property shipped to a location such that it would be situated outside this state under the provisions of division (E) of section 5751.033 of the Revised Code. The applicant must also substantiate that the distribution center cumulatively had costs from its suppliers equal to or exceeding five hundred million dollars during the qualifying period. (For purposes of division (F)(2)(z)(i)(VI) of this section, "supplier" excludes any person that is part of the consolidated elected taxpayer group, if applicable, of the operator of the qualified distribution center.) The commissioner may require the applicant to have an independent certified public accountant certify that the calculation of the minimum thresholds required for a qualified distribution center by the operator of a distribution center has been made in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The commissioner shall issue or deny the issuance of a certificate within sixty days after the receipt of the application. A denial is subject to appeal under section 5717.02 of the Revised Code. If the operator files a timely appeal under section 5717.02 of the Revised Code, the operator shall be granted a qualifying certificate effective for the remainder of the qualifying year or until the appeal is finalized, whichever is earlier. If the operator does not prevail in the appeal, the operator shall pay the ineligible operator's supplier tax liability.

(VII) "Ohio delivery percentage" means the proportion of the total property delivered to a destination inside Ohio from the qualified distribution center during the qualifying period compared with total deliveries from such distribution center everywhere during the qualifying period.

(VIII) "Refining facility" means one or more buildings located in a county in the Appalachian region of this state as defined by section 107.21 of the Revised Code and utilized for refining or smelting gold, silver, platinum, or palladium to a grade and fineness acceptable for delivery to a registered commodities exchange.

(IX) "Registered commodities exchange" means a board of trade, such as New York mercantile exchange, inc. or commodity exchange, inc., designated as a contract market by the commodity futures trading commission under the "Commodity Exchange Act," 7 U.S.C. 1 et seq., as amended.

(X) "Ineligible operator's supplier tax liability" means an amount equal to the tax liability of all suppliers of a distribution center had the distribution center not been issued a qualifying certificate for the qualifying year.

Ineligible operator's supplier tax liability shall not include interest or penalties. The tax commissioner shall determine an ineligible operator's supplier tax liability based on information that the commissioner may request from the operator of the distribution center. An operator shall provide a list of all suppliers of the distribution center and the corresponding costs of qualified property for the qualifying year at issue within sixty days of a request by the commissioner under this division.

(ii)(I) If the distribution center is new and was not open for the entire qualifying period, the operator of the distribution center may request that the commissioner grant a qualifying certificate. If the certificate is granted and it is later determined that more than fifty per cent of the qualified property during that year was not shipped to a location such that it would be situated outside of this state under the provisions of division (E) of section 5751.033 of the Revised Code or if it is later determined that the person that operates the distribution center had average monthly costs from its suppliers of less than forty million dollars during that year, then the operator of the distribution center shall pay the ineligible operator's supplier tax liability. (For purposes of division (F)(2)(z)(ii) of this section, "supplier" excludes any person that is part of the consolidated elected taxpayer group, if applicable, of the operator of the qualified distribution center.)

(II) The commissioner may grant a qualifying certificate to a distribution center that does not qualify as a qualified distribution center for an entire qualifying period if the operator of the distribution center demonstrates that the business operations of the distribution center have changed or will change such that the distribution center will qualify as a qualified distribution center within thirty-six months after the date the operator first applies for a certificate. If, at the end of that thirty-six-month period, the business operations of the distribution center have not changed such that the distribution center qualifies as a qualified distribution center, the operator of the distribution center shall pay the ineligible operator's supplier tax liability for each year that the distribution center received a certificate but did not qualify as a qualified distribution center. For each year the distribution center receives a certificate under division (F)(2)(z)(ii)(II) of this section, the distribution center shall pay all applicable fees required under division (F)(2)(z) of this section and shall submit an updated business plan showing the progress the distribution center made toward qualifying as a qualified distribution center during the preceding year.

(III) An operator may appeal a determination under division (F)(2)(z)(ii)(I) or (II) of this section that the ineligible operator is liable for the operator's supplier tax liability as a result of not qualifying as a qualified

distribution center, as provided in section 5717.02 of the Revised Code.

(iii) When filing an application for a qualifying certificate under division (F)(2)(z)(i)(VI) of this section, the operator of a qualified distribution center also shall provide documentation, as the commissioner requires, for the commissioner to ascertain the Ohio delivery percentage. The commissioner, upon issuing the qualifying certificate, also shall certify the Ohio delivery percentage. The operator of the qualified distribution center may appeal the commissioner's certification of the Ohio delivery percentage in the same manner as an appeal is taken from the denial of a qualifying certificate under division (F)(2)(z)(i)(VI) of this section.

(iv)(I) In the case where the distribution center is new and not open for the entire qualifying period, the operator shall make a good faith estimate of an Ohio delivery percentage for use by suppliers in their reports of taxable gross receipts for the remainder of the qualifying period. The operator of the facility shall disclose to the suppliers that such Ohio delivery percentage is an estimate and is subject to recalculation. By the due date of the next application for a qualifying certificate, the operator shall determine the actual Ohio delivery percentage for the estimated qualifying period and proceed as provided in division (F)(2)(z)(iii) of this section with respect to the calculation and recalculation of the Ohio delivery percentage. The supplier is required to file, within sixty days after receiving notice from the operator of the qualified distribution center, amended reports for the impacted calendar quarter or quarters or calendar year, whichever the case may be. Any additional tax liability or tax overpayment shall be subject to interest but shall not be subject to the imposition of any penalty so long as the amended returns are timely filed.

(II) The operator of a distribution center that receives a qualifying certificate under division (F)(2)(z)(ii)(II) of this section shall make a good faith estimate of the Ohio delivery percentage that the operator estimates will apply to the distribution center at the end of the thirty-six-month period after the operator first applied for a qualifying certificate under that division. The result of the estimate shall be multiplied by a factor of one and seventy-five one-hundredths. The product of that calculation shall be the Ohio delivery percentage used by suppliers in their reports of taxable gross receipts for each qualifying year that the distribution center receives a qualifying certificate under division (F)(2)(z)(ii)(II) of this section, except that, if the product is less than five per cent, the Ohio delivery percentage used shall be five per cent and that, if the product exceeds forty-nine per cent, the Ohio delivery percentage used shall be forty-nine per cent.

(v) Qualifying certificates and Ohio delivery percentages issued by the

commissioner shall be open to public inspection and shall be timely published by the commissioner. A supplier relying in good faith on a certificate issued under this division shall not be subject to tax on the qualifying distribution center receipts under division (F)(2)(z) of this section. An operator receiving a qualifying certificate is liable for the ineligible operator's supplier tax liability for each year the operator received a certificate but did not qualify as a qualified distribution center.

(vi) The annual fee for a qualifying certificate shall be one hundred thousand dollars for each qualified distribution center. If a qualifying certificate is not issued, the annual fee is subject to refund after the exhaustion of all appeals provided for in division (F)(2)(z)(i)(VI) of this section. The first one hundred thousand dollars of the annual application fees collected each calendar year shall be credited to the revenue enhancement fund. The remainder of the annual application fees collected shall be distributed in the same manner required under section 5751.20 of the Revised Code.

(vii) The tax commissioner may require that adequate security be posted by the operator of the distribution center on appeal when the commissioner disagrees that the applicant has met the minimum thresholds for a qualified distribution center as set forth in division (F)(2)(z) of this section.

(aa) Receipts of an employer from payroll deductions relating to the reimbursement of the employer for advancing moneys to an unrelated third party on an employee's behalf;

(bb) Cash discounts allowed and taken;

(cc) Returns and allowances;

(dd) Bad debts from receipts on the basis of which the tax imposed by this chapter was paid in a prior quarterly tax payment period. For the purpose of this division, "bad debts" means any debts that have become worthless or uncollectible between the preceding and current quarterly tax payment periods, have been uncollected for at least six months, and that may be claimed as a deduction under section 166 of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations adopted under that section, or that could be claimed as such if the taxpayer kept its accounts on the accrual basis. "Bad debts" does not include repossessed property, uncollectible amounts on property that remains in the possession of the taxpayer until the full purchase price is paid, or expenses in attempting to collect any account receivable or for any portion of the debt recovered;

(ee) Any amount realized from the sale of an account receivable to the extent the receipts from the underlying transaction giving rise to the account receivable were included in the gross receipts of the taxpayer;

(ff) Any receipts directly attributed to a transfer agreement or to the enterprise transferred under that agreement under section 4313.02 of the Revised Code.

(gg)(i) As used in this division:

(I) "Qualified uranium receipts" means receipts from the sale, exchange, lease, loan, production, processing, or other disposition of uranium within a uranium enrichment zone certified by the tax commissioner under division (F)(2)(gg)(ii) of this section. "Qualified uranium receipts" does not include any receipts with a situs in this state outside a uranium enrichment zone certified by the tax commissioner under division (F)(2)(gg)(ii) of this section.

(II) "Uranium enrichment zone" means all real property that is part of a uranium enrichment facility licensed by the United States nuclear regulatory commission and that was or is owned or controlled by the United States department of energy or its successor.

(ii) Any person that owns, leases, or operates real or tangible personal property constituting or located within a uranium enrichment zone may apply to the tax commissioner to have the uranium enrichment zone certified for the purpose of excluding qualified uranium receipts under division (F)(2)(gg) of this section. The application shall include such information that the tax commissioner prescribes. Within sixty days after receiving the application, the tax commissioner shall certify the zone for that purpose if the commissioner determines that the property qualifies as a uranium enrichment zone as defined in division (F)(2)(gg) of this section, or, if the tax commissioner determines that the property does not qualify, the commissioner shall deny the application or request additional information from the applicant. If the tax commissioner denies an application, the commissioner shall state the reasons for the denial. The applicant may appeal the denial of an application to the board of tax appeals pursuant to section 5717.02 of the Revised Code. If the applicant files a timely appeal, the tax commissioner shall conditionally certify the applicant's property. The conditional certification shall expire when all of the applicant's appeals are exhausted. Until final resolution of the appeal, the applicant shall retain the applicant's records in accordance with section 5751.12 of the Revised Code, notwithstanding any time limit on the preservation of records under that section.

(hh) In the case of amounts collected by a licensed casino operator from casino gaming, amounts in excess of the casino operator's gross casino revenue. In this division, "casino operator" and "casino gaming" have the meanings defined in section 3772.01 of the Revised Code, and "gross casino

revenue" has the meaning defined in section 5753.01 of the Revised Code.

(ii) Receipts realized from the sale of agricultural commodities by an agricultural commodity handler, both as defined in section 926.01 of the Revised Code, that is licensed by the director of agriculture to handle agricultural commodities in this state.

(jj) Qualifying integrated supply chain receipts.

As used in division (F)(2)(jj) of this section:

(i) "Qualifying integrated supply chain receipts" means receipts of a qualified integrated supply chain vendor from the sale of qualified property delivered to, or integrated supply chain services provided to, another qualified integrated supply chain vendor or to a retailer that is a member of the integrated supply chain. "Qualifying integrated supply chain receipts" does not include receipts of a person that is not a qualified integrated supply chain vendor from the sale of raw materials to a member of an integrated supply chain, or receipts of a member of an integrated supply chain from the sale of qualified property or integrated supply chain services to a person that is not a member of the integrated supply chain.

(ii) "Qualified property" means any of the following:

(I) Component parts used to hold, contain, package, or dispense qualified products, excluding equipment;

(II) Work-in-process inventory that will become, comprise, or form a component part of a qualified product capable of being sold at retail, excluding equipment, machinery, furniture, and fixtures;

(III) Finished goods inventory that is a qualified product capable of being sold at retail in the inventory's present form.

(iii) "Qualified integrated supply chain vendor" means a person that is a member of an integrated supply chain and that provides integrated supply chain services within a qualified integrated supply chain district to a retailer that is a member of the integrated supply chain or to another qualified integrated supply chain vendor that is located within the same such district as the person but does not share a common owner with that person.

(iv) "Qualified product" means a personal care, health, or beauty product or an aromatic product, including a candle. "Qualified product" does not include a drug that may be dispensed only pursuant to a prescription, durable medical equipment, mobility enhancing equipment, or a prosthetic device, as those terms are defined in section 5739.01 of the Revised Code.

(v) "Integrated supply chain" means two or more qualified integrated supply chain vendors certified on the most recent list certified to the tax commissioner under this division that systematically collaborate and coordinate business operations with a retailer on the flow of tangible

personal property from material sourcing through manufacturing, assembly, packaging, and delivery to the retailer to improve long-term financial performance of each vendor and the supply chain that includes the retailer.

For the purpose of the certification required under this division, the reporting person for each retailer, on or before the first day of October of each year, shall certify to the tax commissioner a list of the qualified integrated supply chain vendors providing or receiving integrated supply chain services within a qualified integrated supply chain district for the ensuing calendar year. On or before the following first day of November, the commissioner shall issue a certificate to the retailer and to each vendor certified to the commissioner on that list. The certificate shall include the names of the retailer and of the qualified integrated supply chain vendors.

The retailer shall notify the commissioner of any changes to the list, including additions to or subtractions from the list or changes in the name or legal entity of vendors certified on the list, within sixty days after the date the retailer becomes aware of the change. Within thirty days after receiving that notification, the commissioner shall issue a revised certificate to the retailer and to each vendor certified on the list. The revised certificate shall include the effective date of the change.

Each recipient of a certificate issued pursuant to this division shall maintain a copy of the certificate for four years from the date the certificate was received.

(vi) "Integrated supply chain services" means procuring raw materials or manufacturing, processing, refining, assembling, packaging, or repackaging tangible personal property that will become finished goods inventory capable of being sold at retail by a retailer that is a member of an integrated supply chain.

(vii) "Retailer" means a person primarily engaged in making retail sales and any member of that person's consolidated elected taxpayer group or combined taxpayer group, whether or not that member is primarily engaged in making retail sales.

(viii) "Qualified integrated supply chain district" means the parcel or parcels of land from which a retailer's integrated supply chain that existed on September 29, 2015, provides or receives integrated supply chain services, and to which all of the following apply:

(I) The parcel or parcels are located wholly in a county having a population of greater than one hundred sixty-five thousand but less than one hundred seventy thousand based on the 2010 federal decennial census.

(II) The parcel or parcels are located wholly in the corporate limits of a municipal corporation with a population greater than seven thousand five

hundred and less than eight thousand based on the 2010 federal decennial census that is partly located in the county described in division (F)(2)(jj)(viii)(I) of this section, as those corporate limits existed on September 29, 2015.

(III) The aggregate acreage of the parcel or parcels equals or exceeds one hundred acres.

(kk) In the case of a railroad company described in division (D)(9) of section 5727.01 of the Revised Code that purchases dyed diesel fuel directly from a supplier as defined by section 5736.01 of the Revised Code, an amount equal to the product of the number of gallons of dyed diesel fuel purchased directly from such a supplier multiplied by the average wholesale price for a gallon of diesel fuel as determined under section 5736.02 of the Revised Code for the period during which the fuel was purchased multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which equals the rate of tax levied by section 5736.02 of the Revised Code less the rate of tax computed in section 5751.03 of the Revised Code, and the denominator of which equals the rate of tax computed in section 5751.03 of the Revised Code.

(ll) Receipts realized by an out-of-state disaster business from disaster work conducted in this state during a disaster response period pursuant to a qualifying solicitation received by the business. Terms used in ~~this~~ division (F)(2)(ll) of this section have the same meanings as in section 5703.94 of the Revised Code.

(mm) Any receipts for which the tax imposed by this chapter is prohibited by the constitution or laws of the United States or the constitution of this state.

(3) In the case of a taxpayer when acting as a real estate broker, "gross receipts" includes only the portion of any fee for the service of a real estate broker, or service of a real estate salesperson associated with that broker, that is retained by the broker and not paid to an associated real estate salesperson or another real estate broker. For the purposes of this division, "real estate broker" and "real estate salesperson" have the same meanings as in section 4735.01 of the Revised Code.

(4) A taxpayer's method of accounting for gross receipts for a tax period shall be the same as the taxpayer's method of accounting for federal income tax purposes for the taxpayer's federal taxable year that includes the tax period. If a taxpayer's method of accounting for federal income tax purposes changes, its method of accounting for gross receipts under this chapter shall be changed accordingly.

(G) "Taxable gross receipts" means gross receipts situated to this state under section 5751.033 of the Revised Code.

(H) A person has "substantial nexus with this state" if any of the following applies. The person:

- (1) Owns or uses a part or all of its capital in this state;
- (2) Holds a certificate of compliance with the laws of this state authorizing the person to do business in this state;
- (3) Has bright-line presence in this state;
- (4) Otherwise has nexus with this state to an extent that the person can be required to remit the tax imposed under this chapter under the Constitution of the United States.

(I) A person has "bright-line presence" in this state for a reporting period and for the remaining portion of the calendar year if any of the following applies. The person:

(1) Has at any time during the calendar year property in this state with an aggregate value of at least fifty thousand dollars. For the purpose of division (I)(1) of this section, owned property is valued at original cost and rented property is valued at eight times the net annual rental charge.

(2) Has during the calendar year payroll in this state of at least fifty thousand dollars. Payroll in this state includes all of the following:

(a) Any amount subject to withholding by the person under section 5747.06 of the Revised Code;

(b) Any other amount the person pays as compensation to an individual under the supervision or control of the person for work done in this state; and

(c) Any amount the person pays for services performed in this state on its behalf by another.

(3) Has during the calendar year taxable gross receipts of at least five hundred thousand dollars.

(4) Has at any time during the calendar year within this state at least twenty-five per cent of the person's total property, total payroll, or total gross receipts.

(5) Is domiciled in this state as an individual or for corporate, commercial, or other business purposes.

(J) "Tangible personal property" has the same meaning as in section 5739.01 of the Revised Code.

(K) "Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C. 1, as amended. Any term used in this chapter that is not otherwise defined has the same meaning as when used in a comparable context in the laws of the United States relating to federal income taxes unless a different meaning is clearly required. Any reference in this chapter to the Internal Revenue Code includes other laws of the

United States relating to federal income taxes.

(L) "Calendar quarter" means a three-month period ending on the thirty-first day of March, the thirtieth day of June, the thirtieth day of September, or the thirty-first day of December.

(M) "Tax period" means the calendar quarter or calendar year on the basis of which a taxpayer is required to pay the tax imposed under this chapter.

(N) "Calendar year taxpayer" means a taxpayer for which the tax period is a calendar year.

(O) "Calendar quarter taxpayer" means a taxpayer for which the tax period is a calendar quarter.

(P) "Agent" means a person authorized by another person to act on its behalf to undertake a transaction for the other, including any of the following:

(1) A person receiving a fee to sell financial instruments;

(2) A person retaining only a commission from a transaction with the other proceeds from the transaction being remitted to another person;

(3) A person issuing licenses and permits under section 1533.13 of the Revised Code;

(4) A lottery sales agent holding a valid license issued under section 3770.05 of the Revised Code;

(5) A person acting as an agent of the division of liquor control under section 4301.17 of the Revised Code.

(Q) "Received" includes amounts accrued under the accrual method of accounting.

(R) "Reporting person" means a person in a consolidated elected taxpayer or combined taxpayer group that is designated by that group to legally bind the group for all filings and tax liabilities and to receive all legal notices with respect to matters under this chapter, or, for the purposes of section 5751.04 of the Revised Code, a separate taxpayer that is not a member of such a group.

Sec. 5751.02. (A) For the purpose of funding the needs of this state and its local governments, there is hereby levied a commercial activity tax on each person with taxable gross receipts for the privilege of doing business in this state. For the purposes of this chapter, "doing business" means engaging in any activity, whether legal or illegal, that is conducted for, or results in, gain, profit, or income, at any time during a calendar year. Persons on which the commercial activity tax is levied include, but are not limited to, persons with substantial nexus with this state. The tax imposed under this section is not a transactional tax and is not subject to Public Law No. 86-272, 73 Stat.

555. The tax imposed under this section is in addition to any other taxes or fees imposed under the Revised Code. The tax levied under this section is imposed on the person receiving the gross receipts and is not a tax imposed directly on a purchaser. The tax imposed by this section is an annual privilege tax for the calendar year that, in the case of calendar year taxpayers, is the annual tax period and, in the case of calendar quarter taxpayers, contains all quarterly tax periods in the calendar year. A taxpayer is subject to the annual privilege tax for doing business during any portion of such calendar year.

(B) The tax imposed by this section is a tax on the taxpayer and shall not be billed or invoiced to another person. Even if the tax or any portion thereof is billed or invoiced and separately stated, such amounts remain part of the price for purposes of the sales and use taxes levied under Chapters 5739. and 5741. of the Revised Code. Nothing in division (B) of this section prohibits:

(1) A person from including in the price charged for a good or service an amount sufficient to recover the tax imposed by this section; or

(2) A lessor from including an amount sufficient to recover the tax imposed by this section in a lease payment charged, or from including such an amount on a billing or invoice pursuant to the terms of a written lease agreement providing for the recovery of the lessor's tax costs. The recovery of such costs shall be based on an estimate of the total tax cost of the lessor during the tax period, as the tax liability of the lessor cannot be calculated until the end of that period.

(C)(1) The commercial activities tax receipts fund is hereby created in the state treasury and shall consist of money arising from the tax imposed under this chapter. ~~Seventy-five~~ Sixty-five one-hundredths of one per cent of the money credited to that fund shall be credited to the revenue enhancement fund and shall be used to defray the costs incurred by the department of taxation in administering the tax imposed by this chapter and in implementing tax reform measures. The remainder of the money in the commercial activities tax receipts fund shall first be credited to the commercial activity tax motor fuel receipts fund, pursuant to division (C)(2) of this section, and the remainder shall be credited in the following percentages each fiscal year to the general revenue fund, to the school district tangible property tax replacement fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury for the purpose of making the payments described in section 5709.92 of the Revised Code, and to the local government tangible property tax replacement fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury for the purpose of making the payments described in section 5709.93 of the

Revised Code, in the following percentages:

Fiscal year	General Revenue Fund	School District Tangible Property Tax Replacement Fund	Local Government Tangible Property Tax Replacement Fund
2014 and 2015	50.0%	35.0%	15.0%
2016 and 2017	75.0%	20.0%	5.0%
2018 and thereafter	85.0%	13.0%	2.0%

(2) Not later than the twentieth day of February, May, August, and November of each year, the commissioner shall provide for payment from the commercial activities tax receipts fund to the commercial activity tax motor fuel receipts fund an amount that bears the same ratio to the balance in the commercial activities tax receipts fund that (a) the taxable gross receipts attributed to motor fuel used for propelling vehicles on public highways as indicated by returns filed by the tenth day of that month for a liability that is due and payable on or after July 1, 2013, for a tax period ending before July 1, 2014, bears to (b) all taxable gross receipts as indicated by those returns for such liabilities.

(D)(1) If the total amount in the school district tangible property tax replacement fund is insufficient to make all payments under section 5709.92 of the Revised Code at the times the payments are to be made, the director of budget and management shall transfer from the general revenue fund to the school district tangible property tax replacement fund the difference between the total amount to be paid and the amount in the school district tangible property tax replacement fund.

(2) If the total amount in the local government tangible property tax replacement fund is insufficient to make all payments under section 5709.93 of the Revised Code at the times the payments are to be made, the director of budget and management shall transfer from the general revenue fund to the local government tangible property tax replacement fund the difference between the total amount to be paid and the amount in the local government tangible property tax replacement fund.

(E)(1) On or after the first day of June of each year, the director of budget and management may transfer any balance in the school district tangible property tax replacement fund to the general revenue fund.

(2) On or after the first day of June of each year, the director of budget and management may transfer any balance in the local government tangible

property tax replacement fund to the general revenue fund.

(F)(1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the commercial activity tax motor fuel receipts fund.

(2) On or before the fifteenth day of June of each fiscal year beginning with fiscal year 2015, the director of the Ohio public works commission shall certify to the director of budget and management the amount of debt service paid from the general revenue fund in the current fiscal year on bonds issued to finance or assist in the financing of the cost of local subdivision public infrastructure capital improvement projects, as provided for in Sections 2k, 2m, 2p, and 2s of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, that are attributable to costs for construction, reconstruction, maintenance, or repair of public highways and bridges and other statutory highway purposes. That certification shall allocate the total amount of debt service paid from the general revenue fund and attributable to those costs in the current fiscal year according to the applicable section of the Ohio Constitution under which the bonds were originally issued.

(3) On or before the thirtieth day of June of each fiscal year beginning with fiscal year 2015, the director of budget and management shall determine an amount up to but not exceeding the amount certified under division (F)(2) of this section and shall reserve that amount from the cash balance in the petroleum activity tax public highways fund or the commercial activity tax motor fuel receipts fund for transfer to the general revenue fund at times and in amounts to be determined by the director. The director shall transfer the cash balance in the petroleum activity tax public highways fund or the commercial activity tax motor fuel receipts fund in excess of the amount so reserved to the highway operating fund on or before the thirtieth day of June of the current fiscal year.

Sec. 5751.98. (A) To provide a uniform procedure for calculating the amount of tax due under this chapter, a taxpayer shall claim any credits to which it is entitled in the following order:

(1) The nonrefundable jobs retention credit under division (B) of section 5751.50 of the Revised Code;

(2) The nonrefundable credit for qualified research expenses under division (B) of section 5751.51 of the Revised Code;

(3) The nonrefundable credit for a borrower's qualified research and development loan payments under division (B) of section 5751.52 of the Revised Code;

(4) The nonrefundable credit for calendar years 2010 to 2029 for unused net operating losses under division (B) of section 5751.53 of the Revised Code;

(5) The refundable motion picture and Broadway theatrical production credit under section 5751.54 of the Revised Code;

(6) The refundable jobs creation credit or job retention credit under division (A) of section 5751.50 of the Revised Code;

(7) The refundable credit for calendar year 2030 for unused net operating losses under division (C) of section 5751.53 of the Revised Code.

(B) For any credit except the refundable credits enumerated in this section, the amount of the credit for a tax period shall not exceed the tax due after allowing for any other credit that precedes it in the order required under this section. Any excess amount of a particular credit may be carried forward if authorized under the section creating the credit.

Sec. 5902.09. (A) As used in this section, "AMVETS" means the American Veterans of World War II (AMVETS), Department of Ohio.

(B) The directors of veterans services and mental health and addiction services shall establish a pilot program to make transcranial magnetic stimulation available for veterans with substance use disorders or mental illness, and shall operate the program for three years. The program shall be operated in conjunction with a supplier selected under this section.

(C) The directors by mutual agreement shall enter into a contract for the purchase of services related to the pilot program. The contract shall include provisions requiring the supplier to create, implement, operate, and evaluate outcomes of the pilot program, to choose a location for the pilot program, to expend payments received from the state as needed for purposes of the program, and to report quarterly regarding the pilot program to the president of the senate and to the standing committee of the senate that generally considers legislation regarding veterans affairs.

(D) There is the transcranial magnetic stimulation fund in the state treasury. It shall consist of moneys appropriated to it by the general assembly. The directors, with the approval of controlling board, may authorize a disbursement from the fund for services rendered under the contract.

(E) One or both of the directors shall adopt rules under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code as necessary to administer this section, including a rule requiring that clinical protocols and outcomes are collected and reported quarterly in a report provided by the supplier. The report shall also include a thorough accounting of the use and expenditure of all funds received from the state under this section.

(F) Contracts entered into under this section are subject to section 9.231 and Chapter 125. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5903.12. (A) As used in this section:

"Continuing education" means continuing education required of a licensee by law and includes, but is not limited to, the continuing education required of licensees under sections 3737.881, 3781.10, 4701.11, 4715.141, 4715.25, 4717.09, 4723.24, 4725.16, 4725.51, 4730.14, 4730.49, 4731.155, 4731.282, 4734.25, 4735.141, 4736.11, 4741.16, 4741.19, ~~4751.07~~ 4751.24, 4751.25, 4755.63, 4757.33, 4759.06, 4761.06, and 4763.07 of the Revised Code.

"Reporting period" means the period of time during which a licensee must complete the number of hours of continuing education required of the licensee by law.

(B) A licensee may submit an application to a licensing agency, stating that the licensee requires an extension of the current reporting period because the licensee has served on active duty during the current or a prior reporting period. The licensee shall submit proper documentation certifying the active duty service and the length of that active duty service. Upon receiving the application and proper documentation, the licensing agency shall extend the current reporting period by an amount of time equal to the total number of months that the licensee spent on active duty during the current reporting period. For purposes of this division, any portion of a month served on active duty shall be considered one full month.

Sec. 5910.01. As used in this chapter and section 5919.34 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Child" includes natural and adopted children and stepchildren who have not been legally adopted by the veteran parent provided that the relationship between the stepchild and the veteran parent meets the following criteria:

(1) The veteran parent is married to the child's natural or adoptive parent at the time application for a scholarship granted under this chapter is made; or if the veteran parent is deceased, the child's natural or adoptive parent was married to the veteran parent at the time of the veteran parent's death;

(2) The child resided with the veteran parent for a period of not less than ten consecutive years immediately prior to making application for the scholarship; or if the veteran parent is deceased, the child resided with the veteran parent for a period of not less than ten consecutive years immediately prior to the veteran parent's death;

(3) The child received financial support from the veteran parent for a period of not less than ten consecutive years immediately prior to making application for the scholarship; or if the veteran parent is deceased, the child received financial support from the veteran parent for a period of not less than ten consecutive years immediately prior to the veteran parent's death.

(B) "Veteran" includes any of the following:

(1) Any person who was a member of the armed services of the United States for a period of ninety days or more, or who was discharged from the armed services due to a disability incurred while a member with less than ninety days' service, or who died while a member of the armed services; provided that such service, disability, or death occurred during one of the following periods: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918; December 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946; June 25, 1950, to January 31, 1955; January 1, 1960, to May 7, 1975; August 2, 1990, to the end of operations conducted as a result of the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq, including support for operation desert shield and operation desert storm, as declared by the president of the United States or the congress; October 7, 2001, to the end of operation enduring freedom as declared by the president of the United States or the congress; March 20, 2003, to the end of operation Iraqi freedom as declared by the president of the United States or the congress; or any other period of conflict established by the United States department of veterans affairs for pension purposes;

(2) Any person who was a member of the armed services of the United States and participated in an operation for which the armed forces expeditionary medal was awarded;

(3) Any person who served as a member of the United States merchant marine and to whom either of the following applies:

(a) The person has an honorable report of separation from the active duty military service, form DD214 or DD215.

(b) The person served in the United States merchant marine between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946, and died on active duty while serving in a war zone during that period of service.

(C) "Armed services of the United States" or "United States armed forces" includes the army, air force, navy, marine corps, coast guard, and such other military service branch as may be designated by congress as a part of the armed forces of the United States.

(D) "Board" means the Ohio war orphans and severely disabled veterans' children scholarship board created by section 5910.02 of the Revised Code.

(E) "Disabled" means having a sixty per cent or greater service-connected disability or receiving benefits for permanent and total nonservice-connected disability, as determined by the United States department of veterans affairs.

(F) "United States merchant marine" includes the United States army transport service and the United States naval transport service.

Sec. 5910.02. There is hereby created an Ohio war orphans and severely disabled veterans' children scholarship board as part of the department of veterans services. The board consists of eight members as follows: the chancellor of ~~the Ohio board of regents~~ higher education or the chancellor's designee; the director of veterans services or the director's designee; one member of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker; one member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate; and four members appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be a representative of the American Legion, one of whom shall be a representative of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, one of whom shall be a representative of the Disabled American Veterans, and one of whom shall be a representative of the AMVETS. At least ninety days prior to the expiration of the term of office of the representative of a veterans organization appointed by the governor, the governor shall notify the state headquarters of the affected organization of the need for an appointment and request the organization to make at least three nominations. Within sixty days after making the request for nominations, the governor may make the appointment from the nominations received, or may reject all the nominations and request at least three new nominations, from which the governor shall make an appointment within thirty days after making the request for the new nominations. If the governor receives no nominations during this thirty-day period, the governor may appoint any veteran.

Terms of office for the four members appointed by the governor shall be for four years, commencing on the first day of January and ending on the thirty-first day of December, except that the term of the AMVETS representative shall expire December 31, 1998, and the new term that succeeds it shall commence on January 1, 1999, and end on December 31, 2002. Each member shall hold office from the date of the member's appointment until the end of the term for which the member was appointed. The other members shall serve during their terms of office. Any vacancy shall be filled by appointment in the same manner as by original appointment. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the remainder of such term. Any appointed member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the member's successor takes office, or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first. The members of the board shall serve without pay but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses and for other actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, not to exceed ten dollars per day for ten days in any one year to be appropriated

out of any moneys in the state treasury to the credit of the general revenue fund.

The chancellor ~~of the board of regents~~ shall act as secretary to the board and shall furnish such clerical and other assistance as may be necessary to the performance of the duties of the board.

The board shall determine the number of scholarships to be made available, receive applications for scholarships, pass upon the eligibility of applicants, decide which applicants are to receive scholarships, and do all other things necessary for the proper administration of this chapter.

The board may apply for, and may receive and accept, grants, and may receive and accept gifts, bequests, and contributions, from public and private sources, including agencies and instrumentalities of the United States and this state, and shall deposit the grants, gifts, bequests, or contributions into the Ohio war orphans and severely disabled veterans' children scholarship donation fund.

Sec. 5910.031. War orphans' and severely disabled veterans' children scholarships provided in sections 5910.01 to 5910.06 of the Revised Code, shall be granted to children of members of the Ohio national guard and the reserve components of any of the armed services of the United States who are killed or permanently and totally disabled while on active duty pursuant to bona fide orders of the governor or the president of the United States, or who are killed or permanently and totally disabled while at a scheduled training assembly, a field training period of any duration or length, or active duty for training, pursuant to bona fide orders issued by a competent authority. Such scholarships shall be granted within the total number of scholarships provided under section 5910.05 of the Revised Code and are available only to children who further qualify pursuant to divisions (A), (B), and (C), ~~and (D)~~ of section 5910.03 of the Revised Code.

As used in this section, "permanently and totally disabled" means having a disability which renders the person incapable of engaging in substantially gainful employment and which is presumed to be permanent, as determined by a special board of three officers of the Ohio national guard named by the governor, one of whom shall be a medical officer licensed to practice in this state.

Sec. 5910.032. (A) A war orphans and severely disabled veterans' children scholarship, as provided under sections 5910.01 to 5910.06 of the Revised Code, shall be granted to the child of any person who, in the course of honorable service in the armed services of the United States, was declared by the United States department of defense to be a prisoner of war or missing in action as a result of the United States' participation in armed

conflict on or after January 1, 1960, if either of the following apply:

(1) The parent, at the time of entry into the armed services of the United States, or at the time the parent was declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in action, was a resident of Ohio;

(2) If the parent did not enter the armed services as a resident of Ohio and was not a resident of Ohio when declared a prisoner of war or missing in action, the child has resided in Ohio for the year immediately preceding the year in which the application for the scholarship is made and any four of the last ten years.

The scholarships shall be in addition to the total number of scholarships provided under section 5910.05 of the Revised Code. Notwithstanding section 5910.03 of the Revised Code, scholarships provided under this section shall be made to any such child who, at the time of application, has attained the sixteenth, but not the twenty-first, birthday. The termination of a child's parent or guardian's status as a prisoner of war or being missing in action does not affect such child's eligibility for the benefit provided by this section.

(B) Scholarships provided under this section shall consist of either of the following:

(1) A scholarship of the type described in division (A) of section 5910.04 of the Revised Code together with reasonable and necessary expenses for room, board, books, and laboratory fees. The additional amount for such expenses shall be paid from moneys appropriated by the general assembly for such purpose.

(2) A scholarship of the type described in division (B) of section 5910.04 of the Revised Code together with an additional grant equal to the average value of the reasonable and necessary expenses granted under division (B)(1) of this section during the preceding year for room, board, books, and laboratory fees. The additional grant shall be paid from moneys appropriated by the general assembly for such purpose, and shall be paid to the child through the institution in which the child is enrolled. In no case shall the additional grant exceed the amount actually expended by the child for room, board, books, and laboratory fees.

Sec. 5910.04. Scholarships granted under sections 5910.01 to 5910.06 of the Revised Code shall consist of either of the following:

(A) An exemption from the payment of one hundred per cent of the general and instructional fees at colleges and universities which receive support from the state of Ohio and are approved by the chancellor of ~~the board of regents~~ higher education, except that the percentage may be reduced by the war orphans and severely disabled veterans' children

scholarship board in any year that insufficient funds are appropriated to fully fund scholarships for all eligible students;

(B) A grant to an eligible child who is enrolled in an institution that has received a certificate of authorization ~~from the board of regents~~ under Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code, or a private institution exempt from regulation under Chapter 3332. of the Revised Code as prescribed in section 3333.046 of the Revised Code, or an institution that has received a certificate of registration from the state board of ~~proprietary school registration~~ career colleges and schools. Students who attend an institution that holds a certificate of registration shall be enrolled in either a program leading to an associate degree or a program leading to a bachelor's degree for which associate or bachelor's degree program the institution has received program authorization issued under section 3332.05 of the Revised Code to offer such degree program. The grant shall be paid to the child through the institution in which the child is enrolled, and shall equal one hundred per cent of the average value of all scholarships granted under division (A) of this section during the preceding year, except that the percentage may be reduced by the war orphans and severely disabled veterans' children scholarship board in any year that insufficient funds are appropriated to fully fund scholarships for all eligible students. In no case shall the grant exceed the total general and instructional charges of the institution.

The board shall not reduce the percentage to be paid for scholarships awarded pursuant to section 5910.032 of the Revised Code below one hundred per cent.

Sec. 5910.05. The Ohio war orphans and severely disabled veterans' children scholarship board shall determine how many scholarships are to be granted based upon available funds provided by the Ohio general assembly. If funds are available all eligible applicants shall be granted a scholarship. There shall be no limitation on the number of scholarships granted under section 5910.032 of the Revised Code, nor any limitation on the number of scholarships granted to any college or university under such section. No person shall be granted a scholarship for more than five academic years of education, which shall be at the undergraduate level. The board shall provide minimum scholastic requirements for recipients and shall withdraw the aid from any person who fails to maintain such requirements.

Sec. 5910.06. The Ohio war orphans and severely disabled veterans' children scholarship board shall make a complete report of its administration of this chapter, to each first regular session of the general assembly.

Sec. 5910.07. The Ohio war orphans and severely disabled veterans' children scholarship donation fund is created in the state treasury. The fund

shall consist of gifts, bequests, grants, and contributions made to the fund under section 5910.02 of the Revised Code. Investment earnings of the fund shall be deposited into the fund. The fund shall be used to operate the war orphans and severely disabled veterans' children scholarship program and to provide grants under sections 5910.01 to 5910.06 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5910.08. There is hereby created in the state treasury the war orphans and severely disabled veterans' children scholarship reserve fund. As soon as possible following the end of each fiscal year, the chancellor of higher education shall certify to the director of budget and management the unencumbered balance of the general revenue fund appropriations made in the immediately preceding fiscal year for purposes of the war orphans and severely disabled veterans' children scholarship program created in Chapter 5910. of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of the certification, the director of budget and management may transfer an amount not exceeding the certified amount from the general revenue fund to the war orphans and severely disabled veterans' children scholarship reserve fund. Moneys in the war orphans and severely disabled veterans' children scholarship reserve fund shall be used to pay scholarship obligations in excess of the general revenue fund appropriations made for that purpose.

The director of budget and management may transfer any unencumbered balance from the war orphans and severely disabled veterans' children scholarship reserve fund to the general revenue fund.

If it is determined that general revenue fund appropriations are insufficient to meet the obligations of the war orphans and severely disabled veterans' children scholarship in a fiscal year, the director of budget and management may transfer funds from the war orphans and severely disabled veterans' children scholarship reserve fund to the general revenue fund in order to meet those obligations. The amount transferred is hereby appropriated. If the funds transferred from the war orphans and severely disabled veterans' children scholarship reserve fund are not needed, the director of budget and management may transfer the unexpended balance from the general revenue fund back to the war orphans and severely disabled veterans' children scholarship reserve fund.

Sec. 5919.34. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Academic term" means any one of the following:

(a) Fall term, which consists of fall semester or fall quarter, as appropriate;

(b) Winter term, which consists of winter semester, winter quarter, or spring semester, as appropriate;

(c) Spring term, which consists of spring quarter;

(d) Summer term, which consists of summer semester or summer quarter, as appropriate.

(2) "Eligible applicant" means any individual to whom all of the following apply:

(a) The individual does not possess a baccalaureate degree.

(b) The individual has enlisted, re-enlisted, or extended current enlistment in the Ohio national guard or is an individual to which division (F) of this section applies.

(c) The individual is actively enrolled as a full-time or part-time student for at least three credit hours of course work in a semester or quarter in a two-year or four-year degree-granting program at a state institution of higher education or a private institution of higher education, or in a diploma-granting program at a state or private institution of higher education that is a school of nursing.

(d) The individual has not accumulated ninety-six eligibility units under division (E) of this section.

(3) "State institution of higher education" means any state university or college as defined in division (A)(1) of section 3345.12 of the Revised Code, community college established under Chapter 3354. of the Revised Code, state community college established under Chapter 3358. of the Revised Code, university branch established under Chapter 3355. of the Revised Code, or technical college established under Chapter 3357. of the Revised Code.

(4) "Private institution of higher education" means an Ohio institution of higher education that is nonprofit and has received a certificate of authorization pursuant to Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code, that is a private institution exempt from regulation under Chapter 3332. of the Revised Code as prescribed in section 3333.046 of the Revised Code, or that holds a certificate of registration and program authorization issued by the state board of career colleges and schools pursuant to section 3332.05 of the Revised Code.

(5) "Tuition" means the charges imposed to attend an institution of higher education and includes general and instructional fees. "Tuition" does not include laboratory fees, room and board, or other similar fees and charges.

(B) There is hereby created a scholarship program to be known as the Ohio national guard scholarship program.

(C)(1) The adjutant general shall approve scholarships for all eligible applicants. The adjutant general shall process all applications for scholarships for each academic term in the order in which they are received.

The scholarships shall be made without regard to financial need. At no time shall one person be placed in priority over another because of sex, race, or religion.

(2) The adjutant general shall develop and provide a written explanation that informs all eligible scholarship recipients that the recipient may become ineligible and liable for repayment for an amount of scholarship payments received in accordance with division (G) of this section. The written explanation shall be reviewed by the scholarship recipient before acceptance of the scholarship and before acceptance of an enlistment, warrant, commission, or appointment for a term not less than the recipient's remaining term in the national guard or in the active duty component of the United States armed forces.

(D)(1) Except as provided in divisions (I) and (J) of this section, for each academic term that an eligible applicant is approved for a scholarship under this section and either remains a current member in good standing of the Ohio national guard or is eligible for a scholarship under division (F)(1) of this section, the institution of higher education in which the applicant is enrolled shall, if the applicant's enlistment obligation extends beyond the end of that academic term or if division (F)(1) of this section applies, be paid on the applicant's behalf the applicable one of the following amounts:

(a) If the institution is a state institution of higher education, an amount equal to one hundred per cent of the institution's tuition charges;

(b) If the institution is a nonprofit private institution or a private institution exempt from regulation under Chapter 3332. of the Revised Code as prescribed in section 3333.046 of the Revised Code, an amount equal to one hundred per cent of the average tuition charges of all state universities;

(c) If the institution is an institution that holds a certificate of registration from the state board of career colleges and schools, the lesser of the following:

(i) An amount equal to one hundred per cent of the institution's tuition;

(ii) An amount equal to one hundred per cent of the average tuition charges of all state universities, as that term is defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code.

(2) The adjutant general and the chancellor of higher education may jointly adopt rules to require the use of other federal educational financial assistance programs, including such programs offered by the United States department of defense, for which an applicant is eligible based on the applicant's military service. If such rules are adopted, the rules shall require that financial assistance received by a scholarship recipient under those programs be applied to all eligible expenses prior to the use of scholarship

funds awarded under this section. Scholarship funds awarded under this section shall then be applied to the recipient's remaining eligible expenses.

(3) An eligible applicant's scholarship shall not be reduced by the amount of that applicant's benefits under "the Montgomery G.I. Bill Act of 1984," Pub. L. No. 98-525, 98 Stat. 2553 (1984).

(E) A scholarship recipient under this section shall be entitled to receive scholarships under this section for the number of quarters or semesters it takes the recipient to accumulate ninety-six eligibility units as determined under divisions (E)(1) to (3) of this section.

(1) To determine the maximum number of semesters or quarters for which a recipient is entitled to a scholarship under this section, the adjutant general shall convert a recipient's credit hours of enrollment for each academic term into eligibility units in accordance with the following table:

Number of credit hours of enrollment in an academic term	equals	The following number of eligibility units if a semester	or	The following number of eligibility units if a quarter
12 or more hours		12 units		8 units
9 but less than 12		9 units		6 units
6 but less than 9		6 units		4 units
3 but less than 6		3 units		2 units

(2) A scholarship recipient under this section may continue to apply for scholarships under this section until the recipient has accumulated ninety-six eligibility units.

(3) If a scholarship recipient withdraws from courses prior to the end of an academic term so that the recipient's enrollment for that academic term is less than three credit hours, no scholarship shall be paid on behalf of that person for that academic term. Except as provided in division (F)(3) of this section, if a scholarship has already been paid on behalf of the person for that academic term, the adjutant general shall add to that person's accumulated eligibility units the number of eligibility units for which the scholarship was paid.

(F) This division applies to any eligible applicant called into active duty on or after September 11, 2001. As used in this division, "active duty" means active duty pursuant to an executive order of the president of the United States, an act of the congress of the United States, or section 5919.29 or 5923.21 of the Revised Code.

(1) For a period of up to five years from when an individual's enlistment obligation in the Ohio national guard ends, an individual to whom this division applies is eligible for scholarships under this section for those academic terms that were missed or could have been missed as a result of the individual's call into active duty. Scholarships shall not be paid for the academic term in which an eligible applicant's enlistment obligation ends unless an applicant is eligible under this division for a scholarship for such academic term due to previous active duty.

(2) When an individual to whom this division applies withdraws or otherwise fails to complete courses, for which scholarships have been awarded under this section, because the individual was called into active duty, the institution of higher education shall grant the individual a leave of absence from the individual's education program and shall not impose any academic penalty for such withdrawal or failure to complete courses. Division (F)(2) of this section applies regardless of whether or not the scholarship amount was paid to the institution of higher education.

(3) If an individual to whom this division applies withdraws or otherwise fails to complete courses because the individual was called into active duty, and if scholarships for those courses have already been paid, either:

(a) The adjutant general shall not add to that person's accumulated eligibility units calculated under division (E) of this section the number of eligibility units for the academic courses or term for which the scholarship was paid and the institution of higher education shall repay the scholarship amount to the state.

(b) The adjutant general shall add to that individual's accumulated eligibility units calculated under division (E) of this section the number of eligibility units for the academic courses or term for which the scholarship was paid if the institution of higher education agrees to permit the individual to complete the remainder of the academic courses in which the individual was enrolled at the time the individual was called into active duty.

(4) No individual who is discharged from the Ohio national guard under other than honorable conditions shall be eligible for scholarships under this division.

(G) A scholarship recipient under this section who fails to complete the term of enlistment, re-enlistment, or extension of current enlistment the recipient was serving at the time a scholarship was paid on behalf of the recipient under this section is liable to the state for repayment of a percentage of all Ohio national guard scholarships paid on behalf of the recipient under this section, plus interest at the rate of ten per cent per

annum calculated from the dates the scholarships were paid. This percentage shall equal the percentage of the current term of enlistment, re-enlistment, or extension of enlistment a recipient has not completed as of the date the recipient is discharged from the Ohio national guard.

The attorney general may commence a civil action on behalf of the chancellor to recover the amount of the scholarships and the interest provided for in this division and the expenses incurred in prosecuting the action, including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees. A scholarship recipient is not liable under this division if the recipient's failure to complete the term of enlistment being served at the time a scholarship was paid on behalf of the recipient under this section is due to the recipient's death or discharge from the national guard due to disability ~~or the recipient's enlistment, warrant, commission, or appointment for a term not less than the recipient's remaining term in the national guard or in the active duty component of the United States armed forces.~~

(H) On or before the first day of each academic term, the adjutant general shall provide an eligibility roster to the chancellor and to each institution of higher education at which one or more scholarship recipients have applied for enrollment. The institution shall use the roster to certify the actual full-time or part-time enrollment of each scholarship recipient listed as enrolled at the institution and return the roster to the adjutant general and the chancellor. Except as provided in division (J) of this section, the chancellor shall provide for payment of the appropriate number and amount of scholarships to each institution of higher education pursuant to division (D) of this section. If an institution of higher education fails to certify the actual enrollment of a scholarship recipient listed as enrolled at the institution within thirty days of the end of an academic term, the institution shall not be eligible to receive payment from the Ohio national guard scholarship program or from the individual enrollee. The adjutant general shall report on a semiannual basis to the director of budget and management, the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, and the chancellor the number of Ohio national guard scholarship recipients, the size of the scholarship-eligible population, and a projection of the cost of the program for the remainder of the biennium.

(I) The chancellor and the adjutant general may adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing the administration and fiscal management of the Ohio national guard scholarship program and the procedure by which the chancellor and the department of the adjutant general may modify the amount of scholarships a member receives based on the amount of other state financial aid a member receives.

(J) The adjutant general, the chancellor, and the director, or their designees, shall jointly estimate the costs of the Ohio national guard scholarship program for each upcoming fiscal biennium, and shall report that estimate prior to the beginning of the fiscal biennium to the chairpersons of the finance committees in the general assembly. During each fiscal year of the biennium, the adjutant general, the chancellor, and the director, or their designees, shall meet regularly to monitor the actual costs of the Ohio national guard scholarship program and update cost projections for the remainder of the biennium as necessary. If the amounts appropriated for the Ohio national guard scholarship program and any funds in the Ohio national guard scholarship reserve fund and the Ohio national guard scholarship donation fund are not adequate to provide scholarships in the amounts specified in division (D)(1) of this section for all eligible applicants, the chancellor shall do all of the following:

(1) Notify each private institution of higher education, where a scholarship recipient is enrolled, that, by accepting the Ohio national guard scholarship program as payment for all or part of the institution's tuition, the institution agrees that if the chancellor reduces the amount of each scholarship, the institution shall provide each scholarship recipient a grant or tuition waiver in an amount equal to the amount the recipient's scholarship was reduced by the chancellor.

(2) Reduce the amount of each scholarship under division (D)(1)(a) of this section proportionally based on the amount of remaining available funds. Each state institution of higher education shall provide each scholarship recipient under division (D)(1)(a) of this section a grant or tuition waiver in an amount equal to the amount the recipient's scholarship was reduced by the chancellor.

(K) Notwithstanding division (A) of section 127.14 of the Revised Code, the controlling board shall not transfer all or part of any appropriation for the Ohio national guard scholarship program.

(L) The chancellor and the adjutant general may apply for, and may receive and accept grants, and may receive and accept gifts, bequests, and contributions, from public and private sources, including agencies and instrumentalities of the United States and this state, and shall deposit the grants, gifts, bequests, or contributions into the national guard scholarship donation fund.

Sec. 6109.071. (A) As used in this section and section 6109.072 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Public water system well" means a well for use by a public water system.

(2) "Well" means any excavation by digging, boring, drilling, driving, or other method for the purpose of removing ground water from an aquifer. "Well" does not include a private water system well or a monitoring well.

(B) The director of environmental protection may require a public water system to decrease its pumping rates if either of the following applies:

(1) The public water system is pumping at a rate that is drawing or has the potential to draw contaminants into the public water system or a public water system well.

(2) The chief of the division of water resources in the department of natural resources revokes, suspends, or amends a permit issued under section 1521.29 or 1522.12 of the Revised Code or requires a decrease in withdrawal with respect to either such permit.

Sec. 6109.072. (A) No person shall install a public water system well without an approved well siting application issued by the director of environmental protection in accordance with this chapter and any rules adopted under it.

(B) In addition to meeting the siting requirements established under section 6109.04 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted under it, a person that submits a well siting application for a public water system well shall include all of the following in the application:

(1) For a new public water system or an existing public water system that proposes an increase in the withdrawal of waters of the state, an evaluation of alternatives for the provision of drinking water, including the potential for tie-in to a regional water system;

(2) For a new public water system or an existing public water system that proposes an increase in the withdrawal of waters of the state, asset management program information in accordance with section 6109.24 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted under it;

(3) For an existing public water system, a description of the asset management program impacts of installing the well, including impacts to any existing asset management program and the potential for tie-in to a regional water system;

(4) For a public water system well that has the capacity to withdraw waters of the state in an amount requiring registration pursuant to section 1521.16 of the Revised Code, a general plan, subject to approval of the director, that includes both of the following:

(a) The information required to be submitted under section 6109.07 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted under it;

(b) Verification of registration pursuant to section 1521.16 of the Revised Code.

(5) For a public water system well that has new or increased capacities for withdrawal or consumptive use that require a permit issued under either section 1521.29 or 1522.12 of the Revised Code, a permit approved by the chief of the division of water resources in the department of natural resources pursuant to section 1521.29 or 1522.12 of the Revised Code.

(C) If the director approves a well siting application for an applicant that meets the requirements of division (B)(5) of this section, the applicant then shall submit to the director a copy of any certification, continuing monitoring, or other data or reports required by the chief of the division of water resources pursuant to a permit issued under either section 1521.29 or 1522.12 of the Revised Code and any revised ground water model required by the chief.

(D) The director may require the well site applicant to include, in the application, additional information, including but not limited to hydrologic information, in a form prescribed by the director for any public water system that is not required to obtain a permit under either section 1521.23 or 1522.12 of the Revised Code.

(E) The director may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code as is necessary for the implementation of this section.

Sec. 6111.03. The director of environmental protection may do any of the following:

(A) Develop plans and programs for the prevention, control, and abatement of new or existing pollution of the waters of the state;

(B) Advise, consult, and cooperate with other agencies of the state, the federal government, other states, and interstate agencies and with affected groups, political subdivisions, and industries in furtherance of the purposes of this chapter. Before adopting, amending, or rescinding a standard or rule pursuant to division (G) of this section or section 6111.041 or 6111.042 of the Revised Code, the director shall do all of the following:

(1) Mail notice to each statewide organization that the director determines represents persons who would be affected by the proposed standard or rule, amendment thereto, or rescission thereof at least thirty-five days before any public hearing thereon;

(2) Mail a copy of each proposed standard or rule, amendment thereto, or rescission thereof to any person who requests a copy, within five days after receipt of the request therefor;

(3) Consult with appropriate state and local government agencies or their representatives, including statewide organizations of local government officials, industrial representatives, and other interested persons.

Although the director is expected to discharge these duties diligently,

failure to mail any such notice or copy or to so consult with any person shall not invalidate any proceeding or action of the director.

(C) Administer grants from the federal government and from other sources, public or private, for carrying out any of its functions, all such moneys to be deposited in the state treasury and kept by the treasurer of state in a separate fund subject to the lawful orders of the director;

(D) Administer state grants for the construction of sewage and waste collection and treatment works;

(E) Encourage, participate in, or conduct studies, investigations, research, and demonstrations relating to water pollution, and the causes, prevention, control, and abatement thereof, that are advisable and necessary for the discharge of the director's duties under this chapter;

(F) Collect and disseminate information relating to water pollution and prevention, control, and abatement thereof;

(G) Adopt, amend, and rescind rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing the procedure for hearings, the filing of reports, the issuance of permits, the issuance of industrial water pollution control certificates, and all other matters relating to procedure;

(H) Issue, modify, or revoke orders to prevent, control, or abate water pollution by such means as the following:

(1) Prohibiting or abating discharges of sewage, industrial waste, or other wastes into the waters of the state;

(2) Requiring the construction of new disposal systems or any parts thereof, or the modification, extension, or alteration of existing disposal systems or any parts thereof;

(3) Prohibiting additional connections to or extensions of a sewerage system when the connections or extensions would result in an increase in the polluting properties of the effluent from the system when discharged into any waters of the state;

(4) Requiring compliance with any standard or rule adopted under sections 6111.01 to 6111.05 of the Revised Code or term or condition of a permit.

In the making of those orders, wherever compliance with a rule adopted under section 6111.042 of the Revised Code is not involved, consistent with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, the director shall give consideration to, and base the determination on, evidence relating to the technical feasibility and economic reasonableness of complying with those orders and to evidence relating to conditions calculated to result from compliance with those orders, and their relation to benefits to the people of the state to be derived from such compliance in accomplishing the purposes

of this chapter.

(I) Review plans, specifications, or other data relative to disposal systems or any part thereof in connection with the issuance of orders, permits, and industrial water pollution control certificates under this chapter;

(J)(1) Issue, revoke, modify, or deny sludge management permits and permits for the discharge of sewage, industrial waste, or other wastes into the waters of the state, and for the installation or modification of disposal systems or any parts thereof in compliance with all requirements of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and mandatory regulations adopted thereunder, including regulations adopted under section 405 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and set terms and conditions of permits, including schedules of compliance, where necessary. In issuing permits for sludge management, the director shall not allow the placement of sewage sludge on frozen ground in conflict with rules adopted under this chapter. Any person who discharges, transports, or handles storm water from an animal feeding facility, as defined in section 903.01 of the Revised Code, or pollutants from a concentrated animal feeding operation, as both terms are defined in that section, is not required to obtain a permit under division (J)(1) of this section for the installation or modification of a disposal system involving pollutants or storm water or any parts of such a system on and after the date on which the director of agriculture has finalized the program required under division (A)(1) of section 903.02 of the Revised Code. In addition, any person who discharges, transports, or handles storm water from an animal feeding facility, as defined in section 903.01 of the Revised Code, or pollutants from a concentrated animal feeding operation, as both terms are defined in that section, is not required to obtain a permit under division (J)(1) of this section for the discharge of storm water from an animal feeding facility or pollutants from a concentrated animal feeding operation on and after the date on which the United States environmental protection agency approves the NPDES program submitted by the director of agriculture under section 903.08 of the Revised Code.

Any permit terms and conditions set by the director shall be designed to achieve and maintain full compliance with the national effluent limitations, national standards of performance for new sources, and national toxic and pretreatment effluent standards set under that act, and any other mandatory requirements of that act that are imposed by regulation of the administrator of the United States environmental protection agency. If an applicant for a sludge management permit also applies for a related permit for the discharge of sewage, industrial waste, or other wastes into the waters of the state, the director may combine the two permits and issue one permit to the applicant.

A sludge management permit is not required for an entity that treats or transports sewage sludge or for a sanitary landfill when all of the following apply:

- (a) The entity or sanitary landfill does not generate the sewage sludge.
- (b) Prior to receipt at the sanitary landfill, the entity has ensured that the sewage sludge meets the requirements established in rules adopted by the director under section 3734.02 of the Revised Code concerning disposal of municipal solid waste in a sanitary landfill.
- (c) Disposal of the sewage sludge occurs at a sanitary landfill that complies with rules adopted by the director under section 3734.02 of the Revised Code.

As used in division (J)(1) of this section, "sanitary landfill" means a sanitary landfill facility, as defined in rules adopted under section 3734.02 of the Revised Code, that is licensed as a solid waste facility under section 3734.05 of the Revised Code.

(2) An application for a permit or renewal thereof shall be denied if any of the following applies:

- (a) The secretary of the army determines in writing that anchorage or navigation would be substantially impaired thereby;
- (b) The director determines that the proposed discharge or source would conflict with an areawide waste treatment management plan adopted in accordance with section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act;
- (c) The administrator of the United States environmental protection agency objects in writing to the issuance or renewal of the permit in accordance with section 402 (d) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act;
- (d) The application is for the discharge of any radiological, chemical, or biological warfare agent or high-level radioactive waste into the waters of the United States.

(3) To achieve and maintain applicable standards of quality for the waters of the state adopted pursuant to section 6111.041 of the Revised Code, the director shall impose, where necessary and appropriate, as conditions of each permit, water quality related effluent limitations in accordance with sections 301, 302, 306, 307, and 405 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and, to the extent consistent with that act, shall give consideration to, and base the determination on, evidence relating to the technical feasibility and economic reasonableness of removing the polluting properties from those wastes and to evidence relating to conditions calculated to result from that action and their relation to benefits to the people of the state and to accomplishment of the purposes of this chapter.

(4) Where a discharge having a thermal component from a source that is

constructed or modified on or after October 18, 1972, meets national or state effluent limitations or more stringent permit conditions designed to achieve and maintain compliance with applicable standards of quality for the waters of the state, which limitations or conditions will ensure protection and propagation of a balanced, indigenous population of shellfish, fish, and wildlife in or on the body of water into which the discharge is made, taking into account the interaction of the thermal component with sewage, industrial waste, or other wastes, the director shall not impose any more stringent limitation on the thermal component of the discharge, as a condition of a permit or renewal thereof for the discharge, during a ten-year period beginning on the date of completion of the construction or modification of the source, or during the period of depreciation or amortization of the source for the purpose of section 167 or 169 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, whichever period ends first.

(5) The director shall specify in permits for the discharge of sewage, industrial waste, and other wastes, the net volume, net weight, duration, frequency, and, where necessary, concentration of the sewage, industrial waste, and other wastes that may be discharged into the waters of the state. The director shall specify in those permits and in sludge management permits that the permit is conditioned upon payment of applicable fees as required by section 3745.11 of the Revised Code and upon the right of the director's authorized representatives to enter upon the premises of the person to whom the permit has been issued for the purpose of determining compliance with this chapter, rules adopted thereunder, or the terms and conditions of a permit, order, or other determination. The director shall issue or deny an application for a sludge management permit or a permit for a new discharge, for the installation or modification of a disposal system, or for the renewal of a permit, within one hundred eighty days of the date on which a complete application with all plans, specifications, construction schedules, and other pertinent information required by the director is received.

(6) The director may condition permits upon the installation of discharge or water quality monitoring equipment or devices and the filing of periodic reports on the amounts and contents of discharges and the quality of receiving waters that the director prescribes. The director shall condition each permit for a government-owned disposal system or any other "treatment works" as defined in the Federal Water Pollution Control Act upon the reporting of new introductions of industrial waste or other wastes and substantial changes in volume or character thereof being introduced into those systems or works from "industrial users" as defined in section 502 of

that act, as necessary to comply with section 402(b)(8) of that act; upon the identification of the character and volume of pollutants subject to pretreatment standards being introduced into the system or works; and upon the existence of a program to ensure compliance with pretreatment standards by "industrial users" of the system or works. In requiring monitoring devices and reports, the director, to the extent consistent with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, shall give consideration to technical feasibility and economic reasonableness and shall allow reasonable time for compliance.

(7) A permit may be issued for a period not to exceed five years and may be renewed upon application for renewal. In renewing a permit, the director shall consider the compliance history of the permit holder and may deny the renewal if the director determines that the permit holder has not complied with the terms and conditions of the existing permit. A permit may be modified, suspended, or revoked for cause, including, but not limited to, violation of any condition of the permit, obtaining a permit by misrepresentation or failure to disclose fully all relevant facts of the permitted discharge or of the sludge use, storage, treatment, or disposal practice, or changes in any condition that requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the permitted activity. No application shall be denied or permit revoked or modified without a written order stating the findings upon which the denial, revocation, or modification is based. A copy of the order shall be sent to the applicant or permit holder by certified mail.

(K) Institute or cause to be instituted in any court of competent jurisdiction proceedings to compel compliance with this chapter or with the orders of the director issued under this chapter, or to ensure compliance with sections 204(b), 307, 308, and 405 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act;

(L) Certify to the government of the United States or any agency thereof that an industrial water pollution control facility is in conformity with the state program or requirements for the control of water pollution whenever the certification may be required for a taxpayer under the Internal Revenue Code of the United States, as amended;

(M) Issue, modify, and revoke orders requiring any "industrial user" of any publicly owned "treatment works" as defined in sections 212(2) and 502(18) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to comply with pretreatment standards; establish and maintain records; make reports; install, use, and maintain monitoring equipment or methods, including, where appropriate, biological monitoring methods; sample discharges in accordance with methods, at locations, at intervals, and in a manner that the

director determines; and provide other information that is necessary to ascertain whether or not there is compliance with toxic and pretreatment effluent standards. In issuing, modifying, and revoking those orders, the director, to the extent consistent with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, shall give consideration to technical feasibility and economic reasonableness and shall allow reasonable time for compliance.

(N) Exercise all incidental powers necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter;

(O) Pursuant to section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, do any of the following:

(1) Issue or deny a section 401 water quality certification to, or, pursuant to an appealable action, waive a section 401 water quality certification for, any applicant for a federal license or permit to conduct any activity that may result in any discharge into the waters of the state. Any waiver shall contain a justification for the action.

(2) At the request or concurrence of the certification holder, transfer or modify a section 401 water quality certification;

(3) Revoke a section 401 water quality certification when the director determines that the certification approval was based on false or misleading information.

(P) Administer and enforce the publicly owned treatment works pretreatment program in accordance with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. In the administration of that program, the director may do any of the following:

(1) Apply and enforce pretreatment standards;

(2) Approve and deny requests for approval of publicly owned treatment works pretreatment programs, oversee those programs, and implement, in whole or in part, those programs under any of the following conditions:

(a) The director has denied a request for approval of the publicly owned treatment works pretreatment program;

(b) The director has revoked the publicly owned treatment works pretreatment program;

(c) There is no pretreatment program currently being implemented by the publicly owned treatment works;

(d) The publicly owned treatment works has requested the director to implement, in whole or in part, the pretreatment program.

(3) Require that a publicly owned treatment works pretreatment program be incorporated in a permit issued to a publicly owned treatment works as required by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, require compliance by publicly owned treatment works with those programs, and

require compliance by industrial users with pretreatment standards;

(4) Approve and deny requests for authority to modify categorical pretreatment standards to reflect removal of pollutants achieved by publicly owned treatment works;

(5) Deny and recommend approval of requests for fundamentally different factors variances submitted by industrial users;

(6) Make determinations on categorization of industrial users;

(7) Adopt, amend, or rescind rules and issue, modify, or revoke orders necessary for the administration and enforcement of the publicly owned treatment works pretreatment program.

Any approval of a publicly owned treatment works pretreatment program may contain any terms and conditions, including schedules of compliance, that are necessary to achieve compliance with this chapter.

(Q) Except as otherwise provided in this division, adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing procedures, methods, and equipment and other requirements for equipment to prevent and contain discharges of oil and hazardous substances into the waters of the state. The rules shall be consistent with and equivalent in scope, content, and coverage to section 311(j)(1)(c) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and regulations adopted under it. The director shall not adopt rules under this division relating to discharges of oil from oil production facilities and oil drilling and workover facilities as those terms are defined in that act and regulations adopted under it.

(R)(1) Administer and enforce a program for the regulation of sludge management in this state. In administering the program, the director, in addition to exercising the authority provided in any other applicable sections of this chapter, may do any of the following:

(a) Develop plans and programs for the disposal and utilization of sludge and sludge materials;

(b) Encourage, participate in, or conduct studies, investigations, research, and demonstrations relating to the disposal and use of sludge and sludge materials and the impact of sludge and sludge materials on land located in the state and on the air and waters of the state;

(c) Collect and disseminate information relating to the disposal and use of sludge and sludge materials and the impact of sludge and sludge materials on land located in the state and on the air and waters of the state;

(d) Issue, modify, or revoke orders to prevent, control, or abate the use and disposal of sludge and sludge materials or the effects of the use of sludge and sludge materials on land located in the state and on the air and waters of the state;

(e) Adopt and enforce, modify, or rescind rules necessary for the implementation of division (R) of this section. The rules reasonably shall protect public health and the environment, encourage the beneficial reuse of sludge and sludge materials, and minimize the creation of nuisance odors.

The director may specify in sludge management permits the net volume, net weight, quality, and pollutant concentration of the sludge or sludge materials that may be used, stored, treated, or disposed of, and the manner and frequency of the use, storage, treatment, or disposal, to protect public health and the environment from adverse effects relating to those activities. The director shall impose other terms and conditions to protect public health and the environment, minimize the creation of nuisance odors, and achieve compliance with this chapter and rules adopted under it and, in doing so, shall consider whether the terms and conditions are consistent with the goal of encouraging the beneficial reuse of sludge and sludge materials.

The director may condition permits on the implementation of treatment, storage, disposal, distribution, or application management methods and the filing of periodic reports on the amounts, composition, and quality of sludge and sludge materials that are disposed of, used, treated, or stored.

An approval of a treatment works sludge disposal program may contain any terms and conditions, including schedules of compliance, necessary to achieve compliance with this chapter and rules adopted under it.

(2) As a part of the program established under division (R)(1) of this section, the director has exclusive authority to regulate sewage sludge management in this state. For purposes of division (R)(2) of this section, that program shall be consistent with section 405 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and regulations adopted under it and with this section, except that the director may adopt rules under division (R) of this section that establish requirements that are more stringent than section 405 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and regulations adopted under it with regard to monitoring sewage sludge and sewage sludge materials and establishing acceptable sewage sludge management practices and pollutant levels in sewage sludge and sewage sludge materials.

This chapter authorizes the state to participate in any national sludge management program and the national pollutant discharge elimination system, to administer and enforce the publicly owned treatment works pretreatment program, and to issue permits for the discharge of dredged or fill materials, in accordance with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. This chapter shall be administered, consistent with the laws of this state and federal law, in the same manner that the Federal Water Pollution Control Act is required to be administered.

(S) Develop technical guidance and offer technical assistance, upon request, for the purpose of minimizing wind or water erosion of soil, and assist in compliance with permits for storm water management issued under this chapter and rules adopted under it.

(T) Study, examine, and calculate nutrient loading from point and nonpoint sources in order to determine comparative contributions by those sources and to utilize the information derived from those calculations to determine the most environmentally beneficial and cost-effective mechanisms to reduce nutrient loading to watersheds in the Lake Erie basin and the Ohio river basin. In order to evaluate nutrient loading contributions, the director or the director's designee shall conduct a study of the nutrient mass balance for both point and nonpoint sources in watersheds in the Lake Erie basin and the Ohio river basin using available data, including both of the following:

- (1) Data on water quality and stream flow;
- (2) Data on point source discharges into those watersheds.

The director or the director's designee shall report and update the results of the study to coincide with the release of the Ohio integrated water quality monitoring and assessment report prepared by the director.

(U) Establish the total maximum daily load (TMDL) for waters of the state where a TMDL is required under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

(V) Coordinate with the supervisors of a soil and water conservation district to ensure compliance with rules adopted by the director that pertain to urban sediment and storm water runoff pollution abatement. As used in this division "urban sediment and storm water runoff pollution abatement" has the same meaning as in section 939.01 of the Revised Code.

This section does not apply to residual farm products and manure disposal systems and related management and conservation practices subject to rules adopted pursuant to division (E)(1) of section 939.02 of the Revised Code. For purposes of this exclusion, "residual farm products" and "manure" have the same meanings as in section 939.01 of the Revised Code. However, until the date on which the United States environmental protection agency approves the NPDES program submitted by the director of agriculture under section 903.08 of the Revised Code, this exclusion does not apply to animal waste treatment works having a controlled direct discharge to the waters of the state or any concentrated animal feeding operation, as defined in 40 C.F.R. 122.23(b)(2). On and after the date on which the United States environmental protection agency approves the NPDES program submitted by the director of agriculture under section 903.08 of the Revised Code, this

section does not apply to storm water from an animal feeding facility, as defined in section 903.01 of the Revised Code, or to pollutants discharged from a concentrated animal feeding operation, as both terms are defined in that section. Neither of these exclusions applies to the discharge of animal waste into a publicly owned treatment works.

Not later than December 1, 2016, a publicly owned treatment works with a design flow of one million gallons per day or more, or designated as a major discharger by the director, shall be required to begin monthly monitoring of total and dissolved reactive phosphorus pursuant to a new NPDES permit, an NPDES permit renewal, or a director-initiated modification. The director shall include in each applicable new NPDES permit, NPDES permit renewal, or director-initiated modification a requirement that such monitoring be conducted. A director-initiated modification for that purpose shall be considered and processed as a minor modification pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code 3745-33-04. In addition, not later than December 1, 2017, a publicly owned treatment works with a design flow of one million gallons per day or more that, on July 3, 2015, is not subject to a phosphorus limit shall complete and submit to the director a study that evaluates the technical and financial capability of the existing treatment facility to reduce the final effluent discharge of phosphorus to one milligram per liter using possible source reduction measures, operational procedures, and unit process configurations.

Sec. 6119.06. Upon the declaration of the court of common pleas organizing the regional water and sewer district pursuant to section 6119.04 of the Revised Code and upon the qualifying of its board of trustees and the election of a president and a secretary, said district shall exercise in its own name all the rights, powers, and duties vested in it by Chapter 6119. of the Revised Code, and, subject to such reservations, limitations and qualifications as are set forth in this chapter, such district may:

(A) Adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs, the conduct of its business, and notice of its actions;

(B) Adopt an official seal;

(C) Maintain a principal office and suboffices at such places within the district as it designates;

(D) Sue and plead in its own name; be sued and impleaded in its own name with respect to its contracts or torts of its members, employees, or agents acting within the scope of their employment, or to enforce its obligations and covenants made under sections 6119.09, 6119.12, and 6119.14 of the Revised Code. Any such actions against the district shall be brought in the court of common pleas of the county in which the principal

office of the district is located, or in the court of common pleas of the county in which the cause of action arose, and all summonses, exceptions, and notices of every kind shall be served on the district by leaving a copy thereof at the principal office with the person in charge thereof or with the secretary of the district.

(E) Assume any liability or obligation of any person or political subdivision, including a right on the part of such district to indemnify and save harmless the other contracting party from any loss, cost, or liability by reason of the failure, refusal, neglect, or omission of such district to perform any agreement assumed by it or to act or discharge any such obligation;

(F) Make loans and grants to any person or political subdivisions for the design, acquisition, or construction of water resource projects by such person or political subdivisions and adopt rules, regulations, and procedures for making such loans and grants;

(G) Acquire, construct, reconstruct, enlarge, improve, furnish, equip, maintain, repair, operate, lease or rent to or from, or contract for operation by or for, a political subdivision or person, water resource projects within or without the district;

(H) Make available the use or service of any water resource project to one or more persons, one or more political subdivisions, or any combination thereof;

(I) Levy and collect taxes and special assessments;

(J) Issue bonds and notes and refunding bonds and notes as provided in Chapter 6119. of the Revised Code;

(K) Acquire by gift or purchase, hold, and dispose of real and personal property in the exercise of its powers and the performance of its duties under Chapter 6119. of the Revised Code;

(L) Dispose of, by public or private sale, or lease any real or personal property determined by the board of trustees to be no longer necessary or needed for the operation or purposes of the district;

(M) Acquire, in the name of the district, by purchase or otherwise, on such terms and in such manner as it considers proper, or by the exercise of the right of condemnation in the manner provided by section 6119.11 of the Revised Code, such public or private lands, including public parks, playgrounds, or reservations, or parts thereof or rights therein, rights-of-way, property, rights, easements, and interests as it considers necessary for carrying out Chapter 6119. of the Revised Code, but excluding the acquisition by the exercise of the right of condemnation of any waste water facility or water management facility owned by any person or political subdivision, and compensation shall be paid for public or private lands so

taken;

(N) Adopt rules and regulations to protect augmented flow by the district in waters of the state, to the extent augmented by a water resource project, from depletion so it will be available for beneficial use, to provide standards for the withdrawal from waters of the state of the augmented flow created by a water resource project which is not returned to the waters of the state so augmented, and to establish reasonable charges therefor, if considered necessary by the district;

(O) Make and enter into all contracts and agreements and execute all instruments necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the execution of its powers under Chapter 6119. of the Revised Code;

(P) Enter into contracts with any person or any political subdivision to render services to such contracting party for any service the district is authorized to provide;

(Q) Enter into agreements for grants or the receipt and repayment of loans from a board of township trustees under section 505.705 of the Revised Code;

(R) Make provision for, contract for, or sell any of its by-products or waste;

(S) Exercise the power of eminent domain in the manner provided in Chapter 6119. of the Revised Code;

(T) Remove or change the location of any fence, building, railroad, canal, or other structure or improvement located in or out of the district, and in case it is not feasible or economical to move any such building, structure, or improvement situated in or upon lands required, and if the cost is determined by the board to be less than that of purchase or condemnation, to acquire land and construct, acquire, or install therein or thereon buildings, structures, or improvements similar in purpose, to be exchanged for such buildings, structures, or improvements under contracts entered into between the owner thereof and the district;

(U) Receive and accept, from any federal or state agency, grants for or in aid of the construction of any water resource project, and receive and accept aid or contributions from any source of money, property, labor, or other things of value, to be held, used, and applied only for the purposes for which such grants and contributions are made;

(V) Purchase fire and extended coverage and liability insurance for any water resource project and for the principal office and suboffices of the district, insurance protecting the district and its officers and employees against liability for damage to property or injury to or death of persons arising from its operations, and any other insurance the district may agree to

provide under any resolution authorizing its water resource revenue bonds or in any trust agreement securing the same;

(W)(1) Charge, alter, and collect rentals and other charges for the use of services of any water resource project as provided in section 6119.09 of the Revised Code. Such district may refuse the services of any of its projects if any of such rentals or other charges, including penalties for late payment, are not paid by the user thereof, and, if such rentals or other charges are not paid when due and upon certification of nonpayment to the county auditor, such rentals or other charges constitute a lien upon the property so served, shall be placed by the auditor upon the real property tax list and duplicate, and shall be collected in the same manner as other taxes.

(2) A district shall not certify to the county auditor for placement upon the tax list and duplicate and the county auditor shall not place upon the tax list or duplicate as a charge against the property the amount of unpaid rentals or other charges including any penalties for late payment as described in division (W)(1) of this section if any of the following apply:

(a) The property served has been transferred or sold to an electing subdivision as defined in section 5722.01 of the Revised Code, regardless of whether the electing subdivision is still the owner of the property, and the unpaid rentals or other charges including penalties for late payment have arisen from a period of time prior to the transfer or confirmation of sale to the electing subdivision.

(b) The property served has been sold to a purchaser at sheriff's sale or auditor's sale, the unpaid rentals or other charges including penalties for late payment have arisen from a period of time prior to the confirmation of sale, and the purchaser is not the owner of record of the property immediately prior to the judgment of foreclosure nor any of the following:

(i) A member of that owner's immediate family;

(ii) A person with a power of attorney appointed by that owner who subsequently transfers the property to the owner;

(iii) A sole proprietorship owned by that owner or a member of that owner's immediate family;

(iv) A partnership, trust, business trust, corporation, or association of which the owner or a member of the owner's immediate family owns or controls directly or indirectly more than fifty per cent.

(c) The property served has been forfeited to this state for delinquent taxes, unless the owner of record redeems the property.

(3) Upon valid written notice to the county auditor by any owner possessing an ownership interest of record of the property or an electing subdivision previously in the chain of title to the property that the unpaid

water rents or charges together with any penalties have been certified for placement or placed upon the tax list and duplicate as a charge against the property in violation of division (W)(2) of this section, the county auditor shall promptly remove such charge from the tax duplicate. This written notice to the county auditor shall include all of the following:

- (a) The parcel number of the property;
- (b) The common address of the property;
- (c) The date of the recording of the transfer of the property to the owner or electing subdivision;
- (d) The charge allegedly placed in violation of division (W)(2) of this section.

(4) When title to property is transferred to a county land reutilization corporation, any lien placed on the property under this division shall be extinguished, and the corporation shall not be held liable for any rentals or charges certified under this division with respect to the property, if the rentals or charges were incurred before the date of the transfer to the corporation and if the corporation did not incur the rentals or charges, regardless of whether the rentals or charges were certified, or the lien was attached, before the date of transfer. In such a case, the corporation and its successors in title shall take title to the property free and clear of any such lien and shall be immune from liability in any collection action brought with respect to such rentals or charges. If a lien placed on property is extinguished as provided in this division, the district shall retain the ability to recoup the rents and charges incurred with respect to the property from any owner, tenant, or other person liable to pay such rents and charges before the property was transferred to the corporation.

(X) Provide coverage for its employees under Chapters 145., 4123., and 4141. of the Revised Code;

(Y) Merge or combine with any other regional water and sewer district into a single district, which shall be one of the constituent districts, on terms so that the surviving district shall be possessed of all rights, capacity, privileges, powers, franchises, and authority of the constituent districts and shall be subject to all the liabilities, obligations, and duties of each of the constituent districts and all rights of creditors of such constituent districts shall be preserved unimpaired, limited in lien to the property affected by such liens immediately prior to the time of the merger and all debts, liabilities, and duties of the respective constituent districts shall thereafter attach to the surviving district and may be enforced against it, and such other terms as are agreed upon, provided two-thirds of the members of each of the boards consent to such merger or combination. Such merger or

combination shall become legally effective unless, prior to the ninetieth day following the later of the consents, qualified electors residing in either district equal in number to a majority of the qualified electors voting at the last general election in such district file with the secretary of the board of trustees of their regional water and sewer district a petition of remonstrance against such merger or combination. The secretary shall cause the board of elections of the proper county or counties to check the sufficiency of the signatures on such petition.

(Z) Exercise the powers of the district without obtaining the consent of any other political subdivision, provided that all public or private property damaged or destroyed in carrying out the powers of the district shall be restored or repaired and placed in its original condition as nearly as practicable or adequate compensation made therefor by the district;

(AA) Require the owner of any premises located within the district to connect the owner's premises to a water resource project determined to be accessible to such premises and found to require such connection so as to prevent or abate pollution or protect the health and property of persons in the district. Such connection shall be made in accordance with procedures established by the board of trustees of such district and pursuant to such orders as the board may find necessary to ensure and enforce compliance with such procedures.

(BB) Do all acts necessary or proper to carry out the powers granted in Chapter 6119. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 6119.09. A regional water and sewer district may charge, alter, and collect rentals or other charges, including penalties for late payment, for the use or services of any water resource project or any benefit conferred thereby and contract in the manner provided by this section with one or more persons, one or more political subdivisions, or any combination thereof, desiring the use or services thereof, and fix the terms, conditions, rentals, or other charges, including penalties for late payment, for such use or services. Such rentals or other charges shall not be subject to supervision or regulation by any authority, commission, board, bureau, or agency of the state or any political subdivision, and such contract may provide for acquisition by such political subdivision of all or any part of such water resource project for such consideration payable over the period of the contract or otherwise as the district in its sole discretion determines to be appropriate, but subject to the provisions of any resolution authorizing the issuance of water resource revenue bonds or notes or water resource revenue refunding bonds of the district or any trust agreement securing the same. Any political subdivision, which has power to construct, operate, and

maintain waste water facilities or water management facilities may enter into a contract or lease with the district whereby the use or services of any water resource project of the district will be made available to such political subdivision and pay for such use or services such rentals or other charges as may be agreed to by the district and such political subdivision.

Any political subdivision, person, or combination thereof may cooperate with the district in the acquisition or construction of a water resource project and shall enter into such agreements with the district as are necessary, with a view to effective cooperative action and safeguarding of the respective interests of the parties thereto, which agreements shall provide for such contributions by the parties thereto in such proportion as may be agreed upon and such other terms as may be mutually satisfactory to the parties, including without limitation the authorization of the construction of the project by one of the parties acting as agent for all of the parties and the ownership and control of the project by the district or one or more of the other parties or any combination thereof to the extent determined necessary or appropriate. Any political subdivision may provide the funds for the payment of such contribution as is required under such agreements by the levy of taxes, assessments, or rentals and other charges for the use of the system of which the water resource project is a part or to which it is connected, if otherwise authorized by the laws governing such political subdivision in the construction of the type of water resource project provided for in the agreements, and may pay the proceeds from the collection of such taxes, assessments, rentals, or other charges to the district pursuant to such agreements; or the political subdivision may issue bonds or notes, if authorized by such laws, in anticipation of the collection of such taxes, assessments, rentals or other charges and may pay the proceeds of such bonds or notes to the district pursuant to such agreements. In addition, any political subdivision may provide the funds for the payment of such contribution by the appropriation of money or, if otherwise authorized by law, by the issuance of bonds or notes and may pay such appropriated money or the proceeds of such bonds or notes to the district pursuant to such agreements. The agreement by the political subdivision to provide such contribution, whether from appropriated money or from the proceeds of such taxes, assessments, rentals, or other charges, or such bonds or notes, or any combination thereof, is not subject to Chapter 133. of the Revised Code. The proceeds from the collection of such taxes or assessments, and any interest earned thereon, shall be paid into a special fund immediately upon the collection thereof by the political subdivision for the purpose of providing such contribution at the times required under such agreements.

When the contribution of any political subdivision is to be made over a period of time from the proceeds of the collection of special assessments, the interest accrued and to accrue before the first installment of such assessments is collected, which is payable by such political subdivision on such contribution under the terms of such an agreement, shall be treated as part of the cost of the improvement for which such assessments are levied, and that portion of such assessments as is collected in installments shall bear interest at the same rate as such political subdivision is obligated to pay on such contribution under the terms and provisions of such agreement and for the same period of time as the contribution is to be made under such agreement. If the assessment or any installment thereof is not paid when due, it shall bear interest until the payment thereof at the same rate as such contribution and the county auditor shall annually place on the tax list and duplicate the interest applicable to such assessment and the penalty and any additional interest thereon as otherwise authorized by law.

Any political subdivision, pursuant to a favorable vote of the electors in an election held before or after November 19, 1971, for the purpose of issuing bonds to provide funds to acquire, construct, or equip, or provide real estate and interests in real estate for, a waste water facility or a water management facility, whether or not the political subdivision, at the time of such election, had the authority to pay the proceeds from such bonds or notes issued in anticipation thereof to a regional water and sewer district as provided in this section, may issue such bonds or notes in anticipation of the issuance thereof and pay the proceeds thereof to the district in accordance with its agreement with the district; provided, that the legislative authority of the political subdivision determines that the water resource project to be acquired or constructed by the district in cooperation with such political subdivision will serve the same public purpose and meet substantially the same public need as the facility otherwise proposed to be acquired or constructed by the political subdivision with the proceeds of such bonds or notes.

Sec. 6119.091. When fixing rentals or other charges under section 6119.09 of the Revised Code, a board of trustees of a regional water and sewer district may establish discounted rentals or charges or may establish another mechanism for providing a reduction in rentals or charges ~~for persons who are sixty five years of age or older. The~~ If the board does so, ~~the~~ board shall establish eligibility requirements for such discounted or reduced rentals or charges, including a requirement that a person be eligible for the homestead exemption or qualify as a low- and moderate-income person.

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SECTION 101.02. That existing sections 9.54, 101.38, 102.02, 102.021, 103.41, 103.416, 107.036, 109.572, 111.15, 111.28, 113.55, 113.56, 115.56, 117.11, 117.13, 117.14, 120.04, 120.06, 120.08, 120.18, 120.28, 120.33, 120.34, 120.35, 120.52, 120.521, 120.53, 121.083, 121.22, 121.37, 121.93, 122.075, 122.121, 122.171, 122.175, 122.85, 122.86, 123.21, 124.132, 124.82, 124.824, 125.01, 125.14, 125.18, 125.25, 125.66, 125.661, 126.48, 128.021, 131.02, 131.35, 131.44, 141.04, 141.16, 147.591, 149.11, 149.43, 153.02, 166.01, 169.06, 173.04, 173.27, 173.38, 173.391, 174.02, 177.02, 183.18, 183.33, 307.622, 311.42, 317.32, 317.321, 319.302, 319.63, 321.24, 323.131, 323.151, 323.155, 341.34, 349.01, 349.03, 349.07, 351.021, 503.56, 505.37, 505.371, 701.10, 711.131, 715.014, 718.01, 718.80, 718.83, 718.85, 718.90, 753.21, 755.16, 905.31, 929.04, 939.02, 939.04, 940.01, 940.02, 940.06, 956.01, 956.031, 956.051, 956.20, 991.02, 1321.73, 1346.04, 1347.08, 1349.43, 1501.31, 1501.32, 1501.33, 1501.34, 1501.35, 1505.09, 1509.28, 1509.31, 1509.36, 1509.50, 1521.01, 1521.03, 1521.04, 1521.06, 1521.062, 1521.063, 1521.16, 1521.99, 1522.10, 1522.101, 1522.11, 1522.12, 1522.13, 1522.14, 1522.15, 1522.19, 1522.20, 1522.21, 1533.10, 1533.11, 1533.111, 1533.112, 1533.32, 1533.321, 1561.011, 1711.52, 1711.53, 1724.05, 1726.11, 1739.05, 1751.77, 1901.123, 1901.26, 1907.143, 1907.24, 2151.23, 2151.233, 2151.234, 2151.235, 2151.236, 2151.353, 2151.3516, 2151.3532, 2151.421, 2151.424, 2151.86, 2151.87, 2301.32, 2303.201, 2305.231, 2305.41, 2317.54, 2925.01, 2927.02, 2927.022, 2929.13, 2929.15, 2929.34, 2941.51, 2950.08, 3105.011, 3107.14, 3109.061, 3119.023, 3119.05, 3119.23, 3119.27, 3119.29, 3119.30, 3119.302, 3119.31, 3119.32, 3125.25, 3301.07, 3301.0710, 3301.0711, 3301.0712, 3301.0714, 3301.52, 3301.53, 3301.68, 3302.01, 3302.03, 3302.061, 3302.18, 3310.02, 3310.03, 3310.032, 3310.035, 3310.08, 3310.16, 3311.78, 3311.79, 3312.01, 3313.411, 3313.5315, 3313.603, 3313.608, 3313.61, 3313.611, 3313.612, 3313.618, 3313.6110, 3313.813, 3313.843, 3313.978, 3314.016, 3314.017, 3314.02, 3314.03, 3314.06, 3314.08, 3314.18, 3314.19, 3314.21, 3314.35, 3314.351, 3317.016, 3317.02, 3317.022, 3317.023, 3317.028, 3317.03, 3317.06, 3317.13, 3317.141, 3317.16, 3317.25, 3317.40, 3318.036, 3318.05, 3318.051, 3318.06, 3318.061, 3318.062, 3318.063, 3318.36, 3318.361, 3319.26, 3319.272, 3319.283, 3321.191, 3326.031, 3326.11, 3326.13, 3326.31, 3326.32, 3326.33, 3326.34, 3326.36, 3326.37, 3326.41, 3327.10, 3328.24, 3333.26, 3333.59, 3333.61, 3333.62, 3333.65, 3333.66, 3345.48, 3345.57, 3353.07, 3358.02, 3358.06, 3501.01, 3501.05, 3501.12, 3501.22, 3513.01, 3513.12, 3517.01, 3517.10, 3517.102, 3517.1012, 3517.11, 3517.13, 3517.153,

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SECTION 105.01. That sections 103.44, 103.45, 103.46, 103.47, 103.48, 103.49, 103.50, 166.30, 174.09, 191.01, 191.02, 191.04, 191.06, 191.08, 191.09, 191.10, 1501.20, 1501.30, 1501.99, 1505.12, 1505.13, 1561.24, 2151.861, 3314.231, 3319.074, 3319.271, 3517.16, 3517.17, 3517.18, 3701.25, 3701.26, 3701.264, 3701.27, 3706.27, 3706.30, 3719.064, 3721.41, 3721.42, 3798.06, 3798.08, 3798.14, 3798.15, 3798.16, 4501.16, 4731.292, 4731.296, 4751.02, 4751.04, 4751.09, 5101.852, 5104.035, 5104.036, 5104.20, 5104.37, 5120.135, 5162.58, 5162.60, 5162.62, 5162.64, 5164.37, 5164.77, 5167.25, 5168.62, 5747.081, 5747.29, and 5747.65 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 125.10. Section 103.416 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed, effective July 1, 2020. The amendment by this act to section 103.416 of the Revised Code does not affect this repeal.

SECTION 130.70. That sections 921.06, 955.43, 3301.07, 3301.071, 3301.0711, 3301.16, 3301.162, 3301.164, 3301.52, 3301.541, 3302.07, 3302.41, 3310.01, 3312.01, 3312.04, 3312.05, 3312.09, 3313.41, 3313.48, 3313.481, 3313.482, 3313.536, 3313.539, 3313.5311, 3313.603, 3313.62, 3313.716, 3313.717, 3313.718, 3313.719, 3313.7111, 3313.7112, 3313.7114, 3313.813, 3313.86, 3313.976, 3317.024, 3317.03, 3317.06, 3317.062, 3317.063, 3317.13, 3319.311, 3319.313, 3319.314, 3319.317, 3319.39, 3319.391, 3319.392, 3319.40, 3319.52, 3321.01, 3326.01, 3326.03, 3326.032, 3326.04, 3326.09, 3327.07, 3327.10, 3365.01, 3365.02, 3701.133, 3781.106, 3781.11, 4729.513, 4729.541, 5104.01, 5104.02, and 5139.18 be amended and section 3301.165 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 921.06. (A)(1) No individual shall do any of the following without having a commercial applicator license issued by the director of agriculture:

(a) Apply pesticides for a pesticide business without direct supervision;

(b) Apply pesticides as part of the individual's duties while acting as an employee of the United States government, a state, county, township, or municipal corporation, or a park district, port authority, or sanitary district created under Chapter 1545., 4582., or 6115. of the Revised Code, respectively;

(c) Apply restricted use pesticides. Division (A)(1)(c) of this section does not apply to a private applicator or an immediate family member or a subordinate employee of a private applicator who is acting under the direct supervision of that private applicator.

(d) If the individual is the owner of a business other than a pesticide business or an employee of such an owner, apply pesticides at any of the following publicly accessible sites that are located on the property:

(i) Food service operations that are licensed under Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code;

(ii) Retail food establishments that are licensed under Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code;

(iii) Golf courses;

(iv) Rental properties of more than four apartment units at one location;

(v) Hospitals or medical facilities as defined in section 3701.01 of the Revised Code;

(vi) Child day-care centers or school child day-care centers as defined in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code;

(vii) Facilities owned or operated by a school district established under Chapter 3311. of the Revised Code, including an educational service center,

a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, ~~or~~ a chartered or nonchartered nonpublic school that meets minimum standards established by the state board of education, or an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code;

(viii) State institutions of higher education as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, nonprofit institutions holding a certificate of authorization pursuant to Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code, institutions holding a certificate of registration from the state board of career colleges and schools and program authorization for an associate or bachelor's degree program issued under section 3332.05 of the Revised Code, and private institutions exempt from regulation under Chapter 3332. of the Revised Code as prescribed in section 3333.046 of the Revised Code;

(ix) Food processing establishments as defined in section 3715.021 of the Revised Code;

(x) Any other site designated by rule.

(e) Conduct authorized diagnostic inspections.

(2) Divisions (A)(1)(a) to (d) of this section do not apply to an individual who is acting as a trained serviceperson under the direct supervision of a commercial applicator.

(3) Licenses shall be issued for a period of time established by rule and shall be renewed in accordance with deadlines established by rule. The fee for each such license shall be established by rule. If a license is not issued or renewed, the application fee shall be retained by the state as payment for the reasonable expense of processing the application. The director shall by rule classify by pesticide-use category licenses to be issued under this section. A single license may include more than one pesticide-use category. No individual shall be required to pay an additional license fee if the individual is licensed for more than one category.

The fee for each license or renewal does not apply to an applicant who is an employee of the department of agriculture whose job duties require licensure as a commercial applicator as a condition of employment.

(B) Application for a commercial applicator license shall be made on a form prescribed by the director. Each application for a license shall state the pesticide-use category or categories of license for which the applicant is applying and other information that the director determines essential to the administration of this chapter.

(C) If the director finds that the applicant is competent to apply pesticides and conduct diagnostic inspections and that the applicant has passed both the general examination and each applicable pesticide-use category examination as required under division (A) of section 921.12 of the

Revised Code, the director shall issue a commercial applicator license limited to the pesticide-use category or categories for which the applicant is found to be competent. If the director rejects an application, the director may explain why the application was rejected, describe the additional requirements necessary for the applicant to obtain a license, and return the application. The applicant may resubmit the application without payment of any additional fee.

(D)(1) A person who is a commercial applicator shall be deemed to hold a private applicator's license for purposes of applying pesticides on agricultural commodities that are produced by the commercial applicator.

(2) A commercial applicator shall apply pesticides only in the pesticide-use category or categories in which the applicator is licensed under this chapter.

(E) All money collected under this section shall be credited to the pesticide, fertilizer, and lime program fund created in section 921.22 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 955.43. (A) When either a blind, deaf or hearing impaired, or mobility impaired person or a trainer of an assistance dog is accompanied by an assistance dog, the person or the trainer, as applicable, is entitled to the full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, and privileges of all public conveyances, hotels, lodging places, all places of public accommodation, amusement, or resort, all institutions of education, and other places to which the general public is invited, and may take the dog into such conveyances and places, subject only to the conditions and limitations applicable to all persons not so accompanied, except that:

(1) The dog shall not occupy a seat in any public conveyance.

(2) The dog shall be upon a leash while using the facilities of a common carrier.

(3) Any dog in training to become an assistance dog shall be covered by a liability insurance policy provided by the nonprofit special agency engaged in such work protecting members of the public against personal injury or property damage caused by the dog.

(B) No person shall deprive a blind, deaf or hearing impaired, or mobility impaired person or a trainer of an assistance dog who is accompanied by an assistance dog of any of the advantages, facilities, or privileges provided in division (A) of this section, nor charge the person or trainer a fee or charge for the dog.

(C) As used in this section, "institutions of education" means:

(1) Any state university or college as defined in section 3345.32 of the Revised Code;

(2) Any private college or university that holds a certificate of authorization issued by the Ohio board of regents pursuant to Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code;

(3) Any elementary or secondary school operated by a board of education;

(4) Any chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic elementary or secondary school; As used in this section, "accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(5) Any school issued a certificate of registration by the state board of career colleges and schools.

Sec. 3301.07. The state board of education shall exercise under the acts of the general assembly general supervision of the system of public education in the state. In addition to the powers otherwise imposed on the state board under the provisions of law, the board shall have the powers described in this section.

(A) The state board shall exercise policy forming, planning, and evaluative functions for the public schools of the state except as otherwise provided by law.

(B)(1) The state board shall exercise leadership in the improvement of public education in this state, and administer the educational policies of this state relating to public schools, and relating to instruction and instructional material, building and equipment, transportation of pupils, administrative responsibilities of school officials and personnel, and finance and organization of school districts, educational service centers, and territory. Consultative and advisory services in such matters shall be provided by the board to school districts and educational service centers of this state.

(2) The state board also shall develop a standard of financial reporting which shall be used by each school district board of education and each governing board of an educational service center, each governing authority of a community school established under Chapter 3314., each governing body of a STEM school established under Chapter 3328., and each board of trustees of a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code to make its financial information and annual budgets for each school building under its control available to the public in a format understandable by the average citizen. The format shall show, both at the district and at the school building level, revenue by source; expenditures for salaries, wages, and benefits of employees, showing such amounts separately for classroom teachers, other employees required to hold licenses issued pursuant to sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code, and all

other employees; expenditures other than for personnel, by category, including utilities, textbooks and other educational materials, equipment, permanent improvements, pupil transportation, extracurricular athletics, and other extracurricular activities; and per pupil expenditures. The format shall also include information on total revenue and expenditures, per pupil revenue, and expenditures for both classroom and nonclassroom purposes, as defined by the standards adopted under section 3302.20 of the Revised Code in the aggregate and for each subgroup of students, as defined by section 3317.40 of the Revised Code, that receives services provided for by state or federal funding.

(3) Each school district board, governing authority, governing body, or board of trustees, or its respective designee, shall annually report, to the department of education, all financial information required by the standards for financial reporting, as prescribed by division (B)(2) of this section and adopted by the state board. The department shall make all reports submitted pursuant to this division available in such a way that allows for comparison between financial information included in these reports and financial information included in reports produced prior to July 1, 2013. The department shall post these reports in a prominent location on its web site and shall notify each school when reports are made available.

(C) The state board shall administer and supervise the allocation and distribution of all state and federal funds for public school education under the provisions of law, and may prescribe such systems of accounting as are necessary and proper to this function. It may require county auditors and treasurers, boards of education, educational service center governing boards, treasurers of such boards, teachers, and other school officers and employees, or other public officers or employees, to file with it such reports as it may prescribe relating to such funds, or to the management and condition of such funds.

(D)(1) Wherever in Titles IX, XXIII, XXIX, XXXIII, XXXVII, XLVII, and LI of the Revised Code a reference is made to standards prescribed under this section or division (D) of this section, that reference shall be construed to refer to the standards prescribed under division (D)(2) of this section, unless the context specifically indicates a different meaning or intent.

(2) The state board shall formulate and prescribe minimum standards to be applied to all elementary and secondary schools in this state for the purpose of providing children access to a general education of high quality according to the learning needs of each individual, including students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged students, limited English proficient

students, and students identified as gifted. Such standards shall provide adequately for: the licensing of teachers, administrators, and other professional personnel and their assignment according to training and qualifications; efficient and effective instructional materials and equipment, including library facilities; the proper organization, administration, and supervision of each school, including regulations for preparing all necessary records and reports and the preparation of a statement of policies and objectives for each school; the provision of safe buildings, grounds, health and sanitary facilities and services; admission of pupils, and such requirements for their promotion from grade to grade as will assure that they are capable and prepared for the level of study to which they are certified; requirements for graduation; and such other factors as the board finds necessary.

The state board shall base any standards governing the promotion of students or requirements for graduation on the ability of students, at any grade level, to earn credits or advance upon demonstration of mastery of knowledge and skills through competency-based learning models. Credits of grade level advancement shall not require a minimum number of days or hours in a classroom.

The state board shall base any standards governing the assignment of staff on ensuring each school has a sufficient number of teachers to ensure a student has an appropriate level of interaction to meet each student's personal learning goals.

In the formulation and administration of such standards for nonpublic schools the board shall also consider the particular needs, methods and objectives of those schools, provided they do not conflict with the provision of a general education of a high quality and provided that regular procedures shall be followed for promotion from grade to grade of pupils who have met the educational requirements prescribed.

All chartered, nonchartered, and accredited nonpublic schools shall comply with the minimum education standards adopted by the state board under this division. However, the state board shall not prescribe additional operating standards for nonchartered or accredited nonpublic schools. As used in this section, "accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(3) In addition to the minimum standards required by division (D)(2) of this section, the state board may formulate and prescribe the following additional minimum operating standards for school districts:

(a) Standards for the effective and efficient organization, administration, and supervision of each school district with a commitment to high

expectations for every student based on the learning needs of each individual, including students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged students, limited English proficient students, and students identified as gifted, and commitment to closing the achievement gap without suppressing the achievement levels of higher achieving students so that all students achieve core knowledge and skills in accordance with the statewide academic standards adopted under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code;

(b) Standards for the establishment of business advisory councils under section 3313.82 of the Revised Code;

(c) Standards for school district buildings that may require the effective and efficient organization, administration, and supervision of each school district building with a commitment to high expectations for every student based on the learning needs of each individual, including students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged students, limited English proficient students, and students identified as gifted, and commitment to closing the achievement gap without suppressing the achievement levels of higher achieving students so that all students achieve core knowledge and skills in accordance with the statewide academic standards adopted under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code.

(E) The state board may require as part of the health curriculum information developed under section 2108.34 of the Revised Code promoting the donation of anatomical gifts pursuant to Chapter 2108. of the Revised Code and may provide the information to high schools, educational service centers, and joint vocational school district boards of education;

(F) The state board shall prepare and submit annually to the governor and the general assembly a report on the status, needs, and major problems of the public schools of the state, with recommendations for necessary legislative action and a ten-year projection of the state's public and nonpublic school enrollment, by year and by grade level.

(G) The state board shall prepare and submit to the director of budget and management the biennial budgetary requests of the state board of education, for its agencies and for the public schools of the state.

(H) The state board shall cooperate with federal, state, and local agencies concerned with the health and welfare of children and youth of the state.

(I) The state board shall require such reports from school districts and educational service centers, school officers, and employees as are necessary and desirable. The superintendents and treasurers of school districts and educational service centers shall certify as to the accuracy of all reports required by law or state board or state department of education rules to be

submitted by the district or educational service center and which contain information necessary for calculation of state funding. Any superintendent who knowingly falsifies such report shall be subject to license revocation pursuant to section 3319.31 of the Revised Code.

(J) In accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the state board shall adopt procedures, standards, and guidelines for the education of children with disabilities pursuant to Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code, including procedures, standards, and guidelines governing programs and services operated by county boards of developmental disabilities pursuant to section 3323.09 of the Revised Code.

(K) For the purpose of encouraging the development of special programs of education for academically gifted children, the state board shall employ competent persons to analyze and publish data, promote research, advise and counsel with boards of education, and encourage the training of teachers in the special instruction of gifted children. The board may provide financial assistance out of any funds appropriated for this purpose to boards of education and educational service center governing boards for developing and conducting programs of education for academically gifted children.

(L) The state board shall require that all public schools emphasize and encourage, within existing units of study, the teaching of energy and resource conservation as recommended to each district board of education by leading business persons involved in energy production and conservation, beginning in the primary grades.

(M) The state board shall formulate and prescribe minimum standards requiring the use of phonics as a technique in the teaching of reading in grades kindergarten through three. In addition, the state board shall provide in-service training programs for teachers on the use of phonics as a technique in the teaching of reading in grades kindergarten through three.

(N) The state board may adopt rules necessary for carrying out any function imposed on it by law, and may provide rules as are necessary for its government and the government of its employees, and may delegate to the superintendent of public instruction the management and administration of any function imposed on it by law. It may provide for the appointment of board members to serve on temporary committees established by the board for such purposes as are necessary. Permanent or standing committees shall not be created.

(O) Upon application from the board of education of a school district, the superintendent of public instruction may issue a waiver exempting the district from compliance with the standards adopted under divisions (B)(2) and (D) of this section, as they relate to the operation of a school operated

by the district. The state board shall adopt standards for the approval or disapproval of waivers under this division. The state superintendent shall consider every application for a waiver, and shall determine whether to grant or deny a waiver in accordance with the state board's standards. For each waiver granted, the state superintendent shall specify the period of time during which the waiver is in effect, which shall not exceed five years. A district board may apply to renew a waiver.

Sec. 3301.071. (A)(1) In the case of nontax-supported schools other than accredited nonpublic schools, as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code, standards for teacher certification prescribed under section 3301.07 of the Revised Code shall provide for certification, without further educational requirements, of any administrator, supervisor, or teacher who has attended and received a bachelor's degree from a college or university accredited by a national or regional association in the United States except that, at the discretion of the state board of education, this requirement may be met by having an equivalent degree from a foreign college or university of comparable standing. Standards for certification of any administrator, supervisor, or teacher of an accredited nonpublic school shall require compliance with the educational qualifications prescribed by the independent schools association of the central states. However, nothing in this section exempts an accredited nonpublic school from the requirement that each applicant undergo a criminal records check under section 3319.39 of the Revised Code.

(2) In the case of nonchartered, nontax-supported schools, the standards for teacher certification prescribed under section 3301.07 of the Revised Code shall provide for certification, without further educational requirements, of any administrator, supervisor, or teacher who has attended and received a diploma from a "bible college" or "bible institute" described in division (E) of section 1713.02 of the Revised Code.

(3) A certificate issued under division (A)(3) of this section shall be valid only for teaching foreign language, music, religion, computer technology, or fine arts.

Notwithstanding division (A)(1) of this section, the standards for teacher certification prescribed under section 3301.07 of the Revised Code shall provide for certification of a person as a teacher upon receipt by the state board of an affidavit signed by the chief administrative officer of a chartered nonpublic school seeking to employ the person, stating that the person meets one of the following conditions:

(a) The person has specialized knowledge, skills, or expertise that qualifies the person to provide instruction.

(b) The person has provided to the chief administrative officer evidence of at least three years of teaching experience in a public or nonpublic school.

(c) The person has provided to the chief administrative officer evidence of completion of a teacher training program named in the affidavit.

(B) Each person applying for a certificate under this section for purposes of serving in a nonpublic school chartered by the state board under section 3301.16 of the Revised Code shall pay a fee in the amount established under division (A) of section 3319.51 of the Revised Code. Any fees received under this division shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the state board of education certification fund established under division (B) of section 3319.51 of the Revised Code.

(C) A person applying for or holding any certificate pursuant to this section for purposes of serving in a nonpublic school chartered by the state board is subject to sections 3123.41 to 3123.50 of the Revised Code and any applicable rules adopted under section 3123.63 of the Revised Code and sections 3319.31 and 3319.311 of the Revised Code.

(D) Divisions (B) and (C) of this section and sections 3319.291, 3319.31, and 3319.311 of the Revised Code do not apply to any administrators, supervisors, or teachers in nonchartered, nontax-supported schools.

Sec. 3301.0711. (A) The department of education shall:

(1) Annually furnish to, grade, and score all assessments required by divisions (A)(1) and (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code to be administered by city, local, exempted village, and joint vocational school districts, except that each district shall score any assessment administered pursuant to division (B)(10) of this section. Each assessment so furnished shall include the data verification code of the student to whom the assessment will be administered, as assigned pursuant to division (D)(2) of section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code. In furnishing the practice versions of Ohio graduation tests prescribed by division (D) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code, the department shall make the tests available on its web site for reproduction by districts. In awarding contracts for grading assessments, the department shall give preference to Ohio-based entities employing Ohio residents.

(2) Adopt rules for the ethical use of assessments and prescribing the manner in which the assessments prescribed by section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code shall be administered to students.

(B) Except as provided in divisions (C) and (J) of this section, the board of education of each city, local, and exempted village school district shall, in accordance with rules adopted under division (A) of this section:

(1) Administer the English language arts assessments prescribed under division (A)(1)(a) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code twice annually to all students in the third grade who have not attained the score designated for that assessment under division (A)(2)(c) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code.

(2) Administer the mathematics assessment prescribed under division (A)(1)(a) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least once annually to all students in the third grade.

(3) Administer the assessments prescribed under division (A)(1)(b) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least once annually to all students in the fourth grade.

(4) Administer the assessments prescribed under division (A)(1)(c) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least once annually to all students in the fifth grade.

(5) Administer the assessments prescribed under division (A)(1)(d) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least once annually to all students in the sixth grade.

(6) Administer the assessments prescribed under division (A)(1)(e) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least once annually to all students in the seventh grade.

(7) Administer the assessments prescribed under division (A)(1)(f) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least once annually to all students in the eighth grade.

(8) Except as provided in division (B)(9) of this section, administer any assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code as follows:

(a) At least once annually to all tenth grade students and at least twice annually to all students in eleventh or twelfth grade who have not yet attained the score on that assessment designated under that division;

(b) To any person who has successfully completed the curriculum in any high school or the individualized education program developed for the person by any high school pursuant to section 3323.08 of the Revised Code but has not received a high school diploma and who requests to take such assessment, at any time such assessment is administered in the district.

(9) In lieu of the board of education of any city, local, or exempted village school district in which the student is also enrolled, the board of a joint vocational school district shall administer any assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least twice annually to any student enrolled in the joint vocational school district who has not yet attained the score on that assessment designated under that

division. A board of a joint vocational school district may also administer such an assessment to any student described in division (B)(8)(b) of this section.

(10) If the district has a three-year average graduation rate of not more than seventy-five per cent, administer each assessment prescribed by division (D) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code in September to all ninth grade students who entered ninth grade prior to July 1, 2014.

Except as provided in section 3313.614 of the Revised Code for administration of an assessment to a person who has fulfilled the curriculum requirement for a high school diploma but has not passed one or more of the required assessments, the assessments prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code shall not be administered after the date specified in the rules adopted by the state board of education under division (D)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

(11)(a) Except as provided in division (B)(11)(b) of this section, administer the assessments prescribed by division (B)(2) of section 3301.0710 and section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code in accordance with the timeline and plan for implementation of those assessments prescribed by rule of the state board adopted under division (D)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code;

(b) A student who has presented evidence to the district or school of having satisfied the condition prescribed by division (A)(1) of section 3313.618 of the Revised Code to qualify for a high school diploma prior to the date of the administration of the assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code shall not be required to take that assessment. However, no board shall prohibit a student who is not required to take such assessment from taking the assessment.

(C)(1)(a) In the case of a student receiving special education services under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code, the individualized education program developed for the student under that chapter shall specify the manner in which the student will participate in the assessments administered under this section, except that a student with significant cognitive disabilities to whom an alternate assessment is administered in accordance with division (C)(1) of this section and a student determined to have a disability that includes an intellectual disability as outlined in guidance issued by the department shall not be required to take the assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code. The individualized education program may excuse the student from taking any particular assessment required to be administered under this section if it instead specifies an alternate assessment method approved by the

department of education as conforming to requirements of federal law for receipt of federal funds for disadvantaged pupils. To the extent possible, the individualized education program shall not excuse the student from taking an assessment unless no reasonable accommodation can be made to enable the student to take the assessment. No board shall prohibit a student who is not required to take an assessment under division (C)(1) of this section from taking the assessment.

(b) Any alternate assessment approved by the department for a student under this division shall produce measurable results comparable to those produced by the assessment it replaces in order to allow for the student's results to be included in the data compiled for a school district or building under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code.

(c)(i) Any student enrolled in a chartered nonpublic school or an accredited nonpublic school who has been identified, based on an evaluation conducted in accordance with section 3323.03 of the Revised Code or section 504 of the "Rehabilitation Act of 1973," 87 Stat. 355, 29 U.S.C.A. 794, as amended, as a child with a disability shall be excused from taking any particular assessment required to be administered under this section if a plan developed for the student pursuant to rules adopted by the state board excuses the student from taking that assessment.

(ii) A student with significant cognitive disabilities to whom an alternate assessment is administered in accordance with division (C)(1) of this section and a student determined to have a disability that includes an intellectual disability as outlined in guidance issued by the department shall not be required to take the assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

(iii) In the case of any student who is enrolled in a chartered nonpublic school and is so excused from taking an assessment under division (C)(1)(c) of this section, the ~~chartered nonpublic~~ school shall not prohibit the student from taking the assessment.

(2) A district board may, for medical reasons or other good cause, excuse a student from taking an assessment administered under this section on the date scheduled, but that assessment shall be administered to the excused student not later than nine days following the scheduled date. The district board shall annually report the number of students who have not taken one or more of the assessments required by this section to the state board not later than the thirtieth day of June.

(3) As used in this division, "limited English proficient student" has the same meaning as in 20 U.S.C. 7801.

No school district board shall excuse any limited English proficient

student from taking any particular assessment required to be administered under this section, except as follows:

(a) Any limited English proficient student who has been enrolled in United States schools for less than two years and for whom no appropriate accommodations are available based on guidance issued by the department shall not be required to take the assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

(b) Any limited English proficient student who has been enrolled in United States schools for less than one full school year shall not be required to take any reading, writing, or English language arts assessment.

However, no board shall prohibit a limited English proficient student who is not required to take an assessment under division (C)(3) of this section from taking the assessment. A board may permit any limited English proficient student to take an assessment required to be administered under this section with appropriate accommodations, as determined by the department. For each limited English proficient student, each school district shall annually assess that student's progress in learning English, in accordance with procedures approved by the department.

(4)(a) The governing authority of a chartered nonpublic or an accredited nonpublic school may excuse a limited English proficient student from taking any assessment administered under this section.

(b) No governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school shall require a limited English proficient student who has been enrolled in United States schools for less than two years and for whom no appropriate accommodations are available based on guidance issued by the department to take the assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

(c) No governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school shall prohibit a limited English proficient student from taking an assessment from which the student was excused under division (C)(4) of this section.

(D)(1) In the school year next succeeding the school year in which the assessments prescribed by division (A)(1) or (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code or former division (A)(1), (A)(2), or (B) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to September 11, 2001, are administered to any student, the board of education of any school district in which the student is enrolled in that year shall provide to the student intervention services commensurate with the student's performance, including any intensive intervention required under section 3313.608 of the Revised Code, in any skill in which the student failed to demonstrate at least a score at the proficient level on the assessment.

(2) Following any administration of the assessments prescribed by division (D) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code to ninth grade students, each school district that has a three-year average graduation rate of not more than seventy-five per cent shall determine for each high school in the district whether the school shall be required to provide intervention services to any students who took the assessments. In determining which high schools shall provide intervention services based on the resources available, the district shall consider each school's graduation rate and scores on the practice assessments. The district also shall consider the scores received by ninth grade students on the English language arts and mathematics assessments prescribed under division (A)(1)(f) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code in the eighth grade in determining which high schools shall provide intervention services.

Each high school selected to provide intervention services under this division shall provide intervention services to any student whose results indicate that the student is failing to make satisfactory progress toward being able to attain scores at the proficient level on the Ohio graduation tests. Intervention services shall be provided in any skill in which a student demonstrates unsatisfactory progress and shall be commensurate with the student's performance. Schools shall provide the intervention services prior to the end of the school year, during the summer following the ninth grade, in the next succeeding school year, or at any combination of those times.

(E) Except as provided in section 3313.608 of the Revised Code and division (N) of this section, no school district board of education shall utilize any student's failure to attain a specified score on an assessment administered under this section as a factor in any decision to deny the student promotion to a higher grade level. However, a district board may choose not to promote to the next grade level any student who does not take an assessment administered under this section or make up an assessment as provided by division (C)(2) of this section and who is not exempt from the requirement to take the assessment under division (C)(3) of this section.

(F) No person shall be charged a fee for taking any assessment administered under this section.

(G)(1) Each school district board shall designate one location for the collection of assessments administered in the spring under division (B)(1) of this section and those administered under divisions (B)(2) to (7) of this section. Each district board shall submit the assessments to the entity with which the department contracts for the scoring of the assessments as follows:

(a) If the district's total enrollment in grades kindergarten through

twelve during the first full school week of October was less than two thousand five hundred, not later than the Friday after all of the assessments have been administered;

(b) If the district's total enrollment in grades kindergarten through twelve during the first full school week of October was two thousand five hundred or more, but less than seven thousand, not later than the Monday after all of the assessments have been administered;

(c) If the district's total enrollment in grades kindergarten through twelve during the first full school week of October was seven thousand or more, not later than the Tuesday after all of the assessments have been administered.

However, any assessment that a student takes during the make-up period described in division (C)(2) of this section shall be submitted not later than the Friday following the day the student takes the assessment.

(2) The department or an entity with which the department contracts for the scoring of the assessment shall send to each school district board a list of the individual scores of all persons taking a state achievement assessment as follows:

(a) Except as provided in division (G)(2)(b) or (c) of this section, within forty-five days after the administration of the assessments prescribed by sections 3301.0710 and 3301.0712 of the Revised Code, but in no case shall the scores be returned later than the thirtieth day of June following the administration;

(b) In the case of the third-grade English language arts assessment, within forty-five days after the administration of that assessment, but in no case shall the scores be returned later than the fifteenth day of June following the administration;

(c) In the case of the writing component of an assessment or end-of-course examination in the area of English language arts, except for the third-grade English language arts assessment, the results may be sent after forty-five days of the administration of the writing component, but in no case shall the scores be returned later than the thirtieth day of June following the administration.

(3) For assessments administered under this section by a joint vocational school district, the department or entity shall also send to each city, local, or exempted village school district a list of the individual scores of any students of such city, local, or exempted village school district who are attending school in the joint vocational school district.

(4) Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, a school district, other public school, ~~or~~ chartered nonpublic school, or accredited nonpublic school

may administer the third-grade English language arts or mathematics assessment, or both, in a paper format in any school year for which the district board of education or school governing body adopts a resolution indicating that the district or school chooses to administer the assessment in a paper format. The board or governing body shall submit a copy of the resolution to the department of education not later than the first day of May prior to the school year for which it will apply. If the resolution is submitted, the district or school shall administer the assessment in a paper format to all students in the third grade, except that any student whose individualized education program or plan developed under section 504 of the "Rehabilitation Act of 1973," 87 Stat. 355, 29 U.S.C. 794, as amended, specifies that taking the assessment in an online format is an appropriate accommodation for the student may take the assessment in an online format.

(H) Individual scores on any assessments administered under this section shall be released by a district board only in accordance with section 3319.321 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted under division (A) of this section. No district board or its employees shall utilize individual or aggregate results in any manner that conflicts with rules for the ethical use of assessments adopted pursuant to division (A) of this section.

(I) Except as provided in division (G) of this section, the department or an entity with which the department contracts for the scoring of the assessment shall not release any individual scores on any assessment administered under this section. The state board shall adopt rules to ensure the protection of student confidentiality at all times. The rules may require the use of the data verification codes assigned to students pursuant to division (D)(2) of section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code to protect the confidentiality of student scores.

(J) Notwithstanding division (D) of section 3311.52 of the Revised Code, this section does not apply to the board of education of any cooperative education school district except as provided under rules adopted pursuant to this division.

(1) In accordance with rules that the state board shall adopt, the board of education of any city, exempted village, or local school district with territory in a cooperative education school district established pursuant to divisions (A) to (C) of section 3311.52 of the Revised Code may enter into an agreement with the board of education of the cooperative education school district for administering any assessment prescribed under this section to students of the city, exempted village, or local school district who are attending school in the cooperative education school district.

(2) In accordance with rules that the state board shall adopt, the board of

education of any city, exempted village, or local school district with territory in a cooperative education school district established pursuant to section 3311.521 of the Revised Code shall enter into an agreement with the cooperative district that provides for the administration of any assessment prescribed under this section to both of the following:

(a) Students who are attending school in the cooperative district and who, if the cooperative district were not established, would be entitled to attend school in the city, local, or exempted village school district pursuant to section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code;

(b) Persons described in division (B)(8)(b) of this section.

Any assessment of students pursuant to such an agreement shall be in lieu of any assessment of such students or persons pursuant to this section.

(K)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (K)(1) or (2) of this section, each chartered nonpublic school for which at least sixty-five per cent of its total enrollment is made up of students who are participating in state scholarship programs shall administer the elementary assessments prescribed by section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code. In accordance with procedures and deadlines prescribed by the department, the parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the school who is not participating in a state scholarship program may submit notice to the chief administrative officer of the school that the parent or guardian does not wish to have the student take the elementary assessments prescribed for the student's grade level under division (A) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code. If a parent or guardian submits an opt-out notice, the school shall not administer the assessments to that student. This option does not apply to any assessment required for a high school diploma under section 3313.612 of the Revised Code.

(2) A chartered nonpublic school may submit to the superintendent of public instruction a request for a waiver from administering the elementary assessments prescribed by division (A) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code. The state superintendent shall approve or disapprove a request for a waiver submitted under division (K)(2) of this section. No waiver shall be approved for any school year prior to the 2015-2016 school year.

To be eligible to submit a request for a waiver, a chartered nonpublic school shall meet the following conditions:

(a) At least ninety-five per cent of the students enrolled in the school are children with disabilities, as defined under section 3323.01 of the Revised Code, or have received a diagnosis by a school district or from a physician, including a neuropsychiatrist or psychiatrist, or a psychologist who is authorized to practice in this or another state as having a condition that

impairs academic performance, such as dyslexia, dyscalculia, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or Asperger's syndrome.

(b) The school has solely served a student population described in division (K)(1)(a) of this section for at least ten years.

(c) The school provides to the department at least five years of records of internal testing conducted by the school that affords the department data required for accountability purposes, including diagnostic assessments and nationally standardized norm-referenced achievement assessments that measure reading and math skills.

(3) Any chartered nonpublic school that is not subject to division (K)(1) of this section may participate in the assessment program by administering any of the assessments prescribed by division (A) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code. The chief administrator of the school shall specify which assessments the school will administer. Such specification shall be made in writing to the superintendent of public instruction prior to the first day of August of any school year in which assessments are administered and shall include a pledge that the nonpublic school will administer the specified assessments in the same manner as public schools are required to do under this section and rules adopted by the department.

(4) The department of education shall furnish the assessments prescribed by section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code to each chartered nonpublic school that is subject to division (K)(1) of this section or participates under division (K)(3) of this section.

(L) If a chartered or accredited nonpublic school is educating students in grades nine through twelve, the following shall apply:

(1) Except as provided in division (L)(4) of this section, for a student who is enrolled in a ~~chartered~~ an accredited nonpublic school ~~that is accredited through the independent schools association of the central states~~ and who is attending the school under a state scholarship program, the student shall either take all of the assessments prescribed by division (B) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code or take an alternative assessment approved by the department under section 3313.619 of the Revised Code. However, a student who is excused from taking an assessment under division (C) of this section or has presented evidence to the ~~chartered~~ accredited nonpublic school of having satisfied the condition prescribed by division (A)(1) of section 3313.618 of the Revised Code to qualify for a high school diploma prior to the date of the administration of the assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code shall not be required to take that assessment. No governing authority of a ~~chartered~~ an accredited nonpublic school shall prohibit a student who is not

required to take such assessment from taking the assessment.

(2) For a student who is enrolled in a ~~chartered~~ an accredited nonpublic school ~~that is accredited through the independent schools association of the central states~~, and who is not attending the school under a state scholarship program, the student shall not be required to take any assessment prescribed under section 3301.0712 or 3313.619 of the Revised Code.

(3)(a) Except as provided in divisions (L)(3)(b) and (4) of this section, for a student who is enrolled in a chartered nonpublic school ~~that is not accredited through the independent schools association of the central states~~, regardless of whether the student is attending or is not attending the school under a state scholarship program, the student shall do one of the following:

(i) Take all of the assessments prescribed by division (B) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code;

(ii) Take only the assessment prescribed by division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code, provided that the student's school publishes the results of that assessment for each graduating class. The published results of that assessment shall include the overall composite scores, mean scores, twenty-fifth percentile scores, and seventy-fifth percentile scores for each subject area of the assessment.

(iii) Take an alternative assessment approved by the department under section 3313.619 of the Revised Code.

(b) A student who is excused from taking an assessment under division (C) of this section or has presented evidence to the chartered nonpublic school of having satisfied the condition prescribed by division (A)(1) of section 3313.618 of the Revised Code to qualify for a high school diploma prior to the date of the administration of the assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code shall not be required to take that assessment. No governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school shall prohibit a student who is not required to take such assessment from taking the assessment.

(4) The assessments prescribed by sections 3301.0712 and 3313.619 of the Revised Code shall not be administered to any student attending the school, if the school meets all of the following conditions:

(a) At least ninety-five per cent of the students enrolled in the school are children with disabilities, as defined under section 3323.01 of the Revised Code, or have received a diagnosis by a school district or from a physician, including a neuropsychologist or psychiatrist, or a psychologist who is authorized to practice in this or another state as having a condition that impairs academic performance, such as dyslexia, dyscalculia, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or Asperger's syndrome.

(b) The school has solely served a student population described in division (L)(4)(a) of this section for at least ten years.

(c) The school makes available to the department at least five years of records of internal testing conducted by the school that affords the department data required for accountability purposes, including growth in student achievement in reading or mathematics, or both, as measured by nationally norm-referenced assessments that have developed appropriate standards for students.

Division (L)(4) of this section applies to any student attending such school regardless of whether the student receives special education or related services and regardless of whether the student is attending the school under a state scholarship program.

(M)(1) The superintendent of the state school for the blind and the superintendent of the state school for the deaf shall administer the assessments described by sections 3301.0710 and 3301.0712 of the Revised Code. Each superintendent shall administer the assessments in the same manner as district boards are required to do under this section and rules adopted by the department of education and in conformity with division (C)(1)(a) of this section.

(2) The department of education shall furnish the assessments described by sections 3301.0710 and 3301.0712 of the Revised Code to each superintendent.

(N) Notwithstanding division (E) of this section, a school district may use a student's failure to attain a score in at least the proficient range on the mathematics assessment described by division (A)(1)(a) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code or on an assessment described by division (A)(1)(b), (c), (d), (e), or (f) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code as a factor in retaining that student in the current grade level.

(O)(1) In the manner specified in divisions (O)(3), (4), (6), and (7) of this section, the assessments required by division (A)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code shall become public records pursuant to section 149.43 of the Revised Code on the thirty-first day of July following the school year that the assessments were administered.

(2) The department may field test proposed questions with samples of students to determine the validity, reliability, or appropriateness of questions for possible inclusion in a future year's assessment. The department also may use anchor questions on assessments to ensure that different versions of the same assessment are of comparable difficulty.

Field test questions and anchor questions shall not be considered in computing scores for individual students. Field test questions and anchor

questions may be included as part of the administration of any assessment required by division (A)(1) or (B) of section 3301.0710 and division (B) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

(3) Any field test question or anchor question administered under division (O)(2) of this section shall not be a public record. Such field test questions and anchor questions shall be redacted from any assessments which are released as a public record pursuant to division (O)(1) of this section.

(4) This division applies to the assessments prescribed by division (A) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code.

(a) The first administration of each assessment, as specified in former section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code, shall be a public record.

(b) For subsequent administrations of each assessment prior to the 2011-2012 school year, not less than forty per cent of the questions on the assessment that are used to compute a student's score shall be a public record. The department shall determine which questions will be needed for reuse on a future assessment and those questions shall not be public records and shall be redacted from the assessment prior to its release as a public record. However, for each redacted question, the department shall inform each city, local, and exempted village school district of the statewide academic standard adopted by the state board under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code and the corresponding benchmark to which the question relates. The preceding sentence does not apply to field test questions that are redacted under division (O)(3) of this section.

(c) The administrations of each assessment in the 2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2013-2014 school years shall not be a public record.

(5) Each assessment prescribed by division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code shall not be a public record.

(6)(a) Except as provided in division (O)(6)(b) of this section, for the administrations in the 2014-2015, 2015-2016, and 2016-2017 school years, questions on the assessments prescribed under division (A) of section 3301.0710 and division (B)(2) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code and the corresponding preferred answers that are used to compute a student's score shall become a public record as follows:

(i) Forty per cent of the questions and preferred answers on the assessments on the thirty-first day of July following the administration of the assessment;

(ii) Twenty per cent of the questions and preferred answers on the assessment on the thirty-first day of July one year after the administration of the assessment;

(iii) The remaining forty per cent of the questions and preferred answers on the assessment on the thirty-first day of July two years after the administration of the assessment.

The entire content of an assessment shall become a public record within three years of its administration.

The department shall make the questions that become a public record under this division readily accessible to the public on the department's web site. Questions on the spring administration of each assessment shall be released on an annual basis, in accordance with this division.

(b) No questions and corresponding preferred answers shall become a public record under division (O)(6) of this section after July 31, 2017.

(7) Division (O)(7) of this section applies to the assessments prescribed by division (A) of section 3301.0710 and division (B)(2) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

Beginning with the assessments administered in the spring of the 2017-2018 school year, not less than forty per cent of the questions on each assessment that are used to compute a student's score shall be a public record. The department shall determine which questions will be needed for reuse on a future assessment and those questions shall not be public records and shall be redacted from the assessment prior to its release as a public record. However, for each redacted question, the department shall inform each city, local, and exempted village school district of the corresponding statewide academic standard adopted by the state board under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code and the corresponding benchmark to which the question relates. The department is not required to provide corresponding standards and benchmarks to field test questions that are redacted under division (O)(3) of this section.

(P) As used in this section:

(1) "Three-year average" means the average of the most recent consecutive three school years of data.

(2) "Dropout" means a student who withdraws from school before completing course requirements for graduation and who is not enrolled in an education program approved by the state board of education or an education program outside the state. "Dropout" does not include a student who has departed the country.

(3) "Graduation rate" means the ratio of students receiving a diploma to the number of students who entered ninth grade four years earlier. Students who transfer into the district are added to the calculation. Students who transfer out of the district for reasons other than dropout are subtracted from the calculation. If a student who was a dropout in any previous year returns

to the same school district, that student shall be entered into the calculation as if the student had entered ninth grade four years before the graduation year of the graduating class that the student joins.

(4) "State scholarship programs" means the educational choice scholarship pilot program established under sections 3310.01 to 3310.17 of the Revised Code, the autism scholarship program established under section 3310.41 of the Revised Code, the Jon Peterson special needs scholarship program established under sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code, and the pilot project scholarship program established under sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code.

(5) "Other public school" means a community school established under Chapter 3314., a STEM school established under Chapter 3326., or a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code.

(6) "Accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3301.16. Pursuant to standards prescribed by the state board of education as provided in division (D) of section 3301.07 of the Revised Code, the state board shall classify and charter school districts and individual schools within each district except that no charter shall be granted to a nonpublic school unless the school complies with divisions (K)(1) and (L) of section 3301.0711, as applicable, and sections 3301.164 and 3313.612 of the Revised Code.

In the course of considering the charter of a new school district created under section 3311.26 or 3311.38 of the Revised Code, the state board shall require the party proposing creation of the district to submit to the board a map, certified by the county auditor of the county in which the proposed new district is located, showing the boundaries of the proposed new district. In the case of a proposed new district located in more than one county, the map shall be certified by the county auditor of each county in which the proposed district is located.

The state board shall revoke the charter of any school district or school which fails to meet the standards for elementary and high schools as prescribed by the board. The state board shall also revoke the charter of any nonpublic school that does not comply with divisions (K)(1) and (L) of section 3301.0711, if applicable, and sections 3301.164 and 3313.612 of the Revised Code.

In the issuance and revocation of school district or school charters, the state board shall be governed by the provisions of Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

No school district, or individual school operated by a school district, shall operate without a charter issued by the state board under this section.

In case a school district charter is revoked pursuant to this section, the state board may dissolve the school district and transfer its territory to one or more adjacent districts. An equitable division of the funds, property, and indebtedness of the school district shall be made by the state board among the receiving districts. The board of education of a receiving district shall accept such territory pursuant to the order of the state board. Prior to dissolving the school district, the state board shall notify the appropriate educational service center governing board and all adjacent school district boards of education of its intention to do so. Boards so notified may make recommendations to the state board regarding the proposed dissolution and subsequent transfer of territory. Except as provided in section 3301.161 of the Revised Code, the transfer ordered by the state board shall become effective on the date specified by the state board, but the date shall be at least thirty days following the date of issuance of the order.

A high school is one of higher grade than an elementary school, in which instruction and training are given in accordance with sections 3301.07 and 3313.60 of the Revised Code and which also offers other subjects of study more advanced than those taught in the elementary schools and such other subjects as may be approved by the state board of education.

An elementary school is one in which instruction and training are given in accordance with sections 3301.07 and 3313.60 of the Revised Code and which offers such other subjects as may be approved by the state board of education. In districts wherein a junior high school is maintained, the elementary schools in that district may be considered to include only the work of the first six school years inclusive, plus the kindergarten year. This section shall not apply to accredited nonpublic schools described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3301.162. (A) If the governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school or an accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code intends to close the school, the governing authority shall notify all of the following of that intent prior to closing the school:

- (1) The department of education;
- (2) The school district that receives auxiliary services funding under division (E) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code on behalf of the students enrolled in the school;
- (3) The accrediting association that most recently accredited the school for purposes of chartering the school in accordance with the rules of the state board of education, if applicable;

(4) If the school has been designated as a STEM school equivalent under section 3326.032 of the Revised Code, the STEM committee established under section 3326.02 of the Revised Code.

The notice shall include the school year and, if possible, the actual date the school will close.

(B) The chief administrator of each chartered nonpublic school and each accredited nonpublic school that closes shall deposit the school's records with either:

(1) The accrediting association that most recently accredited the school for purposes of chartering the school in accordance with the rules of the state board, if applicable;

(2) The school district that received auxiliary services funding under division (E) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code on behalf of the students enrolled in the school.

The school district that receives the records may charge for and receive a one-time reimbursement from auxiliary services funding under division (E) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code for costs the district incurred to store the records.

Sec. 3301.164. Each chartered nonpublic school shall publish on the school's web site both of the following:

(A) The number of students enrolled in the school by the last day of October of the current school year;

(B) The school's policy regarding background checks for teaching and nonteaching employees and for volunteers who have direct contact with students.

This section shall not apply to accredited nonpublic schools described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3301.165. (A) The state board of education shall revoke the charter of any chartered nonpublic school that fails to do one of the following:

(1) Comply with the operating standards for a school established under section 3301.07 of the Revised Code;

(2) Maintain accreditation from an association, other than the independent schools association of the central states, whose standards have been approved by the state board;

(3) Maintain accreditation from the independent schools association of the central states. The department of education shall designate a nonpublic school that maintains eligibility for a charter under division (A)(3) of this section as an "accredited nonpublic school." The department shall accept an affirmation of accreditation only from either the independent schools association of the central states or an organization recognized by the

department that represents the independent schools association of the central states.

(B) An accredited nonpublic school shall comply with the minimum education standards adopted by the state board under division (D)(2) of section 3301.07 of the Revised Code. However, the state board shall not prescribe additional operating standards for accredited nonpublic schools. Unless otherwise specifically required in the Revised Code, an accredited nonpublic school shall be exempt from any requirement to which a chartered nonpublic school is subject under Title XXXIII of the Revised Code.

(C) To ensure that an accredited nonpublic school or a school in the process of being accredited by the independent schools association of the central states is providing an education of high quality, the department may do both of the following:

(1) Send a representative to accompany an accrediting team from the independent schools association of the central states on any site visit to observe the activities and the report of the accrediting team;

(2) Request a copy of the report by the independent schools association of the central states that is issued as part of the accreditation cycle of a school.

(D) An accredited nonpublic school shall cooperate with the department in the department's execution of division (C) of this section. If an accredited nonpublic school fails to comply with this division, the department shall revoke the school's designation as an accredited nonpublic school, and the school shall be considered a chartered nonpublic school as long as it maintains eligibility for a charter under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section.

(E) Any accredited nonpublic school that fails to maintain a full accreditation from the independent schools association of the central states shall be considered a chartered nonpublic school, as long as it maintains eligibility for a charter under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section, and shall be required to comply with all laws applicable to chartered nonpublic schools.

(F) The department of education shall not create ratings or any type of report card for accredited nonpublic schools.

Sec. 3301.52. As used in sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Preschool program" means either of the following:

(1) A child care program for preschool children that is operated by a school district board of education or an eligible nonpublic school.

(2) A child care program for preschool children age three or older that is operated by a county board of developmental disabilities or a community

school.

(B) "Preschool child" or "child" means a child who has not entered kindergarten and is not of compulsory school age.

(C) "Parent, guardian, or custodian" means the person or government agency that is or will be responsible for a child's school attendance under section 3321.01 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Superintendent" means the superintendent of a school district or the chief administrative officer of a community school or an eligible nonpublic school.

(E) "Director" means the director, head teacher, elementary principal, or site administrator who is the individual on site and responsible for supervision of a preschool program.

(F) "Preschool staff member" means a preschool employee whose primary responsibility is care, teaching, or supervision of preschool children.

(G) "Nonteaching employee" means a preschool program or school child program employee whose primary responsibilities are duties other than care, teaching, and supervision of preschool children or school children.

(H) "Eligible nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code, a nonpublic school chartered as described in division (B)(8) of section 5104.02 of the Revised Code, or a nonpublic school chartered by the state board of education for any combination of grades one through twelve, regardless of whether it also offers kindergarten.

(I) "School child program" means a child care program for only school children that is operated by a school district board of education, county board of developmental disabilities, community school, or eligible nonpublic school.

(J) "School child" means a child who is enrolled in or is eligible to be enrolled in a grade of kindergarten or above but is less than fifteen years old.

(K) "School child program staff member" means an employee whose primary responsibility is the care, teaching, or supervision of children in a school child program.

(L) "Child care" means administering to the needs of infants, toddlers, preschool children, and school children outside of school hours by persons other than their parents or guardians, custodians, or relatives by blood, marriage, or adoption for any part of the twenty-four-hour day in a place or residence other than a child's own home.

(M) "Child day-care center," "publicly funded child care," and "school-age child care center" have the same meanings as in section 5104.01

of the Revised Code.

(N) "Community school" means either of the following:

(1) A community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code that is sponsored by an entity that is rated "exemplary" under section 3314.016 of the Revised Code.

(2) A community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code that has received, on its most recent report card, either of the following:

(a) If the school offers any of grade levels four through twelve, a grade of "C" or better for the overall value-added progress dimension under division (C)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and for the performance index score under division (C)(1)(b) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code;

(b) If the school does not offer a grade level higher than three, a grade of "C" or better for making progress in improving literacy in grades kindergarten through three under division (C)(1)(g) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3301.541. (A)(1) The director, head teacher, elementary principal, or site administrator of a preschool program shall request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation to conduct a criminal records check with respect to any applicant who has applied to the preschool program for employment as a person responsible for the care, custody, or control of a child. If the applicant does not present proof that the applicant has been a resident of this state for the five-year period immediately prior to the date upon which the criminal records check is requested or does not provide evidence that within that five-year period the superintendent has requested information about the applicant from the federal bureau of investigation in a criminal records check, the director, head teacher, or elementary principal shall request that the superintendent obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as a part of the criminal records check for the applicant. If the applicant presents proof that the applicant has been a resident of this state for that five-year period, the director, head teacher, or elementary principal may request that the superintendent include information from the federal bureau of investigation in the criminal records check.

(2) Any director, head teacher, elementary principal, or site administrator required by division (A)(1) of this section to request a criminal records check shall provide to each applicant a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, provide to each applicant a standard impression sheet to obtain fingerprint

impressions prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, obtain the completed form and impression sheet from each applicant, and forward the completed form and impression sheet to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation at the time the person requests a criminal records check pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section.

(3) Any applicant who receives pursuant to division (A)(2) of this section a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and a copy of an impression sheet prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section and who is requested to complete the form and provide a set of fingerprint impressions shall complete the form or provide all the information necessary to complete the form and provide the impression sheet with the impressions of the applicant's fingerprints. If an applicant, upon request, fails to provide the information necessary to complete the form or fails to provide impressions of the applicant's fingerprints, the preschool program shall not employ that applicant for any position for which a criminal records check is required by division (A)(1) of this section.

(B)(1) Except as provided in rules adopted by the department of education in accordance with division (E) of this section, no preschool program shall employ a person as a person responsible for the care, custody, or control of a child if the person previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following:

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

(b) A violation of an existing or former law of this state, any other state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to any of the offenses or violations described in division (B)(1)(a) of this section.

(2) A preschool program may employ an applicant conditionally until the criminal records check required by this section is completed and the preschool program receives the results of the criminal records check. If the results of the criminal records check indicate that, pursuant to division (B)(1) of this section, the applicant does not qualify for employment, the preschool program shall release the applicant from employment.

(C)(1) Each preschool program shall pay to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation the fee prescribed pursuant to division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code for each criminal records check conducted in accordance with that section upon the request pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section of the director, head teacher, elementary principal, or site administrator of the preschool program.

(2) A preschool program may charge an applicant a fee for the costs it incurs in obtaining a criminal records check under this section. A fee charged under this division shall not exceed the amount of fees the preschool program pays under division (C)(1) of this section. If a fee is charged under this division, the preschool program shall notify the applicant at the time of the applicant's initial application for employment of the amount of the fee and that, unless the fee is paid, the applicant will not be considered for employment.

(D) The report of any criminal records check conducted by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code and pursuant to a request under division (A)(1) of this section is not a public record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall not be made available to any person other than the applicant who is the subject of the criminal records check or the applicant's representative, the preschool program requesting the criminal records check or its representative, and any court, hearing officer, or other necessary individual in a case dealing with the denial of employment to the applicant.

(E) The department of education shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section, including rules specifying circumstances under which a preschool program may hire a person who has been convicted of an offense listed in division (B)(1) of this section but who meets standards in regard to rehabilitation set by the department.

(F) Any person required by division (A)(1) of this section to request a criminal records check shall inform each person, at the time of the person's initial application for employment, that the person is required to provide a set of impressions of the person's fingerprints and that a criminal records check is required to be conducted and satisfactorily completed in accordance

with section 109.572 of the Revised Code if the person comes under final consideration for appointment or employment as a precondition to employment for that position.

(G) As used in this section:

(1) "Applicant" means a person who is under final consideration for appointment or employment in a position with a preschool program as a person responsible for the care, custody, or control of a child, except that "applicant" does not include a person already employed by a board of education, community school, ~~or~~ chartered nonpublic school, or accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code in a position of care, custody, or control of a child who is under consideration for a different position with such board or school.

(2) "Criminal records check" has the same meaning as in section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

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

(H) If the board of education of a local school district adopts a resolution requesting the assistance of the educational service center in which the local district has territory in conducting criminal records checks of substitute teachers under this section, the appointing or hiring officer of such educational service center governing board shall serve for purposes of this section as the appointing or hiring officer of the local board in the case of hiring substitute teachers for employment in the local district.

Sec. 3302.07. (A) The board of education of any school district, the governing board of any educational service center, or the administrative authority of any chartered nonpublic school or any accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code may submit to the state board of education an application proposing an innovative education pilot program the implementation of which requires exemptions from specific statutory provisions or rules. If a district or service center board employs teachers under a collective bargaining agreement adopted pursuant to Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code, any application submitted under this division shall include the written consent of the teachers' employee representative designated under division (B) of section 4117.04 of the Revised Code. The exemptions requested in the application shall be limited to any requirement of Title XXXIII of the Revised Code or of any rule of the state board adopted pursuant to that title except that the application may not propose an exemption from any requirement of or rule adopted pursuant to Chapter 3307. or 3309., sections 3319.07 to 3319.21, or Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code. Furthermore, an exemption from any operating standard

adopted under division (B)(2) or (D) of section 3301.07 of the Revised Code shall be granted only pursuant to a waiver granted by the superintendent of public instruction under division (O) of that section.

(B) The state board of education shall accept any application submitted in accordance with division (A) of this section. The superintendent of public instruction shall approve or disapprove the application in accordance with standards for approval, which shall be adopted by the state board.

(C) The superintendent of public instruction shall exempt each district or service center board or chartered or accredited nonpublic school administrative authority with an application approved under division (B) of this section for a specified period from the statutory provisions or rules specified in the approved application. The period of exemption shall not exceed the period during which the pilot program proposed in the application is being implemented and a reasonable period to allow for evaluation of the effectiveness of the program.

Sec. 3302.41. As used in this section, "blended learning" has the same meaning as in section 3301.079 of the Revised Code.

(A) Any local, city, exempted village, or joint vocational school district, community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code, ~~or~~ chartered nonpublic school, or accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code may operate all or part of a school using a blended learning model. If a school is operated using a blended learning model or is to cease operating using a blended learning model, the superintendent of the school or district or director of the school shall notify the department of education of that fact not later than the first day of July of the school year for which the change is effective. If any school district school, community school, or STEM school is already operated using a blended learning model on ~~the effective date of this section~~ September 24, 2012, the superintendent of the school or district may notify the department within ninety days after ~~the effective date of this section~~ by December 23, 2012, of that fact and request that the school be classified as a blended learning school.

(B) The state board of education shall revise any operating standards for school districts and chartered nonpublic schools adopted under section 3301.07 of the Revised Code to include standards for the operation of blended learning under this section. The blended learning operation standards shall provide for all of the following:

- (1) Student-to-teacher ratios whereby no school or classroom is required

to have more than one teacher for every one hundred twenty-five students in blended learning classrooms;

(2) The extent to which the school is or is not obligated to provide students with access to digital learning tools;

(3) The ability of all students, at any grade level, to earn credits or advance grade levels upon demonstrating mastery of knowledge or skills through competency-based learning models. Credits or grade level advancement shall not be based on a minimum number of days or hours in a classroom.

(4) An exemption from minimum school year or school day requirements in sections 3313.48 and 3313.481 of the Revised Code;

(5) Adequate provisions for: the licensing of teachers, administrators, and other professional personnel and their assignment according to training and qualifications; efficient and effective instructional materials and equipment, including library facilities; the proper organization, administration, and supervision of each school, including regulations for preparing all necessary records and reports and the preparation of a statement of policies and objectives for each school; buildings, grounds, and health and sanitary facilities and services; admission of pupils, and such requirements for their promotion from grade to grade as will ensure that they are capable and prepared for the level of study to which they are certified; requirements for graduation; and such other factors as the board finds necessary.

(C) An internet- or computer-based community school, as defined in section 3314.02 of the Revised Code, is not a blended learning school authorized under this section. Nor does this section affect any provisions for the operation of and payments to an internet- or computer-based community school prescribed in Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3310.01. As used in sections 3310.01 to 3310.17 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Chartered nonpublic school" ~~means a~~ includes both of the following:

(1) A nonpublic school that holds a valid charter issued by the state board of education under section 3301.16 of the Revised Code and meets the standards established for such schools in rules adopted by the state board;

(2) An accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(B) An "eligible student" is a student who satisfies the conditions specified in section 3310.03 or 3310.032 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Parent" has the same meaning as in section 3313.98 of the Revised

Code.

(D) "Resident district" means the school district in which a student is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(E) "School year" has the same meaning as in section 3313.62 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3312.01. (A) The educational regional service system is hereby established. The system shall support state and regional education initiatives and efforts to improve school effectiveness and student achievement. Services, including special education and related services, shall be provided under the system to school districts, community schools established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, ~~and~~ chartered nonpublic schools, and accredited nonpublic schools described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

It is the intent of the general assembly that the educational regional service system reduce the unnecessary duplication of programs and services and provide for a more streamlined and efficient delivery of educational services without reducing the availability of the services needed by school districts and schools.

(B) The educational regional service system shall consist of the following:

(1) The advisory councils and subcommittees established under sections 3312.03 and 3312.05 of the Revised Code;

(2) A fiscal agent for each of the regions as configured under section 3312.02 of the Revised Code;

(3) Educational service centers, information technology centers established under section 3301.075 of the Revised Code, and other regional education service providers.

(C) Educational service centers shall provide the services that they are specifically required to provide by the Revised Code and may enter into agreements pursuant to section 3313.843, 3313.844, or 3313.845 of the Revised Code for the provision of other services, which may include any of the following:

(1) Assistance in improving student performance;

(2) Services to enable a school district or school to operate more efficiently or economically;

(3) Professional development for teachers or administrators;

(4) Assistance in the recruitment and retention of teachers and administrators;

(5) Any other educational, administrative, or operational services.

In addition to implementing state and regional education initiatives and school improvement efforts under the educational regional service system, educational service centers shall implement state or federally funded initiatives assigned to the service centers by the general assembly or the department of education.

Any educational service center selected to be a fiscal agent for its region pursuant to section 3312.07 of the Revised Code shall continue to operate as an educational service center for the part of the region that comprises its territory.

(D) Information technology centers may enter into agreements for the provision of services pursuant to section 3312.10 of the Revised Code.

(E) No school district, community school, or chartered or accredited nonpublic school shall be required to purchase services from an educational service center or information technology center in the region in which the district or school is located, except that a local school district shall receive any services required by the Revised Code to be provided by an educational service center to the local school districts in its territory from the educational service center in whose territory the district is located.

Sec. 3312.04. The advisory council of each region of the educational regional service system shall do all of the following:

(A) Identify regional needs and priorities for educational services to inform the department of education in the development of the performance contracts entered into by the fiscal agent of the region under section 3312.08 of the Revised Code;

(B) Develop policies to coordinate the delivery of services to school districts, community schools, and chartered and accredited nonpublic schools in a manner that responds to regional needs and priorities. Such policies shall not supersede any requirement of a performance contract entered into by the fiscal agent of the region under section 3312.08 of the Revised Code.

(C) Make recommendations to the fiscal agent for the region regarding the expenditure of funds available to the region for implementation of state and regional education initiatives and school improvement efforts;

(D) Monitor implementation of state and regional education initiatives and school improvement efforts by educational service centers, information technology centers, and other regional service providers to ensure that the terms of the performance contracts entered into by the fiscal agent for the region under section 3312.08 of the Revised Code are being met;

(E) Establish an accountability system to evaluate the advisory council on its performance of the duties described in divisions (A) to (D) of this

section.

Sec. 3312.05. (A) The advisory council of each region of the educational regional service system shall establish the following specialized subcommittees of the council:

(1) A school improvement subcommittee, which shall include one classroom teacher appointed jointly by the Ohio education association and the Ohio federation of teachers and representatives of community schools and education personnel with expertise in the area of school improvement;

(2) An education technology subcommittee, which shall include classroom teachers or curriculum coordinators, parents, elementary and secondary school principals, representatives of chartered or accredited nonpublic schools, representatives of information technology centers, representatives of business, and representatives of two-year and four-year institutions of higher education;

(3) A professional development subcommittee, which shall include classroom teachers, principals, school district superintendents, curriculum coordinators, representatives of chartered or accredited nonpublic schools, and representatives of two-year and four-year institutions of higher education;

(4) A special education subcommittee, which shall consist of one classroom teacher appointed jointly by the Ohio education association and the Ohio federation of teachers and the members of the governing board of the special education regional resource center in the region;

(5) An information technology center subcommittee, which shall consist of one classroom teacher appointed jointly by the Ohio education association and the Ohio federation of teachers; the administrator, or the administrator's designee, of each information technology center providing services in the region; and two school district administrators appointed by each information technology center providing services in the region.

(B) The advisory council shall appoint persons who reside or practice their occupations in the region to serve on the subcommittees established under divisions (A)(1) to (3) of this section. If the advisory council is unable to appoint such a person to a subcommittee, the council shall appoint a similarly situated person from an adjacent region.

(C) An advisory council may establish additional subcommittees as needed to address topics of interest to the council. Members of any additional subcommittee shall be appointed by the advisory council and shall include a diverse range of classroom teachers and other education personnel with expertise in the topic addressed by the subcommittee and representatives of individuals or groups with an interest in the topic.

(D) Any member of an advisory council may participate in the deliberations of any subcommittee established by the council.

Sec. 3312.09. (A) Each performance contract entered into by the department of education and the fiscal agent of a region for implementation of a state or regional education initiative or school improvement effort shall include the following:

(1) An explanation of how the regional needs and priorities for educational services have been identified by the advisory council of the region, the advisory council's subcommittees, and the department;

(2) A definition of the services to be provided to school districts, community schools, and chartered and accredited nonpublic schools in the region, including any services provided pursuant to division (A) of section 3302.04 of the Revised Code;

(3) Expected outcomes from the provision of the services defined in the contract;

(4) The method the department will use to evaluate whether the expected outcomes have been achieved;

(5) A requirement that the fiscal agent develop and implement a corrective action plan if the results of the evaluation are unsatisfactory;

(6) Data reporting requirements;

(7) The aggregate fees to be charged by the fiscal agent and any entity with which it subcontracts to cover personnel and program costs associated with administering the contract, which fees shall be subject to controlling board approval if in excess of four per cent of the value of the contract.

(B) Upon completion of each evaluation described in a performance contract, the department shall post the results of that evaluation on its web site.

Sec. 3313.41. (A) Except as provided in divisions (C), (D), and (F) of this section and in sections 3313.412 and 3313.413 of the Revised Code, when a board of education decides to dispose of real or personal property that it owns in its corporate capacity and that exceeds in value ten thousand dollars, it shall sell the property at public auction, after giving at least thirty days' notice of the auction by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district, by publication as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, or by posting notices in five of the most public places in the school district in which the property, if it is real property, is situated, or, if it is personal property, in the school district of the board of education that owns the property. The board may offer real property for sale as an entire tract or in parcels.

(B) When the board of education has offered real or personal property

for sale at public auction at least once pursuant to division (A) of this section, and the property has not been sold, the board may sell it at a private sale. Regardless of how it was offered at public auction, at a private sale, the board shall, as it considers best, sell real property as an entire tract or in parcels, and personal property in a single lot or in several lots.

(C) If a board of education decides to dispose of real or personal property that it owns in its corporate capacity and that exceeds in value ten thousand dollars, it may sell the property to the adjutant general; to any subdivision or taxing authority as respectively defined in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code, township park district, board of park commissioners established under Chapter 755. of the Revised Code, or park district established under Chapter 1545. of the Revised Code; to a wholly or partially tax-supported university, university branch, or college; to a nonprofit institution of higher education that has a certificate of authorization under Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code; to the governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school or an accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code; or to the board of trustees of a school district library, upon such terms as are agreed upon. The sale of real or personal property to the board of trustees of a school district library is limited, in the case of real property, to a school district library within whose boundaries the real property is situated, or, in the case of personal property, to a school district library whose boundaries lie in whole or in part within the school district of the selling board of education.

(D) When a board of education decides to trade as a part or an entire consideration, an item of personal property on the purchase price of an item of similar personal property, it may trade the same upon such terms as are agreed upon by the parties to the trade.

(E) The president and the treasurer of the board of education shall execute and deliver deeds or other necessary instruments of conveyance to complete any sale or trade under this section.

(F) When a board of education has identified a parcel of real property that it determines is needed for school purposes, the board may, upon a majority vote of the members of the board, acquire that property by exchanging real property that the board owns in its corporate capacity for the identified real property or by using real property that the board owns in its corporate capacity as part or an entire consideration for the purchase price of the identified real property. Any exchange or acquisition made pursuant to this division shall be made by a conveyance executed by the president and the treasurer of the board.

(G) When a school district board of education has property that the

board, by resolution, finds is not needed for school district use, is obsolete, or is unfit for the use for which it was acquired, the board may donate that property in accordance with this division if the fair market value of the property is, in the opinion of the board, two thousand five hundred dollars or less.

The property may be donated to an eligible nonprofit organization that is located in this state and is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 501(a) and (c)(3). Before donating any property under this division, the board shall adopt a resolution expressing its intent to make unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use school district property available to these organizations. The resolution shall include guidelines and procedures the board considers to be necessary to implement the donation program and shall indicate whether the school district will conduct the donation program or the board will contract with a representative to conduct it. If a representative is known when the resolution is adopted, the resolution shall provide contact information such as the representative's name, address, and telephone number.

The resolution shall include within its procedures a requirement that any nonprofit organization desiring to obtain donated property under this division shall submit a written notice to the board or its representative. The written notice shall include evidence that the organization is a nonprofit organization that is located in this state and is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 501(a) and (c)(3); a description of the organization's primary purpose; a description of the type or types of property the organization needs; and the name, address, and telephone number of a person designated by the organization's governing board to receive donated property and to serve as its agent.

After adoption of the resolution, the board shall publish, in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, notice of its intent to donate unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use school district property to eligible nonprofit organizations. The notice shall include a summary of the information provided in the resolution and shall be published twice. The second notice shall be published not less than ten nor more than twenty days after the previous notice. A similar notice also shall be posted continually in the board's office. If the school district maintains a web site on the internet, the notice shall be posted continually at that web site.

The board or its representatives shall maintain a list of all nonprofit organizations that notify the board or its representative of their desire to obtain donated property under this division and that the board or its

representative determines to be eligible, in accordance with the requirements set forth in this section and in the donation program's guidelines and procedures, to receive donated property.

The board or its representative also shall maintain a list of all school district property the board finds to be unneeded, obsolete, or unfit for use and to be available for donation under this division. The list shall be posted continually in a conspicuous location in the board's office, and, if the school district maintains a web site on the internet, the list shall be posted continually at that web site. An item of property on the list shall be donated to the eligible nonprofit organization that first declares to the board or its representative its desire to obtain the item unless the board previously has established, by resolution, a list of eligible nonprofit organizations that shall be given priority with respect to the item's donation. Priority may be given on the basis that the purposes of a nonprofit organization have a direct relationship to specific school district purposes of programs provided or administered by the board. A resolution giving priority to certain nonprofit organizations with respect to the donation of an item of property shall specify the reasons why the organizations are given that priority.

Members of the board shall consult with the Ohio ethics commission, and comply with Chapters 102. and 2921. of the Revised Code, with respect to any donation under this division to a nonprofit organization of which a board member, any member of a board member's family, or any business associate of a board member is a trustee, officer, board member, or employee.

Sec. 3313.48. (A) The board of education of each city, exempted village, local, and joint vocational school district shall provide for the free education of the youth of school age within the district under its jurisdiction, at such places as will be most convenient for the attendance of the largest number thereof. Each school so provided ~~and~~, each chartered nonpublic school, and each accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code shall be open for instruction with pupils in attendance, including scheduled classes, supervised activities, and approved education options but excluding lunch and breakfast periods and extracurricular activities, for not less than four hundred fifty-five hours in the case of pupils in kindergarten unless such pupils are provided all-day kindergarten, as defined in section 3321.05 of the Revised Code, in which case the pupils shall be in attendance for nine hundred ten hours; nine hundred ten hours in the case of pupils in grades one through six; and one thousand one hours in the case of pupils in grades seven through twelve in each school year, which may include all of the following:

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(1) Up to the equivalent of two school days per year during which pupils would otherwise be in attendance but are not required to attend for the purpose of individualized parent-teacher conferences and reporting periods;

(2) Up to the equivalent of two school days per year during which pupils would otherwise be in attendance but are not required to attend for professional meetings of teachers;

(3) Morning and afternoon recess periods of not more than fifteen minutes duration per period for pupils in grades kindergarten through six.

(B) Not later than thirty days prior to adopting a school calendar, the board of education of each city, exempted village, and local school district shall hold a public hearing on the school calendar, addressing topics that include, but are not limited to, the total number of hours in a school year, length of school day, and beginning and end dates of instruction.

(C) No school operated by a city, exempted village, local, or joint vocational school district shall reduce the number of hours in each school year that the school is scheduled to be open for instruction from the number of hours per year the school was open for instruction during the previous school year unless the reduction is approved by a resolution adopted by the district board of education. Any reduction so approved shall not result in fewer hours of instruction per school year than the applicable number of hours required under division (A) of this section.

(D) Prior to making any change in the hours or days in which a high school under its jurisdiction is open for instruction, the board of education of each city, exempted village, and local school district shall consider the compatibility of the proposed change with the scheduling needs of any joint vocational school district in which any of the high school's students are also enrolled. The board shall consider the impact of the proposed change on student access to the instructional programs offered by the joint vocational school district, incentives for students to participate in career-technical education, transportation, and the timing of graduation. The board shall provide the joint vocational school district board with advance notice of the proposed change and the two boards shall enter into a written agreement prescribing reasonable accommodations to meet the scheduling needs of the joint vocational school district prior to implementation of the change.

(E) Prior to making any change in the hours or days in which a school under its jurisdiction is open for instruction, the board of education of each city, exempted village, and local school district shall consider the compatibility of the proposed change with the scheduling needs of any community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code to which the district is required to transport students under sections 3314.09

and 3327.01 of the Revised Code. The board shall consider the impact of the proposed change on student access to the instructional programs offered by the community school, transportation, and the timing of graduation. The board shall provide the sponsor, governing authority, and operator of the community school with advance notice of the proposed change, and the board and the governing authority, or operator if such authority is delegated to the operator, shall enter into a written agreement prescribing reasonable accommodations to meet the scheduling needs of the community school prior to implementation of the change.

(F) Prior to making any change in the hours or days in which the schools under its jurisdiction are open for instruction, the board of education of each city, exempted village, and local school district shall consult with the chartered and accredited nonpublic schools to which the district is required to transport students under section 3327.01 of the Revised Code and shall consider the effect of the proposed change on the schedule for transportation of those students to their nonpublic schools. The governing authority of a chartered or an accredited nonpublic school shall consult with each school district board of education that transports students to the chartered nonpublic school under section 3327.01 of the Revised Code prior to making any change in the hours or days in which the nonpublic school is open for instruction.

(G) The state board of education shall not adopt or enforce any rule or standard that imposes on chartered or accredited nonpublic schools the procedural requirements imposed on school districts by divisions (B), (C), (D), and (E) of this section.

Sec. 3313.481. Wherever in Title XXXIII of the Revised Code the term "school day" is used, unless otherwise specified, that term shall be construed to mean the time during a calendar day that a school is open for instruction pursuant to the schedule adopted by the board of education of the school district or the governing authority of the chartered or accredited nonpublic school in accordance with section 3313.48 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3313.482. (A)(1) Prior to the first day of August of each school year, the board of education of any school district ~~or~~, the governing authority of any chartered nonpublic school, or the governing authority of an accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code may adopt a plan to require students to access and complete classroom lessons posted on the district's or nonpublic school's web portal or web site in order to make up hours in that school year on which it is necessary to close schools for disease epidemic, hazardous weather conditions, law enforcement emergencies, inoperability of school buses or other equipment

necessary to the school's operation, damage to a school building, or other temporary circumstances due to utility failure rendering the school building unfit for school use.

Prior to the first day of August of each school year, the governing authority of any community school established under Chapter 3314. that is not an internet- or computer-based community school, as defined in section 3314.02 of the Revised Code, may adopt a plan to require students to access and complete classroom lessons posted on the school's web portal or web site in order to make up hours in that school year on which it is necessary to close the school for any of the reasons specified in division (H)(4) of section 3314.08 of the Revised Code so that the school is in compliance with the minimum number of hours required under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code.

A plan adopted by a school district board, chartered nonpublic school governing authority, accredited nonpublic school governing authority, or community school governing authority shall provide for making up any number of hours, up to a maximum of the number of hours that are the equivalent of three school days.

(2) Each plan adopted under this section by a school district board of education shall include the written consent of the teachers' employee representative designated under division (B) of section 4117.04 of the Revised Code.

(3) Each plan adopted under this section shall provide for the following:

(a) Not later than the first day of November of the school year, each classroom teacher shall develop a sufficient number of lessons for each course taught by the teacher that school year to cover the number of make-up hours specified in the plan. The teacher shall designate the order in which the lessons are to be posted on the district's, community school's, or nonpublic school's web portal or web site in the event of a school closure. Teachers may be granted up to one professional development day to create lesson plans for those lessons.

(b) To the extent possible and necessary, a classroom teacher shall update or replace, based on current instructional progress, one or more of the lesson plans developed under division (A)(3)(a) of this section before they are posted on the web portal or web site under division (A)(3)(c) of this section or distributed under division (B) of this section.

(c) As soon as practicable after a school closure, a district or school employee responsible for web portal or web site operations shall make the designated lessons available to students on the district's, community school's, or nonpublic school's portal or site. A lesson shall be posted for

each course that was scheduled to meet on the day or hours of the closure.

(d) Each student enrolled in a course for which a lesson is posted on the portal or site shall be granted a two-week period from the date of posting to complete the lesson. The student's classroom teacher shall grade the lesson in the same manner as other lessons. The student may receive an incomplete or failing grade if the lesson is not completed on time.

(e) If a student does not have access to a computer at the student's residence and the plan does not include blizzard bags under division (B) of this section, the student shall be permitted to work on the posted lessons at school after the student's school reopens. If the lessons were posted prior to the reopening, the student shall be granted a two-week period from the date of the reopening, rather than from the date of posting as otherwise required under division (A)(3)(d) of this section, to complete the lessons. The district board or community school or nonpublic school governing authority may provide the student access to a computer before, during, or after the regularly scheduled school day or may provide a substantially similar paper lesson in order to complete the lessons.

(B)(1) In addition to posting classroom lessons online under division (A) of this section, the board of education of any school district or governing authority of any community, accredited, or chartered nonpublic school may include in the plan distribution of "blizzard bags," which are paper copies of the lessons posted online.

(2) If a school opts to use blizzard bags, teachers shall prepare paper copies in conjunction with the lessons to be posted online and update the paper copies whenever the teacher updates the online lesson plans.

(3) The board of education of any school district or governing authority of any community, accredited, or chartered nonpublic school that opts to use blizzard bags shall specify in the plan the method of distribution of blizzard bag lessons, which may include, but not be limited to, requiring distribution by a specific deadline or requiring distribution prior to anticipated school closure as directed by the superintendent of a school district or the principal, director, chief administrative officer, or the equivalent, of a school.

(4) Students shall turn in completed lessons in accordance with division (A)(3)(d) of this section.

(C)(1) No school district that implements a plan in accordance with this section shall be considered to have failed to comply with division (B) of section 3317.01 of the Revised Code with respect to the number of make-up hours specified in the plan.

(2) No community school that implements a plan in accordance with this section shall be considered to have failed to comply with the minimum

number of hours required under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code with respect to the number of make-up hours specified in the plan.

Sec. 3313.536. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Administrator" means the superintendent, principal, chief administrative officer, or other person having supervisory authority of any of the following:

(a) A city, exempted village, local, or joint vocational school district;

(b) A community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, as required through reference in division (A)(11)(d) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code;

(c) A STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, as required through reference in section 3326.11 of the Revised Code;

(d) A college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code;

(e) A district or school operating a career-technical education program approved by the department of education under section 3317.161 of the Revised Code;

(f) A chartered nonpublic school;

(g) An accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code;

(h) An educational service center;

~~(h)~~(i) A preschool program or school-age child care program licensed by the department of education;

~~(i)~~(j) Any other facility that primarily provides educational services to children subject to regulation by the department of education.

(2) "Emergency management test" means a regularly scheduled drill, exercise, or activity designed to assess and evaluate an emergency management plan under this section.

(3) "Building" means any school, school building, facility, program, or center.

(B)(1) Each administrator shall develop and adopt a comprehensive emergency management plan, in accordance with rules adopted by the state board of education pursuant to division (F) of this section, for each building under the administrator's control. The administrator shall examine the environmental conditions and operations of each building to determine potential hazards to student and staff safety and shall propose operating changes to promote the prevention of potentially dangerous problems and circumstances. In developing the plan for each building, the administrator shall involve community law enforcement and safety officials, parents of students who are assigned to the building, and teachers and nonteaching

employees who are assigned to the building. The administrator shall incorporate remediation strategies into the plan for any building where documented safety problems have occurred.

(2) Each administrator shall also incorporate into the emergency management plan adopted under division (B)(1) of this section all of the following:

(a) A protocol for addressing serious threats to the safety of property, students, employees, or administrators;

(b) A protocol for responding to any emergency events that occur and compromise the safety of property, students, employees, or administrators. This protocol shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

(i) A floor plan that is unique to each floor of the building;

(ii) A site plan that includes all building property and surrounding property;

(iii) An emergency contact information sheet.

(3) Each protocol described in divisions (B)(2)(a) and (b) of this section shall include procedures determined to be appropriate by the administrator for responding to threats and emergency events, respectively, including such things as notification of appropriate law enforcement personnel, calling upon specified emergency response personnel for assistance, and informing parents of affected students.

Prior to the opening day of each school year, the administrator shall inform each student or child enrolled in the school and the student's or child's parent of the parental notification procedures included in the protocol.

(4) Each administrator shall keep a copy of the emergency management plan adopted pursuant to this section in a secure place.

(C)(1) The administrator shall submit to the department of education, in accordance with rules adopted by the state board of education pursuant to division (F) of this section, an electronic copy of the emergency management plan prescribed by division (B) of this section not less than once every three years, whenever a major modification to the building requires changes in the procedures outlined in the plan, and whenever information on the emergency contact information sheet changes.

(2) The administrator also shall file a copy of the plan with each law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the school building and, upon request, to any of the following:

(a) The fire department that serves the political subdivision in which the building is located;

(b) The emergency medical service organization that serves the political

subdivision in which the building is located;

(c) The county emergency management agency for the county in which the building is located.

(3) Upon receipt of an emergency management plan, the department of education shall submit the information in accordance with rules adopted by the state board of education pursuant to division (F) of this section, to both of the following:

(a) The attorney general, who shall post that information on the Ohio law enforcement gateway or its successor;

(b) The director of public safety, who shall post the information on the contact and information management system.

(4) Any department or entity to which copies of an emergency management plan are filed under this section shall keep the copies in a secure place.

(D)(1) Not later than the first day of July of each year, each administrator shall review the emergency management plan and certify to the department of education that the plan is current and accurate.

(2) Anytime that an administrator updates the emergency management plan pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, the administrator shall file copies, not later than the tenth day after the revision is adopted and in accordance with rules adopted by the state board pursuant to division (F) of this section, to the department of education and to any entity with which the administrator filed a copy under division (C)(2) of this section.

(E) Each administrator shall do both of the following:

(1) Prepare and conduct at least one annual emergency management test, as defined in division (A)(2) of this section, in accordance with rules adopted by the state board pursuant to division (F) of this section;

(2) Grant access to each building under the control of the administrator to law enforcement personnel and to entities described in division (C)(2) of this section, to enable the personnel and entities to hold training sessions for responding to threats and emergency events affecting the building, provided that the access occurs outside of student instructional hours and the administrator, or the administrator's designee, is present in the building during the training sessions.

(F) The state board of education, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall adopt rules regarding emergency management plans under this section, including the content of the plans and procedures for filing the plans. The rules shall specify that plans and information required under division (B) of this section be submitted on standardized forms developed by the department of education for such purpose. The rules shall

also specify the requirements and procedures for emergency management tests conducted pursuant to division (E)(1) of this section. Failure to comply with the rules may result in discipline pursuant to section 3319.31 of the Revised Code or any other action against the administrator as prescribed by rule.

(G) Division (B) of section 3319.31 of the Revised Code applies to any administrator who is subject to the requirements of this section and is not exempt under division (H) of this section and who is an applicant for a license or holds a license from the state board pursuant to section 3319.22 of the Revised Code.

(H) The superintendent of public instruction may exempt any administrator from the requirements of this section, if the superintendent determines that the requirements do not otherwise apply to a building or buildings under the control of that administrator.

(I) Copies of the emergency management plan and information required under division (B) of this section are security records and are not public records pursuant to section 149.433 of the Revised Code. In addition, the information posted to the contact and information management system, pursuant to division (C)(3)(b) of this section, is exempt from public disclosure or release in accordance with sections 149.43, 149.433, and 5502.03 of the Revised Code.

Notwithstanding section 149.433 of the Revised Code, a floor plan filed with the attorney general pursuant to this section is not a public record to the extent it is a record kept by the attorney general.

Sec. 3313.539. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Licensing agency" has the same meaning as in section 4745.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Licensed health care professional" means an individual, other than a physician, who is authorized under Title XLVII of the Revised Code to practice a health care profession.

(3) "Physician" means a person authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.

(B) No school district board of education or governing authority of a chartered nonpublic, accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code, or nonchartered nonpublic school shall permit a student to practice for or compete in interscholastic athletics until the student has submitted, to a school official designated by the board or governing authority, a form signed by the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student stating that the student and the parent,

guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student have received the concussion and head injury information sheet required by section 3707.52 of the Revised Code. A completed form shall be submitted each school year, as defined in section 3313.62 of the Revised Code, for each sport or other category of interscholastic athletics for or in which the student practices or competes.

(C)(1) No school district board of education or governing authority of a chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school shall permit an individual to coach interscholastic athletics unless the individual holds a pupil-activity program permit issued under section 3319.303 of the Revised Code for coaching interscholastic athletics.

(2) No school district board of education or governing authority of a chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school shall permit an individual to referee interscholastic athletics unless the individual holds a pupil-activity program permit issued under section 3319.303 of the Revised Code for coaching interscholastic athletics or presents evidence that the individual has successfully completed, within the previous three years, a training program in recognizing the symptoms of concussions and head injuries to which the department of health has provided a link on its internet web site under section 3707.52 of the Revised Code or a training program authorized and required by an organization that regulates interscholastic athletic competition and conducts interscholastic athletic events.

(D) If a student practicing for or competing in an interscholastic athletic event exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with having sustained a concussion or head injury while participating in the practice or competition, the student shall be removed from the practice or competition by either of the following:

(1) The individual who is serving as the student's coach during that practice or competition;

(2) An individual who is serving as a referee during that practice or competition.

(E)(1) If a student is removed from practice or competition under division (D) of this section, the coach or referee who removed the student shall not allow the student, on the same day the student is removed, to return to that practice or competition or to participate in any other practice or competition for which the coach or referee is responsible. Thereafter, the coach or referee shall not allow the student to return to that practice or competition or to participate in any other practice or competition for which the coach or referee is responsible until both of the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) The student's condition is assessed by any of the following who has complied with the requirements in division (E)(4) of this section:

(i) A physician;

(ii) A licensed health care professional the school district board of education or governing authority of the chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school, pursuant to division (E)(2) of this section, authorizes to assess a student who has been removed from practice or competition under division (D) of this section;

(iii) A licensed health care professional who meets the minimum education requirements established by rules adopted under section 3707.521 of the Revised Code by the professional's licensing agency.

(b) The student receives written clearance that it is safe for the student to return to practice or competition from the physician or licensed health care professional who assessed the student's condition.

(2) A school district board of education or governing authority of a chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school may authorize a licensed health care professional to make an assessment or grant a clearance for purposes of division (E)(1) of this section only if the professional is acting in accordance with one of the following, as applicable to the professional's authority to practice in this state:

(a) In consultation with a physician;

(b) Pursuant to the referral of a physician;

(c) In collaboration with a physician;

(d) Under the supervision of a physician.

(3) A physician or licensed health care professional who makes an assessment or grants a clearance for purposes of division (E)(1) of this section may be a volunteer.

(4) Beginning one year after ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ September 17, 2015, all physicians and licensed health care professionals who conduct assessments and clearances under division (E)(1) of this section must meet the minimum education requirements established by rules adopted under section 3707.521 of the Revised Code by their respective licensing agencies.

(F) A school district board of education or governing authority of a chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school that is subject to the rules of an interscholastic conference or an organization that regulates interscholastic athletic competition and conducts interscholastic athletic events shall be considered to be in compliance with divisions (B), (D), and (E) of this section, as long as the requirements of those rules are substantially similar to the requirements of divisions (B), (D), and (E) of this

section.

(G)(1) A school district, member of a school district board of education, or school district employee or volunteer, including a coach or referee, is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from providing services or performing duties under this section, unless the act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

This section does not eliminate, limit, or reduce any other immunity or defense that a school district, member of a school district board of education, or school district employee or volunteer, including a coach or referee, may be entitled to under Chapter 2744. or any other provision of the Revised Code or under the common law of this state.

(2) A chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school or any officer, director, employee, or volunteer of the school, including a coach or referee, is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from providing services or performing duties under this section, unless the act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

Sec. 3313.5311. (A) As used in this section and in section 3313.5312 of the Revised Code, "extracurricular activity" has the same meaning as in section 3313.537 of the Revised Code.

(B) If the nonpublic school in which the student is enrolled does not offer the extracurricular activity, a student enrolled in a chartered nonpublic school, accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code, or nonchartered nonpublic school shall be afforded, by the superintendent of the school district in which the student is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code, the opportunity to participate in that extracurricular activity at the district school to which the student otherwise would be assigned during that school year. If more than one school operated by the school district serves the student's grade level, as determined by the district superintendent based on the student's age and academic performance, the student shall be afforded the opportunity to participate in that extracurricular activity at the school to which the student would be assigned by the superintendent under section 3319.01 of the Revised Code.

(C) The superintendent of any school district may afford any student enrolled in a nonpublic school, and who is not entitled to attend school in the district under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code, the opportunity to participate in an extracurricular activity offered by a school of the district, if the nonpublic school in which the student is enrolled does

not offer the extracurricular activity and either of the following apply:

(1) The extracurricular activity is not interscholastic athletics or interscholastic contests or competition in music, drama, or forensics.

(2) The extracurricular activity is in an interscholastic athletic or interscholastic contest or competition in music, drama, or forensics. In order to participate under division (C)(2) of this section, the student shall seek to participate at either the school district in which the student's nonpublic school is located or the school district in which the student is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code, so long as the chosen district offers the extracurricular activity.

If the student seeks to participate under division (C)(2) of this section at the school district in which the student's nonpublic school is located, both of the following shall apply:

(a) The superintendent of the school district in which the student is entitled to attend school shall certify that the student has not participated in any extracurricular activity that is in an interscholastic athletic or interscholastic contest or competition in music, drama, or forensics at that school district during that school year. If the student has participated in such an extracurricular activity at that school district during the school year, the student shall be ineligible to participate at the school district in which the student's nonpublic school is located for that school year.

(b) The superintendent of the school district in which the student is entitled to attend school and the superintendent of the school district in which the student is seeking to participate shall mutually agree, in writing, to allow the student to participate in the extracurricular activity at the school district in which the student's nonpublic school is located.

(D) In order to participate in an extracurricular activity under this section, the student shall be of the appropriate age and grade level, as determined by the superintendent of the district, for the school that offers the extracurricular activity, and shall fulfill the same academic, nonacademic, and financial requirements as any other participant.

(E) No school district shall impose additional rules on a student to participate under this section that do not apply to other students participating in the same extracurricular activity. No district shall impose additional fees for a student to participate under this section that exceed any fees charged to other students participating in the same extracurricular activity.

(F) No school district, interscholastic conference, or organization that regulates interscholastic conferences or events shall require a student who is eligible to participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities under this section to meet eligibility requirements that conflict with this section.

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Sec. 3313.603. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "One unit" means a minimum of one hundred twenty hours of course instruction, except that for a laboratory course, "one unit" means a minimum of one hundred fifty hours of course instruction.

(2) "One-half unit" means a minimum of sixty hours of course instruction, except that for physical education courses, "one-half unit" means a minimum of one hundred twenty hours of course instruction.

(B) Beginning September 15, 2001, except as required in division (C) of this section and division (C) of section 3313.614 of the Revised Code, the requirements for graduation from every high school shall include twenty units earned in grades nine through twelve and shall be distributed as follows:

(1) English language arts, four units;

(2) Health, one-half unit;

(3) Mathematics, three units;

(4) Physical education, one-half unit;

(5) Science, two units until September 15, 2003, and three units thereafter, which at all times shall include both of the following:

(a) Biological sciences, one unit;

(b) Physical sciences, one unit.

(6) History and government, one unit, which shall comply with division (M) of this section and shall include both of the following:

(a) American history, one-half unit;

(b) American government, one-half unit.

(7) Social studies, two units.

Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2017, the two units of instruction prescribed by division (B)(7) of this section shall include at least one-half unit of instruction in the study of world history and civilizations.

(8) Elective units, seven units until September 15, 2003, and six units thereafter.

Each student's electives shall include at least one unit, or two half units, chosen from among the areas of business/technology, fine arts, and/or foreign language.

(C) Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2010, except as provided in divisions (D) to (F) of this section, the requirements for graduation from every public and chartered nonpublic high school shall include twenty units that are designed to prepare students for the workforce and college. The units shall be distributed as follows:

- (1) English language arts, four units;
- (2) Health, one-half unit, which shall include instruction in nutrition and the benefits of nutritious foods and physical activity for overall health;
- (3) Mathematics, four units, which shall include one unit of algebra II or the equivalent of algebra II, or one unit of advanced computer science as described in the standards adopted pursuant to division (A)(4) of section 3301.079 of the Revised Code. However, students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2015, and who are pursuing a career-technical instructional track shall not be required to take algebra II or advanced computer science, and instead may complete a career-based pathway mathematics course approved by the department of education as an alternative.

For students who choose to take advanced computer science in lieu of algebra II under division (C)(3) of this section, the school shall communicate to those students that some institutions of higher education may require algebra II for the purpose of college admission. Also, the parent, guardian, or legal custodian of each student who chooses to take advanced computer science in lieu of algebra II shall sign and submit to the school a document containing a statement acknowledging that not taking algebra II may have an adverse effect on college admission decisions.

- (4) Physical education, one-half unit;
- (5) Science, three units with inquiry-based laboratory experience that engages students in asking valid scientific questions and gathering and analyzing information, which shall include the following, or their equivalent:
 - (a) Physical sciences, one unit;
 - (b) Life sciences, one unit;
 - (c) Advanced study in one or more of the following sciences, one unit:
 - (i) Chemistry, physics, or other physical science;
 - (ii) Advanced biology or other life science;
 - (iii) Astronomy, physical geology, or other earth or space science;
 - (iv) Computer science.

No student shall substitute a computer science course for a life sciences or biology course under division (C)(5) of this section.

- (6) History and government, one unit, which shall comply with division (M) of this section and shall include both of the following:
 - (a) American history, one-half unit;
 - (b) American government, one-half unit.
- (7) Social studies, two units.

Each school shall integrate the study of economics and financial

literacy, as expressed in the social studies academic content standards adopted by the state board of education under division (A)(1) of section 3301.079 of the Revised Code and the academic content standards for financial literacy and entrepreneurship adopted under division (A)(2) of that section, into one or more existing social studies credits required under division (C)(7) of this section, or into the content of another class, so that every high school student receives instruction in those concepts. In developing the curriculum required by this paragraph, schools shall use available public-private partnerships and resources and materials that exist in business, industry, and through the centers for economics education at institutions of higher education in the state.

Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2017, the two units of instruction prescribed by division (C)(7) of this section shall include at least one-half unit of instruction in the study of world history and civilizations.

(8) Five units consisting of one or any combination of foreign language, fine arts, business, career-technical education, family and consumer sciences, technology which may include computer science, agricultural education, a junior reserve officer training corps (JROTC) program approved by the congress of the United States under title 10 of the United States Code, or English language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies courses not otherwise required under division (C) of this section.

Ohioans must be prepared to apply increased knowledge and skills in the workplace and to adapt their knowledge and skills quickly to meet the rapidly changing conditions of the twenty-first century. National studies indicate that all high school graduates need the same academic foundation, regardless of the opportunities they pursue after graduation. The goal of Ohio's system of elementary and secondary education is to prepare all students for and seamlessly connect all students to success in life beyond high school graduation, regardless of whether the next step is entering the workforce, beginning an apprenticeship, engaging in post-secondary training, serving in the military, or pursuing a college degree.

The requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section are the standard expectation for all students entering ninth grade for the first time at a public or chartered nonpublic high school on or after July 1, 2010. A student may satisfy this expectation through a variety of methods, including, but not limited to, integrated, applied, career-technical, and traditional coursework.

Stronger coordination between high schools and institutions of higher education is necessary to prepare students for more challenging academic

endeavors and to lessen the need for academic remediation in college, thereby reducing the costs of higher education for Ohio's students, families, and the state. The state board and the chancellor of higher education shall develop policies to ensure that only in rare instances will students who complete the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section require academic remediation after high school.

School districts, community schools, and chartered nonpublic schools shall integrate technology into learning experiences across the curriculum in order to maximize efficiency, enhance learning, and prepare students for success in the technology-driven twenty-first century. Districts and schools shall use distance and web-based course delivery as a method of providing or augmenting all instruction required under this division, including laboratory experience in science. Districts and schools shall utilize technology access and electronic learning opportunities provided by the broadcast educational media commission, chancellor, the Ohio learning network, education technology centers, public television stations, and other public and private providers.

(D) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, a student who enters ninth grade on or after July 1, 2010, and before July 1, 2016, may qualify for graduation from a public or chartered nonpublic high school even though the student has not completed the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(1) During the student's third year of attending high school, as determined by the school, the student and the student's parent, guardian, or custodian sign and file with the school a written statement asserting the parent's, guardian's, or custodian's consent to the student's graduating without completing the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section and acknowledging that one consequence of not completing those requirements is ineligibility to enroll in most state universities in Ohio without further coursework.

(2) The student and parent, guardian, or custodian fulfill any procedural requirements the school stipulates to ensure the student's and parent's, guardian's, or custodian's informed consent and to facilitate orderly filing of statements under division (D)(1) of this section. Annually, each district or school shall notify the department of the number of students who choose to qualify for graduation under division (D) of this section and the number of students who complete the student's success plan and graduate from high school.

(3) The student and the student's parent, guardian, or custodian and a

representative of the student's high school jointly develop a student success plan for the student in the manner described in division (C)(1) of section 3313.6020 of the Revised Code that specifies the student matriculating to a two-year degree program, acquiring a business and industry-recognized credential, or entering an apprenticeship.

(4) The student's high school provides counseling and support for the student related to the plan developed under division (D)(3) of this section during the remainder of the student's high school experience.

(5)(a) Except as provided in division (D)(5)(b) of this section, the student successfully completes, at a minimum, the curriculum prescribed in division (B) of this section.

(b) Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2014, a student shall be required to complete successfully, at the minimum, the curriculum prescribed in division (B) of this section, except as follows:

(i) Mathematics, four units, one unit which shall be one of the following:

(I) Probability and statistics;

(II) Computer science;

(III) Applied mathematics or quantitative reasoning;

(IV) Any other course approved by the department using standards established by the superintendent not later than October 1, 2014.

(ii) Elective units, five units;

(iii) Science, three units as prescribed by division (B) of this section which shall include inquiry-based laboratory experience that engages students in asking valid scientific questions and gathering and analyzing information.

The department, in collaboration with the chancellor, shall analyze student performance data to determine if there are mitigating factors that warrant extending the exception permitted by division (D) of this section to high school classes beyond those entering ninth grade before July 1, 2016. The department shall submit its findings and any recommendations not later than December 1, 2015, to the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives, the president and minority leader of the senate, the chairpersons and ranking minority members of the standing committees of the house of representatives and the senate that consider education legislation, the state board of education, and the superintendent of public instruction.

(E) Each school district and chartered nonpublic school retains the authority to require an even more challenging minimum curriculum for high

school graduation than specified in division (B) or (C) of this section. A school district board of education, through the adoption of a resolution, or the governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school may stipulate any of the following:

(1) A minimum high school curriculum that requires more than twenty units of academic credit to graduate;

(2) An exception to the district's or school's minimum high school curriculum that is comparable to the exception provided in division (D) of this section but with additional requirements, which may include a requirement that the student successfully complete more than the minimum curriculum prescribed in division (B) of this section;

(3) That no exception comparable to that provided in division (D) of this section is available.

(F) A student enrolled in a dropout prevention and recovery program, which program has received a waiver from the department, may qualify for graduation from high school by successfully completing a competency-based instructional program administered by the dropout prevention and recovery program in lieu of completing the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section. The department shall grant a waiver to a dropout prevention and recovery program, within sixty days after the program applies for the waiver, if the program meets all of the following conditions:

(1) The program serves only students not younger than sixteen years of age and not older than twenty-one years of age.

(2) The program enrolls students who, at the time of their initial enrollment, either, or both, are at least one grade level behind their cohort age groups or experience crises that significantly interfere with their academic progress such that they are prevented from continuing their traditional programs.

(3) The program requires students to attain at least the applicable score designated for each of the assessments prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code or, to the extent prescribed by rule of the state board under division (D)(5) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code, division (B)(2) of that section.

(4) The program develops a student success plan for the student in the manner described in division (C)(1) of section 3313.6020 of the Revised Code that specifies the student's matriculating to a two-year degree program, acquiring a business and industry-recognized credential, or entering an apprenticeship.

(5) The program provides counseling and support for the student related

to the plan developed under division (F)(4) of this section during the remainder of the student's high school experience.

(6) The program requires the student and the student's parent, guardian, or custodian to sign and file, in accordance with procedural requirements stipulated by the program, a written statement asserting the parent's, guardian's, or custodian's consent to the student's graduating without completing the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section and acknowledging that one consequence of not completing those requirements is ineligibility to enroll in most state universities in Ohio without further coursework.

(7) Prior to receiving the waiver, the program has submitted to the department an instructional plan that demonstrates how the academic content standards adopted by the state board under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code will be taught and assessed.

(8) Prior to receiving the waiver, the program has submitted to the department a policy on career advising that satisfies the requirements of section 3313.6020 of the Revised Code, with an emphasis on how every student will receive career advising.

(9) Prior to receiving the waiver, the program has submitted to the department a written agreement outlining the future cooperation between the program and any combination of local job training, postsecondary education, nonprofit, and health and social service organizations to provide services for students in the program and their families.

Divisions (F)(8) and (9) of this section apply only to waivers granted on or after July 1, 2015.

If the department does not act either to grant the waiver or to reject the program application for the waiver within sixty days as required under this section, the waiver shall be considered to be granted.

(G) Every high school may permit students below the ninth grade to take advanced work. If a high school so permits, it shall award high school credit for successful completion of the advanced work and shall count such advanced work toward the graduation requirements of division (B) or (C) of this section if the advanced work was both:

(1) Taught by a person who possesses a license or certificate issued under section 3301.071, 3319.22, or 3319.222 of the Revised Code that is valid for teaching high school;

(2) Designated by the board of education of the city, local, or exempted village school district, the board of the cooperative education school district, or the governing authority of the chartered nonpublic school as meeting the high school curriculum requirements.

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Each high school shall record on the student's high school transcript all high school credit awarded under division (G) of this section. In addition, if the student completed a seventh- or eighth-grade fine arts course described in division (K) of this section and the course qualified for high school credit under that division, the high school shall record that course on the student's high school transcript.

(H) The department shall make its individual academic career plan available through its Ohio career information system web site for districts and schools to use as a tool for communicating with and providing guidance to students and families in selecting high school courses.

(I) A school district or chartered nonpublic school may integrate academic content in a subject area for which the state board has adopted standards under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code into a course in a different subject area, including a career-technical education course, in accordance with guidance for integrated coursework developed by the department. Upon successful completion of an integrated course, a student may receive credit for both subject areas that were integrated into the course. Units earned for subject area content delivered through integrated academic and career-technical instruction are eligible to meet the graduation requirements of division (B) or (C) of this section.

For purposes of meeting graduation requirements, if an end-of-course examination has been prescribed under section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code for the subject area delivered through integrated instruction, the school district or school may administer the related subject area examinations upon the student's completion of the integrated course.

Nothing in division (I) of this section shall be construed to excuse any school district, chartered nonpublic school, or student from any requirement in the Revised Code related to curriculum, assessments, or the awarding of a high school diploma.

(J)(1) The state board, in consultation with the chancellor, shall adopt a statewide plan implementing methods for students to earn units of high school credit based on a demonstration of subject area competency, instead of or in combination with completing hours of classroom instruction. The state board shall adopt the plan not later than March 31, 2009, and commence phasing in the plan during the 2009-2010 school year. The plan shall include a standard method for recording demonstrated proficiency on high school transcripts. Each school district and community school shall comply with the state board's plan adopted under this division and award units of high school credit in accordance with the plan. The state board may adopt existing methods for earning high school credit based on a

demonstration of subject area competency as necessary prior to the 2009-2010 school year.

(2) Not later than December 31, 2015, the state board shall update the statewide plan adopted pursuant to division (J)(1) of this section to also include methods for students enrolled in seventh and eighth grade to meet curriculum requirements based on a demonstration of subject area competency, instead of or in combination with completing hours of classroom instruction. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, each school district and community school also shall comply with the updated plan adopted pursuant to this division and permit students enrolled in seventh and eighth grade to meet curriculum requirements based on subject area competency in accordance with the plan.

(3) Not later than December 31, 2017, the department shall develop a framework for school districts and community schools to use in granting units of high school credit to students who demonstrate subject area competency through work-based learning experiences, internships, or cooperative education. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, each district and community school shall comply with the framework. Each district and community school also shall review any policy it has adopted regarding the demonstration of subject area competency to identify ways to incorporate work-based learning experiences, internships, and cooperative education into the policy in order to increase student engagement and opportunities to earn units of high school credit.

(K) This division does not apply to students who qualify for graduation from high school under division (D) or (F) of this section, or to students pursuing a career-technical instructional track as determined by the school district board of education or the chartered nonpublic school's governing authority. Nevertheless, the general assembly encourages such students to consider enrolling in a fine arts course as an elective.

Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2010, each student enrolled in a public or chartered nonpublic high school shall complete two semesters or the equivalent of fine arts to graduate from high school. The coursework may be completed in any of grades seven to twelve. Each student who completes a fine arts course in grade seven or eight may elect to count that course toward the five units of electives required for graduation under division (C)(8) of this section, if the course satisfied the requirements of division (G) of this section. In that case, the high school shall award the student high school credit for the course and count the course toward the five units required under division (C)(8) of this section. If the course in grade seven or eight did not satisfy the requirements

of division (G) of this section, the high school shall not award the student high school credit for the course but shall count the course toward the two semesters or the equivalent of fine arts required by this division.

(L) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, the board of education of each school district and the governing authority of each chartered nonpublic school may adopt a policy to excuse from the high school physical education requirement each student who, during high school, has participated in interscholastic athletics, marching band, or cheerleading for at least two full seasons or in the junior reserve officer training corps for at least two full school years. If the board or authority adopts such a policy, the board or authority shall not require the student to complete any physical education course as a condition to graduate. However, the student shall be required to complete one-half unit, consisting of at least sixty hours of instruction, in another course of study. In the case of a student who has participated in the junior reserve officer training corps for at least two full school years, credit received for that participation may be used to satisfy the requirement to complete one-half unit in another course of study.

(M) It is important that high school students learn and understand United States history and the governments of both the United States and the state of Ohio. Therefore, beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2012, the study of American history and American government required by divisions (B)(6) and (C)(6) of this section shall include the study of all of the following documents:

- (1) The Declaration of Independence;
- (2) The Northwest Ordinance;
- (3) The Constitution of the United States with emphasis on the Bill of Rights;
- (4) The Ohio Constitution.

The study of each of the documents prescribed in divisions (M)(1) to (4) of this section shall include study of that document in its original context.

The study of American history and government required by divisions (B)(6) and (C)(6) of this section shall include the historical evidence of the role of documents such as the Federalist Papers and the Anti-Federalist Papers to firmly establish the historical background leading to the establishment of the provisions of the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

(N) A student may apply one unit of instruction in computer science to satisfy one unit of mathematics or one unit of science under division (C) of this section as the student chooses, regardless of the field of certification of the teacher who teaches the course, so long as that teacher meets the

licensure requirements prescribed by section 3319.236 of the Revised Code and, prior to teaching the course, completes a professional development program determined to be appropriate by the district board.

If a student applies more than one computer science course to satisfy curriculum requirements under that division, the courses shall be sequential and progressively more difficult or cover different subject areas within computer science.

(O) This section shall not apply to accredited nonpublic schools described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3313.62. The school year shall begin on the first day of July of each calendar year and close on the thirtieth day of June of the succeeding calendar year. A school week shall consist of five days. A chartered nonpublic school or an accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code may be open for instruction with pupils in attendance on any day of the week, including Saturday or Sunday.

Sec. 3313.716. (A) Notwithstanding section 3313.713 of the Revised Code or any policy adopted under that section, a student of a school operated by a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district ~~or~~ a student of a chartered nonpublic school, or a student of an accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code may possess and use a metered dose inhaler or a dry powder inhaler to alleviate asthmatic symptoms, or before exercise to prevent the onset of asthmatic symptoms, if both of the following conditions are satisfied:

(1) The student has the written approval of the student's physician and, if the student is a minor, the written approval of the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student. The physician's written approval shall include at least all of the following information:

(a) The student's name and address;
(b) The names and dose of the medication contained in the inhaler;
(c) The date the administration of the medication is to begin;
(d) The date, if known, that the administration of the medication is to cease;

(e) Written instructions that outline procedures school personnel should follow in the event that the asthma medication does not produce the expected relief from the student's asthma attack;

(f) Any severe adverse reactions that may occur to the child using the inhaler and that should be reported to the physician;

(g) Any severe adverse reactions that may occur to another child, for whom the inhaler is not prescribed, should such a child receive a dose of the medication;

(h) At least one emergency telephone number for contacting the physician in an emergency;

(i) At least one emergency telephone number for contacting the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student in an emergency;

(j) Any other special instructions from the physician.

(2) The school principal and, if a school nurse is assigned to the student's school building, the school nurse has received copies of the written approvals required by division (A)(1) of this section.

If these conditions are satisfied, the student may possess and use the inhaler at school or at any activity, event, or program sponsored by or in which the student's school is a participant.

(B)(1) A school district, member of a school district board of education, or school district employee is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from a district employee's prohibiting a student from using an inhaler because of the employee's good faith belief that the conditions of divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section had not been satisfied. A school district, member of a school district board of education, or school district employee is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from a district employee's permitting a student to use an inhaler because of the employee's good faith belief that the conditions of divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section had been satisfied. Furthermore, when a school district is required by this section to permit a student to possess and use an inhaler because the conditions of divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section have been satisfied, the school district, any member of the school district board of education, or any school district employee is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from the use of the inhaler by a student for whom it was not prescribed.

This section does not eliminate, limit, or reduce any other immunity or defense that a school district, member of a school district board of education, or school district employee may be entitled to under Chapter 2744. or any other provision of the Revised Code or under the common law of this state.

(2) A chartered or an accredited nonpublic school or any officer, director, or employee of the school is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from a school employee's prohibiting a student from using an inhaler because of the employee's good faith belief that the conditions of divisions (A)(1) and (2)

of this section had not been satisfied. A chartered or an accredited nonpublic school or any officer, director, or employee of the school is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from a school employee's permitting a student to use an inhaler because of the employee's good faith belief that the conditions of divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section had been satisfied. Furthermore, when a chartered or an accredited nonpublic school is required by this section to permit a student to possess and use an inhaler because the conditions of divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section have been satisfied, the chartered or accredited nonpublic school or any officer, director, or employee of the school is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from the use of the inhaler by a student for whom it was not prescribed.

Sec. 3313.717. (A) As used in this section, "automated external defibrillator" means a specialized defibrillator that is approved for use as a medical device by the United States food and drug administration for performing automated external defibrillation, as defined in section 2305.235 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) The board of education of each school district may require the placement of an automated external defibrillator in each school under the control of the board. Not later than July 1, 2018, pursuant to section 3313.6023 of the Revised Code, all persons employed by a school district shall receive training in the use of an automated external defibrillator in accordance with that section, except for substitutes, adult education instructors who are scheduled to work the full-time equivalent of less than one hundred twenty days per school year, or persons who are employed on an as-needed, seasonal, or intermittent basis, so long as the persons are not employed to coach or supervise interscholastic athletics.

(2) The administrative authority of each chartered nonpublic school and the administrative authority of each accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code may require the placement of an automated external defibrillator in each school under the control of the authority. If an authority requires the placement of an automated external defibrillator as provided in this section, the authority also shall require that a sufficient number of the staff persons assigned to each school under the control of the authority successfully complete an appropriate training course in the use of an automated external defibrillator as described in section 3701.85 of the Revised Code.

(C) In regard to the use of an automated external defibrillator that is placed in a school as specified in this section, and except in the case of

willful or wanton misconduct or when there is no good faith attempt to activate an emergency medical services system in accordance with section 3701.85 of the Revised Code, no person shall be held liable in civil damages for injury, death, or loss to person or property, or held criminally liable, for performing automated external defibrillation in good faith, regardless of whether the person has obtained appropriate training on how to perform automated external defibrillation or successfully completed a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Sec. 3313.718. (A) As used in this section, "prescriber" has the same meaning as in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) Notwithstanding section 3313.713 of the Revised Code or any policy adopted under that section, a student of a school operated by a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district ~~or~~ a student of a chartered nonpublic school, or a student of an accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code may possess and use an epinephrine autoinjector to treat anaphylaxis, if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(1) The student has the written approval of the prescriber of the autoinjector and, if the student is a minor, the written approval of the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student. The prescriber's written approval shall include at least all of the following information:

- (a) The student's name and address;
- (b) The names and dose of the medication contained in the autoinjector;
- (c) The date the administration of the medication is to begin;
- (d) The date, if known, that the administration of the medication is to cease;
- (e) Acknowledgment that the prescriber has determined that the student is capable of possessing and using the autoinjector appropriately and has provided the student with training in the proper use of the autoinjector;
- (f) Circumstances in which the autoinjector should be used;
- (g) Written instructions that outline procedures school employees should follow in the event that the student is unable to administer the anaphylaxis medication or the medication does not produce the expected relief from the student's anaphylaxis;
- (h) Any severe adverse reactions that may occur to the child using the autoinjector that should be reported to the prescriber;
- (i) Any severe adverse reactions that may occur to another child, for whom the autoinjector is not prescribed, should such a child receive a dose of the medication;

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(j) At least one emergency telephone number for contacting the prescriber in an emergency;

(k) At least one emergency telephone number for contacting the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student in an emergency;

(1) Any other special instructions from the prescriber.

(2) The school principal and, if a school nurse is assigned to the student's school building, the school nurse has received copies of the written approvals required by division (B)(1) of this section.

(3) The school principal or, if a school nurse is assigned to the student's school building, the school nurse has received a backup dose of the anaphylaxis medication from the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student or, if the student is not a minor, from the student.

If these conditions are satisfied, the student may possess and use the autoinjector at school or at any activity, event, or program sponsored by or in which the student's school is a participant.

(C) Whenever a student uses an autoinjector at school or at any activity, event, or program sponsored by or in which the student's school is a participant or whenever a school employee administers anaphylaxis medication to a student that was possessed by the student pursuant to the written approvals described in division (B)(1) of this section, a school employee shall immediately request assistance from an emergency medical service provider.

(D)(1) A school district, member of a school district board of education, or school district employee is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from a district employee's prohibiting a student from using an autoinjector because of the employee's good faith belief that the conditions of division (B) of this section had not been satisfied. A school district, member of a school district board of education, or school district employee is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from a district employee's permitting a student to use an autoinjector because of the employee's good faith belief that the conditions of division (B) of this section had been satisfied. Furthermore, when a school district is required by this section to permit a student to possess and use an autoinjector because the conditions of division (B) of this section have been satisfied, the school district, any member of the school district board of education, or any school district employee is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from

the use of the autoinjector by a student for whom it was not prescribed.

This section does not eliminate, limit, or reduce any other immunity or defense that a school district, member of a school district board of education, or school district employee may be entitled to under Chapter 2744. or any other provision of the Revised Code or under the common law of this state.

(2) A chartered or an accredited nonpublic school or any officer, director, or employee of the school is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from a school employee's prohibiting a student from using an autoinjector because of the employee's good faith belief that the conditions of division (B) of this section had not been satisfied. A chartered or an accredited nonpublic school or any officer, director, or employee of the school is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from a school employee's permitting a student to use an autoinjector because of the employee's good faith belief that the conditions of division (B) of this section had been satisfied. Furthermore, when a chartered or an accredited nonpublic school is required by this section to permit a student to possess and use an autoinjector because the conditions of division (B) of this section have been satisfied, the chartered or accredited nonpublic school or any officer, director, or employee of the school is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from the use of the autoinjector by a student for whom it was not prescribed.

Sec. 3313.719. The board of education of each city, local, exempted village, and joint vocational school district ~~and~~, the governing authority of each chartered nonpublic school, and the governing authority of each accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code shall establish a written policy with respect to protecting students with peanut or other food allergies. The policy shall be developed in consultation with parents, school nurses and other school employees, school volunteers, students, and community members.

Sec. 3313.7111. (A) With the approval of its governing authority, a chartered nonpublic school, accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code, or nonchartered nonpublic school may procure epinephrine autoinjectors in the manner prescribed by section 3313.7110 of the Revised Code. A chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school that elects to do so shall comply with all provisions of that section as if it were a school district.

(B)(1) The following are not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly arises from an act

or omission associated with procuring, maintaining, accessing, or using an epinephrine autoinjector under this section, unless the act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct:

- (a) A chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school;
- (b) A member of a chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school governing authority;
- (c) An employee or contractor of the school;
- (d) A licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs who personally furnishes or prescribes epinephrine autoinjectors, provides a consultation, or issues a protocol pursuant to this section.

(2) This division does not eliminate, limit, or reduce any other immunity or defense that a chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school or governing authority, member of a chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school governing authority, chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school employee or contractor, or licensed health professional may be entitled to under any other provision of the Revised Code or the common law of this state.

(C) A chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school may accept donations of epinephrine autoinjectors from a wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs or a manufacturer of dangerous drugs, as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code, and may accept donations of money from any person to purchase epinephrine autoinjectors.

(D) A chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school that elects to procure epinephrine autoinjectors under this section shall report to the department of education each procurement and occurrence in which an epinephrine autoinjector is used from the school's supply of epinephrine autoinjectors.

Sec. 3313.7112. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Board of education" means a board of education of a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district.

(2) "Governing authority" means a governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school or an accredited nonpublic school operating under section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Licensed health care professional" means any of the following:

- (a) A physician authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery;
- (b) A registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, or licensed practical nurse licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code;
- (c) A physician assistant licensed under Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code.

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(4) "Local health department" means a department operated by a board of health of a city or general health district or the authority having the duties of a board of health as described in section 3709.05 of the Revised Code.

(5) "School employee" or "employee" means either of the following:

(a) A person employed by a board of education or governing authority;

(b) A licensed health care professional employed by or under contract with a local health department who is assigned to a school in a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district ~~or~~, a chartered nonpublic school, or an accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(6) "Treating practitioner" means any of the following who has primary responsibility for treating a student's diabetes and has been identified as such by the student's parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student or, if the student is at least eighteen years of age, by the student:

(a) A physician authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery;

(b) An advanced practice registered nurse who holds a current, valid license to practice nursing as an advanced practice registered nurse issued under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code and is designated as a clinical nurse specialist or certified nurse practitioner in accordance with section 4723.42 of the Revised Code;

(c) A physician assistant who holds a license issued under Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code, holds a valid prescriber number issued by the state medical board, and has been granted physician-delegated prescriptive authority.

(7) "504 plan" means a plan based on an evaluation conducted in accordance with section 504 of the "Rehabilitation Act of 1973," 29 U.S.C. 794, as amended.

(B)(1) Each board of education or governing authority shall ensure that each student enrolled in the school district or chartered nonpublic school who has diabetes receives appropriate and needed diabetes care in accordance with an order signed by the student's treating practitioner. The diabetes care to be provided includes any of the following:

(a) Checking and recording blood glucose levels and ketone levels or assisting the student with checking and recording these levels;

(b) Responding to blood glucose levels that are outside of the student's target range;

(c) In the case of severe hypoglycemia, administering glucagon and other emergency treatments as prescribed;

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(d) Administering insulin or assisting the student in self-administering insulin through the insulin delivery system the student uses;

(e) Providing oral diabetes medications;

(f) Understanding recommended schedules and food intake for meals and snacks in order to calculate medication dosages pursuant to the order of the student's treating practitioner;

(g) Following the treating practitioner's instructions regarding meals, snacks, and physical activity;

(h) Administering diabetes medication, as long as the conditions prescribed in division (C) of this section are satisfied.

(2) Not later than fourteen days after receipt of an order signed by the treating practitioner of a student with diabetes, the board of education or governing authority shall inform the student's parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student that the student may be entitled to a 504 plan regarding the student's diabetes. The department of education shall develop a 504 plan information sheet for use by a board of education or governing authority when informing a student's parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student that the student may be entitled to a 504 plan regarding the student's diabetes.

(C) Notwithstanding division (B) of section 3313.713 of the Revised Code or any other provision of the Revised Code, diabetes medication may be administered under this section by a school nurse or, in the absence of a school nurse, a school employee who is trained in diabetes care under division (E) of this section. Medication administration may be provided under this section only when the conditions prescribed in division (C) of section 3313.713 of the Revised Code are satisfied.

Notwithstanding division (D) of section 3313.713 of the Revised Code, medication that is to be administered under this section may be kept in an easily accessible location.

(D)(1) The department of education shall adopt nationally recognized guidelines, as determined by the department, for the training of school employees in diabetes care for students. In doing so, the department shall consult with the department of health, the American diabetes association, and the Ohio school nurses association. The department may consult with any other organizations as determined appropriate by the department.

(2) The guidelines shall address all of the following issues:

(a) Recognizing the symptoms of hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia;

(b) The appropriate treatment for a student who exhibits the symptoms of hypoglycemia or hyperglycemia;

(c) Recognizing situations that require the provision of emergency

medical assistance to a student;

(d) Understanding the appropriate treatment for a student, based on an order issued by the student's treating practitioner, if the student's blood glucose level is not within the target range indicated by the order;

(e) Understanding the instructions in an order issued by a student's treating practitioner concerning necessary medications;

(f) Performing blood glucose and ketone tests for a student in accordance with an order issued by the student's treating practitioner and recording the results of those tests;

(g) Administering insulin, glucagon, or other medication to a student in accordance with an order issued by the student's treating practitioner and recording the results of the administration;

(h) Understanding the relationship between the diet recommended in an order issued by a student's treating practitioner and actions that may be taken if the recommended diet is not followed.

(E)(1) To ensure that a student with diabetes receives the diabetes care specified in division (B) of this section, a board of education or governing authority may provide training that complies with the guidelines developed under division (D) of this section to a school employee at each school attended by a student with diabetes. With respect to any training provided, all of the following apply:

(a) The training shall be coordinated by a school nurse or, if the school does not employ a school nurse, a licensed health care professional with expertise in diabetes who is approved by the school to provide the training.

(b) The training shall take place prior to the beginning of each school year or, as needed, not later than fourteen days after receipt by the board of education or governing authority of an order signed by the treating practitioner of a student with diabetes.

(c) On completion of the training, the board of education or governing authority, in a manner it determines, shall determine whether each employee trained is competent to provide diabetes care.

(d) The school nurse or approved licensed health care professional with expertise in diabetes care shall promptly provide all necessary follow-up training and supervision to an employee who receives training.

(2) The principal of a school attended by a student with diabetes or another school official authorized to act on behalf of the principal may distribute a written notice to each employee containing all of the following:

(a) A statement that the school is required to provide diabetes care to a student with diabetes and is seeking employees who are willing to be trained to provide that care;

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(b) A description of the tasks to be performed;

(c) A statement that participation is voluntary and that the school district or governing authority will not take action against an employee who does not agree to provide diabetes care;

(d) A statement that training will be provided by a licensed health care professional to an employee who agrees to provide care;

(e) A statement that a trained employee is immune from liability under division (J) of this section;

(f) The name of the individual who should be contacted if an employee is interested in providing diabetes care.

(3) No employee of a board of education or governing authority shall be subject to a penalty or disciplinary action under school or district policies for refusing to volunteer to be trained in diabetes care.

(4) No board or governing authority shall discourage employees from agreeing to provide diabetes care under this section.

(F) A board of education or governing authority may provide training in the recognition of hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia and actions to take in response to emergency situations involving these conditions to both of the following:

(1) A school employee who has primary responsibility for supervising a student with diabetes during some portion of the school day;

(2) A bus driver employed by a school district ~~or~~ chartered nonpublic school, or accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code, who is responsible for the transportation of a student with diabetes.

(G) A student with diabetes shall be permitted to attend the school the student would otherwise attend if the student did not have diabetes and the diabetes care specified in division (B) of this section shall be provided at the school. A board of education or governing authority shall not restrict a student who has diabetes from attending the school on the basis that the student has diabetes, that the school does not have a full-time school nurse, or that the school does not have an employee trained in diabetes care. The school shall not require or pressure a parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of a student to provide diabetes care for the student with diabetes at school or school-related activities.

(H)(1) Notwithstanding section 3313.713 of the Revised Code or any policy adopted under that section and except as provided in division (H)(2) of this section, on written request of the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of a student and authorization by the student's treating practitioner, a student with diabetes shall be permitted during regular school

hours and school-sponsored activities to attend to the care and management of the student's diabetes in accordance with the order issued by the student's treating practitioner if the student's treating practitioner determines that the student is capable of performing diabetes care tasks. The student shall be permitted to perform diabetes care tasks in a classroom, in any area of the school or school grounds, and at any school-related activity, and to possess on the student's self at all times all necessary supplies and equipment to perform these tasks. If the student or the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student so requests, the student shall have access to a private area for performing diabetes care tasks.

(2) If the student performs any diabetes care tasks or uses medical equipment for purposes other than the student's own care, the board of education or governing authority may revoke the student's permission to attend to the care and management of the student's diabetes.

(I)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, a licensed health care professional shall be permitted to provide training to a school employee under division (E) of this section or to supervise the employee in performing diabetes care tasks.

(2) Nothing in this section diminishes the rights of eligible students or the obligations of school districts or governing authorities under the "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act," 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq., section 504 of the "Rehabilitation Act," 29 U.S.C. 794, or the "Americans with Disabilities Act," 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.

(J)(1) A school or school district, a member of a board or governing authority, or a district or school employee is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from providing care or performing duties under this section unless the act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

This section does not eliminate, limit, or reduce any other immunity or defense that a school or school district, member of a board of education or governing authority, or district or school employee may be entitled to under Chapter 2744. or any other provision of the Revised Code or under the common law of this state.

(2) A school employee shall not be subject to disciplinary action under school or district policies for providing care or performing duties under this section.

(3) A school nurse or other licensed health care professional shall be immune from disciplinary action by the board of nursing or any other regulatory board for providing care or performing duties under this section if the care provided or duties performed are consistent with applicable

professional standards.

(K)(1) Not later than the last day of December of each year, a board of education or governing authority shall report to the department of education both of the following:

(a) The number of students with diabetes enrolled in the school district ~~or~~, chartered nonpublic school, or accredited nonpublic school during the previous school year;

(b) The number of errors associated with the administration of diabetes medication to students with diabetes during the previous school year.

(2) Not later than the last day of March of each year, the department shall issue a report summarizing the information received by the department under division (K)(1) of this section for the previous school year. The department shall make the report available on its internet web site.

Sec. 3313.7114. (A) As used in this section, "inhaler" has the same meaning as in section 3313.7113 of the Revised Code.

(B) With the approval of its governing authority, a chartered nonpublic school, accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code, or nonchartered nonpublic school may procure inhalers in the manner prescribed by section 3313.7113 of the Revised Code. A chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school that elects to do so shall comply with all provisions of that section as if it were a school district.

(C) A chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school, a member of a chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school governing authority, or an employee or contractor of the school is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly arises from an act or omission associated with procuring, maintaining, accessing, or using an inhaler under this section, unless the act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

(D) A chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school may accept donations of inhalers from a wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs or a manufacturer of dangerous drugs, as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code, and may accept donations of money from any person to purchase inhalers.

(E) A chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school that elects to procure inhalers under this section shall report to the department of education each procurement and occurrence in which an inhaler is used from the school's supply of inhalers.

Sec. 3313.813. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Outdoor education center" means a public or nonprofit private entity that provides to pupils enrolled in any public or accredited or

chartered nonpublic elementary or secondary school an outdoor educational curriculum that the school considers to be part of its educational program.

(2) "Outside-school-hours care center" has the meaning established in 7 C.F.R. 226.2.

(3) "Accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(B) The state board of education shall establish standards for a school lunch program, school breakfast program, child and adult care food program, special food service program for children, summer food service program for children, special milk program for children, food service equipment assistance program, and commodity distribution program established under the "National School Lunch Act," 60 Stat. 230 (1946), 42 U.S.C. 1751, as amended, and the "Child Nutrition Act of 1966," 80 Stat. 885, 42 U.S.C. 1771, as amended. Any board of education of a school district, nonprofit private school, outdoor education center, child care institution, outside-school-hours care center, or summer camp desiring to participate in such a program or required to participate under this section shall, if eligible to participate under the "National School Lunch Act," as amended, or the "Child Nutrition Act of 1966," as amended, make application to the state board of education for assistance. The board shall administer the allocation and distribution of all state and federal funds for these programs.

(C) The state board of education shall require the board of education of each school district to establish and maintain a school breakfast, lunch, and summer food service program pursuant to the "National School Lunch Act" and the "Child Nutrition Act of 1966," as described in divisions (C)(1) to (4) of this section.

(1) The state board shall require the board of education in each school district to establish a breakfast program in every school where at least one-fifth of the pupils in the school are eligible under federal requirements for free breakfasts and to establish a lunch program in every school where at least one-fifth of the pupils are eligible for free lunches. The board of education required to establish a breakfast program under this division may make a charge in accordance with federal requirements for each reduced price breakfast or paid breakfast to cover the cost incurred in providing that meal.

(2) The state board shall require the board of education in each school district to establish a breakfast program in every school in which the parents of at least one-half of the children enrolled in the school have requested that the breakfast program be established. The board of education required to

establish a program under this division may make a charge in accordance with federal requirements for each meal to cover all or part of the costs incurred in establishing such a program.

(3) The state board shall require the board of education in each school district to establish one of the following for summer intervention services described in division (D) of section 3301.0711 or provided under section 3313.608 of the Revised Code, and any other summer intervention program required by law:

(a) An extension of the school breakfast program pursuant to the "National School Lunch Act" and the "Child Nutrition Act of 1966";

(b) An extension of the school lunch program pursuant to those acts;

(c) A summer food service program pursuant to those acts.

(4)(a) If the board of education of a school district determines that, for financial reasons, it cannot comply with division (C)(1) or (3) of this section, the district board may choose not to comply with either or both divisions, except as provided in divisions (C)(4)(b) and (c) of this section. The district board publicly shall communicate to the residents of the district, in the manner it determines appropriate, its decision not to comply.

(b) If a district board chooses not to comply with division (C)(1) of this section, the state board nevertheless shall require the district board to establish a breakfast program in every school where at least one-third of the pupils in the school are eligible under federal requirements for free breakfasts and to establish a lunch program in every school where at least one-third of the pupils are eligible for free lunches. The district board may make a charge in accordance with federal requirements for each reduced price breakfast or paid breakfast to cover the cost incurred in providing that meal.

(c) If the board of education of a school district chooses not to comply with division (C)(3) of this section, the state board nevertheless shall require the district board to permit an approved summer food service program sponsor to use school facilities located in a school building attendance area where at least one-half of the pupils are eligible for free lunches.

The department of education shall post in a prominent location on the department's web site a list of approved summer food service program sponsors that may use school facilities under this division.

Subject to the provisions of sections 3313.75 and 3313.77 of the Revised Code, a school district may charge the summer food service program sponsor a reasonable fee for the use of school facilities that may include the actual cost of custodial services, charges for the use of school equipment, and a prorated share of the utility costs as determined by the

district board. A school district shall require the summer food service program sponsor to indemnify and hold harmless the district from any potential liability resulting from the operation of the summer food service program under this division. For this purpose, the district shall either add the summer food service program sponsor, as an additional insured party, to the district's existing liability insurance policy or require the summer food service program sponsor to submit evidence of a separate liability insurance policy, for an amount approved by the district board. The summer food service program sponsor shall be responsible for any costs incurred in obtaining coverage under either option.

(d) If a school district cannot for good cause comply with the requirements of division (C)(2) or (4)(b) or (c) of this section at the time the state board determines that a district is subject to these requirements, the state board shall grant a reasonable extension of time. Good cause for an extension of time shall include, but need not be limited to, economic impossibility of compliance with the requirements at the time the state board determines that a district is subject to them.

(D)(1) The state board shall accept the application of any outdoor education center in the state making application for participation in a program pursuant to division (B) of this section.

(2) For purposes of participation in any program pursuant to this section, the board shall certify any outdoor education center making application as an educational unit that is part of the educational system of the state, if the center:

(a) Meets the definition of an outdoor education center;

(b) Provides its outdoor education curriculum to pupils on an overnight basis so that pupils are in residence at the center for more than twenty-four consecutive hours;

(c) Operates under public or nonprofit private ownership in a single building or complex of buildings.

(3) The board shall approve any outdoor education center certified under this division for participation in the program for which the center is making application on the same basis as any other applicant for that program.

(E) Any school district board of education or chartered or accredited nonpublic school that participates in a breakfast program pursuant to this section may offer breakfast to pupils in their classrooms during the school day.

(F) Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, in each fiscal year in which the general assembly appropriates funds for purposes of

this division, the board of education of each school district and each chartered and accredited nonpublic school that participates in a breakfast program pursuant to this section shall provide a breakfast free of charge to each pupil who is eligible under federal requirements for a reduced price breakfast.

Sec. 3313.86. The board of education of each city, exempted village, local, and joint vocational school district ~~and~~, the governing authority of each chartered nonpublic school, and the governing authority of each accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code periodically shall review its policies and procedures to ensure the safety of students, employees, and other persons using a school building from any known hazards in the building or on building grounds that, in the judgment of the board or governing authority, pose an immediate risk to health or safety. The board or governing authority shall further ensure that its policies and procedures comply with all federal laws and regulations regarding health and safety applicable to school buildings.

Sec. 3313.976. (A) No private school may receive scholarship payments from parents pursuant to section 3313.979 of the Revised Code until the chief administrator of the private school registers the school with the superintendent of public instruction. The state superintendent shall register any school that meets the following requirements:

(1) The school either:

(a) Offers any of grades kindergarten through twelve and is located within the boundaries of the pilot project school district;

(b) Offers any of grades nine through twelve and is located within the boundaries of a city, local, or exempted village school district that is both:

(i) Located in a municipal corporation with a population of fifteen thousand or more;

(ii) Located within five miles of the border of the pilot project school district.

(2) The school indicates in writing its commitment to follow all requirements for a state-sponsored scholarship program specified under sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code, including, but not limited to, the requirements for admitting students pursuant to section 3313.977 of the Revised Code;

(3) The school ~~meets~~ either:

(a) Meets all state minimum standards for chartered nonpublic schools in effect on July 1, 1992, except that the state superintendent at the superintendent's discretion may register nonchartered nonpublic schools meeting the other requirements of this division; or

(b) Is an accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(4) The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, or ethnic background;

(5) The school enrolls a minimum of ten students per class or a sum of at least twenty-five students in all the classes offered;

(6) The school does not advocate or foster unlawful behavior or teach hatred of any person or group on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, or religion;

(7) The school does not provide false or misleading information about the school to parents, students, or the general public;

(8) For students in grades kindergarten through eight with family incomes at or below two hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines, as defined in section 5104.46 of the Revised Code, the school agrees not to charge any tuition in excess of the scholarship amount established pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 3313.978 of the Revised Code, excluding any increase described in division (C)(2) of that section.

(9) For students in grades kindergarten through eight with family incomes above two hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines, whose scholarship amounts are less than the actual tuition charge of the school, the school agrees not to charge any tuition in excess of the difference between the actual tuition charge of the school and the scholarship amount established pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 3313.978 of the Revised Code, excluding any increase described in division (C)(2) of that section. The school shall permit such tuition, at the discretion of the parent, to be satisfied by the family's provision of in-kind contributions or services.

(10) The school agrees not to charge any tuition to families of students in grades nine through twelve receiving a scholarship in excess of the actual tuition charge of the school less the scholarship amount established pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 3313.978 of the Revised Code, excluding any increase described in division (C)(2) of that section.

(11) Except as provided in divisions (K)(1) and (L) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code, it annually administers the applicable assessments prescribed by section 3301.0710, 3301.0712, or 3313.619 of the Revised Code to each scholarship student enrolled in the school in accordance with section 3301.0711 or 3301.0712 of the Revised Code and reports to the department of education the results of each such assessment administered to each scholarship student.

(B) The state superintendent shall revoke the registration of any school

if, after a hearing, the superintendent determines that the school is in violation of any of the provisions of division (A) of this section.

(C) Any public school located in a school district adjacent to the pilot project district may receive scholarship payments on behalf of parents pursuant to section 3313.979 of the Revised Code if the superintendent of the district in which such public school is located notifies the state superintendent prior to the first day of March that the district intends to admit students from the pilot project district for the ensuing school year pursuant to section 3327.06 of the Revised Code.

(D) Any parent wishing to purchase tutorial assistance from any person or governmental entity pursuant to the pilot project program under sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code shall apply to the state superintendent. The state superintendent shall approve providers who appear to possess the capability of furnishing the instructional services they are offering to provide.

Sec. 3317.024. The following shall be distributed monthly, quarterly, or annually as may be determined by the state board of education:

(A) An amount for each island school district and each joint state school district for the operation of each high school and each elementary school maintained within such district and for capital improvements for such schools. Such amounts shall be determined on the basis of standards adopted by the state board of education. However, for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, an island district shall receive the lesser of its actual cost of operation, as certified to the department of education, or ninety-three per cent of the amount the district received in state operating funding for fiscal year 2011. If an island district received no funding for fiscal year 2011, it shall receive no funding for either of fiscal year 2012 or 2013.

(B) An amount for each school district required to pay tuition for a child in an institution maintained by the department of youth services pursuant to section 3317.082 of the Revised Code, provided the child was not included in the calculation of the district's formula ADM, as that term is defined in section 3317.02 of the Revised Code, for the preceding school year.

(C) An amount for the approved cost of transporting eligible pupils with disabilities attending a special education program approved by the department of education whom it is impossible or impractical to transport by regular school bus in the course of regular route transportation provided by the school district or educational service center. No district or service center is eligible to receive a payment under this division for the cost of transporting any pupil whom it transports by regular school bus and who is included in the district's transportation ADM. The state board of education

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shall establish standards and guidelines for use by the department of education in determining the approved cost of such transportation for each district or service center.

(D) An amount to each school district, including each cooperative education school district, pursuant to section 3313.81 of the Revised Code to assist in providing free lunches to needy children. The amounts shall be determined on the basis of rules adopted by the state board of education.

(E)(1) An amount for auxiliary services to each school district, for each pupil attending a chartered or an accredited nonpublic elementary or high school within the district that is either of the following:

(a) A school affiliated with a religious order, sect, church, or denomination or has a curriculum or mission that contains religious content, religious courses, devotional exercises, religious training, or any other religious activity;

(b) A school not described in division (E)(1)(a) of this section that has not elected to receive funds under division (E)(2) of this section.

(2) An amount for auxiliary services paid directly to each chartered or an accredited nonpublic school that has elected to receive funds under division (E)(2) of this section for each pupil attending the school. To elect to receive funds under division (E)(2) of this section, a school, by the first day of April of each odd-numbered year, shall notify the department and the school district in which the school is located of the election and shall submit to the department an affidavit certifying that the school is not affiliated with a religious order, sect, church, or denomination and does not have a curriculum or mission that contains religious content, religious courses, devotional exercises, religious training, or any other religious activity. The election shall take effect the following first day of July, unless the department determines that the school meets the criteria in division (E)(1)(a) of this section. The school subsequently may rescind its election, but it may do so only in an odd-numbered year by notifying the department and the school district in which the school is located of the rescission not later than the first day of April of that year. Beginning the following first day of July after the rescission, the school shall receive funds under division (E)(1) of this section.

The amount paid under divisions (E)(1) and (2) of this section shall equal the total amount appropriated for the implementation of sections 3317.06 and 3317.062 of the Revised Code divided by the average daily membership in grades kindergarten through twelve in chartered or accredited nonpublic elementary and high schools within the state as determined as of the last day of October of each school year.

For purposes of this section, "accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(F) An amount for each county board of developmental disabilities, distributed on the basis of standards adopted by the state board of education, for the approved cost of transportation required for children attending special education programs operated by the county board under section 3323.09 of the Revised Code;

(G) An amount to each institution defined under section 3317.082 of the Revised Code providing elementary or secondary education to children other than children receiving special education under section 3323.091 of the Revised Code. This amount for any institution in any fiscal year shall equal the total of all tuition amounts required to be paid to the institution under division (A)(1) of section 3317.082 of the Revised Code.

The state board of education or any other board of education or governing board may provide for any resident of a district or educational service center territory any educational service for which funds are made available to the board by the United States under the authority of public law, whether such funds come directly or indirectly from the United States or any agency or department thereof or through the state or any agency, department, or political subdivision thereof.

Sec. 3317.03. (A) The superintendent of each city, local, and exempted village school district shall report to the state board of education as of the last day of October, March, and June of each year the enrollment of students receiving services from schools under the superintendent's supervision, and the numbers of other students entitled to attend school in the district under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code the superintendent is required to report under this section, so that the department of education can calculate the district's formula ADM, total ADM, category one through five career-technical education ADM, category one through three limited English proficient ADM, category one through six special education ADM, preschool scholarship ADM, transportation ADM, and, for purposes of provisions of law outside of Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code, average daily membership.

(1) The enrollment reported by the superintendent during the reporting period shall consist of the number of students in grades kindergarten through twelve receiving any educational services from the district, except that the following categories of students shall not be included in the determination:

- (a) Students enrolled in adult education classes;
- (b) Adjacent or other district students enrolled in the district under an

open enrollment policy pursuant to section 3313.98 of the Revised Code;

(c) Students receiving services in the district pursuant to a compact, cooperative education agreement, or a contract, but who are entitled to attend school in another district pursuant to section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code;

(d) Students for whom tuition is payable pursuant to sections 3317.081 and 3323.141 of the Revised Code;

(e) Students receiving services in the district through a scholarship awarded under either section 3310.41 or sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code.

When reporting students under division (A)(1) of this section, the superintendent also shall report the district where each student is entitled to attend school pursuant to sections 3313.64 and 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(2) The department of education shall compile a list of all students reported to be enrolled in a district under division (A)(1) of this section and of the students entitled to attend school in the district pursuant to section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code on an FTE basis but receiving educational services in grades kindergarten through twelve from one or more of the following entities:

(a) A community school pursuant to Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, including any participation in a college pursuant to Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code while enrolled in such community school;

(b) An alternative school pursuant to sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code as described in division (I)(2)(a) or (b) of this section;

(c) A college pursuant to Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code, except when the student is enrolled in the college while also enrolled in a community school pursuant to Chapter 3314., a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326., or a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code;

(d) An adjacent or other school district under an open enrollment policy adopted pursuant to section 3313.98 of the Revised Code;

(e) An educational service center or cooperative education district;

(f) Another school district under a cooperative education agreement, compact, or contract;

(g) A chartered or an accredited nonpublic school with a scholarship paid under section 3310.08 of the Revised Code, if the students qualified for the scholarship under section 3310.03 of the Revised Code;

As used in this division and in division (B)(3)(f) of this section,

"accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(h) An alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under either section 3310.41 or sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code.

As used in this section, "alternative public provider" and "registered private provider" have the same meanings as in section 3310.41 or 3310.51 of the Revised Code, as applicable.

(i) A science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, including any participation in a college pursuant to Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code while enrolled in the school;

(j) A college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code, including any participation in a college pursuant to Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code while enrolled in the school.

(3) The department also shall compile a list of the students entitled to attend school in the district under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code who are enrolled in a joint vocational school district or under a career-technical education compact, excluding any students so entitled to attend school in the district who are enrolled in another school district through an open enrollment policy as reported under division (A)(2)(d) of this section and then enroll in a joint vocational school district or under a career-technical education compact.

The department shall provide each city, local, and exempted village school district with an opportunity to review the list of students compiled under divisions (A)(2) and (3) of this section to ensure that the students reported accurately reflect the enrollment of students in the district.

(B) To enable the department of education to obtain the data needed to complete the calculation of payments pursuant to this chapter, each superintendent shall certify from the reports provided by the department under division (A) of this section all of the following:

(1) The total student enrollment in regular learning day classes included in the report under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section for each of the individual grades kindergarten through twelve in schools under the superintendent's supervision;

(2) The unduplicated count of the number of preschool children with disabilities enrolled in the district for whom the district is eligible to receive funding under section 3317.0213 of the Revised Code adjusted for the portion of the year each child is so enrolled, in accordance with the disability categories prescribed in section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(3) The number of children entitled to attend school in the district pursuant to section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code who are:

(a) Participating in a pilot project scholarship program established under sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code as described in division (I)(2)(a) or (b) of this section;

(b) Enrolled in a college under Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code, except when the student is enrolled in the college while also enrolled in a community school pursuant to Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326., or a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code;

(c) Enrolled in an adjacent or other school district under section 3313.98 of the Revised Code;

(d) Enrolled in a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code that is not an internet- or computer-based community school as defined in section 3314.02 of the Revised Code, including any participation in a college pursuant to Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code while enrolled in such community school;

(e) Enrolled in an internet- or computer-based community school, as defined in section 3314.02 of the Revised Code, including any participation in a college pursuant to Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code while enrolled in the school;

(f) Enrolled in a chartered or an accredited nonpublic school with a scholarship paid under section 3310.08 of the Revised Code and who qualified for the scholarship under section 3310.03 of the Revised Code;

(g) Enrolled in kindergarten through grade twelve in an alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under section 3310.41 of the Revised Code;

(h) Enrolled as a preschool child with a disability in an alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under section 3310.41 of the Revised Code;

(i) Participating in a program operated by a county board of developmental disabilities or a state institution;

(j) Enrolled in a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, including any participation in a college pursuant to Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code while enrolled in the school;

(k) Enrolled in a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code, including any participation in a college pursuant to Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code while enrolled in the school;

(1) Enrolled in an alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code.

(4) The total enrollment of pupils in joint vocational schools;

(5) The combined enrollment of children with disabilities reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section receiving special education services for the category one disability described in division (A) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, including children attending a special education program operated by an alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code;

(6) The combined enrollment of children with disabilities reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section receiving special education services for category two disabilities described in division (B) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, including children attending a special education program operated by an alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code;

(7) The combined enrollment of children with disabilities reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section receiving special education services for category three disabilities described in division (C) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, including children attending a special education program operated by an alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code;

(8) The combined enrollment of children with disabilities reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section receiving special education services for category four disabilities described in division (D) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, including children attending a special education program operated by an alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code;

(9) The combined enrollment of children with disabilities reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section receiving special education services for the category five disabilities described in division (E) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, including children attending a special education program operated by an alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code;

(10) The combined enrollment of children with disabilities reported

under division (A)(1) or (2) and under division (B)(3)(h) of this section receiving special education services for category six disabilities described in division (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, including children attending a special education program operated by an alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under either section 3310.41 or sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code;

(11) The enrollment of pupils reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section on a full-time equivalency basis in category one career-technical education programs or classes, described in division (A) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code, operated by the school district or by another district that is a member of the district's career-technical planning district, other than a joint vocational school district, or by an educational service center, notwithstanding division (G) of section 3317.02 of the Revised Code and division (C)(3) of this section;

(12) The enrollment of pupils reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section on a full-time equivalency basis in category two career-technical education programs or services, described in division (B) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code, operated by the school district or another school district that is a member of the district's career-technical planning district, other than a joint vocational school district, or by an educational service center, notwithstanding division (G) of section 3317.02 of the Revised Code and division (C)(3) of this section;

(13) The enrollment of pupils reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section on a full-time equivalency basis in category three career-technical education programs or services, described in division (C) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code, operated by the school district or another school district that is a member of the district's career-technical planning district, other than a joint vocational school district, or by an educational service center, notwithstanding division (G) of section 3317.02 of the Revised Code and division (C)(3) of this section;

(14) The enrollment of pupils reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section on a full-time equivalency basis in category four career-technical education programs or services, described in division (D) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code, operated by the school district or another school district that is a member of the district's career-technical planning district, other than a joint vocational school district, or by an educational service center, notwithstanding division (G) of section 3317.02 of the Revised Code and division (C)(3) of this section;

(15) The enrollment of pupils reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section on a full-time equivalency basis in category five career-technical

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education programs or services, described in division (E) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code, operated by the school district or another school district that is a member of the district's career-technical planning district, other than a joint vocational school district, or by an educational service center, notwithstanding division (G) of section 3317.02 of the Revised Code and division (C)(3) of this section;

(16) The enrollment of pupils reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section who are limited English proficient students described in division (A) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code, excluding any student reported under division (B)(3)(e) of this section as enrolled in an internet- or computer-based community school;

(17) The enrollment of pupils reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section who are limited English proficient students described in division (B) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code, excluding any student reported under division (B)(3)(e) of this section as enrolled in an internet- or computer-based community school;

(18) The enrollment of pupils reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section who are limited English proficient students described in division (C) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code, excluding any student reported under division (B)(3)(e) of this section as enrolled in an internet- or computer-based community school;

(19) The average number of children transported during the reporting period by the school district on board-owned or contractor-owned and -operated buses, reported in accordance with rules adopted by the department of education;

(20)(a) The number of children, other than preschool children with disabilities, the district placed with a county board of developmental disabilities in fiscal year 1998. Division (B)(20)(a) of this section does not apply after fiscal year 2013.

(b) The number of children with disabilities, other than preschool children with disabilities, placed with a county board of developmental disabilities in the current fiscal year to receive special education services for the category one disability described in division (A) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(c) The number of children with disabilities, other than preschool children with disabilities, placed with a county board of developmental disabilities in the current fiscal year to receive special education services for category two disabilities described in division (B) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(d) The number of children with disabilities, other than preschool

children with disabilities, placed with a county board of developmental disabilities in the current fiscal year to receive special education services for category three disabilities described in division (C) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(e) The number of children with disabilities, other than preschool children with disabilities, placed with a county board of developmental disabilities in the current fiscal year to receive special education services for category four disabilities described in division (D) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(f) The number of children with disabilities, other than preschool children with disabilities, placed with a county board of developmental disabilities in the current fiscal year to receive special education services for the category five disabilities described in division (E) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(g) The number of children with disabilities, other than preschool children with disabilities, placed with a county board of developmental disabilities in the current fiscal year to receive special education services for category six disabilities described in division (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code.

(21) The enrollment of students who are economically disadvantaged, as defined by the department, excluding any student reported under division (B)(3)(e) of this section as enrolled in an internet- or computer-based community school. A student shall not be categorically excluded from the number reported under division (B)(21) of this section based on anything other than family income.

(C)(1) The state board of education shall adopt rules necessary for implementing divisions (A), (B), and (D) of this section.

(2) A student enrolled in a community school established under Chapter 3314., a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326., or a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code shall be counted in the formula ADM and, if applicable, the category one, two, three, four, five, or six special education ADM of the school district in which the student is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code for the same proportion of the school year that the student is counted in the enrollment of the community school, the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school, or the college-preparatory boarding school for purposes of section 3314.08, 3326.33, or 3328.24 of the Revised Code. Notwithstanding the enrollment of students certified pursuant to division (B)(3)(d), (e), (j), or (k) of this section, the department may adjust

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the formula ADM of a school district to account for students entitled to attend school in the district under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code who are enrolled in a community school, a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school, or a college-preparatory boarding school for only a portion of the school year.

(3) No child shall be counted as more than a total of one child in the sum of the enrollment of students of a school district under division (A), divisions (B)(1) to (22), or division (D) of this section, except as follows:

(a) A child with a disability described in section 3317.013 of the Revised Code may be counted both in formula ADM and in category one, two, three, four, five, or six special education ADM and, if applicable, in category one, two, three, four, or five career-technical education ADM. As provided in division (G) of section 3317.02 of the Revised Code, such a child shall be counted in category one, two, three, four, five, or six special education ADM in the same proportion that the child is counted in formula ADM.

(b) A child enrolled in career-technical education programs or classes described in section 3317.014 of the Revised Code may be counted both in formula ADM and category one, two, three, four, or five career-technical education ADM and, if applicable, in category one, two, three, four, five, or six special education ADM. Such a child shall be counted in category one, two, three, four, or five career-technical education ADM in the same proportion as the percentage of time that the child spends in the career-technical education programs or classes.

(4) Based on the information reported under this section, the department of education shall determine the total student count, as defined in section 3301.011 of the Revised Code, for each school district.

(D)(1) The superintendent of each joint vocational school district shall report and certify to the superintendent of public instruction as of the last day of October, March, and June of each year the enrollment of students receiving services from schools under the superintendent's supervision so that the department can calculate the district's formula ADM, total ADM, category one through five career-technical education ADM, category one through three limited English proficient ADM, category one through six special education ADM, and for purposes of provisions of law outside of Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code, average daily membership.

The enrollment reported and certified by the superintendent, except as otherwise provided in this division, shall consist of the ~~the~~ number of students in grades six through twelve receiving any educational services from the district, except that the following categories of students shall not be

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included in the determination:

- (a) Students enrolled in adult education classes;
 - (b) Adjacent or other district joint vocational students enrolled in the district under an open enrollment policy pursuant to section 3313.98 of the Revised Code;
 - (c) Students receiving services in the district pursuant to a compact, cooperative education agreement, or a contract, but who are entitled to attend school in a city, local, or exempted village school district whose territory is not part of the territory of the joint vocational district;
 - (d) Students for whom tuition is payable pursuant to sections 3317.081 and 3323.141 of the Revised Code.
- (2) To enable the department of education to obtain the data needed to complete the calculation of payments pursuant to this chapter, each superintendent shall certify from the report provided under division (D)(1) of this section the enrollment for each of the following categories of students:
- (a) Students enrolled in each individual grade included in the joint vocational district schools;
 - (b) Children with disabilities receiving special education services for the category one disability described in division (A) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;
 - (c) Children with disabilities receiving special education services for the category two disabilities described in division (B) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;
 - (d) Children with disabilities receiving special education services for category three disabilities described in division (C) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;
 - (e) Children with disabilities receiving special education services for category four disabilities described in division (D) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;
 - (f) Children with disabilities receiving special education services for the category five disabilities described in division (E) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;
 - (g) Children with disabilities receiving special education services for category six disabilities described in division (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;
 - (h) Students receiving category one career-technical education services, described in division (A) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code;
 - (i) Students receiving category two career-technical education services, described in division (B) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code;

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(j) Students receiving category three career-technical education services, described in division (C) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code;

(k) Students receiving category four career-technical education services, described in division (D) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code;

(l) Students receiving category five career-technical education services, described in division (E) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code;

(m) Limited English proficient students described in division (A) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code;

(n) Limited English proficient students described in division (B) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code;

(o) Limited English proficient students described in division (C) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code;

(p) Students who are economically disadvantaged, as defined by the department. A student shall not be categorically excluded from the number reported under division (D)(2)(p) of this section based on anything other than family income.

The superintendent of each joint vocational school district shall also indicate the city, local, or exempted village school district in which each joint vocational district pupil is entitled to attend school pursuant to section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(E) In each school of each city, local, exempted village, joint vocational, and cooperative education school district there shall be maintained a record of school enrollment, which record shall accurately show, for each day the school is in session, the actual enrollment in regular day classes. For the purpose of determining the enrollment of students, the enrollment figure of any school shall not include any pupils except those pupils described by division (A) of this section. The record of enrollment for each school shall be maintained in such manner that no pupil shall be counted as enrolled prior to the actual date of entry in the school and also in such manner that where for any cause a pupil permanently withdraws from the school that pupil shall not be counted as enrolled from and after the date of such withdrawal. There shall not be included in the enrollment of any school any of the following:

(1) Any pupil who has graduated from the twelfth grade of a public or nonpublic high school;

(2) Any pupil who is not a resident of the state;

(3) Any pupil who was enrolled in the schools of the district during the previous school year when assessments were administered under section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code but did not take one or more of the assessments required by that section and was not excused pursuant to

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division (C)(1) or (3) of that section;

(4) Any pupil who has attained the age of twenty-two years, except for veterans of the armed services whose attendance was interrupted before completing the recognized twelve-year course of the public schools by reason of induction or enlistment in the armed forces and who apply for reenrollment in the public school system of their residence not later than four years after termination of war or their honorable discharge;

(5) Any pupil who has a certificate of high school equivalence as defined in section 5107.40 of the Revised Code.

If, however, any veteran described by division (E)(4) of this section elects to enroll in special courses organized for veterans for whom tuition is paid under the provisions of federal laws, or otherwise, that veteran shall not be included in the enrollment of students determined under this section.

Notwithstanding division (E)(3) of this section, the enrollment of any school may include a pupil who did not take an assessment required by section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code if the superintendent of public instruction grants a waiver from the requirement to take the assessment to the specific pupil and a parent is not paying tuition for the pupil pursuant to section 3313.6410 of the Revised Code. The superintendent may grant such a waiver only for good cause in accordance with rules adopted by the state board of education.

The formula ADM, total ADM, category one through five career-technical education ADM, category one through three limited English proficient ADM, category one through six special education ADM, preschool scholarship ADM, transportation ADM, and, for purposes of provisions of law outside of Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code, average daily membership of any school district shall be determined in accordance with rules adopted by the state board of education.

(F)(1) If a student attending a community school under Chapter 3314., a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326., or a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code is not included in the formula ADM calculated for the school district in which the student is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code, the department of education shall adjust the formula ADM of that school district to include the student in accordance with division (C)(2) of this section, and shall recalculate the school district's payments under this chapter for the entire fiscal year on the basis of that adjusted formula ADM.

(2) If a student awarded an educational choice scholarship is not included in the formula ADM of the school district from which the

department deducts funds for the scholarship under section 3310.08 of the Revised Code, the department shall adjust the formula ADM of that school district to include the student to the extent necessary to account for the deduction, and shall recalculate the school district's payments under this chapter for the entire fiscal year on the basis of that adjusted formula ADM.

(3) If a student awarded a scholarship under the Jon Peterson special needs scholarship program is not included in the formula ADM of the school district from which the department deducts funds for the scholarship under section 3310.55 of the Revised Code, the department shall adjust the formula ADM of that school district to include the student to the extent necessary to account for the deduction, and shall recalculate the school district's payments under this chapter for the entire fiscal year on the basis of that adjusted formula ADM.

(G)(1)(a) The superintendent of an institution operating a special education program pursuant to section 3323.091 of the Revised Code shall, for the programs under such superintendent's supervision, certify to the state board of education, in the manner prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction, both of the following:

(i) The unduplicated count of the number of all children with disabilities other than preschool children with disabilities receiving services at the institution for each category of disability described in divisions (A) to (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code adjusted for the portion of the year each child is so enrolled;

(ii) The unduplicated count of the number of all preschool children with disabilities in classes or programs for whom the district is eligible to receive funding under section 3317.0213 of the Revised Code adjusted for the portion of the year each child is so enrolled, reported according to the categories prescribed in section 3317.013 of the Revised Code.

(b) The superintendent of an institution with career-technical education units approved under section 3317.05 of the Revised Code shall, for the units under the superintendent's supervision, certify to the state board of education the enrollment in those units, in the manner prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction.

(2) The superintendent of each county board of developmental disabilities that maintains special education classes under section 3317.20 of the Revised Code or provides services to preschool children with disabilities pursuant to an agreement between the county board and the appropriate school district shall do both of the following:

(a) Certify to the state board, in the manner prescribed by the board, the enrollment in classes under section 3317.20 of the Revised Code for each

school district that has placed children in the classes;

(b) Certify to the state board, in the manner prescribed by the board, the unduplicated count of the number of all preschool children with disabilities enrolled in classes for which the ~~DD~~ board is eligible to receive funding under section 3317.0213 of the Revised Code adjusted for the portion of the year each child is so enrolled, reported according to the categories prescribed in section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, and the number of those classes.

(H) Except as provided in division (I) of this section, when any city, local, or exempted village school district provides instruction for a nonresident pupil whose attendance is unauthorized attendance as defined in section 3327.06 of the Revised Code, that pupil's enrollment shall not be included in that district's enrollment figure used in calculating the district's payments under this chapter. The reporting official shall report separately the enrollment of all pupils whose attendance in the district is unauthorized attendance, and the enrollment of each such pupil shall be credited to the school district in which the pupil is entitled to attend school under division (B) of section 3313.64 or section 3313.65 of the Revised Code as determined by the department of education.

(I)(1) A city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district admitting a scholarship student of a pilot project district pursuant to division (C) of section 3313.976 of the Revised Code may count such student in its enrollment.

(2) In any year for which funds are appropriated for pilot project scholarship programs, a school district implementing a state-sponsored pilot project scholarship program that year pursuant to sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code may count in its enrollment:

(a) All children residing in the district and utilizing a scholarship to attend kindergarten in any alternative school, as defined in section 3313.974 of the Revised Code;

(b) All children who were enrolled in the district in the preceding year who are utilizing a scholarship to attend an alternative school.

(J) The superintendent of each cooperative education school district shall certify to the superintendent of public instruction, in a manner prescribed by the state board of education, the applicable enrollments for all students in the cooperative education district, also indicating the city, local, or exempted village district where each pupil is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(K) If the superintendent of public instruction determines that a component of the enrollment certified or reported by a district

superintendent, or other reporting entity, is not correct, the superintendent of public instruction may order that the formula ADM used for the purposes of payments under any section of Title XXXIII of the Revised Code be adjusted in the amount of the error.

Sec. 3317.06. Moneys paid to school districts under division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code shall be used for the following independent and fully severable purposes on behalf of students enrolled in chartered and accredited nonpublic schools:

(A) To purchase such secular textbooks or digital texts as have been approved by the superintendent of public instruction for use in public schools in the state and to loan such textbooks or digital texts to pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code or to their parents and to hire clerical personnel to administer such lending program. Such loans shall be based upon individual requests submitted by such nonpublic school pupils or parents. Such requests shall be submitted to the school district in which the nonpublic school is located. Such individual requests for the loan of textbooks or digital texts shall, for administrative convenience, be submitted by the nonpublic school pupil or the pupil's parent to the nonpublic school, which shall prepare and submit collective summaries of the individual requests to the school district. As used in this section:

(1) "Textbook" means any book or book substitute that a pupil uses as a consumable or nonconsumable text, text substitute, or text supplement in a particular class or program in the school the pupil regularly attends.

(2) "Digital text" means a consumable book or book substitute that a student accesses through the use of a computer or other electronic medium or that is available through an internet-based provider of course content, or any other material that contributes to the learning process through electronic means.

(B) To provide speech and hearing diagnostic services to pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code. Such service shall be provided in the nonpublic school attended by the pupil receiving the service.

(C) To provide physician, nursing, dental, and optometric services to pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code. Such services shall be provided in the school attended by the nonpublic school pupil receiving the service.

(D) To provide diagnostic psychological services to pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section

3317.024 of the Revised Code. Such services shall be provided in the school attended by the pupil receiving the service.

(E) To provide therapeutic psychological and speech and hearing services to pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code. Such services shall be provided in the public school, in nonpublic schools, in public centers, or in mobile units located on or off of the nonpublic premises. If such services are provided in the public school or in public centers, transportation to and from such facilities shall be provided by the school district in which the nonpublic school is located.

(F) To provide guidance, counseling, and social work services to pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code. Such services shall be provided in the public school, in nonpublic schools, in public centers, or in mobile units located on or off of the nonpublic premises. If such services are provided in the public school or in public centers, transportation to and from such facilities shall be provided by the school district in which the nonpublic school is located.

(G) To provide remedial services to pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code. Such services shall be provided in the public school, in nonpublic schools, in public centers, or in mobile units located on or off of the nonpublic premises. If such services are provided in the public school or in public centers, transportation to and from such facilities shall be provided by the school district in which the nonpublic school is located.

(H) To supply for use by pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code such standardized tests and scoring services as are in use in the public schools of the state;

(I) To provide programs for children who attend nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code and are children with disabilities as defined in section 3323.01 of the Revised Code or gifted children. Such programs shall be provided in the public school, in nonpublic schools, in public centers, or in mobile units located on or off of the nonpublic premises. If such programs are provided in the public school or in public centers, transportation to and from such facilities shall be provided by the school district in which the nonpublic school is located.

(J) To hire clerical personnel to assist in the administration of programs pursuant to divisions (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (G), and (I) of this section and

to hire supervisory personnel to supervise the providing of services and textbooks pursuant to this section.

(K) To purchase or lease any secular, neutral, and nonideological computer application software designed to assist students in performing a single task or multiple related tasks, device management software, learning management software, site-licensing, digital video on demand (DVD), wide area connectivity and related technology as it relates to internet access, mathematics or science equipment and materials, instructional materials, and school library materials that are in general use in the public schools of the state and loan such items to pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code or to their parents, and to hire clerical personnel to administer the lending program. Only such items that are incapable of diversion to religious use and that are susceptible of loan to individual pupils and are furnished for the use of individual pupils shall be purchased and loaned under this division. As used in this section, "instructional materials" means prepared learning materials that are secular, neutral, and nonideological in character and are of benefit to the instruction of school children. "Instructional materials" includes media content that a student may access through the use of a computer or electronic device.

Mobile applications that are secular, neutral, and nonideological in character and that are purchased for less than twenty dollars for instructional use shall be considered to be consumable and shall be distributed to students without the expectation that the applications must be returned.

(L) To purchase or lease instructional equipment, including computer hardware and related equipment in general use in the public schools of the state, for use by pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code and to loan such items to pupils attending such nonpublic schools within the district or to their parents, and to hire clerical personnel to administer the lending program. "Computer hardware and related equipment" includes desktop computers and workstations; laptop computers, computer tablets, and other mobile handheld devices; their operating systems and accessories; and any equipment designed to make accessible the environment of a classroom to a student, who is physically unable to attend classroom activities due to hospitalization or other circumstances, by allowing real-time interaction with other students both one-on-one and in group discussion.

(M) To purchase mobile units to be used for the provision of services pursuant to divisions (E), (F), (G), and (I) of this section and to pay for

necessary repairs and operating costs associated with these units.

(N) To reimburse costs the district incurred to store the records of a chartered or accredited nonpublic school that closes. Reimbursements under this division shall be made one time only for each chartered or accredited nonpublic school described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code that closes.

(O) To purchase life-saving medical or other emergency equipment for placement in nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code or to maintain such equipment.

(P) To procure and pay for security services from a county sheriff or a township or municipal police force or from a person certified through the Ohio peace officer training commission, in accordance with section 109.78 of the Revised Code, as a special police, security guard, or as a privately employed person serving in a police capacity for nonpublic schools in the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code.

(Q) To provide language and academic support services and other accommodations for English language learners attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code.

Clerical and supervisory personnel hired pursuant to division (J) of this section shall perform their services in the public schools, in nonpublic schools, public centers, or mobile units where the services are provided to the nonpublic school pupil, except that such personnel may accompany pupils to and from the service sites when necessary to ensure the safety of the children receiving the services.

All services provided pursuant to this section may be provided under contract with educational service centers, the department of health, city or general health districts, or private agencies whose personnel are properly licensed by an appropriate state board or agency.

Transportation of pupils provided pursuant to divisions (E), (F), (G), and (I) of this section shall be provided by the school district from its general funds and not from moneys paid to it under division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code unless a special transportation request is submitted by the parent of the child receiving service pursuant to such divisions. If such an application is presented to the school district, it may pay for the transportation from moneys paid to it under division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code.

No school district shall provide health or remedial services to nonpublic

school pupils as authorized by this section unless such services are available to pupils attending the public schools within the district.

Materials, equipment, computer hardware or software, textbooks, digital texts, and health and remedial services provided for the benefit of nonpublic school pupils pursuant to this section and the admission of pupils to such nonpublic schools shall be provided without distinction as to race, creed, color, or national origin of such pupils or of their teachers.

No school district shall provide services, materials, or equipment that contain religious content for use in religious courses, devotional exercises, religious training, or any other religious activity.

As used in this section, "parent" includes a person standing in loco parentis to a child.

As used in this section, "accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

Notwithstanding section 3317.01 of the Revised Code, payments shall be made under this section to any city, local, or exempted village school district within which is located one or more nonpublic elementary or high schools described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code and any payments made to school districts under division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code for purposes of this section may be disbursed without submission to and approval of the controlling board.

The allocation of payments for materials, equipment, textbooks, digital texts, health services, and remedial services to city, local, and exempted village school districts shall be on the basis of the state board of education's estimated annual average daily membership in nonpublic elementary and high schools located in the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code.

Payments made to city, local, and exempted village school districts under this section shall be equal to specific appropriations made for the purpose. All interest earned by a school district on such payments shall be used by the district for the same purposes and in the same manner as the payments may be used.

The department of education shall adopt guidelines and procedures under which such programs and services shall be provided, under which districts shall be reimbursed for administrative costs incurred in providing such programs and services, and under which any unexpended balance of the amounts appropriated by the general assembly to implement this section may be transferred to the auxiliary services personnel unemployment compensation fund established pursuant to section 4141.47 of the Revised

Code. The department shall also adopt guidelines and procedures limiting the purchase and loan of the items described in division (K) of this section to items that are in general use in the public schools of the state, that are incapable of diversion to religious use, and that are susceptible to individual use rather than classroom use. Within thirty days after the end of each biennium, each board of education shall remit to the department all moneys paid to it under division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code and any interest earned on those moneys that are not required to pay expenses incurred under this section during the biennium for which the money was appropriated and during which the interest was earned. If a board of education subsequently determines that the remittal of moneys leaves the board with insufficient money to pay all valid expenses incurred under this section during the biennium for which the remitted money was appropriated, the board may apply to the department of education for a refund of money, not to exceed the amount of the insufficiency. If the department determines the expenses were lawfully incurred and would have been lawful expenditures of the refunded money, it shall certify its determination and the amount of the refund to be made to the director of job and family services who shall make a refund as provided in section 4141.47 of the Revised Code.

Each school district shall label materials, equipment, computer hardware or software, textbooks, and digital texts purchased or leased for loan to a nonpublic school under this section, acknowledging that they were purchased or leased with state funds under this section. However, a district need not label materials, equipment, computer hardware or software, textbooks, or digital texts that the district determines are consumable in nature or have a value of less than two hundred dollars.

Sec. 3317.062. (A) Moneys paid to chartered and accredited nonpublic schools under division (E)(2) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code shall be used for one or more of the following purposes:

(1) To purchase secular textbooks or digital texts, as defined in divisions (A)(1) and (2) of section 3317.06 of the Revised Code, as have been approved by the superintendent of public instruction for use in public schools in the state;

(2) To provide the services described in divisions (B), (C), (D), and (Q) of section 3317.06 of the Revised Code;

(3) To provide the services described in divisions (E), (F), (G), and (I) of section 3317.06 of the Revised Code. If such services are provided in public schools or in public centers, transportation to and from such facilities shall be provided by the nonpublic school.

(4) To supply for use by pupils attending the school such standardized tests and scoring services as are in use in the public schools of the state;

(5) To hire clerical personnel to assist in the administration of divisions (A)(2), (3), and (4) of this section and to hire supervisory personnel to supervise the providing of services and textbooks pursuant to this section. These personnel shall perform their services in the public schools, in nonpublic schools, public centers, or mobile units where the services are provided to the nonpublic school pupil, except that such personnel may accompany pupils to and from the service sites when necessary to ensure the safety of the children receiving the services. All services provided pursuant to this section may be provided under contract with school districts, educational service centers, the department of health, city or general health districts, or private agencies whose personnel are properly licensed by an appropriate state board or agency.

(6) To purchase any of the materials described in division (K) of section 3317.06 of the Revised Code;

(7) To purchase any of the equipment described in division (L) of section 3317.06 of the Revised Code;

(8) To purchase mobile units to be used for the provision of services pursuant to division (A)(3) of this section and to pay for necessary repairs and operating costs associated with these units;

(9) To purchase the equipment described in division (O) of section 3317.06 of the Revised Code;

(10) To procure and pay for security services described in division (P) of section 3317.06 of the Revised Code.

(B) Materials, equipment, computer hardware and software, textbooks, digital texts, and health and remedial services provided pursuant to this section and the admission of pupils to nonpublic schools shall be provided without distinction as to race, creed, color, or national origin of such pupils or of their teachers.

(C) Any interest earned by a chartered nonpublic school on moneys paid to it under division (E)(2) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code shall be used by the school for the same purposes and in the same manner as the payments may be used under this section.

(D) The department of education shall adopt guidelines and procedures regarding both of the following:

(1) The expenditure of moneys under this section;

(2) The audit of nonpublic schools receiving funds under this section to ensure the appropriate use of funds.

(E) The department shall adopt a rule specifying the party that owns any

property purchased by a chartered nonpublic school with moneys paid under division (E)(2) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code. The rule shall include procedures for disposal of the property by the designated owner when appropriate.

(F) Within thirty days after the end of each biennium, each chartered nonpublic school shall remit to the department all moneys paid to it under division (E)(2) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code and any interest earned on those moneys that are not required to pay expenses incurred under this section during the biennium for which the moneys were appropriated and during which the interest was earned. If a school subsequently determines that the remittal of moneys leaves the school with insufficient money to pay all valid expenses incurred under this section during the biennium for which the remitted moneys were appropriated, the school may apply to the department for a refund of money, not to exceed the amount of the insufficiency. If the department determines the expenses were lawfully incurred and would have been lawful expenditures of the refunded money, the department shall make a refund in the necessary amount.

(G) As used in this section, "accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3317.063. The superintendent of public instruction, in accordance with rules adopted by the department of education, shall annually reimburse each chartered nonpublic school and each accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code for the actual mandated service administrative and clerical costs incurred by such school during the preceding school year in preparing, maintaining, and filing reports, forms, and records, and in providing such other administrative and clerical services that are not an integral part of the teaching process as may be required by state law or rule or by requirements duly promulgated by city, exempted village, or local school districts. The mandated service costs reimbursed pursuant to this section shall include, but are not limited to, the preparation, filing and maintenance of forms, reports, or records and other clerical and administrative services relating to state chartering or approval of the nonpublic school, pupil attendance, pupil health and health testing, transportation of pupils, federally funded education programs, pupil appraisal, pupil progress, educator licensure, unemployment and workers' compensation, transfer of pupils, and such other education related data which are now or hereafter shall be required of such nonpublic school by state law or rule, or by requirements of the state department of education, other state agencies, or city, exempted village, or local school districts.

The reimbursement required by this section shall be for school years beginning on or after July 1, 1981.

Each nonpublic school which seeks reimbursement pursuant to this section shall submit to the superintendent of public instruction an application together with such additional reports and documents as the department of education may require. Such application, reports, and documents shall contain such information as the department of education may prescribe in order to carry out the purposes of this section. No payment shall be made until the superintendent of public instruction has approved such application.

Each nonpublic school which applies for reimbursement pursuant to this section shall maintain a separate account or system of accounts for the expenses incurred in rendering the required services for which reimbursement is sought. Such accounts shall contain such information as is required by the department of education and shall be maintained in accordance with rules adopted by the department of education.

Reimbursement payments to a nonpublic school pursuant to this section shall not exceed an amount for each school year equal to three hundred sixty dollars per pupil enrolled in that nonpublic school.

The superintendent of public instruction may, from time to time, examine any and all accounts and records of a nonpublic school which have been maintained pursuant to this section in support of an application for reimbursement, for the purpose of determining the costs to such school of rendering the services for which reimbursement is sought. If after such audit it is determined that any school has received funds in excess of the actual cost of providing such services, said school shall immediately reimburse the state in such excess amount.

Any payments made to chartered or accredited nonpublic schools under this section may be disbursed without submission to and approval of the controlling board.

Sec. 3317.13. (A) As used in this section and section 3317.14 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Years of service" includes the following:

(a) All years of teaching service in the same school district or educational service center, regardless of training level, with each year consisting of at least one hundred twenty days under a teacher's contract;

(b) All years of teaching service in a chartered; or an accredited nonpublic school located in Ohio as a teacher licensed pursuant to section 3319.22 of the Revised Code or in another public school, regardless of training level, with each year consisting of at least one hundred twenty days

under a teacher's contract. For purposes of this division, "accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(c) All years of teaching service in a chartered school or institution or a school or institution that subsequently became chartered or a chartered special education program or a special education program that subsequently became chartered operated by the state or by a subdivision or other local governmental unit of this state as a teacher licensed pursuant to section 3319.22 of the Revised Code, regardless of training level, with each year consisting of at least one hundred twenty days; and

(d) All years of active military service in the armed forces of the United States, as defined in section 3307.75 of the Revised Code, to a maximum of five years. For purposes of this calculation, a partial year of active military service of eight continuous months or more in the armed forces shall be counted as a full year.

(2) "Teacher" means all teachers employed by the board of education of any school district, including any cooperative education or joint vocational school district and all teachers employed by any educational service center governing board.

(B) No teacher shall be paid a salary less than that provided in the schedule set forth in division (C) of this section. In calculating the minimum salary any teacher shall be paid pursuant to this section, years of service shall include the sum of all years of the teacher's teaching service included in divisions (A)(1)(a), (b), (c), and (d) of this section; except that any school district or educational service center employing a teacher new to the district or educational service center shall grant such teacher a total of not more than ten years of service pursuant to divisions (A)(1)(b), (c), and (d) of this section.

Upon written complaint to the superintendent of public instruction that the board of education of a district or the governing board of an educational service center governing board has failed or refused to annually adopt a salary schedule or to pay salaries in accordance with the salary schedule set forth in division (C) of this section, the superintendent of public instruction shall cause to be made an immediate investigation of such complaint. If the superintendent finds that the conditions complained of exist, the superintendent shall order the board to correct such conditions within ten days from the date of the finding. No moneys shall be distributed to the district or educational service center under this chapter until the superintendent has satisfactory evidence of the board of education's full compliance with such order.

Each teacher shall be fully credited with placement in the appropriate academic training level column in the district's or educational service center's salary schedule with years of service properly credited pursuant to this section or section 3317.14 of the Revised Code. No rule shall be adopted or exercised by any board of education or educational service center governing board which restricts the placement or the crediting of annual salary increments for any teacher according to the appropriate academic training level column.

(C) Minimum salaries exclusive of retirement and sick leave for teachers shall be as follows:

Years of Service	Teachers with Less than Bachelor's Degree		Teachers with a Bachelor's Degree		Teachers with Five Years of Training, but no Master's Degree		Teachers with a Master's Degree or Higher	
	Per Cent*	Dollar Amount	Per Cent*	Dollar Amount	Per Cent*	Dollar Amount	Per Cent*	Dollar Amount
0	86.5	\$17,300	100.0	\$20,000	103.8	\$20,760	109.5	\$21,900
1	90.0	18,000	103.8	20,760	108.1	21,620	114.3	22,860
2	93.5	18,700	107.6	21,520	112.4	22,480	119.1	23,820
3	97.0	19,400	111.4	22,280	116.7	23,340	123.9	24,780
4	100.5	20,100	115.2	23,040	121.0	24,200	128.7	25,740
5	104.0	20,800	119.0	23,800	125.3	25,060	133.5	26,700
6	104.0	20,800	122.8	24,560	129.6	25,920	138.3	27,660
7	104.0	20,800	126.6	25,320	133.9	26,780	143.1	28,620
8	104.0	20,800	130.4	26,080	138.2	27,640	147.9	29,580
9	104.0	20,800	134.2	26,840	142.5	28,500	152.7	30,540
10	104.0	20,800	138.0	27,600	146.8	29,360	157.5	31,500
11	104.0	20,800	141.8	28,360	151.1	30,220	162.3	32,460

* Percentages represent the percentage which each salary is of the base amount.

For purposes of determining the minimum salary at any level of training and service, the base of one hundred per cent shall be the base amount. The percentages used in this section show the relationships between the minimum salaries required by this section and the base amount and shall not be construed as requiring any school district or educational service center to adopt a schedule containing salaries in excess of the amounts set forth in this section for corresponding levels of training and experience.

As used in this division:

(1) "Base amount" means twenty thousand dollars.

(2) "Five years of training" means at least one hundred fifty semester hours, or the equivalent, and a bachelor's degree from a recognized college or university.

(D) For purposes of this section, all credited training shall be from a recognized college or university.

Sec. 3319.311. (A)(1) The state board of education, or the superintendent of public instruction on behalf of the board, may investigate any information received about a person that reasonably appears to be a basis for action under section 3319.31 of the Revised Code, including information received pursuant to section 3314.40, 3319.291, 3319.313, 3326.24, 3328.19, 5126.253, or 5153.176 of the Revised Code. Except as provided in division (A)(2) of this section, the board shall contract with the office of the Ohio attorney general to conduct any investigation of that nature. The board shall pay for the costs of the contract only from moneys in the state board of education licensure fund established under section 3319.51 of the Revised Code. Except as provided in division (A)(2) of this section, all information received pursuant to section 3314.40, 3319.291, 3319.313, 3326.24, 3328.19, 5126.253, or 5153.176 of the Revised Code, and all information obtained during an investigation is confidential and is not a public record under section 149.43 of the Revised Code. If an investigation is conducted under this division regarding information received about a person and no action is taken against the person under this section or section 3319.31 of the Revised Code within two years of the completion of the investigation, all records of the investigation shall be expunged.

(2) In the case of a person about whom the board has learned of a plea of guilty to, finding of guilt by a jury or court of, or a conviction of an offense listed in division (C) of section 3319.31 of the Revised Code, or substantially comparable conduct occurring in a jurisdiction outside this state, the board or the superintendent of public instruction need not conduct any further investigation and shall take the action required by division (C) or (F) of that section. Except as provided in division (G) of this section, all information obtained by the board or the superintendent of public instruction pertaining to the action is a public record under section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

(B) The superintendent of public instruction shall review the results of each investigation of a person conducted under division (A)(1) of this section and shall determine, on behalf of the state board, whether the results warrant initiating action under division (B) of section 3319.31 of the Revised Code. The superintendent shall advise the board of such determination at a meeting of the board. Within fourteen days of the next meeting of the board, any member of the board may ask that the question of initiating action under section 3319.31 of the Revised Code be placed on the board's agenda for that next meeting. Prior to initiating that action against any person, the person's name and any other personally identifiable

information shall remain confidential.

(C) The board shall take no action against a person under division (B) of section 3319.31 of the Revised Code without providing the person with written notice of the charges and with an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(D) For purposes of an investigation under division (A)(1) of this section or a hearing under division (C) of this section or under division (E)(2) of section 3319.31 of the Revised Code, the board, or the superintendent on behalf of the board, may administer oaths, order the taking of depositions, issue subpoenas, and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, accounts, papers, records, documents, and testimony. The issuance of subpoenas under this division may be by certified mail or personal delivery to the person.

(E) The superintendent, on behalf of the board, may enter into a consent agreement with a person against whom action is being taken under division (B) of section 3319.31 of the Revised Code. The board may adopt rules governing the superintendent's action under this division.

(F) No surrender of a license shall be effective until the board takes action to accept the surrender unless the surrender is pursuant to a consent agreement entered into under division (E) of this section.

(G) The name of any person who is not required to report information under section 3314.40, 3319.313, 3326.24, 3328.19, 5126.253, or 5153.176 of the Revised Code, but who in good faith provides information to the state board or superintendent of public instruction about alleged misconduct committed by a person who holds a license or has applied for issuance or renewal of a license, shall be confidential and shall not be released. Any such person shall be immune from any civil liability that otherwise might be incurred or imposed for injury, death, or loss to person or property as a result of the provision of that information.

(H)(1) No person shall knowingly make a false report to the superintendent of public instruction or the state board of education alleging misconduct by an employee of a public ~~or school~~, chartered nonpublic school, or accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code or an employee of the operator of a community school established under Chapter 3314. or a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code.

(2)(a) In any civil action brought against a person in which it is alleged and proved that the person violated division (H)(1) of this section, the court shall award the prevailing party reasonable attorney's fees and costs that the prevailing party incurred in the civil action or as a result of the false report

that was the basis of the violation.

(b) If a person is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of division (H)(1) of this section, if the subject of the false report that was the basis of the violation was charged with any violation of a law or ordinance as a result of the false report, and if the subject of the false report is found not to be guilty of the charges brought against the subject as a result of the false report or those charges are dismissed, the court that sentences the person for the violation of division (H)(1) of this section, as part of the sentence, shall order the person to pay restitution to the subject of the false report, in an amount equal to reasonable attorney's fees and costs that the subject of the false report incurred as a result of or in relation to the charges.

Sec. 3319.313. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Conduct unbecoming to the teaching profession" shall be as described in rules adopted by the state board of education.

(2) "Intervention in lieu of conviction" means intervention in lieu of conviction under section 2951.041 of the Revised Code.

(3) "License" has the same meaning as in section 3319.31 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Pre-trial diversion program" means a pre-trial diversion program under section 2935.36 of the Revised Code or a similar diversion program under rules of a court.

(5) "Accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(B) The superintendent of each school district and each educational service center or the president of the district or service center board, if division (C)(1) of this section applies, and the chief administrator of each chartered or accredited nonpublic school or the president or chairperson of the governing authority of the nonpublic school, if division (C)(2) of this section applies, shall promptly submit to the superintendent of public instruction the information prescribed in division (D) of this section when any of the following conditions applies to an employee of the district, service center, or nonpublic school who holds a license issued by the state board of education:

(1) The superintendent, chief administrator, president, or chairperson knows that the employee has pleaded guilty to, has been found guilty by a jury or court of, has been convicted of, has been found to be eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for, or has agreed to participate in a pre-trial diversion program for an offense described in division (B)(2) or (C) of section 3319.31 or division (B)(1) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code;

(2) The district board of education, service center governing board, or nonpublic school chief administrator or governing authority has initiated termination or nonrenewal proceedings against, has terminated, or has not renewed the contract of the employee because the board of education, governing board, or chief administrator has reasonably determined that the employee has committed an act that is unbecoming to the teaching profession or an offense described in division (B)(2) or (C) of section 3319.31 or division (B)(1) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code;

(3) The employee has resigned under threat of termination or nonrenewal as described in division (B)(2) of this section;

(4) The employee has resigned because of or in the course of an investigation by the board of education, governing board, or chief administrator regarding whether the employee has committed an act that is unbecoming to the teaching profession or an offense described in division (B)(2) or (C) of section 3319.31 or division (B)(1) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) If the employee to whom any of the conditions prescribed in divisions (B)(1) to (4) of this section applies is the superintendent or treasurer of a school district or educational service center, the president of the board of education of the school district or of the governing board of the educational service center shall make the report required under this section.

(2) If the employee to whom any of the conditions prescribed in divisions (B)(1) to (4) of this section applies is the chief administrator of a chartered or an accredited nonpublic school, the president or chairperson of the governing authority of the chartered or accredited nonpublic school shall make the report required under this section.

(D) If a report is required under this section, the superintendent, chief administrator, president, or chairperson shall submit to the superintendent of public instruction the name and social security number of the employee about whom the information is required and a factual statement regarding any of the conditions prescribed in divisions (B)(1) to (4) of this section that applies to the employee.

(E) A determination made by the board of education, governing board, chief administrator, or governing authority as described in division (B)(2) of this section or a termination, nonrenewal, resignation, or other separation described in divisions (B)(2) to (4) of this section does not create a presumption of the commission or lack of the commission by the employee of an act unbecoming to the teaching profession or an offense described in division (B)(2) or (C) of section 3319.31 or division (B)(1) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code.

(F) No individual required to submit a report under division (B) of this section shall knowingly fail to comply with that division.

(G) An individual who provides information to the superintendent of public instruction in accordance with this section in good faith shall be immune from any civil liability that otherwise might be incurred or imposed for injury, death, or loss to person or property as a result of the provision of that information.

Sec. 3319.314. The board of education of each school district, the governing board of each educational service center, ~~and~~ the chief administrator of each chartered nonpublic school, and the chief administrator of each accredited nonpublic school operating under section 3301.165 of the Revised Code shall require that the reports of any investigation by the district board of education, service center governing board, or nonpublic school chief administrator of an employee regarding whether the employee has committed an act or offense for which the district or service center superintendent or board president or nonpublic school chief administrator or governing authority president or chairperson is required to make a report to the superintendent of public instruction under section 3319.313 of the Revised Code be kept in the employee's personnel file. If, after an investigation under division (A) of section 3319.311 of the Revised Code, the superintendent of public instruction determines that the results of that investigation do not warrant initiating action under section 3319.31 of the Revised Code, the board of education, governing board, or chief administrator shall require the reports of the board's or chief administrator's investigation to be moved from the employee's personnel file to a separate public file.

Sec. 3319.317. (A) As used in this section, "license" has the same meaning as in section 3319.31 of the Revised Code.

(B) No employee of a school district or educational service center shall do either of the following:

(1) Knowingly make a false report to the district or service center superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, alleging misconduct by another employee of the district or service center;

(2) Knowingly cause the district or service center superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, to make a false report of the alleged misconduct to the superintendent of public instruction or the state board of education.

(C) Any employee of a school district or educational service center who in good faith reports to the district or service center superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, information about alleged misconduct committed by another employee of the district or service center shall be immune from

any civil liability that otherwise might be incurred or imposed for injury, death, or loss to person or property as a result of the reporting of that information.

If the alleged misconduct involves a person who holds a license but the district or service center superintendent is not required to submit a report to the superintendent of public instruction under section 3319.313 of the Revised Code and the district or service center superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, in good faith reports the alleged misconduct to the superintendent of public instruction or the state board, the district or service center superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, shall be immune from any civil liability that otherwise might be incurred or imposed for injury, death, or loss to person or property as a result of the reporting of that information.

(D) No employee of a chartered nonpublic school or accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code shall do either of the following:

(1) Knowingly make a false report to the chief administrator of the school, or the chief administrator's designee, alleging misconduct by another employee of the school;

(2) Knowingly cause the chief administrator, or the chief administrator's designee, to make a false report of the alleged misconduct to the superintendent of public instruction or the state board.

(E) Any employee of a chartered nonpublic school or accredited nonpublic school who in good faith reports to the chief administrator of the school, or the chief administrator's designee, information about alleged misconduct committed by another employee of the school shall be immune from any civil liability that otherwise might be incurred or imposed for injury, death, or loss to person or property as a result of the reporting of that information.

If the alleged misconduct involves a person who holds a license but the chief administrator is not required to submit a report to the superintendent of public instruction under section 3319.313 of the Revised Code and the chief administrator, or the chief administrator's designee, in good faith reports the alleged misconduct to the superintendent of public instruction or the state board, the chief administrator, or the chief administrator's designee, shall be immune from any civil liability that otherwise might be incurred or imposed for injury, death, or loss to person or property as a result of the reporting of that information.

(F)(1) In any civil action brought against a person in which it is alleged and proved that the person violated division (B) or (D) of this section, the

court shall award the prevailing party reasonable attorney's fees and costs that the prevailing party incurred in the civil action or as a result of the false report that was the basis of the violation.

(2) If a person is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of division (B) or (D) of this section, if the subject of the false report that was the basis of the violation was charged with any violation of a law or ordinance as a result of the false report, and if the subject of the false report is found not to be guilty of the charges brought against the subject as a result of the false report or those charges are dismissed, the court that sentences the person for the violation of division (B) or (D) of this section, as part of the sentence, shall order the person to pay restitution to the subject of the false report, in an amount equal to reasonable attorney's fees and costs that the subject of the false report incurred as a result of or in relation to the charges.

Sec. 3319.39. (A)(1) Except as provided in division (F)(2)(b) of section 109.57 of the Revised Code, the appointing or hiring officer of the board of education of a school district, the governing board of an educational service center, or of a chartered or accredited nonpublic school shall request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation to conduct a criminal records check with respect to any applicant who has applied to the school district, educational service center, or school for employment in any position. The appointing or hiring officer shall request that the superintendent include information from the federal bureau of investigation in the criminal records check, unless all of the following apply to the applicant:

(a) The applicant is applying to be an instructor of adult education.

(b) The duties of the position for which the applicant is applying do not involve routine interaction with a child or regular responsibility for the care, custody, or control of a child or, if the duties do involve such interaction or responsibility, during any period of time in which the applicant, if hired, has such interaction or responsibility, another employee of the school district, educational service center, or chartered or accredited nonpublic school will be present in the same room with the child or, if outdoors, will be within a thirty-yard radius of the child or have visual contact with the child.

(c) The applicant presents proof that the applicant has been a resident of this state for the five-year period immediately prior to the date upon which the criminal records check is requested or provides evidence that within that five-year period the superintendent has requested information about the applicant from the federal bureau of investigation in a criminal records check.

(2) A person required by division (A)(1) of this section to request a

criminal records check shall provide to each applicant a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, provide to each applicant a standard impression sheet to obtain fingerprint impressions prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, obtain the completed form and impression sheet from each applicant, and forward the completed form and impression sheet to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation at the time the person requests a criminal records check pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section.

(3) An applicant who receives pursuant to division (A)(2) of this section a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and a copy of an impression sheet prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section and who is requested to complete the form and provide a set of fingerprint impressions shall complete the form or provide all the information necessary to complete the form and shall provide the impression sheet with the impressions of the applicant's fingerprints. If an applicant, upon request, fails to provide the information necessary to complete the form or fails to provide impressions of the applicant's fingerprints, the board of education of a school district, governing board of an educational service center, or governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school shall not employ that applicant for any position.

(4) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, an applicant who meets the conditions prescribed in divisions (A)(1)(a) and (b) of this section and who, within the two-year period prior to the date of application, was the subject of a criminal records check under this section prior to being hired for short-term employment with the school district, educational service center, or chartered or accredited nonpublic school to which application is being made shall not be required to undergo a criminal records check prior to the applicant's rehiring by that district, service center, or school.

(B)(1) Except as provided in rules adopted by the department of education in accordance with division (E) of this section and as provided in division (B)(3) of this section, no board of education of a school district, no governing board of an educational service center, and no governing authority of a chartered or accredited nonpublic school shall employ a person if the person previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following:

(a) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.34, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09,

2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2919.12, 2919.22, 2919.24, 2919.25, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05, 2925.06, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code, a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, a violation of section 2919.23 of the Revised Code that would have been a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, had the violation been committed prior to that date, a violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code that is not a minor drug possession offense, or felonious sexual penetration in violation of former section 2907.12 of the Revised Code;

(b) A violation of an existing or former law of this state, another state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to any of the offenses or violations described in division (B)(1)(a) of this section.

(2) A board, governing board of an educational service center, or a governing authority of a chartered or accredited nonpublic school may employ an applicant conditionally until the criminal records check required by this section is completed and the board or governing authority receives the results of the criminal records check. If the results of the criminal records check indicate that, pursuant to division (B)(1) of this section, the applicant does not qualify for employment, the board or governing authority shall release the applicant from employment.

(3) No board and no governing authority of a chartered or accredited nonpublic school shall employ a teacher who previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the offenses listed in section 3319.31 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) Each board and each governing authority of a chartered or accredited nonpublic school shall pay to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation the fee prescribed pursuant to division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code for each criminal records check conducted in accordance with that section upon the request pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section of the appointing or hiring officer of the board or governing authority.

(2) A board and the governing authority of a chartered or accredited nonpublic school may charge an applicant a fee for the costs it incurs in obtaining a criminal records check under this section. A fee charged under this division shall not exceed the amount of fees the board or governing authority pays under division (C)(1) of this section. If a fee is charged under this division, the board or governing authority shall notify the applicant at the time of the applicant's initial application for employment of the amount

of the fee and that, unless the fee is paid, the board or governing authority will not consider the applicant for employment.

(D) The report of any criminal records check conducted by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code and pursuant to a request under division (A)(1) of this section is not a public record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall not be made available to any person other than the applicant who is the subject of the criminal records check or the applicant's representative, the board or governing authority requesting the criminal records check or its representative, and any court, hearing officer, or other necessary individual involved in a case dealing with the denial of employment to the applicant.

(E) The department of education shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section, including rules specifying circumstances under which the board or governing authority may hire a person who has been convicted of an offense listed in division (B)(1) or (3) of this section but who meets standards in regard to rehabilitation set by the department.

The department shall amend rule 3301-83-23 of the Ohio Administrative Code that took effect August 27, 2009, and that specifies the offenses that disqualify a person for employment as a school bus or school van driver and establishes rehabilitation standards for school bus and school van drivers.

(F) Any person required by division (A)(1) of this section to request a criminal records check shall inform each person, at the time of the person's initial application for employment, of the requirement to provide a set of fingerprint impressions and that a criminal records check is required to be conducted and satisfactorily completed in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code if the person comes under final consideration for appointment or employment as a precondition to employment for the school district, educational service center, or school for that position.

(G) As used in this section:

(1) "Accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Applicant" means a person who is under final consideration for appointment or employment in a position with a board of education, governing board of an educational service center, or a chartered nonpublic school, except that "applicant" does not include a person already employed by a board or chartered nonpublic school who is under consideration for a different position with such board or school.

~~(2)~~(3) "Teacher" means a person holding an educator license or permit issued under section 3319.22 or 3319.301 of the Revised Code and teachers in a chartered nonpublic school.

~~(3)~~(4) "Criminal records check" has the same meaning as in section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

~~(4)~~(5) "Minor drug possession offense" has the same meaning as in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code.

(H) If the board of education of a local school district adopts a resolution requesting the assistance of the educational service center in which the local district has territory in conducting criminal records checks of substitute teachers and substitutes for other district employees under this section, the appointing or hiring officer of such educational service center shall serve for purposes of this section as the appointing or hiring officer of the local board in the case of hiring substitute teachers and other substitute employees for the local district.

Sec. 3319.391. This section applies to any person hired by a school district, educational service center, or chartered nonpublic school, or accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code in any position that does not require a "license" issued by the state board of education, as defined in section 3319.31 of the Revised Code, and is not for the operation of a vehicle for pupil transportation.

(A) For each person to whom this section applies who is hired on or after November 14, 2007, the employer shall request a criminal records check in accordance with section 3319.39 of the Revised Code and shall request a subsequent criminal records check by the fifth day of September every fifth year thereafter. For each person to whom this division applies who is hired prior to November 14, 2007, the employer shall request a criminal records check by a date prescribed by the department of education and shall request a subsequent criminal records check by the fifth day of September every fifth year thereafter.

(B)(1) Each request for a criminal records check under this section shall be made to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in the manner prescribed in section 3319.39 of the Revised Code, except that if both of the following conditions apply to the person subject to the records check, the employer shall request the superintendent only to obtain any criminal records that the federal bureau of investigation has on the person:

(a) The employer previously requested the superintendent to determine whether the bureau of criminal identification and investigation has any information, gathered pursuant to division (A) of section 109.57 of the

Revised Code, on the person in conjunction with a criminal records check requested under section 3319.39 of the Revised Code or under this section.

(b) The person presents proof that the person has been a resident of this state for the five-year period immediately prior to the date upon which the person becomes subject to a criminal records check under this section.

(2) Upon receipt of a request under division (B)(1) of this section, the superintendent shall conduct the criminal records check in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code as if the request had been made under section 3319.39 of the Revised Code. However, as specified in division (B)(2) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, if the employer requests the superintendent only to obtain any criminal records that the federal bureau of investigation has on the person for whom the request is made, the superintendent shall not conduct the review prescribed by division (B)(1) of that section.

(C) Any person who is the subject of a criminal records check under this section and has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense described in division (B)(1) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code shall not be hired or shall be released from employment, as applicable, unless the person meets the rehabilitation standards adopted by the department under division (E) of that section.

Sec. 3319.392. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Designated official" means the superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, in the case of a school district or educational service center and the chief administrator, or the chief administrator's designee, in the case of a chartered nonpublic school.

~~(2)~~(3) "Essential school services" means services provided by a private company under contract with a school district, educational service center, or chartered nonpublic school that the district or service center superintendent or the chief administrator of the chartered nonpublic school has determined are necessary for the operation of the district, service center, or chartered nonpublic school and that would need to be provided by employees of the district, service center, or chartered nonpublic school if the services were not provided by the private company.

~~(3)~~(4) "License" has the same meaning as in section 3319.31 of the Revised Code.

(B) This section applies to any person who is an employee of a private company under contract with a school district, educational service center, or chartered or accredited nonpublic school to provide essential school services

and who will work in the district, service center, or chartered or accredited nonpublic school in a position that does not require a license issued by the state board of education, is not for the operation of a vehicle for pupil transportation, and that involves routine interaction with a child or regular responsibility for the care, custody, or control of a child.

(C) No school district, educational service center, or chartered or accredited nonpublic school shall permit a person to whom this section applies to work in the district, service center, or chartered or accredited nonpublic school, unless one of the following applies to the person:

(1) The person's employer presents proof of both of the following to the designated official:

(a) That the person has been the subject of a criminal records check conducted in accordance with division (D) of this section within the five-year period immediately prior to the date on which the person will begin working in the district, service center, or chartered or accredited nonpublic school;

(b) That the criminal records check indicates that the person has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense described in division (B)(1) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code.

(2) During any period of time in which the person will have routine interaction with a child or regular responsibility for the care, custody, or control of a child, the designated official has arranged for an employee of the district, service center, or chartered or accredited nonpublic school to be present in the same room with the child or, if outdoors, to be within a thirty-yard radius of the child or to have visual contact with the child.

(D) Any private company that has been hired or seeks to be hired by a school district, educational service center, or chartered or accredited nonpublic school to provide essential school services may request the bureau of criminal identification and investigation to conduct a criminal records check of any of its employees for the purpose of complying with division (C)(1) of this section. Each request for a criminal records check under this division shall be made to the superintendent of the bureau in the manner prescribed in section 3319.39 of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of a request, the bureau shall conduct the criminal records check in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code as if the request had been made under section 3319.39 of the Revised Code.

Notwithstanding division (H) of section 109.57 of the Revised Code, the private company may share the results of any criminal records check conducted under this division with the designated official for the purpose of complying with division (C)(1) of this section, but in no case shall the

designated official release that information to any other person.

Sec. 3319.40. (A) As used in this section, ~~"license"~~:

(1) "Accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(2) "License" has the same meaning as in section 3319.31 of the Revised Code.

(B) If a person who is employed by a school district or chartered or accredited nonpublic school is arrested, summoned, or indicted for an alleged violation of an offense listed in division (C) of section 3319.31 of the Revised Code, if the person holds a license, or an offense listed in division (B)(1) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code, if the person does not hold a license, the superintendent of the district or the chief administrative officer of the chartered or accredited nonpublic school shall suspend that person from all duties that require the care, custody, or control of a child during the pendency of the criminal action against the person. If the person who is arrested, summoned, or indicted for an alleged violation of an offense listed in division (C) of section 3319.31 or division (B)(1) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code is a person whose duties are assigned by the district treasurer under division (B) of section 3313.31 of the Revised Code, the treasurer shall suspend the person from all duties that require the care, custody, or control of a child. If the person who is arrested, summoned, or indicted for an alleged violation of an offense listed in division (C) of section 3319.31 or division (B)(1) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code is the superintendent or treasurer of the district, the district board shall suspend the superintendent or treasurer from all duties that require the care, custody, or control of a child. If the person who is arrested, summoned, or indicted for an alleged violation of an offense listed in division (C) of section 3319.31 or division (B)(1) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code is the chief administrative officer of the chartered or accredited nonpublic school, the governing authority of the chartered or accredited nonpublic school shall suspend the chief administrative officer from all duties that require the care, custody, or control of a child.

(C) When a person who holds a license is suspended in accordance with this section, the superintendent, treasurer, board of education, chief administrative officer, or governing authority that imposed the suspension promptly shall report the person's suspension to the department of education. The report shall include the offense for which the person was arrested, summoned, or indicted.

Sec. 3319.52. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic

school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

~~(2)~~ "Intervention in lieu of conviction" means intervention in lieu of conviction under section 2951.041 of the Revised Code.

~~(2)~~~~(3)~~ "License" has the same meaning as in section 3319.31 of the Revised Code.

~~(3)~~~~(4)~~ "Pre-trial diversion program" means a pre-trial diversion program under section 2935.36 of the Revised Code or a similar diversion program under rules of a court.

~~(4)~~~~(5)~~ "Prosecutor" has the same meaning as in section 2935.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) If there is any judicial finding of guilt or any conviction or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction against a license holder, or if a license holder agrees to participate in a pre-trial diversion program, for any of the offenses listed in division (B)(2) or (C) of section 3319.31 of the Revised Code, the prosecutor in the case, on forms that the state board of education shall prescribe and furnish, promptly shall notify the board and, if known, any school district or chartered or accredited nonpublic school employing the license holder of the license holder's name and residence address, and the fact that the license holder pleaded guilty to, was convicted of, has been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for, or has agreed to a diversion program for the offense.

Sec. 3321.01. (A)(1) As used in this chapter, "parent," "guardian," or "other person having charge or care of a child" means either parent unless the parents are separated or divorced or their marriage has been dissolved or annulled, in which case "parent" means the parent who is the residential parent and legal custodian of the child. If the child is in the legal or permanent custody of a person or government agency, "parent" means that person or government agency. When a child is a resident of a home, as defined in section 3313.64 of the Revised Code, and the child's parent is not a resident of this state, "parent," "guardian," or "other person having charge or care of a child" means the head of the home.

A child between six and eighteen years of age is "of compulsory school age" for the purpose of sections 3321.01 to 3321.13 of the Revised Code. A child under six years of age who has been enrolled in kindergarten also shall be considered "of compulsory school age" for the purpose of sections 3321.01 to 3321.13 of the Revised Code unless at any time the child's parent or guardian, at the parent's or guardian's discretion and in consultation with the child's teacher and principal, formally withdraws the child from kindergarten. The compulsory school age of a child shall not commence until the beginning of the term of such schools, or other time in the school

year fixed by the rules of the board of the district in which the child resides.

(2) In a district in which all children are admitted to kindergarten and the first grade in August or September, a child shall be admitted if the child is five or six years of age, respectively, by the thirtieth day of September of the year of admittance, or by the first day of a term or semester other than one beginning in August or September in school districts granting admittance at the beginning of such term or semester. A child who does not meet the age requirements of this section for admittance to kindergarten or first grade, but who will be five or six years old, respective, prior to the first day of January of the school year in which admission is requested, shall be evaluated for early admittance in accordance with district policy upon referral by the child's parent or guardian, an educator employed by the district, a preschool educator who knows the child, or a pediatrician or psychologist who knows the child. Following an evaluation in accordance with a referral under this section, the district board shall decide whether to admit the child. If a child for whom admission to kindergarten or first grade is requested will not be five or six years of age, respectively, prior to the first day of January of the school year in which admission is requested, the child shall be admitted only in accordance with the district's acceleration policy adopted under section 3324.10 of the Revised Code.

(3) Notwithstanding division (A)(2) of this section, beginning with the school year that starts in 2001 and continuing thereafter the board of education of any district may adopt a resolution establishing the first day of August in lieu of the thirtieth day of September as the required date by which students must have attained the age specified in that division.

(4) After a student has been admitted to kindergarten in a school district or chartered or accredited nonpublic school, no board of education of a school district to which the student transfers shall deny that student admission based on the student's age. As used in this section, "accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(B) As used in division (C) of this section, "successfully completed kindergarten" means that the child has completed the kindergarten requirements at one of the following:

(1) A public or chartered or accredited nonpublic school;

(2) A kindergarten class that is both of the following:

(a) Offered by a day-care provider licensed under Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code;

(b) If offered after July 1, 1991, is directly taught by a teacher who holds one of the following:

(i) A valid educator license issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code;

(ii) A Montessori preprimary credential or age-appropriate diploma granted by the American Montessori society or the association Montessori internationale;

(iii) Certification determined under division (F) of this section to be equivalent to that described in division (B)(2)(b)(ii) of this section;

(iv) Certification for teachers in nontax-supported schools pursuant to section 3301.071 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) Except as provided in division (A)(2) of this section, no school district shall admit to the first grade any child who has not successfully completed kindergarten.

(2) Notwithstanding division (A)(2) of this section, any student who has successfully completed kindergarten in accordance with section (B) of this section shall be admitted to first grade.

(D) The scheduling of times for kindergarten classes and length of the school day for kindergarten shall be determined by the board of education of a city, exempted village, or local school district.

(E) Any kindergarten class offered by a day-care provider or school described by division (B)(1) or (B)(2)(a) of this section shall be developmentally appropriate.

(F) Upon written request of a day-care provider described by division (B)(2)(a) of this section, the department of education shall determine whether certification held by a teacher employed by the provider meets the requirement of division (B)(2)(b)(iii) of this section and, if so, shall furnish the provider a statement to that effect.

(G) As used in this division, "all-day kindergarten" has the same meaning as in section 3321.05 of the Revised Code.

(1) A school district that is offering all-day kindergarten for the first time or that charged fees or tuition for all-day kindergarten in the 2012-2013 school year may charge fees or tuition for a student enrolled in all-day kindergarten in any school year following the 2012-2013 school year. The department shall adjust the district's average daily membership certification under section 3317.03 of the Revised Code by one-half of the full-time equivalency for each student charged fees or tuition for all-day kindergarten under this division. If a district charges fees or tuition for all-day kindergarten under this division, the district shall develop a sliding fee scale based on family incomes.

(2) The department of education shall conduct an annual survey of each school district described in division (G)(1) of this section to determine the

following:

(a) Whether the district charges fees or tuition for students enrolled in all-day kindergarten;

(b) The amount of the fees or tuition charged;

(c) How many of the students for whom tuition is charged are eligible for free lunches under the "National School Lunch Act," 60 Stat. 230 (1946), 42 U.S.C. 1751, as amended, and the "Child Nutrition Act of 1966," 80 Stat. 885, 42 U.S.C. 1771, as amended, and how many of the students for whom tuition is charged are eligible for reduced price lunches under those acts;

(d) How many students are enrolled in traditional half-day kindergarten rather than all-day kindergarten.

Each district shall report to the department, in the manner prescribed by the department, the information described in divisions (G)(2)(a) to (d) of this section.

The department shall issue an annual report on the results of the survey and shall post the report on its web site. The department shall issue the first report not later than April 30, 2008, and shall issue a report not later than the thirtieth day of April each year thereafter.

Sec. 3326.01. (A) As used in this chapter:

(1) "Accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Community school" means a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code.

(3) "STEM" is an abbreviation of "science, technology, engineering, and mathematics."

~~(2)~~(4) "STEAM" is an abbreviation of "science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics."

(B)(1) A science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics school shall be considered a type of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school.

(2) A STEAM school equivalent shall be considered to be a type of STEM school equivalent.

(3) A STEAM program of excellence shall be considered to be a type of STEM program of excellence.

(C)(1) Any reference to a STEM school or science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school in the Revised Code shall be considered to include a STEAM school, unless the context specifically indicates a different meaning or intent. All provisions of the Revised Code applicable to a STEM school shall apply to a STEAM school in the same

manner, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

(2) Any reference to a STEM school equivalent in the Revised Code shall be considered to include a STEAM school equivalent, unless the context specifically indicates a different meaning or intent. All provisions of the Revised Code applicable to a STEM school equivalent shall apply to a STEAM school equivalent in the same manner, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

(3) Any reference to a STEM program of excellence in the Revised Code shall be considered to include a STEAM program of excellence, unless the context specifically indicates a different meaning or intent. All provisions of the Revised Code applicable to a STEM program of excellence shall apply to a STEAM program of excellence in the same manner, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

Sec. 3326.03. (A) The STEM committee shall authorize the establishment of and award grants to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics schools based on proposals submitted to the committee.

The committee shall determine the criteria for proposals, establish procedures for the submission of proposals, accept and evaluate proposals, and choose which proposals to approve to become a STEM school. In approving proposals for STEM schools, the committee shall consider locating the schools in diverse geographic regions of the state so that all students have access to a STEM school.

The committee shall seek technical assistance from the Ohio STEM learning network, or its successor, throughout the process of accepting and evaluating proposals and choosing which proposals to approve. In approving proposals for STEM schools, the committee shall consider the recommendations of the Ohio STEM learning network, or its successor.

The committee may authorize the establishment of a group of multiple STEM schools to operate from multiple facilities located in one or more school districts under the direction of a single governing body in the manner prescribed by section 3326.031 of the Revised Code. The committee shall consider the merits of each of the proposed STEM schools within a group and shall authorize each school separately. Anytime after authorizing a group of STEM schools to be under the direction of a single governing body, upon a proposal from the governing body, the committee may authorize one or more additional schools to operate as part of that group.

The STEM committee may approve one or more STEM schools to serve only students identified as gifted under Chapter 3324. of the Revised Code.

(B) Proposals may be submitted only by a partnership of public and private entities consisting of at least all of the following:

- (1) A city, exempted village, local, or joint vocational school district or an educational service center;
- (2) Higher education entities;
- (3) Business organizations.

A community school ~~established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code~~, a chartered nonpublic school, an accredited nonpublic school, or both any combination of such schools may be part of the partnership.

(C) Each proposal shall include at least the following:

(1) Assurances that the STEM school or group of STEM schools will be under the oversight of a governing body and a description of the members of that governing body and how they will be selected;

(2) Assurances that each STEM school will operate in compliance with this chapter and the provisions of the proposal as accepted by the committee;

(3) Evidence that each school will offer a rigorous, diverse, integrated, and project-based curriculum to students in any of grades kindergarten through twelve, with the goal to prepare those students for college, the workforce, and citizenship, and that does all of the following:

(a) Emphasizes the role of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in promoting innovation and economic progress;

(b) Incorporates scientific inquiry and technological design;

(c) Includes the arts and humanities. If the proposal is for a STEAM school, it also shall include evidence that the curriculum will integrate arts and design into the study of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to foster creative thinking, problem-solving, and new approaches to scientific invention.

(d) Emphasizes personalized learning and teamwork skills.

(4) Evidence that each school will attract school leaders who support the curriculum principles of division (C)(3) of this section;

(5) A description of how each school's curriculum will be developed and approved in accordance with section 3326.09 of the Revised Code;

(6) Evidence that each school will utilize an established capacity to capture and share knowledge for best practices and innovative professional development with the Ohio STEM learning network, or its successor;

(7) Evidence that each school will operate in collaboration with a partnership that includes institutions of higher education and businesses. If the proposal is for a STEAM school, it also shall include evidence that this partnership will include arts organizations.

(8) Assurances that each school has received commitments of sustained and verifiable fiscal and in-kind support from regional education and

business entities. If the proposal is for a STEAM school, it also shall include assurances that the school has received commitments of sustained and verifiable fiscal and in-kind support from arts organizations.

(9) A description of how each school's assets will be distributed if the school closes for any reason.

(D) If a STEM school wishes to become a STEAM school, it may change its existing proposal to include the items required under divisions (C)(3)(c), (C)(7), and (C)(8) of this section and submit the revised proposal to the STEM committee for approval.

Sec. 3326.032. (A) The STEM committee may grant a designation of STEM school equivalent to a community school ~~established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code~~, or to a chartered or accredited nonpublic school. In order to be eligible for this designation, a community school or chartered or accredited nonpublic school shall submit a proposal that satisfies the requirements of this section.

The committee shall determine the criteria for proposals, establish procedures for the submission of proposals, accept and evaluate proposals, and choose which proposals warrant a community school or chartered or accredited nonpublic school to be designated as a STEM school equivalent.

(B) A proposal for designation as a STEM school equivalent shall include at least the following:

(1) Assurances that the community school or chartered or accredited nonpublic school submitting the proposal has a working partnership with both public and private entities, including higher education entities and business organizations. If the proposal is for a STEAM school equivalent, it also shall include evidence that this partnership includes arts organizations.

(2) Assurances that the school submitting the proposal will operate in compliance with this section and the provisions of the proposal as accepted by the committee;

(3) Evidence that the school submitting the proposal will offer a rigorous, diverse, integrated, and project-based curriculum to students in any of grades kindergarten through twelve, with the goal to prepare those students for college, the workforce, and citizenship, and that does all of the following:

(a) Emphasizes the role of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in promoting innovation and economic progress;

(b) Incorporates scientific inquiry and technological design;

(c) Includes the arts and humanities. If the proposal is for a STEAM school equivalent, it also shall include evidence that the curriculum will integrate arts and design into the study of science, technology, engineering,

and mathematics to foster creative thinking, problem-solving, and new approaches to scientific invention.

(d) Emphasizes personalized learning and teamwork skills.

(4) Evidence that the school submitting the proposal will attract school leaders who support the curriculum principles of division (B)(3) of this section;

(5) A description of how each school's curriculum will be developed and approved in accordance with section 3326.09 of the Revised Code;

(6) Evidence that the school submitting the proposal will utilize an established capacity to capture and share knowledge for best practices and innovative professional development;

(7) Assurances that the school submitting the proposal has received commitments of sustained and verifiable fiscal and in-kind support from regional education and business entities. If the proposal is for a STEAM school equivalent, it also shall include assurances that the school has received commitments of sustained and verifiable fiscal and in-kind support from arts organizations.

(C)(1) A community school or chartered or accredited nonpublic school that is designated as a STEM school equivalent under this section shall not be subject to the requirements of Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, except that the school shall be subject to the requirements of this section and to the curriculum requirements of section 3326.09 of the Revised Code.

Nothing in this section, however, shall relieve a community school of the applicable requirements of Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code. Nor shall anything in this section relieve a chartered or accredited nonpublic school of any provisions of law outside of this chapter that are applicable to chartered or accredited nonpublic schools.

(2) A community school or chartered or accredited nonpublic school that is designated as a STEM school equivalent under this section shall not be eligible for operating funding under sections 3326.31 to 3326.37, 3326.39 to 3326.40, and 3326.51 of the Revised Code.

(3) A community school or chartered or accredited nonpublic school that is designated as a STEM school equivalent under this section may apply for any of the grants and additional funds described in section 3326.38 of the Revised Code for which the school is eligible.

(D) If a community school or chartered or accredited nonpublic school that is designated as a STEM school equivalent under this section intends to close or intends to no longer be designated as a STEM school equivalent, it shall notify the STEM committee of that fact.

(E) If a community school or chartered or accredited nonpublic school

that is designated as a STEM school equivalent wishes to be designated as a STEAM school equivalent, it may change its existing proposal to include the items required under divisions (B)(1), (B)(3)(c), and (B)(7) of this section and submit the revised proposal to the STEM committee for approval.

Sec. 3326.04. (A) The STEM committee shall award grants to support the operation of STEM programs of excellence to serve students in any of grades kindergarten through twelve through a request for proposals.

(B) Proposals may be submitted by any of the following:

(1) The board of education of a city, exempted village, or local school district;

(2) The governing authority of a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code;

(3) The governing authority of a chartered or accredited nonpublic school.

(C) Each proposal shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the STEM committee that the program meets at least the following standards:

(1) Unless the program is designed to serve only students identified as gifted under Chapter 3324. of the Revised Code, the program will serve all students enrolled in the district or school in the grades for which the program is designed.

(2) The program will offer a rigorous and diverse curriculum that is based on scientific inquiry and technological design, that emphasizes personalized learning and teamwork skills, and that will expose students to advanced scientific concepts within and outside the classroom. If the proposal is for a STEAM program of excellence, it also shall include evidence that the curriculum will integrate arts and design into the curriculum to foster creative thinking, problem-solving, and new approaches to scientific invention.

(3) Unless the program is designed to serve only students identified as gifted under Chapter 3324. of the Revised Code, the program will not limit participation of students on the basis of intellectual ability, measures of achievement, or aptitude.

(4) The program will utilize an established capacity to capture and share knowledge for best practices and innovative professional development.

(5) The program will operate in collaboration with a partnership that includes institutions of higher education and businesses. If the proposal is for a STEAM program of excellence, it also shall include evidence that this partnership includes arts organizations.

(6) The program will include teacher professional development

strategies that are augmented by community and business partners.

(D) The STEM committee shall give priority to proposals for new or expanding innovative programs.

(E) If a STEM program of excellence wishes to become a STEAM program of excellence, it may change its existing proposal to include the items required under divisions (C)(2) and (C)(5) of this section and submit the revised proposal to the STEM committee for approval.

Sec. 3326.09. Subject to approval by its governing body or governing authority, the curriculum of each science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school and of each community school or chartered or accredited nonpublic school that is designated as a STEM school equivalent under section 3326.032 of the Revised Code shall be developed by a team that consists of at least the school's chief administrative officer, a teacher, a representative of the higher education institution that is a collaborating partner in the STEM school or school designated as a STEM school equivalent, and a member of the public with expertise in the application of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. In the case of a STEAM school or a STEAM school equivalent, the team also shall include an expert in the integration of arts and design into the STEM fields.

Sec. 3327.07. (A) The governing authority of a chartered or an accredited nonpublic school, as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code, that transports a student enrolled in the school to and from school and to and from school-sponsored activities, including extracurricular activities, may charge the parent or guardian of the student a fee for the transportation, if the governing authority purchased the vehicle that transports the student using no state or federal funds. The fee shall not exceed the per student cost of the transportation, as determined by the governing authority.

(B) The parent or guardian of a student who is enrolled in a chartered or accredited nonpublic school and is eligible for transportation by a school district under section 3327.01 of the Revised Code may decline that transportation and accept transportation from the chartered or accredited nonpublic school. The governing authority of a chartered or accredited nonpublic school may charge a fee under division (A) of this section regardless of whether a student is eligible for transportation under section 3327.01 of the Revised Code.

(C) The offering by the governing authority of a chartered or accredited nonpublic school of transportation to and from the school does not relieve any school district board of education from any duty imposed by sections 3327.01 and 3327.02 of the Revised Code with respect to the chartered or

accredited nonpublic school's students.

Sec. 3327.10. (A) No person shall be employed as driver of a school bus or motor van, owned and operated by any school district or educational service center or privately owned and operated under contract with any school district or service center in this state, who has not received a certificate from either the educational service center governing board that has entered into an agreement with the school district under section 3313.843 or 3313.845 of the Revised Code or the superintendent of the school district, certifying that such person is at least eighteen years of age and is of good moral character and is qualified physically and otherwise for such position. The service center governing board or the superintendent, as the case may be, shall provide for an annual physical examination that conforms with rules adopted by the state board of education of each driver to ascertain the driver's physical fitness for such employment. Any certificate may be revoked by the authority granting the same on proof that the holder has been guilty of failing to comply with division (D)(1) of this section, or upon a conviction or a guilty plea for a violation, or any other action, that results in a loss or suspension of driving rights. Failure to comply with such division may be cause for disciplinary action or termination of employment under division (C) of section 3319.081, or section 124.34 of the Revised Code.

(B) No person shall be employed as driver of a school bus or motor van not subject to the rules of the department of education pursuant to division (A) of this section who has not received a certificate from the school administrator or contractor certifying that such person is at least eighteen years of age, is of good moral character, and is qualified physically and otherwise for such position. Each driver shall have an annual physical examination which conforms to the state highway patrol rules, ascertaining the driver's physical fitness for such employment. The examination shall be performed by one of the following:

(1) A person licensed under Chapter 4731. or 4734. of the Revised Code or by another state to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or chiropractic;

(2) A physician assistant;

(3) A certified nurse practitioner;

(4) A clinical nurse specialist;

(5) A certified nurse-midwife;

(6) A medical examiner who is listed on the national registry of certified medical examiners established by the federal motor carrier safety administration in accordance with 49 C.F.R. part 390.

Any written documentation of the physical examination shall be completed by the individual who performed the examination.

Any certificate may be revoked by the authority granting the same on proof that the holder has been guilty of failing to comply with division (D)(2) of this section.

(C) Any person who drives a school bus or motor van must give satisfactory and sufficient bond except a driver who is an employee of a school district and who drives a bus or motor van owned by the school district.

(D) No person employed as driver of a school bus or motor van under this section who is convicted of a traffic violation or who has had the person's commercial driver's license suspended shall drive a school bus or motor van until the person has filed a written notice of the conviction or suspension, as follows:

(1) If the person is employed under division (A) of this section, the person shall file the notice with the superintendent, or a person designated by the superintendent, of the school district for which the person drives a school bus or motor van as an employee or drives a privately owned and operated school bus or motor van under contract.

(2) If employed under division (B) of this section, the person shall file the notice with the employing school administrator or contractor, or a person designated by the administrator or contractor.

(E) In addition to resulting in possible revocation of a certificate as authorized by divisions (A) and (B) of this section, violation of division (D) of this section is a minor misdemeanor.

(F)(1) Not later than thirty days after June 30, 2007, each owner of a school bus or motor van shall obtain the complete driving record for each person who is currently employed or otherwise authorized to drive the school bus or motor van. An owner of a school bus or motor van shall not permit a person to operate the school bus or motor van for the first time before the owner has obtained the person's complete driving record. Thereafter, the owner of a school bus or motor van shall obtain the person's driving record not less frequently than semiannually if the person remains employed or otherwise authorized to drive the school bus or motor van. An owner of a school bus or motor van shall not permit a person to resume operating a school bus or motor van, after an interruption of one year or longer, before the owner has obtained the person's complete driving record.

(2) The owner of a school bus or motor van shall not permit a person to operate the school bus or motor van for ten years after the date on which the person pleads guilty to or is convicted of a violation of section 4511.19 of

the Revised Code or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance.

(3) An owner of a school bus or motor van shall not permit any person to operate such a vehicle unless the person meets all other requirements contained in rules adopted by the state board of education prescribing qualifications of drivers of school buses and other student transportation.

(G) No superintendent of a school district, educational service center, community school, or public or private employer shall permit the operation of a vehicle used for pupil transportation within this state by an individual unless both of the following apply:

(1) Information pertaining to that driver has been submitted to the department of education, pursuant to procedures adopted by that department. Information to be reported shall include the name of the employer or school district, name of the driver, driver license number, date of birth, date of hire, status of physical evaluation, and status of training.

(2) The most recent criminal records check required by division (J) of this section has been completed and received by the superintendent or public or private employer.

(H) A person, school district, educational service center, community school, nonpublic school, or other public or nonpublic entity that owns a school bus or motor van, or that contracts with another entity to operate a school bus or motor van, may impose more stringent restrictions on drivers than those prescribed in this section, in any other section of the Revised Code, and in rules adopted by the state board.

(I) For qualified drivers who, on July 1, 2007, are employed by the owner of a school bus or motor van to drive the school bus or motor van, any instance in which the driver was convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance prior to two years prior to July 1, 2007, shall not be considered a disqualifying event with respect to division (F) of this section.

(J)(1) This division applies to persons hired by a school district, educational service center, community school, chartered nonpublic school, accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code, or science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code to operate a vehicle used for pupil transportation.

For each person to whom this division applies who is hired on or after November 14, 2007, the employer shall request a criminal records check in accordance with section 3319.39 of the Revised Code and every six years thereafter. For each person to whom this division applies who is hired prior

to that date, the employer shall request a criminal records check by a date prescribed by the department of education and every six years thereafter.

(2) This division applies to persons hired by a public or private employer not described in division (J)(1) of this section to operate a vehicle used for pupil transportation.

For each person to whom this division applies who is hired on or after November 14, 2007, the employer shall request a criminal records check prior to the person's hiring and every six years thereafter. For each person to whom this division applies who is hired prior to that date, the employer shall request a criminal records check by a date prescribed by the department and every six years thereafter.

(3) Each request for a criminal records check under division (J) of this section shall be made to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in the manner prescribed in section 3319.39 of the Revised Code, except that if both of the following conditions apply to the person subject to the records check, the employer shall request the superintendent only to obtain any criminal records that the federal bureau of investigation has on the person:

(a) The employer previously requested the superintendent to determine whether the bureau of criminal identification and investigation has any information, gathered pursuant to division (A) of section 109.57 of the Revised Code, on the person in conjunction with a criminal records check requested under section 3319.39 of the Revised Code or under division (J) of this section.

(b) The person presents proof that the person has been a resident of this state for the five-year period immediately prior to the date upon which the person becomes subject to a criminal records check under this section.

Upon receipt of a request, the superintendent shall conduct the criminal records check in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code as if the request had been made under section 3319.39 of the Revised Code. However, as specified in division (B)(2) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, if the employer requests the superintendent only to obtain any criminal records that the federal bureau of investigation has on the person for whom the request is made, the superintendent shall not conduct the review prescribed by division (B)(1) of that section.

(K)(1) Until the effective date of the amendments to rule 3301-83-23 of the Ohio Administrative Code required by the second paragraph of division (E) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code, any person who is the subject of a criminal records check under division (J) of this section and has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense described in division (B)(1) of

section 3319.39 of the Revised Code shall not be hired or shall be released from employment, as applicable, unless the person meets the rehabilitation standards prescribed for nonlicensed school personnel by rule 3301-20-03 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

(2) Beginning on the effective date of the amendments to rule 3301-83-23 of the Ohio Administrative Code required by the second paragraph of division (E) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code, any person who is the subject of a criminal records check under division (J) of this section and has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense that, under the rule, disqualifies a person for employment to operate a vehicle used for pupil transportation shall not be hired or shall be released from employment, as applicable, unless the person meets the rehabilitation standards prescribed by the rule.

Sec. 3365.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Articulated credit" means post-secondary credit that is reflected on the official record of a student at an institution of higher education only upon enrollment at that institution after graduation from a secondary school.

(B) "Default ceiling amount" means one of the following amounts, whichever is applicable:

(1) For a participant enrolled in a college operating on a semester schedule, the amount calculated according to the following formula:

$$((0.83 \times \text{formula amount}) / 30)$$

X number of enrolled credit hours

(2) For a participant enrolled in a college operating on a quarter schedule, the amount calculated according to the following formula:

$$((0.83 \times \text{formula amount}) / 45)$$

X number of enrolled credit hours

(C) "Default floor amount" means twenty-five per cent of the default ceiling amount.

(D) "Eligible out-of-state college" means any institution of higher education that is located outside of Ohio and is approved by the chancellor of higher education to participate in the college credit plus program.

(E) "Fee" means any course-related fee and any other fee imposed by the college, but not included in tuition, for participation in the program established by this chapter.

(F) "Formula amount" has the same meaning as in section 3317.02 of the Revised Code.

(G) "Governing entity" means a board of education of a school district, a governing authority of a community school established under Chapter 3314., a governing body of a STEM school established under Chapter 3326.,

or a board of trustees of a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code.

(H) "Home-instructed participant" means a student who has been excused from the compulsory attendance law for the purpose of home instruction under section 3321.04 of the Revised Code, and is participating in the program established by this chapter.

(I) "Maximum per participant charge amount" means one of the following amounts, whichever is applicable:

(1) For a participant enrolled in a college operating on a semester schedule, the amount calculated according to the following formula:

((formula amount / 30)

X number of enrolled credit hours)

(2) For a participant enrolled in a college operating on a quarter schedule, the amount calculated according to the following formula:

((formula amount / 45)

X number of enrolled credit hours)

(J) "Nonpublic secondary school" means a chartered school for which minimum standards are prescribed by the state board of education pursuant to division (D) of section 3301.07 of the Revised Code or an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(K) "Number of enrolled credit hours" means the number of credit hours for a course in which a participant is enrolled during the previous term after the date on which a withdrawal from a course would have negatively affected the participant's transcribed grade, as prescribed by the college's established withdrawal policy.

(L) "Parent" has the same meaning as in section 3313.64 of the Revised Code.

(M) "Participant" means any student enrolled in a college under the program established by this chapter.

(N) "Partnering college" means a college with which a public or nonpublic secondary school has entered into an agreement in order to offer the program established by this chapter.

(O) "Partnering secondary school" means a public or nonpublic secondary school with which a college has entered into an agreement in order to offer the program established by this chapter.

(P) "Private college" means any of the following:

(1) A nonprofit institution holding a certificate of authorization pursuant to Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code;

(2) An institution holding a certificate of registration from the state board of career colleges and schools and program authorization for an

associate or bachelor's degree program issued under section 3332.05 of the Revised Code;

(3) A private institution exempt from regulation under Chapter 3332. of the Revised Code as prescribed in section 3333.046 of the Revised Code.

(Q) "Public college" means a "state institution of higher education" in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, excluding the northeast Ohio medical university.

(R) "Public secondary school" means a school serving grades nine through twelve in a city, local, or exempted village school district, a joint vocational school district, a community school established under Chapter 3314., a STEM school established under Chapter 3326., or a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code.

(S) "School year" has the same meaning as in section 3313.62 of the Revised Code.

(T) "Secondary grade" means any of grades nine through twelve.

(U) "Standard rate" means the amount per credit hour assessed by the college for an in-state student who is enrolled in an undergraduate course at that college, but who is not participating in the college credit plus program, as prescribed by the college's established tuition policy.

(V) "Transcripted credit" means post-secondary credit that is conferred by an institution of higher education and is reflected on a student's official record at that institution upon completion of a course.

Sec. 3365.02. (A) There is hereby established the college credit plus program under which, beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, a secondary grade student who is a resident of this state may enroll at a college, on a full- or part-time basis, and complete nonsectarian, nonremedial courses for high school and college credit. The program shall govern arrangements in which a secondary grade student enrolls in a college and, upon successful completion of coursework taken under the program, receives transcripted credit from the college. The following are not governed by the college credit plus program:

(1) An agreement governing an early college high school program, provided the program meets the definition set forth in division (F)(2) of section 3313.6013 of the Revised Code and is approved by the superintendent of public instruction and the chancellor of higher education;

(2) An advanced placement course or international baccalaureate diploma course, as described in divisions (A)(2) and (3) of section 3313.6013 of the Revised Code;

(3) A career-technical education program that is approved by the

department of education under section 3317.161 of the Revised Code and grants articulated credit to students participating in that program. However, any portion of an approved program that results in the conferral of transcribed credit upon the completion of the course shall be governed by the college credit plus program.

(B) Any student enrolled in a public or nonpublic secondary school in the student's ninth, tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade; any student enrolled in a nonchartered nonpublic secondary school in the student's ninth, tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade; and any student who has been excused from the compulsory attendance law for the purpose of home instruction under section 3321.04 of the Revised Code and is the equivalent of a ninth, tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade student, may participate in the program, if the student meets the applicable eligibility criteria in section 3365.03 of the Revised Code. If a nonchartered nonpublic secondary school student chooses to participate in the program, that student shall be subject to the same requirements as a home-instructed student who chooses to participate in the program under this chapter.

(C) All public secondary schools and all public colleges shall participate in the program and are subject to the requirements of this chapter. Any nonpublic secondary school or private college that chooses to participate in the program shall also be subject to the requirements of this chapter.

If an accredited nonpublic school, as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code, chooses not to participate in the program and notifies the parents of each student at the time of the student's enrollment or re-enrollment of that choice, the school shall not be subject to the requirements of this chapter or to any rule adopted by the chancellor of higher education or the state board of education for purposes of the college credit plus program.

(D) The chancellor, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and in consultation with the state superintendent, shall adopt rules governing the program.

Sec. 3701.133. (A) The department of health shall make available on its web site information about the risks associated with meningococcal meningitis and hepatitis B, the availability of vaccines, and the effectiveness of the vaccines. The department shall provide written notice of the availability of meningococcal meningitis and hepatitis B information on the web site to all of the following:

- (1) Each city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district, as defined in Chapter 3311. of the Revised Code;
- (2) Each nonpublic school, whether chartered, accredited as described in

section 3301.165 of the Revised Code, nonchartered, or nontax supported, that enrolls students in ninth grade or the equivalent educational level;

(3) Each community school created under section 3314.01 of the Revised Code, that enrolls students in ninth grade or the equivalent educational level;

(4) Each state institution of higher education, as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code;

(5) Each nonprofit institution of higher education, as defined in section 1713.55 of the Revised Code;

(6) Each private career school, as defined in section 3332.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) In addition to the information provided for in division (A) of this section, the department of health shall make available on its web site, in a format suitable for downloading, a meningitis and hepatitis B vaccination status statement form for a student or, if the student is younger than eighteen years of age, the student's parent, to complete to disclose whether the student has been vaccinated against meningococcal meningitis and hepatitis B. The form shall include all of the following:

(1) The information described in division (A) of this section and a means for the student or the student's parent to acknowledge having received and read the information;

(2) A space for the student or the student's parent to indicate one of the following:

(a) The student has been vaccinated against meningococcal meningitis, and the year the vaccination was given.

(b) The student has not been vaccinated against meningococcal meningitis.

(3) A space for the student or the student's parent to indicate one of the following:

(a) The student has been vaccinated against hepatitis B, and the year the vaccination was given.

(b) The student has not been vaccinated against hepatitis B.

Sec. 3781.106. (A) The board of building standards shall adopt rules, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, for the use of a device by a staff member of a public or private school or institution of higher education that prevents both ingress and egress through a door in a school building, for a finite period of time, in an emergency situation, and during active shooter drills. The rules shall provide that the use of a device is permissible only if the device requires minimal steps to remove it after it is engaged.

The rules shall provide that the administrative authority of a building notify the police chief, or equivalent, of the law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the building, and the fire chief, or equivalent, of the fire department that serves the political subdivision in which the building is located, prior to the use of such devices in a building.

The rules may require that the device be visible from the exterior of the door.

(B) The device described in division (A) of this section shall not be permanently mounted to the door.

(C) Each public and private school and institution of higher education shall provide its staff members in-service training on the use of the device described in division (A) of this section. The school shall maintain a record verifying this training on file.

(D) In consultation with the state board of education and the chancellor of higher education, the board shall determine and include in the rules a definition of "emergency situation." These rules shall apply to both existing and new school buildings.

(E) As used in this section:

(1) "Institution of higher education" means a state institution of higher education as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, a private nonprofit college or university located in this state that possesses a certificate of authorization issued pursuant to Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code, or a school located in this state that possesses a certificate of registration and one or more program authorizations issued by the state board of career colleges and schools under Chapter 3332. of the Revised Code.

(2) "Private school" means a chartered nonpublic school, an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code, or a nonchartered nonpublic school.

(3) "Public school" means any school operated by a school district board of education, any community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, any STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, and any college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code.

(4) "School building" means a structure used for the instruction of students by a public or private school or institution of higher education.

Sec. 3781.11. (A) The rules of the board of building standards shall:

(1) For nonresidential buildings, provide uniform minimum standards and requirements, and for residential buildings, provide standards and requirements that are uniform throughout the state, for construction and

construction materials, including construction of industrialized units, to make residential and nonresidential buildings safe and sanitary as defined in section 3781.06 of the Revised Code;

(2) Formulate such standards and requirements, so far as may be practicable, in terms of performance objectives, so as to make adequate performance for the use intended the test of acceptability;

(3) Permit, to the fullest extent feasible, the use of materials and technical methods, devices, and improvements, including the use of industrialized units which tend to reduce the cost of construction and erection without affecting minimum requirements for the health, safety, and security of the occupants or users of buildings or industrialized units and without preferential treatment of types or classes of materials or products or methods of construction;

(4) Encourage, so far as may be practicable, the standardization of construction practices, methods, equipment, material, and techniques, including methods employed to produce industrialized units;

(5) Not require any alteration or repair of any part of a school building owned by a chartered nonpublic school or a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district and operated in conjunction with any primary or secondary school program that is not being altered or repaired if all of the following apply:

(a) The school building meets all of the applicable building code requirements in existence at the time of the construction of the building.

(b) The school building otherwise satisfies the requirements of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code.

(c) The part of the school building altered or repaired conforms to all rules of the board existing on the date of the repair or alteration.

(6) Not require any alteration or repair to any part of a workshop or factory that is not otherwise being altered, repaired, or added to if all of the following apply:

(a) The workshop or factory otherwise satisfies the requirements of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code.

(b) The part of the workshop or factory altered, repaired, or added conforms to all rules of the board existing on the date of plan approval of the repair, alteration, or addition.

(B) The rules of the board shall supersede and govern any order, standard, or rule of the division of industrial compliance in the department of commerce, division of the state fire marshal, the department of health, and of counties and townships, in all cases where such orders, standards, or rules are in conflict with the rules of the board, except that rules adopted and

orders issued by the state fire marshal pursuant to Chapter 3743. of the Revised Code prevail in the event of a conflict.

(C) The construction, alteration, erection, and repair of buildings including industrialized units, and the materials and devices of any kind used in connection with them and the heating and ventilating of them and the plumbing and electric wiring in them shall conform to the statutes of this state or the rules adopted and promulgated by the board, and to provisions of local ordinances not inconsistent therewith. Any building, structure, or part thereof, constructed, erected, altered, manufactured, or repaired not in accordance with the statutes of this state or with the rules of the board, and any building, structure, or part thereof in which there is installed, altered, or repaired any fixture, device, and material, or plumbing, heating, or ventilating system, or electric wiring not in accordance with such statutes or rules is a public nuisance.

(D) As used in this section:

(1) "Nonpublic school" means a chartered school for which minimum standards are prescribed by the state board of education pursuant to division (D) of section 3301.07 of the Revised Code or an accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Workshop or factory" includes manufacturing, mechanical, electrical, mercantile, art, and laundering establishments, printing, telegraph, and telephone offices, railroad depots, and memorial buildings, but does not include hotels and tenement and apartment houses.

Sec. 4729.513. A manufacturer of dangerous drugs may donate inhalers, as defined in section 3313.7113 of the Revised Code, and epinephrine autoinjectors to any of the following:

(A) The board of education of a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district;

(B) A community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code;

(C) A STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code;

(D) A college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code;

(E) A chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school. As used in this section, "accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4729.541. (A) Except as provided in divisions (B) to (D) of this section, all of the following are exempt from licensure as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs:

(1) A licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs;

(2) A business entity that is a corporation formed under division (B) of section 1701.03 of the Revised Code, a limited liability company formed under Chapter 1705. of the Revised Code, or a professional association formed under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code if the entity has a sole shareholder who is a prescriber and is authorized to provide the professional services being offered by the entity;

(3) A business entity that is a corporation formed under division (B) of section 1701.03 of the Revised Code, a limited liability company formed under Chapter 1705. of the Revised Code, a partnership or a limited liability partnership formed under Chapter 1775. of the Revised Code, or a professional association formed under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, if, to be a shareholder, member, or partner, an individual is required to be licensed, certified, or otherwise legally authorized under Title XLVII of the Revised Code to perform the professional service provided by the entity and each such individual is a prescriber;

(4) An individual who holds a current license, certificate, or registration issued under Title XLVII of the Revised Code and has been certified to conduct diabetes education by a national certifying body specified in rules adopted by the state board of pharmacy under section 4729.68 of the Revised Code, but only with respect to insulin that will be used for the purpose of diabetes education and only if diabetes education is within the individual's scope of practice under statutes and rules regulating the individual's profession;

(5) An individual who holds a valid certificate issued by a nationally recognized S.C.U.B.A. diving certifying organization approved by the state board of pharmacy under rules adopted by the board, but only with respect to medical oxygen that will be used for the purpose of emergency care or treatment at the scene of a diving emergency;

(6) With respect to epinephrine autoinjectors that may be possessed under section 3313.7110, 3313.7111, 3314.143, 3326.28, or 3328.29 of the Revised Code, any of the following: the board of education of a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district; a chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school; a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code; a STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code; or a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code; As used in this section, "accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(7) With respect to epinephrine autoinjectors that may be possessed

under section 5101.76 of the Revised Code, any of the following: a residential camp, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code; a child day camp, as defined in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code; or a child day camp operated by any county, township, municipal corporation, township park district created under section 511.18 of the Revised Code, park district created under section 1545.04 of the Revised Code, or joint recreation district established under section 755.14 of the Revised Code;

(8) With respect to epinephrine autoinjectors that may be possessed under Chapter 3728. of the Revised Code, a qualified entity, as defined in section 3728.01 of the Revised Code;

(9) With respect to inhalers that may be possessed under section 3313.7113, 3313.7114, 3314.144, 3326.30, or 3328.30 of the Revised Code, any of the following: the board of education of a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district; a chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school; a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code; a STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code; or a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code;

(10) With respect to inhalers that may be possessed under section 5101.77 of the Revised Code, any of the following: a residential camp, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code; a child day camp, as defined in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code; or a child day camp operated by any county, township, municipal corporation, township park district created under section 511.18 of the Revised Code, park district created under section 1545.04 of the Revised Code, or joint recreation district established under section 755.14 of the Revised Code;

(11) With respect to naloxone that may be possessed under section 2925.61 of the Revised Code, a law enforcement agency and its peace officers;

(12) With respect to naloxone that may be possessed under section 4729.514 of the Revised Code, a service entity, as defined in that section;

(13) A facility that is owned and operated by the United States department of defense, the United States department of veterans affairs, or any other federal agency.

(B) If a person described in division (A) of this section is a pain management clinic or is operating a pain management clinic, the person shall hold a license as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs with a pain management clinic classification issued under section 4729.552 of the Revised Code.

(C) If a person described in division (A) of this section is operating a

facility, clinic, or other location described in division (B) of section 4729.553 of the Revised Code that must hold a category III terminal distributor of dangerous drugs license with an office-based opioid treatment classification, the person shall hold a license with that classification.

(D) Any of the persons described in divisions (A)(1) to (12) of this section shall hold a license as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs in order to possess, have custody or control of, and distribute any of the following:

(1) Dangerous drugs that are compounded or used for the purpose of compounding;

(2) A schedule I, II, III, IV, or V controlled substance, as defined in section 3719.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5104.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Administrator" means the person responsible for the daily operation of a center, type A home, or type B home. The administrator and the owner may be the same person.

(B) "Approved child day camp" means a child day camp approved pursuant to section 5104.22 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Border state child care provider" means a child care provider that is located in a state bordering Ohio and that is licensed, certified, or otherwise approved by that state to provide child care.

(D) "Career pathways model" means an alternative pathway to meeting the requirements to be a child-care staff member or administrator that does both of the following:

(1) Uses a framework approved by the director of job and family services to document formal education, training, experience, and specialized credentials and certifications;

(2) Allows the child-care staff member or administrator to achieve a designation as an early childhood professional level one, two, three, four, five, or six.

(E) "Caretaker parent" means the father or mother of a child whose presence in the home is needed as the caretaker of the child, a person who has legal custody of a child and whose presence in the home is needed as the caretaker of the child, a guardian of a child whose presence in the home is needed as the caretaker of the child, and any other person who stands in loco parentis with respect to the child and whose presence in the home is needed as the caretaker of the child.

(F)(1) "Chartered nonpublic school" means a school that meets standards for nonpublic schools prescribed by the state board of education for nonpublic schools pursuant to section 3301.07 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(G) "Child" includes an infant, toddler, preschool-age child, or school-age child.

(H) "Child care block grant act" means the "Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990," established in section 5082 of the "Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990," 104 Stat. 1388-236 (1990), 42 U.S.C. 9858, as amended.

(I) "Child day camp" means a program in which only school-age children attend or participate, that operates for no more than seven hours per day, that operates only during one or more public school district's regular vacation periods or for no more than fifteen weeks during the summer, and that operates outdoor activities for each child who attends or participates in the program for a minimum of fifty per cent of each day that children attend or participate in the program, except for any day when hazardous weather conditions prevent the program from operating outdoor activities for a minimum of fifty per cent of that day. For purposes of this division, the maximum seven hours of operation time does not include transportation time from a child's home to a child day camp and from a child day camp to a child's home.

(J) "Child care" means all of the following:

(1) Administering to the needs of infants, toddlers, preschool-age children, and school-age children outside of school hours;

(2) By persons other than their parents, guardians, or custodians;

(3) For any part of the twenty-four-hour day;

(4) In a place other than a child's own home, except that an in-home aide provides child care in the child's own home.

(K) "Child day-care center" and "center" mean any place in which child care or publicly funded child care is provided for thirteen or more children at one time or any place that is not the permanent residence of the licensee or administrator in which child care or publicly funded child care is provided for seven to twelve children at one time. In counting children for the purposes of this division, any children under six years of age who are related to a licensee, administrator, or employee and who are on the premises of the center shall be counted. "Child day-care center" and "center" do not include any of the following:

(1) A place located in and operated by a hospital, as defined in section 3727.01 of the Revised Code, in which the needs of children are administered to, if all the children whose needs are being administered to are monitored under the on-site supervision of a physician licensed under

Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code or a registered nurse licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code, and the services are provided only for children who, in the opinion of the child's parent, guardian, or custodian, are exhibiting symptoms of a communicable disease or other illness or are injured;

(2) A child day camp;

(3) A place that provides child care, but not publicly funded child care, if all of the following apply:

(a) An organized religious body provides the child care;

(b) A parent, custodian, or guardian of at least one child receiving child care is on the premises and readily accessible at all times;

(c) The child care is not provided for more than thirty days a year;

(d) The child care is provided only for preschool-age and school-age children.

(L) "Child care resource and referral service organization" means a community-based nonprofit organization that provides child care resource and referral services but not child care.

(M) "Child care resource and referral services" means all of the following services:

(1) Maintenance of a uniform data base of all child care providers in the community that are in compliance with this chapter, including current occupancy and vacancy data;

(2) Provision of individualized consumer education to families seeking child care;

(3) Provision of timely referrals of available child care providers to families seeking child care;

(4) Recruitment of child care providers;

(5) Assistance in the development, conduct, and dissemination of training for child care providers and provision of technical assistance to current and potential child care providers, employers, and the community;

(6) Collection and analysis of data on the supply of and demand for child care in the community;

(7) Technical assistance concerning locally, state, and federally funded child care and early childhood education programs;

(8) Stimulation of employer involvement in making child care more affordable, more available, safer, and of higher quality for their employees and for the community;

(9) Provision of written educational materials to caretaker parents and informational resources to child care providers;

(10) Coordination of services among child care resource and referral

service organizations to assist in developing and maintaining a statewide system of child care resource and referral services if required by the department of job and family services;

(11) Cooperation with the county department of job and family services in encouraging the establishment of parent cooperative child care centers and parent cooperative type A family day-care homes.

(N) "Child-care staff member" means an employee of a child day-care center or type A family day-care home who is primarily responsible for the care and supervision of children. The administrator may be a part-time child-care staff member when not involved in other duties.

(O) "Drop-in child day-care center," "drop-in center," "drop-in type A family day-care home," and "drop-in type A home" mean a center or type A home that provides child care or publicly funded child care for children on a temporary, irregular basis.

(P) "Employee" means a person who either:

(1) Receives compensation for duties performed in a child day-care center or type A family day-care home;

(2) Is assigned specific working hours or duties in a child day-care center or type A family day-care home.

(Q) "Employer" means a person, firm, institution, organization, or agency that operates a child day-care center or type A family day-care home subject to licensure under this chapter.

(R) "Federal poverty line" means the official poverty guideline as revised annually in accordance with section 673(2) of the "Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981," 95 Stat. 511, 42 U.S.C. 9902, as amended, for a family size equal to the size of the family of the person whose income is being determined.

(S) "Head start program" means a comprehensive child development program serving birth to three years old and preschool-age children that receives funds distributed under the "Head Start Act," 95 Stat. 499 (1981), 42 U.S.C.A. 9831, as amended, and is licensed as a child day-care center.

(T) "Income" means gross income, as defined in section 5107.10 of the Revised Code, less any amounts required by federal statutes or regulations to be disregarded.

(U) "Indicator checklist" means an inspection tool, used in conjunction with an instrument-based program monitoring information system, that contains selected licensing requirements that are statistically reliable indicators or predictors of a child day-care center's type A family day-care home's, or licensed type B family day-care home's compliance with licensing requirements.

(V) "Infant" means a child who is less than eighteen months of age.

(W) "In-home aide" means a person who does not reside with the child but provides care in the child's home and is certified by a county director of job and family services pursuant to section 5104.12 of the Revised Code to provide publicly funded child care to a child in a child's own home pursuant to this chapter and any rules adopted under it.

(X) "Instrument-based program monitoring information system" means a method to assess compliance with licensing requirements for child day-care centers, type A family day-care homes, and licensed type B family day-care homes in which each licensing requirement is assigned a weight indicative of the relative importance of the requirement to the health, growth, and safety of the children that is used to develop an indicator checklist.

(Y) "License capacity" means the maximum number in each age category of children who may be cared for in a child day-care center or type A family day-care home at one time as determined by the director of job and family services considering building occupancy limits established by the department of commerce, amount of available indoor floor space and outdoor play space, and amount of available play equipment, materials, and supplies. For the purposes of a provisional license issued under this chapter, the director shall also consider the number of available child-care staff members when determining "license capacity" for the provisional license.

(Z) "Licensed child care program" means any of the following:

(1) A child day-care center licensed by the department of job and family services pursuant to this chapter;

(2) A type A family day-care home or type B family day-care home licensed by the department of job and family services pursuant to this chapter;

(3) A licensed preschool program or licensed school child program.

(AA) "Licensed preschool program" or "licensed school child program" means a preschool program or school child program, as defined in section 3301.52 of the Revised Code, that is licensed by the department of education pursuant to sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code.

(BB) "Licensed type B family day-care home" and "licensed type B home" mean a type B family day-care home for which there is a valid license issued by the director of job and family services pursuant to section 5104.03 of the Revised Code.

(CC) "Licensee" means the owner of a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, or type B family day-care home that is licensed pursuant to this chapter and who is responsible for ensuring its compliance

with this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.

(DD) "Operate a child day camp" means to operate, establish, manage, conduct, or maintain a child day camp.

(EE) "Owner" includes a person, as defined in section 1.59 of the Revised Code, or government entity.

(FF) "Parent cooperative child day-care center," "parent cooperative center," "parent cooperative type A family day-care home," and "parent cooperative type A home" mean a corporation or association organized for providing educational services to the children of members of the corporation or association, without gain to the corporation or association as an entity, in which the services of the corporation or association are provided only to children of the members of the corporation or association, ownership and control of the corporation or association rests solely with the members of the corporation or association, and at least one parent-member of the corporation or association is on the premises of the center or type A home during its hours of operation.

(GG) "Part-time child day-care center," "part-time center," "part-time type A family day-care home," and "part-time type A home" mean a center or type A home that provides child care or publicly funded child care for not more than four hours a day for any child or not more than fifteen consecutive weeks per year, regardless of the number of hours per day.

(HH) "Place of worship" means a building where activities of an organized religious group are conducted and includes the grounds and any other buildings on the grounds used for such activities.

(II) "Preschool-age child" means a child who is three years old or older but is not a school-age child.

(JJ) "Protective child care" means publicly funded child care for the direct care and protection of a child to whom either of the following applies:

(1) A case plan prepared and maintained for the child pursuant to section 2151.412 of the Revised Code indicates a need for protective care and the child resides with a parent, stepparent, guardian, or another person who stands in loco parentis as defined in rules adopted under section 5104.38 of the Revised Code;

(2) The child and the child's caretaker either temporarily reside in a facility providing emergency shelter for homeless families or are determined by the county department of job and family services to be homeless, and are otherwise ineligible for publicly funded child care.

(KK) "Publicly funded child care" means administering to the needs of infants, toddlers, preschool-age children, and school-age children under age thirteen during any part of the twenty-four-hour day by persons other than

their caretaker parents for remuneration wholly or in part with federal or state funds, including funds available under the child care block grant act, Title IV-A, and Title XX, distributed by the department of job and family services.

(LL) "Religious activities" means any of the following: worship or other religious services; religious instruction; Sunday school classes or other religious classes conducted during or prior to worship or other religious services; youth or adult fellowship activities; choir or other musical group practices or programs; meals; festivals; or meetings conducted by an organized religious group.

(MM) "School-age child" means a child who is enrolled in or is eligible to be enrolled in a grade of kindergarten or above but is less than fifteen years old.

(NN) "School-age child care center" and "school-age child type A home" mean a center or type A home that provides child care for school-age children only and that does either or both of the following:

(1) Operates only during that part of the day that immediately precedes or follows the public school day of the school district in which the center or type A home is located;

(2) Operates only when the public schools in the school district in which the center or type A home is located are not open for instruction with pupils in attendance.

(OO) "Serious risk noncompliance" means a licensure or certification rule violation that leads to a great risk of harm to, or death of, a child, and is observable, not inferable.

(PP) "State median income" means the state median income calculated by the department of development pursuant to division (A)(1)(g) of section 5709.61 of the Revised Code.

(QQ) "Title IV-A" means Title IV-A of the "Social Security Act," 110 Stat. 2113 (1996), 42 U.S.C. 601, as amended.

(RR) "Title XX" means Title XX of the "Social Security Act," 88 Stat. 2337 (1974), 42 U.S.C. 1397, as amended.

(SS) "Toddler" means a child who is at least eighteen months of age but less than three years of age.

(TT) "Type A family day-care home" and "type A home" mean a permanent residence of the administrator in which child care or publicly funded child care is provided for seven to twelve children at one time or a permanent residence of the administrator in which child care is provided for four to twelve children at one time if four or more children at one time are under two years of age. In counting children for the purposes of this

division, any children under six years of age who are related to a licensee, administrator, or employee and who are on the premises of the type A home shall be counted. "Type A family day-care home" and "type A home" do not include any child day camp.

(UU) "Type B family day-care home" and "type B home" mean a permanent residence of the provider in which child care is provided for one to six children at one time and in which no more than three children are under two years of age at one time. In counting children for the purposes of this division, any children under six years of age who are related to the provider and who are on the premises of the type B home shall be counted. "Type B family day-care home" and "type B home" do not include any child day camp.

Sec. 5104.02. (A) The director of job and family services is responsible for the licensing of child day-care centers and type A family day-care homes. Each entity operating a head start program shall meet the criteria for, and be licensed as, a child day-care center. The director is responsible for the enforcement of this chapter and of rules promulgated pursuant to this chapter.

No person, firm, organization, institution, or agency shall operate, establish, manage, conduct, or maintain a child day-care center or type A family day-care home without a license issued under section 5104.03 of the Revised Code. The current license shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the center or type A home that is accessible to parents, custodians, or guardians and employees of the center or type A home at all times when the center or type A home is in operation.

(B) A person, firm, institution, organization, or agency operating any of the following programs is exempt from the requirements of this chapter:

(1) A program of child care that operates for two or less consecutive weeks;

(2) Child care in places of worship during religious activities during which children are cared for while at least one parent, guardian, or custodian of each child is participating in such activities and is readily available;

(3) Religious activities which do not provide child care;

(4) Supervised training, instruction, or activities of children in specific areas, including, but not limited to: art; drama; dance; music; gymnastics, swimming, or another athletic skill or sport; computers; or an educational subject conducted on an organized or periodic basis no more than one day a week and for no more than six hours duration;

(5) Programs in which the director determines that at least one parent, custodian, or guardian of each child is on the premises of the facility

offering child care and is readily accessible at all times, except that child care provided on the premises at which a parent, custodian, or guardian is employed more than two and one-half hours a day shall be licensed in accordance with division (A) of this section;

(6)(a) Programs that provide child care funded and regulated or operated and regulated by state departments other than the department of job and family services or the state board of education when the director of job and family services has determined that the rules governing the program are equivalent to or exceed the rules promulgated pursuant to this chapter.

Notwithstanding any exemption from regulation under this chapter, each state department shall submit to the director of job and family services a copy of the rules that govern programs that provide child care and are regulated or operated and regulated by the department. Annually, each state department shall submit to the director a report for each such program it regulates or operates and regulates that includes the following information:

- (i) The site location of the program;
- (ii) The maximum number of infants, toddlers, preschool-age children, or school-age children served by the program at one time;
- (iii) The number of adults providing child care for the number of infants, toddlers, preschool-age children, or school-age children;
- (iv) Any changes in the rules made subsequent to the time when the rules were initially submitted to the director.

The director shall maintain a record of the child care information submitted by other state departments and shall provide this information upon request to the general assembly or the public.

(b) Child care programs conducted by boards of education or by chartered or accredited nonpublic schools that are conducted in school buildings and that provide child care to school-age children only shall be exempt from meeting or exceeding rules promulgated pursuant to this chapter.

(7) Any preschool program or school child program, except a head start program, that is subject to licensure by the department of education under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code.

(8) Any program providing child care that meets all of the following requirements and, on October 20, 1987, was being operated by a nonpublic school that holds a charter issued by the state board of education for kindergarten only or an accredited nonpublic school:

(a) The nonpublic school has given the notice to the state board and the director of job and family services required by Section 4 of Substitute House Bill No. 253 of the 117th general assembly;

(b) The nonpublic school continues to be chartered by the state board for kindergarten, or receives and continues to hold a charter from the state board for kindergarten through grade five or is an accredited nonpublic school;

(c) The program is conducted in a school building;

(d) The program is operated in accordance with rules promulgated by the state board under sections 3301.52 to 3301.57 of the Revised Code.

(9) A youth development program operated outside of school hours by a community-based center to which all of the following apply:

(a) The children enrolled in the program are under nineteen years of age and enrolled in or eligible to be enrolled in a grade of kindergarten or above.

(b) The program provides informal child care, which is child care that does not require parental signature, permission, or notice for the child receiving the care to enter or leave the program;

(c) The program provides any of the following supervised activities: educational, recreational, culturally enriching, social, and personal development activities.

(d) The program is eligible for participation in the child and adult care food program as an outside-school-hours care center pursuant to standards established under section 3313.813 of the Revised Code.

(e) The community-based center operating the program is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 501(a) and (c)(3).

(10) A preschool program operated by a nonchartered, nontax-supported school if the preschool program meets all of the following conditions:

(a) The program complies with state and local health, fire, and safety laws.

(b) The program annually certifies in a report to the parents of its pupils that the school is in compliance with division (B)(10)(a) of this section and files a copy of the report with the department of job and family services on or before the thirtieth day of September of each year.

(c) The program complies with all applicable reporting requirements in the same manner as required by the state board of education for nonchartered, nonpublic primary and secondary schools.

(d) The program is associated with a nonchartered, nontax-supported primary or secondary school.

Sec. 5139.18. (A) Except with respect to children who are granted a judicial release to court supervision pursuant to division (B) or (D) of section 2152.22 of the Revised Code, the department of youth services is responsible for locating homes or jobs for children released from its institutions, for supervision of children released from its institutions, and for

providing or arranging for the provision to those children of appropriate services that are required to facilitate their satisfactory community adjustment. Regional administrators through their staff of parole officers shall supervise children paroled or released to community supervision in a manner that insures as nearly as possible the children's rehabilitation and that provides maximum protection to the general public.

(B) The department of youth services shall exercise general supervision over all children who have been released on placement from any of its institutions other than children who are granted a judicial release to court supervision pursuant to division (B) or (D) of section 2152.22 of the Revised Code. The director of youth services, with the consent and approval of the board of county commissioners of any county, may contract with the public children services agency of that county, the department of probation of that county established pursuant to section 2301.27 of the Revised Code, or the probation department or service established pursuant to sections 2151.01 to 2151.54 of the Revised Code for the provision of direct supervision and control over and the provision of supportive assistance to all children who have been released on placement into that county from any of its institutions, or, with the consent of the juvenile judge or the administrative judge of the juvenile court of any county, contract with any other public agency, institution, or organization that is qualified to provide the care and supervision that is required under the terms and conditions of the child's treatment plan for the provision of direct supervision and control over and the provision of supportive assistance to all children who have been released on placement into that county from any of its institutions.

(C) A juvenile parole officer shall furnish to a child placed on community control under the parole officer's supervision a statement of the conditions of parole and shall instruct the child regarding them. The parole officer shall keep informed concerning the conduct and condition of a child under the parole officer's supervision and shall report on the child's conduct to the judge as the judge directs. A parole officer shall use all suitable methods to aid a child on community control and to improve the child's conduct and condition. A parole officer shall keep full and accurate records of work done for children under the parole officer's supervision.

(D) In accordance with division (D) of section 2151.14 of the Revised Code, a court may issue an order requiring boards of education, governing bodies of chartered and accredited nonpublic schools, public children services agencies, private child placing agencies, probation departments, law enforcement agencies, and prosecuting attorneys that have records related to the child in question to provide copies of one or more specified records, or

specified information in one or more specified records, that the individual or entity has with respect to the child to the department of youth services when the department has custody of the child or is performing any services for the child that are required by the juvenile court or by statute, and the department requests the records in accordance with division (D)(3)(a) of section 2151.14 of the Revised Code.

As used in this division, "accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(E) Whenever any placement official has reasonable cause to believe that any child released by a court pursuant to section 2152.22 of the Revised Code has violated the conditions of the child's placement, the official may request, in writing, from the committing court or transferee court a custodial order, and, upon reasonable and probable cause, the court may order any sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, or police officer to apprehend the child. A child so apprehended may be confined in the detention facility of the county in which the child is apprehended until further order of the court. If a child who was released on supervised release by the release authority of the department of youth services or a child who was granted a judicial release to department of youth services supervision violates the conditions of the supervised release or judicial release, section 5139.52 of the Revised Code applies with respect to that child.

SECTION 130.71. That existing sections 921.06, 955.43, 3301.07, 3301.071, 3301.0711, 3301.16, 3301.162, 3301.164, 3301.52, 3301.541, 3302.07, 3302.41, 3310.01, 3312.01, 3312.04, 3312.05, 3312.09, 3313.41, 3313.48, 3313.481, 3313.482, 3313.536, 3313.539, 3313.5311, 3313.603, 3313.62, 3313.716, 3313.717, 3313.718, 3313.719, 3313.7111, 3313.7112, 3313.7114, 3313.813, 3313.86, 3313.976, 3317.024, 3317.03, 3317.06, 3317.062, 3317.063, 3317.13, 3319.311, 3319.313, 3319.314, 3319.317, 3319.39, 3319.391, 3319.392, 3319.40, 3319.52, 3321.01, 3326.01, 3326.03, 3326.032, 3326.04, 3326.09, 3327.07, 3327.10, 3365.01, 3365.02, 3701.133, 3781.106, 3781.11, 4729.513, 4729.541, 5104.01, 5104.02, and 5139.18 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 130.72. (A) The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate shall appoint a joint committee of the General Assembly to study the effects of the creation of accredited nonpublic schools by this act. The committee shall consist of the following six

members:

(1) The chairperson of the standing committee of the House of Representatives principally responsible for primary and secondary education policy;

(2) The chairperson of the standing committee of the Senate principally responsible for primary and secondary education policy;

(3) Two other members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker, one of whom is from the majority party and one of whom is from the minority party;

(4) Two other members of the Senate appointed by the President, one of whom is from the majority party and one of whom is from the minority party.

(B) In completing the study required under this section, the committee shall compare data from accredited nonpublic schools before and after the effective date of this act. The committee also shall compare data of accredited schools to other public schools and private school associations, as available. The committee shall compare aggregate data on all of the following:

(1) Remediation rates;

(2) SAT and ACT test scores;

(3) College acceptance and attendance rates;

(4) Results of other standardized tests for lower grade levels.

(C) Not later than two years after the effective date of this section, the committee shall submit a report to the General Assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code that includes recommendations on expanding the designation to chartered nonpublic schools not accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States. The report also shall include criteria that should be used to qualify chartered nonpublic schools for such an expansion.

SECTION 130.73. Nothing in this act shall be construed to give preference or heightened approval of a chartered nonpublic school accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States over a chartered nonpublic school accredited by any other association or organization.

SECTION 130.80. That sections 133.18, 306.32, 306.322, 345.01, 345.03, 345.04, 505.37, 505.48, 505.481, 511.27, 511.28, 511.34, 513.18, 755.181, 1545.041, 1545.21, 1711.30, 3311.50, 3318.01, 3318.06, 3318.061,

3318.062, 3318.063, 3318.361, 3318.45, 3381.03, 3505.06, 4582.024, 4582.26, 5705.01, 5705.03, 5705.192, 5705.195, 5705.196, 5705.197, 5705.199, 5705.21, 5705.212, 5705.213, 5705.215, 5705.218, 5705.219, 5705.233, 5705.25, 5705.251, 5705.261, 5705.55, 5748.01, 5748.02, 5748.03, 5748.04, 5748.08, and 5748.09 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 133.18. (A) The taxing authority of a subdivision may by legislation submit to the electors of the subdivision the question of issuing any general obligation bonds, for one purpose, that the subdivision has power or authority to issue.

(B) When the taxing authority of a subdivision desires or is required by law to submit the question of a bond issue to the electors, it shall pass legislation that does all of the following:

- (1) Declares the necessity and purpose of the bond issue;
- (2) States the date of the authorized election at which the question shall be submitted to the electors;
- (3) States the amount, approximate date, estimated net average rate of interest, and maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid;
- (4) Declares the necessity of levying a tax outside the tax limitation to pay the debt charges on the bonds and any anticipatory securities.

The estimated net average interest rate shall be determined by the taxing authority based on, among other factors, then existing market conditions, and may reflect adjustments for any anticipated direct payments expected to be received by the taxing authority from the government of the United States relating to the bonds and the effect of any federal tax credits anticipated to be available to owners of all or a portion of the bonds. The estimated net average rate of interest, and any statutory or charter limit on interest rates that may then be in effect and that is subsequently amended, shall not be a limitation on the actual interest rate or rates on the securities when issued.

(C)(1) The taxing authority shall certify a copy of the legislation passed under division (B) of this section to the county auditor. The county auditor shall promptly calculate and advise and, not later than ninety days before the election, confirm that advice by certification to, the taxing authority the estimated average annual property tax levy, expressed in ~~cents or dollars and cents~~ for each one hundred thousand dollars of ~~tax valuation~~ fair market value and in mills for each one dollar of ~~tax valuation~~ taxable value, that the county auditor estimates to be required throughout the stated maturity of the

bonds to pay the debt charges on the bonds. The auditor shall additionally calculate and certify the amount the levy is estimated to collect for each tax year it is levied, rounded to the nearest dollar. In calculating the estimated average annual property tax levy and the levy's estimated annual collections for this purpose, the county auditor shall assume that the bonds are issued in one series bearing interest and maturing in substantially equal principal amounts in each year over the maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid as stated in that legislation, and that the amount of the tax valuation of the subdivision for the current year remains the same throughout the maturity of the bonds, except as otherwise provided in division (C)(2) of this section. If the tax valuation for the current year is not determined, the county auditor shall base the calculation on the estimated amount of the tax valuation submitted by the county auditor to the county budget commission. If the subdivision is located in more than one county, the county auditor shall obtain the assistance of the county auditors of the other counties, and those county auditors shall provide assistance, in establishing the tax valuation of the subdivision for purposes of certifying the estimated average annual property tax levy and the levy's estimated annual collections.

(2) When considering the tangible personal property component of the tax valuation of the subdivision, the county auditor shall take into account the assessment percentages prescribed in section 5711.22 of the Revised Code. The tax commissioner may issue rules, orders, or instructions directing how the assessment percentages must be utilized.

(D) After receiving the county auditor's advice under division (C) of this section, the taxing authority by legislation may determine to proceed with submitting the question of the issue of securities, and shall, not later than the ninetieth day before the day of the election, file the following with the board of elections:

(1) Copies of the legislation provided for in divisions (B) and (D) of this section;

(2) The amount of the estimated average annual property tax levy, expressed in ~~cents or~~ dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred thousand dollars of ~~tax valuation~~ fair market value and in mills for each one dollar of ~~tax valuation~~ taxable value, as estimated and certified to the taxing authority by the county auditor;

(3) The amount the levy is estimated to collect for each tax year it is levied, as certified to the taxing authority by the county auditor.

(E)(1) The board of elections shall prepare the ballots and make other necessary arrangements for the submission of the question to the electors of

the subdivision. If the subdivision is located in more than one county, the board shall inform the boards of elections of the other counties of the filings with it, and those other boards shall if appropriate make the other necessary arrangements for the election in their counties. The election shall be conducted, canvassed, and certified in the manner provided in Title XXXV of the Revised Code.

(2) The election shall be held at the regular places for voting in the subdivision. If the electors of only a part of a precinct are qualified to vote at the election the board of elections may assign the electors in that part to an adjoining precinct, including an adjoining precinct in another county if the board of elections of the other county consents to and approves the assignment. Each elector so assigned shall be notified of that fact prior to the election by notice mailed by the board of elections, in such manner as it determines, prior to the election.

(3) The board of elections shall publish a notice of the election once in a newspaper of general circulation in the subdivision, no later than ten days prior to the election. The notice shall state all of the following:

- (a) The principal amount of the proposed bond issue;
- (b) The stated purpose for which the bonds are to be issued;
- (c) The maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid;
- (d) The estimated annual collections of the property tax;
- (e) The estimated additional average annual property tax levy, expressed in ~~cents or dollars and cents~~ for each one hundred ~~thousand~~ dollars of ~~tax valuation~~ fair market value and in mills for each one dollar of ~~tax valuation~~ taxable value, to be levied outside the tax limitation, as estimated and certified to the taxing authority by the county auditor;
- (~~e~~) (f) The first calendar year in which the tax is expected to be due.

(F)(~~F~~) The form of the ballot to be used at the election shall be substantially either of the following, as applicable:

- (~~a~~) (1) "Shall bonds be issued by the (name of subdivision) for the purpose of (purpose of the bond issue) in the principal amount of \$..... (principal amount of the bond issue), to be repaid annually over a maximum period of (the maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid) years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the (as applicable, "ten-mill" or "...charter tax") limitation, estimated by the county auditor to collect \$..... annually and to average over the repayment period of the bond issue (~~number of mills~~) mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of ~~tax valuation~~ taxable value, which amounts to \$..... (~~rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents, such as "36~~

~~cents" or "\$1.41") for each one hundred dollars \$100,000 of tax valuation~~ fair market value, commencing in (first year the tax will be levied), first due in calendar year (first calendar year in which the tax shall be due), to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?

	For the bond issue	
	Against the bond issue	"

~~(b)~~ (2) In the case of an election held pursuant to legislation adopted under section 3375.43 or 3375.431 of the Revised Code:

"Shall bonds be issued for (name of library) for the purpose of (purpose of the bond issue), in the principal amount of \$..... (amount of the bond issue) by (the name of the subdivision that is to issue the bonds and levy the tax) as the issuer of the bonds, to be repaid annually over a maximum period of (the maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid) years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to collect \$..... annually and to average over the repayment period of the bond issue ~~(number of mills)~~ mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of tax valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... ~~(rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents, such as "36 cents" or "\$1.41")~~ for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$100,000 of tax valuation fair market value, commencing in (first year the tax will be levied), first due in calendar year (first calendar year in which the tax shall be due), to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?

	For the bond issue	
	Against the bond issue	"

~~(2) The purpose for which the bonds are to be issued shall be printed in the space indicated, in boldface type.~~

(G) The board of elections shall promptly certify the results of the election to the tax commissioner, the county auditor of each county in which any part of the subdivision is located, and the fiscal officer of the subdivision. The election, including the proceedings for and result of the election, is incontestable other than in a contest filed under section 3515.09 of the Revised Code in which the plaintiff prevails.

(H) If a majority of the electors voting upon the question vote for it, the

taxing authority of the subdivision may proceed under sections 133.21 to 133.33 of the Revised Code with the issuance of the securities and with the levy and collection of a property tax outside the tax limitation during the period the securities are outstanding sufficient in amount to pay the debt charges on the securities, including debt charges on any anticipatory securities required to be paid from that tax. If legislation passed under section 133.22 or 133.23 of the Revised Code authorizing those securities is filed with the county auditor on or before the last day of November, the amount of the voted property tax levy required to pay debt charges or estimated debt charges on the securities payable in the following year shall if requested by the taxing authority be included in the taxes levied for collection in the following year under section 319.30 of the Revised Code.

(I)(1) If, before any securities authorized at an election under this section are issued, the net indebtedness of the subdivision exceeds that applicable to that subdivision or those securities, then and so long as that is the case none of the securities may be issued.

(2) No securities authorized at an election under this section may be initially issued after the first day of the sixth January following the election, but this period of limitation shall not run for any time during which any part of the permanent improvement for which the securities have been authorized, or the issuing or validity of any part of the securities issued or to be issued, or the related proceedings, is involved or questioned before a court or a commission or other tribunal, administrative agency, or board.

(3) Securities representing a portion of the amount authorized at an election that are issued within the applicable limitation on net indebtedness are valid and in no manner affected by the fact that the balance of the securities authorized cannot be issued by reason of the net indebtedness limitation or lapse of time.

(4) Nothing in this division (I) shall be interpreted or applied to prevent the issuance of securities in an amount to fund or refund anticipatory securities lawfully issued.

(5) The limitations of divisions (I)(1) and (2) of this section do not apply to any securities authorized at an election under this section if at least ten per cent of the principal amount of the securities, including anticipatory securities, authorized has theretofore been issued, or if the securities are to be issued for the purpose of participating in any federally or state-assisted program.

(6) The certificate of the fiscal officer of the subdivision is conclusive proof of the facts referred to in this division.

(J) As used in this section, "fair market value" has the same meaning as

in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 306.32. Any county, or any two or more counties, municipal corporations, or townships, or any combination of these, may create a regional transit authority by the adoption of a resolution or ordinance by the board of county commissioners of each county, the legislative authority of each municipal corporation, and the board of township trustees of each township which is to create or to join in the creation of the regional transit authority. The resolution or ordinance shall state:

(A) The necessity for the creation of a regional transit authority;

(B) The counties, municipal corporations, or townships which are to create or to join in the creation of the regional transit authority;

(C) The official name by which the regional transit authority shall be known;

(D) The place in which the principal office of the regional transit authority will be located or the manner in which it may be selected;

(E) The number, term, and compensation, or method for establishing compensation, of the members of the board of trustees of the regional transit authority. Compensation shall not exceed fifty dollars for each board and committee meeting attended by a member, except that if compensation is provided annually it shall not exceed six thousand dollars for the president of the board or four thousand eight hundred dollars for each other board member.

(F) The manner in which vacancies on the board of trustees of the regional transit authority shall be filled;

(G) The manner and to what extent the expenses of the regional transit authority shall be apportioned among the counties, municipal corporations, and townships creating it;

(H) The purposes, including the kinds of transit facilities, for which the regional transit authority is organized.

The regional transit authority provided for in the resolution or ordinance shall be deemed to be created upon the adoption of the resolution or ordinance by the board of county commissioners of each county, the legislative authority of each municipal corporation, and the board of township trustees of each township enumerated in the resolution or ordinance.

The resolution or ordinance creating a regional transit authority may be amended to include additional counties, municipal corporations, or townships or for any other purpose, by the adoption of the amendment by the board of county commissioners of each county, the legislative authority of each municipal corporation, and the board of township trustees of each

township which has created or joined or proposes to join the regional transit authority.

After each county, municipal corporation, and township which has created or joined or proposes to join the regional transit authority has adopted its resolution or ordinance approving inclusion of additional counties, municipal corporations, or townships in the regional transit authority, a copy of each resolution or ordinance shall be filed with the clerk of the board of the county commissioners of each county, the clerk of the legislative authority of each municipal corporation, and the fiscal officer of the board of trustees of each township proposed to be included in the regional transit authority. The inclusion is effective when all such filing has been completed, unless the regional transit authority to which territory is to be added has authority to levy an ad valorem tax on property, or a sales tax, within its territorial boundaries, in which event the inclusion shall become effective on the sixtieth day after the last such filing is accomplished, unless, prior to the expiration of the sixty-day period, qualified electors residing in the area proposed to be added to the regional transit authority, equal in number to at least ten per cent of the qualified electors from the area who voted for governor at the last gubernatorial election, file a petition of referendum against the inclusion. Any petition of referendum filed under this section shall be filed at the office of the secretary of the board of trustees of the regional transit authority. The person presenting the petition shall be given a receipt containing on it the time of the day, the date, and the purpose of the petition. The secretary of the board of trustees of the regional transit authority shall cause the appropriate board or boards of elections to check the sufficiency of signatures on any petition of referendum filed under this section and, if found to be sufficient, shall present the petition to the board of trustees at a meeting of said board which occurs not later than thirty days following the filing of said petition. Upon presentation to the board of trustees of a petition of referendum against the proposed inclusion, the board of trustees shall promptly certify the proposal to the board or boards of elections for the purpose of having the proposal placed on the ballot at the next general or primary election which occurs not less than ninety days after the date of the meeting of said board, or at a special election, the date of which shall be specified in the certification, which date shall be not less than ninety days after the date of such meeting of the board. Signatures on a petition of referendum may be withdrawn up to and including the meeting of the board of trustees certifying the proposal to the appropriate board or boards of elections. If territory of more than one county, municipal corporation, or township is to be added to the regional

transit authority, the electors of the territories of the counties, municipal corporations, or townships which are to be added shall vote as a district, and the majority affirmative vote shall be determined by the vote cast in the district as a whole. ~~Upon~~

If the proposal would extend the levy of an existing property tax to the territory to be added to the regional transit authority, the board of trustees of the regional transit board shall request from the county auditor an estimate of the levy's annual collections, assuming that the additional territory has been added to the regional transit authority, in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code. The auditor shall certify this estimate to the board within ten days after receiving the board's request.

Upon certification of a proposal to the appropriate board or boards of elections pursuant to this section, the board or boards of election shall make the necessary arrangements for the submission of the question to the electors of the territory to be added to the regional transit authority qualified to vote on the question, and the election shall be held, canvassed, and certified in the manner provided for the submission of tax levies under section 5705.191 of the Revised Code, except that the question appearing on the ballot shall read:

"Shall the territory within the (Name or names of political subdivisions to be joined) be added to (Name) regional transit authority?" and shall a(n) (here insert type of tax or taxes) at a rate ~~of taxation~~ not to exceed (here insert maximum tax rate or rates) be levied for all transit purposes?"

If the tax is a tax on property, the ballot shall express the levy's estimated annual collections and the rate shall be expressed numerically in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and numerically in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, as that term is defined in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

If the question is approved by at least a majority of the electors voting on the question, the joinder is immediately effective, and the regional transit authority may extend the levy of the tax against all the taxable property within the territory which has been added. If the question is approved at a general election or at a special election occurring prior to the general election but after the fifteenth day of July, the regional transit authority may amend its budget and resolution adopted pursuant to section 5705.34 of the Revised Code, and the levy shall be placed on the current tax list and duplicate and collected as other taxes are collected from all taxable property within the territorial boundaries of the regional transit authority, including

the territory within each political subdivision added as a result of the election.

The territorial boundaries of a regional transit authority shall be coextensive with the territorial boundaries of the counties, municipal corporations, and townships included within the regional transit authority, provided that the same area may be included in more than one regional transit authority so long as the regional transit authorities are not organized for purposes as provided for in the resolutions or ordinances creating the same, and any amendments to them, relating to the same kinds of transit facilities; and provided further, that if a regional transit authority includes only a portion of an entire county, a regional transit authority for the same purposes may be created in the remaining portion of the same county by resolution of the board of county commissioners acting alone or in conjunction with municipal corporations and townships as provided in this section.

No regional transit authority shall be organized after January 1, 1975, to include any area already included in a regional transit authority, except that any regional transit authority organized after June 29, 1974, and having territorial boundaries entirely within a single county shall, upon adoption by the board of county commissioners of the county of a resolution creating a regional transit authority including within its territorial jurisdiction the existing regional transit authority and for purposes including the purposes for which the existing regional transit authority was created, be dissolved and its territory included in such new regional transit authority. Any resolution creating such a new regional transit authority shall make adequate provision for satisfaction of the obligations of the dissolved regional transit authority.

Sec. 306.322. (A) For any regional transit authority that levies a property tax and that includes in its membership political subdivisions that are located in a county having a population of at least four hundred thousand according to the most recent federal census, the procedures of this section apply until November 5, 2013, and are in addition to and an alternative to those established in sections 306.32 and 306.321 of the Revised Code for joining to the regional transit authority additional counties, municipal corporations, or townships.

(B) Any municipal corporation or township may adopt a resolution or ordinance proposing to join a regional transit authority described in division (A) of this section. In its resolution or ordinance, the political subdivision may propose joining the regional transit authority for a limited period of three years or without a time limit.

(C) The political subdivision proposing to join the regional transit authority shall submit a copy of its resolution or ordinance to the legislative authority of each municipal corporation and the board of trustees of each township comprising the regional transit authority. Within thirty days of receiving the resolution or ordinance for inclusion in the regional transit authority, the legislative authority of each municipal corporation and the board of trustees of each township shall consider the question of whether to include the additional subdivision in the regional transit authority, shall adopt a resolution or ordinance approving or rejecting the inclusion of the additional subdivision, and shall present its resolution or ordinance to the board of trustees of the regional transit authority.

(D) If a majority of the political subdivisions comprising the regional transit authority approve the inclusion of the additional political subdivision, the board of trustees of the regional transit authority, not later than the tenth day following the day on which the last ordinance or resolution is presented, shall notify the subdivision proposing to join the regional transit authority that it may certify the proposal to the board of elections for the purpose of having the proposal placed on the ballot at the next general election or at a special election conducted on the day of the next primary election that occurs not less than ninety days after the resolution or ordinance is certified to the board of elections.

If the board proposes to extend the levy of an existing property tax to the territory to be added to the regional transit authority, the board shall request from the county auditor an estimate of the levy's annual collections, assuming that the additional territory has been added to the regional transit authority, in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code. The auditor shall certify this estimate to the board within ten days after receiving the board's request.

(E) Upon certification of a proposal to the board of elections pursuant to this section, the board of elections shall make the necessary arrangements for the submission of the question to the electors of the territory to be included in the regional transit authority qualified to vote on the question, and the election shall be held, canvassed, and certified in the same manner as regular elections for the election of officers of the subdivision proposing to join the regional transit authority, except that, if the resolution proposed the inclusion without a time limitation the question appearing on the ballot shall read:

"Shall the territory within the (Name or names of political subdivisions to be joined) be added to (Name) regional transit authority?" and shall a(n) (here insert type of

tax or taxes) at a rate ~~of taxation~~ not to exceed (here insert maximum tax rate or rates) be levied for all transit purposes?"

If the resolution proposed the inclusion with a three-year time limitation, the question appearing on the ballot shall read:

"Shall the territory within the (Name or names of political subdivisions to be joined) be added to (Name) regional transit authority?" for three years and shall a(n) (here insert type of tax or taxes) at a rate ~~of taxation~~ not to exceed (here insert maximum tax rate or rates) be levied for all transit purposes for three years?"

In either case, if the tax is a tax on property, the ballot shall express the levy's estimated annual collections and the rate shall be expressed numerically in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and numerically in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, as that term is defined in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

(F) If the question is approved by at least a majority of the electors voting on the question, the addition of the new territory is effective six months from the date of the certification of its passage, and the regional transit authority may extend the levy of the tax against all the taxable property within the territory that was added. If the question is approved at a general election or at a special election occurring prior to the general election but after the fifteenth day of July, the regional transit authority may amend its budget and resolution adopted pursuant to section 5705.34 of the Revised Code, and the levy shall be placed on the current tax list and duplicate and collected as other taxes are collected from all taxable property within the territorial boundaries of the regional transit authority, including the territory within the political subdivision added as a result of the election. If the budget of the regional transit authority is amended pursuant to this paragraph, the county auditor shall prepare and deliver an amended certificate of estimated resources to reflect the change in anticipated revenues of the regional transit authority.

(G) If the question is approved by at least a majority of the electors voting on the question, the board of trustees of the regional transit authority immediately shall amend the resolution or ordinance creating the regional transit authority to include the additional political subdivision.

(H) If the question approved by a majority of the electors voting on the question added the subdivision for three years, the territory of the additional municipal corporation or township in the regional transit authority shall be removed from the territory of the regional transit authority three years after the date the territory was added, as determined in the effective date of the

election, and shall no longer be a part of that authority without any further action by either the political subdivisions that were included in the authority prior to submitting the question to the electors or of the political subdivision added to the authority as a result of the election. The regional transit authority reduced to its territory as it existed prior to the inclusion of the additional municipal corporation or township shall be entitled to levy and collect any property taxes that it was authorized to levy and collect prior to the enlargement of its territory and for which authorization has not expired, as if the enlargement had not occurred.

Sec. 345.01. ~~The (A)~~ As used in this chapter, "fair market value" has the same meaning as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

~~(B)~~ The taxing authority of any municipal corporation, township, or county, at any time not less than one hundred days prior to a general election in any year, by a vote of two-thirds of all members of the taxing authority, may, and upon presentation to the clerk or fiscal officer, as the case may be, of the taxing authority of a petition signed by not less than two per cent of the electors of the political subdivision, as shown at the preceding general election held in the subdivision, shall, declare by resolution that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the subdivision, and that it is necessary to levy taxes in excess of the limitation for either or both of the following purposes:

~~(A)~~ (1) For purchasing a site, and for erecting, equipping, and furnishing, or for establishing a memorial to commemorate the services of all members and veterans of the armed forces of the United States;

~~(B)~~ (2) For the operation and maintenance of a memorial, and for the functions related to it.

The resolution shall be confined to the purposes set forth in this section, and shall specify the amount of increase in rate which it is necessary to levy, expressed both in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, the purpose of the rate increase, and the number of years during which the increase shall be in effect. The increase may include a levy upon the tax duplicate of the current year. The number of years shall be any number not exceeding ten. The question of an increase in tax rate under divisions ~~(A)~~ (B)(1) and ~~(B)~~ (2) of this section may be submitted to the electors on one ballot.

The total tax for the purposes included in this section shall not, in any year, exceed one mill of each dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value.

The resolution shall go into immediate effect upon its passage, and no publication of the resolution, other than that provided for in the notice of

election, shall be necessary.

Sec. 345.03. A copy of any resolution adopted under section 345.01 of the Revised Code shall be certified within five days by the taxing authority and not later than four ~~p.m.~~ p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the election, to the county board of elections, and such board shall submit the proposal to the electors of the subdivision at the succeeding general election. The board shall make the necessary arrangements for the submission of such question to the electors of the subdivision, and the election shall be conducted, canvassed, and certified in like manner as regular elections in such subdivision.

Notice of the election shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the subdivision, not less than two weeks prior to such election. The notice shall set out the purpose of the proposed increase in rate, the levy's estimated annual collections, the amount of the increase expressed in dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred thousand dollars of ~~valuation~~ fair market value as well as in mills for each one dollar of ~~property valuation~~ taxable value, the number of years during which such increase will be in effect, and the time and place of holding such election.

Sec. 345.04. The form of the ballot cast at a general election, as provided by sections 345.01 to 345.03 of the Revised Code, shall be: "An additional tax for the benefit of (name of subdivision) for the purpose of (state purpose stated in the resolution), that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, which amounts to ~~(rate expressed in dollars and cents)~~ \$..... for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$100,000 of ~~valuation~~ fair market value, for (the number of years the levy is to run).

	For the Tax Levy
	Against the Tax Levy

If the tax is to be placed on the current tax list, the form of the ballot shall be modified by adding, after the statement of the number of years the levy is to run, the phrase ", commencing in (first year the tax is to be levied), first due in calendar year (first calendar year in which the tax shall be due)."

The question covered by the resolution shall be submitted to the electors as a separate proposition, but it may be printed on the same ballot with any other proposition submitted at the same election other than the election of officers. More than one such question may be submitted at the same election.

Sec. 505.37. (A) The board of township trustees may establish all necessary rules to guard against the occurrence of fires and to protect the property and lives of the citizens against damage and accidents, and may, with the approval of the specifications by the prosecuting attorney or, if the township has adopted limited home rule government under Chapter 504. of the Revised Code, with the approval of the specifications by the township's law director, purchase, lease, lease with an option to purchase, or otherwise provide any fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment, appliances, materials, fire hydrants, and water supply for fire-fighting and fire and rescue purposes that seems advisable to the board. The board shall provide for the care and maintenance of such fire equipment, and, for these purposes, may purchase, lease, lease with an option to purchase, or construct and maintain necessary buildings, and it may establish and maintain lines of fire-alarm communications within the limits of the township. The board may employ one or more persons to maintain and operate such fire equipment, or it may enter into an agreement with a volunteer fire company for the use and operation of the equipment. The board may compensate the members of a volunteer fire company on any basis and in any amount that it considers equitable.

When the estimated cost to purchase fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment, appliances, materials, fire hydrants, buildings, or fire-alarm communications equipment or services exceeds fifty thousand dollars, the contract shall be let by competitive bidding. When competitive bidding is required, the board shall advertise once a week for not less than two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the township. The board may also cause notice to be inserted in trade papers or other publications designated by it or to be distributed by electronic means, including posting the notice on the board's internet web site. If the board posts the notice on its web site, it may eliminate the second notice otherwise required to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the township, provided that the first notice published in such newspaper meets all of the following requirements:

- (1) It is published at least two weeks before the opening of bids.
- (2) It includes a statement that the notice is posted on the board's internet web site.
- (3) It includes the internet address of the board's internet web site.
- (4) It includes instructions describing how the notice may be accessed on the board's internet web site.

The advertisement shall include the time, date, and place where the clerk of the township, or the clerk's designee, will read bids publicly. The time, date, and place of bid openings may be extended to a later date by the board of township trustees, provided that written or oral notice of the change shall be given to all persons who have received or requested specifications not later than ninety-six hours prior to the original time and date fixed for the opening. The board may reject all the bids or accept the lowest and best bid, provided that the successful bidder meets the requirements of section 153.54 of the Revised Code when the contract is for the construction, demolition, alteration, repair, or reconstruction of an improvement.

(B) The boards of township trustees of any two or more townships, or the legislative authorities of any two or more political subdivisions, or any combination of these, may, through joint action, unite in the joint purchase, lease, lease with an option to purchase, maintenance, use, and operation of fire equipment described in division (A) of this section, or for any other purpose designated in sections 505.37 to 505.42 of the Revised Code, and may prorate the expense of the joint action on any terms that are mutually agreed upon.

(C) The board of township trustees of any township may, by resolution, whenever it is expedient and necessary to guard against the occurrence of fires or to protect the property and lives of the citizens against damages resulting from their occurrence, create a fire district of any portions of the township that it considers necessary. The board may purchase, lease, lease with an option to purchase, or otherwise provide any fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment, appliances, materials, fire hydrants, and water supply for fire-fighting and fire and rescue purposes, or may contract for the fire protection for the fire district as provided in section 9.60 of the Revised Code. The fire district so created shall be given a separate name by which it shall be known.

Additional unincorporated territory of the township may be added to a fire district upon the board's adoption of a resolution authorizing the addition. A municipal corporation that is within or adjoining the township may be added to a fire district upon the board's adoption of a resolution authorizing the addition and the municipal legislative authority's adoption of a resolution or ordinance requesting the addition of the municipal corporation to the fire district.

If the township fire district imposes a tax, additional unincorporated territory of the township or a municipal corporation that is within or adjoining the township shall become part of the fire district only after all of

the following have occurred:

(1) Adoption by the board of township trustees of a resolution approving the expansion of the territorial limits of the district and, if the resolution proposes to add a municipal corporation, adoption by the municipal legislative authority of a resolution or ordinance requesting the addition of the municipal corporation to the district;

(2) Adoption by the board of township trustees of a resolution recommending the extension of the tax to the additional territory;

(3) The board requests and obtains from the county auditor an estimate of the levy's annual collections in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, assuming that the additional territory has been added to the fire district. The auditor shall certify this estimate to the board within ten days after receiving the board's request.

(4) Approval of the tax by the electors of the territory proposed for addition to the district.

Each resolution of the board adopted under division (C)(2) of this section shall state the name of the fire district, a description of the territory to be added, and the rate, expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, and termination date of the tax, which shall be the rate and termination date of the tax currently in effect in the fire district.

The board of trustees shall certify each resolution adopted under division (C)(2) of this section and the county auditor's certification to the board of elections in accordance with section 5705.19 of the Revised Code. The election required under division (C)~~(3)~~ (4) of this section shall be held, canvassed, and certified in the manner provided for the submission of tax levies under section 5705.25 of the Revised Code, except that the question appearing on the ballot shall read:

"Shall the territory within (description of the proposed territory to be added) be added to (name) fire district, and a property tax, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate ~~of taxation~~ not exceeding ~~(here insert tax rate)~~ mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value, be in effect for (here insert the number of years the tax is to be in effect or "a continuing period of time," as applicable)?"

If the question is approved by at least a majority of the electors voting on it, the joinder shall be effective as of the first day of July of the year following approval, and on that date, the township fire district tax shall be extended to the taxable property within the territory that has been added. If the territory that has been added is a municipal corporation and if it had

adopted a tax levy for fire purposes, the levy is terminated on the effective date of the joinder.

Any municipal corporation may withdraw from a township fire district created under division (C) of this section by the adoption by the municipal legislative authority of a resolution or ordinance ordering withdrawal. On the first day of July of the year following the adoption of the resolution or ordinance of withdrawal, the municipal corporation withdrawing ceases to be a part of the district, and the power of the fire district to levy a tax upon taxable property in the withdrawing municipal corporation terminates, except that the fire district shall continue to levy and collect taxes for the payment of indebtedness within the territory of the fire district as it was composed at the time the indebtedness was incurred.

Upon the withdrawal of any municipal corporation from a township fire district created under division (C) of this section, the county auditor shall ascertain, apportion, and order a division of the funds on hand, moneys and taxes in the process of collection except for taxes levied for the payment of indebtedness, credits, and real and personal property, either in money or in kind, on the basis of the valuation of the respective tax duplicates of the withdrawing municipal corporation and the remaining territory of the fire district.

A board of township trustees may remove unincorporated territory of the township from the fire district upon the adoption of a resolution authorizing the removal. On the first day of July of the year following the adoption of the resolution, the unincorporated township territory described in the resolution ceases to be a part of the district, and the power of the fire district to levy a tax upon taxable property in that territory terminates, except that the fire district shall continue to levy and collect taxes for the payment of indebtedness within the territory of the fire district as it was composed at the time the indebtedness was incurred.

As used in this section, "fair market value" has the same meaning as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

(D) The board of township trustees of any township, the board of fire district trustees of a fire district created under section 505.371 of the Revised Code, or the legislative authority of any municipal corporation may purchase, lease, or lease with an option to purchase the necessary fire equipment described in division (A) of this section, buildings, and sites for the township, fire district, or municipal corporation and issue securities for that purpose with maximum maturities as provided in section 133.20 of the Revised Code. The board of township trustees, board of fire district trustees, or legislative authority may also construct any buildings necessary to house

fire equipment and issue securities for that purpose with maximum maturities as provided in section 133.20 of the Revised Code.

The board of township trustees, board of fire district trustees, or legislative authority may issue the securities of the township, fire district, or municipal corporation, signed by the board or designated officer of the municipal corporation and attested by the signature of the township fiscal officer, fire district clerk, or municipal clerk, covering any deferred payments and payable at the times provided, which securities shall bear interest not to exceed the rate determined as provided in section 9.95 of the Revised Code, and shall not be subject to Chapter 133. of the Revised Code. The legislation authorizing the issuance of the securities shall provide for levying and collecting annually by taxation, amounts sufficient to pay the interest on and principal of the securities. The securities shall be offered for sale on the open market or given to the vendor or contractor if no sale is made.

Section 505.40 of the Revised Code does not apply to any securities issued, or any lease with an option to purchase entered into, in accordance with this division.

(E) A board of township trustees of any township or a board of fire district trustees of a fire district created under section 505.371 of the Revised Code may purchase a policy or policies of liability insurance for the officers, employees, and appointees of the fire department, fire district, or joint fire district governed by the board that includes personal injury liability coverage as to the civil liability of those officers, employees, and appointees for false arrest, detention, or imprisonment, malicious prosecution, libel, slander, defamation or other violation of the right of privacy, wrongful entry or eviction, or other invasion of the right of private occupancy, arising out of the performance of their duties.

When a board of township trustees cannot, by deed of gift or by purchase and upon terms it considers reasonable, procure land for a township fire station that is needed in order to respond in reasonable time to a fire or medical emergency, the board may appropriate land for that purpose under sections 163.01 to 163.22 of the Revised Code. If it is necessary to acquire additional adjacent land for enlarging or improving the fire station, the board may purchase, appropriate, or accept a deed of gift for the land for these purposes.

(F) As used in this division, "emergency medical service organization" has the same meaning as in section 4766.01 of the Revised Code.

A board of township trustees, by adoption of an appropriate resolution, may choose to have the state board of emergency medical, fire, and

transportation services license any emergency medical service organization it operates. If the board adopts such a resolution, Chapter 4766. of the Revised Code, except for sections 4766.06 and 4766.99 of the Revised Code, applies to the organization. All rules adopted under the applicable sections of that chapter also apply to the organization. A board of township trustees, by adoption of an appropriate resolution, may remove its emergency medical service organization from the jurisdiction of the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services.

Sec. 505.48. (A) The board of township trustees of any township may, by resolution adopted by two-thirds of the members of the board, create a township police district comprised of all or a portion of the unincorporated territory of the township as the resolution may specify. If the township police district does not include all of the unincorporated territory of the township, the resolution creating the district shall contain a complete and accurate description of the territory of the district and a separate and distinct name for the district.

At any time not less than one hundred twenty days after a township police district is created and operative, the territorial limits of the district may be altered in the manner provided in division (B) of this section or, if applicable, as provided in section 505.482 of the Revised Code.

(B) Except as otherwise provided in section 505.481 of the Revised Code, the territorial limits of a township police district may be altered by a resolution adopted by a two-thirds vote of the board of township trustees. If the township police district imposes a tax, any territory proposed for addition to the district shall become part of the district only after all of the following have occurred:

(1) Adoption by two-thirds vote of the board of township trustees of a resolution approving the expansion of the territorial limits of the district;

(2) Adoption by a two-thirds vote of the board of township trustees of a resolution recommending the extension of the tax to the additional territory;

(3) The board requests and obtains from the county auditor an estimate of the levy's annual collections, assuming that the additional territory has been added to the township police district, in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code. The auditor shall certify this estimate to the board within ten days after receiving the board's request.

(4) Approval of the tax by the electors of the territory proposed for addition to the district.

Each resolution of the board adopted under division (B)(2) of this section shall state the name of the township police district, a description of

the territory to be added, and the rate, expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, and termination date of the tax, which shall be the rate and termination date of the tax currently in effect in the district.

The board of trustees shall certify each resolution adopted under division (B)(2) of this section and the county auditor's certification to the board of elections in accordance with section 5705.19 of the Revised Code. The election required under division (B)(~~3~~) (4) of this section shall be held, canvassed, and certified in the manner provided for the submission of tax levies under section 5705.25 of the Revised Code, except that the question appearing on the ballot shall read:

"Shall the territory within (description of the proposed territory to be added) be added to (name) township police district, and a property tax, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate of taxation not exceeding (here insert tax rate) mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value, be in effect for (here insert the number of years the tax is to be in effect or "a continuing period of time," as applicable)?"

If the question is approved by at least a majority of the electors voting on it, the joinder shall be effective as of the first day of January of the year following approval, and, on that date, the township police district tax shall be extended to the taxable property within the territory that has been added.

As used in this section, "fair market value" has the same meaning as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 505.481. (A) If a township police district does not include all the unincorporated territory of the township, the remaining unincorporated territory of the township may be added to the district by a resolution adopted by a unanimous vote of the board of township trustees to place the issue of expansion of the district on the ballot for the electors of the entire unincorporated territory of the township. The resolution shall state whether the proposed township police district initially will hire personnel as provided in section 505.49 of the Revised Code or contract for the provision of police protection services or additional police protection services as provided in section 505.43 or 505.50 of the Revised Code. If the board proposes to levy a tax throughout all of the unincorporated territory of the township, the board shall request and obtain from the county auditor an estimate of the levy's annual collections, assuming that the unincorporated territory has been added to the township police district, in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code. The

auditor shall certify this estimate to the board within ten days after receiving the board's request.

The ballot measure shall provide for the addition into a new district of all the unincorporated territory of the township not already included in the township police district and for the levy of any tax then imposed by the district throughout the unincorporated territory of the township. The measure shall state the rate of the tax, if any, to be imposed in the district resulting from approval of the measure, expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, which need not be the same rate of any tax imposed by the existing district, ~~and~~ the last year in which the tax will be levied or that it will be levied for a continuous period of time, and the county auditor's estimate of the levy's annual collections.

(B) The election on the measure shall be held, canvassed, and certified in the manner provided for the submission of tax levies under section 5705.25 of the Revised Code, except that the question appearing on the ballot shall read substantially as follows:

"Shall the unincorporated territory within (name of the township) not already included within the (name of township police district) be added to the township police district to create the (name of new township police district) township police district?"

The name of the proposed township police district shall be separate and distinct from the name of the existing township police district.

If a tax is imposed in the existing township police district, the question shall be modified by adding, at the end of the question, the following: ", and shall a property tax be levied in the new township police district, replacing the tax in the existing township police district, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding mills per dollar for each \$1 of taxable valuation value, which amounts to \$..... (~~rate expressed in dollars and cents per one thousand dollars in taxable valuation~~) for each \$100,000 of fair market value, for (number of years the tax will be levied, or "a continuing period of time")."

If the measure is not approved by a majority of the electors voting on it, the township police district shall continue to occupy its existing territory until altered as provided in this section or section 505.48 of the Revised Code, and any existing tax imposed under section 505.51 of the Revised Code shall remain in effect in the existing district at the existing rate and for as long as provided in the resolution under the authority of which the tax is levied.

As used in this section, "fair market value" has the same meaning as in

section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 511.27. (A) To defray the expenses of the township park district and for purchasing, appropriating, operating, maintaining, and improving lands for parks or recreational purposes, the board of park commissioners may levy a sufficient tax within the ten-mill limitation, not to exceed one mill on each dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value on all real and personal property within the township, and on all real and personal property within any municipal corporation that is within the township, that was within the township at the time that the park district was established, or the boundaries of which are coterminous with or include the township. The levy shall be over and above all other taxes and limitations on such property authorized by law.

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) of this section, the board of park commissioners, not less than ninety days before the day of the election, may declare by resolution that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the district and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of that limitation for the use of the district. The resolution shall specify the purpose for which the taxes shall be used, the annual rate proposed, and the number of consecutive years the levy will be in effect. Upon the adoption of the resolution, the question of levying the taxes shall be submitted to the electors of the township and the electors of any municipal corporation that is within the township, that was within the township at the time that the park district was established, or the boundaries of which are coterminous with or include the township, at a special election to be held on whichever of the following occurs first:

(1) The day of the next ensuing general election;

(2) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in May of any calendar year, except that, if a presidential primary election is held in that calendar year, then the day of that election.

The rate submitted to the electors at any one election shall not exceed two mills annually upon each dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value. If a majority of the electors voting upon the question of the levy vote in favor of the levy, the tax shall be levied on all real and personal property within the township and on all real and personal property within any municipal corporation that is within the township, that was within the township at the time that the park district was established, or the boundaries of which are coterminous with or include the township, and the levy shall be over and above all other taxes and limitations on such property authorized by law.

(C) In any township park district that contains only unincorporated

territory, if the township board of park commissioners is appointed by the board of township trustees, before a tax can be levied and certified to the county auditor pursuant to section 5705.34 of the Revised Code or before a resolution for a tax levy can be certified to the board of elections pursuant to section 511.28 of the Revised Code, the board of park commissioners shall receive approval for its levy request from the board of township trustees. The board of park commissioners shall adopt a resolution requesting the board of township trustees to approve the levy request, stating the annual rate of the proposed levy and the reason for the levy request. On receiving this request, the board of township trustees shall vote on whether to approve the request and, if a majority votes to approve it, shall issue a resolution approving the levy at the requested rate.

Sec. 511.28. A copy of any resolution for a tax levy adopted by the township board of park commissioners as provided in section 511.27 of the Revised Code shall be certified by the clerk of the board of park commissioners to the board of elections of the proper county, together with a certified copy of the resolution approving the levy, passed by the board of township trustees if such a resolution is required by division (C) of section 511.27 of the Revised Code, not less than ninety days before a general or primary election in any year. The board of elections shall submit the proposal to the electors as provided in section 511.27 of the Revised Code at the succeeding general or primary election. A resolution to renew an existing levy may not be placed on the ballot unless the question is submitted at the general election held during the last year the tax to be renewed may be extended on the real and public utility property tax list and duplicate, or at any election held in the ensuing year. The board of park commissioners shall cause notice that the vote will be taken to be published once a week for two consecutive weeks prior to the election in a newspaper of general circulation, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, in the county within which the park district is located. Additionally, if the board of elections operates and maintains a web site, the board of elections shall post that notice on its web site for thirty days prior to the election. The notice shall state the purpose of the proposed levy, the levy's estimated annual collections, the annual rate proposed expressed in dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred ~~thousand~~ dollars of ~~valuation~~ fair market value as well as in mills for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, the number of consecutive years during which the levy shall be in effect, and the time and place of the election.

The form of the ballots cast at the election shall be: "An additional tax for the benefit of (name of township park district) for the purpose of

(purpose stated in the order of the board) that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, which amounts to ~~(rate expressed in dollars and cents)~~ \$..... for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$100,000 of valuation fair market value, for (number of years the levy is to run)

	FOR THE TAX LEVY	"
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	

If the levy submitted is a proposal to renew, increase, or decrease an existing levy, the form of the ballot specified in this section ~~may~~ shall be changed by substituting for the words "An additional" at the beginning of the form, the words "A renewal of a" in the case of a proposal to renew an existing levy in the same amount; the words "A renewal of mills and an increase of mills for each \$1 of taxable value to constitute a" in the case of an increase; or the words "A renewal of part of an existing levy, being a reduction of mills for each \$1 of taxable value, to constitute a" in the case of a decrease in the rate of the existing levy.

If the tax is to be placed on the current tax list, the form of the ballot shall be modified by adding, after the statement of the number of years the levy is to run, the phrase ", commencing in (first year the tax is to be levied), first due in calendar year (first calendar year in which the tax shall be due)."

The question covered by the order shall be submitted as a separate proposition, but may be printed on the same ballot with any other proposition submitted at the same election, other than the election of officers. More than one such question may be submitted at the same election.

As used in this section, "fair market value" has the same meaning as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 511.34. In townships composed of islands, and on one of which islands lands have been conveyed in trust for the benefit of the inhabitants of the island for use as a park, and a board of park trustees has been provided for the control of the park, the board of township trustees may create a tax district of the island to raise funds by taxation as provided under divisions (A) and (B) of this section.

(A) For the care and maintenance of parks on the island, the board of township trustees annually may levy a tax, not to exceed one mill for each

one dollar of taxable value, upon all the taxable property in the district. The tax shall be in addition to all other levies authorized by law, and subject to no limitation on tax rates except as provided in this division.

The proceeds of the tax levy shall be expended by the board of township trustees for the purpose of the care and maintenance of the parks, and shall be paid out of the township treasury upon the orders of the board of park trustees.

(B) For the purpose of acquiring additional land for use as a park, the board of township trustees may levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation on all taxable property in the district. The tax shall be proposed by resolution adopted by two-thirds of the members of the board of township trustees. The resolution shall specify the purpose and rate of the tax and the number of years the tax will be levied, which shall not exceed five years, and which may include a levy on the current tax list and duplicate. The resolution shall go into immediate effect upon its passage, and no publication of the resolution is necessary other than that provided for in the notice of election. The board of township trustees shall certify a copy of the resolution to the proper board of elections not later than ninety days before the primary or general election in the township, and the board of elections shall submit the question of the tax to the voters of the district at the succeeding primary or general election. The board of elections shall make the necessary arrangements for the submission of the question to the electors of the district, and the election shall be conducted, canvassed, and certified in the same manner as regular elections in the township for the election of officers. Notice of the election shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the township once a week for two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code prior to the election. If the board of elections operates and maintains a web site, notice of the election also shall be posted on that web site for thirty days prior to the election. The notice shall state the purpose of the tax, the levy's estimated annual collections, the proposed rate of the tax expressed in dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred ~~thousand~~ thousand dollars of ~~valuation~~ fair market value and mills for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, the number of years the tax will be in effect, the first year the tax will be levied, and the time and place of the election.

The form of the ballots cast at an election held under this division shall be as follows:

"An additional tax for the benefit of (name of the township) for the purpose of acquiring additional park land, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$... annually, at a rate of mills for each ~~one~~

~~dollar~~ \$1 of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, which amounts to \$..... (~~rate expressed in dollars and cents~~) for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$100,000 of ~~valuation~~ fair market value, for (number of years the levy is to run) beginning in (first year the tax will be levied).

	FOR THE TAX LEVY	"
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	

The question shall be submitted as a separate proposition but may be printed on the same ballot with any other proposition submitted at the same election other than the election of officers. More than one such question may be submitted at the same election.

If the levy is approved by a majority of electors voting on the question, the board of elections shall certify the result of the election to the tax commissioner. In the first year of the levy, the tax shall be extended on the tax lists after the February settlement following the election. If the tax is to be placed on the tax lists of the current year as specified in the resolution, the board of elections shall certify the result of the election immediately after the canvass to the board of township trustees, which shall forthwith make the necessary levy and certify the levy to the county auditor, who shall extend the levy on the tax lists for collection. After the first year of the levy, the levy shall be included in the annual tax budget that is certified to the county budget commission.

As used in this section, "fair market value" has the same meaning as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 513.18. In the event any township, contiguous to a joint township hospital district, desires to become a part of such district in existence under sections 513.07 to 513.18 of the Revised Code, its board of township trustees, by a two-thirds favorable vote of the members of such board, after the existing joint township hospital board has, by a majority favorable vote of the members thereof, approved the terms under which such township proposes to join the district, shall become a part of the joint township district hospital board under such terms and with all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities enjoyed by and extended to the existing members of the hospital board under such sections, including representation on the board of hospital governors by the appointment of an elector of such township as a member thereof. ¶

If the terms under which such township proposes to join the hospital district involve a tax levy for the purpose of sharing the existing obligations,

including bonded indebtedness, of the district or the necessary operating expenses of such hospital, such township shall not become a part of the district until its electors have approved such levy as provided in this section. In such a case, the board of township trustees shall request from the county auditor an estimate of the levy's annual collections in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, assuming that the township has been added to the hospital district. The auditor shall certify this estimate to the board within ten days after receiving the board's request.

Upon request of the board of township trustees of the township proposing to join such district, by resolution approved by a two-thirds vote of its members, the board of elections of the county in which the township lies shall place upon the ballot for submission to the electorate of such township at the next primary or general election occurring not less than ninety nor more than one hundred thirty-five days after such request is received from the board of township trustees the question of levying a tax, not to exceed one mill outside the ten-mill limitation, for a period of not to exceed five years, to provide funds for the payment of the township's share of the necessary expenses incurred in the operation of such hospital, or the question of levying a tax to pay the township's share of the existing obligations, including bonded indebtedness, of the district, or both questions may be submitted at the same primary or general election. ~~If~~ The question appearing on the ballot shall read:

"Shall (name of township) be added to the (name of joint township hospital district), and property tax be levied for the purpose of (purpose of tax), that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value, to be in effect for (number of years the tax is to be in effect)?"

If a majority of the electors voting on the propositions vote in favor thereof, the county auditor shall place such levies on the tax duplicate against the property in the township, which township shall thereby become a part of said joint township hospital district.

Sec. 755.181. The legislative authority of any municipal corporation, township, township park district, county, or school district desiring to join a joint recreation district created under section 755.14 of the Revised Code may, by resolution, petition the joint recreation district board of trustees for membership. If the joint recreation district does not impose a tax, the petitioning subdivision becomes a member upon approval by the joint recreation district's board of trustees. If the joint recreation district imposes a

tax, the petitioning subdivision becomes a member after approval by the joint recreation district's board of trustees and after approval of the tax by the electors of the petitioning subdivision. In such a case, the joint recreation district's board of trustees shall request from the county auditor an estimate of the levy's annual collections in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, assuming that the subdivision's territory has been added to the joint recreation district. The auditor shall certify this estimate to the board within ten days after receiving the board's request.

Upon certification by the board of trustees of the joint recreation district to the appropriate boards of election, the boards of election shall make the necessary arrangements for the submission of the question to the electors of the petitioning subdivision qualified to vote thereon. The election shall be held, canvassed, and certified in the manner provided for the submission of tax levies under section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, except that the question appearing on the ballot shall read:

"Shall the territory within (Name of the subdivision to be added) be added to (Name) joint recreation district, and a property tax, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$.... annually, at a rate of taxation not exceeding (here insert tax rate) mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value, be in effect for (here insert the number of years the tax is to be in effect)?" ~~If~~

If the question is approved by at least a majority of the electors voting on it, the joinder shall be effective as of the first day of January of the year following approval, and on that date, the joint recreation district tax shall be extended to the taxable property within the territory that has been added.

The legislative authority of any subdivision that is a member of a joint recreation district may withdraw from it upon certification of a resolution proclaiming a withdrawal to the joint recreation district's board of trustees. Any subdivision withdrawing from a joint recreation district shall continue to have levied against its tax duplicate any tax levied by the district on the effective date of the withdrawal until it expires or is renewed. Members of a joint recreation district's board of trustees who represent the withdrawing subdivision are deemed to have resigned their position upon certification of a withdrawal resolution. Upon the withdrawal of any subdivision from a joint recreation district, the county auditor shall ascertain, apportion, and order a division of the funds on hand, moneys and taxes in the process of collection, except for taxes levied for the payment of indebtedness, credits, and real and personal property, either in money or in kind, on the basis of

the valuation of the respective tax duplicates of the withdrawing subdivision and the remaining territory of the joint recreation district.

When the number of subdivisions comprising a joint recreation district is reduced to one, the joint recreation district ceases to exist, and the funds, credits, and property remaining after apportionments to withdrawing subdivisions shall be assumed by the one remaining subdivision. When a joint recreation district ceases to exist and indebtedness remains unpaid, the board of county commissioners shall continue to levy and collect taxes for the payment of that indebtedness within the territory of the joint recreation district as it was comprised at the time the indebtedness was incurred.

As used in this section, "fair market value" has the same meaning as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1545.041. (A) Any township park district created pursuant to section 511.18 of the Revised Code that includes park land located outside the township in which the park district was established may be converted under the procedures provided in this section into a park district to be operated and maintained as provided for in this chapter, provided that there is no existing park district created under section 1545.04 of the Revised Code in the county in which the township park district is located. The proposed park district shall include within its boundary all townships and municipal corporations in which lands owned by the township park district seeking conversion are located, and may include any other townships and municipal corporations in the county in which the township park district is located.

(B) Conversion of a township park district into a park district operated and maintained under this chapter shall be initiated by a resolution adopted by the board of park commissioners of the park district. Any resolution initiating a conversion shall include the following:

- (1) The name of the township park district seeking conversion;
- (2) The name of the proposed park district;
- (3) An accurate description of the territory to be included in the proposed district;
- (4) An accurate map or plat of the proposed park district. The resolution may also include a proposed tax levy for the operation and maintenance of the proposed park district. If such a tax levy is proposed, the resolution shall specify the annual rate of the tax, expressed in dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred ~~thousand~~ dollars of valuation fair market value and in mills for each dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, and ~~shall specify~~ the number of consecutive years the levy will be in effect. The annual rate of such a tax may not be higher than the total combined millage of all levies then in effect

for the benefit of the township park district named in the resolution.

(C) Upon adoption of the resolution provided for in division (B) of this section, the board of park commissioners of the township park district seeking conversion under this section shall certify the resolution to the county auditor, who shall certify to the board within ten days after receiving that resolution an estimate of the proposed levy's annual collections within the territory of the proposed park district in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code.

The board shall certify the resolution and the county auditor's certification to the board of elections of the county in which the park district is located no later than four p.m. of the seventy-fifth day before the day of the election at which the question will be voted upon. Upon certification of the resolution to the board, the board of elections shall make the necessary arrangements to submit the question of conversion of the township park into a park district operated and maintained under Chapter 1545. of the Revised Code, to the electors qualified to vote at the next primary or general election who reside in the territory of the proposed park district. The question shall provide for a tax levy if such a levy is specified in the resolution.

(D) The ballot submitted to the electors as provided in division (C) of this section shall contain the following language:

"Shall the (name of the township park district seeking conversion) be converted into a park district to be operated and maintained under Chapter 1545. of the Revised Code under the name of (name of proposed park district), which park district shall include the following townships and municipal corporations:

(Name townships and municipal corporations)

Approval of the proposed conversion will result in the termination of all existing tax levies voted for the benefit of (name of the township park district sought to be converted) and in the levy of a new tax for the operation and maintenance of (name of proposed park district), that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding (number of mills) mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, which is amounts to \$..... (rate expressed in dollars and cents) for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$100,000 of valuation fair market value, for (number of years the millage is to be imposed) years, commencing on the (year) tax duplicate.

	For the proposed conversion	"
	Against the proposed conversion	

(E) If the proposed conversion is approved by at least a majority of the electors voting on the proposal, the township park district that seeks conversion shall become a park district subject to Chapter 1545. of the Revised Code effective the first day of January following approval by the voters. The park district shall have the name specified in the resolution, and effective the first day of January following approval by the voters, the following shall occur:

(1) The indebtedness of the former township park district shall be assumed by the new park district;

(2) All rights, assets, properties, and other interests of the former township park district shall become vested in the new park district, including the rights to any tax revenues previously vested in the former township park district; provided, that all tax levies in excess of the ten mill limitation approved for the benefit of the former township park district shall be removed from the tax lists after the February settlement next succeeding the conversion. Any tax levy approved in connection with the conversion shall be certified as provided in section 5705.25 of the Revised Code.

(3) The members of the board of park commissioners of the former township park district shall be the members ~~of the members~~ of the board of park commissioners of the new park district, with all the same powers and duties as if appointed under section 1545.05 of the Revised Code. The term of each such commissioner shall expire on the first day of January of the year following the year in which his term would have expired under section 511.19 of the Revised Code. Thereafter, commissioners shall be appointed pursuant to section 1545.05 of the Revised Code.

As used in this section, "fair market value" has the same meaning as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1545.21. The board of park commissioners, by resolution, may submit to the electors of the park district the question of levying taxes for the use of the district. The resolution shall declare the necessity of levying such taxes, shall specify the purpose for which such taxes shall be used, the annual rate proposed, and the number of consecutive years the rate shall be levied. Such resolution shall be forthwith certified to the board of elections in each county in which any part of such district is located, not later than the ninetieth day before the day of the election, and the question of the levy of taxes as provided in such resolution shall be submitted to the electors of the district at a special election to be held on whichever of the following occurs first:

(A) The day of the next general election;

(B) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in May in any calendar

year, except that if a presidential primary election is held in that calendar year, then the day of that election. ~~The~~

The ballot shall set forth the purpose for which the taxes shall be levied, the levy's estimated annual collections, the annual rate of levy, and the number of years of such levy. If the tax is to be placed on the current tax list, the form of the ballot shall state that the tax will be levied in the current tax year and shall indicate the first calendar year the tax will be due. ~~If~~

If the resolution of the board of park commissioners provides that an existing levy will be canceled upon the passage of the new levy, the ballot ~~may~~ must include a statement that: "an existing levy of ... mills (stating the original levy millage) for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$... for each \$100,000 of fair market value, having ... years remaining, will be canceled and replaced upon the passage of this levy." In such case, the ballot may refer to the new levy as a "replacement levy" if the new millage does not exceed the original millage of the levy being canceled or as a "replacement and additional levy" if the new millage exceeds the original millage of the levy being canceled. If a majority of the electors voting upon the question of such levy vote in favor thereof, such taxes shall be levied and shall be in addition to the taxes authorized by section 1545.20 of the Revised Code, and all other taxes authorized by law. The rate submitted to the electors at any one time shall not exceed two mills annually upon each dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value unless the purpose of the levy includes providing operating revenues for one of Ohio's major metropolitan zoos, as defined in section 4503.74 of the Revised Code, in which case the rate shall not exceed three mills annually upon each dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value. When a tax levy has been authorized as provided in this section or in section 1545.041 of the Revised Code, the board of park commissioners may issue bonds pursuant to section 133.24 of the Revised Code in anticipation of the collection of such levy, provided that such bonds shall be issued only for the purpose of acquiring and improving lands. Such levy, when collected, shall be applied in payment of the bonds so issued and the interest thereon. The amount of bonds so issued and outstanding at any time shall not exceed one per cent of the total ~~tax valuation~~ taxable value in such district. Such bonds shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed the rate determined as provided in section 9.95 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1711.30. Before issuing bonds under section 1711.28 of the Revised Code, the board of county commissioners, by resolution, shall submit to the qualified electors of the county at the next general election for county officers, held not less than ninety days after receiving from the county agricultural society the notice provided for in section 1711.25 of the

Revised Code, the question of issuing and selling such bonds in such amount and denomination as are necessary for the purpose in view, and shall certify a copy of such resolution to the county board of elections.

The county board of elections shall place the question of issuing and selling such bonds upon the ballot and make all other necessary arrangements for the submission, at the time fixed by such resolution, of such question to such electors. The votes cast at such election upon such question must be counted, canvassed, and certified in the same manner, except as provided by law, as votes cast for county officers. Fifteen days' notice of such submission shall be given by the county board of elections, by publication once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, stating the amount of bonds to be issued, the purpose for which they are to be issued, and the time and places of holding such election. ~~Such~~ If the resolution proposes the levy of a tax under section 1711.29 of the Revised Code, the notice shall include the tax's estimated annual collections and the rate of the tax in both mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars in fair market value.

The question must be stated on the ballot as follows: "For the issue of county fair bonds, yes"; "For the issue of county fair bonds, no." ~~If~~

If the resolution proposes the levy of a tax under section 1711.29 of the Revised Code, the question appearing on the ballot shall include the tax's estimated annual collections and the rate of the tax in both mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars in fair market value.

If the majority of those voting upon the question of issuing the bonds vote in favor thereof, then and only then shall they be issued and the tax provided for in section 1711.29 of the Revised Code be levied.

As used in this section, "fair market value" has the same meaning as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3311.50. (A) As used in this section, "county school financing district" means a taxing district consisting of the following territory:

(1) The territory that constitutes the educational service center on the date that the governing board of that educational service center adopts a resolution under division (B) of this section declaring that the territory of the educational service center is a county school financing district, exclusive of any territory subsequently withdrawn from the district under division (D) of this section;

(2) Any territory that has been added to the county school financing

district under this section.

A county school financing district may include the territory of a city, local, or exempted village school district whose territory also is included in the territory of one or more other county school financing districts.

(B) The governing board of any educational service center may, by resolution, declare that the territory of the educational service center is a county school financing district. The resolution shall state the purpose for which the county school financing district is created, which may be for any one or more of the following purposes:

(1) To levy taxes for the provision of special education by the school districts that are a part of the district, including taxes for permanent improvements for special education;

(2) To levy taxes for the provision of specified educational programs and services by the school districts that are a part of the district, as identified in the resolution creating the district, including the levying of taxes for permanent improvements for those programs and services. Services financed by the levy may include school safety and security and mental health services, including training and employment of or contracting for the services of safety personnel, mental health personnel, social workers, and counselors.

(3) To levy taxes for permanent improvements of school districts that are a part of the district.

The governing board of the educational service center that creates a county school financing district shall serve as the taxing authority of the district and may use educational service center governing board employees to perform any of the functions necessary in the performance of its duties as a taxing authority. A county school financing district shall not employ any personnel.

With the approval of a majority of the members of the board of education of each school district within the territory of the county school financing district, the taxing authority of the financing district may amend the resolution creating the district to broaden or narrow the purposes for which it was created.

A governing board of an educational service center may create more than one county school financing district. If a governing board of an educational service center creates more than one such district, it shall clearly distinguish among the districts it creates by including a designation of each district's purpose in the district's name.

(C) A majority of the members of a board of education of a city, local, or exempted village school district may adopt a resolution requesting that its

territory be joined with the territory of any county school financing district. Copies of the resolution shall be filed with the state board of education and the taxing authority of the county school financing district. Within sixty days of its receipt of such a resolution, the county school financing district's taxing authority shall vote on the question of whether to accept the school district's territory as part of the county school financing district. If a majority of the members of the taxing authority vote to accept the territory, the school district's territory shall thereupon become a part of the county school financing district unless the county school financing district has in effect a tax imposed under section 5705.215 of the Revised Code. If the county school financing district has such a tax in effect, the taxing authority shall certify a copy of its resolution accepting the school district's territory to the school district's board of education, ~~which~~ . The board of education shall request from the county auditor an estimate of the levy's annual collections in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, assuming that the school district's territory has been added to the county school financing district. The auditor shall certify this estimate to the board within ten days after receiving the board's request. The board may then adopt a resolution, with the affirmative vote of a majority of its members, proposing the submission to the electors of the question of whether the district's territory shall become a part of the county school financing district and subject to the taxes imposed by the financing district. The resolution shall set forth the date on which the question shall be submitted to the electors, which shall be at a special election held on a date specified in the resolution, which shall not be earlier than ninety days after the adoption and certification of the resolution. A copy of the resolution shall immediately be certified to the board of elections of the proper county, which shall make arrangements for the submission of the proposal to the electors of the school district. The board of the joining district shall publish notice of the election in a newspaper of general circulation in the county once a week for two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, prior to the election. Additionally, if the board of elections operates and maintains a web site, the board of elections shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days prior to the election. The question appearing on the ballot shall read:

"Shall the territory within (name of the school district proposing to join the county school financing district) be added to (name) county school financing district, and a property tax for the purposes of (here insert purposes), that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate of taxation not exceeding (here insert

~~the outstanding tax rate)~~ mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 in fair market value, be in effect for (here insert the number of years the tax is to be in effect or "a continuing period of time," as applicable)"?"

If the proposal is approved by a majority of the electors voting on it, the joinder shall take effect on the first day of July following the date of the election, and the county board of elections shall notify the county auditor of each county in which the school district joining its territory to the county school financing district is located.

(D) The board of any city, local, or exempted village school district whose territory is part of a county school financing district may withdraw its territory from the county school financing district thirty days after submitting to the governing board that is the taxing authority of the district and the state board a resolution proclaiming such withdrawal, adopted by a majority vote of its members, but any county school financing district tax levied in such territory on the effective date of the withdrawal shall remain in effect in such territory until such tax expires or is renewed. No board may adopt a resolution withdrawing from a county school financing district that would take effect during the forty-five days preceding the date of an election at which a levy proposed under section 5705.215 of the Revised Code is to be voted upon.

(E) A city, local, or exempted village school district does not lose its separate identity or legal existence by reason of joining its territory to a county school financing district under this section and an educational service center does not lose its separate identity or legal existence by reason of creating a county school financing district that accepts or loses territory under this section.

Sec. 3318.01. As used in sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Ohio facilities construction commission" means the commission created pursuant to section 123.20 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Classroom facilities" means rooms in which pupils regularly assemble in public school buildings to receive instruction and education and such facilities and building improvements for the operation and use of such rooms as may be needed in order to provide a complete educational program, and may include space within which a child care facility or a community resource center is housed. "Classroom facilities" includes any space necessary for the operation of a vocational education program for secondary students in any school district that operates such a program.

(C) "Project" means a project to construct or acquire classroom

facilities, or to reconstruct or make additions to existing classroom facilities, to be used for housing the applicable school district and its functions.

(D) "School district" means a local, exempted village, or city school district as such districts are defined in Chapter 3311. of the Revised Code, acting as an agency of state government, performing essential governmental functions of state government pursuant to sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code.

For purposes of assistance provided under sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code, the term "school district" as used in this section and in divisions (A), (C), and (D) of section 3318.03 and in sections 3318.031, 3318.042, 3318.07, 3318.08, 3318.083, 3318.084, 3318.085, 3318.086, 3318.10, 3318.11, 3318.12, 3318.13, 3318.14, 3318.15, 3318.16, and 3318.20 of the Revised Code means a joint vocational school district established pursuant to section 3311.18 of the Revised Code.

(E) "School district board" means the board of education of a school district.

(F) "Net bonded indebtedness" means the difference between the sum of the par value of all outstanding and unpaid bonds and notes which a school district board is obligated to pay and any amounts the school district is obligated to pay under lease-purchase agreements entered into under section 3313.375 of the Revised Code, and the amount held in the sinking fund and other indebtedness retirement funds for their redemption. Notes issued for school buses in accordance with section 3327.08 of the Revised Code, notes issued in anticipation of the collection of current revenues, and bonds issued to pay final judgments shall not be considered in calculating the net bonded indebtedness.

"Net bonded indebtedness" does not include indebtedness arising from the acquisition of land to provide a site for classroom facilities constructed, acquired, or added to pursuant to sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code or the par value of bonds that have been authorized by the electors and the proceeds of which will be used by the district to provide any part of its portion of the basic project cost.

(G) "Board of elections" means the board of elections of the county containing the most populous portion of the school district.

(H) "County auditor" means the auditor of the county in which the greatest value of taxable property of such school district is located.

(I) "Tax duplicates" means the general tax lists and duplicates prescribed by sections 319.28 and 319.29 of the Revised Code.

(J) "Required level of indebtedness" means:

(1) In the case of school districts in the first percentile, five per cent of

the district's valuation for the year preceding the year in which the controlling board approved the project under section 3318.04 of the Revised Code.

(2) In the case of school districts ranked in a subsequent percentile, five per cent of the district's valuation for the year preceding the year in which the controlling board approved the project under section 3318.04 of the Revised Code, plus [two one-hundredths of one per cent multiplied by (the percentile in which the district ranks for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year in which the controlling board approved the district's project minus one)].

(K) "Required percentage of the basic project costs" means one per cent of the basic project costs times the percentile in which the school district ranks for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year in which the controlling board approved the district's project.

(L) "Basic project cost" means a cost amount determined in accordance with rules adopted under section 111.15 of the Revised Code by the Ohio facilities construction commission. The basic project cost calculation shall take into consideration the square footage and cost per square foot necessary for the grade levels to be housed in the classroom facilities, the variation across the state in construction and related costs, the cost of the installation of site utilities and site preparation, the cost of demolition of all or part of any existing classroom facilities that are abandoned under the project, the cost of insuring the project until it is completed, any contingency reserve amount prescribed by the commission under section 3318.086 of the Revised Code, and the professional planning, administration, and design fees that a school district may have to pay to undertake a classroom facilities project.

For a joint vocational school district that receives assistance under sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code, the basic project cost calculation for a project under those sections shall also take into account the types of laboratory spaces and program square footages needed for the vocational education programs for high school students offered by the school district.

For a district that opts to divide its entire classroom facilities needs into segments, as authorized by section 3318.034 of the Revised Code, "basic project cost" means the cost determined in accordance with this division of a segment.

(M)(1) Except for a joint vocational school district that receives assistance under sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code, a "school district's portion of the basic project cost" means the amount determined

under section 3318.032 of the Revised Code.

(2) For a joint vocational school district that receives assistance under sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code, a "school district's portion of the basic project cost" means the amount determined under division (C) of section 3318.42 of the Revised Code.

(N) "Child care facility" means space within a classroom facility in which the needs of infants, toddlers, preschool children, and school children are provided for by persons other than the parent or guardian of such children for any part of the day, including persons not employed by the school district operating such classroom facility.

(O) "Community resource center" means space within a classroom facility in which comprehensive services that support the needs of families and children are provided by community-based social service providers.

(P) "Valuation" means the total value of all property in the school district as listed and assessed for taxation on the tax duplicates.

(Q) "Percentile" means the percentile in which the school district is ranked pursuant to section 3318.011 of the Revised Code.

(R) "Installation of site utilities" means the installation of a site domestic water system, site fire protection system, site gas distribution system, site sanitary system, site storm drainage system, and site telephone and data system.

(S) "Site preparation" means the earthwork necessary for preparation of the building foundation system, the paved pedestrian and vehicular circulation system, playgrounds on the project site, and lawn and planting on the project site.

(T) "Fair market value" has the same meaning as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3318.06. (A) After receipt of the conditional approval of the Ohio facilities construction commission, the school district board by a majority of all of its members shall, if it desires to proceed with the project, declare all of the following by resolution:

(1) That by issuing bonds in an amount equal to the school district's portion of the basic project cost the district is unable to provide adequate classroom facilities without assistance from the state;

(2) Unless the school district board has resolved to transfer money in accordance with section 3318.051 of the Revised Code or to apply the proceeds of a property tax or the proceeds of an income tax, or a combination of proceeds from such taxes, as authorized under section 3318.052 of the Revised Code, that to qualify for such state assistance it is necessary to do either of the following:

(a) Levy a tax outside the ten-mill limitation the proceeds of which shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining the classroom facilities included in the project;

(b) Earmark for maintenance of classroom facilities from the proceeds of an existing permanent improvement tax levied under section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, if such tax can be used for maintenance, an amount equivalent to the amount of the additional tax otherwise required under this section and sections 3318.05 and 3318.08 of the Revised Code.

(3) That the question of any tax levy specified in a resolution described in division (A)(2)(a) of this section, if required, shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at the next general or primary election, if there be a general or primary election not less than ninety and not more than one hundred ten days after the day of the adoption of such resolution or, if not, at a special election to be held at a time specified in the resolution which shall be not less than ninety days after the day of the adoption of the resolution and which shall be in accordance with the requirements of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code.

Such resolution shall also state that the question of issuing bonds of the board shall be combined in a single proposal with the question of such tax levy. More than one election under this section may be held in any one calendar year. Such resolution shall specify both of the following:

(a) That the rate which it is necessary to levy shall be at the rate of not less than one-half mill for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, and that such tax shall be levied for a period of twenty-three years;

(b) That the proceeds of the tax shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining the classroom facilities included in the project.

(B) A copy of a resolution adopted under division (A) of this section shall after its passage and not less than ninety days prior to the date set therein for the election be certified to the county board of elections.

The resolution of the school district board, in addition to meeting other applicable requirements of section 133.18 of the Revised Code, shall state that the amount of bonds to be issued will be an amount equal to the school district's portion of the basic project cost, and state the maximum maturity of the bonds which may be any number of years not exceeding the term calculated under section 133.20 of the Revised Code as determined by the board. In estimating the amount of bonds to be issued, the board shall take into consideration the amount of moneys then in the bond retirement fund and the amount of moneys to be collected for and disbursed from the bond retirement fund during the remainder of the year in which the resolution of necessity is adopted.

If the bonds are to be issued in more than one series, the resolution may state, in addition to the information required to be stated under division (B)(3) of section 133.18 of the Revised Code, the number of series, which shall not exceed five, the principal amount of each series, and the approximate date each series will be issued, and may provide that no series, or any portion thereof, may be issued before such date. Upon such a resolution being certified to the county auditor as required by division (C) of section 133.18 of the Revised Code, the county auditor, in calculating, advising, and confirming the estimated average annual property tax levy under that division, shall also calculate, advise, and confirm by certification the estimated average property tax levy for each series of bonds to be issued.

Notice of the election shall include the fact that the tax levy shall be at the rate of not less than one-half mill for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value for a period of twenty-three years, and that the proceeds of the tax shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining the classroom facilities included in the project. The notice shall also express the rate in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value and the county auditor's estimate of the amount the tax levy is estimated to collect for each tax year it is levied, as certified pursuant to section 5705.03 of the Revised Code.

If the bonds are to be issued in more than one series, the board of education shall request from the county auditor an estimate of the levy's annual collections for each series in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code. The auditor shall certify these estimates to the board within ten days after receiving the board's request.

If the bonds are to be issued in more than one series, the board of education, when filing copies of the resolution with the board of elections as required by division (D) of section 133.18 of the Revised Code, may direct the board of elections to include in the notice of election the principal amount and approximate date of each series, the maximum number of years over which the principal of each series may be paid, the estimated additional average property tax levy for each series, the estimated annual collections of the tax for each series, and the first calendar year in which the tax is expected to be due for each series, in addition to the information required to be stated in the notice under divisions (E)(3)(a) ~~to (e)~~ , (b), (c), (e), and (f) of section 133.18 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(2) of this section, the form of the ballot to be used at such election shall be:

"A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall bonds be issued by the (here insert name of school

district) school district to pay the local share of school construction under the State of Ohio Classroom Facilities Assistance Program in the principal amount of \$..... (here insert principal amount of the bond issue), to be repaid annually over a maximum period of (here insert the maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid) years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to collect \$.... annually and average over the repayment period of the bond issue (~~here insert the number of mills estimated~~) mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of tax valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... (~~rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents, such as "thirty six cents" or "\$0.36"~~) for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$100,000 of tax valuation fair market value to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of the bonds?"

and, unless the additional levy
of taxes is not required pursuant
to division (C) of section
3318.05 of the Revised Code,

"Shall an additional levy of taxes be made for a period of twenty-three years to benefit the (here insert name of school district) school district, the proceeds of which shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining the classroom facilities included in the project, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$.... annually, at the rate of (here insert the number of mills, which shall not be less than one-half mill) mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value?

	FOR THE BOND ISSUE AND TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE BOND ISSUE AND TAX LEVY

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(2) If authority is sought to issue bonds in more than one series and the board of education so elects, the form of the ballot shall be as prescribed in section 3318.062 of the Revised Code. If the board of education elects the form of the ballot prescribed in that section, it shall so state in the resolution adopted under this section.

(D) If it is necessary for the school district to acquire a site for the classroom facilities to be acquired pursuant to sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code, the district board may propose either to issue bonds of

the board or to levy a tax to pay for the acquisition of such site, and may combine the question of doing so with the questions specified in division (B) of this section. Bonds issued under this division for the purpose of acquiring a site are a general obligation of the school district and are Chapter 133. securities.

The form of that portion of the ballot to include the question of either issuing bonds or levying a tax for site acquisition purposes shall be one of the following:

(1) "Shall bonds be issued by the (here insert name of the school district) school district to pay costs of acquiring a site for classroom facilities under the State of Ohio Classroom Facilities Assistance Program in the principal amount of \$..... (here insert principal amount of the bond issue), to be repaid annually over a maximum period of (here insert maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid) years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to collect \$..... annually and to average over the repayment period of the bond issue ~~(here insert number of mills)~~ mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of tax valuation taxable value, which ~~amount amounts to \$..... (here insert rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents, such as "thirty six cents" or "\$0.36")~~ amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 of valuation fair market value to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of the bonds?"

(2) "Shall an additional levy of taxes outside the ten-mill limitation be made for the benefit of the (here insert name of the school district) school district for the purpose of acquiring a site for classroom facilities in the sum of \$..... (here insert annual amount the levy is to produce) estimated by the county auditor to average ~~(here insert number of mills)~~ mills for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, which ~~amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value~~, for a period of (here insert number of years the millage is to be imposed) years?"

Where it is necessary to combine the question of issuing bonds of the school district and levying a tax as described in division (B) of this section with the question of issuing bonds of the school district for acquisition of a site, the question specified in that division to be voted on shall be "For the Bond Issues and the Tax Levy" and "Against the Bond Issues and the Tax Levy."

Where it is necessary to combine the question of issuing bonds of the school district and levying a tax as described in division (B) of this section with the question of levying a tax for the acquisition of a site, the question

specified in that division to be voted on shall be "For the Bond Issue and the Tax Levies" and "Against the Bond Issue and the Tax Levies."

Where the school district board chooses to combine the question in division (B) of this section with any of the additional questions described in divisions (A) to (D) of section 3318.056 of the Revised Code, the question specified in division (B) of this section to be voted on shall be "For the Bond Issues and the Tax Levies" and "Against the Bond Issues and the Tax Levies."

If a majority of those voting upon a proposition hereunder which includes the question of issuing bonds vote in favor thereof, and if the agreement provided for by section 3318.08 of the Revised Code has been entered into, the school district board may proceed under Chapter 133. of the Revised Code, with the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

Sec. 3318.061. This section applies only to school districts eligible to receive additional assistance under division (B)(2) of section 3318.04 of the Revised Code.

The board of education of a school district in which a tax described by division (B) of section 3318.05 and levied under section 3318.06 of the Revised Code is in effect, may adopt a resolution by vote of a majority of its members to extend the term of that tax beyond the expiration of that tax as originally approved under that section. The school district board may include in the resolution a proposal to extend the term of that tax at the rate of not less than one-half mill for each dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value for a period of twenty-three years from the year in which the school district board and the Ohio facilities construction commission enter into an agreement under division (B)(2) of section 3318.04 of the Revised Code or in the following year, as specified in the resolution. Such a resolution may be adopted at any time before such an agreement is entered into and before the tax levied pursuant to section 3318.06 of the Revised Code expires. If the resolution is combined with a resolution to issue bonds to pay the school district's portion of the basic project cost, it shall conform with the requirements of divisions (A)(1), (2), and (3) of section 3318.06 of the Revised Code, except that the resolution also shall state that the tax levy proposed in the resolution is an extension of an existing tax levied under that section. A resolution proposing an extension adopted under this section does not take effect until it is approved by a majority of electors voting in favor of the resolution at a general, primary, or special election as provided in this section.

A tax levy extended under this section is subject to the same terms and

limitations to which the original tax levied under section 3318.06 of the Revised Code is subject under that section, except the term of the extension shall be as specified in this section.

The school district board shall request from the county auditor an estimate of the extended levy's annual collections in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code. The auditor shall certify this estimate to the board within ten days after receiving the board's request. The board shall certify a copy of the resolution adopted under this section and the auditor's certification to the proper county board of elections not later than ninety days before the date set in the resolution as the date of the election at which the question will be submitted to electors. The notice of the election shall conform with the requirements of division (A)(3) of section 3318.06 of the Revised Code, except that the notice also shall state that the maintenance tax levy is an extension of an existing tax levy and the levy's estimated annual collections.

The form of the ballot shall be as follows:

"Shall the existing tax levied to pay the cost of maintaining classroom facilities constructed with the proceeds of the previously issued bonds, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at the rate of (here insert the number of mills, which shall not be less than one-half mill) mills per dollar for each \$1 of tax valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value, be extended until (here insert the year that is twenty-three years after the year in which the district and commission will enter into an agreement under division (B)(2) of section 3318.04 of the Revised Code or the following year)?

	FOR EXTENDING THE EXISTING TAX LEVY
	AGAINST EXTENDING THE EXISTING TAX LEVY " "

Section 3318.07 of the Revised Code applies to ballot questions under this section.

Sec. 3318.062. (A) If authority is sought to issue bonds in more than one series to pay the school district's portion of the basic project cost under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code, the form of the ballot shall be:

"Shall bonds be issued by the (here insert name of school district) school district to pay the local share of school construction under the State of Ohio Classroom Facilities Assistance Program in the total principal amount of \$..... (total principal amount of the bond issue), to be issued in (number of series) series, each series to be repaid annually over not

more than (maximum number of years over which the principal of each series may be paid) years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds and on any notes issued in anticipation of the bonds, with annual collections and at a rate estimated by the county auditor to average over the repayment period of each series as follows: (insert the following for each series: "the series, in a principal amount of \$..... ~~dollars, requiring that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually and require~~ mills ~~per dollar for each \$1 of tax valuation~~ taxable value, which amounts to \$..... (rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents, such as "36 cents" or "\$1.41") for each ~~one hundred dollars in tax valuation~~ \$100,000 of fair market value, commencing in and first payable in)?"

and, unless the additional levy of taxes is not required pursuant to division (C) of section 3318.05 of the Revised Code,

"Shall an additional levy of taxes be made for a period of twenty-three years to benefit the (here insert name of school district) school district, the proceeds of which shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining the classroom facilities included in the project, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at the rate of (here insert the number of mills, which shall not be less than one-half mill) mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value?

	For the bond issue
	Against the bond issue

(B) If it is necessary for the school district to acquire a site for the classroom facilities to be acquired pursuant to sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code, the district board may propose either to issue bonds of the board or to levy a tax to pay for the acquisition of such site, and may combine the question of doing so with the questions specified in division (A) of this section. Bonds issued under this division for the purpose of acquiring a site are a general obligation of the school district and are Chapter 133. securities.

The form of that portion of the ballot to include the question of either issuing bonds or levying a tax for site acquisition purposes shall be one of the forms prescribed in division (D) of section 3318.06 of the Revised Code.

(C) Where the school district board chooses to combine the question in

division (A) of this section with any of the additional questions described in divisions (A) to (D) of section 3318.056 of the Revised Code, the question specified in division (A) of this section to be voted on shall be "For the Bond Issues and the Tax Levies" and "Against the Bond Issues and the Tax Levies."

(D) If a majority of those voting upon a proposition prescribed in this section which includes the question of issuing bonds vote in favor of that issuance, and if the agreement prescribed in section 3318.08 of the Revised Code has been entered into, the school district board may proceed under Chapter 133. of the Revised Code with the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

Sec. 3318.063. If the board of education of a city, exempted village, or local school district that has entered into an agreement under section 3318.051 of the Revised Code to make transfers of money in lieu of levying the tax for maintenance of the classroom facilities included in the district's project determines that it no longer can continue making the transfers so agreed to and desires to rescind that agreement, the board shall adopt the resolution to submit the question of the tax levy prescribed in this section.

The resolution shall declare that the question of a tax levy specified in division (F) of section 3318.051 of the Revised Code shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at the next general or primary election, if there be a general or primary election not less than seventy-five and not more than ninety-five days after the day of the adoption of such resolution or, if not, at a special election to be held at a time specified in the resolution which shall be not less than seventy-five days after the day of the adoption of the resolution and which shall be in accordance with the requirements of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code. Such resolution shall specify both of the following:

(A) That the rate which it is necessary to levy shall be at the rate of not less than one-half mill for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, and that such tax shall be levied for the number of years required by division (F) of section 3318.051 of the Revised Code;

(B) That the proceeds of the tax shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining the classroom facilities included in the project.

A copy of such resolution shall after its passage and not less than seventy-five days prior to the date set therein for the election be certified to the county board of elections.

Notice of the election shall include the levy's estimated annual collections, the fact that the tax levy shall be at the rate of not less than one-half mill for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value for the number

of years required by division (F) of section 3318.051 of the Revised Code, and that the proceeds of the tax shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining the classroom facilities included in the project. The notice shall also express the rate in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value.

The form of the ballot to be used at such election shall be:

"Shall a levy of taxes be made for a period of (here insert the number of years, which shall not be less than the number required by division (F) of section 3318.051 of the Revised Code) years to benefit the (here insert name of school district) school district, the proceeds of which shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining the classroom facilities included in the project, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$.... annually, at the rate of (here insert the number of mills, which shall not be less than one-half mill) mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value?

	FOR THE TAX LEVY	"
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	

Sec. 3318.361. A school district board opting to qualify for state assistance pursuant to section 3318.36 of the Revised Code through levying the tax specified in division (D)(2)(a) or (D)(4) of that section shall declare by resolution that the question of a tax levy specified in division (D)(2)(a) or (4), as applicable, of section 3318.36 of the Revised Code shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at the next general or primary election, if there be a general or primary election not less than ninety and not more than one hundred ten days after the day of the adoption of such resolution or, if not, at a special election to be held at a time specified in the resolution which shall be not less than ninety days after the day of the adoption of the resolution and which shall be in accordance with the requirements of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code. Such resolution shall specify both of the following:

- (A) That the rate which it is necessary to levy shall be at the rate of not less than one-half mill for each one dollar of ~~valuation taxable value~~, and that such tax shall be levied for a period of twenty-three years;
- (B) That the proceeds of the tax shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining the classroom facilities included in the project.

A copy of such resolution shall after its passage and not less than ninety

days prior to the date set therein for the election be certified to the county board of elections.

Notice of the election shall include the levy's estimated annual collections, the fact that the tax levy shall be at the rate of not less than one-half mill for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value for a period of twenty-three years, and that the proceeds of the tax shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining the classroom facilities included in the project. The notice shall also express the rate in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value.

The form of the ballot to be used at such election shall be:

"Shall a levy of taxes be made for a period of twenty-three years to benefit the (here insert name of school district) school district, the proceeds of which shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining the classroom facilities included in the project, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at the rate of (here insert the number of mills, which shall not be less than one-half mill) mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value?

	FOR THE TAX LEVY	"
	AGAINST THE TAX	
	LEVY	

Sec. 3318.45. (A) Unless division (B) of section 3318.44 of the Revised Code applies, if a joint vocational school district board of education proposes to issue securities to generate all or part of the school district's portion of the basic project cost of the school district's project under sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code, the school district board shall adopt a resolution in accordance with Chapter 133. and section 3311.20 of the Revised Code. Unless the school district board seeks authority to issue securities in more than one series, the school district board shall adopt the form of the ballot prescribed in section 133.18 of the Revised Code.

(B) If authority is sought to issue bonds in more than one series, the form of the ballot shall be:

"Shall bonds be issued by the (here insert name of joint vocational school district) joint vocational school district to pay the local share of school construction under the State of Ohio Joint Vocational School Facilities Assistance Program in the total principal amount of \$..... (total principal amount of the bond issue), to be issued in (number of series) series, each series to be repaid annually over not more than (maximum

number of years over which the principal of each series may be paid) years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds and on any notes issued in anticipation of the bonds, with annual collections and at a rate estimated by the county auditor to average over the repayment period of each series as follows: [insert the following for each series: "the series, in a principal amount of \$..... dollars, ~~requiring that the county auditor estimates will collect \$.... annually and require mills per dollar for each \$1 of tax valuation taxable value,~~ which ~~amount amounts~~ to \$..... (~~rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents, such as "36 cents" or "\$1.41"~~) for each ~~one hundred dollars in tax valuation~~ \$100,000 of fair market value, commencing in and first payable in"]?

	For the bond issue	
	Against the bond issue	"

(C) If it is necessary for the school district to acquire a site for the classroom facilities to be acquired pursuant to sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code, the district board may propose either to issue bonds of the board or to levy a tax to pay for the acquisition of such site and may combine the question of doing so with the question specified by reference in division (A) of this section or the question specified in division (B) of this section. Bonds issued under this division for the purpose of acquiring a site are a general obligation of the school district and are Chapter 133. securities.

The form of that portion of the ballot to include the question of either issuing bonds or levying a tax for site acquisition purposes shall be one of the following:

(1) "Shall bonds be issued by the (here insert name of the joint vocational school district) joint vocational school district to pay costs of acquiring a site for classroom facilities under the State of Ohio Joint Vocational School Facilities Assistance Program in the principal amount of \$..... (here insert principal amount of the bond issue), to be repaid annually over a maximum period of (here insert maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid) years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to collect \$.... annually and to average over the repayment period of the bond issue (~~here insert number of mills~~) mills for each one dollar \$1 of tax valuation taxable value, which ~~amount amounts~~ to \$..... (~~here insert rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents, such as "thirty-six cents" or "\$0.36"~~) for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$100,000

of ~~valuation~~ fair market value, to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of the bonds?"

(2) "Shall an additional levy of taxes outside the ten-mill limitation be made for the benefit of the (here insert name of the joint vocational school district) joint vocational school district for the purpose of acquiring a site for classroom facilities in the sum of \$..... (here insert annual amount the levy is to produce) estimated by the county auditor to collect \$.... annually and to average (~~here insert number of mills~~) mills for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, which ~~amount amounts to~~ \$..... (~~here insert rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents, such as "thirty six cents" or "\$0.36"~~) for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$100,000 of valuation fair market value, for a period of (here insert number of years the millage is to be imposed) years?"

Where it is necessary to combine the question of issuing bonds of the joint vocational school district as described in division (A) of this section with the question of issuing bonds of the school district for acquisition of a site, the question specified in that division to be voted on shall be "For the bond issues" and "Against the bond issues."

Where it is necessary to combine the question of issuing bonds of the joint vocational school district as described in division (A) of this section with the question of levying a tax for the acquisition of a site, the question specified in that division to be voted on shall be "For the bond issue and the tax levy" and "Against the bond issue and the tax levy."

(D) Where the school district board chooses to combine a question specified in this section with any of the additional questions described in division (C) of section 3318.44 of the Revised Code, the question to be voted on shall be "For the bond issues and the tax levies" and "Against the bond issues and the tax levies."

(E) If a majority of those voting upon a proposition prescribed in this section which includes the question of issuing bonds vote in favor of that issuance and if the agreement prescribed in section 3318.08 of the Revised Code has been entered into, the school district board may proceed under Chapter 133. of the Revised Code with the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

Sec. 3381.03. Any county, or any two or more counties, municipal corporations, or townships, or any combination of these may create a regional arts and cultural district by the adoption of a resolution or ordinance by the board of county commissioners of each county, the legislative authority of each municipal corporation, and the board of township trustees of each township that desires to create or to join in the

creation of the district. The resolution or ordinance shall state all of the following:

- (A) The purposes for the creation of the district;
- (B) The counties, municipal corporations, or townships that are to be included in the district;
- (C) The official name by which the district shall be known;
- (D) The location of the principal office of the district or the manner in which the location shall be selected;
- (E) Subject to section 3381.05 of the Revised Code, the number, term, and compensation, which shall not exceed the sum of fifty dollars for each board and committee meeting attended by a member, of the members of the board of trustees of the district;
- (F) Subject to section 3381.05 of the Revised Code, the manner in which members of the board of trustees of the district shall be appointed; the method of filling vacancies; and the period, if any, for which a trustee continues in office after expiration of the trustee's term pending the appointment of the trustee's successor;
- (G) The manner of apportioning expenses of the district among the participating counties, municipal corporations, and townships.

The resolution or ordinance may also provide that the authority of the districts to make grants under section 3381.20 of the Revised Code may be totally or partially delegated to one or more area arts councils, as defined in section 757.03 of the Revised Code, located within the district.

The district provided for in the resolution or ordinance shall be created upon the adoption of the resolution or ordinance by the board of county commissioners of each county, the legislative authority of each municipal corporation, and the board of township trustees of each township enumerated in the resolution or ordinance. The resolution or ordinance may be amended to include additional counties, municipal corporations, or townships or for any other purpose by the adoption of an amendment by the board of county commissioners of each county, the legislative authority of each municipal corporation, and the board of township trustees of each township that has created or joined or proposes to join the district.

After each county, municipal corporation, and township has adopted a resolution or ordinance approving inclusion of additional counties, municipal corporations, or townships in the district, a copy of the resolution or ordinance shall be filed with the clerk of the board of the county commissioners of each county, the clerk of the legislative authority of each municipal corporation, and the fiscal officer of the board of trustees of each township proposed to be included in the district. The inclusion is effective

when all such filing is completed unless the district to which territory is to be added has authority to levy an ad valorem tax on property within its territory, in which event the inclusion shall become effective upon voter approval of the joinder and the tax. ~~The~~

If a tax on property is to be levied, the board shall request and obtain from the county auditor an estimate of the levy's annual collections in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, assuming that the additional territory has been added to the district. The auditor shall certify this estimate to the board within ten days after receiving the board's request. The board of trustees shall promptly certify the proposal and the auditor's certification to the board or boards of elections for the purpose of having the proposal placed on the ballot at the next general or primary election that occurs not less than sixty days after the date of the meeting of the board of trustees, or at a special election held on a date specified in the certification that is not less than sixty days after the date of the meeting of the board. If territory of more than one county, municipal corporation, or township is to be added to the regional arts and cultural district, the electors of the territories of the counties, municipal corporations, or townships which are to be added shall vote as a district, and the outcome of the election shall be determined by the vote cast in the entire district. Upon certification of a proposal to the board or boards of elections pursuant to this section, the board or boards of elections shall make the necessary arrangements for the submission of the questions to the electors of the territory to be added to the district, and the election shall be held, canvassed, and certified in the manner provided for the submission of tax levies under section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, except that the question appearing on the ballot shall read:

"Shall the territory within the (name or names of political subdivisions to be joined) be added to (name) regional arts and cultural district? And shall a(n) (here insert type of tax or taxes) a property tax that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually at a rate of taxation not to exceed exceeding (here insert maximum tax rate or rates) mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value, be levied for purposes of such district?"

If the question is approved by a majority of the electors voting on the question, the joinder is effective immediately, and the district may extend the levy of the tax against all the taxable property within the territory that has been added. If the question is approved at a general election or at a special election occurring prior to a general election but after the fifteenth

day of July in any calendar year, the district may amend its budget and resolution adopted pursuant to section 5705.34 of the Revised Code, and the levy shall be placed on the current tax list and duplicate and collected as other taxes are collected from all taxable property within the territory of the district, including the territory added as a result of the election.

The territory of a district shall be coextensive with the territory of the counties, municipal corporations, and townships included within the district, provided that the same territory may not be included in more than one regional arts and cultural district, and provided, that if a district includes only a portion of an entire county, a district may be created in the remaining portion of the same county by resolution of the board of county commissioners acting alone or in conjunction with municipal corporations and townships as provided in this section.

Sec. 3505.06. (A) On the questions and issues ballot shall be printed all questions and issues to be submitted at any one election together with the percentage of affirmative votes necessary for passage as required by law. Such ballot shall have printed across the top thereof, and below the stubs, "Official Questions and Issues Ballot."

(B)(1) Questions and issues shall be grouped together on the ballot from top to bottom as provided in division (B)(1) of this section, except as otherwise provided in division (B)(2) of this section. State questions and issues shall always appear as the top group of questions and issues. In calendar year 1997, the following questions and issues shall be grouped together on the ballot, in the following order from top to bottom, after the state questions and issues:

- (a) County questions and issues;
- (b) Municipal questions and issues;
- (c) Township questions and issues;
- (d) School or other district questions and issues.

In each succeeding calendar year after 1997, each group of questions and issues described in division (B)(1)(a) to (d) of this section shall be moved down one place on the ballot except that the group that was last on the ballot during the immediately preceding calendar year shall appear at the top of the ballot after the state questions and issues. The rotation shall be performed only once each calendar year, beginning with the first election held during the calendar year. The rotation of groups of questions and issues shall be performed during each calendar year as required by division (B)(1) of this section, even if no questions and issues from any one or more such groups appear on the ballot at any particular election held during that calendar year.

(2) Questions and issues shall be grouped together on the ballot, from top to bottom, in the following order when it is not practicable to group them together as required by division (B)(1) of this section because of the type of voting machines used by the board of elections: state questions and issues, county questions and issues, municipal questions and issues, township questions and issues, and school or other district questions and issues. The particular order in which each of a group of state questions or issues is placed on the ballot shall be determined by, and certified to each board of elections by, the secretary of state.

(3) Failure of the board of elections to rotate questions and issues as required by division (B)(1) of this section does not affect the validity of the election at which the failure occurred, and is not grounds for contesting an election under section 3515.08 of the Revised Code.

(C) The particular order in which each of a group of county, municipal, township, or school district questions or issues is placed on the ballot shall be determined by the board providing the ballots.

(D) The printed matter pertaining to each question or issue on the ballot shall be enclosed at the top and bottom thereof by a heavy horizontal line across the width of the ballot. Immediately below such top line shall be printed a brief title descriptive of the question or issue below it, such as "Proposed Constitutional Amendment," "Proposed Bond Issue," "Proposed Annexation of Territory," "Proposed Increase in Tax Rate," or such other brief title as will be descriptive of the question or issue to which it pertains, together with a brief statement of the percentage of affirmative votes necessary for passage, such as "A sixty-five per cent affirmative vote is necessary for passage," "A majority vote is necessary for passage," or such other brief statement as will be descriptive of the percentage of affirmative votes required.

(E) The questions and issues ballot need not contain the full text of the proposal to be voted upon. A condensed text that will properly describe the question, issue, or an amendment proposed by other than the general assembly shall be used as prepared and certified by the secretary of state for state-wide questions or issues or by the board for local questions or issues. If other than a full text is used, the full text of the proposed question, issue, or amendment together with the percentage of affirmative votes necessary for passage as required by law shall be posted in each polling place in some spot that is easily accessible to the voters.

(F) Each question and issue appearing on the questions and issues ballot may be consecutively numbered. The question or issue determined to appear at the top of the ballot may be designated on the face thereof by the Arabic

numeral "1" and all questions and issues placed below on the ballot shall be consecutively numbered. Such numeral shall be placed below the heavy top horizontal line enclosing such question or issue and to the left of the brief title thereof.

(G) No portion of a ballot question proposing to levy a property tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation under any section of the Revised Code, including the renewal or replacement of such a levy, may be printed in boldface type or in a font size that is different from the font size of other text in the ballot question. The prohibitions in division (g) of this section do not apply to printed matter either described in division (D) of this section related to such a ballot question or located in the area of the ballot in which votes are indicated for or against that question.

Sec. 4582.024. After a port authority has been created, any municipal corporation, township, or county, acting by ordinance, resolution of the township trustees, or resolution of the county commissioners, respectively, which is contiguous to such port authority, or to any municipal corporation, township, or county which proposes to join such port authority at the same time and is contiguous to such port authority, or any county within which such port authority is situated, may join such port authority and thereupon the jurisdiction and territory of such port authority shall include such municipal corporation, county, or township. If more than one such political subdivision is to be joined to the port authority at the same time, then each such ordinance or resolution shall designate the political subdivisions which are to be so joined. Any territory or municipal corporation not included in a port authority and which is annexed to a municipal corporation included within the jurisdiction and territory of a port authority shall, on such annexation and without further proceedings, be annexed to and be included in the jurisdiction and territory of such port authority. Before such political subdivision or subdivisions are joined to a port authority, other than by annexation to a municipality, the political subdivision or subdivisions theretofore comprising such port authority shall agree upon the terms and conditions pursuant to which such political subdivision or subdivisions are to be joined. For all purposes of sections 4582.01 to 4582.20, inclusive, of the Revised Code, such political subdivision or subdivisions shall be considered to have participated in the creation of such port authority, except that the initial term of any director of the port authority appointed by such a political subdivision shall be four years. After each ordinance or resolution proposing joinder to the port authority has become effective and the terms and conditions of joinder have been agreed to, the board of directors of the port authority shall by resolution either accept or reject such joinder. Such

joinder shall be effective on adoption of the resolution accepting such joinder, unless the port authority to which a political subdivision or subdivisions including a county within which such port authority is located, are to be joined has authority under section 4582.14 of the Revised Code to levy a tax on property within its jurisdiction, then such joinder shall not be effective until approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the electors voting on the question of such joinder. If more than one political subdivision is to be joined to the port authority, then the electors of such subdivision shall vote as a district and the majority affirmative vote shall be determined by the vote cast in such district as a whole. ~~Such~~

If a tax on property is to be levied, the board of directors of the port authority shall request and obtain from the county auditor an estimate of the levy's annual collections in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, assuming that the additional subdivision or subdivisions have joined the port authority. The auditor shall certify this estimate to the board within ten days after receiving the board's request.

The election shall be called by the board of directors of the port authority and shall be held, canvassed, and certified in the manner provided for the submission of tax levies under section 5705.191 of the Revised Code except that the question appearing on the ballot shall read:

"Shall
(name or names of political subdivisions to be joined)
be joined to (name) port authority and the
~~(name)~~
existing tax levy (levies) of such port authority ~~(aggregating)~~, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding
..... mill per dollar mill(s) for each \$1 of valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value, be authorized to be
levied against properties within
....."

(name or names of political subdivisions to be joined)
If the question is approved such joinder shall be immediately effective and the port authority shall be authorized to extend the levy of such tax against all the taxable property within the political subdivision or political subdivisions which have been joined. If such question is approved at a general election then the port authority may amend its budget and resolution adopted pursuant to section 5705.34 of the Revised Code and such levy shall be placed on the current tax list and duplicate and collected as other taxes

are collected from all taxable property within the port authority including the political subdivision or political subdivisions joined as a result of such election.

As used in this section, "fair market value" has the same meaning as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4582.26. After a port authority has been created, any municipal corporation, township, county, or other political subdivision, acting by ordinance or resolution, which is contiguous to any municipal corporation, township, county, or other political subdivision which participated in the creation of such port authority or to any municipal corporation, township, county, or other political subdivision which proposes to join the port authority at the same time and is contiguous to any municipal corporation, township, county, or other political subdivision which participated in the creation of such port authority, may join such port authority, and thereupon the jurisdiction and territory of the port authority includes the municipal corporation, county, township, or other political subdivision so joining. If more than one such political subdivision is to be joined to the port authority at the same time, then each such ordinance or resolution shall designate the political subdivisions which are to be so joined. Any territory or municipal corporation not included in a port authority and which is annexed to a municipal corporation included within the jurisdiction and territory of a port authority shall, on such annexation and without further proceedings, be annexed to and be included in the jurisdiction and territory of the port authority. Before such political subdivision or subdivisions are joined to a port authority, other than by annexation to a municipal corporation, the political subdivision or subdivisions theretofore comprising such port authority shall agree upon the terms and conditions pursuant to which such political subdivision or subdivisions are to be joined. For all purposes of sections 4582.21 to 4582.59 of the Revised Code, such political subdivision or subdivisions shall be considered to have participated in the creation of such port authority, except that the initial term of any director of the port authority appointed by such a political subdivision shall be four years. After each ordinance or resolution proposing joinder to the port authority has become effective and the terms and conditions of joinder have been agreed to, the board of directors of the port authority shall by resolution either accept or reject such joinder. Such joinder shall be effective upon adoption of the resolution accepting such joinder, unless the port authority to which a political subdivision or subdivisions, including a county within which such port authority is located, are to be joined, has authority under section 4582.40 of the Revised Code to levy a tax on property within its jurisdiction,

then such joinder shall not be effective until approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the electors voting on the question of the joinder. If more than one political subdivision is to be joined to the port authority, then the electors of such subdivisions shall vote as a district and the majority affirmative vote shall be determined by the vote cast in such district as a whole. ~~The~~

If a tax on property is to be levied, the board of directors of the port authority shall request and obtain from the county auditor an estimate of the levy's annual collections in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, assuming that the additional subdivision or subdivisions have joined the port authority. The auditor shall certify this estimate to the board within ten days after receiving the board's request.

The election shall be called by the board of directors of the port authority and shall be held, canvassed, and certified in the manner provided for the submission of tax levies under section 5705.191 of the Revised Code except that the question appearing on the ballot shall read:

"Shall

(Name or names of political subdivisions to be joined)

.....

~~be joined)~~

be joined to (Name) port authority

~~(Name)~~

and the existing tax levy (levies) of such port authority

~~(aggregating)~~ , that the county auditor estimates will collect \$.... annually, at a rate not exceeding ~~mill per dollar~~ mill(s) for each \$1 of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, which amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value

be authorized to be levied against properties within

.....?"

(Name or names of political subdivisions to be joined)

If the question is approved the joinder becomes immediately effective and the port authority is authorized to extend the levy of such tax against all the taxable property within the political subdivision or political subdivisions which have been joined. If such question is approved at a general election, then the port authority may amend its budget and resolution adopted pursuant to section 5705.34 of the Revised Code and such levy shall be placed on the current tax list and duplicate and collected as other taxes are collected from all taxable property within the port authority including the political subdivision or political subdivisions joined as a result of the

election.

As used in this section, "fair market value" has the same meaning as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5705.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Subdivision" means any county; municipal corporation; township; township police district; joint police district; township fire district; joint fire district; joint ambulance district; joint emergency medical services district; fire and ambulance district; joint recreation district; township waste disposal district; township road district; community college district; technical college district; detention facility district; a district organized under section 2151.65 of the Revised Code; a combined district organized under sections 2152.41 and 2151.65 of the Revised Code; a joint-county alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health service district; a drainage improvement district created under section 6131.52 of the Revised Code; a lake facilities authority created under Chapter 353. of the Revised Code; a union cemetery district; a county school financing district; a city, local, exempted village, cooperative education, or joint vocational school district; or a regional student education district created under section 3313.83 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Municipal corporation" means all municipal corporations, including those that have adopted a charter under Article XVIII, Ohio Constitution.

(C) "Taxing authority" or "bond issuing authority" means, in the case of any county, the board of county commissioners; in the case of a municipal corporation, the council or other legislative authority of the municipal corporation; in the case of a city, local, exempted village, cooperative education, or joint vocational school district, the board of education; in the case of a community college district, the board of trustees of the district; in the case of a technical college district, the board of trustees of the district; in the case of a detention facility district, a district organized under section 2151.65 of the Revised Code, or a combined district organized under sections 2152.41 and 2151.65 of the Revised Code, the joint board of county commissioners of the district; in the case of a township, the board of township trustees; in the case of a joint police district, the joint police district board; in the case of a joint fire district, the board of fire district trustees; in the case of a joint recreation district, the joint recreation district board of trustees; in the case of a joint-county alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health service district, the district's board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services; in the case of a joint ambulance district or a fire and ambulance district, the board of trustees of the district; in the case of a union cemetery district, the legislative authority of the municipal

corporation and the board of township trustees, acting jointly as described in section 759.341 of the Revised Code; in the case of a drainage improvement district, the board of county commissioners of the county in which the drainage district is located; in the case of a lake facilities authority, the board of directors; in the case of a joint emergency medical services district, the joint board of county commissioners of all counties in which all or any part of the district lies; and in the case of a township police district, a township fire district, a township road district, or a township waste disposal district, the board of township trustees of the township in which the district is located. "Taxing authority" also means the educational service center governing board that serves as the taxing authority of a county school financing district as provided in section 3311.50 of the Revised Code, and the board of directors of a regional student education district created under section 3313.83 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Fiscal officer" in the case of a county, means the county auditor; in the case of a municipal corporation, the city auditor or village clerk, or an officer who, by virtue of the charter, has the duties and functions of the city auditor or village clerk, except that in the case of a municipal university the board of directors of which have assumed, in the manner provided by law, the custody and control of the funds of the university, the chief accounting officer of the university shall perform, with respect to the funds, the duties vested in the fiscal officer of the subdivision by sections 5705.41 and 5705.44 of the Revised Code; in the case of a school district, the treasurer of the board of education; in the case of a county school financing district, the treasurer of the educational service center governing board that serves as the taxing authority; in the case of a township, the township fiscal officer; in the case of a joint police district, the treasurer of the district; in the case of a joint fire district, the clerk of the board of fire district trustees; in the case of a joint ambulance district, the clerk of the board of trustees of the district; in the case of a joint emergency medical services district, the person appointed as fiscal officer pursuant to division (D) of section 307.053 of the Revised Code; in the case of a fire and ambulance district, the person appointed as fiscal officer pursuant to division (B) of section 505.375 of the Revised Code; in the case of a joint recreation district, the person designated pursuant to section 755.15 of the Revised Code; in the case of a union cemetery district, the clerk of the municipal corporation designated in section 759.34 of the Revised Code; in the case of a children's home district, educational service center, general health district, joint-county alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health service district, county library district, detention facility district, district organized under section 2151.65 of the

Revised Code, a combined district organized under sections 2152.41 and 2151.65 of the Revised Code, or a metropolitan park district for which no treasurer has been appointed pursuant to section 1545.07 of the Revised Code, the county auditor of the county designated by law to act as the auditor of the district; in the case of a metropolitan park district which has appointed a treasurer pursuant to section 1545.07 of the Revised Code, that treasurer; in the case of a drainage improvement district, the auditor of the county in which the drainage improvement district is located; in the case of a lake facilities authority, the fiscal officer designated under section 353.02 of the Revised Code; in the case of a regional student education district, the fiscal officer appointed pursuant to section 3313.83 of the Revised Code; and in all other cases, the officer responsible for keeping the appropriation accounts and drawing warrants for the expenditure of the moneys of the district or taxing unit.

(E) "Permanent improvement" or "improvement" means any property, asset, or improvement with an estimated life or usefulness of five years or more, including land and interests therein, and reconstructions, enlargements, and extensions thereof having an estimated life or usefulness of five years or more.

(F) "Current operating expenses" and "current expenses" mean the lawful expenditures of a subdivision, except those for permanent improvements, and except payments for interest, sinking fund, and retirement of bonds, notes, and certificates of indebtedness of the subdivision.

(G) "Debt charges" means interest, sinking fund, and retirement charges on bonds, notes, or certificates of indebtedness.

(H) "Taxing unit" means any subdivision or other governmental district having authority to levy taxes on the property in the district or issue bonds that constitute a charge against the property of the district, including conservancy districts, metropolitan park districts, sanitary districts, road districts, and other districts.

(I) "District authority" means any board of directors, trustees, commissioners, or other officers controlling a district institution or activity that derives its income or funds from two or more subdivisions, such as the educational service center, the trustees of district children's homes, the district board of health, a joint-county alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health service district's board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services, detention facility districts, a joint recreation district board of trustees, districts organized under section 2151.65 of the Revised Code, combined districts organized under sections 2152.41 and 2151.65 of the

Revised Code, and other such boards.

(J) "Tax list" and "tax duplicate" mean the general tax lists and duplicates prescribed by sections 319.28 and 319.29 of the Revised Code.

(K) "Property" as applied to a tax levy means taxable property listed on general tax lists and duplicates.

(L) "Association library district" means a territory, the boundaries of which are defined by the state library board pursuant to division (I) of section 3375.01 of the Revised Code, in which a library association or private corporation maintains a free public library.

(M) "Library district" means a territory, the boundaries of which are defined by the state library board pursuant to section 3375.01 of the Revised Code, in which the board of trustees of a county, municipal corporation, school district, or township public library maintains a free public library.

(N) "Qualifying library levy" means either of the following:

(1) A levy for the support of a library association or private corporation that has an association library district with boundaries that are not identical to those of a subdivision;

(2) A levy proposed under section 5705.23 of the Revised Code for the support of the board of trustees of a public library that has a library district with boundaries that are not identical to those of a subdivision.

(O) "School library district" means a school district in which a free public library has been established that is under the control and management of a board of library trustees as provided in section 3375.15 of the Revised Code.

(P) "Fair market value" means the true value in money of real property.

Sec. 5705.03. (A) The taxing authority of each subdivision may levy taxes annually, subject to the limitations of sections 5705.01 to 5705.47 of the Revised Code, on the real and personal property within the subdivision for the purpose of paying the current operating expenses of the subdivision and acquiring or constructing permanent improvements. The taxing authority of each subdivision and taxing unit shall, subject to the limitations of such sections, levy such taxes annually as are necessary to pay the interest and sinking fund on and retire at maturity the bonds, notes, and certificates of indebtedness of such subdivision and taxing unit, including levies in anticipation of which the subdivision or taxing unit has incurred indebtedness.

(B)(1) When a taxing authority determines that it is necessary to levy a tax outside the ten-mill limitation for any purpose authorized by the Revised Code, the taxing authority shall certify to the county auditor a resolution or ordinance requesting that the county auditor certify to the taxing authority

the total current tax valuation of the subdivision, and the number of mills for each one dollar of taxable value and that rate stated in dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar, for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value required to generate a specified amount of revenue, or the dollar amount of revenue, rounded to the nearest dollar, that would be generated by a specified number of mills for each one dollar of taxable value. The auditor shall additionally certify an estimate of the levy's annual collections, rounded to the nearest dollar, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the tax list of the taxing authority remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list for the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the auditor to the county budget commission. The resolution or ordinance the taxing authority certifies to the county auditor shall state all of the following:

- (a) The purpose of the tax;
- (b) Whether the tax is an additional levy, a renewal or a replacement of an existing tax, or a renewal or replacement of an existing tax with an increase or a decrease;
- (c) The section of the Revised Code authorizing submission of the question of the tax;
- (d) The term of years of the tax or if the tax is for a continuing period of time;
- (e) That the tax is to be levied upon the entire territory of the subdivision or, if authorized by the Revised Code, a description of the portion of the territory of the subdivision in which the tax is to be levied;
- (f) The date of the election at which the question of the tax shall appear on the ballot;
- (g) That the ballot measure shall be submitted to the entire territory of the subdivision or, if authorized by the Revised Code, a description of the portion of the territory of the subdivision to which the ballot measure shall be submitted;
- (h) The tax year in which the tax will first be levied and the calendar year in which the tax will first be collected;
- (i) Each such county in which the subdivision has territory.

If a subdivision is located in more than one county, the county auditor shall obtain from the county auditor of each other county in which the subdivision is located the current tax valuation for the portion of the subdivision in that county. The county auditor shall issue the certification to the taxing authority within ten days after receiving the taxing authority's resolution or ordinance requesting it.

- (2) ~~When considering the tangible personal property component of the~~

~~tax valuation of the subdivision, the county auditor shall take into account the assessment percentages prescribed in section 5711.22 of the Revised Code. The tax commissioner may issue rules, orders, or instructions directing how the assessment percentages must be utilized.~~

(3) Upon receiving the certification from the county auditor, the taxing authority may adopt a resolution or ordinance stating the rate of the tax levy, expressed in mills for each one dollar ~~in tax valuation of taxable value and~~ in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, as estimated by the county auditor, and that the taxing authority will proceed with the submission of the question of the tax to electors. The taxing authority shall certify this resolution or ordinance, a copy of the county auditor's ~~certification~~ certifications, and the resolution or ordinance the taxing authority adopted under division (B)(1) of this section to the proper county board of elections in the manner and within the time prescribed by the section of the Revised Code governing submission of the question. The county board of elections shall not submit the question of the tax to electors unless a copy of the county auditor's certification accompanies the resolutions or ordinances the taxing authority certifies to the board. Before requesting a taxing authority to submit a tax levy, any agency or authority authorized to make that request shall first request the certification from the county auditor provided under this section.

(4) (3) This division is supplemental to, and not in derogation of, any similar requirement governing the certification by the county auditor of the tax valuation of a subdivision or necessary tax rates for the purposes of the submission of the question of a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation, including sections 133.18 and 5705.195 of the Revised Code.

(C) All taxes levied on property shall be extended on the tax list and duplicate by the county auditor of the county in which the property is located, and shall be collected by the county treasurer of such county in the same manner and under the same laws and rules as are prescribed for the assessment and collection of county taxes. The proceeds of any tax levied by or for any subdivision when received by its fiscal officer shall be deposited in its treasury to the credit of the appropriate fund.

Sec. 5705.192. (A) For the purposes of this section only, "taxing authority" includes a township board of park commissioners appointed under section 511.18 of the Revised Code.

(B) A taxing authority may propose to replace an existing levy that the taxing authority is authorized to levy, regardless of the section of the Revised Code under which the authority is granted, except a school district emergency levy proposed pursuant to sections 5705.194 to 5705.197 of the

Revised Code. The taxing authority may propose to replace the existing levy in its entirety at the rate at which it is authorized to be levied; may propose to replace a portion of the existing levy at a lesser rate; or may propose to replace the existing levy in its entirety and increase the rate at which it is levied. If the taxing authority proposes to replace an existing levy, the proposed levy shall be called a replacement levy and shall be so designated on the ballot. Except as otherwise provided in this division, a replacement levy shall be limited to the purpose of the existing levy, and shall appear separately on the ballot from, and shall not be conjoined with, the renewal of any other existing levy. In the case of an existing school district levy imposed under section 5705.21 of the Revised Code for the purpose specified in division (F) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, or in the case of an existing school district levy imposed under section 5705.217 of the Revised Code for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of permanent improvements, the replacement for that existing levy may be for the same purpose or for the purpose of general permanent improvements as defined in section 5705.21 of the Revised Code. The replacement for an existing levy imposed under division (L) of section 5705.19 or section 5705.222 of the Revised Code may be for any purpose authorized for a levy imposed under section 5705.222 of the Revised Code.

The resolution proposing a replacement levy shall specify the purpose of the levy; its proposed rate expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value; whether the proposed rate is the same as the rate of the existing levy, a reduction, or an increase; the extent of any reduction or increase expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value; the first calendar year in which the levy will be due; and the term of the levy, expressed in years or, if applicable, that it will be levied for a continuing period of time.

The sections of the Revised Code governing the maximum rate and term of the existing levy, the contents of the resolution that proposed the levy, the adoption of the resolution, the arrangements for the submission of the question of the levy, and notice of the election also govern the respective provisions of the proposal to replace the existing levy, except as provided in divisions (B)(1) to ~~(4)~~ (5) of this section:

(1) In the case of an existing school district levy that is imposed under section 5705.21 of the Revised Code for the purpose specified in division (F) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code or under section 5705.217 of the Revised Code for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and

financing of permanent improvements, and that is to be replaced by a levy for general permanent improvements, the term of the replacement levy may be for a continuing period of time.

(2) The date on which the election is held shall be as follows:

(a) For the replacement of a levy with a fixed term of years, the date of the general election held during the last year the existing levy may be extended on the real and public utility property tax list and duplicate, or the date of any election held in the ensuing year;

(b) For the replacement of a levy imposed for a continuing period of time, the date of any election held in any year after the year the levy to be replaced is first approved by the electors, except that only one election on the question of replacing the levy may be held during any calendar year.

The failure by the electors to approve a proposal to replace a levy imposed for a continuing period of time does not terminate the existing continuing levy.

(3) In the case of an existing school district levy imposed under division (B) of section 5705.21, division (C) of section 5705.212, or division (J) of section 5705.218 of the Revised Code, the rates allocated to the qualifying school district and to partnering community schools each may be increased or decreased or remain the same, and the total rate may be increased, decreased, or remain the same.

(4) In the case of an existing levy imposed under division (L) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, the term may be for any number of years not exceeding ten or for a continuing period of time.

(5) In addition to other required information, the election notice shall express the levy's annual collections, as estimated and certified by the county auditor under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code.

(C) The form of the ballot at the election on the question of a replacement levy shall be as follows:

"A replacement of a tax for the benefit of (name of subdivision or public library) for the purpose of (the purpose stated in the resolution), that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, which amounts to \$..... (~~rate expressed in dollars and cents~~) for each ~~one hundred dollars in valuation~~ \$100,000 of fair market value, for (number of years levy is to run, or that it will be levied for a continuous period of time)

	FOR THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE TAX

"

LEVY

If the replacement levy is proposed by a qualifying school district to replace an existing tax levied under division (B) of section 5705.21, division (C)(1) of section 5705.212, or division (J) of section 5705.218 of the Revised Code, the form of the ballot shall be modified by adding, after the phrase "each ~~one-dollar~~ \$1 of ~~valuation~~ taxable value," the following: "(of which mills is to be allocated to partnering community schools)."

If the proposal is to replace an existing levy and increase the rate of the existing levy, the form of the ballot shall be changed by adding the words "..... mills of an existing levy and an increase of mills, to constitute" after the words "a replacement of." If the proposal is to replace only a portion of an existing levy, the form of the ballot shall be changed by adding the words "a portion of an existing levy, being a reduction of mills, to constitute" after the words "a replacement of." If the existing levy is imposed under division (B) of section 5705.21, division (C)(1) of section 5705.212, or division (J) of section 5705.218 of the Revised Code, the form of the ballot also shall state the portion of the total increased rate or of the total rate as reduced that is to be allocated to partnering community schools.

If the tax is to be placed on the tax list of the current tax year, the form of the ballot shall be modified by adding at the end of the form the phrase ", commencing in (first year the replacement tax is to be levied), first due in calendar year (first calendar year in which the tax shall be due)."

The question covered by the resolution shall be submitted as a separate proposition, but may be printed on the same ballot with any other proposition submitted at the same election, other than the election of officers. More than one such question may be submitted at the same election.

(D) Two or more existing levies, or any portion of those levies, may be combined into one replacement levy, so long as all of the existing levies are for the same purpose and either all are due to expire the same year or all are for a continuing period of time. The question of combining all or portions of those existing levies into the replacement levy shall appear as one ballot proposition before the electors. If the electors approve the ballot proposition, all or the stated portions of the existing levies are replaced by one replacement levy.

(E) A levy approved in excess of the ten-mill limitation under this section shall be certified to the tax commissioner. In the first year of a levy approved under this section, the levy shall be extended on the tax lists after

the February settlement succeeding the election at which the levy was approved. If the levy is to be placed on the tax lists of the current year, as specified in the resolution providing for its submission, the result of the election shall be certified immediately after the canvass by the board of elections to the taxing authority, which shall forthwith make the necessary levy and certify it to the county auditor, who shall extend it on the tax lists for collection. After the first year, the levy shall be included in the annual tax budget that is certified to the county budget commission.

If notes are authorized to be issued in anticipation of the proceeds of the existing levy, notes may be issued in anticipation of the proceeds of the replacement levy, and such issuance is subject to the terms and limitations governing the issuance of notes in anticipation of the proceeds of the existing levy.

(F) This section does not authorize a tax to be levied in any year after the year in which revenue is not needed for the purpose for which the tax is levied.

Sec. 5705.195. Within five days after the resolution is certified to the county auditor as provided by section 5705.194 of the Revised Code, the auditor shall calculate and certify to the taxing authority the annual levy, expressed in dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred thousand dollars of ~~valuation~~ fair market value as well as in mills for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, throughout the life of the levy which will be required to produce the annual amount set forth in the resolution assuming that the amount of the tax list of such subdivision remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list for the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the auditor to the county budget commission. ~~When considering the tangible personal property component of the tax valuation of the subdivision, the county auditor shall take into account the assessment percentages prescribed in section 5711.22 of the Revised Code. The tax commissioner may issue rules, orders, or instructions directing how the assessment percentages must be utilized.~~

Upon receiving the certification from the county auditor, if the taxing authority desires to proceed with the submission of the question it shall, not less than ninety days before the day of such election, certify its resolution, together with the amount of the average tax levy, expressed in dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred thousand dollars of ~~valuation~~ fair market value as well as in mills for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, estimated by the auditor, and the number of years the levy is to run to the board of elections of the county which shall prepare the ballots and make other

necessary arrangements for the submission of the question to the voters of the subdivision.

Sec. 5705.196. The election provided for in section 5705.194 of the Revised Code shall be held at the regular places for voting in the district, and shall be conducted, canvassed, and certified in the same manner as regular elections in the district for the election of county officers, provided that in any such election in which only part of the electors of a precinct are qualified to vote, the board of elections may assign voters in such part to an adjoining precinct. Such an assignment may be made to an adjoining precinct in another county with the consent and approval of the board of elections of such other county. Notice of the election shall be published in one newspaper of general circulation in the district once a week for two consecutive weeks or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, prior to the election. If the board of elections operates and maintains a web site, the board of elections shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days prior to the election. Such notice shall state the annual proceeds of the proposed levy, the purpose for which such proceeds are to be used, the number of years during which the levy shall run, and the estimated average additional tax rate expressed in dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred ~~thousand~~ thousand dollars of ~~valuation~~ fair market value as well as in mills for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, outside the limitation imposed by Section 2 of Article XII, Ohio Constitution, as certified by the county auditor.

Sec. 5705.197. The form of the ballot to be used at the election provided for in section 5705.195 of the Revised Code shall be as follows:

"Shall a levy be imposed by the (here insert name of school district) for the purpose of (here insert purpose of levy) in the sum of \$..... (here insert annual amount the levy is to produce) and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average (~~here insert number of mills~~) mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, which amounts to \$..... (~~here insert rate expressed in dollars and cents~~) for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$100,000 of ~~valuation~~ fair market value, for a period of (here insert the number of years the millage is to be imposed) years?"

	For the Tax Levy
	Against the Tax Levy

~~The purpose for which the tax is to be levied shall be printed in the space indicated, in boldface type of at least twice the size of the type~~

~~immediately surrounding it.~~

If the tax is to be placed on the current tax list, the form of the ballot shall be modified by adding, after "years," the phrase ", commencing in (first year the tax is to be levied), first due in calendar year (first calendar year in which the tax shall be due)."

If the levy submitted is a proposal to renew all or a portion of an existing levy, the form of the ballot specified in this section ~~may~~ must be changed by adding the following at the beginning of the form, after the words "shall a levy":

(A) "Renewing an existing levy" in the case of a proposal to renew an existing levy in the same amount;

(B) "Renewing \$..... ~~dollars~~ and providing an increase of \$..... ~~dollars~~" in the case of an increase;

(C) "Renewing part of an existing levy, being a reduction of \$..... ~~dollars~~" in the case of a renewal of only part of an existing levy.

If the levy submitted is a proposal to renew all or a portion of more than one existing levy, the form of the ballot may be changed in any of the manners provided in division (A), (B), or (C) of this section, or any combination of those manners, as appropriate, so long as the form of the ballot reflects the number of levies to be renewed, whether the amount of any of the levies will be increased or decreased, the amount of any such increase or decrease for each levy, and that none of the existing levies to be renewed will be levied after the year preceding the year in which the renewal levy is first imposed. The form of the ballot shall be changed by adding the following statement after "for a period of years?" and before "For the Tax Levy" and "Against the Tax Levy":

"If approved, any remaining tax years on any of the above (here insert the number of existing levies) existing levies will not be collected after (here insert the current tax year or, if not the current tax year, the applicable tax year)."

Sec. 5705.199. (A) At any time the board of education of a city, local, exempted village, cooperative education, or joint vocational school district, by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may declare by resolution that the revenue that will be raised by all tax levies that the district is authorized to impose, when combined with state and federal revenues, will be insufficient to provide for the necessary requirements of the school district, and that it is therefore necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing for the necessary requirements of the school district. Such a levy shall be proposed as a substitute for all or a portion of one or more existing levies imposed under sections 5705.194 to 5705.197 of the

Revised Code or under this section, by levying a tax as follows:

(1) In the initial year the levy is in effect, the levy shall be in a specified amount of money equal to the aggregate annual dollar amount of proceeds derived from the levy or levies, or portion thereof, being substituted.

(2) In each subsequent year the levy is in effect, the levy shall be in a specified amount of money equal to the sum of the following:

(a) The dollar amount of the proceeds derived from the levy in the prior year; and

(b) The dollar amount equal to the product of the total taxable value of all taxable real property in the school district in the then-current year, excluding carryover property as defined in section 319.301 of the Revised Code, multiplied by the annual levy, expressed in mills for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, that was required to produce the annual dollar amount of the levy under this section in the prior year; provided, that the amount under division (A)(2)(b) of this section shall not be less than zero.

(B) The resolution proposing the substitute levy shall specify the annual dollar amount the levy is to produce in its initial year; the first calendar year in which the levy will be due; and the term of the levy expressed in years, which may be any number not exceeding ten, or for a continuing period of time. The resolution shall specify the date of holding the election, which shall not be earlier than ninety days after certification of the resolution to the board of elections, and which shall be consistent with the requirements of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code. If two or more existing levies are to be included in a single substitute levy, but are not scheduled to expire in the same year, the resolution shall specify that the existing levies to be substituted shall not be levied after the year preceding the year in which the substitute levy is first imposed.

The resolution shall go into immediate effect upon its passage, and no publication of the resolution shall be necessary other than that provided for in the notice of election. A copy of the resolution shall immediately after its passage be certified to the county auditor in the manner provided by section 5705.195 of the Revised Code, and sections 5705.194 and 5705.196 of the Revised Code shall govern the arrangements for the submission of the question and other matters concerning the notice of election and the election, except as may be provided otherwise in this section.

(C) The form of the ballot to be used at the election on the question of a levy under this section shall be as follows:

"Shall a tax levy substituting for an existing levy be imposed by the (here insert name of school district) for the purpose of providing for the necessary requirements of the school district in the initial sum of \$.....

(here insert the annual dollar amount the levy is to produce in its initial year), and a levy of taxes be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to require (~~here insert number of mills~~) mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of ~~valuation taxable value~~, which amounts to \$..... (~~here insert rate expressed in dollars and cents~~) for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$100,000 of ~~valuation fair market value~~ for the initial year of the tax, for a period of (here insert the number of years the levy is to be imposed, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time), commencing in (first year the tax is to be levied), first due in calendar year (first calendar year in which the tax shall be due), with the sum of such tax to increase only if and as new land or real property improvements not previously taxed by the school district are added to its tax list?

	FOR THE TAX LEVY	"
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	

If the levy submitted is a proposal to substitute all or a portion of more than one existing levy, the form of the ballot may be changed so long as the ballot reflects the number of levies to be substituted and that none of the existing levies to be substituted will be levied after the year preceding the year in which the substitute levy is first imposed. The form of the ballot shall be modified by substituting the statement "Shall a tax levy substituting for an existing levy" with "Shall a tax levy substituting for existing levies" and adding the following statement after "added to its tax list?" and before "For the Tax Levy":

"If approved, any remaining tax years on any of the (here insert the number of existing levies) existing levies will not be collected after (here insert the current tax year or, if not the current tax year, the applicable tax year)."

(D) The submission of questions to the electors under this section is subject to the limitation on the number of election dates established by section 5705.214 of the Revised Code.

(E) If a majority of the electors voting on the question so submitted in an election vote in favor of the levy, the board of education may make the necessary levy within the school district at the rate and for the purpose stated in the resolution. The tax levy shall be included in the next tax budget that is certified to the county budget commission.

(F) A levy for a continuing period of time may be decreased pursuant to

section 5705.261 of the Revised Code.

(G) A levy under this section substituting for all or a portion of one or more existing levies imposed under sections 5705.194 to 5705.197 of the Revised Code or under this section shall be treated as having renewed the levy or levies being substituted for purposes of the payments made under sections 5751.20 to 5751.22 of the Revised Code.

(H) After the approval of a levy on the current tax list and duplicate, and prior to the time when the first tax collection from the levy can be made, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected during the first year of the levy. The notes shall be issued as provided in section 133.24 of the Revised Code, shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their issuance over a period not to exceed five years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance.

Sec. 5705.21. (A) At any time, the board of education of any city, local, exempted village, cooperative education, or joint vocational school district, by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may declare by resolution that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax ~~duplicate~~ list will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the school district, that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such limitation for one of the purposes specified in division (A), (D), (F), (H), or (DD) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, for general permanent improvements, for the purpose of operating a cultural center, for the purpose of providing for school safety and security, or for the purpose of providing education technology, and that the question of such additional tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at a special election on a day to be specified in the resolution. In the case of a qualifying library levy for the support of a library association or private corporation, the question shall be submitted to the electors of the association library district. If the resolution states that the levy is for the purpose of operating a cultural center, the ballot shall state that the levy is "for the purpose of operating the..... (name of cultural center)."

As used in this division, "cultural center" means a freestanding building, separate from a public school building, that is open to the public for educational, musical, artistic, and cultural purposes; "education technology" means, but is not limited to, computer hardware, equipment, materials, and accessories, equipment used for two-way audio or video, and software; "general permanent improvements" means permanent improvements

without regard to the limitation of division (F) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code that the improvements be a specific improvement or a class of improvements that may be included in a single bond issue; and "providing for school safety and security" includes but is not limited to providing for permanent improvements to provide or enhance security, employment of or contracting for the services of safety personnel, providing mental health services and counseling, or providing training in safety and security practices and responses.

A resolution adopted under this division shall be confined to a single purpose and shall specify the amount of the increase in rate that it is necessary to levy, the purpose of the levy, and the number of years during which the increase in rate shall be in effect. The number of years may be any number not exceeding five or, if the levy is for current expenses of the district or for general permanent improvements, for a continuing period of time.

(B)(1) The board of education of a qualifying school district, by resolution, may declare that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of paying the current expenses of partnering community schools and, if any of the levy proceeds are so allocated, of the district. A qualifying school district that is not a municipal school district may allocate all of the levy proceeds to partnering community schools. A municipal school district shall allocate a portion of the levy proceeds to the current expenses of the district. The resolution shall declare that the question of the additional tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at a special election on a day to be specified in the resolution. The resolution shall state the purpose of the levy, the rate of the tax expressed in mills ~~per~~ for each one dollar of taxable value, the number of such mills to be levied for the current expenses of the partnering community schools and the number of such mills, if any, to be levied for the current expenses of the school district, the number of years the tax will be levied, and the first year the tax will be levied. The number of years the tax may be levied may be any number not exceeding ten years, or for a continuing period of time.

The levy of a tax for the current expenses of a partnering community school under this section and the distribution of proceeds from the tax by a qualifying school district to partnering community schools is hereby determined to be a proper public purpose.

(2)(a) If any portion of the levy proceeds are to be allocated to the current expenses of the qualifying school district, the form of the ballot at an election held pursuant to division (B) of this section shall be as follows:

"Shall a levy be imposed by the..... (insert the name of the qualifying school district) for the purpose of current expenses of the school district and of partnering community schools, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding..... (insert the number of mills) mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, of which..... (insert the number of mills to be allocated to partnering community schools) mills is to be allocated to partnering community schools), which amounts to..... (insert the rate expressed in dollars and cents) \$..... for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$100,000 of valuation fair market value, for..... (insert the number of years the levy is to be imposed, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time), beginning..... (insert first year the tax is to be levied), which will first be payable in calendar year..... (insert the first calendar year in which the tax would be payable)?

	FOR THE TAX LEVY	"
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	

(b) If all of the levy proceeds are to be allocated to the current expenses of partnering community schools, the form of the ballot shall be as follows:

"Shall a levy be imposed by the..... (insert the name of the qualifying school district) for the purpose of current expenses of partnering community schools, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding..... (insert the number of mills) mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value which amounts to..... (insert the rate expressed in dollars and cents) \$..... for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$100,000 of valuation fair market value, for..... (insert the number of years the levy is to be imposed, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time), beginning..... (insert first year the tax is to be levied), which will first be payable in calendar year..... (insert the first calendar year in which the tax would be payable)?

	FOR THE TAX LEVY	"
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	

(3) Upon each receipt of a tax distribution by the qualifying school district, the board of education shall credit the portion allocated to partnering community schools to the partnering community schools fund. All income from the investment of money in the partnering community schools fund shall be credited to that fund.

(a) If the qualifying school district is a municipal school district, the board of education shall distribute the partnering community schools amount among the then qualifying community schools not more than

forty-five days after the school district receives and deposits each tax distribution. From each tax distribution, each such partnering community school shall receive a portion of the partnering community schools amount in the proportion that the number of its resident students bears to the aggregate number of resident students of all such partnering community schools as of the date of receipt and deposit of the tax distribution.

(b) If the qualifying school district is not a municipal school district, the board of education may distribute all or a portion of the amount in the partnering community schools fund during a fiscal year to partnering community schools on or before the first day of June of the preceding fiscal year. Each such partnering community school shall receive a portion of the amount distributed by the board from the partnering community schools fund during the fiscal year in the proportion that the number of its resident students bears to the aggregate number of resident students of all such partnering community schools as of the date the school district received and deposited the most recent tax distribution. On or before the fifteenth day of June of each fiscal year, the board of education shall announce an estimated allocation to partnering community schools for the ensuing fiscal year. The board is not required to allocate to partnering community schools the entire partnering community schools amount in the fiscal year in which a tax distribution is received and deposited in the partnering community schools fund. The estimated allocation shall be published on the web site of the school district and expressed as a dollar amount per resident student. The actual allocation to community schools in a fiscal year need not conform to the estimate published by the school district so long if the estimate was made in good faith.

Distributions by a school district under division (B)(3)(b) of this section shall be made in accordance with distribution agreements entered into by the board of education and each partnering community school eligible for distributions under this division. The distribution agreements shall be certified to the department of education each fiscal year before the thirtieth day of July. Each agreement shall provide for at least three distributions by the school district to the partnering community school during the fiscal year and shall require the initial distribution be made on or before the thirtieth day of July.

(c) For the purposes of division (B) of this section, the number of resident students shall be the number of such students reported under section 3317.03 of the Revised Code and established by the department of education as of the date of receipt and deposit of the tax distribution.

(4) To the extent an agreement whereby the qualifying school district

and a community school endorse each other's programs is necessary for the community school to qualify as a partnering community school under division (B)(6)(b) of this section, the board of education of the school district shall certify to the department of education the agreement along with the determination that such agreement satisfies the requirements of that division. The board's determination is conclusive.

(5) For the purposes of Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code or other laws referring to the "taxes charged and payable" for a school district, the taxes charged and payable for a qualifying school district that levies a tax under division (B) of this section includes only the taxes charged and payable under that levy for the current expenses of the school district, and does not include the taxes charged and payable for the current expenses of partnering community schools. The taxes charged and payable for the current expenses of partnering community schools shall not affect the calculation of "state education aid" as defined in section 5751.20 of the Revised Code.

(6) As used in division (B) of this section:

(a) "Qualifying school district" means a municipal school district, as defined in section 3311.71 of the Revised Code or a school district that contains within its territory a partnering community school.

(b) "Partnering community school" means a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code that is located within the territory of the qualifying school district and meets one of the following criteria:

(i) If the qualifying school district is a municipal school district, the community school is sponsored by the district or is a party to an agreement with the district whereby the district and the community school endorse each other's programs;

(ii) If the qualifying school district is not a municipal school district, the community school is sponsored by a sponsor that was rated as "exemplary" in the ratings most recently published under section 3314.016 of the Revised Code before the resolution proposing the levy is certified to the board of elections.

(c) "Partnering community schools amount" means the product obtained, as of the receipt and deposit of the tax distribution, by multiplying the amount of a tax distribution by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of mills per dollar of taxable value of the property tax to be allocated to partnering community schools, and the denominator of which is the total number of mills per dollar of taxable value authorized by the electors in the election held under division (B) of this section, each as set forth in the resolution levying the tax. If the resolution allocates all of the

levy proceeds to partnering community schools, the "partnering schools amount" equals the amount of the tax distribution.

(d) "Partnering community schools fund" means a separate fund established by the board of education of a qualifying school district for the deposit of partnering community school amounts under this section.

(e) "Resident student" means a student enrolled in a partnering community school who is entitled to attend school in the qualifying school district under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(f) "Tax distribution" means a distribution of proceeds of the tax authorized by division (B) of this section under section 321.24 of the Revised Code and distributions that are attributable to that tax under sections 323.156 and 4503.068 of the Revised Code or other applicable law.

(C) A resolution adopted under this section shall specify the date of holding the election, which shall not be earlier than ninety days after the adoption and certification of the resolution and which shall be consistent with the requirements of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code.

A resolution adopted under this section may propose to renew one or more existing levies imposed under division (A) or (B) of this section or to increase or decrease a single levy imposed under either such division.

If the board of education imposes one or more existing levies for the purpose specified in division (F) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, the resolution may propose to renew one or more of those existing levies, or to increase or decrease a single such existing levy, for the purpose of general permanent improvements.

If the resolution proposes to renew two or more existing levies, the levies shall be levied for the same purpose. The resolution shall identify those levies and the rates at which they are levied. The resolution also shall specify that the existing levies shall not be extended on the tax lists after the year preceding the year in which the renewal levy is first imposed, regardless of the years for which those levies originally were authorized to be levied.

If the resolution proposes to renew an existing levy imposed under division (B) of this section, the rates allocated to the qualifying school district and to partnering community schools each may be increased or decreased or remain the same, and the total rate may be increased, decreased, or remain the same. The resolution and notice of election shall specify the number of the mills to be levied for the current expenses of the partnering community schools and the number of the mills, if any, to be levied for the current expenses of the qualifying school district.

A resolution adopted under this section shall go into immediate effect

upon its passage, and no publication of the resolution shall be necessary other than that provided for in the notice of election. A copy of the resolution shall immediately after its passing be certified to the board of elections of the proper county in the manner provided by section 5705.25 of the Revised Code. That section shall govern the arrangements for the submission of such question and other matters concerning the election to which that section refers, including publication of notice of the election, except that the election shall be held on the date specified in the resolution. In the case of a resolution adopted under division (B) of this section, the publication of notice of that election shall state the number of the mills, if any, to be levied for the current expenses of partnering community schools and the number of the mills to be levied for the current expenses of the qualifying school district. If a majority of the electors voting on the question so submitted in an election vote in favor of the levy, the board of education may make the necessary levy within the school district or, in the case of a qualifying library levy for the support of a library association or private corporation, within the association library district, at the additional rate, or at any lesser rate in excess of the ten-mill limitation on the tax list, for the purpose stated in the resolution. A levy for a continuing period of time may be reduced pursuant to section 5705.261 of the Revised Code. The tax levy shall be included in the next tax budget that is certified to the county budget commission.

(D)(1) After the approval of a levy on the current tax list and duplicate for current expenses, for recreational purposes, for community centers provided for in section 755.16 of the Revised Code, or for a public library of the district under division (A) of this section, and prior to the time when the first tax collection from the levy can be made, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected during the first year of the levy.

(2) After the approval of a levy for general permanent improvements for a specified number of years or for permanent improvements having the purpose specified in division (F) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the levy remaining to be collected in each year over a period of five years after the issuance of the notes.

The notes shall be issued as provided in section 133.24 of the Revised Code, shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their issuance over a period not to exceed five years, and may have a principal

payment in the year of their issuance.

(3) After approval of a levy for general permanent improvements for a continuing period of time, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected in each year over a specified period of years, not exceeding ten, after the issuance of the notes.

The notes shall be issued as provided in section 133.24 of the Revised Code, shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their issuance over a period not to exceed ten years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance.

(4) After the approval of a levy on the current tax list and duplicate under division (B) of this section, and prior to the time when the first tax collection from the levy can be made, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy for the current expenses of the school district and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected during the first year of the levy and allocated to the school district. The portion of the levy proceeds to be allocated to partnering community schools under that division shall not be included in the estimated proceeds anticipated under this division and shall not be used to pay debt charges on any anticipation notes.

The notes shall be issued as provided in section 133.24 of the Revised Code, shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their issuance over a period not to exceed five years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance.

(E) The submission of questions to the electors under this section is subject to the limitation on the number of election dates established by section 5705.214 of the Revised Code.

(F) The board of education of any school district that levies a tax under this section for the purpose of providing for school safety and security may report to the department of education how the district is using revenue from that tax.

Sec. 5705.212. (A)(1) The board of education of any school district, at any time and by a vote of two-thirds of all of its members, may declare by resolution that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the present and future requirements of the school district, that it is necessary to levy not more than five taxes in excess of that limitation for current expenses, and that each of the proposed taxes first will be levied in a different year, over a

specified period of time. The board shall identify the taxes proposed under this section as follows: the first tax to be levied shall be called the "original tax." Each tax subsequently levied shall be called an "incremental tax." The rate of each incremental tax shall be identical, but the rates of such incremental taxes need not be the same as the rate of the original tax. The resolution also shall state that the question of these additional taxes shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at a special election. The resolution shall specify separately for each tax proposed: the amount of the increase in rate that it is necessary to levy, expressed separately for the original tax and each incremental tax; that the purpose of the levy is for current expenses; the number of years during which the original tax shall be in effect; a specification that the last year in which the original tax is in effect shall also be the last year in which each incremental tax shall be in effect; and the year in which each tax first is proposed to be levied. The original tax may be levied for any number of years not exceeding ten, or for a continuing period of time. The resolution shall specify the date of holding the special election, which shall not be earlier than ninety days after the adoption and certification of the resolution and shall be consistent with the requirements of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) The board of education, by a vote of two-thirds of all of its members, may adopt a resolution proposing to renew taxes levied other than for a continuing period of time under division (A)(1) of this section. Such a resolution shall provide for levying a tax and specify all of the following:

(a) That the tax shall be called and designated on the ballot as a renewal levy;

(b) The rate of the renewal tax, which shall be a single rate that combines the rate of the original tax and each incremental tax into a single rate. The rate of the renewal tax shall not exceed the aggregate rate of the original and incremental taxes.

(c) The number of years, not to exceed ten, that the renewal tax will be levied, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time;

(d) That the purpose of the renewal levy is for current expenses;

(e) Subject to the certification and notification requirements of section 5705.251 of the Revised Code, that the question of the renewal levy shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at the general election held during the last year the original tax may be extended on the real and public utility property tax list and duplicate or at a special election held during the ensuing year.

(3) A resolution adopted under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section shall go into immediate effect upon its adoption and no publication of the

resolution is necessary other than that provided for in the notice of election. Immediately after its adoption, a copy of the resolution shall be certified to the board of elections of the proper county in the manner provided by division (A) of section 5705.251 of the Revised Code, and that division shall govern the arrangements for the submission of the question and other matters concerning the election to which that section refers. The election shall be held on the date specified in the resolution. If a majority of the electors voting on the question so submitted in an election vote in favor of the taxes or a renewal tax, the board of education, if the original or a renewal tax is authorized to be levied for the current year, immediately may make the necessary levy within the school district at the authorized rate, or at any lesser rate in excess of the ten-mill limitation, for the purpose stated in the resolution. No tax shall be imposed prior to the year specified in the resolution as the year in which it is first proposed to be levied. The rate of the original tax and the rate of each incremental tax shall be cumulative, so that the aggregate rate levied in any year is the sum of the rates of both the original tax and all incremental taxes levied in or prior to that year under the same proposal. A tax levied for a continuing period of time under this section may be reduced pursuant to section 5705.261 of the Revised Code.

(B) Notwithstanding section 133.30 of the Revised Code, after the approval of a tax to be levied in the current or the succeeding year and prior to the time when the first tax collection from that levy can be made, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy and issue anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected during the first year of the levy. The notes shall be sold as provided in Chapter 133. of the Revised Code. If anticipation notes are issued, they shall mature serially and in substantially equal amounts during each year over a period not to exceed five years; and the amount necessary to pay the interest and principal as the anticipation notes mature shall be deemed appropriated for those purposes from the levy, and appropriations from the levy by the board of education shall be limited each fiscal year to the balance available in excess of that amount.

If the auditor of state has certified a deficit pursuant to section 3313.483 of the Revised Code, the notes authorized under this section may be sold in accordance with Chapter 133. of the Revised Code, except that the board may sell the notes after providing a reasonable opportunity for competitive bidding.

(C)(1) The board of education of a qualifying school district, at any time and by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may declare by resolution

that it is necessary to levy not more than five taxes in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the current expenses of partnering community schools and, if any of the levy proceeds are so allocated, of the school district, and that each of the proposed taxes first will be levied in a different year, over a specified period of time. A qualifying school district that is not a municipal school district may allocate all of the levy proceeds to partnering community schools. A municipal school district shall allocate a portion of the levy proceeds to the current expenses of the district. The board shall identify the taxes proposed under this division in the same manner as in division (A)(1) of this section. The rate of each incremental tax shall be identical, but the rates of such incremental taxes need not be the same as the rate of the original tax. In addition to the specifications required of the resolution in division (A) of this section, the resolution shall state the number of the mills to be levied each year for the current expenses of the partnering community schools and the number of the mills, if any, to be levied each year for the current expenses of the school district. The number of mills for the current expenses of partnering community schools shall be the same for each of the incremental taxes, and the number of mills for the current expenses of the qualifying school district shall be the same for each of the incremental taxes.

The levy of taxes for the current expenses of a partnering community school under division (C) of this section and the distribution of proceeds from the tax by a qualifying school district to partnering community schools is hereby determined to be a proper public purpose.

(2) The board of education, by a vote of two-thirds of all of its members, may adopt a resolution proposing to renew taxes levied other than for a continuing period of time under division (C)(1) of this section. In such a renewal levy, the rates allocated to the qualifying school district and to partnering community schools each may be increased or decreased or remain the same, and the total rate may be increased, decreased, or remain the same. In addition to the requirements of division (A)(2) of this section, the resolution shall state the number of the mills to be levied for the current expenses of the partnering community schools and the number of the mills to be levied for the current expenses of the school district.

(3) A resolution adopted under division (C)(1) or (2) of this section is subject to the rules and procedures prescribed by division (A)(3) of this section.

(4) The proceeds of each tax levied under division (C)(1) or (2) of this section shall be credited and distributed in the manner prescribed by division (B)(3) of section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, and divisions (B)(4), (5), and (6) of that section apply to taxes levied under division (C) of this section.

(5) Notwithstanding section 133.30 of the Revised Code, after the approval of a tax to be levied under division (C)(1) or (2) of this section, in the current or succeeding year and prior to the time when the first tax collection from that levy can be made, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy for the current expenses of the qualifying school district and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected during the first year of the levy and allocated to the school district. The portion of levy proceeds to be allocated to partnering community schools shall not be included in the estimated proceeds anticipated under this division and shall not be used to pay debt charges on any anticipation notes.

The notes shall be sold as provided in Chapter 133. of the Revised Code. If anticipation notes are issued, they shall mature serially and in substantially equal amounts during each year over a period not to exceed five years. The amount necessary to pay the interest and principal as the anticipation notes mature shall be deemed appropriated for those purposes from the levy, and appropriations from the levy by the board of education shall be limited each fiscal year to the balance available in excess of that amount.

If the auditor of state has certified a deficit pursuant to section 3313.483 of the Revised Code, the notes authorized under this section may be sold in accordance with Chapter 133. of the Revised Code, except that the board may sell the notes after providing a reasonable opportunity for competitive bidding.

As used in division (C) of this section, "qualifying school district" and "partnering community schools" have the same meanings as in section 5705.21 of the Revised Code.

(D) The submission of questions to the electors under this section is subject to the limitation on the number of election dates established by section 5705.214 of the Revised Code.

(E) When a school board certifies a resolution to the county auditor under division (B)(1) of section 5705.03 of the Revised Code proposing to levy a tax under division (A)(1) or (C)(1) of this section, the county auditor shall certify, within ten days after receiving the board's request, an estimate of both the levy's annual collections for the tax year for which the original tax applies and the levies' aggregate annual collections for the tax year for which the final incremental tax applies, in both cases rounded to the nearest dollar, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the tax list of the taxing authority remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the

amount of the tax list for the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the auditor to the county budget commission. If a school district is located in more than one county, the county auditor shall obtain from the county auditor of each other county in which the district is located the current tax valuation for the portion of the district in that county.

Sec. 5705.213. (A)(1) The board of education of any school district, at any time and by a vote of two-thirds of all of its members, may declare by resolution that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the present and future requirements of the school district and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of that limitation for current expenses. The resolution also shall state that the question of the additional tax shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at a special election. The resolution shall specify, for each year the levy is in effect, the amount of money that the levy is proposed to raise, which may, for years after the first year the levy is made, be expressed in terms of a dollar or percentage increase over the prior year's amount. The resolution also shall specify that the purpose of the levy is for current expenses, the number of years during which the tax shall be in effect which may be for any number of years not exceeding ten, and the year in which the tax first is proposed to be levied. The resolution shall specify the date of holding the special election, which shall not be earlier than ninety-five days after the adoption and certification of the resolution to the county auditor and not earlier than ninety days after certification to the board of elections. The date of the election shall be consistent with the requirements of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) The board of education, by a vote of two-thirds of all of its members, may adopt a resolution proposing to renew a tax levied under division (A)(1) of this section. Such a resolution shall provide for levying a tax and specify all of the following:

(a) That the tax shall be called and designated on the ballot as a renewal levy;

(b) The amount of the renewal tax, which shall be no more than the amount of tax levied during the last year the tax being renewed is authorized to be in effect;

(c) The number of years, not to exceed ten, that the renewal tax will be levied, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time;

(d) That the purpose of the renewal levy is for current expenses;

(e) Subject to the certification and notification requirements of section 5705.251 of the Revised Code, that the question of the renewal levy shall be

submitted to the electors of the school district at the general election held during the last year the tax being renewed may be extended on the real and public utility property tax list and duplicate or at a special election held during the ensuing year.

(3) A resolution adopted under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section shall go into immediate effect upon its adoption and no publication of the resolution is necessary other than that provided for in the notice of election. Immediately after its adoption, a copy of the resolution shall be certified to the county auditor of the proper county, who shall, within five days, calculate and certify to the board of education the estimated levy, for the first year, and for each subsequent year for which the tax is proposed to be in effect. The estimates shall be made both in mills for each one dollar of ~~valuation, taxable value~~ and in dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred ~~thousand~~ dollars of ~~valuation~~ fair market value. In making the estimates, the auditor shall assume that the amount of the tax list remains throughout the life of the levy, the same as the tax list for the current year. If the tax list for the current year is not determined, the auditor shall base the auditor's estimates on the estimated amount of the tax list for the current year as submitted to the county budget commission.

If the board desires to proceed with the submission of the question, it shall certify its resolution, with the estimated tax levy expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and dollars ~~and cents per~~ for each one hundred thousand dollars of valuation fair market value for each year that the tax is proposed to be in effect, to the board of elections of the proper county in the manner provided by division (A) of section 5705.251 of the Revised Code. Section 5705.251 of the Revised Code shall govern the arrangements for the submission of the question and other matters concerning the election to which that section refers. The election shall be held on the date specified in the resolution. If a majority of the electors voting on the question so submitted in an election vote in favor of the tax, and if the tax is authorized to be levied for the current year, the board of education immediately may make the additional levy necessary to raise the amount specified in the resolution or a lesser amount for the purpose stated in the resolution.

(4) The submission of questions to the electors under this section is subject to the limitation on the number of election dates established by section 5705.214 of the Revised Code.

(B) Notwithstanding sections 133.30 and 133.301 of the Revised Code, after the approval of a tax to be levied in the current or the succeeding year and prior to the time when the first tax collection from that levy can be

made, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy and issue anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected during the first year of the levy. The notes shall be sold as provided in Chapter 133. of the Revised Code. If anticipation notes are issued, they shall mature serially and in substantially equal amounts during each year over a period not to exceed five years; and the amount necessary to pay the interest and principal as the anticipation notes mature shall be deemed appropriated for those purposes from the levy, and appropriations from the levy by the board of education shall be limited each fiscal year to the balance available in excess of that amount.

If the auditor of state has certified a deficit pursuant to section 3313.483 of the Revised Code, the notes authorized under this section may be sold in accordance with Chapter 133. of the Revised Code, except that the board may sell the notes after providing a reasonable opportunity for competitive bidding.

Sec. 5705.215. (A) The governing board of an educational service center that is the taxing authority of a county school financing district, upon receipt of identical resolutions adopted within a sixty-day period by a majority of the members of the board of education of each school district that is within the territory of the county school financing district, may submit a tax levy to the electors of the territory in the same manner as a school board may submit a levy under division (C) of section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, except that:

(1) The levy may be for a period not to exceed ten years, or, if the levy is solely for the purpose or purposes described in division (A)(2)(a), (c), or (f) of this section, for a continuing period of time.

(2) The purpose of the levy shall be one or more of the following:

(a) For current expenses for the provision of special education and related services within the territory of the district;

(b) For permanent improvements within the territory of the district for special education and related services;

(c) For current expenses for specified educational programs within the territory of the district;

(d) For permanent improvements within the territory of the district for specified educational programs;

(e) For permanent improvements within the territory of the district;

(f) For current expenses for school safety and security and mental health services, including training and employment of or contracting for the services of safety personnel, mental health personnel, social workers, and

counselors.

(B) If the levy provides for but is not limited to current expenses, the resolutions shall apportion the annual rate of the levy between current expenses and the other purposes. The apportionment need not be the same for each year of the levy, but the respective portions of the rate actually levied each year for current expenses and the other purposes shall be limited by that apportionment.

(C) Prior to the application of section 319.301 of the Revised Code, the rate of a levy that is limited to, or to the extent that it is apportioned to, purposes other than current expenses shall be reduced in the same proportion in which the district's total valuation increases during the life of the levy because of additions to such valuation that have resulted from improvements added to the tax list and duplicate.

(D) After the approval of a county school financing district levy under this section, the taxing authority may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of such levy and may from time to time during the life of such levy, but in any given year prior to the time when the tax collection from such levy can be made for that year, issue anticipation notes in an amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected in each year up to a period of five years after the date of the issuance of such notes, less an amount equal to the proceeds of such levy obligated for each year by the issuance of anticipation notes, provided that the total amount maturing in any one year shall not exceed fifty per cent of the anticipated proceeds of the levy for that year. Each issue of notes shall be sold as provided in Chapter 133. of the Revised Code, and shall, except for ~~such~~ the limitation that the total amount of such notes maturing in any one year shall not exceed fifty per cent of the anticipated proceeds of such levy for that year, mature serially in substantially equal installments during each year over a period not to exceed five years after their issuance.

(E)(1) In a resolution to be submitted to the taxing authority of a county school financing district under division (A) of this section calling for a ballot issue on the question of the levying of a tax for a continuing period of time by the taxing authority, the board of education of a school district that is part of the territory of the county school financing district also may propose to reduce the rate of one or more of that school district's property taxes levied for a continuing period of time in excess of the ten-mill limitation. The reduction in the rate of a property tax may be any amount, expressed in mills ~~per~~ for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, not exceeding the rate at which the tax is authorized to be levied. The reduction

in the rate of a tax shall first take effect in the same year that the county school financing district tax takes effect, and shall continue for each year that the county school financing district tax is in effect. A board of education's resolution proposing to reduce the rate of one or more of its school district property taxes shall specifically identify each such tax and shall state for each tax the maximum rate at which it currently may be levied and the maximum rate at which it could be levied after the proposed reduction, expressed in mills per for each one dollar of valuation taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value.

Before submitting the resolution to the taxing authority of the county school financing district, the board of education of the school district shall certify a copy of it to the tax commissioner and the county auditor. Within ten days of receiving the copy, (a) the tax commissioner shall certify to the board the reduction in the school district's total effective tax rate for each class of property that would have resulted if the proposed reduction in the rate or rates had been in effect the previous year and (b) the county auditor shall certify an estimate of the levy's annual collections beginning for the first tax year for which the reduction applies, rounded to the nearest dollar, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the tax list of the taxing authority remains throughout the life of the reduced levy the same as the amount of the tax list for the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the auditor to the county budget commission.

If a school district is located in more than one county, the county auditor shall obtain from the county auditor of each other county in which the district is located the current tax valuation for the portion of the district in that county. After

After receiving the certification these certifications from the commissioner and the auditor, the board may amend its resolution to change the proposed property tax rate reduction before submitting the resolution to the financing district taxing authority, provided the board certifies a copy of the amended resolution to the county auditor with a request to provide the information required under division (E)(1)(b) of this section and transmits that estimate to the taxing authority. As used in this paragraph, "effective tax rate" has the same meaning as in section 323.08 of the Revised Code.

If the board of education of a school district that is part of the territory of a county school financing district adopts a resolution proposing to reduce the rate of one or more of its property taxes in conjunction with the levying of a tax by the financing district, the resolution submitted by the board to the

taxing authority of the financing district under division (A) of this section does not have to be identical in this respect to the resolutions submitted by the boards of education of the other school districts that are part of the territory of the county school financing district.

(2) Each school district that is part of the territory of a county school financing district may tailor to its own situation a proposed reduction in one or more property tax rates in conjunction with the proposed levying of a tax by the county school financing district; if one such school district proposes a reduction in one or more tax rates, another school district may propose a reduction of a different size or may propose no reduction. Within each school district that is part of the territory of the county school financing district, the electors shall vote on one ballot issue combining the question of the levying of the tax by the taxing authority of the county school financing district with, if any such reduction is proposed, the question of the reduction in the rate of one or more taxes of the school district. If a majority of the electors of the county school financing district voting on the question of the proposed levying of a tax by the taxing authority of the financing district vote to approve the question, any tax reductions proposed by school districts that are part of the territory of the financing district also are approved.

(3) The form of the ballot for an issue proposing to levy a county school financing district tax in conjunction with the reduction of the rate of one or more school district taxes shall be as follows:

"Shall the (name of the county school financing district) be authorized to levy an additional tax for (purpose stated in the resolutions), ~~that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding mills for each one dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... (rate expressed in dollars and cents) for each one hundred dollars \$100,000 of valuation fair market value, for a continuing period of time? If the county school financing district tax is approved, the rate of an existing tax currently levied by the (name of the school district of which the elector is a resident) at the rate of mills ~~for each one dollar of valuation~~ shall be reduced to mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to a reduction from \$..... to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, until any such time as the county school financing district tax is decreased or repealed.

	For the issue
	Against the issue

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If the board of education of the school district proposes to reduce the rate of more than one of its existing taxes, the second sentence of the ballot language shall be modified for residents of that district to express the rates at which those taxes currently are levied and the rates to which they would be reduced, as well as each levy's estimated annual collections as provided by the county auditor under division (E)(1)(b) of this section. If the board of education of the school district does not propose to reduce the rate of any of its taxes, the second sentence of the ballot language shall not be used for residents of that district. In any case, the first sentence of the ballot language shall be the same for all the electors in the county school financing district, but the second sentence shall be different in each school district depending on whether and in what amount the board of education of the school district proposes to reduce the rate of one or more of its property taxes.

(4) If the rate of a school district property tax is reduced pursuant to this division, the tax commissioner shall compute the percentage required to be computed for that tax under division (D) of section 319.301 of the Revised Code each year the rate is reduced as if the tax had been levied in the preceding year at the rate to which it has been reduced. If the reduced rate of a tax is increased under division (E)(5) of this section, the commissioner shall compute the percentage required to be computed for that tax under division (D) of section 319.301 of the Revised Code each year the rate is increased as if the tax had been levied in the preceding year at the rate to which it has been increased.

(5) After the levying of a county school financing district tax in conjunction with the reduction of the rate of one or more school district taxes is approved by the electors under this division, if the rate of the county school financing district tax is decreased pursuant to an election under section 5705.261 of the Revised Code, the rate of each school district tax that had been reduced shall be increased by the number of mills obtained by multiplying the number of mills of the original reduction by the same percentage that the financing district tax rate is decreased. If the county school financing district tax is repealed pursuant to an election under section 5705.261 of the Revised Code, each school district may resume levying the property taxes that had been reduced at the full rate originally approved by the electors. A reduction in the rate of a school district property tax under this division is a reduction in the rate at which the board of education may levy that tax only for the period during which the county school financing district tax is levied prior to any decrease or repeal under section 5705.261 of the Revised Code. The resumption of the authority of the board of education to levy an increased or the full rate of tax does not constitute the

levying of a new tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation.

(F) If a county school financing district has a tax in effect under this section, the territory of a city, local, or exempted village school district that is not a part of the county school financing district shall not become a part of the county school financing district unless approved by the electors of the city, local, or exempted village school district in accordance with division (C) of section 3311.50 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5705.218. (A) The board of education of a city, local, or exempted village school district, at any time by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may declare by resolution that it may be necessary for the school district to issue general obligation bonds for permanent improvements. The resolution shall state all of the following:

- (1) The necessity and purpose of the bond issue;
- (2) The date of the special election at which the question shall be submitted to the electors;
- (3) The amount, approximate date, estimated rate of interest, and maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid;
- (4) The necessity of levying a tax outside the ten-mill limitation to pay debt charges on the bonds and any anticipatory securities.

On adoption of the resolution, the board shall certify a copy of it to the county auditor. The county auditor promptly shall estimate and certify to the board the average annual property tax rate, expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, required throughout the stated maturity of the bonds to pay debt charges on the bonds and the amount the levy is estimated to collect for each tax year it is levied, in the same manner as under division (C) of section 133.18 of the Revised Code.

(B) After receiving the county auditor's certification under division (A) of this section, the board of education of the city, local, or exempted village school district, by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may declare by resolution that the amount of taxes that can be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the present and future requirements of the school district; that it is necessary to issue general obligation bonds of the school district for permanent improvements and to levy an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation to pay debt charges on the bonds and any anticipatory securities; that it is necessary for a specified number of years or for a continuing period of time to levy additional taxes in excess of the ten-mill limitation to provide funds for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of

permanent improvements or to pay for current operating expenses, or both; and that the question of the bonds and taxes shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at a special election, which shall not be earlier than ninety days after certification of the resolution to the board of elections, and the date of which shall be consistent with section 3501.01 of the Revised Code. The resolution shall specify all of the following:

(1) The county auditor's estimate of the average annual property tax rate required throughout the stated maturity of the bonds to pay debt charges on the bonds;

(2) The proposed rate of the tax, if any, for current operating expenses expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, the first year the tax will be levied, and the number of years it will be levied, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time;

(3) The proposed rate of the tax, if any, for permanent improvements expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, the first year the tax will be levied, and the number of years it will be levied, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time.

The resolution shall apportion the annual rate of the tax between current operating expenses and permanent improvements, if both taxes are proposed. The apportionment may but need not be the same for each year of the tax, but the respective portions of the rate actually levied each year for current operating expenses and permanent improvements shall be limited by the apportionment. The resolution shall go into immediate effect upon its passage, and no publication of it is necessary other than that provided in the notice of election. The board of education shall certify a copy of the resolution, along with copies of the auditor's ~~estimate~~ estimates and its resolution under division (A) of this section, to the board of elections immediately after its adoption.

(C) The board of elections shall make the arrangements for the submission to the electors of the school district of the question proposed under division (B) or (J) of this section, and the election shall be conducted, canvassed, and certified in the same manner as regular elections in the district for the election of county officers. The resolution shall be put before the electors as one ballot question, with a favorable vote indicating approval of the bond issue, the levy to pay debt charges on the bonds and any anticipatory securities, the current operating expenses levy, the permanent improvements levy, and the levy for the current expenses of a qualifying school district and of partnering community schools, as those levies may be

proposed. The board of elections shall publish notice of the election in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district once a week for two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, prior to the election. If a board of elections operates and maintains a web site, that board also shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days prior to the election. The notice of election shall state all of the following:

(1) The principal amount of the proposed bond issue;

(2) The permanent improvements for which the bonds are to be issued;

(3) The maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid;

(4) The estimated additional average annual property tax rate to pay the debt charges on the bonds, as certified by the county auditor and expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value;

(5) The proposed rate of the additional tax, if any, for current operating expenses expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value and, if the question is proposed under division (J) of this section, the portion of the rate to be allocated to the school district and the portion to be allocated to partnering community schools;

(6) The number of years the current operating expenses tax will be in effect, or that it will be in effect for a continuing period of time;

(7) The proposed rate of the additional tax, if any, for permanent improvements expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value;

(8) The number of years the permanent improvements tax will be in effect, or that it will be in effect for a continuing period of time;

(9) The annual estimated collections of the debt levy and, if applicable, the current operating expenses levy and permanent improvements levy, as certified by the county auditor;

(10) The time and place of the special election.

(D) The form of the ballot for an election under this section is as follows:

"Shall the school district be authorized to do the following:

(1) Issue bonds for the purpose of in the principal amount of \$....., to be repaid annually over a maximum period of years, and levy a property tax outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to collect \$..... annually and to average over the bond repayment period mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of tax valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... ~~(rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents, such as "36 cents" or~~

"\$1.41") for each \$100 ~~\$100,000~~ of ~~tax valuation~~ fair market value, to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?"

If either a levy for permanent improvements or a levy for current operating expenses is proposed, or both are proposed, the ballot also shall contain the following language, as appropriate:

"(2) Levy an additional property tax to provide funds for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of permanent improvements, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of ~~tax valuation~~ taxable value, which amounts to \$..... (~~rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents~~) for each \$100 ~~\$100,000~~ of ~~tax valuation~~ fair market value, for (number of years of the levy, or a continuing period of time)?

(3) Levy an additional property tax to pay current operating expenses, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of ~~tax valuation~~ taxable value, which amounts to \$..... (~~rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents~~) for each \$100 ~~\$100,000~~ of ~~tax valuation~~ fair market value, for (number of years of the levy, or a continuing period of time)?

	FOR THE BOND ISSUE AND LEVY (OR LEVIES)	"
	AGAINST THE BOND ISSUE AND LEVY (OR LEVIES)	

If the question is proposed under division (J) of this section, the form of the ballot shall be modified as prescribed by division (J)(4) of this section.

(E) The board of elections promptly shall certify the results of the election to the tax commissioner and the county auditor of the county in which the school district is located. If a majority of the electors voting on the question vote for it, the board of education may proceed with issuance of the bonds and with the levy and collection of the property tax or taxes at the additional rate or any lesser rate in excess of the ten-mill limitation. Any securities issued by the board of education under this section are Chapter 133. securities, as that term is defined in section 133.01 of the Revised Code.

(F)(1) After the approval of a tax for current operating expenses under this section and prior to the time the first collection and distribution from the levy can be made, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of such levy and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not

exceeding fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the tax to be collected during the first year of the levy.

(2) After the approval of a tax under this section for permanent improvements having a specific purpose, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of such tax and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the tax remaining to be collected in each year over a period of five years after issuance of the notes.

(3) After the approval of a tax under this section for general permanent improvements as defined under section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of such tax and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the tax to be collected in each year over a specified period of years, not exceeding ten, after issuance of the notes.

Anticipation notes under this section shall be issued as provided in section 133.24 of the Revised Code. Notes issued under division (F)(1) or (2) of this section shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their issuance over a period not to exceed five years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance. Notes issued under division (F)(3) of this section shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their issuance over a period not to exceed ten years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance.

(G) A tax for current operating expenses or for permanent improvements levied under this section for a specified number of years may be renewed or replaced in the same manner as a tax for current operating expenses or for permanent improvements levied under section 5705.21 of the Revised Code. A tax for current operating expenses or for permanent improvements levied under this section for a continuing period of time may be decreased in accordance with section 5705.261 of the Revised Code.

(H) The submission of a question to the electors under this section is subject to the limitation on the number of elections that can be held in a year under section 5705.214 of the Revised Code.

(I) A school district board of education proposing a ballot measure under this section to generate local resources for a project under the school building assistance expedited local partnership program under section 3318.36 of the Revised Code may combine the questions under division (D) of this section with a question for the levy of a property tax to generate moneys for maintenance of the classroom facilities acquired under that project as prescribed in section 3318.361 of the Revised Code.

(J)(1) After receiving the county auditor's ~~certification~~ certifications

under division (A) of this section, the board of education of a qualifying school district, by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may declare by resolution that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of paying the current expenses of the school district and of partnering community schools, as defined in section 5705.21 of the Revised Code; that it is necessary to issue general obligation bonds of the school district for permanent improvements of the district and to levy an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation to pay debt charges on the bonds and any anticipatory securities; and that the question of the bonds and taxes shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at a special election, which shall not be earlier than ninety days after certification of the resolution to the board of elections, and the date of which shall be consistent with section 3505.01 of the Revised Code.

The levy of taxes for the current expenses of a partnering community school under division (J) of this section and the distribution of proceeds from the tax by a qualifying school district to partnering community schools is hereby determined to be a proper public purpose.

(2) The tax for the current expenses of the school district and of partnering community schools is subject to the requirements of divisions (B)(3), (4), and (5) of section 5705.21 of the Revised Code.

(3) In addition to the required specifications of the resolution under division (B) of this section, the resolution shall express the rate of the tax in mills ~~per~~ for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, state the number of the mills to be levied for the current expenses of the partnering community schools and the number of the mills to be levied for the current expenses of the school district, specify the number of years (not exceeding ten) the tax will be levied or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time, and state the first year the tax will be levied.

The resolution shall go into immediate effect upon its passage, and no publication of it is necessary other than that provided in the notice of election. The board of education shall certify a copy of the resolution, along with copies of the auditor's estimate and its resolution under division (A) of this section, to the board of elections immediately after its adoption.

(4) The form of the ballot shall be modified by replacing the ballot form set forth in division (D)(3) of this section with the following:

"Levy an additional property tax for the purpose of the current expenses of the school district and of partnering community schools, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding (~~insert the number of mills~~) mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable

value (of which (insert the number of mills to be allocated to partnering community schools) mills is to be allocated to partnering community schools), which amounts to \$..... (~~insert the rate expressed in dollars and cents~~) for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$100,000 of ~~valuation~~ fair market value, for (insert the number of years the levy is to be imposed, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time)?

	FOR THE BOND ISSUE AND LEVY (OR LEVIES)	
	AGAINST THE BOND ISSUE AND LEVY (OR LEVIES)	"

(5) After the approval of a tax for the current expenses of the school district and of partnering community schools under division (J) of this section, and prior to the time the first collection and distribution from the levy can be made, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy for the current expenses of the school district and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected during the first year of the levy and allocated to the school district. The portion of levy proceeds to be allocated to partnering community schools shall not be included in the estimated proceeds anticipated under this division and shall not be used to pay debt charges on any anticipation notes.

The notes shall be issued as provided in section 133.24 of the Revised Code, shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their issuance over a period not to exceed five years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance.

(6) A tax for the current expenses of the school district and of partnering community schools levied under division (J) of this section for a specified number of years may be renewed or replaced in the same manner as a tax for the current expenses of a school district and of partnering community schools levied under division (B) of section 5705.21 of the Revised Code. A tax for the current expenses of the school district and of partnering community schools levied under this division for a continuing period of time may be decreased in accordance with section 5705.261 of the Revised Code.

(7) The proceeds from the issuance of the general obligation bonds under division (J) of this section shall be used solely to pay for permanent improvements of the school district and not for permanent improvements of partnering community schools.

Sec. 5705.219. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Eligible school district" means a city, local, or exempted village school district in which the taxes charged and payable for current expenses

on residential/agricultural real property in the tax year preceding the year in which the levy authorized by this section will be submitted for elector approval or rejection are greater than two per cent of the taxable value of the residential/agricultural real property.

(2) "Residential/agricultural real property" and "nonresidential/agricultural real property" means the property classified as such under section 5713.041 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Effective tax rate" and "taxes charged and payable" have the same meanings as in division (B) of section 319.301 of the Revised Code.

(B) On or after January 1, 2010, but before January 1, 2015, the board of education of an eligible school district, by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may adopt a resolution proposing to convert existing levies imposed for the purpose of current expenses into a levy raising a specified amount of tax money by repealing all or a portion of one or more of those existing levies and imposing a levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation that will raise a specified amount of money for current expenses of the district.

The board of education shall certify a copy of the resolution to the tax commissioner not later than one hundred five days before the election upon which the repeal and levy authorized by this section will be proposed to the electors. Within ten days after receiving the copy of the resolution, the tax commissioner shall determine each of the following and certify the determinations to the board of education:

(1) The dollar amount to be raised by the proposed levy, which shall be the product of:

(a) The difference between the aggregate effective tax rate for residential/agricultural real property for the tax year preceding the year in which the repeal and levy will be proposed to the electors and twenty mills ~~per~~ for each one dollar of taxable value;

(b) The total taxable value of all property on the tax list of real and public utility property for the tax year preceding the year in which the repeal and levy will be proposed to the electors.

(2) The estimated tax rate of the proposed levy.

(3) The existing levies and any portion of an existing levy to be repealed upon approval of the question. Levies shall be repealed in reverse chronological order from most recently imposed to least recently imposed until the sum of the effective tax rates repealed for residential/agricultural real property is equal to the difference calculated in division (B)(1)(a) of this section.

(4) The sum of the following:

(a) The total taxable value of nonresidential/agricultural real property

for the tax year preceding the year in which the repeal and levy will be proposed to the electors multiplied by the difference between (i) the aggregate effective tax rate for nonresidential/agricultural real property for the existing levies and any portion of an existing levy to be repealed and (ii) the amount determined under division (B)(1)(a) of this section, but not less than zero;

(b) The total taxable value of public utility tangible personal property for the tax year preceding the year in which the repeal and levy will be proposed to the electors multiplied by the difference between (i) the aggregate voted tax rate for the existing levies and any portion of an existing levy to be repealed and (ii) the amount determined under division (B)(1)(a) of this section, but not less than zero.

(C) Upon receipt of the certification from the tax commissioner under division (B) of this section, a majority of the members of the board of education may adopt a resolution proposing the repeal of the existing levies as identified in the certification and the imposition of a levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation that will raise annually the amount certified by the commissioner. If the board determines that the tax should be for an amount less than that certified by the commissioner, the board may request that the commissioner redetermine the rate under division (B)(2) of this section on the basis of the lesser amount the levy is to raise as specified by the board. The amount certified under division (B)(4) and the levies to be repealed as certified under division (B)(3) of this section shall not be redetermined. Within ten days after receiving a timely request specifying the lesser amount to be raised by the levy, the commissioner shall redetermine the rate and recertify it to the board as otherwise provided in division (B) of this section. Only one such request may be made by the board of education of an eligible school district.

The resolution shall state the first calendar year in which the levy will be due; the existing levies and any portion of an existing levy that will be repealed, as certified by the commissioner; the term of the levy expressed in years, which may be any number not exceeding ten, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time; and the date of the election, which shall be the date of a primary or general election.

Immediately upon its passage, the resolution shall go into effect and shall be certified by the board of education to the county auditor of the proper county. The county auditor and the board of education shall proceed as required under section 5705.195 of the Revised Code. No publication of the resolution is necessary other than that provided for in the notice of election. Section 5705.196 of the Revised Code shall govern the matters

concerning the election. The submission of a question to the electors under this section is subject to the limitation on the number of election dates established by section 5705.214 of the Revised Code.

(D) The form of the ballot to be used at the election provided for in this section shall be as follows:

"Shall the existing levy of (insert the voted millage rate of the levy to be repealed), currently being charged against residential and agricultural property by the (insert the name of school district) at a rate of (insert the residential/agricultural real property effective tax rate of the levy being repealed) for the purpose of (insert the purpose of the existing levy) be repealed, and shall a levy be imposed by the (insert the name of school district) in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the necessary requirements of the school district in the sum of (insert the annual amount the levy is to produce), estimated by the tax commissioner to require (insert the number of mills) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to (insert the rate expressed in dollars and cents) for each one hundred dollars of valuation for the initial year of the tax, for a period of (insert the number of years the levy is to be imposed, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time), commencing in (insert the first year the tax is to be levied), first due in calendar year (insert the first calendar year in which the tax shall be due)?

	FOR THE REPEAL AND TAX
	AGAINST THE REPEAL AND TAX

If the question submitted is a proposal to repeal all or a portion of more than one existing levy, the form of the ballot shall be modified by substituting the statement "shall the existing levy of" with "shall existing levies of" and inserting the aggregate voted and aggregate effective tax rates to be repealed.

(E) If a majority of the electors voting on the question submitted in an election vote in favor of the repeal and levy, the result shall be certified immediately after the canvass by the board of elections to the board of education. The board of education may make the levy necessary to raise the amount specified in the resolution for the purpose stated in the resolution and shall certify it to the county auditor, who shall extend it on the current year tax lists for collection. After the first year, the levy shall be included in the annual tax budget that is certified to the county budget commission.

(F) A levy imposed under this section for a continuing period of time

may be decreased or repealed pursuant to section 5705.261 of the Revised Code. If a levy imposed under this section is decreased, the amount calculated under division (B)(4) of this section and paid under section 5705.2110 of the Revised Code shall be decreased by the same proportion as the levy is decreased. If the levy is repealed, no further payments shall be made to the district under that section.

(G) At any time, the board of education, by a vote of two-thirds of all of its members, may adopt a resolution to renew a tax levied under this section. The resolution shall provide for levying the tax and specifically all of the following:

- (1) That the tax shall be called, and designated on the ballot as, a renewal levy;
- (2) The amount of the renewal tax, which shall be no more than the amount of tax previously collected;
- (3) The number of years, not to exceed ten, that the renewal tax will be levied, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time;
- (4) That the purpose of the renewal tax is for current expenses.

The board shall certify a copy of the resolution to the board of elections not later than ninety days before the date of the election at which the question is to be submitted, which shall be the date of a primary or general election.

(H) The form of the ballot to be used at the election on the question of renewing a levy under this section shall be as follows:

"Shall a tax levy renewing an existing levy of (insert the annual dollar amount the levy is to produce each year), estimated to require (insert the number of mills) mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, which amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value, be imposed by the (insert the name of school district) for the purpose of current expenses for a period of (insert the number of years the levy is to be imposed, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time), commencing in (insert the first year the tax is to be levied), first due in calendar year (insert the first calendar year in which the tax shall be due)?

	FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE RENEWAL OF THE TAX LEVY "

If the levy submitted is to be for less than the amount of money previously collected, the form of the ballot shall be modified to add "and reducing" after "renewing" and to add before "estimated to require" the

statement "be approved at a tax rate necessary to produce \$..... (insert the lower annual dollar amount the levy is to produce each year)."

Sec. 5705.233. (A) As used in this section, "criminal justice facility" means any facility located within the county in which a tax is levied under this section and for which the board of commissioners of such county may make an appropriation under section 307.45 of the Revised Code.

(B) The board of county commissioners of any county, at any time, may declare by resolution that it may be necessary for the county to issue general obligation bonds for permanent improvements to a criminal justice facility, including the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, or maintenance of such a facility. The resolution shall state all of the following:

- (1) The necessity and purpose of the bond issue;
- (2) The date of the general or special election at which the question shall be submitted to the electors;
- (3) The amount, approximate date, estimated rate of interest, and maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid;
- (4) The necessity of levying a tax outside the ten-mill limitation to pay debt charges on the bonds and any anticipatory securities.

On adoption of the resolution, the board of county commissioners shall certify a copy of it to the county auditor. The county auditor promptly shall estimate and certify to the board the average annual property tax rate, expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, required throughout the stated maturity of the bonds to pay debt charges on the bonds and the amount the levy is estimated to collect for each tax year it is levied, in the same manner as under division (C) of section 133.18 of the Revised Code. ~~Division~~ Except as provided in division (C) of this section, division (B) of section 5705.03 of the Revised Code does not apply to tax levy proceedings initiated under this section.

(C) After receiving the county auditor's certification under division (B) of this section and, if applicable, section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, the board of county commissioners may declare by resolution that the amount of taxes that can be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the present and future criminal justice requirements of the county; that it is necessary to issue general obligation bonds of the county for permanent improvements to a criminal justice facility and to levy an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation to pay debt charges on the bonds and any anticipatory securities; that it is necessary for a specified number of years or for a continuing period of time

to levy additional taxes in excess of the ten-mill limitation to provide funds for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, maintenance, and financing of permanent improvements to such a criminal justice facility or to pay for operating expenses of the facility and other criminal justice services for which the board may make an appropriation under section 307.45 of the Revised Code, or both; and that the question of the bonds and taxes shall be submitted to the electors of the county at a general or special election, which shall not be earlier than ninety days after certification of the resolution to the board of elections, and the date of which shall be consistent with section 3501.01 of the Revised Code. The resolution shall specify all of the following:

(1) The county auditor's estimate of the average annual property tax rate required throughout the stated maturity of the bonds to pay debt charges on the bonds;

(2) The proposed rate of the tax, if any, for operating expenses and criminal justice services, the first year the tax will be levied, and the number of years it will be levied, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time;

(3) The proposed rate of the tax, if any, for permanent improvements to a criminal justice facility, the first year the tax will be levied, and the number of years it will be levied, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time.

The resolution shall go into immediate effect upon its passage, and no publication of it is necessary other than that provided in the notice of election, except that division (B) of section 5705.03 of the Revised Code applies if the resolution proposes an additional tax for operating expenses and criminal justice services or permanent improvements. The board of county commissioners shall certify, immediately after its adoption, a copy of the resolution, along with copies of the auditor's estimate certifications under division (B) of this section or section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, if applicable, and ~~its~~ the board's resolution under division (B) of this section, to the board of elections ~~immediately after its adoption.~~

(D) The board of elections shall make the arrangements for the submission of the question proposed under division (C) of this section to the electors of the county, and the election shall be conducted, canvassed, and certified in the same manner as regular elections in the county for the election of county officers. The resolution shall be put before the electors as one ballot question, with a favorable vote indicating approval of the bond issue, the levy to pay debt charges on the bonds and any anticipatory securities, the operating expenses and criminal justice services levy, and the

permanent improvements levy, as those levies may be proposed. The board of elections shall publish notice of the election in a newspaper of general circulation in the county once a week for two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, before the election. If a board of elections operates and maintains a web site, that board also shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days before the election. The notice of election shall state all of the following:

- (1) The principal amount of the proposed bond issue;
- (2) The permanent improvements for which the bonds are to be issued;
- (3) The maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid;
- (4) The estimated additional average annual property tax rate, expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, to pay the debt charges on the bonds, as certified by the county auditor;
- (5) The proposed rate of the additional tax, if any, for operating expenses and criminal justice services;
- (6) The number of years the operating expenses or criminal justice services tax will be in effect, or that it will be in effect for a continuing period of time;
- (7) The proposed rate of the additional tax, if any, for permanent improvements;
- (8) The number of years the permanent improvements tax will be in effect, or that it will be in effect for a continuing period of time;
- (9) The estimated annual collections of the debt levy and, if applicable, the current operating expenses or criminal justice services levy and permanent improvements levy, as certified by the county auditor;
- (10) The time and place of the election.

(E) The form of the ballot for an election under this section is as follows:

"Shall be authorized to do the following:

- (1) Issue bonds for the purpose of in the principal amount of \$....., to be repaid annually over a maximum period of years, and levy a property tax outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to collect \$..... annually and to average over the bond repayment period mills for each one dollar \$1 of tax valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... ~~(rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents, such as "36 cents" or "\$1.41")~~ for each \$100 \$100,000 of tax valuation fair market value, to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?"

If either a levy for permanent improvements or a levy for operating expenses and criminal justice services is proposed, or both are proposed, the ballot also shall contain the following language, as appropriate:

"(2) Levy an additional property tax to provide funds for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, maintenance, and financing of permanent improvements to a criminal justice facility, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of tax valuation taxable value, which amounts to ~~\$..... (rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents)~~ for each ~~\$100~~ \$100,000 of tax valuation fair market value, for (number of years of the levy, or a continuing period of time)?

(3) Levy an additional property tax to pay operating expenses of a criminal justice facility and provide other criminal justice services, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of tax valuation taxable value, which amounts to ~~\$..... (rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents)~~ for each ~~\$100~~ \$100,000 of tax valuation fair market value, for (number of years of the levy, or a continuing period of time)?

FOR THE BOND ISSUE AND LEVY (OR LEVIES)

AGAINST THE BOND ISSUE AND LEVY (OR LEVIES)"

(F) The board of elections promptly shall certify the results of the election to the tax commissioner and the county auditor. If a majority of the electors voting on the question vote for it, the board of county commissioners may proceed with issuance of the bonds and the levy and collection of the property tax for the debt service on the bonds and any anticipatory securities in the same manner and subject to the same limitations as for securities issued under section 133.18 of the Revised Code, and with the levy and collection of the property tax or taxes for operating expenses and criminal justice services and for permanent improvements at the additional rate or any lesser rate in excess of the ten-mill limitation. Any securities issued by the board of commissioners under this section are Chapter 133. securities, as that term is defined in section 133.01 of the Revised Code.

(G)(1) After the approval of a tax for operating expenses and criminal justice services under this section and before the time the first collection and distribution from the levy can be made, the board of county commissioners may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the tax to be collected during the first year of the levy.

(2) After the approval of a tax under this section for permanent

improvements to a criminal justice facility, the board of county commissioners may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the tax and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the tax remaining to be collected in each year over a period of five years after issuance of the notes.

Anticipation notes under this section shall be issued as provided in section 133.24 of the Revised Code. Notes issued under division (G) of this section shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their issuance over a period not to exceed five years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance.

(H) A tax for operating expenses and criminal justice services or for permanent improvements levied under this section for a specified number of years may be renewed or replaced in the same manner as a tax for current operating expenses or permanent improvements levied under section 5705.19 of the Revised Code. A tax levied under this section for a continuing period of time may be decreased in accordance with section 5705.261 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5705.25. (A) A copy of any resolution adopted as provided in section 5705.19 or 5705.2111 of the Revised Code shall be certified by the taxing authority to the board of elections of the proper county not less than ninety days before the general election in any year, and the board shall submit the proposal to the electors of the subdivision at the succeeding November election. In the case of a qualifying library levy, the board shall submit the question to the electors of the library district or association library district. Except as otherwise provided in this division, a resolution to renew an existing levy, regardless of the section of the Revised Code under which the tax was imposed, shall not be placed on the ballot unless the question is submitted at the general election held during the last year the tax to be renewed may be extended on the real and public utility property tax list and duplicate, or at any election held in the ensuing year. The limitation of the foregoing sentence does not apply to a resolution to renew and increase or to renew part of an existing levy that was imposed under section 5705.191 of the Revised Code to supplement the general fund for the purpose of making appropriations for one or more of the following purposes: for public assistance, human or social services, relief, welfare, hospitalization, health, and support of general hospitals. The limitation of the second preceding sentence also does not apply to a resolution that proposes to renew two or more existing levies imposed under section 5705.222 or division (L) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, or under section 5705.21 or 5705.217 of the Revised Code, in which case the

question shall be submitted on the date of the general or primary election held during the last year at least one of the levies to be renewed may be extended on the real and public utility property tax list and duplicate, or at any election held during the ensuing year. For purposes of this section, a levy shall be considered to be an "existing levy" through the year following the last year it can be placed on that tax list and duplicate.

The board shall make the necessary arrangements for the submission of such questions to the electors of such subdivision, library district, or association library district, and the election shall be conducted, canvassed, and certified in the same manner as regular elections in such subdivision, library district, or association library district for the election of county officers. Notice of the election shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the subdivision, library district, or association library district once a week for two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, prior to the election. If the board of elections operates and maintains a web site, the board of elections shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days prior to the election. The notice shall state the purpose, the levy's estimated annual collections, the proposed increase in rate expressed in dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred ~~thousand~~ thousand dollars of ~~valuation~~ fair market value as well as in mills for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, the number of years during which the increase will be in effect, the first month and year in which the tax will be levied, and the time and place of the election.

(B) The form of the ballots cast at an election held pursuant to division (A) of this section shall be as follows:

"An additional tax for the benefit of (name of subdivision or public library) for the purpose of (purpose stated in the resolution), that the county auditor estimates will collect \$.... annually, at a rate not exceeding mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, which amounts to (~~rate expressed in dollars and cents~~) \$..... for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$100,000 of ~~valuation~~ fair market value, for (life of indebtedness or number of years the levy is to run).

	For the Tax Levy
	Against the Tax Levy

(C) If the levy is to be in effect for a continuing period of time, the notice of election and the form of ballot shall so state instead of setting forth a specified number of years for the levy.

If the tax is to be placed on the current tax list, the form of the ballot

shall be modified by adding, after the statement of the number of years the levy is to run, the phrase ", commencing in (first year the tax is to be levied), first due in calendar year (first calendar year in which the tax shall be due)."

If the levy submitted is a proposal to renew, increase, or decrease an existing levy, the form of the ballot specified in division (B) of this section ~~may~~ must be changed by substituting for the words "An additional" at the beginning of the form, the words "A renewal of a" in case of a proposal to renew an existing levy in the same amount; the words "A renewal of mills and an increase of mills for each \$1 of taxable value to constitute a" in the case of an increase; or the words "A renewal of part of an existing levy, being a reduction of mills for each \$1 of taxable value, to constitute a" in the case of a decrease in the proposed levy.

If the levy submitted is a proposal to renew two or more existing levies imposed under section 5705.222 or division (L) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, or under section 5705.21 or 5705.217 of the Revised Code, the form of the ballot specified in division (B) of this section shall be modified by substituting for the words "an additional tax" the words "a renewal of(insert the number of levies to be renewed) existing taxes."

If the levy submitted is a levy under section 5705.72 of the Revised Code or a proposal to renew, increase, or decrease an existing levy imposed under that section, the name of the subdivision shall be "the unincorporated area of (name of township)."

The question covered by such resolution shall be submitted as a separate proposition but may be printed on the same ballot with any other proposition submitted at the same election, other than the election of officers. More than one such question may be submitted at the same election.

(D) A levy voted in excess of the ten-mill limitation under this section shall be certified to the tax commissioner. In the first year of the levy, it shall be extended on the tax lists after the February settlement succeeding the election. If the additional tax is to be placed upon the tax list of the current year, as specified in the resolution providing for its submission, the result of the election shall be certified immediately after the canvass by the board of elections to the taxing authority, who shall make the necessary levy and certify it to the county auditor, who shall extend it on the tax lists for collection. After the first year, the tax levy shall be included in the annual tax budget that is certified to the county budget commission.

Sec. 5705.251. (A) A copy of a resolution adopted under section 5705.212 or 5705.213 of the Revised Code shall be certified by the board of education to the board of elections of the proper county not less than ninety

days before the date of the election specified in the resolution, and the board of elections shall submit the proposal to the electors of the school district at a special election to be held on that date. The board of elections shall make the necessary arrangements for the submission of the question or questions to the electors of the school district, and the election shall be conducted, canvassed, and certified in the same manner as regular elections in the school district for the election of county officers. Notice of the election shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the subdivision once a week for two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, prior to the election. If the board of elections operates and maintains a web site, the board of elections shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days prior to the election.

(1) In the case of a resolution adopted under section 5705.212 of the Revised Code, the notice shall state separately, for each tax being proposed, the purpose; the proposed increase in rate, expressed in dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred thousand dollars of ~~valuation~~ fair market value as well as in mills for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value; the number of years during which the increase will be in effect; and the first calendar year in which the tax will be due. The notice shall also state the original tax's estimated annual collections and the estimated aggregate annual collections of all such taxes. For an election on the question of a renewal levy, the notice shall state the purpose; the levy's estimated annual collections; the proposed rate, expressed in dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred thousand dollars of ~~valuation~~ fair market value as well as in mills for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value; and the number of years the tax will be in effect. If the resolution is adopted under division (C) of that section, the rate of each tax being proposed shall be expressed as both the total rate and the portion of the total rate to be allocated to the qualifying school district and the portion to be allocated to partnering community schools.

(2) In the case of a resolution adopted under section 5705.213 of the Revised Code, the notice shall state the purpose; the amount proposed to be raised by the tax in the first year it is levied; the estimated average additional tax rate for the first year it is proposed to be levied, expressed in mills for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value and in dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred thousand dollars of ~~valuation~~ fair market value; the number of years during which the increase will be in effect; and the first calendar year in which the tax will be due. The notice also shall state the amount by which the amount to be raised by the tax may be increased in each year after the first year. The amount of the allowable increase may be expressed in terms of a dollar increase over, or a percentage of, the amount

raised by the tax in the immediately preceding year. For an election on the question of a renewal levy, the notice shall state the purpose; the amount proposed to be raised by the tax; the estimated tax rate, expressed in mills for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value and in dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred thousand dollars of ~~valuation~~ fair market value; and the number of years the tax will be in effect.

In any case, the notice also shall state the time and place of the election.

(B)(1) The form of the ballot in an election on taxes proposed under section 5705.212 of the Revised Code shall be as follows:

"Shall the school district be authorized to levy taxes for current expenses, the aggregate rate of which may increase in (number) increment(s) of not more than mill(s) for each ~~dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, from an original rate of mill(s) for each ~~dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... ~~(rate expressed in dollars and cents)~~ for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$100,000 of valuation fair market value, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, to a maximum rate of mill(s) for each ~~dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... ~~(rate expressed in dollars and cents)~~ for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$100,000 of valuation fair market value, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually? The original tax is first proposed to be levied in (the first year of the tax), and the incremental tax in (the first year of the increment) (if more than one incremental tax is proposed in the resolution, the first year that each incremental tax is proposed to be levied shall be stated in the preceding format, and the increments shall be referred to as the first, second, third, or fourth increment, depending on their number). The aggregate rate of tax so authorized will (insert either, "expire with the original rate of tax which shall be in effect for years" or "be in effect for a continuing period of time").

	FOR THE TAX LEVIES
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVIES

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If the tax is proposed by a qualifying school district under division (C)(1) of section 5705.212 of the Revised Code, the form of the ballot shall be modified by adding, after the phrase "each ~~dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value," the following: "(of which mills is to be allocated to partnering community schools)."

(2) The form of the ballot in an election on the question of a renewal levy under section 5705.212 of the Revised Code shall be as follows:

"Shall the school district be authorized to renew a tax for current expenses, ~~that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually,~~ at a rate not exceeding mills for each ~~dollar \$1 of valuation~~ taxable value, which amounts to \$..... ~~(rate expressed in dollars and cents)~~ for each ~~one hundred dollars \$100,000 of valuation~~ fair market value, for (number of years the levy shall be in effect, or a continuing period of time)?

	FOR THE TAX LEVY	"
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	

If the tax is proposed by a qualifying school district under division (C)(2) of section 5705.212 of the Revised Code and the total rate and the rates allocated to the school district and partnering community schools are to remain the same as those of the levy being renewed, the form of the ballot shall be modified by adding, after the phrase "each ~~dollar \$1 of valuation~~ taxable value," the following: "(of which mills is to be allocated to partnering community schools)." If the total rate is to be increased, the form of the ballot shall state that the proposal is to renew the existing tax with an increase in rate and shall state the increase in rate, the total rate resulting from the increase, and, of that rate, the portion of the rate to be allocated to partnering community schools. If the total rate is to be decreased, the form of the ballot shall state that the proposal is to renew a part of the existing tax and shall state the reduction in rate, the total rate resulting from the decrease, and, of that rate, the portion of the rate to be allocated to partnering community schools.

(3) If a tax proposed by a ballot form prescribed in division (B)(1) or (2) of this section is to be placed on the current tax list, the form of the ballot shall be modified by adding, after the statement of the number of years the levy is to be in effect, the phrase ", commencing in (first year the tax is to be levied), first due in calendar year (first calendar year in which the tax shall be due)."

(C) The form of the ballot in an election on a tax proposed under section 5705.213 of the Revised Code shall be as follows:

"Shall the school district be authorized to levy the following tax for current expenses? The tax will first be levied in (year) to raise \$..... ~~(dollars)~~. In the (number of years) following years, the tax will increase by not more than (per cent or dollar amount of increase) each year, so that, during (last year of the tax), the tax will raise approximately (dollars). The county auditor estimates that the rate ~~of the tax per dollar of~~

~~valuation~~ will be mill(s) for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$..... ~~per one hundred dollars for each \$100,000 of valuation fair market value~~, both during (first year of the tax) and mill(s) for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$..... ~~per one hundred dollars for each \$100,000 of valuation fair market value~~, during (last year of the tax). The tax will not be levied after (year).

	FOR THE TAX LEVY	"
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	

The form of the ballot in an election on the question of a renewal levy under section 5705.213 of the Revised Code shall be as follows:

"Shall the school district be authorized to renew a tax for current expenses which will raise \$..... (~~dollars~~), estimated by the county auditor to be mills for each ~~dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... (~~rate expressed in dollars and cents~~) for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$100,000 of valuation fair market value? The tax shall be in effect for (the number of years the levy shall be in effect, or a continuing period of time).

	FOR THE TAX LEVY	"
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	

If the tax is to be placed on the current tax list, the form of the ballot shall be modified by adding, after the statement of the number of years the levy is to be in effect, the phrase ", commencing in (first year the tax is to be levied), first due in calendar year (first calendar year in which the tax shall be due)."

(D) The question covered by a resolution adopted under section 5705.212 or 5705.213 of the Revised Code shall be submitted as a separate question, but may be printed on the same ballot with any other question submitted at the same election, other than the election of officers. More than one question may be submitted at the same election.

(E) Taxes voted in excess of the ten-mill limitation under division (B) or (C) of this section shall be certified to the tax commissioner. If an additional tax is to be placed upon the tax list of the current year, as specified in the resolution providing for its submission, the result of the election shall be certified immediately after the canvass by the board of elections to the board

of education. The board of education immediately shall make the necessary levy and certify it to the county auditor, who shall extend it on the tax list for collection. After the first year, the levy shall be included in the annual tax budget that is certified to the county budget commission.

Sec. 5705.261. (A) The question of decrease of an increased rate of levy approved for a continuing period of time by the voters of a subdivision or, in the case of a qualifying library levy, the voters of the library district or association library district, may be initiated by the filing of a petition with the board of elections of the proper county not less than ninety days before the general election in any year requesting that an election be held on such question. Such petition shall state the amount of the proposed decrease in the rate of levy and shall be signed by qualified electors residing in the subdivision, library district, or association library district equal in number to at least ten per cent of the total number of votes cast in the subdivision, library district, or association library district for the office of governor at the most recent general election for that office. Only one such petition may be filed during each five-year period following the election at which the voters approved the increased rate for a continuing period of time.

After determination by it that such petition is valid, the board of elections shall ~~submit~~ do both of the following:

(1) Request that the county auditor certify to the board an estimate of the levy's annual collections in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code. If the subdivision, library district, or association library district is located in more than one county, the county auditor shall obtain from the county auditor of each other county in which the subdivision or district is located the tax valuation applicable to the portion of the subdivision or district in that county.

The county auditor shall certify such information to the board of elections within ten days after receiving the board's request.

(2) Submit the question to the electors of the subdivision, library district, or association library district at the succeeding general election pursuant to division (B) of this section. The

(B) The election shall be conducted, canvassed, and certified in the same manner as regular elections in such subdivision, library district, or association library district for county offices. Notice of the election shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the district once a week for two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, prior to the election. If the board of elections operates and maintains a web site, the board of elections shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days prior to the election. The notice shall state the purpose,

the levy's estimated annual collections, the amount of the proposed decrease in rate, expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, and the time and place of the election. The form of the ballot cast at such election shall be prescribed by the secretary of state but must include all information required to be included in the notice. The question covered by ~~such~~ the petition shall be submitted as a separate proposition but it may be printed on the same ballot with any other propositions submitted at the same election other than the election of officers. If a majority of the qualified electors voting on the question of a decrease at such election approve the proposed decrease in rate, the result of the election shall be certified immediately after the canvass by the board of elections to the appropriate taxing authority, which shall thereupon, after the current year, cease to levy such increased rate or levy such tax at such reduced rate upon the ~~duplicate~~ tax list of the subdivision, library district, or association library district. If notes have been issued in anticipation of the collection of such levy, the taxing authority shall continue to levy and collect under authority of the election authorizing the original levy such amounts as will be sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such anticipation notes as the same fall due.

In the case of a levy for the current expenses of a qualifying school district and of partnering community schools imposed under section 5705.192, division (B) of section 5705.21, division (C) of section 5705.212, or division (J) of section 5705.218 of the Revised Code for a continuing period of time, the rate allocated to the school district and to partnering community schools shall each be decreased by a number of mills per dollar that is proportionate to the decrease in the rate of the levy in proportion to the rate at which the levy was imposed before the decrease.

Sec. 5705.55. (A) The board of directors of a lake facilities authority, by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may at any time declare by resolution that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the authority, that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such limitation for any of the purposes specified in divisions (A), (B), (F), and (H) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, and that the question of such additional tax levy shall be submitted by the board to the electors residing within the boundaries of the impacted lake district on the day of a primary or general election. The resolution shall conform to section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, except that the tax levy may be in effect for no more than five years, as set forth in the resolution, unless the levy is for the payment of debt charges, and the total

number of mills levied for each dollar of taxable valuation that may be levied under this section for any tax year shall not exceed one mill. If the levy is for the payment of debt charges, the levy shall be for the life of the bond indebtedness.

The resolution shall specify the date of holding the election, which shall not be earlier than ninety days after the adoption and certification of the resolution to the board of elections. The resolution shall not include a levy on the current tax list and duplicate unless the election is to be held at or prior to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of the current tax year.

The resolution shall be certified to the board of elections of the proper county or counties not less than ninety days before the date of the election. The resolution shall go into immediate effect upon its passage, and no publication of the resolution shall be necessary other than that provided in the notice of election. Section 5705.25 of the Revised Code shall govern the arrangements for the submission of such question and other matters concerning the election, to which that section refers, except that the election shall be held on the date specified in the resolution. If a majority of the electors voting on the question so submitted in an election vote in favor of the levy, the board of directors may forthwith make the necessary levy within the boundaries of the impacted lake district at the additional rate in excess of the ten-mill limitation on the tax list, for the purpose stated in the resolution. The tax levy shall be included in the next annual tax budget that is certified to the county budget commission.

(B) The form of the ballot in an election held on the question of levying a tax proposed pursuant to this section shall be as follows or in any other form acceptable to the secretary of state:

"A tax for the benefit of (name of lake facilities authority) for the purpose of, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, which amounts to (rate expressed in dollars and cents) \$..... for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$100,000 of valuation fair market value, for (life of indebtedness or number of years the levy is to run).

	For the Tax Levy
	Against the Tax Levy

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(C) On approval of the levy, notes may be issued in anticipation of the collection of the proceeds of the tax levy, other than the proceeds to be

received for the payment of bond debt charges, in the amount and manner and at the times as are provided in section 5705.193 of the Revised Code, for the issuance of notes by a county in anticipation of the proceeds of a tax levy. The lake facilities authority may borrow money in anticipation of the collection of current revenues as provided in section 133.10 of the Revised Code.

(D) If a tax is levied under this section in a tax year, no other taxing authority of a subdivision or taxing unit, including a port authority, may levy a tax on property in the impacted lake district in the same tax year if the purpose of the levy is substantially the same as the purpose for which the lake facilities authority of the impacted lake district was created.

Sec. 5748.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "School district income tax" means an income tax adopted under one of the following:

(1) Former section 5748.03 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to its repeal by Amended Substitute House Bill No. 291 of the 115th general assembly;

(2) Section 5748.03 of the Revised Code as enacted in Substitute Senate Bill No. 28 of the 118th general assembly;

(3) Section 5748.08 of the Revised Code as enacted in Amended Substitute Senate Bill No. 17 of the 122nd general assembly;

(4) Section 5748.021 of the Revised Code;

(5) Section 5748.081 of the Revised Code;

(6) Section 5748.09 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Individual" means an individual subject to the tax levied by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Estate" means an estate subject to the tax levied by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Taxable year" means a taxable year as defined in division (M) of section 5747.01 of the Revised Code.

(E) "Taxable income" means:

(1) In the case of an individual, one of the following, as specified in the resolution imposing the tax:

(a) Ohio adjusted gross income for the taxable year as defined in division (A) of section 5747.01 of the Revised Code, less the exemptions provided by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code, plus any amount deducted under division (A)(31) of section 5747.01 of the Revised Code for the taxable year;

(b) Wages, salaries, tips, and other employee compensation to the extent included in Ohio adjusted gross income as defined in section 5747.01 of the

Revised Code, and net earnings from self-employment, as defined in section 1402(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, to the extent included in Ohio adjusted gross income.

(2) In the case of an estate, taxable income for the taxable year as defined in division (S) of section 5747.01 of the Revised Code.

(F) "Resident" of the school district means:

(1) An individual who is a resident of this state as defined in division (I) of section 5747.01 of the Revised Code during all or a portion of the taxable year and who, during all or a portion of such period of state residency, is domiciled in the school district or lives in and maintains a permanent place of abode in the school district;

(2) An estate of a decedent who, at the time of death, was domiciled in the school district.

(G) "School district income" means:

(1) With respect to an individual, the portion of the taxable income of an individual that is received by the individual during the portion of the taxable year that the individual is a resident of the school district and the school district income tax is in effect in that school district. An individual may have school district income with respect to more than one school district.

(2) With respect to an estate, the taxable income of the estate for the portion of the taxable year that the school district income tax is in effect in that school district.

(H) "Taxpayer" means an individual or estate having school district income upon which a school district income tax is imposed.

(I) "School district purposes" means any of the purposes for which a tax may be levied pursuant to division (A) of section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, including the combined purposes authorized by section 5705.217 of the Revised Code.

(J) "Fair market value" has the same meaning as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5748.02. (A) The board of education of any school district, except a joint vocational school district, may declare, by resolution, the necessity of raising annually a specified amount of money for school district purposes. The resolution shall specify whether the income that is to be subject to the tax is taxable income of individuals and estates as defined in divisions (E)(1)(a) and (2) of section 5748.01 of the Revised Code or taxable income of individuals as defined in division (E)(1)(b) of that section. A copy of the resolution shall be certified to the tax commissioner no later than one hundred days prior to the date of the election at which the board intends to propose a levy under this section. Upon receipt of the copy of the resolution,

the tax commissioner shall estimate both of the following:

(1) The property tax rate that would have to be imposed in the current year by the district to produce an equivalent amount of money;

(2) The income tax rate that would have had to have been in effect for the current year to produce an equivalent amount of money from a school district income tax.

Within ten days of receiving the copy of the board's resolution, the commissioner shall prepare these estimates and certify them to the board. Upon receipt of the certification, the board may adopt a resolution proposing an income tax under division (B) of this section at the estimated rate contained in the certification rounded to the nearest one-fourth of one per cent. The commissioner's certification applies only to the board's proposal to levy an income tax at the election for which the board requested the certification. If the board intends to submit a proposal to levy an income tax at any other election, it shall request another certification for that election in the manner prescribed in this division.

(B)(1) Upon the receipt of a certification from the tax commissioner under division (A) of this section, a majority of the members of a board of education may adopt a resolution proposing the levy of an annual tax for school district purposes on school district income. The proposed levy may be for a continuing period of time or for a specified number of years. The resolution shall set forth the purpose for which the tax is to be imposed, the rate of the tax, which shall be the rate set forth in the commissioner's certification rounded to the nearest one-fourth of one per cent, the number of years the tax will be levied or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time, the date on which the tax shall take effect, which shall be the first day of January of any year following the year in which the question is submitted, and the date of the election at which the proposal shall be submitted to the electors of the district, which shall be on the date of a primary, general, or special election the date of which is consistent with section 3501.01 of the Revised Code. The resolution shall specify whether the income that is to be subject to the tax is taxable income of individuals and estates as defined in divisions (E)(1)(a) and (2) of section 5748.01 of the Revised Code or taxable income of individuals as defined in division (E)(1)(b) of that section. The specification shall be the same as the specification in the resolution adopted and certified under division (A) of this section.

If the tax is to be levied for current expenses and permanent improvements, the resolution shall apportion the annual rate of the tax. The apportionment may be the same or different for each year the tax is levied, but the respective portions of the rate actually levied each year for current

expenses and for permanent improvements shall be limited by the apportionment.

If the board of education currently imposes an income tax pursuant to this chapter that is due to expire and a question is submitted under this section for a proposed income tax to take effect upon the expiration of the existing tax, the board may specify in the resolution that the proposed tax renews the expiring tax. Two or more expiring income taxes may be renewed under this paragraph if the taxes are due to expire on the same date. If the tax rate being proposed is no higher than the total tax rate imposed by the expiring tax or taxes, the resolution may state that the proposed tax is not an additional income tax.

(2) A board of education adopting a resolution under division (B)(1) of this section proposing a school district income tax for a continuing period of time and limited to the purpose of current expenses may propose in that resolution to reduce the rate or rates of one or more of the school district's property taxes levied for a continuing period of time in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of current expenses. The reduction in the rate of a property tax may be any amount, expressed in mills per for each one dollar in valuation taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars in fair market value, not exceeding the rate at which the tax is authorized to be levied. The reduction in the rate of a tax shall first take effect for the tax year that includes the day on which the school district income tax first takes effect, and shall continue for each tax year that both the school district income tax and the property tax levy are in effect.

In addition to the matters required to be set forth in the resolution under division (B)(1) of this section, a resolution containing a proposal to reduce the rate of one or more property taxes shall state for each such tax the maximum rate at which it currently may be levied and the maximum rate at which the tax could be levied after the proposed reduction, expressed in mills per for each one dollar in valuation taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars in fair market value, and that the tax is levied for a continuing period of time.

A board proposing to reduce the rate of one or more property taxes under division (B)(2) of this section shall comply with division (B) of section 5705.03 of the Revised Code.

If a board of education proposes to reduce the rate of one or more property taxes under division (B)(2) of this section, the board, when it makes the certification required under division (A) of this section, shall designate the specific levy or levies to be reduced, the maximum rate at which each levy currently is authorized to be levied, and the rate by which

each levy is proposed to be reduced. The tax commissioner, when making the certification to the board under division (A) of this section, also shall certify the reduction in the total effective tax rate for current expenses for each class of property that would have resulted if the proposed reduction in the rate or rates had been in effect the previous tax year. As used in this paragraph, "effective tax rate" has the same meaning as in section 323.08 of the Revised Code.

(C) A resolution adopted under division (B) of this section shall go into immediate effect upon its passage, and no publication of the resolution shall be necessary other than that provided for in the notice of election. Immediately after its adoption and at least ninety days prior to the election at which the question will appear on the ballot, a copy of the resolution and, if applicable, the county auditor's certifications under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code shall be certified to the board of elections of the proper county, which shall submit the proposal to the electors on the date specified in the resolution. The form of the ballot shall be as provided in section 5748.03 of the Revised Code. Publication of notice of the election shall be made in a newspaper of general circulation in the county once a week for two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, prior to the election. If the board of elections operates and maintains a web site, the board of elections shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days prior to the election. The notice shall contain the time and place of the election and the question to be submitted to the electors. The question covered by the resolution shall be submitted as a separate proposition, but may be printed on the same ballot with any other proposition submitted at the same election, other than the election of officers.

(D) No board of education shall submit the question of a tax on school district income to the electors of the district more than twice in any calendar year. If a board submits the question twice in any calendar year, one of the elections on the question shall be held on the date of the general election.

(E)(1) No board of education may submit to the electors of the district the question of a tax on school district income on the taxable income of individuals as defined in division (E)(1)(b) of section 5748.01 of the Revised Code if that tax would be in addition to an existing tax on the taxable income of individuals and estates as defined in divisions (E)(1)(a) and (2) of that section.

(2) No board of education may submit to the electors of the district the question of a tax on school district income on the taxable income of individuals and estates as defined in divisions (E)(1)(a) and (2) of section 5748.01 of the Revised Code if that tax would be in addition to an existing

tax on the taxable income of individuals as defined in division (E)(1)(b) of that section.

Sec. 5748.03. (A) The form of the ballot on a question submitted to the electors under section 5748.02 of the Revised Code shall be as follows:

"Shall an annual income tax of (state the proposed rate of tax) on the school district income of individuals and of estates be imposed by (state the name of the school district), for (state the number of years the tax would be levied, or that it would be levied for a continuing period of time), beginning (state the date the tax would first take effect), for the purpose of (state the purpose of the tax)?"

	FOR THE TAX
	AGAINST THE TAX

(B)(1) If the question submitted to electors proposes a school district income tax only on the taxable income of individuals as defined in division (E)(1)(b) of section 5748.01 of the Revised Code, the form of the ballot shall be modified by stating that the tax is to be levied on the "earned income of individuals residing in the school district" in lieu of the "school district income of individuals and of estates."

(2) If the question submitted to electors proposes to renew one or more expiring income tax levies, the ballot shall be modified by adding the following language immediately after the name of the school district that would impose the tax: "to renew an income tax (or income taxes) expiring at the end of (state the last year the existing income tax or taxes may be levied)."

(3) If the question includes a proposal under division (B)(2) of section 5748.02 of the Revised Code to reduce the rate of one or more school district property taxes, the ballot shall state that the purpose of the school district income tax is for current expenses, and the form of the ballot shall be modified by adding the following language immediately after the statement of the purpose of the proposed income tax: ", and shall the rate of an existing tax on property, currently levied for the purpose of current expenses at the rate of mills, be REDUCED to mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to a reduction from \$..... to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, the reduction continuing until any such time as the income tax is repealed." In lieu of "for the tax" and "against the tax," the phrases "for the issue" and "against the issue," respectively, shall be used. If a board of education proposes a reduction in the rates of more than one tax, the ballot

language shall be modified accordingly to express the rates at which those taxes currently are levied and the rates to which the taxes will be reduced.

(C) The board of elections shall certify the results of the election to the board of education and to the tax commissioner. If a majority of the electors voting on the question vote in favor of it, the income tax, the applicable provisions of Chapter 5747. of the Revised Code, and the reduction in the rate or rates of existing property taxes if the question included such a reduction shall take effect on the date specified in the resolution. If the question approved by the voters includes a reduction in the rate of a school district property tax, the board of education shall not levy the tax at a rate greater than the rate to which the tax is reduced, unless the school district income tax is repealed in an election under section 5748.04 of the Revised Code.

(D) If the rate at which a property tax is levied and collected is reduced pursuant to a question approved under this section, the tax commissioner shall compute the percentage required to be computed for that tax under division (D) of section 319.301 of the Revised Code each year the rate is reduced as if the tax had been levied in the preceding year at the rate at which it has been reduced. If the rate of a property tax increases due to the repeal of the school district income tax pursuant to section 5748.04 of the Revised Code, the tax commissioner, for the first year for which the rate increases, shall compute the percentage as if the tax in the preceding year had been levied at the rate at which the tax was authorized to be levied prior to any rate reduction.

Sec. 5748.04. (A) The question of the repeal of a school district income tax levied for more than five years may be initiated not more than once in any five-year period by filing with the board of elections of the appropriate counties not later than ninety days before the general election in any year after the year in which it is approved by the electors a petition requesting that an election be held on the question. The petition shall be signed by qualified electors residing in the school district levying the income tax equal in number to ten per cent of those voting for governor at the most recent gubernatorial election.

The board of elections shall determine whether the petition is valid, and if it so determines, it shall ~~submit~~ do both of the following:

(1) Submit the question to the electors of the district at the next general election;

(2) If the rate of one or more property tax levies was reduced for the duration of the income tax levy pursuant to division (B)(2) of section 5748.02 of the Revised Code, request that the county auditor certify to the

board an estimate of the levies' annual collections for the first year in which the levies are increased in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code.

The county auditor shall certify such information to the board of elections within ten days after receiving the board's request. If a school district is located in more than one county, the county auditor shall obtain from the county auditor of each other county in which the district is located the tax valuation applicable to the portion of the district in that county. The

The election shall be conducted, canvassed, and certified in the same manner as regular elections for county offices in the county. Notice of the election shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the district once a week for two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, prior to the election. If the board of elections operates and maintains a web site, the board of elections shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days prior to the election. The notice shall state the ~~purpose~~, time, and place of the election and the question to be submitted to the electors. The form of the ballot cast at the election shall be as follows:

"Shall the annual income tax of per cent, currently levied on the school district income of individuals and estates by (state the name of the school district) for the purpose of (state purpose of the tax), be repealed?"

	For repeal of the income tax
	Against repeal of the income tax

(B)(1) If the tax is imposed on taxable income as defined in division (E)(1)(b) of section 5748.01 of the Revised Code, the form of the ballot shall be modified by stating that the tax currently is levied on the "earned income of individuals residing in the school district" in lieu of the "school district income of individuals and estates."

(2) If the rate of one or more property tax levies was reduced for the duration of the income tax levy pursuant to division (B)(2) of section 5748.02 of the Revised Code, the form of the ballot shall be modified by adding the following language immediately after "repealed": ", and shall the rate of an existing tax on property for the purpose of current expenses, which rate was reduced for the duration of the income tax, be INCREASED from mills to mills per one dollar for each \$1 of valuation taxable value which amounts to an increase from \$..... to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$.....

annually, beginning in (state the first year for which the rate of the property tax will increase)." In lieu of "for repeal of the income tax" and "against repeal of the income tax," the phrases "for the issue" and "against the issue," respectively, shall be substituted.

(3) If the rate of more than one property tax was reduced for the duration of the income tax, the ballot language shall be modified accordingly to express the rates at which those taxes currently are levied and the rates to which the taxes would be increased.

(C) The question covered by the petition shall be submitted as a separate proposition, but it may be printed on the same ballot with any other proposition submitted at the same election other than the election of officers. If a majority of the qualified electors voting on the question vote in favor of it, the result shall be certified immediately after the canvass by the board of elections to the board of education of the school district and the tax commissioner, who shall thereupon, after the current year, cease to levy the tax, except that if notes have been issued pursuant to section 5748.05 of the Revised Code the tax commissioner shall continue to levy and collect under authority of the election authorizing the levy an annual amount, rounded upward to the nearest one-fourth of one per cent, as will be sufficient to pay the debt charges on the notes as they fall due.

(D) If a school district income tax repealed pursuant to this section was approved in conjunction with a reduction in the rate of one or more school district property taxes as provided in division (B)(2) of section 5748.02 of the Revised Code, then each such property tax may be levied after the current year at the rate at which it could be levied prior to the reduction, subject to any adjustments required by the county budget commission pursuant to Chapter 5705. of the Revised Code. Upon the repeal of a school district income tax under this section, the board of education may resume levying a property tax, the rate of which has been reduced pursuant to a question approved under section 5748.02 of the Revised Code, at the rate the board originally was authorized to levy the tax. A reduction in the rate of a property tax under section 5748.02 of the Revised Code is a reduction in the rate at which a board of education may levy that tax only for the period during which a school district income tax is levied prior to any repeal pursuant to this section. The resumption of the authority to levy the tax upon such a repeal does not constitute a tax levied in excess of the one per cent limitation prescribed by Section 2 of Article XII, Ohio Constitution, or in excess of the ten-mill limitation.

(E) This section does not apply to school district income tax levies that are levied for five or fewer years.

Sec. 5748.08. (A) The board of education of a city, local, or exempted village school district, at any time by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may declare by resolution that it may be necessary for the school district to do all of the following:

(1) Raise a specified amount of money for school district purposes by levying an annual tax on school district income;

(2) Issue general obligation bonds for permanent improvements, stating in the resolution the necessity and purpose of the bond issue and the amount, approximate date, estimated rate of interest, and maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid;

(3) Levy a tax outside the ten-mill limitation to pay debt charges on the bonds and any anticipatory securities;

(4) Submit the question of the school district income tax and bond issue to the electors of the district at a special election.

The resolution shall specify whether the income that is to be subject to the tax is taxable income of individuals and estates as defined in divisions (E)(1)(a) and (2) of section 5748.01 of the Revised Code or taxable income of individuals as defined in division (E)(1)(b) of that section.

On adoption of the resolution, the board shall certify a copy of it to the tax commissioner and the county auditor no later than one hundred five days prior to the date of the special election at which the board intends to propose the income tax and bond issue. Not later than ten days of receipt of the resolution, the tax commissioner, in the same manner as required by division (A) of section 5748.02 of the Revised Code, shall estimate the rates designated in divisions (A)(1) and (2) of that section and certify them to the board. Not later than ten days of receipt of the resolution, the county auditor shall estimate and certify to the board the average annual property tax rate required throughout the stated maturity of the bonds to pay debt charges on the bonds and the amount the levy is estimated to collect for each tax year it is levied, in the same manner as under division (C) of section 133.18 of the Revised Code.

(B) On receipt of the tax commissioner's and county auditor's certifications prepared under division (A) of this section, the board of education of the city, local, or exempted village school district, by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may adopt a resolution proposing for a specified number of years or for a continuing period of time the levy of an annual tax for school district purposes on school district income and declaring that the amount of taxes that can be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the present and future requirements of the school district; that it is necessary to issue

general obligation bonds of the school district for specified permanent improvements and to levy an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation to pay the debt charges on the bonds and any anticipatory securities; and that the question of the bonds and taxes shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at a special election, which shall not be earlier than ninety days after certification of the resolution to the board of elections, and the date of which shall be consistent with section 3501.01 of the Revised Code. The resolution shall specify all of the following:

(1) The purpose for which the school district income tax is to be imposed and the rate of the tax, which shall be the rate set forth in the tax commissioner's certification rounded to the nearest one-fourth of one per cent;

(2) Whether the income that is to be subject to the tax is taxable income of individuals and estates as defined in divisions (E)(1)(a) and (2) of section 5748.01 of the Revised Code or taxable income of individuals as defined in division (E)(1)(b) of that section. The specification shall be the same as the specification in the resolution adopted and certified under division (A) of this section.

(3) The number of years the tax will be levied, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time;

(4) The date on which the tax shall take effect, which shall be the first day of January of any year following the year in which the question is submitted;

(5) The amount of the estimated average annual property tax levy, expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, as certified by the county auditor under division (A) of this section;

(6) The amount the property tax is estimated to collect for each tax year it is levied, as certified by the county auditor's estimate of the average annual property tax rate required throughout the stated maturity of the bonds to pay debt charges on the bonds auditor under division (A) of this section.

(C) A resolution adopted under division (B) of this section shall go into immediate effect upon its passage, and no publication of the resolution shall be necessary other than that provided for in the notice of election. Immediately after its adoption and at least ninety days prior to the election at which the question will appear on the ballot, the board of education shall certify a copy of the resolution, along with copies of the auditor's estimate and its resolution under division (A) of this section, to the board of elections of the proper county. The board of education shall make the arrangements for the submission of the question to the electors of the school district, and

the election shall be conducted, canvassed, and certified in the same manner as regular elections in the district for the election of county officers.

The resolution shall be put before the electors as one ballot question, with a majority vote indicating approval of the school district income tax, the bond issue, and the levy to pay debt charges on the bonds and any anticipatory securities. The board of elections shall publish the notice of the election in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district once a week for two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, prior to the election. If the board of elections operates and maintains a web site, it also shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days prior to the election. The notice of election shall state all of the following:

- (1) The questions to be submitted to the electors;
- (2) The rate of the school district income tax;
- (3) The principal amount of the proposed bond issue;
- (4) The permanent improvements for which the bonds are to be issued;
- (5) The maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid;

(6) The estimated annual collections of the property tax, as certified by the county auditor;

(7) The estimated additional average annual property tax rate to pay the debt charges on the bonds, as certified by the county auditor, and expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value;

~~(7)~~ (8) The time and place of the special election.

(D) The form of the ballot on a question submitted to the electors under this section shall be as follows:

"Shall the school district be authorized to do both of the following:

(1) Impose an annual income tax of (state the proposed rate of tax) on the school district income of individuals and of estates, for (state the number of years the tax would be levied, or that it would be levied for a continuing period of time), beginning (state the date the tax would first take effect), for the purpose of (state the purpose of the tax)?

(2) Issue bonds for the purpose of in the principal amount of \$....., to be repaid annually over a maximum period of years, and levy a property tax outside the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to collect \$..... annually and to average over the bond repayment period mills for each one dollar \$1 of tax valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... (rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents, such as "36 cents" or "\$1.41") for each \$100 \$100,000 of tax valuation fair market value, to pay

the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?

	FOR THE INCOME TAX AND BOND ISSUE
	AGAINST THE INCOME TAX AND BOND ISSUE

(E) If the question submitted to electors proposes a school district income tax only on the taxable income of individuals as defined in division (E)(1)(b) of section 5748.01 of the Revised Code, the form of the ballot shall be modified by stating that the tax is to be levied on the "earned income of individuals residing in the school district" in lieu of the "school district income of individuals and of estates."

(F) The board of elections promptly shall certify the results of the election to the tax commissioner and the county auditor of the county in which the school district is located. If a majority of the electors voting on the question vote in favor of it, the income tax and the applicable provisions of Chapter 5747. of the Revised Code shall take effect on the date specified in the resolution, and the board of education may proceed with issuance of the bonds and with the levy and collection of the property taxes to pay debt charges on the bonds, at the additional rate or any lesser rate in excess of the ten-mill limitation. Any securities issued by the board of education under this section are Chapter 133. securities, as that term is defined in section 133.01 of the Revised Code.

(G) After approval of a question under this section, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the school district income tax in accordance with section 5748.05 of the Revised Code. Any anticipation notes under this division shall be issued as provided in section 133.24 of the Revised Code, shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their issuance over a period not to exceed five years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance.

(H) The question of repeal of a school district income tax levied for more than five years may be initiated and submitted in accordance with section 5748.04 of the Revised Code.

(I) No board of education shall submit a question under this section to the electors of the school district more than twice in any calendar year. If a board submits the question twice in any calendar year, one of the elections on the question shall be held on the date of the general election.

Sec. 5748.09. (A) The board of education of a city, local, or exempted

village school district, at any time by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may declare by resolution that it may be necessary for the school district to do all of the following:

(1) Raise a specified amount of money for school district purposes by levying an annual tax on school district income;

(2) Levy an additional property tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing for the necessary requirements of the district, stating in the resolution the amount of money to be raised each year for such purpose;

(3) Submit the question of the school district income tax and property tax to the electors of the district at a special election.

The resolution shall specify whether the income that is to be subject to the tax is taxable income of individuals and estates as defined in divisions (E)(1)(a) and (2) of section 5748.01 of the Revised Code or taxable income of individuals as defined in division (E)(1)(b) of that section.

On adoption of the resolution, the board shall certify a copy of it to the tax commissioner and the county auditor not later than one hundred days prior to the date of the special election at which the board intends to propose the income tax and property tax. Not later than ten days after receipt of the resolution, the tax commissioner, in the same manner as required by division (A) of section 5748.02 of the Revised Code, shall estimate the rates designated in divisions (A)(1) and (2) of that section and certify them to the board. Not later than ten days after receipt of the resolution, the county auditor, in the same manner as required by section 5705.195 of the Revised Code, shall make the calculation specified in that section and certify it to the board.

(B) On receipt of the tax commissioner's and county auditor's certifications prepared under division (A) of this section, the board of education of the city, local, or exempted village school district, by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may adopt a resolution declaring that the amount of taxes that can be raised by all tax levies the district is authorized to impose, when combined with state and federal revenues, will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the present and future requirements of the school district, and that it is therefore necessary to levy, for a specified number of years or for a continuing period of time, an annual tax for school district purposes on school district income, and to levy, for a specified number of years not exceeding ten or for a continuing period of time, an additional property tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing for the necessary requirements of the district, and declaring that the question of the school district income tax and property tax

shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at a special election, which shall not be earlier than ninety days after certification of the resolution to the board of elections, and the date of which shall be consistent with section 3501.01 of the Revised Code. The resolution shall specify all of the following:

(1) The purpose for which the school district income tax is to be imposed and the rate of the tax, which shall be the rate set forth in the tax commissioner's certification rounded to the nearest one-fourth of one per cent;

(2) Whether the income that is to be subject to the tax is taxable income of individuals and estates as defined in divisions (E)(1)(a) and (2) of section 5748.01 of the Revised Code or taxable income of individuals as defined in division (E)(1)(b) of that section. The specification shall be the same as the specification in the resolution adopted and certified under division (A) of this section.

(3) The number of years the school district income tax will be levied, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time;

(4) The date on which the school district income tax shall take effect, which shall be the first day of January of any year following the year in which the question is submitted;

(5) The amount of money it is necessary to raise for the purpose of providing for the necessary requirements of the district for each year the property tax is to be imposed;

(6) The number of years the property tax will be levied, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time;

(7) The tax list upon which the property tax shall be first levied, which may be the current year's tax list;

(8) The amount of the average tax levy, expressed in dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred ~~thousand~~ thousand dollars of ~~valuation~~ fair market value as well as in mills for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, estimated by the county auditor under division (A) of this section.

(C) A resolution adopted under division (B) of this section shall go into immediate effect upon its passage, and no publication of the resolution shall be necessary other than that provided for in the notice of election. Immediately after its adoption and at least ninety days prior to the election at which the question will appear on the ballot, the board of education shall certify a copy of the resolution, along with copies of the county auditor's certification and the resolution under division (A) of this section, to the board of elections of the proper county. The board of education shall make the arrangements for the submission of the question to the electors of the

school district, and the election shall be conducted, canvassed, and certified in the same manner as regular elections in the district for the election of county officers.

The resolution shall be put before the electors as one ballot question, with a majority vote indicating approval of the school district income tax and the property tax. The board of elections shall publish the notice of the election in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district once a week for two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, prior to the election. If the board of elections operates and maintains a web site, also shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days prior to the election. The notice of election shall state all of the following:

(1) The questions to be submitted to the electors as a single ballot question;

(2) The rate of the school district income tax;

(3) The number of years the school district income tax will be levied or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time;

(4) The annual proceeds of the proposed property tax levy for the purpose of providing for the necessary requirements of the district;

(5) The number of years during which the property tax levy shall be levied, or that it shall be levied for a continuing period of time;

(6) The estimated average additional tax rate of the property tax, expressed in dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred thousand dollars of ~~valuation~~ fair market value as well as in mills for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, outside the limitation imposed by Section 2 of Article XII, Ohio Constitution, as certified by the county auditor;

(7) The time and place of the special election.

(D) The form of the ballot on a question submitted to the electors under this section shall be as follows:

"Shall the school district be authorized to do both of the following:

(1) Impose an annual income tax of (state the proposed rate of tax) on the school district income of individuals and of estates, for (state the number of years the tax would be levied, or that it would be levied for a continuing period of time), beginning (state the date the tax would first take effect), for the purpose of (state the purpose of the tax)?

(2) Impose a property tax levy outside of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing for the necessary requirements of the district in the sum of \$..... (here insert annual amount the levy is to produce), estimated by the county auditor to average (here insert number of mills) mills for each ~~one-dollar~~ \$1 of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, which

amounts to \$..... (~~here insert rate expressed in dollars and cents~~) for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$100,000 of valuation fair market value, for (state the number of years the tax is to be imposed or that it will be imposed for a continuing period of time), commencing in (first year the tax is to be levied), first due in calendar year (first calendar year in which the tax shall be due)?

	FOR THE INCOME TAX AND PROPERTY TAX	
	AGAINST THE INCOME TAX AND PROPERTY TAX	"

If the question submitted to electors proposes a school district income tax only on the taxable income of individuals as defined in division (E)(1)(b) of section 5748.01 of the Revised Code, the form of the ballot shall be modified by stating that the tax is to be levied on the "earned income of individuals residing in the school district" in lieu of the "school district income of individuals and of estates."

(E) The board of elections promptly shall certify the results of the election to the tax commissioner and the county auditor of the county in which the school district is located. If a majority of the electors voting on the question vote in favor of it:

(1) The income tax and the applicable provisions of Chapter 5747. of the Revised Code shall take effect on the date specified in the resolution.

(2) The board of education of the school district may make the additional property tax levy necessary to raise the amount specified on the ballot for the purpose of providing for the necessary requirements of the district. The property tax levy shall be included in the next tax budget that is certified to the county budget commission.

(F)(1) After approval of a question under this section, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the school district income tax in accordance with section 5748.05 of the Revised Code. Any anticipation notes under this division shall be issued as provided in section 133.24 of the Revised Code, shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their issuance over a period not to exceed five years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance.

(2) After the approval of a question under this section and prior to the time when the first tax collection from the property tax levy can be made, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy

and issue anticipation notes in an amount not exceeding the total estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected during the first year of the levy. Any anticipation notes under this division shall be issued as provided in section 133.24 of the Revised Code, shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their issuance over a period not to exceed five years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance.

(G)(1) The question of repeal of a school district income tax levied for more than five years may be initiated and submitted in accordance with section 5748.04 of the Revised Code.

(2) A property tax levy for a continuing period of time may be reduced in the manner provided under section 5705.261 of the Revised Code.

(H) No board of education shall submit a question under this section to the electors of the school district more than twice in any calendar year. If a board submits the question twice in any calendar year, one of the elections on the question shall be held on the date of the general election.

(I) If the electors of the school district approve a question under this section, and if the last calendar year the school district income tax is in effect and the last calendar year of collection of the property tax are the same, the board of education of the school district may propose to submit under this section the combined question of a school district income tax to take effect upon the expiration of the existing income tax and a property tax to be first collected in the calendar year after the calendar year of last collection of the existing property tax, and specify in the resolutions adopted under this section that the proposed taxes would renew the existing taxes. The form of the ballot on a question submitted to the electors under division (I) of this section shall be as follows:

"Shall the school district be authorized to do both of the following:

(1) Impose an annual income tax of (state the proposed rate of tax) on the school district income of individuals and of estates to renew an income tax expiring at the end of (state the last year the existing income tax may be levied) for (state the number of years the tax would be levied, or that it would be levied for a continuing period of time), beginning (state the date the tax would first take effect), for the purpose of (state the purpose of the tax)?

(2) Impose a property tax levy renewing an existing levy outside of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing for the necessary requirements of the district in the sum of \$..... (here insert annual amount the levy is to produce), estimated by the county auditor to average (here insert number of mills) mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, which amounts to \$..... (here insert rate

~~expressed in dollars and cents~~) for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$100,000 of ~~valuation~~ fair market value, for (state the number of years the tax is to be imposed or that it will be imposed for a continuing period of time), commencing in (first year the tax is to be levied), first due in calendar year (first calendar year in which the tax shall be due)?

	FOR THE INCOME TAX AND PROPERTY TAX	
	AGAINST THE INCOME TAX AND PROPERTY TAX	"

If the question submitted to electors proposes a school district income tax only on the taxable income of individuals as defined in division (E)(1)(b) of section 5748.01 of the Revised Code, the form of the ballot shall be modified by stating that the tax is to be levied on the "earned income of individuals residing in the school district" in lieu of the "school district income of individuals and of estates."

The question of a renewal levy under this division shall not be placed on the ballot unless the question is submitted on a date on which a special election may be held under section 3501.01 of the Revised Code, except for the first Tuesday after the first Monday in February and August, during the last year the property tax levy to be renewed may be extended on the real and public utility property tax list and duplicate, or at any election held in the ensuing year.

(J) If the electors of the school district approve a question under this section, the board of education of the school district may propose to renew either or both of the existing taxes as individual ballot questions in accordance with section 5748.02 of the Revised Code for the school district income tax, or section 5705.194 of the Revised Code for the property tax.

SECTION 130.81. That existing sections 133.18, 306.32, 306.322, 345.01, 345.03, 345.04, 505.37, 505.48, 505.481, 511.27, 511.28, 511.34, 513.18, 755.181, 1545.041, 1545.21, 1711.30, 3311.50, 3318.01, 3318.06, 3318.061, 3318.062, 3318.063, 3318.361, 3318.45, 3381.03, 3505.06, 4582.024, 4582.26, 5705.01, 5705.03, 5705.192, 5705.195, 5705.196, 5705.197, 5705.199, 5705.21, 5705.212, 5705.213, 5705.215, 5705.218, 5705.219, 5705.233, 5705.25, 5705.251, 5705.261, 5705.55, 5748.01, 5748.02, 5748.03, 5748.04, 5748.08, and 5748.09 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 130.82. Sections 130.80 and 130.81 of this act apply to elections held on or after the one hundredth day after the effective date of those sections.

SECTION 201.10. Except as otherwise provided in this act, all appropriation items in this act are appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the credit of the designated fund that are not otherwise appropriated. For all appropriations made in this act, the amounts in the first column are for fiscal year 2020 and the amounts in the second column are for fiscal year 2021.

SECTION 203.10. ACC ACCOUNTANCY BOARD OF OHIO

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4J80	889601	CPA Education Assistance	\$	525,000	\$	525,000
4K90	889609	Operating Expenses	\$	1,236,965	\$	1,291,139
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group			\$	1,761,965	\$	1,816,139
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$	1,761,965	\$	1,816,139

SECTION 205.10. ADJ ADJUTANT GENERAL

General Revenue Fund

GRF	745401	Ohio Military Reserve	\$	25,000	\$	25,000
GRF	745404	Air National Guard	\$	1,805,346	\$	1,773,954
GRF	745407	National Guard Benefits	\$	388,000	\$	388,000
GRF	745409	Central Administration	\$	5,123,132	\$	5,184,396
GRF	745499	Army National Guard	\$	3,644,419	\$	3,620,908
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund			\$	10,985,897	\$	10,992,258

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5340	745612	Property Operations Management	\$	900,000	\$	900,000
5360	745605	Marksmanship Activities	\$	115,000	\$	115,000
5360	745620	Camp Perry and Buckeye Inn Operations	\$	874,054	\$	874,054
5370	745604	Ohio National Guard Facilities Maintenance	\$	190,000	\$	190,000
5LY0	745626	Military Medal of Distinction	\$	5,000	\$	5,000
5U80	745613	Community Match Armories	\$	350,000	\$	350,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group			\$	2,434,054	\$	2,434,054

Federal Fund Group

3420	745616	Army National Guard Service Agreement	\$	26,262,967	\$	26,252,590
3E80	745628	Air National Guard Operations and Maintenance	\$	16,276,986	\$	16,276,984

3R80 745603 Counter Drug Operations	\$	15,000	\$	15,000
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group	\$	42,554,953	\$	42,544,574
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$	55,974,904	\$	55,970,886

SECTION 205.20. NATIONAL GUARD BENEFITS

The foregoing appropriation item 745407, National Guard Benefits, shall be used for purposes of sections 5919.31 and 5919.33 of the Revised Code, and for administrative costs of the associated programs.

If necessary, in order to pay benefits in a timely manner pursuant to sections 5919.31 and 5919.33 of the Revised Code, the Adjutant General may request the Director of Budget and Management transfer appropriation from any appropriation item used by the Adjutant General to appropriation item 745407, National Guard Benefits. Such amounts are hereby appropriated. The Adjutant General may subsequently seek Controlling Board approval to restore the appropriation in the appropriation item from which such a transfer was made.

For active duty members of the Ohio National Guard who died after October 7, 2001, while performing active duty, the death benefit, pursuant to section 5919.33 of the Revised Code, shall be paid to the beneficiary or beneficiaries designated on the member's Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Policy.

STATE ACTIVE DUTY COSTS

Of the foregoing appropriation item 745409, Central Administration, \$50,000 in each fiscal year shall be used for the purpose of paying expenses related to state active duty of members of the Ohio organized militia, in accordance with a proclamation of the Governor. Expenses include, but are not limited to, the cost of equipment, supplies, and services, as determined by the Adjutant General's Department. On June 1 of each fiscal year, if it is determined by the Adjutant General that any portion of this \$50,000 in that fiscal year will not be used for state active duty expenses, those amounts may be encumbered by the Adjutant General for maintenance expenses. If before the end of that fiscal year, state active duty expenses occur, these encumbrances should be canceled by the Adjutant General to pay for expenses related to state active duty.

CYBER RANGE

The Adjutant General's Department, in conjunction and collaboration with the Department of Administrative Services, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Higher Education, and the Department of Education shall establish and maintain a cyber range. The Adjutant General's Department may work with federal agencies to assist in

accomplishing this objective. The cyber range shall: (1) provide cyber training and education to K-12 students, higher education students, Ohio National Guardsmen, federal employees, and state and local government employees, and (2) provide for emergency preparedness exercises and training. The state agencies identified in this paragraph may procure any necessary goods and services including, but not limited to, contracted services, hardware, networking services, maintenance costs, and the training and management costs of a cyber range. These state agencies shall determine the amount of funds each agency will contribute from available funds and appropriations enacted herein in order to establish and maintain a cyber range.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 745409, Central Administration, up to \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be used by the Adjutant General's Department for the purposes of establishing and maintaining the cyber range.

SECTION 207.10. DAS DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

General Revenue Fund

GRF 100412	Unemployment Insurance	\$	0	\$	1,817,900
	System Lease Rental				
	Payments				
GRF 100413	EDCS Lease Rental Payments	\$	11,843,800	\$	13,716,500
GRF 100414	MARCS Lease Rental	\$	6,768,900	\$	6,769,600
	Payments				
GRF 100415	OAKS Lease Rental	\$	2,440,300	\$	2,444,500
	Payments				
GRF 100416	STARS Lease Rental	\$	3,846,000	\$	5,097,800
	Payments				
GRF 100447	Administrative Buildings	\$	86,914,500	\$	94,266,800
	Lease Rental Bond Payments				
GRF 100456	State IT Services	\$	2,249,158	\$	2,249,773
GRF 100457	Equal Opportunity Services	\$	2,178,704	\$	2,178,704
GRF 100459	Ohio Business Gateway	\$	15,527,621	\$	14,527,621
GRF 100469	Aronoff Center Building	\$	270,000	\$	270,000
	Maintenance				
GRF 100501	MARCS Fee Offset	\$	2,000,000	\$	2,000,000
GRF 130321	State Agency Support	\$	18,494,092	\$	18,513,941
	Services				
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	152,533,075	\$	163,853,139
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group					
5L70 100610	Professional Development	\$	1,650,000	\$	1,650,000
5MV0 100662	Theater Equipment	\$	50,000	\$	50,000
	Maintenance				
5NMO 100663	911 Program	\$	717,060	\$	715,522
5V60 100619	Employee Educational	\$	1,245,000	\$	1,245,000

		Development			
		TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group	\$	3,662,060	\$ 3,660,522
		Internal Service Activity Fund Group			
1120	100616	DAS Administration	\$	12,667,391	\$ 13,100,541
1150	100632	Central Service Agency	\$	956,061	\$ 975,025
1170	100644	General Services Division - Operating	\$	18,265,815	\$ 21,460,060
1220	100637	Fleet Management	\$	18,650,951	\$ 23,315,522
1250	100622	Human Resources Division - Operating	\$	18,612,217	\$ 18,718,045
1250	100657	Benefits Communication	\$	607,577	\$ 615,521
1280	100620	Office of Collective Bargaining	\$	4,283,998	\$ 4,385,893
1300	100606	Risk Management Reserve	\$	15,370,845	\$ 15,389,803
1320	100631	DAS Building Management	\$	49,173,190	\$ 49,384,799
1330	100607	IT Services Delivery	\$	162,248,367	\$ 162,665,093
1880	100649	Equal Opportunity Division - Operating	\$	1,836,834	\$ 1,264,515
2100	100612	State Printing	\$	29,092,749	\$ 28,295,851
2290	100630	IT Governance	\$	32,125,970	\$ 32,602,191
2290	100640	Consolidated IT Purchases	\$	69,348,000	\$ 74,348,000
4270	100602	Investment Recovery	\$	1,662,341	\$ 1,662,341
4N60	100617	Major IT Purchases	\$	3,288,990	\$ 5,736,219
5C20	100605	MARCS Administration	\$	27,207,396	\$ 26,484,493
5EB0	100635	OAKS Support Organization	\$	55,382,093	\$ 58,807,701
5EB0	100656	OAKS Updates and Developments	\$	6,423,624	\$ 6,359,539
5JQ0	100658	Professionals Licensing System	\$	9,996,303	\$ 8,723,135
5KZ0	100659	Building Improvement	\$	3,449,500	\$ 2,862,000
5LJ0	100661	IT Development	\$	21,500,000	\$ 21,500,000
5PC0	100665	Enterprise Applications	\$	111,095,956	\$ 111,263,921
		TOTAL ISA Internal Service Activity Fund Group	\$	673,246,168	\$ 689,920,208
		Fiduciary Fund Group			
5UH0	100670	Enterprise Transactions	\$	1,150,000	\$ 1,150,000
		TOTAL FID Fiduciary Fund Group	\$	1,150,000	\$ 1,150,000
		Federal Fund Group			
3AJ0	100623	Information Technology Grants	\$	10,000	\$ 10,000
		TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group	\$	10,000	\$ 10,000
		TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$	830,601,303	\$ 858,593,869

SECTION 207.20. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE SYSTEM LEASE RENTAL PAYMENTS

The foregoing appropriation item 100412, Unemployment Insurance System Lease Rental Payments, shall be used to make payments during the period from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, pursuant to leases and agreements entered into under Chapter 125. of the Revised Code, as

supplemented by Section 701.40 of H.B. 529 of the 132nd General Assembly, with respect to financing the costs associated with the acquisition, development, implementation, and integration of the Unemployment Insurance System.

EDCS LEASE RENTAL PAYMENTS

The foregoing appropriation item 100413, EDCS Lease Rental Payments, shall be used to make payments during the period from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, pursuant to leases and agreements entered into under Chapter 125. of the Revised Code, as supplemented by Section 701.10 of H.B. 529 of the 132nd General Assembly and other prior acts of the General Assembly, with respect to financing the costs associated with the acquisition, development, implementation, and integration of the Enterprise Data Center Solutions (EDCS) information technology initiative.

MULTI-AGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM LEASE RENTAL PAYMENTS

The foregoing appropriation item 100414, MARCS Lease Rental Payments, shall be used to make payments during the period from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, pursuant to leases and agreements entered into under Chapter 125. of the Revised Code, as supplemented by Section 701.10 of Sub. H.B. 497 of the 130th General Assembly and other prior acts of the General Assembly, with respect to financing the costs associated with the acquisition, development, implementation, and integration of the Multi-Agency Radio Communications System (MARCS) upgrade.

OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM LEASE RENTAL PAYMENTS

The foregoing appropriation item 100415, OAKS Lease Rental Payments, shall be used to make payments during the period from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, pursuant to leases and agreements entered into under Chapter 125. of the Revised Code, as supplemented by Section 701.10 of H.B. 529 of the 132nd General Assembly and other prior acts of the General Assembly, with respect to financing the costs associated with the acquisition, development, implementation, and integration of the Ohio Administrative Knowledge System (OAKS).

STATE TAXATION ACCOUNTING AND REVENUE SYSTEM LEASE RENTAL PAYMENTS

The foregoing appropriation item 100416, STARS Lease Rental Payments, shall be used to make payments during the period from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, pursuant to leases and agreements entered into under Chapter 125. of the Revised Code, as supplemented by Section 701.30 of H.B. 529 of the 132nd General Assembly and other prior acts of the

General Assembly, with respect to financing the costs associated with the acquisition, development, implementation, and integration of the State Taxation Accounting and Revenue System (STARS).

ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDINGS LEASE RENTAL BOND PAYMENTS

The foregoing appropriation item 100447, Administrative Buildings Lease Rental Bond Payments, shall be used to meet all payments during the period from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, by the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to leases and agreements under Chapters 152. and 154. of the Revised Code. These appropriations are the source of funds pledged for bond service charges on related obligations issued under Chapters 152. and 154. of the Revised Code.

MULTI-AGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS

The Director of Administrative Services, in consultation with the Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) Steering Committee and the Director of Budget and Management, shall determine the share of debt service payments attributable to spending for MARCS components that are not specific to any one agency and that shall be charged to the Public Safety – Highway Purposes Fund (Fund 5TM0). Such share of debt service payments shall be calculated for MARCS capital disbursements made beginning July 1, 1997. Within thirty days of any payment made from appropriation item 100447, Administrative Buildings Lease Rental Bond Payments, the Director of Administrative Services shall certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of this share. On or before June 30 of each fiscal year, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer an amount up to the amount certified for that fiscal year to the General Revenue Fund from the Public Safety – Highway Purposes Fund (Fund 5TM0) established in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code.

DAS - BUILDING OPERATING PAYMENTS AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT FUND

The foregoing appropriation item 130321, State Agency Support Services, may be used to provide funding for the cost of property appraisals or building studies that the Department of Administrative Services may be required to obtain for property that is being sold by the state or property under consideration to be renovated or purchased by the state.

Notwithstanding section 125.28 of the Revised Code, the foregoing appropriation item 130321, State Agency Support Services, also may be used to pay the operating expenses of state facilities maintained by the Department of Administrative Services that are not billed to building

tenants, or other costs associated with the Voinovich Center in Youngstown, Ohio. These expenses may include, but are not limited to, the costs for vacant space and space undergoing renovation, and the rent expenses of tenants that are relocated because of building renovations. These payments may be processed by the Department of Administrative Services through intrastate transfer vouchers and placed into the Building Management Fund (Fund 1320).

At least once per year, the portion of appropriation item 130321, State Agency Support Services, that is not used for the regular expenses of the appropriation item may be processed by the Department of Administrative Services through intrastate transfer voucher and placed in the Building Improvement Fund (Fund 5KZ0).

CASH TRANSFER FROM THE MARCS ADMINISTRATION FUND TO THE GRF

Upon the request of the Director of Administrative Services, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer unobligated cash in the MARCS Administration Fund (Fund 5C20) to the General Revenue Fund to reimburse the General Revenue Fund for lease rental payments made on behalf of the MARCS upgrade.

SECTION 207.30. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

The foregoing appropriation item 100610, Professional Development, shall be used to make payments from the Professional Development Fund (Fund 5L70) under section 124.182 of the Revised Code. If it is determined by the Director of Budget and Management that additional amounts are necessary, the amounts are hereby appropriated.

911 PROGRAM

The foregoing appropriation item 100663, 911 Program, shall be used by the Department of Administrative Services to pay the administrative, marketing, and educational costs of the Statewide Emergency Services Internet Protocol Network program.

EMPLOYEE EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The foregoing appropriation item 100619, Employee Educational Development, shall be used to make payments from the Employee Educational Development Fund (Fund 5V60) under section 124.86 of the Revised Code. The fund shall be used to pay the costs of administering educational programs under existing collective bargaining agreements with District 1199, the Health Care and Social Service Union, Service Employees International Union; State Council of Professional Educators; Ohio Education Association and National Education Association; the Fraternal

Order of Police State of Ohio, Unit 2 Association; and the Ohio State Troopers Association, Units 1 and 15.

If it is determined by the Director of Budget and Management that additional amounts are necessary, the amounts are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 207.40. GENERAL SERVICE CHARGES

The Department of Administrative Services, with the approval of the Director of Budget and Management, shall establish charges for recovering the costs of administering the programs funded by the General Services Fund (Fund 1170) and the State Printing Fund (Fund 2100).

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING ARBITRATION EXPENSES

The Department of Administrative Services may seek reimbursement from state agencies for the actual costs and expenses the Department incurs in the collective bargaining arbitration process. The reimbursements shall be processed through intrastate transfer vouchers and credited to the Collective Bargaining Fund (Fund 1280).

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

The Department of Administrative Services, with the approval of the Director of Budget and Management, shall establish charges for recovering the costs of administering the activities supported by the State EEO Fund (Fund 1880). These charges shall be deposited to the credit of Fund 1880 upon payment made by state agencies, state-supported or state-assisted institutions of higher education, tax-supported agencies, municipal corporations, and other political subdivisions of the state, for services rendered.

CONSOLIDATED IT PURCHASES

The foregoing appropriation item 100640, Consolidated IT Purchases, shall be used by the Department of Administrative Services acting as the purchasing agent for one or more government entities under the authority of division (G) of section 125.18 of the Revised Code to make information technology purchases at a lower aggregate cost than each individual government entity could have obtained independently for that information technology purchase.

INVESTMENT RECOVERY FUND

Notwithstanding division (B) of section 125.14 of the Revised Code, cash balances in the Investment Recovery Fund (Fund 4270) may be used to support the operating expenses of the Federal Surplus Operating Program created in sections 125.84 to 125.90 of the Revised Code.

Notwithstanding division (B) of section 125.14 of the Revised Code, the Director of Budget and Management, at the request of the Director of

Administrative Services, shall transfer up to \$3,800,000 of cash in excess of needs from the Investment Recovery Fund (Fund 4270) to the Enterprise Applications Fund (Fund 5PC0) during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021, to pay the operating and maintenance expenses of the Ohio Business Gateway.

MAJOR IT PURCHASES CHARGES

Effective July 1, 2019, the Director of Budget and Management shall cancel any existing encumbrances against appropriation item 100617, Major IT Purchases, and reestablish them against appropriation item 100640, Consolidated IT Purchases. The reestablished encumbrance amounts are hereby appropriated. Any business commenced but not completed under appropriation item 100617, Major IT Purchases, by July 1, 2019, shall be completed under appropriation item 100640, Consolidated IT Purchases, in the same manner, and with the same effect, as if completed with regard to appropriation item 100617, Major IT Purchases.

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Administrative Services shall certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of cash in the Major Information Technology Purchases Fund (Fund 4N60) that was received from agencies for actual expenditures. The Director of Budget and Management shall transfer the certified amount of cash from the Major Information Technology Purchases Fund (Fund 4N60) to the IT Governance Fund (Fund 2290).

Upon the request of the Director of Administrative Services, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer up to the amount collected for statewide indirect costs attributable to debt service paid for the enterprise data center solutions project from the General Revenue Fund to the Major Information Technology Purchases Fund (Fund 4N60).

PROFESSIONS LICENSING SYSTEM

The foregoing appropriation item, 100658, Ohio Professionals Licensing System, shall be used to purchase the equipment, products, and services necessary to update and maintain an automated licensing system for the professional licensing boards.

The Department of Administrative Services shall establish charges for recovering the costs of ongoing maintenance of the system that are not otherwise recovered under section 125.18 of the Revised Code. The charges shall be billed to state agencies, boards, and commissions using the state's enterprise electronic licensing system and deposited via intrastate transfer vouchers to the credit of the Professions Licensing System Fund (Fund 5JQ0).

SECTION 207.45. BUILDING IMPROVEMENT FUND

The foregoing appropriation item 100659, Building Improvement, shall be used to make payments from the Building Improvement Fund (Fund 5KZ0) for major maintenance or improvements required in facilities maintained by the Department of Administrative Services. The Department of Administrative Services shall conduct or contract for regular assessments of these buildings and shall maintain a cash balance in Fund 5KZ0 equal to the cost of the repairs and improvements that are recommended to occur within the next five years, with the following exception described below.

Upon request of the Director of Administrative Services, the Director of Budget and Management may permit a cash transfer from Fund 5KZ0 to the Building Management Fund (Fund 1320) to pay costs of operating and maintaining facilities managed by the Department of Administrative Services that are not charged to tenants during the same fiscal year.

Should the cash balance in Fund 1320 be determined to be sufficient, the Director of Administrative Services may request that the Director of Budget and Management transfer cash from Fund 1320 to Fund 5KZ0 in an amount equal to the initial cash transfer made under this section plus applicable interest.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

The foregoing appropriation item 100661, IT Development, shall be used by the Department of Administrative Services to pay the costs of modernizing the state's information technology management and investment practices away from a limited, agency-specific focus in favor of a statewide methodology supporting development of enterprise solutions. This appropriation item may be used to pay the costs of enterprise information technology initiatives affecting state agencies or their customers.

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Department of Administrative Services, with the approval of the Director of Budget and Management, may charge state agencies an information technology development assessment based on state agencies' information technology expenditures or other methodology and may assess fees or charges to entities that are not state agencies to offset the cost of specific technology events or services. The revenue from these assessments, fees, or charges shall be deposited into the Information Technology Development Fund (Fund 5LJ0), which is hereby created.

Upon the request of the Director of Administrative Services, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer up to \$9,000,000 in cash in each fiscal year from the General Revenue Fund to the Information

Technology Development Fund (Fund 5LJ0) to support the operations of the Office of InnovateOhio.

CASH TRANSFER FROM THE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING AND REGULATORY FUND TO THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Director of Administrative Services may request the Controlling Board to approve a cash transfer of up to \$350,000 from the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90) to the Information Technology Development Fund (Fund 5LJ0). The Director may also request the Controlling Board to approve a corresponding increase in appropriations under Fund 5LJ0 appropriation item 100661, IT Development.

ENTERPRISE APPLICATIONS

The foregoing appropriation item 100665, Enterprise Applications, shall be used for the operation and management of information technology applications that support state agencies' objectives. Charges billed to benefiting agencies shall be deposited to the credit of the Enterprise Applications Fund (Fund 5PC0).

CASH TRANSFER FROM THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE FUND TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION FUND

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer \$38,555.24 cash from the Director's Office Fund (Fund 1120) to the Local Government Innovation Fund (Fund 5KN0). This amount represents the unexpended balance of a grant received from the Local Government Innovation Fund (Fund 5KN0) and appropriated under Fund 1120 appropriation item 100667, Local Government Efficiency Programs.

SECTION 207.50. ENTERPRISE IT STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION

The Director of Administrative Services shall determine and implement strategies that benefit the enterprise by improving efficiency, reducing costs, or enhancing capacity of information technology (IT) services. Such improvements and efficiencies may result in the consolidation and transfer of such services. As determined to be necessary for successful implementation of this section and notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Director of Administrative Services may request the Director of Budget and Management to consolidate or transfer IT-specific budget authority between agencies or within an agency as necessary to implement enterprise IT cost containment strategies and related efficiencies. Once the Director of Budget and Management is satisfied that the proposed initiative is cost advantageous to the enterprise, the Director of Budget and

Management may transfer appropriations, funds, and cash as needed to implement the proposed initiative. The establishment of any new fund or additional appropriation as a result of this section shall be subject to Controlling Board approval.

The Director of Budget and Management and the Director of Administrative Services may transfer any employees, assets, and liabilities, including, but not limited to, records, contracts, and agreements in order to facilitate the improvements determined in accordance with this section.

SECTION 209.10. AGE DEPARTMENT OF AGING

General Revenue Fund

GRF 490321	Operating Expenses	\$	1,551,161	\$	1,514,690
GRF 490410	Long-Term Care Ombudsman	\$	1,846,979	\$	3,112,901
GRF 490411	Senior Community Services	\$	8,152,696	\$	8,144,480
GRF 490414	Alzheimer's and Other Dementia Respite	\$	2,495,245	\$	2,495,245
GRF 490506	National Senior Service Corps	\$	222,792	\$	222,792
GRF 656423	Long-Term Care Budget - State	\$	5,073,618	\$	5,325,896
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	19,342,491	\$	20,816,004

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4800 490606	Senior Community Outreach and Education	\$	372,523	\$	372,523
4C40 490609	Regional Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
5BA0 490620	Ombudsman Support	\$	1,500,000	\$	1,500,000
5K90 490613	Long-Term Care Consumers Guide	\$	1,350,000	\$	1,350,000
5MT0 490627	Board of Executives of Long-Term Services and Supports	\$	800,000	\$	800,000
5T40 656625	Health Care Grants – State	\$	200,000	\$	200,000
5TI0 656624	Provider Certification	\$	120,000	\$	120,000
5W10 490616	Resident Services Coordinator Program	\$	344,700	\$	344,700

TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	5,687,223	\$	5,687,223
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Federal Fund Group

3220 490618	Federal Aging Grants	\$	8,700,000	\$	8,700,000
3C40 656623	Long-Term Care Budget - Federal	\$	5,341,281	\$	5,477,117
3M40 490612	Federal Independence Services	\$	58,655,080	\$	58,655,080
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group		\$	72,696,361	\$	72,832,197
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	97,726,075	\$	99,335,424

SECTION 209.20. LONG-TERM CARE

Pursuant to an interagency agreement, the Department of Medicaid may designate the Department of Aging to perform assessments under section 5165.04 of the Revised Code. The Department of Aging shall provide long-term care consultations under section 173.42 of the Revised Code to assist individuals in planning for their long-term health care needs.

The Department of Aging shall administer the Medicaid waiver-funded PASSPORT Home Care Program, the Assisted Living Program, and PACE as delegated by the Department of Medicaid in an interagency agreement.

PERFORMANCE-BASED REIMBURSEMENT

The Department of Aging may design and utilize a payment method for PASSPORT administrative agency operations that includes a pay-for-performance incentive component that is earned by a PASSPORT administrative agency when defined consumer and policy outcomes are achieved.

SECTION 209.30. MYCARE OHIO

The authority of the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman as described in sections 173.14 to 173.28 of the Revised Code extends to MyCare Ohio during the period of the federal financial alignment demonstration program.

SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

The foregoing appropriation item 490411, Senior Community Services, may be used for programs, services, and activities designated by the Department of Aging, including, but not limited to, home-delivered and congregate meals, transportation services, personal care services, respite services, adult day services, home repair, care coordination, prevention and disease self-management, and decision support systems. The Department may also use these funds to provide grants to community organizations to support and expand evidence-based/informed programming. Service priority shall be given to low income, high need, and/or cognitively impaired persons 60 years of age and over.

NATIONAL SENIOR SERVICE CORPS

The foregoing appropriation item 490506, National Senior Service Corps, may be used by the Department of Aging to fund grants to organizations that receive federal funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service to support the following Senior Corps programs: the Foster Grandparents Program, the Senior Companion Program, and the

Retired Senior Volunteer Program. A recipient of these grant funds shall use the funds to support priorities established by the Department and the Ohio State Office of the Corporation for National and Community Service. Neither the Department nor any area agencies on aging that are involved in the distribution of these funds to lower-tiered grant recipients may use any portion of these funds to cover administrative costs.

BOARD OF EXECUTIVES OF LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

The foregoing appropriation item 490627, Board of Executives of Long-Term Services and Supports, may be used by the Board of Executives of Long-Term Services and Supports to administer and enforce Chapter 4751. of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it.

SECTION 209.40. PASSPORT PROGRAM PAYMENT RATES

The base and unit payment rates for the following services provided under the Medicaid-funded and state-funded components of the PASSPORT program during fiscal years 2020 and 2021 shall be at least five and one-tenth per cent higher than the rates for the services in effect on June 30, 2019:

- (A) Home care attendant services;
- (B) Personal care services;
- (C) Waiver nursing services.

SECTION 209.50. PASSPORT PAYMENT RATES FOR HOME-DELIVERED MEALS

The payment rates for home-delivered meals provided under the PASSPORT program during the period beginning July 1, 2019, and ending July 1, 2021, shall be the following:

- (A) For each meal delivered daily on a per-meal delivery basis by a volunteer or employee of the provider, \$7.19;
- (B) For each meal delivered in a chilled or frozen format on a weekly delivery basis by a volunteer or employee of the provider, \$6.99;
- (C) For each meal delivered in a chilled or frozen format on a weekly basis by a common carrier used by the provider, \$6.50.

SECTION 209.60. ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM PAYMENT RATES

The payment rates for each tier of assisted living services provided under the Medicaid-funded and state-funded components of the Assisted

Living Program during fiscal years 2020 and 2021 shall be at least five and one-tenth per cent higher than the rates for the services in effect on June 30, 2019.

SECTION 211.10. AGR DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

General Revenue Fund

GRF 700401	Animal Health Programs	\$	3,785,399	\$	3,700,399
GRF 700403	Dairy Division	\$	1,208,067	\$	1,178,459
GRF 700404	Ohio Proud	\$	99,159	\$	100,771
GRF 700406	Consumer Protection Lab	\$	1,369,703	\$	1,320,696
GRF 700407	Food Safety	\$	1,385,046	\$	1,340,046
GRF 700409	Farmland Preservation	\$	74,686	\$	74,686
GRF 700410	Plant Industry	\$	152,468	\$	147,468
GRF 700412	Weights and Measures	\$	614,723	\$	614,723
GRF 700415	Poultry Inspection	\$	811,427	\$	811,428
GRF 700417	Soil and Water Phosphorus Program	\$	20,000,000	\$	20,000,000
GRF 700418	Livestock Regulation Program	\$	1,145,071	\$	1,145,071
GRF 700424	Livestock Testing and Inspections	\$	117,493	\$	117,493
GRF 700426	Dangerous and Restricted Animals	\$	582,340	\$	604,060
GRF 700427	High Volume Breeder Kennel Control	\$	1,235,767	\$	1,235,767
GRF 700428	Soil and Water Division	\$	3,543,482	\$	3,543,482
GRF 700499	Meat Inspection Program - State Share	\$	6,172,407	\$	5,882,091
GRF 700501	County Agricultural Societies	\$	379,673	\$	379,673
GRF 700509	Soil and Water District Support	\$	11,833,016	\$	11,833,016
GRF 700511	Ride Inspection	\$	400,000	\$	400,000
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	54,909,927	\$	54,429,329

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4900 700651	License Plates - Sustainable Agriculture	\$	17,500	\$	17,500
4940 700612	Agricultural Commodity Marketing Program	\$	253,000	\$	253,000
4960 700626	Ohio Grape Industries	\$	1,543,223	\$	1,550,000
4970 700627	Grain Warehouse Program	\$	491,590	\$	500,000
4C90 700605	Commercial Feed and Seed	\$	2,367,396	\$	2,426,251
4D20 700609	Auction Education	\$	50,000	\$	50,000
4E40 700606	Utility Radiological Safety	\$	97,610	\$	101,130
4P70 700610	Food Safety Inspection	\$	1,022,005	\$	1,043,743
4R00 700636	Ohio Proud Marketing	\$	30,500	\$	30,500
4R20 700637	Dairy Industry Inspection	\$	1,800,246	\$	1,852,950
4T60 700611	Poultry and Meat Inspection	\$	120,000	\$	120,000
5780 700620	Ride Inspection	\$	1,827,551	\$	1,944,585
5B80 700629	Auctioneers	\$	350,449	\$	361,450
5BV0 700660	Heidelberg Water Quality Lab	\$	275,000	\$	275,000
5BV0 700661	Soil and Water Districts	\$	8,000,000	\$	8,000,000

5FC0	700648	Plant Pest Program	\$	1,468,037	\$	1,515,298
5H20	700608	Metrology Lab and Scale Certification	\$	975,000	\$	975,000
5L80	700604	Livestock Management Program	\$	274,814	\$	275,000
5MA0	700657	Dangerous and Restricted Animals	\$	7,000	\$	7,000
5MR0	700658	High Volume Breeders and Kennels	\$	320,000	\$	320,000
5MS0	700659	Captive Deer	\$	40,000	\$	40,000
5QW0	700653	Watershed Assistance	\$	515,000	\$	515,000
6520	700634	Animal, Consumer, and ATL Labs	\$	5,396,151	\$	5,466,896
6690	700635	Pesticide, Fertilizer, and Lime Inspection Program	\$	4,859,314	\$	5,000,000
6H20	700670	H2Ohio	\$	30,300,000	\$	0
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group			\$	62,401,386	\$	32,640,303
Internal Service Activity Fund Group						
5DA0	700644	Laboratory Administration Support	\$	1,200,807	\$	1,204,626
5GH0	700655	Administrative Support	\$	5,403,892	\$	5,524,048
TOTAL ISA Internal Service Activity Fund Group			\$	6,604,699		6,728,674
Capital Projects Fund Group						
7057	700632	Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Operating	\$	589,960	\$	610,000
TOTAL CPF Capital Projects Fund Group			\$	589,960	\$	610,000
Federal Fund Group						
3260	700618	Meat Inspection Program - Federal Share	\$	5,036,419	\$	5,194,424
3360	700617	Ohio Farm Loan - Revolving	\$	351,743	\$	360,000
3820	700601	Federal Cooperative Contracts	\$	7,000,000	\$	7,000,000
3AB0	700641	Agricultural Easement	\$	342,419	\$	350,000
3J40	700607	Federal Administrative Programs	\$	1,209,234	\$	1,209,234
3R20	700614	Federal Plant Industry	\$	6,020,619	\$	6,095,972
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group			\$	19,960,434	\$	20,209,630
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$	144,466,406	\$	114,617,936

SECTION 211.20. SOIL AND WATER PHOSPHORUS PROGRAM

The Department of Agriculture shall establish programs to assist in reducing total phosphorus and dissolved reactive phosphorus in the Western Lake Erie Basin. The programs shall give priority to those subwatersheds determined to be highest in total phosphorus and dissolved reactive phosphorus nutrient loading.

The foregoing appropriation item 700417, Soil and Water Phosphorus Program, shall be used to support the programs described above, which may

include but not be limited to, the following: (1) equipment for subsurface placement of nutrients into the soil; (2) equipment for nutrient placement based on geographic information system data; (3) soil testing; (4) implementation of variable rate technology; (5) equipment implementing manure transformation and manure conversion technologies; (6) tributary monitoring; (7) water management and edge-of-field drainage management; and (8) an agricultural phosphorus reduction revolving loan program. Not more than forty per cent of the foregoing appropriation item 700417, Soil and Water Phosphorus Program, shall be used for any single activity.

DANGEROUS AND RESTRICTED WILD ANIMALS

The foregoing appropriation item 700426, Dangerous and Restricted Animals, shall be used to administer the Dangerous and Restricted Wild Animal Permitting Program.

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES

The foregoing appropriation item 700501, County Agricultural Societies, shall be used to reimburse county and independent agricultural societies for expenses related to Junior Fair activities.

SUPPORT FOR SOIL AND WATER DISTRICTS IN THE WESTERN LAKE ERIE BASIN

Of the foregoing appropriation item 700509, Soil and Water District Support, \$350,000 in each fiscal year shall be used by the Department of Agriculture for a program to support soil and water conservation districts in the Western Lake Erie Basin in complying with provisions of Sub. S.B. 1 of the 131st General Assembly. The Department shall approve a soil and water district's application for funding under the program if the application demonstrates that funding will be used for, but not limited to, providing technical assistance, developing applicable nutrient or manure management plans, hiring and training of soil and water conservation district staff on best conservation practices, or other activities the Director determines appropriate to assist farmers in the Western Lake Erie Basin in complying with the provisions of Sub. S.B. 1 of the 131st General Assembly.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 700509, Soil and Water District Support, \$3,500,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to support county soil and water conservation districts in the Western Lake Erie Basin for staffing costs and to assist in soil testing and nutrient management plan development, including manure transformation and manure conversion technologies, enhanced filter strips, water management, and other conservation support.

SOIL AND WATER DISTRICTS

In addition to state payments to soil and water conservation districts

authorized by section 940.15 of the Revised Code, the Department of Agriculture may use appropriation item 700661, Soil and Water Districts, to pay any soil and water conservation district an annual amount not to exceed \$40,000 upon receipt of a request and justification from the district and approval by the Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission. The county auditor shall credit the payments to the special fund established under section 940.12 of the Revised Code for use by the local soil and water conservation district. The amounts received by each district shall be expended for the purposes of the district.

H2OHIO FUND

The foregoing appropriation item 700670, H2Ohio, shall be used by the Department of Agriculture to support best management practices for farmers including but not limited to assistance with equipment purchases and soil testing. In addition, the foregoing appropriation item 700760, H2Ohio, may be used to fund improvements and protection of state waterways in support of water quality priorities and management in accordance with section 126.60 of the Revised Code.

On July 1, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Agriculture may certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item, 700670, H2Ohio, at the end of fiscal year 2020 to be reappropriated in fiscal year 2021. The amount certified is hereby reappropriated to the same appropriation item for fiscal year 2021.

CLEAN OHIO AGRICULTURAL EASEMENT OPERATING EXPENSES

The foregoing appropriation item 700632, Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Operating, shall be used by the Department of Agriculture in administering Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Fund (Fund 7057) projects pursuant to sections 901.21, 901.22, and 5301.67 to 5301.70 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 213.10. AIR AIR QUALITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4Z90	898602	Small Business Ombudsman	\$	208,813	\$	208,813
5700	898601	Operating Expenses	\$	565,364	\$	583,395
5A00	898603	Small Business Assistance	\$	450,000	\$	450,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group			\$	1,224,177	\$	1,242,208
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$	1,224,177	\$	1,242,208

SECTION 213.20. REIMBURSEMENT TO AIR QUALITY

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TRUST ACCOUNT

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Air Quality Development Authority may reimburse the Air Quality Development Authority trust account established under section 3706.10 of the Revised Code from all operating funds of the agency for expenses pertaining to the administration and shared costs incurred by the Air Quality Development Authority in the execution of responsibilities as prescribed in Chapter 3706. of the Revised Code. The reimbursement shall be made by voucher and completed in accordance with the administrative indirect costs allocation plan approved by the Office of Budget and Management.

SECTION 215.10. ARC ARCHITECTS BOARDS

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4K90 891609 Operating	\$	638,611	\$	646,294
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group	\$	638,611	\$	646,294
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$	638,611	\$	646,294

SECTION 217.10. ART OHIO ARTS COUNCIL

General Revenue Fund

GRF 370321 Operating Expenses	\$	1,947,031	\$	2,042,828
GRF 370502 State Program Subsidies	\$	15,230,750	\$	15,230,750
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund	\$	17,177,781	\$	17,273,578

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4600 370602 Arts Council Program Support	\$	377,942	\$	385,000
4B70 370603 Percent for Art Acquisitions	\$	165,000	\$	165,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group	\$	542,942	\$	550,000

Federal Fund Group

3140 370601 Federal Support	\$	1,250,000	\$	1,250,000
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group	\$	1,250,000	\$	1,250,000
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$	18,970,723	\$	19,073,578

FEDERAL SUPPORT

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the foregoing appropriation item 370601, Federal Support, shall be used by the Ohio Arts Council for subsidies only, and not for its administrative costs, unless the Council is required to use a portion of the funds for administrative costs under conditions of the federal grant.

SECTION 219.10. ATH ATHLETIC COMMISSION

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4K90 175609	Operating Expenses	\$	331,169	\$	331,822
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	331,169	\$	331,822
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	331,169	\$	331,822

SECTION 221.10. AGO ATTORNEY GENERAL**General Revenue Fund**

GRF 055321	Operating Expenses	\$	60,646,591	\$	62,958,461
GRF 055405	Law-Related Education	\$	68,950	\$	68,950
GRF 055406	BCIRS Lease Rental Payments	\$	2,515,100	\$	2,513,400
GRF 055411	County Sheriffs' Pay Supplement	\$	983,341	\$	1,000,554
GRF 055415	County Prosecutors' Pay Supplement	\$	1,247,225	\$	1,278,630
GRF 055431	Drug Abuse Response Team Grants	\$	1,500,000	\$	1,500,000
GRF 055432	Drug Testing Equipment	\$	968,602	\$	0
GRF 055434	ICAC Task Force	\$	500,000	\$	500,000
GRF 055501	Rape Crisis Centers	\$	4,800,000	\$	4,800,000
GRF 055502	School Safety Training Grants	\$	12,000,000	\$	12,000,000
GRF 055504	Domestic Violence Programs	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
GRF 055505	Pike County Capital Case	\$	1,000,000	\$	0
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	87,229,809	\$	87,619,995

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

1060 055612	Attorney General Operating	\$	58,426,184	\$	60,018,182
4020 055616	Victims of Crime	\$	20,624,291	\$	20,624,291
4170 055621	Domestic Violence Shelter	\$	25,000	\$	25,000
4180 055615	Charitable Foundations	\$	8,286,000	\$	8,286,000
4190 055623	Claims Section	\$	41,500,000	\$	42,600,000
4200 055603	Attorney General Antitrust	\$	2,432,925	\$	2,432,925
4210 055617	Police Officers' Training Academy Fee	\$	2,182,062	\$	2,250,000
4L60 055606	DARE Programs	\$	3,814,289	\$	3,814,289
4Y70 055608	Title Defect Recision	\$	1,013,751	\$	1,013,751
4Z20 055609	BCI Asset Forfeiture and Cost Reimbursement	\$	2,500,000	\$	2,500,000
5900 055633	Peace Officer Private Security Training	\$	95,325	\$	95,325
5A90 055618	Telemarketing Fraud Enforcement	\$	10,000	\$	10,000
5LR0 055655	Peace Officer Training - Casino	\$	5,355,079	\$	5,529,409
5MP0 055657	Peace Officer Training Commission	\$	325,000	\$	325,000
5TL0 055659	Organized Crime Law Enforcement Trust	\$	100,000	\$	100,000
6310 055637	Consumer Protection Enforcement	\$	9,276,000	\$	9,276,000
6590 055641	Solid and Hazardous Waste	\$	328,728	\$	328,728

U087	055402	Background Investigations Tobacco Settlement Oversight, Administration, and Enforcement	\$	2,650,000	\$	2,650,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group			\$	158,944,634	\$	161,878,900
Internal Service Activity Fund Group						
1950	055660	Workers' Compensation Section	\$	7,416,045	\$	6,898,040
TOTAL ISA Internal Service Activity Fund Group			\$	7,416,045	\$	6,898,040
Holding Account Fund Group						
R004	055631	General Holding Account	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
R005	055632	Antitrust Settlements	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
R018	055630	Consumer Frauds	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
R042	055601	Organized Crime Commission Distributions	\$	750,000	\$	750,000
R054	055650	Collection Payment Redistribution	\$	4,500,000	\$	4,500,000
TOTAL HLD Holding Account Fund Group			\$	8,250,000	\$	8,250,000
Federal Fund Group						
3060	055620	Medicaid Fraud Control	\$	8,961,419	\$	8,961,419
3830	055634	Crime Victims Assistance	\$	109,971,344	\$	110,000,000
3E50	055638	Attorney General Pass-Through Funds	\$	4,017,209	\$	4,020,999
3FV0	055656	Crime Victim Compensation	\$	4,600,000	\$	4,600,000
3R60	055613	Attorney General Federal Funds	\$	2,799,999	\$	2,799,999
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group			\$	130,349,971	\$	130,382,417
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$	392,190,459	\$	395,029,352

SECTION 221.20. OHIO CENTER FOR THE FUTURE OF FORENSIC SCIENCE

Of the foregoing appropriation item 055321, Operating Expenses, \$600,000 in each fiscal year shall be used for the Ohio Center for the Future of Forensic Science at Bowling Green State University. The purpose of the Center shall be to foster forensic science research techniques (BCI Eminent Scholar) and to create professional training opportunities to students (BCI Scholars) in the forensic science fields.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

Of the foregoing appropriation item 055321, Operating Expenses, \$100,000 in each fiscal year may be used by the Attorney General for the purpose of providing funding to domestic violence programs as defined in section 109.46 of the Revised Code.

NARCOTICS TASK FORCES

Of the foregoing appropriation item 055321, Operating Expenses, up to

\$500,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to support narcotics task forces funded by the Attorney General.

**BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION RECORDS SYSTEM
(BCIRS) LEASE RENTAL PAYMENTS**

The foregoing appropriation item 055406, BCIRS Lease Rental Payments, shall be used for payments during the period from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, pursuant to leases and agreements entered into pursuant to Section 701.40 of Am. Sub. S.B. 310 of the 131st General Assembly and other prior acts of the General Assembly, with respect to financing the costs associated with the acquisition, development, implementation, and integration of the BCIRS.

COUNTY SHERIFFS' PAY SUPPLEMENT

The foregoing appropriation item 055411, County Sheriffs' Pay Supplement, shall be used for the purpose of supplementing the annual compensation of county sheriffs as required by section 325.06 of the Revised Code.

At the request of the Attorney General, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer appropriation from appropriation item 055321, Operating Expenses, to appropriation item 055411, County Sheriffs' Pay Supplement. Any appropriation so transferred shall be used to supplement the annual compensation of county sheriffs as required by section 325.06 of the Revised Code.

COUNTY PROSECUTORS' PAY SUPPLEMENT

The foregoing appropriation item 055415, County Prosecutors' Pay Supplement, shall be used for the purpose of supplementing the annual compensation of certain county prosecutors as required by section 325.111 of the Revised Code.

At the request of the Attorney General, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer appropriation from appropriation item 055321, Operating Expenses, to appropriation item 055415, County Prosecutors' Pay Supplement. Any appropriation so transferred shall be used to supplement the annual compensation of county prosecutors as required by section 325.111 of the Revised Code.

DRUG TESTING EQUIPMENT

The foregoing appropriation item 055432, Drug Testing Equipment, shall be used to purchase drug testing equipment for the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation.

ICAC TASK FORCE

The foregoing appropriation item 055434, ICAC Task Force, shall be used by the Attorney General in support of the Ohio Internet Crimes Against

Children Task Force for the purposes described in section 195.02 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 221.30. BATTERED WOMEN'S SHELTER

Of the foregoing appropriation item 055501, Rape Crisis Centers, \$50,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed to the Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and Medina counties for the cost of operating the commercial kitchen located at its Market Street Facility, and \$50,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed to the Battered Women's Shelter of Portage County.

FINDING MY CHILDHOOD AGAIN PILOT PROGRAM

Of the foregoing appropriation item 055501, Rape Crisis Centers, \$300,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed to the Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and Medina counties for expenses related to the creation and implementation of a pilot program called "Finding my Childhood Again."

DRUG ABUSE RESPONSE TEAM GRANT PROGRAM

The Attorney General shall maintain the Drug Abuse Response Team Grant Program for the purpose of replicating or expanding successful law enforcement programs that address the opioid epidemic similar to the Drug Abuse Response Team established by the Lucas County Sheriff's Department, and the Quick Response Teams established in Colerain Township's Department of Public Safety in Hamilton County and Summit County. Any grants awarded by this grant program may include requirements for private or nonprofit matching support.

The foregoing appropriation item 055431, Drug Abuse Response Team Grants, shall be used by the Attorney General to fund grants to law enforcement or other government agencies; the primary purpose of the grants shall be to replicate or expand successful law enforcement programs that address the opioid epidemic similar to the Drug Abuse Response Team established by the Lucas County Sheriff's Department and the Quick Response Teams established in Colerain Township's Department of Public Safety in Hamilton County and Summit County.

Each recipient of a grant under this program shall, within six months of the end date of the grant, submit a written report describing the outcomes that resulted from the grant to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the Senate, and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

SCHOOL SAFETY TRAINING GRANTS

(A) The foregoing appropriation item 055502, School Safety Training

Grants, shall be used by the Attorney General, in consultation with the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services, solely to make grants to public and chartered nonpublic schools, local law enforcement agencies, and schools operated by county boards of developmental disabilities administering special education services programs pursuant to section 5126.05 of the Revised Code for school safety and school climate programs and training.

(B) The use of the grants includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

- (1) The support of school resource officer certification training;
- (2) Any type of active shooter and school safety training or equipment;
- (3) All grade level type educational resources;
- (4) Training to identify and assist students with mental health issues;
- (5) School supplies or equipment related to school safety or for implementing the school's safety plan;
- (6) Any other training related to school safety.

(C) The schools and county boards shall work or contract with the county sheriff's office or a local police department in whose jurisdiction they are located to develop the programs and training described in divisions (B)(1), (2), (3), (5), and (6) of this section. Any grant awarded directly to a local law enforcement agency shall not be used to fund a similar request made by a school located within the jurisdiction of the local law enforcement agency.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS

The foregoing appropriation item 055504, Domestic Violence Programs, shall be used by the Attorney General for the purpose of funding domestic violence programs as defined in section 109.46 of the Revised Code.

PIKE COUNTY CAPITAL CASE

The foregoing appropriation item 055505, Pike County Capital Case, shall be used, subject to the approval of the Controlling Board, to defray the costs of ongoing capital case litigation in Pike County.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION

The Workers' Compensation Fund (Fund 1950) is entitled to receive quarterly payments from the Bureau of Workers' Compensation and the Ohio Industrial Commission to fund legal services provided to the Bureau of Workers' Compensation and the Ohio Industrial Commission during the fiscal year.

In addition, the Bureau of Workers' Compensation shall transfer payments for the support of the Workers' Compensation Fraud Unit.

All amounts shall be mutually agreed upon by the Attorney General, the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, and the Ohio Industrial Commission.

GENERAL HOLDING ACCOUNT

The foregoing appropriation item 055631, General Holding Account, shall be used to distribute moneys under the terms of relevant court orders or other settlements received in a variety of cases involving the Office of the Attorney General. If it is determined that additional amounts are necessary for this purpose, the amounts are hereby appropriated.

ANTITRUST SETTLEMENTS

The foregoing appropriation item 055632, Antitrust Settlements, shall be used to distribute moneys under the terms of relevant court orders or other out of court settlements in antitrust cases or antitrust matters involving the Office of the Attorney General. If it is determined that additional amounts are necessary for this purpose, the amounts are hereby appropriated.

CONSUMER FRAUDS

The foregoing appropriation item 055630, Consumer Frauds, shall be used for distribution of moneys from court-ordered judgments against sellers in actions brought by the Office of the Attorney General under sections 1334.08 and 4549.48 and division (B) of section 1345.07 of the Revised Code. These moneys shall be used to provide restitution to consumers victimized by the fraud that generated the court-ordered judgments. If it is determined that additional amounts are necessary for this purpose, the amounts are hereby appropriated.

ORGANIZED CRIME COMMISSION DISTRIBUTIONS

The foregoing appropriation item 055601, Organized Crime Commission Distributions, shall be used by the Organized Crime Investigations Commission, as provided by section 177.011 of the Revised Code, to reimburse political subdivisions for the expenses the political subdivisions incur when their law enforcement officers participate in an organized crime task force. If it is determined that additional amounts are necessary for this purpose, the amounts are hereby appropriated.

COLLECTION PAYMENT REDISTRIBUTION

The foregoing appropriation item 055650, Collection Payment Redistribution, shall be used for the purpose of allocating the revenue where debtors mistakenly paid the client agencies instead of the Attorney General's Collections Enforcement Section. If it is determined that additional amounts are necessary for this purpose, the amounts are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 223.10. AUD AUDITOR OF STATE

General Revenue Fund

GRF 070401	Audit Management and Services	\$	11,998,471	\$	12,209,612
GRF 070402	Performance Audits	\$	1,750,000	\$	1,600,000
GRF 070403	Fiscal Watch/Emergency Technical Assistance	\$	700,000	\$	700,000
GRF 070404	Fraud/Corruption Audits and Investigation	\$	2,550,000	\$	2,550,000
GRF 070412	Local Government Audit Support	\$	13,300,000	\$	13,300,000
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	30,298,471	\$	30,359,612
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group					
1090 070601	Public Audit Expense - Intrastate	\$	11,184,958	\$	11,545,067
4220 070602	Public Audit Expense - Local Government	\$	34,477,707	\$	35,053,886
5840 070603	Training Program	\$	475,000	\$	475,000
5JZ0 070606	LEAP Revolving Loans	\$	250,000	\$	250,000
5VP0 070611	Local Government Audit Support Fund	\$	10,000,000	\$	10,000,000
6750 070605	Uniform Accounting Network	\$	4,191,269	\$	4,228,178
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	60,578,934	\$	61,552,131
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	90,877,405	\$	91,911,743

SECTION 223.20. AUDIT MANAGEMENT AND SERVICES

The foregoing appropriation item 070401, Audit Management and Services, shall be used pursuant to section 117.13 of the Revised Code to support costs of the Auditor of State that are not recovered through charges to local governments and state entities, including costs that cannot be recovered from audit clients under federal indirect cost allocation guidelines.

PERFORMANCE AUDITS

The foregoing appropriation item 070402, Performance Audits, shall be used pursuant to section 117.13 of the Revised Code to support costs of the Auditor of State related to the provision of performance audits for local governments, school districts, state agencies, and colleges and universities that are not recovered through charges to those entities, including costs that cannot be recovered from audit clients under federal indirect cost allocation guidelines.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDIT SUPPORT

The foregoing appropriation item 070412, Local Government Audit Support, shall be used pursuant to section 117.13 of the Revised Code to support costs of the Auditor of State that are not recovered through charges to local governments, including costs that cannot be recovered from audit

clients under federal indirect cost allocation guidelines.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDIT SUPPORT FUND

The foregoing appropriation item 070611, Local Government Audit Support Fund, shall be used pursuant to section 117.131 of the Revised Code to offset costs of audits that would otherwise be charged to local public offices in the absence of the fund.

Notwithstanding section 131.511 of the Revised Code, during fiscal year 2020, the Director of Budget and Management shall monthly credit to the Local Government Audit Support Fund such amounts as are necessary to support the fiscal year 2020 appropriations from the fund.

SECTION 229.10. OBM OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT

General Revenue Fund

GRF 042321	Budget Development and Implementation	\$	3,328,574	\$	3,389,364
GRF 042425	Shared Services Development	\$	1,285,250	\$	1,049,725
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	4,613,824	\$	4,439,089

Internal Service Activity Fund Group

1050 042603	Financial Management	\$	17,106,380	\$	16,995,903
1050 042620	Shared Services Operating	\$	6,744,587	\$	6,543,051
TOTAL ISA Internal Service Activity Fund Group		\$	23,850,967	\$	23,538,954

Fiduciary Fund Group

5EH0 042604	Forgery Recovery	\$	30,000	\$	30,000
TOTAL FID Fiduciary Fund Group		\$	30,000	\$	30,000
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	28,494,791	\$	28,008,043

SECTION 229.20. AUDIT COSTS

All centralized audit costs associated with either Single Audit Schedules or financial statements prepared in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles for the state shall be paid from the foregoing appropriation item 042603, Financial Management.

Costs associated with the audit of the Auditor of State shall be paid from the foregoing appropriation item 042321, Budget Development and Implementation.

SHARED SERVICES CENTER

The foregoing appropriation items 042425, Shared Services Development, and 042620, Shared Services Operating, shall be used by the Director of Budget and Management to support the Shared Services program pursuant to division (D) of section 126.21 of the Revised Code.

The Director of Budget and Management shall include the recovery of costs to operate the Shared Services program in the accounting and

budgeting services payroll rate and through direct charges using intrastate transfer vouchers billed to agencies for services rendered using a methodology determined by the Director of Budget and Management. Such cost recovery revenues shall be deposited to the credit of the Accounting and Budgeting Fund (Fund 1050).

INTERNAL AUDIT

The Director of Budget and Management shall include the recovery of costs to operate the Internal Audit Program pursuant to section 126.45 of the Revised Code in the accounting and budgeting services payroll rate and through direct charges using intrastate transfer vouchers billed to agencies reviewed by the program using a methodology determined by the Director of Budget and Management. Such cost recovery revenues shall be deposited to the credit of Fund 1050.

FORGERY RECOVERY

The foregoing appropriation item 042604, Forgery Recovery, shall be used to reissue warrants that have been certified as forgeries by the rightful recipient as determined by the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation and the Treasurer of State. Upon receipt of funds to cover the reissuance of the warrant, the Director of Budget and Management shall reissue a state warrant of the same amount. Any additional amounts needed to reissue warrants backed by the receipt of funds are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 231.10. CSR CAPITOL SQUARE REVIEW AND ADVISORY BOARD

General Revenue Fund

GRF 874100	Personal Services	\$	3,802,439	\$	3,819,502
GRF 874320	Maintenance and Equipment	\$	1,368,765	\$	1,368,765
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	5,171,204	\$	5,188,267

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

2080 874601	Underground Parking Garage Operations	\$	4,245,906	\$	4,245,906
4G50 874603	Capitol Square Education Center and Arts	\$	6,000	\$	6,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	4,251,906	\$	4,251,906

Internal Service Activity Fund Group

4S70 874602	Statehouse Gift Shop/Events	\$	800,000	\$	800,000
TOTAL ISA Internal Service Activity Fund Group		\$	800,000	\$	800,000
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	10,223,110	\$	10,240,173

PERSONAL SERVICES

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Executive Director of the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board may certify to

the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item 874100, Personal Services, at the end of fiscal year 2019 to be reappropriated to fiscal year 2020. The amount certified is hereby appropriated to the same appropriation item for fiscal year 2020.

On July 1, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Executive Director of the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board may certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item 874100, Personal Services, at the end of fiscal year 2020 to be reappropriated to fiscal year 2021. The amount certified is hereby appropriated to the same appropriation item for fiscal year 2021.

MAINTENANCE AND EQUIPMENT

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Executive Director of the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board may certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item 874320, Maintenance and Equipment, at the end of fiscal year 2019 to be reappropriated to fiscal year 2020. The amount certified is hereby appropriated to the same appropriation item for fiscal year 2020.

On July 1, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Executive Director of the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board may certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item 874320, Maintenance and Equipment, at the end of fiscal year 2020 to be reappropriated to fiscal year 2021. The amount certified is hereby appropriated to the same appropriation item for fiscal year 2021.

UNDERGROUND PARKING GARAGE FUND

Notwithstanding division (G) of section 105.41 of the Revised Code and any other provision to the contrary, moneys in the Underground Parking Garage Fund (Fund 2080) may be used for personnel and operating costs related to the operations of the Statehouse and the Statehouse Underground Parking Garage.

HOUSE AND SENATE PARKING REIMBURSEMENT

On July 1 of each fiscal year, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer \$500,000 cash from the General Revenue Fund to the Underground Parking Garage Fund (Fund 2080). The amounts transferred under this section shall be used to reimburse the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board for legislative parking costs.

**SECTION 233.10. SCR STATE BOARD OF CAREER COLLEGES
AND SCHOOLS**

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4K90 233601	Operating Expenses	\$	540,260	\$	540,260
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	540,260	\$	540,260
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	540,260	\$	540,260

SECTION 235.10. CAC CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5HS0 955321	Operating Expenses	\$	13,180,629	\$	13,673,127
5NU0 955601	Casino Commission Enforcement	\$	250,000	\$	250,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	13,430,629	\$	13,923,127
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	13,430,629	\$	13,923,127

**SECTION 237.10. CDP CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY
PROFESSIONALS BOARD**

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4K90 930609	Operating Expenses	\$	651,167	\$	664,212
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	651,167	\$	664,212
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	651,167	\$	664,212

SECTION 239.10. CHR STATE CHIROPRACTIC BOARD

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4K90 878609	Operating Expenses	\$	605,251	\$	622,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	605,251	\$	622,000
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	605,251	\$	622,000

SECTION 241.10. CIV OHIO CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

General Revenue Fund

GRF 876321	Operating Expenses	\$	5,863,161	\$	5,863,161
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	5,863,161	\$	5,863,161

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

2170 876604	Operations Support	\$	3,000	\$	3,000
TOTAL DPF Internal Service Activity Fund Group		\$	3,000	\$	3,000

Federal Fund Group

3340 876601	Federal Programs	\$	3,555,504	\$	3,908,497
TOTAL FED Federal Special Revenue Fund Group		\$	3,555,504	\$	3,908,497

TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	9,421,665	\$	9,774,658
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SECTION 243.10. COM DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4B20	800631	Real Estate Appraisal Recovery	\$	35,000	\$	35,000
4H90	800608	Cemeteries	\$	302,250	\$	313,466
4X20	800619	Financial Institutions	\$	1,914,631	\$	1,980,213
5430	800602	Unclaimed Funds-Operating	\$	10,452,421	\$	10,465,295
5430	800625	Unclaimed Funds-Claims	\$	70,000,000	\$	70,000,000
5440	800612	Banks	\$	10,154,147	\$	10,688,048
5460	800610	Fire Marshal	\$	20,436,641	\$	21,090,755
5460	800639	Fire Department Grants	\$	5,200,000	\$	5,200,000
5470	800603	Real Estate	\$	69,655	\$	69,655
		Education/Research				
5480	800611	Real Estate Recovery	\$	50,000	\$	50,000
5490	800614	Real Estate	\$	3,876,514	\$	4,067,513
5500	800617	Securities	\$	6,165,054	\$	6,363,135
5520	800604	Credit Union	\$	3,719,253	\$	3,807,712
5530	800607	Consumer Finance	\$	5,465,720	\$	5,777,988
5560	800615	Industrial Compliance	\$	30,729,000	\$	30,929,000
5F10	800635	Small Government Fire	\$	300,000	\$	300,000
		Departments				
5FW0	800616	Financial Literacy Education	\$	150,000	\$	150,000
5GK0	800609	Securities Investor	\$	678,400	\$	682,150
		Education/Enforcement				
5HV0	800641	Cigarette Enforcement	\$	27,324	\$	27,324
5LC0	800644	Liquor JobsOhio Extraordinary	\$	788,204	\$	788,204
		Allowance				
5LN0	800645	Liquor Operating Services	\$	19,540,125	\$	19,705,103
5LP0	800646	Liquor Regulatory Operating	\$	15,918,941	\$	14,787,281
		Expenses				
5SE0	800651	Cemetery Grant Program	\$	100,000	\$	100,000
5SJ0	800648	Volunteer Peace Officers'	\$	50,000	\$	50,000
		Dependent Fund				
5SU0	800649	Manufactured Homes	\$	260,550	\$	270,478
		Regulation				
5SY0	800650	Medical Marijuana Control	\$	6,435,897	\$	5,121,000
		Program				
5VC0	800652	Real Estate Home Inspector	\$	490,000	\$	490,000
		Operating				
5VD0	800653	Real Estate Home Inspector	\$	10,000	\$	10,000
		Recovery				
5X60	800623	Video Service	\$	416,732	\$	412,693
6530	800629	UST Registration/Permit Fee	\$	2,316,230	\$	2,301,714
6A40	800630	Real Estate	\$	1,299,071	\$	1,336,056
		Appraiser-Operating				
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose						
Fund Group			\$	217,351,760	\$	217,369,783
Internal Service Activity Fund Group						
1630	800620	Division of Administration	\$	8,558,140	\$	8,364,140
1630	800637	Information Technology	\$	8,601,860	\$	8,985,860
TOTAL ISA Internal Service Activity						
Fund Group			\$	17,160,000	\$	17,350,000

Federal Fund Group

3480	800622	Underground Storage Tanks	\$	820,675	\$	805,112
3480	800624	Leaking Underground Storage Tanks	\$	1,950,000	\$	1,949,887
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group			\$	2,770,675	\$	2,754,999
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$	237,282,435	\$	237,474,782

SECTION 243.20. UNCLAIMED FUNDS PAYMENTS

The foregoing appropriation item 800625, Unclaimed Funds-Claims, shall be used to pay claims under section 169.08 of the Revised Code. If it is determined by the Director of Commerce that additional appropriation amounts are necessary to make such payments, the Director of Commerce may request that the Director of Budget and Management increase such amounts. Such increases are hereby appropriated.

DIVISION OF REAL ESTATE AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

The foregoing appropriation item 800631, Real Estate Appraiser Recovery, shall be used to pay settlements, judgments, and court orders under section 4763.16 of the Revised Code. If it is determined by the Director of Commerce that additional appropriation amounts are necessary to make such payments, the Director of Commerce may request that the Director of Budget and Management increase such amounts. Such increases are hereby appropriated.

The foregoing appropriation item 800611, Real Estate Recovery, shall be used to pay settlements, judgments, and court orders under section 4735.12 of the Revised Code. If it is determined by the Director of Commerce that additional appropriation amounts are necessary to make such payments, the Director of Commerce may request that the Director of Budget and Management increase such amounts. Such increases are hereby appropriated.

FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANTS

(A) The foregoing appropriation item 800639, Fire Department Grants, shall be used to make annual grants to the following eligible recipients: volunteer fire departments, fire departments that serve one or more small municipalities or small townships, joint fire districts comprised of fire departments that primarily serve small municipalities or small townships, local units of government responsible for such fire departments, and local units of government responsible for the provision of fire protection services for small municipalities or small townships. For the purposes of these grants, a private fire company, as that phrase is defined in section 9.60 of the Revised Code, that is providing fire protection services under a contract to a political subdivision of the state, is an additional eligible recipient for a

training grant.

Eligible recipients that consist of small municipalities or small townships that all intend to contract with the same fire department or private fire company for fire protection services may jointly apply and be considered for a grant. If a joint applicant is awarded a grant, the State Fire Marshal shall, if feasible, proportionately award the grant and any equipment purchased with grant funds to each of the joint applicants based upon each applicant's contribution to and demonstrated need for fire protection services. For the purpose of this grant program, an eligible recipient or any firefighting entity that is contracted to serve an eligible recipient may only file, be listed as joint applicant, or be designated as a service provider on one grant application per fiscal year.

If the grant awarded to joint applicants is an equipment grant and the equipment to be purchased cannot be readily distributed or possessed by multiple recipients, each of the joint applicants shall be awarded by the State Fire Marshal an ownership interest in the equipment so purchased in proportion to each applicant's contribution to and demonstrated need for fire protection services. The joint applicants shall then mutually agree on how the equipment is to be maintained, operated, stored, or disposed of. If, for any reason, the joint applicants cannot agree as to how jointly owned equipment is to be maintained, operated, stored, or disposed of or any of the joint applicants no longer maintain a contract with the same fire protection service provider as the other applicants, then the joint applicants shall, with the assistance of the State Fire Marshal, mutually agree as to how the jointly owned equipment is to be maintained, operated, stored, disposed of, or owned. If the joint applicants cannot agree how the grant equipment is to be maintained, operated, stored, disposed of, or owned, the State Fire Marshal may, in its discretion, require all of the equipment acquired by the joint applicants with grant funds to be returned to the State Fire Marshal. The State Fire Marshal may then award the returned equipment to any eligible recipients. For this paragraph only, an "equipment grant" also includes a MARCS Grant.

(B) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the grants shall be used by recipients to purchase firefighting or rescue equipment or gear or similar items, to provide full or partial reimbursement for the documented costs of firefighter training, or, at the discretion of the State Fire Marshal, to cover fire department costs for providing fire protection services in that grant recipient's jurisdiction.

(1) Of the foregoing appropriation item 800639, Fire Department Grants, up to \$1,000,000 per fiscal year may be used to pay for the State

Fire Marshal's costs of providing firefighter I certification classes or other firefighter classes approved by the State Fire Marshal at no cost to selected students attending the Ohio Fire Academy or other class providers approved by the State Fire Marshal. The State Fire Marshal may establish the qualifications and selection processes for students to attend such classes by written policy, and such students shall be considered eligible recipients of fire department grants for the purposes of this portion of the grant program.

(2) Of the foregoing appropriation item 800639, Fire Department Grants, up to \$3,000,000 in each fiscal year may be used for MARCS Grants. MARCS Grants may be used for the payment of user access fees by the eligible recipient to cover costs for accessing MARCS.

For purposes of this section, a MARCS Grant is a grant for systems, equipment, or services that are a part of, integrated into, or otherwise interoperable with the Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) operated by the state.

MARCS Grant awards may be up to \$50,000 in each fiscal year per eligible recipient. Each eligible recipient may apply, as a separate entity or as a part of a joint application, for only one MARCS Grant per fiscal year. The State Fire Marshal may give a preference to MARCS Grants that will enhance the overall interoperability and effectiveness of emergency communication networks in the geographic region that includes and that is adjacent to the applicant.

Eligible recipients that are or were awarded fire department grants that are not MARCS Grants may also apply for and receive MARCS Grants in accordance with criteria for the awarding of grant funds established by the State Fire Marshal.

(3) Grant awards for firefighting or rescue equipment or gear or for fire department costs of providing fire protection services shall be up to \$15,000 per fiscal year, or up to \$25,000 per fiscal year if an eligible entity serves a jurisdiction in which the Governor declared a natural disaster during the preceding or current fiscal year in which the grant was awarded. In addition to any grant funds awarded for rescue equipment or gear, or for fire department costs associated with the provision of fire protection services, an eligible entity may receive a grant for up to \$15,000 per fiscal year for full or partial reimbursement of the documented costs of firefighter training. For each fiscal year, the State Fire Marshal shall determine the total amounts to be allocated for each eligible purpose.

(C) The grants shall be administered by the State Fire Marshal in accordance with rules the State Fire Marshal adopts as part of the state fire code adopted pursuant to section 3737.82 of the Revised Code that are

necessary for the administration and operation of the grant program. The rules may further define the entities eligible to receive grants and establish criteria for the awarding and expenditure of grant funds, including methods the State Fire Marshal may use to verify the proper use of grant funds or to obtain reimbursement for or the return of equipment for improperly used grant funds. To the extent consistent with this section and until the rules are updated, the existing rules in the state fire code adopted pursuant to section 3737.82 of the Revised Code for fire department grants under this section apply to MARCS Grants. Any amounts in appropriation item 800639, Fire Department Grants, in excess of the amount allocated for these grants may be used for the administration of the grant program.

INDUSTRIAL COMPLIANCE

Of the foregoing appropriation item 800615, Industrial Compliance, \$1,200,000 in each fiscal year shall be used for the Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration within the Division of the Industrial Compliance.

SECTION 243.30. CASH TRANSFERS TO DIVISION OF REAL ESTATE OPERATING FUND

Upon the written request of the Director of Commerce, and subject to the approval of the Controlling Board, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer up to \$500,000 in cash from the Real Estate Education and Research Fund (Fund 5470) to the Division of Real Estate Operating Fund (Fund 5490) during the biennium ending June 30, 2021.

If the Real Estate Recovery Fund (Fund 5480) cash balance exceeds \$250,000 during the biennium ending June 30, 2021, the Director of Budget and Management, upon the written request of the Director of Commerce and subject to the approval of the Controlling Board, may transfer cash from Fund 5480 to the Division of Real Estate Operating Fund (Fund 5490), such that the amount available in Fund 5480 is not less than \$250,000.

CASH TRANSFERS TO REAL ESTATE APPRAISER OPERATING FUND

If the Real Estate Appraiser Recovery Fund (Fund 4B20) cash balance exceeds \$200,000 during the biennium ending June 30, 2021, the Director of Budget and Management, upon the written request of the Director of Commerce and subject to the approval of the Controlling Board, may transfer cash from Fund 4B20 to the Real Estate Appraiser Operating Fund (Fund 6A40), such that the amount available in Fund 4B20 is not less than \$200,000.

CASH TRANSFERS TO SMALL GOVERNMENT FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICES REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Upon the written request of the Director of Commerce, and subject to the approval of the Controlling Board, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer up to \$300,000 in cash from the State Fire Marshal Fund (Fund 5460) to the Small Government Fire Department Services Revolving Loan Fund (Fund 5F10) during the biennium ending June 30, 2021.

CASH TRANSFERS TO THE HOME INSPECTOR OPERATING FUND AND THE HOME INSPECTOR RECOVERY FUND

During the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021, upon written request from the Director of Commerce, and subject to the approval of the Controlling Board, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer up to \$500,000 in cash from the Division of Securities Fund (Fund 5500) as follows: up to \$490,000 in cash to the Home Inspector Operating Fund (Fund 5VC0) and up to \$10,000 in cash to the Home Inspector Recovery Fund (Fund 5VD0). When revenue deposited into Fund 5VC0 and Fund 5VD0 are deemed sufficient to sustain operations, the Director of Budget and Management, in consultation with the Director of Commerce, shall establish a repayment schedule to fully repay the cash transferred from Fund 5500 to Fund 5VC0 and Fund 5VD0.

SECTION 245.10. OCC OFFICE OF CONSUMERS' COUNSEL

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5F50 053601 Operating Expenses	\$	5,541,093	\$	5,541,093
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group	\$	5,541,093	\$	5,541,093
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$	5,541,093	\$	5,541,093

SECTION 247.10. CEB CONTROLLING BOARD

Internal Service Activity Fund Group

5KM0 911614 Controlling Board Emergency Purposes/Contingencies	\$	7,500,000	\$	7,500,000
TOTAL ISA Internal Service Activity Fund Group	\$	7,500,000	\$	7,500,000
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$	7,500,000	\$	7,500,000

SECTION 247.20. FEDERAL SHARE

In transferring appropriations to or from appropriation items that have federal shares identified in this act, the Controlling Board shall add or subtract corresponding amounts of federal matching funds at the percentages indicated by the state and federal division of the appropriations in this act. Such changes are hereby appropriated.

DISASTER SERVICES

The Disaster Services Fund (Fund 5E20) shall be used by the Controlling Board, pursuant to requests submitted by state agencies, to transfer cash used for the payment of state agency disaster relief program expenses for disasters that have a written Governor's authorization, if the Director of Budget and Management determines that sufficient funds exist.

Pursuant to requests submitted by the Department of Public Safety, the Controlling Board may approve cash transfers from Fund 5E20 to any fund used by the Department of Public Safety to provide for assistance to political subdivisions made necessary by natural disasters or emergencies. These cash transfers may be requested and approved prior to the occurrence of any specific natural disasters or emergencies in order to facilitate the provision of timely assistance. The Emergency Management Agency of the Department of Public Safety shall use the cash to fund the State Disaster Relief Program for disasters that qualify for the program by written authorization of the Governor, and the State Individual Assistance Program for disasters that been declared by the federal Small Business Administration and that qualify for the program by written authorization from the Governor. The Ohio Emergency Management Agency shall publish and make available application packets outlining procedures for the State Disaster Relief Program and the State Individual Assistance Program.

SECTION 249.10. COS COSMETOLOGY AND BARBER BOARD

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4K90 879609	Operating Expenses	\$	5,425,748	\$	5,716,944
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	5,425,748	\$	5,716,944
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	5,425,748	\$	5,716,944

SECTION 251.10. CSW COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4K90 899609	Operating Expenses	\$	1,739,538	\$	1,854,848
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	1,739,538	\$	1,854,848
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	1,739,538	\$	1,854,848

SECTION 253.10. CLA COURT OF CLAIMS

General Revenue Fund

GRF 015321	Operating Expenses	\$	2,669,835	\$	2,692,946
GRF 015403	Public Records Adjudication	\$	879,776	\$	886,527
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	3,549,611	\$	3,579,473

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5K20	015603	CLA Victims of Crime	\$	529,928	\$	533,532
5TE0	015604	Public Records	\$	8,000	\$	8,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group			\$	537,928	\$	541,532
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$	4,087,539	\$	4,121,005

SECTION 255.10. DEN STATE DENTAL BOARD**Dedicated Purpose Fund Group**

4K90	880609	Operating Expenses	\$	2,000,804	\$	2,124,251
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group			\$	2,000,804	\$	2,124,251
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$	2,000,804	\$	2,124,251

SECTION 257.10. BDP BOARD OF DEPOSIT**Dedicated Purpose Fund Group**

4M20	974601	Board of Deposit	\$	1,876,000	\$	1,876,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group			\$	1,876,000	\$	1,876,000
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$	1,876,000	\$	1,876,000

BOARD OF DEPOSIT EXPENSE FUND

Upon receiving certification of expenses from the Treasurer of State, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer cash from the Investment Earnings Redistribution Fund (Fund 6080) to the Board of Deposit Expense Fund (Fund 4M20). The latter fund shall be used pursuant to section 135.02 of the Revised Code to pay for any and all necessary expenses of the Board of Deposit or for banking charges and fees required for the operation of the State of Ohio Regular Account.

SECTION 259.10. DEV DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY**General Revenue Fund**

GRF	195402	Coal Research and Development Program	\$	227,368	\$	227,368
GRF	195405	Minority Business Development	\$	1,696,358	\$	1,696,358
GRF	195415	Business Development Services	\$	2,102,021	\$	2,149,281
GRF	195426	Redevelopment Assistance	\$	1,067,000	\$	1,067,000
GRF	195453	Technology Programs and Grants	\$	2,040,056	\$	2,096,400
GRF	195454	Small Business and Export Assistance	\$	3,057,174	\$	3,057,174
GRF	195455	Appalachia Assistance	\$	14,991,465	\$	15,000,000
GRF	195497	CDBG Operating Match	\$	1,092,138	\$	1,125,000
GRF	195499	BSD Federal Programs Match	\$	13,148,022	\$	12,976,894
GRF	195501	iBELIEVE	\$	200,000	\$	200,000
GRF	195503	Local Development Projects	\$	2,373,000	\$	825,000
GRF	195520	Ohio Main Street Program	\$	500,000	\$	0
GRF	195537	Ohio-Israel Agricultural Initiative	\$	250,000	\$	250,000

GRF	195553	Industry Sector Partnerships	\$	2,500,000	\$	2,500,000
GRF	195556	TechCred Program	\$	9,400,000	\$	7,950,000
GRF	195901	Coal Research and Development General Obligation Bond Debt Service	\$	8,123,100	\$	7,682,600
GRF	195905	Third Frontier Research and Development General Obligation Bond Debt Service	\$	84,181,400	\$	87,403,000
GRF	195912	Job Ready Site Development General Obligation Bond Debt Service	\$	15,516,000	\$	9,879,900
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund			\$	162,465,102	\$	156,085,975
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group						
4500	195624	Minority Business Bonding Program Administration	\$	74,905	\$	74,905
4510	195649	Business Assistance Programs	\$	4,000,000	\$	4,000,000
4F20	195639	State Special Projects	\$	102,104	\$	102,104
4F20	195699	Utility Community Assistance	\$	500,000	\$	500,000
4W10	195646	Minority Business Enterprise Loan	\$	4,000,000	\$	4,000,000
5HR0	195606	TechCred Program	\$	5,600,000	\$	7,050,000
5HR0	195622	Defense Development Assistance	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
5JR0	195635	Tax Incentives Operating	\$	800,000	\$	800,000
5KP0	195645	Historic Rehabilitation Operating	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
5M40	195659	Low Income Energy Assistance (USF)	\$	349,944,742	\$	350,000,000
5M50	195660	Advanced Energy Loan Programs	\$	10,000,000	\$	10,000,000
5MH0	195644	SiteOhio Administration	\$	2,500	\$	2,500
5MJ0	195683	TourismOhio Administration	\$	10,000,000	\$	10,000,000
5UL0	195627	Brownfields Revolving Loan Program	\$	2,500,000	\$	2,500,000
5UY0	195496	Sports Events Grants	\$	5,000,000	\$	0
5W60	195691	International Trade Cooperative Projects	\$	18,000	\$	18,000
6170	195654	Volume Cap Administration	\$	32,562	\$	32,562
6460	195638	Low- and Moderate- Income Housing Programs	\$	55,250,000	\$	55,250,000
M087	195435	Biomedical Research and Technology Transfer	\$	500,000	\$	500,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group			\$	450,324,813	\$	446,830,071
Internal Service Activity Fund Group						
1350	195684	Development Services Operations	\$	11,686,861	\$	12,000,000
6850	195636	Development Services Reimbursable Expenditures	\$	125,000	\$	125,000
TOTAL ISA Internal Service Activity Fund Group			\$	11,811,861	\$	12,125,000
Facilities Establishment Fund Group						
4Z60	195647	Rural Industrial Park Loan	\$	25,000,000	\$	0
5S90	195628	Capital Access Loan Program	\$	2,500,000	\$	2,500,000

7009	195664	Innovation Ohio	\$	5,200,000	\$	4,800,000
7010	195665	Research and Development	\$	5,000,000	\$	5,000,000
7037	195615	Facilities Establishment	\$	25,000,000	\$	25,000,000
TOTAL FCE Facilities Establishment Fund Group			\$	62,700,000	\$	37,300,000
Bond Research and Development Fund Group						
7011	195686	Third Frontier Tax Exempt - Operating	\$	750,000	\$	750,000
7011	195687	Third Frontier Research and Development Projects	\$	21,000,000	\$	21,000,000
7014	195620	Third Frontier Taxable - Operating	\$	1,710,000	\$	1,710,000
7014	195692	Research and Development Taxable Bond Projects	\$	90,850,250	\$	90,850,250
TOTAL BRD Bond Research and Development Fund Group			\$	114,310,250	\$	114,310,250
Federal Fund Group						
3080	195603	Housing Assistance Programs	\$	12,000,000	\$	12,000,000
3080	195609	Small Business Administration Grants	\$	5,271,381	\$	5,271,381
3080	195618	Energy Grants	\$	4,000,000	\$	4,000,000
3080	195670	Home Weatherization Program	\$	20,000,000	\$	20,000,000
3080	195671	Brownfield Redevelopment	\$	2,000,000	\$	2,000,000
3080	195672	Manufacturing Extension Partnership	\$	6,300,000	\$	6,300,000
3080	195675	Procurement Technical Assistance	\$	750,000	\$	750,000
3080	195696	State Trade and Export Promotion	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
3350	195610	Energy Programs	\$	345,382	\$	350,000
3AE0	195643	Workforce Development Initiatives	\$	800,000	\$	800,000
3FJ0	195626	Small Business Capital Access and Collateral Enhancement Program	\$	7,996,645	\$	8,000,000
3FJ0	195661	Technology Targeted Investment Program	\$	2,260,953	\$	2,260,953
3K80	195613	Community Development Block Grant	\$	60,000,000	\$	60,000,000
3K90	195611	Home Energy Assistance Block Grant	\$	164,914,571	\$	165,000,000
3K90	195614	HEAP Weatherization	\$	34,989,189	\$	35,000,000
3L00	195612	Community Services Block Grant	\$	28,000,000	\$	28,000,000
3V10	195601	HOME Program	\$	34,979,280	\$	35,000,000
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group			\$	385,607,401	\$	385,732,334
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$	1,187,219,427	\$	1,152,383,630

SECTION 259.20. COAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The foregoing appropriation item 195402, Coal Research and Development Program, shall be used for the operating expenses of the Community Services Division in support of the Ohio Coal Development Office.

MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The foregoing appropriation item 195405, Minority Business Development, shall be used to support the activities of the Minority Business Development Division, including providing grants to local nonprofit organizations to support economic development activities that promote minority business development, in conjunction with local organizations funded through appropriation item 195454, Small Business and Export Assistance.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

The foregoing appropriation item 195415, Business Development Services, shall be used for the operating expenses of the Office of Strategic Business Investments and the regional economic development offices.

REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

The foregoing appropriation item 195426, Redevelopment Assistance, shall be used to fund the costs of administering the energy, redevelopment, and other revitalization programs that may be implemented by the Development Services Agency, and may be used to match federal grant funding.

TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS AND GRANTS

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195453, Technology Programs and Grants, \$1,843,656 in fiscal year 2020 and \$1,900,000 in fiscal year 2021 shall be used for operating expenses incurred in administering the Ohio Third Frontier Programs and other technology focused programs that may be implemented by the Development Services Agency.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195453, Technology Programs and Grants, \$196,400 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to the Edison Welding Institute, Inc., to support the Aerospace Maintenance Repair and Overhaul – Center of Excellence Project.

SMALL BUSINESS AND EXPORT ASSISTANCE

The foregoing appropriation item 195454, Small Business and Export Assistance, may be used to provide a range of business assistance, including grants to local organizations to support economic development activities that promote small business development, entrepreneurship, and exports of Ohio's goods and services, in conjunction with local organizations funded through appropriation item 195405, Minority Business Development. The foregoing appropriation item shall also be used as matching funds for grants

from the United States Small Business Administration and other federal agencies, pursuant to Pub. L. No. 96-302 as amended by Pub. L. No. 98-395, and regulations and policy guidelines for the programs pursuant thereto.

APPALACHIA ASSISTANCE

The foregoing GRF appropriation item 195455, Appalachia Assistance, may be used for the administrative costs of planning and liaison activities for the Governor's Office of Appalachia, to provide financial assistance to projects in Ohio's Appalachian counties, to support four local development districts, and to pay dues for the Appalachian Regional Commission. These funds may be used to match federal funds from the Appalachian Regional Commission. Programs funded through the foregoing appropriation item 195455, Appalachia Assistance, shall be identified and recommended by the local development districts and approved by the Governor's Office of Appalachia. The Development Services Agency shall conduct compliance and regulatory review of the programs recommended by the local development districts. Moneys allocated under the foregoing appropriation item 195455, Appalachia Assistance, may be used to fund projects including, but not limited to, those designated by the local development districts as community investment and rapid response projects.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195455, Appalachia Assistance, in each fiscal year, \$170,000 shall be allocated to the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission, \$170,000 shall be allocated to the Ohio Mid-Eastern Government Association, \$170,000 shall be allocated to the Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District, and \$70,000 shall be allocated to the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments. Local development districts receiving funding under this section shall use the funds for the implementation and administration of programs and duties under section 107.21 of the Revised Code.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195455, Appalachia Assistance, up to \$4,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to the GRIT Project for operational costs and to provide virtual job training, virtual job centers, and related training and services consistent with the mission of the GRIT Project for high school students and adults residing in Adams, Brown, Highland, Pike, or Scioto counties.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195455, Appalachia Assistance, \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio.

CDBG OPERATING MATCH

The foregoing appropriation item 195497, CDBG Operating Match,

shall be used as matching funds for grants from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and regulations and policy guidelines for the programs pursuant thereto.

BSD FEDERAL PROGRAMS MATCH

The foregoing appropriation item 195499, BSD Federal Programs Match, shall be used as matching funds for grants from the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program and Defense Logistics Agency Procurement Technical Assistance Program, and other federal agencies, pursuant to Pub. L. No. 96-302 as amended by Pub. L. No. 98-395, and regulations and policy guidelines for the programs pursuant thereto. The foregoing appropriation item 195499, BSD Federal Programs Match, shall also be used for operating expenses of the Business Services Division.

iBELIEVE

The foregoing appropriation item 195501, iBELIEVE, shall be allocated to the iBELIEVE Foundation to provide opportunities for Appalachian youth to develop twenty-first century skills, including leadership, communication, and problem-solving for college access and retention.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195503, Local Development Projects, \$1,000,000 shall be used in fiscal year 2020 to provide matching funding for the National Center for Defense Manufacturing and Machining in partnership with either the U.S. Department of Defense or the U.S. Department of Energy to further economic opportunity at America Makes, the National Additive Manufacturing Innovation Institute.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195503, \$300,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to the Eastern Ohio Military Affairs Commission to support the Camp James A. Garfield Joint Military Training Center and the Youngstown Air Reserve Station.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195503, Local Development Projects, \$250,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to Cleveland Neighborhood Progress to support the Cleveland Chain Reaction Project.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195503, Local Development Projects, \$150,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to the Stark County Minority Business Association to work in partnership with the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce to support a demonstration pilot project.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195503, Local Development Projects, \$125,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to BioEnterprise

Corporation.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195503, Local Development Projects, \$325,000 in fiscal year 2020 shall be allocated to the Euclid Shore Cultural Center for window replacement.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195503, Local Development Projects, \$150,000 in fiscal year 2020 shall be allocated to the Euclid YMCA for asbestos removal.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195503, Local Development Projects, \$58,000 in fiscal year 2020 shall be allocated to the City of Maple Heights to support the Maple Heights Aquatic Facility Project.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195503, Local Development Projects, \$15,000 shall be allocated in fiscal year 2020, to the Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati to support workforce development costs involved with assisting in employment services for the financially indigent.

On July 1, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Development Services shall certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of the unexpended, unencumbered balance of appropriation item 195503, Local Development Projects, to be reappropriated in fiscal year 2021. The amount certified is hereby reappropriated to the appropriation item in fiscal year 2021 for the same purpose.

OHIO MAIN STREET PROGRAM

The foregoing appropriation item 195520, Ohio Main Street Program, shall be allocated to Heritage Ohio to support the Ohio Main Street Program.

OHIO-ISRAEL AGRICULTURAL INITIATIVE

The foregoing appropriation item 195537, Ohio-Israel Agricultural Initiative, shall be used for the Ohio-Israel Agricultural Initiative. The appropriation shall not be used for travel and entertainment expenses incurred under the initiative.

TEHCRED PROGRAM

The foregoing appropriation item 195556, TechCred Program, shall be used for the TechCred Program.

SECTION 259.25. COAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND DEBT SERVICE

The foregoing appropriation line item 195901, Coal Research and Development General Obligation Bond Debt Service, shall be used to pay all debt service and related financing costs during the period July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, on obligations issued under sections 151.01 and

151.07 of the Revised Code.

THIRD FRONTIER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND DEBT SERVICE

The foregoing appropriation item 195905, Third Frontier Research and Development General Obligation Bond Debt Service, shall be used to pay all debt service and related financing costs during the period from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, on obligations issued under sections 151.01 and 151.10 of the Revised Code.

JOB READY SITE DEVELOPMENT GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND DEBT SERVICE

The foregoing appropriation item 195912, Job Ready Site Development General Obligation Bond Debt Service, shall be used to pay all debt service and related financing costs during the period from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, on obligations issued under sections 151.01 and 151.11 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 259.30. MINORITY BUSINESS BONDING FUND

Notwithstanding Chapters 122., 169., and 175. of the Revised Code, the Director of Development Services may, upon the recommendation of the Minority Development Financing Advisory Board, pledge up to \$10,000,000 in the FY 2020-FY 2021 biennium of unclaimed funds administered by the Director of Commerce and allocated to the Minority Business Bonding Program under section 169.05 of the Revised Code.

If needed for the payment of losses arising from the Minority Business Bonding Program, the Director of Budget and Management may, at the request of the Director of Development Services, request that the Director of Commerce transfer unclaimed funds that have been reported by holders of unclaimed funds under section 169.05 of the Revised Code to the Minority Bonding Fund (Fund 4490). The transfer of unclaimed funds shall only occur after proceeds of the initial transfer of \$2,700,000 by the Controlling Board to the Minority Business Bonding Program have been used for that purpose. If expenditures are required for payment of losses arising from the Minority Business Bonding Program, such expenditures shall be made from appropriation item 195658, Minority Business Bonding Contingency in the Minority Business Bonding Fund, and such amounts are hereby appropriated.

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The foregoing appropriation item 195649, Business Assistance Programs, shall be used for administrative expenses associated with the operation of loan incentives within the Office of Strategic Business

Investments.

STATE SPECIAL PROJECTS

The State Special Projects Fund (Fund 4F20), may be used for the deposit of private-sector funds from utility companies and for the deposit of other miscellaneous state funds. State moneys so deposited may also be used to match federal funding and to support programs of the Community Service Division.

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE LOAN

The foregoing appropriation item 195646, Minority Business Enterprise Loan, shall be used for awards under the Minority Business Enterprise Loan Program and to cover operating expenses of the Minority Business Development Division. All repayments from the Minority Development Financing Advisory Board Loan Program shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Minority Business Enterprise Loan Fund (Fund 4W10).

TECHCRED PROGRAM

The foregoing appropriation item 195606, TechCred Program, shall be used in conjunction with GRF appropriation item 195556, TechCred Program, to support the TechCred Program.

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer \$5,600,000 cash from the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Fund (Fund 5NH0) to the Ohio Incumbent Workforce Job Training Fund (Fund 5HR0).

On July 1, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer \$7,050,000 cash from the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Fund (Fund 5NH0) to the Ohio Incumbent Workforce Job Training Fund (Fund 5HR0).

DEFENSE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

The foregoing appropriation item 195622, Defense Development Assistance, shall be allocated to Development Projects, Inc., for economic development programs and the creation of new jobs to leverage and support mission gains at Department of Defense and related facilities in Ohio by working with future base realignment and closure activities and ongoing Department of Defense efficiency and partnership initiatives, assisting efforts to secure Department of Defense support contracts for Ohio companies, assessing and supporting regional job training and workforce development needs generated by the Department of Defense and the Ohio aerospace industry, promoting technology transfer to Ohio businesses, and for expanding job training and economic development programs in human performance and cyber security related initiatives.

ADVANCED ENERGY LOAN PROGRAMS

The foregoing appropriation item 195660, Advanced Energy Loan Programs, shall be used to provide financial assistance to customers for eligible advanced energy projects for residential, commercial, and industrial business, local government, educational institution, nonprofit, and agriculture customers. The appropriation item may be used to match federal grant funding and to pay for the program's administrative costs as provided in sections 4928.61 to 4928.63 of the Revised Code and rules adopted by the Director of Development Services.

SPORTS EVENT GRANTS

The foregoing appropriation item 195496, Sports Event Grants, shall be used for grants as described in sections 122.12 and 122.121 of the Revised Code.

SPORTS EVENT GRANTS REAPPROPRIATION

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Development Services shall certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of the unexpended, unencumbered balance of appropriation item 195496, Sports Event Grants, to be reappropriated in fiscal year 2020. The amount certified is hereby reappropriated to the appropriation item in fiscal year 2020 for the same purpose.

VOLUME CAP ADMINISTRATION

The foregoing appropriation item 195654, Volume Cap Administration, shall be used for expenses related to the administration of the Volume Cap Program. Revenues received by the Volume Cap Administration Fund (Fund 6170) shall consist of application fees, forfeited deposits, and interest earned from the custodial account held by the Treasurer of State.

SECTION 259.40. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES OPERATIONS

The Director of Development Services may assess offices of the agency for the cost of central service operations. An assessment shall contain the characteristics of administrative ease and uniform application. A division's payments shall be credited to the Supportive Services Fund (Fund 1350) using an intrastate transfer voucher.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REIMBURSABLE EXPENDITURES

The foregoing appropriation item 195636, Development Services Reimbursable Expenditures, shall be used for reimbursable costs incurred by the agency. Revenues to the General Reimbursement Fund (Fund 6850) shall consist of moneys charged for administrative costs that are not central service costs and repayments of loans, including the interest thereon, made from the Water and Sewer Fund (Fund 4440).

SECTION 259.50. CAPITAL ACCESS LOAN PROGRAM

The foregoing appropriation item 195628, Capital Access Loan Program, shall be used for operating, program, and administrative expenses of the program. Funds of the Capital Access Loan Program shall be used to assist participating financial institutions in making program loans to eligible businesses that face barriers in accessing working capital and obtaining fixed-asset financing. Loans financed with assistance under the Capital Access Loan Program are subject to Controlling Board approval.

The Director of Budget and Management may transfer an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 cash in each fiscal year from the Minority Business Enterprise Loan Fund (Fund 4W10) to the Capital Access Loan Fund (Fund 5S90). This transfer is subject to Controlling Board approval.

INNOVATION OHIO

The foregoing appropriation item 195664, Innovation Ohio, shall be used to provide for Innovation Ohio purposes, including loan guarantees and loans under Chapter 166. and particularly sections 166.12 to 166.16 of the Revised Code.

OSU NON-OPIATE, NON-ADDICTIVE PHARMACEUTICAL TREATMENT

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195664, Innovation Ohio, up to \$5,200,000 in fiscal year 2020 shall be used to offer a loan to The Ohio State University for the development and clinical evaluation of a non-opiate, non-addictive pharmaceutical treatment intervention's efficacy to reduce a physician's reliance upon and limit a patient's initial exposure to opioids, provided that the loan is structured so that meeting benchmarks allows future forgiveness of the loan.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The foregoing appropriation item 195665, Research and Development, shall be used to provide for research and development purposes, including loans, under Chapter 166. and particularly sections 166.17 to 166.21 of the Revised Code.

FACILITIES ESTABLISHMENT

The foregoing appropriation item 195615, Facilities Establishment, shall be used for the purposes of the Facilities Establishment Fund (Fund 7037) under Chapter 166. of the Revised Code.

TRANSFERS FROM THE FACILITIES ESTABLISHMENT FUND

Notwithstanding Chapter 166. of the Revised Code, on July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer \$25,000,000 cash from the Facilities Establishment Fund (Fund

7037) to the Rural Industrial Park Loan Fund (Fund 4Z60). The transfer is subject to Controlling Board approval under section 166.03 of the Revised Code.

Notwithstanding Chapter 166. of the Revised Code, an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 in cash in each fiscal year may be transferred from the Facilities Establishment Fund (Fund 7037) to the Business Assistance Fund (Fund 4510). The transfer is subject to Controlling Board approval under division (B) of section 166.03 of the Revised Code.

Notwithstanding Chapter 166. of the Revised Code, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 in cash in each fiscal year from the Facilities Establishment Fund (Fund 7037) to the Minority Business Enterprise Loan Fund (Fund 4W10). This transfer is subject to Controlling Board approval.

Notwithstanding Chapter 166. of the Revised Code, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 in cash in each fiscal year from the Facilities Establishment Fund (Fund 7037) to the Capital Access Loan Fund (Fund 5S90). This transfer is subject to Controlling Board approval.

SECTION 259.60. THIRD FRONTIER OPERATING COSTS

The foregoing appropriation items 195686, Third Frontier Tax Exempt - Operating, and 195620, Third Frontier Taxable - Operating, shall be used for operating expenses incurred by the Development Services Agency in administering projects pursuant to sections 184.10 to 184.20 of the Revised Code. Operating expenses paid from appropriation item 195686 shall be limited to the administration of projects funded from the Third Frontier Research & Development Fund (Fund 7011) and operating expenses paid from appropriation item 195620 shall be limited to the administration of projects funded from the Third Frontier Research & Development Taxable Bond Project Fund (Fund 7014).

THIRD FRONTIER RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT TAXABLE AND TAX EXEMPT PROJECTS

The foregoing appropriation items 195687, Third Frontier Research & Development Projects, and 195692, Research & Development Taxable Bond Projects, shall be used by the Development Services Agency to fund selected projects which may include internship programs. Eligible costs are those costs of research and development projects to which the proceeds of the Third Frontier Research & Development Fund (Fund 7011) and the Research & Development Taxable Bond Project Fund (Fund 7014) are to be applied.

TRANSFERS OF THIRD FRONTIER APPROPRIATIONS

The Director of Budget and Management may approve written requests from the Director of Development Services for the transfer of appropriations between appropriation items 195687, Third Frontier Research & Development Projects, and 195692, Research & Development Taxable Bond Projects, based upon awards recommended by the Third Frontier Commission.

In fiscal year 2021, the Director of Development Services may request that the Director of Budget and Management reappropriate any unexpended, unencumbered balances of the prior fiscal year's appropriation to the foregoing appropriation items 195687, Third Frontier Research & Development Projects, and 195692, Research & Development Taxable Bond Projects, for fiscal year 2021. The Director of Budget and Management may request additional information necessary for evaluating these requests, and the Director of Development Services shall provide the requested information to the Director of Budget and Management. Based on the information provided by the Director of Development Services, the Director of Budget and Management shall determine the amounts to be reappropriated, and those amounts are hereby reappropriated for fiscal year 2021.

SECTION 259.70. HEAP WEATHERIZATION

Up to twenty per cent of the federal funds deposited to the credit of the Home Energy Assistance Block Grant Fund (Fund 3K90) may be expended from appropriation item 195614, HEAP Weatherization, to provide home weatherization services in the state as determined by the Director of Development Services.

SECTION 259.80. LAKES IN ECONOMIC DISTRESS REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Development Services shall certify to the Director of Budget and Management the balance of the Lakes in Economic Distress Revolving Loan Fund (Fund 5RQ0). The amount certified is hereby reappropriated in FY 2020 to appropriation item 195546, Lakes in Economic Distress Revolving Loan Program, for the same purposes as described in section 122.641 of the Revised Code.

**SECTION 261.10. DDD DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES**

General Revenue Fund

GRF	320411	Special Olympics	\$	100,000	\$	100,000
GRF	320412	Protective Services	\$	2,381,923	\$	2,381,923
GRF	320415	Developmental Disabilities Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments	\$	19,695,400	\$	20,369,000
GRF	322420	Screening and Early Identification	\$	300,000	\$	300,000
GRF	322421	Part C Early Intervention	\$	23,236,369	\$	23,302,224
GRF	322422	Multi System Youth	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
GRF	322451	Family Support Services	\$	5,843,767	\$	5,843,767
GRF	322502	Community Program Support	\$	25,000	\$	25,000
GRF	322508	Employment First Initiative	\$	2,747,327	\$	2,730,015
GRF	322509	Community Supports & Rental Assistance	\$	727,500	\$	727,500
GRF	322510	Best Buddies Ohio	\$	125,000	\$	125,000
GRF	653321	Medicaid Program Support - State	\$	7,076,877	\$	7,078,860
GRF	653407	Medicaid Services	\$	672,567,500	\$	687,978,323
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund			\$	735,826,663	\$	751,961,612

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

2210	322620	Supplement Service Trust	\$	500,000	\$	500,000
4890	653632	Developmental Centers Direct Care Services	\$	7,000,000	\$	7,000,000
5DK0	322629	Capital Replacement Facilities	\$	750,000	\$	750,000
5EV0	653627	Medicaid Program Support	\$	1,750,000	\$	1,750,000
5GE0	320606	Central Office Operating Expenses	\$	18,501,132	\$	20,501,132
5GE0	653606	ICF/IID and Waiver Match	\$	42,000,000	\$	60,100,000
5H00	322619	Medicaid Repayment	\$	900,000	\$	900,000
5QM0	320607	System Transformation Supports	\$	250,000	\$	100,000
5S20	653622	Medicaid Administration & Oversight	\$	25,220,326	\$	27,237,952
5Z10	653624	County Board Waiver Match	\$	362,680,330	\$	426,668,369
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group			\$	459,551,788	\$	545,507,453

Internal Service Activity Fund Group

1520	653609	DC and Residential Facilities Operating Services	\$	8,719,347	\$	9,000,000
TOTAL ISA Internal Service Activity Fund Group			\$	8,719,347	\$	9,000,000

Federal Fund Group

3250	322612	Community Social Service Programs	\$	26,997,635	\$	26,997,635
3A40	653654	Medicaid Services	\$	2,015,287,585	\$	2,136,179,373
3A40	653655	Medicaid Support	\$	66,915,330	\$	69,657,028
3A50	320613	Developmental Disabilities	\$	3,200,000	\$	3,200,000

Council			
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group	\$	2,112,400,550	\$ 2,236,034,036
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$	3,316,498,348	\$ 3,542,503,101

SECTION 261.15. SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The foregoing appropriation item 320411, Special Olympics, shall be distributed to the Special Olympics of Ohio.

SECTION 261.20. DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FACILITIES LEASE-RENTAL BOND PAYMENTS

The foregoing appropriation item 320415, Developmental Disabilities Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments, shall be used to meet all payments during the period from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, by the Department of Developmental Disabilities pursuant to leases and agreements made under section 154.20 of the Revised Code. These appropriations are the source of funds pledged for bond service charges on related obligations issued under Chapter 154. of the Revised Code.

SECTION 261.30. SCREENING AND EARLY IDENTIFICATION

At the discretion of the Director of Developmental Disabilities, the foregoing appropriation item 322420, Screening and Early Identification, shall be used for professional and program development related to early identification/screening and intervention for children with autism and other complex developmental disabilities and their families.

SECTION 261.35. PART C EARLY INTERVENTION

Of the foregoing appropriation item 322421, Part C Early Intervention, \$750,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to contract with the Cleveland Sight Center, the Cincinnati Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and the Sight Center of Northwest Ohio to provide early intervention services and family support to children under the age of three years old with blindness or low vision.

SECTION 261.40. FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES SUBSIDY

The foregoing appropriation item 322451, Family Support Services, may be used as follows in fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021:

- (A) The appropriation item may be used to provide a subsidy to county boards of developmental disabilities for family support services provided

under section 5126.11 of the Revised Code. The subsidy shall be paid in quarterly installments and allocated to county boards according to a formula the Director of Developmental Disabilities shall develop in consultation with representatives of county boards. A county board shall use not more than seven per cent of its subsidy for administrative costs.

(B) The appropriation item may be used to distribute funds to county boards for the purpose of addressing economic hardships and to promote efficiency of operations. In consultation with representatives of county boards, the Director shall determine the amount of funds to distribute for these purposes and the criteria for distributing the funds.

SECTION 261.50. BEST BUDDIES OHIO

The foregoing appropriation item 322510, Best Buddies Ohio, shall be provided to the Best Buddies Ohio program to support the delivery and expansion of inclusion services throughout Ohio colleges and communities.

SECTION 261.60. EMPLOYMENT FIRST INITIATIVE

The foregoing appropriation item 322508, Employment First Initiative, shall be used to increase employment opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities through the Employment First Initiative in accordance with section 5123.022 of the Revised Code.

Of the foregoing appropriation item, 322508, Employment First Initiative, the Director of Developmental Disabilities shall transfer, in each fiscal year, to the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency an amount agreed upon by the Director of Developmental Disabilities and the Executive Director of the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency. The transfer shall be made via an intrastate transfer voucher. The transferred funds shall be used to support the Employment First Initiative. The Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency shall use the funds transferred as state matching funds to obtain available federal grant dollars for vocational rehabilitation services. Any federal match dollars received by the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency shall be used for the initiative. The Director of Developmental Disabilities and the Executive Director of the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency shall enter into an interagency agreement in accordance with section 3304.181 of the Revised Code that will specify the responsibilities of each agency under the initiative. Under the interagency agreement, the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency shall retain responsibility for eligibility determination, order of selection, plan approval, plan amendment, and

release of vendor payments.

The remainder of appropriation item 322508, Employment First Initiative, shall be used to develop a long-term, sustainable system that places individuals with developmental disabilities in community employment, as defined in section 5123.022 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 261.70. COMMUNITY SUPPORTS AND RENTAL ASSISTANCE

The foregoing appropriation item 322509, Community Supports and Rental Assistance, may be used by the Director of Developmental Disabilities to provide funding to county boards of developmental disabilities for rental assistance to individuals with developmental disabilities receiving home and community-based services as defined in section 5123.01 of the Revised Code pursuant to section 5124.60 of the Revised Code or section 5124.69 of the Revised Code and individuals with developmental disabilities who enroll in a Medicaid waiver component providing home and community-based services after receiving preadmission counseling pursuant to section 5124.68 of the Revised Code. The Director shall establish the methodology for determining the amount and distribution of such funding.

SECTION 261.75. COMMUNITY PROGRAM SUPPORT

The foregoing appropriation item 322502, Community Program Support, shall be distributed to the Halom House, Inc.

SECTION 261.80. MEDICAID SERVICES

(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Home and community-based services" has the same meaning as in section 5123.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "ICF/IID services" has the same meaning as in section 5124.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) Except as provided in section 5123.0416 of the Revised Code, the purposes for which the foregoing appropriation item 653407, Medicaid Services, shall be used include the following:

(1) Home and community-based services;

(2) Implementation of the requirements of the agreement settling the consent decree in *Sermak v. Manuel*, Case No. C-2-80-220, United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Eastern Division;

- (3) Implementation of the requirements of the agreement settling the consent decree in the Martin v. Strickland, Case No. 89-CV-00362, United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Eastern Division;
- (4) ICF/IID services; and
- (5) Other programs as identified by the Director of Developmental Disabilities.

SECTION 261.90. OPERATING AND SERVICES

Of the foregoing appropriation item 320606, Operating and Services, \$100,000 in each fiscal year shall be provided to the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence to establish a lifespan autism hub to support families and professionals.

SECTION 261.100. NONFEDERAL MATCH FOR ACTIVE TREATMENT SERVICES

Any county funds received by the Department of Developmental Disabilities from county boards of developmental disabilities for active treatment shall be deposited in the Developmental Disabilities Operating Fund (Fund 4890).

SECTION 261.110. SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION SUPPORTS

The foregoing appropriation item 320607, System Transformation Supports, may be used by the Director of Developmental Disabilities to fund system transformation initiatives identified by the Director.

SECTION 261.120. COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS

A portion of the foregoing appropriation item 322612, Community Social Service Programs, may be used by the Early Intervention Services Advisory Council for the following purposes:

(A) In addition to other necessary and allowed uses of funds and in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1441(d), the Early Intervention Services Advisory Council established pursuant to section 5123.0422 of the Revised Code, may, in its discretion, use budgeted funds to do all of the following:

- (1) Conduct forums and hearings;
- (2) Reimburse council members for reasonable and necessary expenses, including child care expenses for parent representatives, for attending council meetings and performing council duties;
- (3) Pay compensation to a council member if the member is not

employed or must forfeit wages from other employment when performing official council business;

(4) Hire staff;

(5) Obtain the services of professional, technical, and clerical personnel as necessary to carry out the performance of its lawful functions.

(B) Except as provided in division (A) of this section, council members shall serve without compensation or reimbursement.

SECTION 261.130. COUNTY BOARD SHARE OF WAIVER SERVICES

As used in this section, "home and community-based services" has the same meaning as in section 5123.01 of the Revised Code.

The Director of Developmental Disabilities shall establish a methodology to be used in fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021 to estimate the quarterly amount each county board of developmental disabilities is to pay of the nonfederal share of home and community-based services that section 5126.0510 of the Revised Code requires county boards to pay. Each quarter, the Director shall submit to a county board written notice of the amount the county board is to pay for that quarter. The notice shall specify when the payment is due.

SECTION 261.140. WITHHOLDING OF FUNDS OWED THE DEPARTMENT

If a county board of developmental disabilities does not fully pay any amount owed to the Department of Developmental Disabilities by the due date established by the Department, the Director of Developmental Disabilities may withhold the amount the county board did not pay from any amounts due to the county board. The Director may use any appropriation item or fund used by the Department to transfer cash to any other fund used by the Department in an amount equal to the amount owed the Department that the county board did not pay. Transfers under this section shall be made using an intrastate transfer voucher.

SECTION 261.150. DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER BILLING FOR SERVICES

Developmental centers of the Department of Developmental Disabilities may provide services to persons with developmental disabilities living in the community or to providers of services to these persons. The Department

may develop a method for recovery of all costs associated with the provision of these services.

SECTION 261.160. ODODD INNOVATIVE PILOT PROJECTS

(A) In fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021, the Director of Developmental Disabilities may authorize the continuation or implementation of one or more innovative pilot projects that, in the judgment of the Director, are likely to assist in promoting the objectives of Chapter 5123. or 5126. of the Revised Code. Subject to division (B) of this section and notwithstanding any provision of Chapters 5123. and 5126. of the Revised Code and any rule adopted under either chapter, a pilot project authorized by the Director may be continued or implemented in a manner inconsistent with one or more provisions of either chapter or one or more rules adopted under either chapter. Before authorizing a pilot program, the Director shall consult with entities interested in the issue of developmental disabilities, including the Ohio Provider Resource Association, Ohio Association of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities, Ohio Health Care Association/Ohio Centers for Intellectual Disabilities, the Values and Faith Alliance, and ARC of Ohio.

(B) The Director may not authorize a pilot project to be implemented in a manner that would cause the state to be out of compliance with any requirements for a program funded in whole or in part with federal funds.

SECTION 261.200. NONFEDERAL SHARE OF ICF/IID SERVICES

(A) As used in this section, "ICF/IID," "ICF/IID services," and "Medicaid-certified capacity" have the same meanings as in section 5124.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) The Director of Developmental Disabilities shall pay the nonfederal share of a claim for ICF/IID services using funds specified in division (C) of this section if all of the following apply:

(1) Medicaid covers the ICF/IID services.

(2) The ICF/IID services are provided to a Medicaid recipient to whom both of the following apply:

(a) The Medicaid recipient is eligible for the ICF/IID services;

(b) The Medicaid recipient does not occupy a bed in the ICF/IID that used to be included in the Medicaid-certified capacity of another ICF/IID certified by the Director of Health before June 1, 2003.

(3) The ICF/IID services are provided by an ICF/IID whose Medicaid certification by the Director of Health was initiated or supported by a county

board of developmental disabilities.

(4) The provider of the ICF/IID services has a valid Medicaid provider agreement for the services for the time that the services are provided.

(C) When required by division (B) of this section to pay the nonfederal share of a claim, the Director of Developmental Disabilities shall use the following funds to pay the claim:

(1) Funds available from appropriation item 653407, Medicaid Services, that the Director allocates to the county board that initiated or supported the Medicaid certification of the ICF/IID that provided the ICF/IID services for which the claim is made;

(2) If the amount of funds used pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section is insufficient to pay the claim in full, an amount of funds that are needed to make up the difference and available from amounts the Director allocates to other county boards from appropriation item 653407, Medicaid Services.

SECTION 261.210. PAYMENT RATES FOR
HOMEMAKER/PERSONAL CARE SERVICES PROVIDED TO
QUALIFYING IO ENROLLEES

(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Converted facility" means an ICF/IID, or former ICF/IID, that converted some or all of its beds to providing home and community-based services under the IO Waiver pursuant to section 5124.60 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Developmental center" and "ICF/IID" have the same meanings as in section 5124.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) "IO Waiver" means the Medicaid waiver component, as defined in section 5166.01 of the Revised Code, known as Individual Options.

(4) "Medicaid provider" has the same meaning as in section 5164.01 of the Revised Code.

(5) "Public hospital" has the same meaning as in section 5122.01 of the Revised Code.

(6) "Qualifying IO enrollee" means an IO Waiver enrollee to whom all of the following apply:

(a) The enrollee resided in a developmental center, converted facility, or public hospital immediately before enrolling in the IO Wavier.

(b) The enrollee did not receive before July 1, 2011, routine homemaker/personal care services from the Medicaid provider that is to be paid the Medicaid rate authorized by this section for providing such services to the enrollee during the period specified in division (C) of this section.

(c) The Director of Developmental Disabilities has determined that the enrollee's special circumstances (including the enrollee's diagnosis, service needs, or length of stay at the developmental center, converted facility, or public hospital) warrants paying the Medicaid rate authorized by this section.

(B) The total Medicaid payment rate for each fifteen minutes of routine homemaker/personal care services that a Medicaid provider provides to a qualifying IO enrollee during the period specified in division (C) of this section shall be fifty-two cents higher than the Medicaid payment rate in effect on the day the services are provided for each fifteen minutes of routine homemaker/personal care services that a Medicaid provider provides to an IO enrollee who is not a qualifying IO enrollee.

(C) Division (B) of this section applies to the first twelve months, consecutive or otherwise, that a Medicaid provider, during the period beginning July 1, 2019, and ending July 1, 2021, provides routine homemaker/personal care services to a qualifying IO enrollee.

(D) Of the foregoing appropriation items 653407, Medicaid Services, and 653654, Medicaid Services, portions shall be used to pay the Medicaid payment rate determined in accordance with this section for routine homemaker/personal care services provided to qualifying IO enrollees.

SECTION 261.220. DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL RATE INCREASE

(A) As used in this section:

(1) "DD-administered waiver" means a Medicaid waiver component, as defined in section 5166.01 of the Revised Code, administered by the Department of Developmental Disabilities.

(2) "Direct support professional" means an individual who works directly with people with developmental disabilities.

(3) "Homemaker/personal care services" means the coordinated provision of a variety of services, supports, and supervision to which all of the following apply:

(a) They are necessary to ensure the health and welfare of an individual with a developmental disability who lives in the community.

(b) They advance the individual's independence within the individual's home and community.

(c) They help the individual meet daily living needs.

(B) The Medicaid payment rate for homemaker/personal care services provided by direct support professionals under a DD-administered waiver shall be the following:

(1) For the period beginning January 1, 2020, and ending January 1, 2021, \$12.82 per hour;

(2) For the period beginning January 1, 2021, and ending July 1, 2021, \$13.23 per hour.

SECTION 261.230. ICF/IID QUALITY INDICATORS WORKGROUP

(A) As used in this section, "ICF/IID" has the same meaning as in section 5124.01 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) The Director of Developmental Disabilities shall establish a workgroup to advise the Department of Developmental Disabilities on quality indicators used for awarding points to ICFs/IID under section 5124.24 of the Revised Code. The workgroup shall consist of at least one representative from each of the following as appointed by the Director:

(a) The Department of Developmental Disabilities;

(b) The Ohio Health Care Association;

(c) The Ohio Provider Resource Association;

(d) The Arc of Ohio;

(e) The Values of Faith Alliance;

(f) The Ohio Association of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities.

(2) Members of the workgroup shall serve without compensation or reimbursement, except to the extent that serving on the workgroup is part of their usual job duties.

(C) Not later than December 31, 2019, the workgroup shall submit to the Director a report containing recommended quality indicators to be used for awarding points to ICFs/IID under section 5124.24 of the Revised Code. In making its recommendations, the workgroup shall do all of the following:

(1) Recommend not more than five quality indicators;

(2) Recommend quality indicators that address aspects of ICF/IID services that individuals receiving services, their families, and their guardians consider to be important;

(3) Recommend quality indicators that can be calculated using data the Department already collects or that the Department can collect with minimal additional administrative burden on ICFs/IID;

(4) Consider utilizing a consumer satisfaction survey for one or more of the quality indicators and consider whether the National Core Indicators could be used for this purpose or if a new survey should be developed;

(5) Consider whether any quality indicators that the workgroup recommends should be adjusted for acuity and whether to recommend different quality indicators for ICFs/IID of different sizes or serving

different populations.

(D) The workgroup shall cease to exist on the submission of its report.

SECTION 265.10. EDU DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

General Revenue Fund

GRF 200321	Operating Expenses	\$	15,153,032	\$	16,565,951	
GRF 200408	Early Childhood Education	\$	68,116,789	\$	68,116,789	
GRF 200420	Information Technology Development and Support	\$	4,004,299	\$	4,026,960	
GRF 200422	School Management Assistance	\$	2,385,580	\$	2,408,711	
GRF 200424	Policy Analysis	\$	458,232	\$	457,676	
GRF 200426	Ohio Educational Computer Network	\$	15,457,000	\$	15,457,000	
GRF 200427	Academic Standards	\$	4,434,215	\$	4,483,525	
GRF 200437	Student Assessment	\$	56,906,893	\$	56,948,365	
GRF 200439	Accountability/Report Cards	\$	7,517,406	\$	7,565,320	
GRF 200442	Child Care Licensing	\$	2,156,322	\$	2,227,153	
GRF 200446	Education Management Information System	\$	8,112,987	\$	8,174,415	
GRF 200448	Educator Preparation	\$	11,785,384	\$	7,285,384	
GRF 200455	Community Schools and Choice Programs	\$	4,867,763	\$	4,912,546	
GRF 200465	Education Technology Resources	\$	5,179,664	\$	5,179,664	
GRF 200478	Industry-Recognized Credentials High School Students	\$	25,000,000	\$	25,000,000	
GRF 200502	Pupil Transportation	\$	527,129,809	\$	527,129,809	
GRF 200505	School Lunch Match	\$	8,963,500	\$	8,963,500	
GRF 200511	Auxiliary Services	\$	154,939,134	\$	154,939,134	
GRF 200532	Nonpublic Administrative Cost Reimbursement	\$	69,997,735	\$	69,997,735	
GRF 200540	Special Education Enhancements	\$	152,600,000	\$	152,850,000	
GRF 200545	Career-Technical Education Enhancements	\$	9,750,892	\$	9,750,892	
GRF 200550	Foundation Funding	\$	6,942,880,845	\$	6,774,618,845	
GRF 200566	Literacy Improvement	\$	1,452,876	\$	1,452,172	
GRF 200572	Adult Education Programs	\$	10,207,674	\$	10,207,674	
GRF 200573	EdChoice Expansion	\$	57,223,340	\$	121,017,418	
GRF 200574	Half-Mill Maintenance Equalization	\$	18,849,207	\$	18,128,526	
GRF 200576	Adaptive Sports Program	\$	250,000	\$	250,000	
GRF 200597	Program and Project Support	\$	1,125,000	\$	625,000	
GRF 657401	Medicaid in Schools	\$	297,978	\$	297,978	
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	8,187,203,556	\$	8,079,038,142	
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group						
4520	200638	Charges and Reimbursements	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
4550	200608	Commodity Foods	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
4L20	200681	Teacher Certification and	\$	13,795,827	\$	14,000,000

5980	200659	Licensure Auxiliary Services	\$	1,300,000	\$	1,300,000
		Reimbursement				
5H30	200687	School District Solvency Assistance	\$	2,000,000	\$	2,000,000
5KX0	200691	Ohio School Sponsorship Program	\$	1,250,000	\$	1,250,000
5MM0	200677	Child Nutrition Refunds	\$	550,000	\$	550,000
5U20	200685	National Education Statistics	\$	170,675	\$	175,000
5VS0	200604	Student Wellness and Success	\$	275,000,000	\$	400,000,000
5VU0	200663	School Bus Purchase	\$	0	\$	20,000,000
6200	200615	Educational Improvement Grants	\$	594,443	\$	600,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group			\$	296,660,945	\$	441,875,000
Internal Service Activity Fund Group						
1380	200606	Information Technology Development and Support	\$	7,939,104	\$	8,047,645
4R70	200695	Indirect Operational Support	\$	7,856,766	\$	7,856,766
4V70	200633	Interagency Program Support	\$	5,497,938	\$	5,500,000
TOTAL ISA Internal Service Activity Fund Group			\$	21,293,808	\$	21,404,411
State Lottery Fund Group						
7017	200602	School Climate Grants	\$	2,000,000	\$	2,000,000
7017	200612	Foundation Funding	\$	1,081,400,000	\$	1,249,900,000
7017	200614	Accelerate Great Schools	\$	1,500,000	\$	1,500,000
7017	200631	Quality Community Schools Support	\$	30,000,000	\$	30,000,000
7017	200636	Enrollment Growth Supplement	\$	15,500,000	\$	23,000,000
7017	200684	Community School Facilities	\$	20,600,000	\$	20,600,000
TOTAL SLF State Lottery Fund Group			\$	1,151,000,000	\$	1,327,000,000
Federal Fund Group						
3670	200607	School Food Services	\$	11,469,730	\$	11,897,473
3700	200624	Education of Exceptional Children	\$	2,000,000	\$	2,000,000
3AF0	657601	Schools Medicaid Administrative Claims	\$	295,500	\$	295,500
3AN0	200671	School Improvement Grants	\$	17,000,000	\$	17,000,000
3C50	200661	Early Childhood Education	\$	12,555,000	\$	12,555,000
3EH0	200620	Migrant Education	\$	2,700,000	\$	2,700,000
3EJ0	200622	Homeless Children Education	\$	3,295,203	\$	3,300,000
3FE0	200669	Striving Readers	\$	12,507,905	\$	12,511,000
3GE0	200674	Summer Food Service Program	\$	15,599,467	\$	16,342,299
3GG0	200676	Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	\$	4,911,207	\$	5,145,074
3HF0	200649	Federal Education Grants	\$	7,049,677	\$	7,056,327
3HI0	200634	Student Support and Academic Enrichment	\$	40,042,720	\$	40,042,720
3L60	200617	Federal School Lunch	\$	418,643,500	\$	430,837,000
3L70	200618	Federal School Breakfast	\$	158,726,966	\$	163,350,081
3L80	200619	Child/Adult Food Programs	\$	110,121,168	\$	113,328,580
3L90	200621	Career-Technical Education	\$	45,946,927	\$	46,000,000

		Basic Grant			
3M00	200623	ESEA Title 1A	\$	600,000,000	\$ 600,000,000
3M20	200680	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act	\$	454,770,591	\$ 455,000,000
3T40	200613	Public Charter Schools	\$	7,000,000	\$ 7,000,000
3Y20	200688	21st Century Community Learning Centers	\$	47,500,000	\$ 47,500,000
3Y60	200635	Improving Teacher Quality	\$	85,000,000	\$ 85,000,000
3Y70	200689	English Language Acquisition	\$	10,500,000	\$ 10,500,000
3Y80	200639	Rural and Low Income Technical Assistance	\$	3,600,000	\$ 3,600,000
3Z20	200690	State Assessments	\$	12,000,000	\$ 12,000,000
3Z30	200645	Consolidated Federal Grant Administration	\$	10,701,635	\$ 10,900,000
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group			\$	2,093,937,196	\$ 2,115,861,054
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$	11,750,095,505	\$ 11,985,178,607

SECTION 265.20. OPERATING EXPENSES

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200321, Operating Expenses, up to \$75,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed by the Department of Education to eligible districts pursuant to the section of this act entitled "FAFSA COMPLETION PROGRAM."

A portion of the foregoing appropriation item 200321, Operating Expenses, shall be used by the Department of Education to provide matching funds related to career-technical education under 20 U.S.C. 2321.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The Department of Education shall distribute the foregoing appropriation item 200408, Early Childhood Education, to pay the costs of early childhood education programs. The Department shall distribute such funds directly to qualifying providers.

(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Provider" means a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district; an educational service center; a community school sponsored by an exemplary sponsor; a chartered nonpublic school; an early childhood education child care provider licensed under Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code that participates in and meets at least the third highest tier of the Step Up to Quality program established pursuant to section 5104.29 of the Revised Code; or a combination of entities described in this paragraph.

(2) In the case of a city, local, or exempted village school district or early childhood education child care provider licensed under Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code, "new eligible provider" means a provider that did not receive state funding for Early Childhood Education in the previous fiscal year or demonstrates a need for early childhood programs as defined in

division (D) of this section.

(3) In the case of a community school, "new eligible provider" means any of the following:

(a) A community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code that is sponsored by a sponsor rated "exemplary" in accordance with section 3314.016 of the Revised Code that offers a child care program in accordance with sections 3301.50 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code that did not receive state funding for Early Childhood Education in the previous fiscal year;

(b) A community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code that satisfies all of the following criteria:

(i) It has received, on its most recent report card, either of the following:

(I) If the school offers any of grade levels four through twelve, a grade of "C" or better for the overall value-added progress dimension under division (C)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and for the performance index score under division (C)(1)(b) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code;

(II) If the school does not offer a grade level higher than three, a grade of "C" or better for making progress in improving literacy in grades kindergarten through three under division (C)(1)(g) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code.

(ii) It offers a child care program in accordance with sections 3301.50 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code.

(iii) It did not receive state funding for Early Childhood Education in the previous fiscal year.

(c) A community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code that is sponsored by a municipal school district and operates a program that uses the Montessori method endorsed by the American Montessori Society, the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education, or the Association Montessori Internationale as its primary method of instruction, as authorized by division (A) of section 3314.06 of the Revised Code, that did not receive state funding for Early Childhood Education in the previous year or demonstrates a need for early childhood programs as defined in division (D) of this section.

(4)(a) "Eligible child" means a child who is at least four years of age, is not of the age to be eligible for kindergarten, and whose family earns not more than two hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines as defined in division (A)(3) of section 5101.46 of the Revised Code. Children with an Individualized Education Program and where the Early Childhood Education program is the least restrictive environment may be enrolled on

their fourth birthday.

(b) If, on the first day of October of each fiscal year, a provider has remaining award funds after enrolling eligible children under division (A)(4)(a) of this section, the provider may seek approval from the Department to consider a child who is at least three years of age, is not of age to be eligible for kindergarten, and whose family earns not more than two hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines as an eligible child. Upon approval from the Department, the provider may use the remaining award funds to serve such three-year-old children as eligible children. Division (A)(4)(b) of this section does not apply to a provider described in division (A)(3)(c) of this section.

(5) "Early learning program standards" means early learning program standards for school readiness developed by the Department to assess the operation of early learning and development programs.

(6) "Early learning and development programs" has the same meaning as section 5104.29 of the Revised Code.

(B) In each fiscal year, up to two per cent of the total appropriation may be used by the Department for program support and technical assistance. The Department shall distribute the remainder of the appropriation in each fiscal year to serve eligible children.

(C) The Department shall provide an annual report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate and post the report to the Department's web site, regarding early childhood education programs operated under this section and the early learning program standards.

(D) After setting aside the amounts to make payments due from the previous fiscal year, in fiscal year 2020, the Department shall distribute funds first to recipients of funds for early childhood education programs under Section 265.20 of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly in the previous fiscal year and the balance to new eligible providers of early childhood education programs or to existing providers to serve more eligible children pursuant to division (E) of this section or for purposes of program expansion, improvement, or special projects to promote quality and innovation.

After setting aside the amounts to make payments due from the previous fiscal year, in fiscal year 2021, the Department shall distribute funds first to providers of early childhood education programs under this section in the previous fiscal year and the balance to new eligible providers or to existing providers to serve more eligible children as outlined under division (E) of this section or for purposes of program expansion, improvement, or special

projects to promote quality and innovation.

(E)(1) The Department shall distribute any new or remaining funding to existing providers of early childhood education programs or any new eligible providers in an effort to invest in high quality early childhood programs where there is a need as determined by the Department. The Department shall distribute the new or remaining funds to existing providers of early childhood education programs or any new eligible providers to serve additional eligible children based on community economic disadvantage, limited access to high quality preschool or childcare services, and demonstration of high quality preschool services as determined by the Department using new metrics developed pursuant to Ohio's Race to the Top—Early Learning Challenge Grant, awarded to the Department in December 2011.

(2) Awards under divisions (D) and (E) of this section shall be distributed on a per-pupil basis, and in accordance with division (I) of this section. The Department may adjust the per-pupil amount so that the per-pupil amount multiplied by the number of eligible children enrolled and receiving services on the first day of December or the business day closest to that date equals the amount allocated under this section.

(F) Costs for developing and administering an early childhood education program may not exceed fifteen per cent of the total approved costs of the program.

All providers shall maintain such fiscal control and accounting procedures as may be necessary to ensure the disbursement of, and accounting for, these funds. The control of funds provided in this program, and title to property obtained, shall be under the authority of the approved provider for purposes provided in the program unless, as described in division (K) of this section, the program waives its right for funding or a program's funding is eliminated or reduced due to its inability to meet financial or early learning program standards. The approved provider shall administer and use such property and funds for the purposes specified.

(G) The Department may examine a provider's financial and program records. If the financial practices of the program are not in accordance with standard accounting principles or do not meet financial standards outlined under division (F) of this section, or if the program fails to substantially meet the early learning program standards, meet a quality rating level in the Step Up to Quality program established pursuant to section 5104.29 of the Revised Code as prescribed by the Department, or exhibits below average performance as measured against the standards, the early childhood education program shall propose and implement a corrective action plan that

has been approved by the Department. The approved corrective action plan shall be signed by the chief executive officer and the executive of the official governing body of the provider. The corrective action plan shall include a schedule for monitoring by the Department. Such monitoring may include monthly reports, inspections, a timeline for correction of deficiencies, and technical assistance to be provided by the Department or obtained by the early childhood education program. The Department may withhold funding pending corrective action. If an early childhood education program fails to satisfactorily complete a corrective action plan, the Department may deny expansion funding to the program or withdraw all or part of the funding to the program and establish a new eligible provider through a selection process established by the Department.

(H)(1) If the early childhood education program is licensed by the Department of Education and is not highly rated, as determined by the Director of Job and Family Services, under the Step Up to Quality program established pursuant to section 5104.29 of the Revised Code, the program shall do all of the following:

(a) Meet teacher qualification requirements prescribed by section 3301.311 of the Revised Code;

(b) Align curriculum to the early learning content standards developed by the Department;

(c) Meet any child or program assessment requirements prescribed by the Department;

(d) Require teachers, except teachers enrolled and working to obtain a degree pursuant to section 3301.311 of the Revised Code, to attend a minimum of twenty hours every two years of professional development as prescribed by the Department;

(e) Document and report child progress as prescribed by the Department;

(f) Meet and report compliance with the early learning program standards as prescribed by the Department;

(g) Participate in the Step Up to Quality program established pursuant to section 5104.29 of the Revised Code.

(2) If the program is highly rated, as determined by the Director of Job and Family Services, under the Step Up to Quality program established pursuant to section 5104.29 of the Revised Code, the program shall comply with the requirements of that program.

(I) Per-pupil funding for programs subject to this section shall be sufficient to provide eligible children with services for a standard early childhood schedule which shall be defined in this section as a minimum of

twelve and one-half hours per school week as defined in section 3313.62 of the Revised Code for the minimum school year as defined in sections 3313.48, 3313.481, and 3313.482 of the Revised Code. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit program providers from utilizing other funds to serve eligible children in programs that exceed the twelve and one-half hours per week or that exceed the minimum school year. For any provider for which a standard early childhood education schedule creates a hardship or for which the provider shows evidence that the provider is working in collaboration with a preschool special education program, the provider may submit a waiver to the Department requesting an alternate schedule. If the Department approves a waiver for an alternate schedule that provides services for less time than the standard early childhood education schedule, the Department may reduce the provider's annual allocation proportionately. Under no circumstances shall an annual allocation be increased because of the approval of an alternate schedule.

(J) Each provider shall develop a sliding fee scale based on family incomes and shall charge families who earn more than two hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines, as defined in division (A)(3) of section 5101.46 of the Revised Code, for the early childhood education program.

The Department shall conduct an annual survey of each provider to determine whether the provider charges families tuition or fees, the amount families are charged relative to family income levels, and the number of families and students charged tuition and fees for the early childhood program.

(K) If an early childhood education program voluntarily waives its right for funding, or has its funding eliminated for not meeting financial standards or the early learning program standards, the provider shall transfer control of title to property, equipment, and remaining supplies obtained through the program to providers designated by the Department and return any unexpended funds to the Department along with any reports prescribed by the Department. The funding made available from a program that waives its right for funding or has its funding eliminated or reduced may be used by the Department for new grant awards or expansion grants. The Department may award new grants or expansion grants to eligible providers who apply. The eligible providers who apply must do so in accordance with the selection process established by the Department.

(L) Eligible expenditures for the Early Childhood Education Program shall be claimed each fiscal year to help meet the state's TANF maintenance of effort requirement. The Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Director of Job and Family Services shall enter into an interagency

agreement to carry out the requirements under this division, which shall include developing reporting guidelines for these expenditures.

(M)(1) The Department of Education and the Department of Job and Family Services shall continue to work toward establishing the following in common between early childhood education programs and publicly funded child care:

- (a) An application;
- (b) Program eligibility;
- (c) Funding;
- (d) An attendance policy;
- (e) An attendance tracking system.

(2) In accordance with section 5104.34 of the Revised Code, eligible families may receive publicly funded child care beyond the standard early childhood schedule defined in division (I) of this section.

(3) All providers, agencies, and school districts participating in the early childhood education program or providing care to eligible families beyond the standard early childhood schedule shall follow the common policies established under this division.

SECTION 265.30. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT

The foregoing appropriation item 200420, Information Technology Development and Support, shall be used to support the development and implementation of information technology solutions designed to improve the performance and services of the Department of Education. Funds may be used for personnel, maintenance, and equipment costs related to the development and implementation of these technical system projects. Implementation of these systems shall allow the Department to provide greater levels of assistance to school districts and to provide more timely information to the public, including school districts, administrators, and legislators. Funds may also be used to support data-driven decision-making and differentiated instruction, as well as to communicate academic content standards and curriculum models to schools through web-based applications.

SECTION 265.50. SCHOOL MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

The foregoing appropriation item 200422, School Management Assistance, shall be used by the Department of Education to provide fiscal technical assistance and inservice education for school district management personnel and to administer, monitor, and implement the fiscal caution,

fiscal watch, and fiscal emergency provisions under Chapter 3316. of the Revised Code.

SECTION 265.60. POLICY ANALYSIS

The foregoing appropriation item 200424, Policy Analysis, shall be used by the Department of Education to support a system of administrative, statistical, and legislative education information to be used for policy analysis. Staff supported by this appropriation shall administer the development of reports, analyses, and briefings to inform education policymakers of current trends in education practice, efficient and effective use of resources, and evaluation of programs to improve education results. A portion of these funds shall be used to maintain a longitudinal database to support the assessment of the impact of policies and programs on Ohio's education and workforce development systems. The research efforts supported by this appropriation item shall be used to supply information and analysis of data to and in consultation with the General Assembly and other state policymakers, including the Office of Budget and Management and the Legislative Service Commission.

A portion of the foregoing appropriation item, 200424, Policy Analysis, may be used by the Department to support the development and implementation of an evidence-based clearinghouse to support school improvement strategies as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act.

The Department may use funding from this appropriation item to purchase or contract for the development of software systems or contract for policy studies that will assist in the provision and analysis of policy-related information. Funding from this appropriation item also may be used to monitor and enhance quality assurance for research-based policy analysis and program evaluation to enhance the effective use of education information to inform education policymakers.

SECTION 265.70. OHIO EDUCATIONAL COMPUTER NETWORK

The foregoing appropriation item 200426, Ohio Educational Computer Network, shall be used by the Department of Education to maintain a system of information technology throughout Ohio and to provide technical assistance for such a system.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200426, Ohio Educational Computer Network, up to \$9,686,658 in each fiscal year shall be used by the Department to support connection of all public school buildings and participating chartered nonpublic schools to the state's education network, to

each other, and to the Internet. In each fiscal year, the Department shall use these funds to assist information technology centers or school districts with the operational costs associated with this connectivity. The Department shall develop a formula and guidelines for the distribution of these funds to information technology centers or individual school districts. As used in this section, "public school building" means a school building of any city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district, any community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, any college preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code, any STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, any educational service center building used for instructional purposes, the Ohio School for the Deaf and the Ohio School for the Blind, high schools chartered by the Ohio Department of Youth Services, or high schools operated by Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections' Ohio Central School System.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200426, Ohio Educational Computer Network, up to \$4,843,329 in each fiscal year shall be used, through a formula and guidelines devised by the Department, to support the activities of designated information technology centers, as defined by State Board of Education rules, to provide school districts and chartered nonpublic schools with computer-based student and teacher instructional and administrative information services, including approved computerized financial accounting, to ensure the effective operation of local automated administrative and instructional systems, and to monitor and support the quality of data submitted to the Department.

The remainder of appropriation item 200426, Ohio Educational Computer Network, shall be used to support the work of the development, maintenance, and operation of a network of uniform and compatible computer-based information systems as well as the teacher student linkage/roster verification process and systems to support electronic sharing of student records and transcripts between entities. This technical assistance shall include, but not be restricted to, development and maintenance of adequate computer software systems to support network activities. In order to improve the efficiency of network activities, the Department and information technology centers may jointly purchase equipment, materials, and services from funds provided under this appropriation for use by the network and, when considered practical by the Department, may utilize the services of appropriate state purchasing agencies.

SECTION 265.80. ACADEMIC STANDARDS

The foregoing appropriation item 200427, Academic Standards, shall be used by the Department of Education to develop and communicate to school districts academic content standards and curriculum models and to develop professional development programs and other tools on the new content standards and model curriculum. The Department shall use a portion of these funds in partnership with educational service centers, consistent with requirements of section 3312.01 of the Revised Code, in the development and delivery of professional development programs supported under this section.

SECTION 265.90. STUDENT ASSESSMENT

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200437, Student Assessment, up to \$2,760,000 in each fiscal year may be used to support the state's early learning assessment work and the assessments required under section 3301.0715 of the Revised Code.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200437, Student Assessment, up to \$543,168 in each fiscal year shall be used to reimburse a portion of the costs associated with Advanced Placement Tests for low-income students.

The remainder of appropriation item 200437, Student Assessment, shall be used to develop, field test, print, distribute, score, report results, and support other associated costs for the tests required under sections 3301.0710, 3301.0711, and 3301.0712 of the Revised Code and for similar purposes as required by section 3301.27 of the Revised Code. The funds may also be used to update and develop diagnostic assessments administered under sections 3301.079, 3301.0715, and 3313.608 of the Revised Code.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS FOR STUDENT ASSESSMENT

In fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021, if the Superintendent of Public Instruction determines that additional funds are needed to fully fund the requirements of sections 3301.0710, 3301.0711, 3301.0712, and 3301.27 of the Revised Code and this act for assessments of student performance, the Superintendent may recommend the reallocation of unexpended and unencumbered General Revenue Fund appropriations within the Department of Education to appropriation item 200437, Student Assessment, to the Director of Budget and Management. If the Director determines that such a reallocation is required, the Director may transfer unexpended and unencumbered appropriations within the Department of Education as necessary to appropriation item 200437, Student Assessment.

SECTION 265.100. ACCOUNTABILITY/REPORT CARDS

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200439, Accountability/Report Cards, a portion in each fiscal year shall be used to train district and regional specialists and district educators in the use of the value-added progress dimension and in the use of data as it relates to improving student achievement. This training may include teacher and administrator professional development in the use of data to improve instruction and student learning, and teacher and administrator training in understanding teacher value-added reports and how they can be used as a component in measuring teacher and administrator effectiveness. A portion of this funding shall be provided to educational service centers to support training and professional development under this section consistent with section 3312.01 of the Revised Code.

The remainder of appropriation item 200439, Accountability/Report Cards, shall be used by the Department of Education to incorporate a statewide value-added progress dimension into performance ratings for school districts and for the development of an accountability system that includes the preparation and distribution of school report cards, funding and expenditure accountability reports under sections 3302.03 and 3302.031 of the Revised Code, the development and maintenance of teacher value-added reports, the teacher student linkage/roster verification process, and the performance management section of the Department's web site required by section 3302.26 of the Revised Code.

CHILD CARE LICENSING

The foregoing appropriation item 200442, Child Care Licensing, shall be used by the Department of Education to license and to inspect preschool and school-age child care programs under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 265.110. EDUCATION MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

The foregoing appropriation item 200446, Education Management Information System, shall be used by the Department of Education to improve the Education Management Information System (EMIS).

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200446, Education Management Information System, up to \$400,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to support grants to information technology centers to provide professional development opportunities to district and school personnel related to the

EMIS, with a focus placed on data submission and data quality.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200446, Education Management Information System, up to \$725,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed to designated information technology centers for costs relating to processing, storing, and transferring data for the effective operation of the EMIS. These costs may include, but are not limited to, personnel, hardware, software development, communications connectivity, professional development, and support services.

The remainder of appropriation item 200446, Education Management Information System, shall be used to develop and support the data definitions and standards outlined in the EMIS guidelines adopted under section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code, to implement recommendations of the EMIS Advisory Council and the Superintendent of Public Instruction, to enhance data quality assurance practices, and to support responsibilities related to the school report cards prescribed by section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and value-added progress dimension calculations.

SECTION 265.120. EDUCATOR PREPARATION

(A) Of the foregoing appropriation item 200448, Educator Preparation, up to \$339,783 in each fiscal year may be used by the Department of Education to monitor and support Ohio's State System of Support, as defined by the Every Student Succeeds Act.

(B) Of the foregoing appropriation item 200448, Educator Preparation, up to \$67,957 in each fiscal year may be used by the Department to support the Educator Standards Board under section 3319.61 of the Revised Code and reforms under sections 3302.042, 3302.06 to 3302.068, 3302.12, and 3302.20 to 3302.22 of the Revised Code.

(C) Of the foregoing appropriation item 200448, Educator Preparation, \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed to Teach For America to increase recruitment of potential corps members, to train and develop first-year and second-year teachers in the Teach for America program in Ohio, and to support the ongoing development and impact of Teach for America alumni working in Ohio.

(D) Of the foregoing appropriation item 200448, Educator Preparation, \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be used for the Bright New Leaders for Ohio Schools Program administered by the Ohio State University Fisher College of Business and College of Education and Human Ecology pursuant to section 3319.272 of the Revised Code to provide an alternative path for individuals to receive training and development in the administration of primary and secondary education and leadership, enable those individuals to

earn degrees and obtain licenses in public school administration, and promote the placement of those individuals in public schools that have a poverty percentage greater than fifty per cent.

(E) Of the foregoing appropriation item 200448, Educator Preparation, \$200,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to support training for selected school staff through the FASTER Saves Lives Program for the purpose of stopping active shooters and treating casualties.

(F) Of the foregoing appropriation item 200448, Educator Preparation, \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be used by the Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, to award professional development grants to educational service centers to train educators and related school personnel in the model and tenants of prevention of risky behaviors, including substance abuse, suicide, bullying, and other harmful behaviors.

(G) Of the foregoing appropriation item 200448, Educator Preparation, up to \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2020 shall be used by the Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Higher Education, to provide awards to support coursework and content testing fees for currently licensed teachers to receive credentialing to teach computer science in accordance with division (B) of section 3319.236 of the Revised Code.

Awards made by the Department of Education shall be in the form of reimbursements paid directly to educators for the cost of the content examination or pedagogy courses required under division (B) of section 3319.236 of the Revised Code that are completed by the summer term of 2021. First priority shall be given to educators who agree to teach at least one remote computer science course at schools that lack access to computer science educators. Second priority shall be given to educators assigned to schools with greater than fifty per cent of students classified as economically disadvantaged and with limited or no teachers currently credentialed to teach computer science, both as determined by the Department.

Upon the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the approval of the Director of Budget and Management, an amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the amount set aside in this division at the end of fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated to the Department for the same purpose for fiscal year 2021.

(H) Of the foregoing appropriation item 200448, Educator Preparation, up to \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 shall be used by the Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Higher Education, to provide awards to support graduate coursework for high school teachers to

receive credentialing to teach College Credit Plus courses in a high school setting.

The Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Higher Education, shall develop an application process and criteria for awards. Priority shall be given to education consortia that include economically disadvantaged high schools in which there are limited or no teachers currently credentialed to teach College Credit Plus courses, as determined by the Department of Education, and a public or private college or university in Ohio.

Awards made by the Department of Education may support graduate coursework for high school teachers at a public or private college or university in Ohio leading to credentialing to teach college courses, as well as employment of teachers credentialed to teach college courses as a bridging strategy until a sufficient number of teachers at the high school hold the required credentials.

Upon the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the approval of the Director of Budget and Management, an amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the amount set aside in this division at the end of fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2021.

(I) Of the foregoing appropriation item 200448, Educator Preparation, up to \$500,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to support the SmartOhio Financial Literacy Program at the University of Cincinnati.

(J) Of the foregoing appropriation item 200448, Educator Preparation, \$300,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed to the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden to support the zoo's educational programming and scholarships for economically disadvantaged students.

(K) Of the foregoing appropriation item 200448, Educator Preparation, \$125,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed to the PAST Foundation for the STEM Educator Professional Development Collaborative to provide professional development and strategic training for teachers in STEM fields that is tailored to each region of the state.

(L) Of the foregoing appropriation item 200448, Educator Preparation, \$100,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed to The Childhood League Center to provide intensive early intervention and educational services in Franklin County, to support the Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters (PLAY) Project in underserved counties, and to provide services and training for providers and families.

(M) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, awards under this section may be used by recipients for award-related expenses incurred

for a period not to exceed two years from the date of the award according to guidelines established by the Department of Education.

(N) The remainder of the foregoing appropriation item 200448, Educator Preparation, may be used for implementation of teacher and principal evaluation systems, including incorporation of student growth as a metric in those systems, and teacher value-added reports. A portion of this funding shall be provided to educational service centers, consistent with requirements of section 3312.01 of the Revised Code, in the development and delivery of professional development programs supported under this section.

SECTION 265.130. COMMUNITY SCHOOLS AND CHOICE PROGRAMS

The foregoing appropriation item 200455, Community Schools and Choice Programs, may be used by the Department of Education for operation of the school choice programs.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200455, Community Schools and Choice Programs, a portion in each fiscal year may be used by the Department for developing and conducting training sessions for community schools and sponsors and prospective sponsors of community schools as prescribed in division (A)(1) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code, and other schools participating in school choice programs.

SECTION 265.140. EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200465, Education Technology Resources, up to \$2,500,000 in each fiscal year shall be used for the Union Catalog and InfOhio Network and to support the provision of electronic resources with priority given to resources that support the teaching of state academic content standards in all public schools. Consideration shall be given by the Department of Education to coordinating the allocation of these moneys with the efforts of Libraries Connect Ohio, whose members include OhioLINK, the Ohio Public Information Network, and the State Library of Ohio.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200465, Education Technology Resources, up to \$1,778,879 in each fiscal year shall be used by the Department to provide grants to educational television stations working with partner education technology centers to provide Ohio public schools with instructional resources and services, with priority given to resources and services aligned with state academic content standards. Such resources and

services shall be based upon the advice and approval of the Department, based on a formula developed in consultation with Ohio's educational television stations and educational technology centers.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200465, Education Technology Resources, \$200,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed to the Ohio School Digital Literacy Program to support digital learning tools, digital resources, technical support, and professional development. The program shall do all of the following:

(A) Provide a K-8 program of study for students to learn essential digital literacy skills including computer fundamentals, computational thinking, keyboarding, digital citizenship and online safety, web browsing, email and online communication, visual mapping, word processing, spreadsheets, databases, and presentations;

(B) Provide teachers with the ability to measure student digital literacy growth; and

(C) Allow for the integration of digital literacy instruction aligned to state standards, if applicable, into core content subjects such as mathematics, English language arts, science, and social studies.

The remainder of the foregoing appropriation item 200465, Education Technology Resources, may be used to support training, technical support, guidance, and assistance with compliance reporting to school districts and public libraries applying for federal E-Rate funds; for oversight and guidance of school district technology plans; for support to district technology personnel; and for support of the development, maintenance, and operation of a network of uniform and compatible computer-based information and instructional systems.

SECTION 265.145. INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200478, Industry-Recognized Credentials High School Students, up to \$8,000,000 in each fiscal year may be used by the Department of Education to support payments to city, local, and exempted village school districts, community schools, STEM schools, and joint vocational school districts whose students earn an industry-recognized credential or receive a journeyman certification recognized by the United States Department of Labor. The educating entity shall be required to inform students enrolled in career-technical education courses that lead to an industry-recognized credential about the opportunity to earn these credentials. The Department of Education shall work with the Department of Higher Education and the Governor's Office of Workforce

Transformation to develop a schedule for reimbursement based on the Department of Education's list of industry-recognized credentials, the time it takes to earn the credential, and the cost to obtain the credential. The educating entity shall pay for the cost of the credential and may claim and receive reimbursement. The educating entity may claim reimbursement based on the Department of Education's reimbursement schedule up to six months after the student has graduated from high school. If the amount appropriated is not sufficient, the Department shall prorate the amounts so that the aggregate amount appropriated is not exceeded.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200478, Industry-Recognized Credentials High School Students, up to \$12,500,000 in each fiscal year may be used by the Department of Education and the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation to establish and operate the Innovative Workforce Incentive Program. In establishing the program, the Office of Workforce Transformation shall maintain a list of credentials that qualify for the program. The Department of Education shall pay each city, local, and exempted village school district, community school, STEM school, and joint vocational school district an amount equal to \$1,250 for each qualifying credential earned by a student attending the district or school during each fiscal year. If the amount appropriated is not sufficient, the Department shall prorate the amounts so that the aggregate amount appropriated is not exceeded.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200478, Industry-Recognized Credentials High School Students, up to \$4,500,000 in each fiscal year may be used by the Department of Education to establish a program to assist city, local, and exempted village school districts, community schools, STEM schools, and joint vocational school districts in establishing credentialing programs that qualify for the Innovative Workforce Incentive Program. The Department shall prioritize senior-only credentialing programs in schools that currently do not operate such programs.

SECTION 265.150. PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200502, Pupil Transportation, up to \$838,930 in each fiscal year may be used by the Department of Education for training prospective and experienced school bus drivers in accordance with training programs prescribed by the Department. A portion of these funds may also be used to pay for costs associated with the enrollment of bus drivers in the retained applicant fingerprint database.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200502, Pupil Transportation, up to \$60,469,220 in each fiscal year may be used by the Department for special

education transportation reimbursements to school districts and county DD boards for transportation operating costs as provided in divisions (C) and (F) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code, in accordance with the section of this act entitled "OPERATING FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 and 2021."

The remainder of the foregoing appropriation item 200502, Pupil Transportation, shall be used to fund the transportation payments included in the state funding allocation under division (A)(2) of the section of this act entitled "FUNDING FOR CITY, LOCAL, AND EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS."

PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TRANSPORTATION

For purposes of division (D) of section 3327.02 of the Revised Code, if a parent, guardian, or other person in charge of a pupil accepts an offer from a school district of payment in lieu of providing transportation for the pupil, the school district shall pay that parent, guardian, or other person an amount that shall be not less than \$250 and not more than the amount determined by the Department as the average cost of pupil transportation for the previous school year. Payment may be prorated if the time period involved is only a part of the school year.

SECTION 265.160. SCHOOL LUNCH MATCH

The foregoing appropriation item 200505, School Lunch Match, shall be used to provide matching funds to obtain federal funds for the school lunch program.

Any remaining appropriation after providing matching funds for the school lunch program may be used to partially reimburse school buildings within school districts that are required to have a school breakfast program under section 3313.813 of the Revised Code, at a rate decided by the Department.

SECTION 265.170. AUXILIARY SERVICES

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200511, Auxiliary Services, up to \$2,600,000 in each fiscal year may be used for payment of the College Credit Plus Program for nonpublic secondary school participants. The Department of Education shall distribute these funds according to rule 3333-1-65.8 of the Administrative Code, adopted by the Department of Higher Education pursuant to division (A) of section 3365.071 of the Revised Code.

The remainder of the foregoing appropriation item 200511, Auxiliary

Services, shall be used by the Department for the purpose of implementing sections 3317.06 and 3317.062 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 265.180. NONPUBLIC ADMINISTRATIVE COST REIMBURSEMENT

The foregoing appropriation item 200532, Nonpublic Administrative Cost Reimbursement, shall be used by the Department of Education for the purpose of implementing section 3317.063 of the Revised Code. Notwithstanding section 3317.063 of the Revised Code, payments made by the Department for this purpose shall not exceed four hundred forty-six dollars per student for each school year.

SECTION 265.190. SPECIAL EDUCATION ENHANCEMENTS

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200540, Special Education Enhancements, up to \$33,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to fund special education and related services at county boards of developmental disabilities for eligible students under section 3317.20 of the Revised Code, in accordance with the section of this act entitled "OPERATING FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 and 2021," and at institutions for eligible students under section 3317.201 of the Revised Code. If necessary, the Department of Education shall proportionately reduce the amount calculated for each county board of developmental disabilities and institution so as not to exceed the amount appropriated in each fiscal year.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200540, Special Education Enhancements, up to \$1,350,000 in each fiscal year shall be used for parent mentoring programs.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200540, Special Education Enhancements, up to \$3,000,000 in each fiscal year may be used for school psychology interns.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200540, Special Education Enhancements, the Department shall transfer \$3,250,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$3,500,000 in fiscal year 2021 to the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency. The transfer shall be made via an intrastate transfer voucher. The transferred funds shall be used by the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency as state matching funds to draw down available federal funding for vocational rehabilitation services. Total project funding shall be used to hire dedicated vocational rehabilitation counselors who shall work directly with school districts to provide transition services for students with disabilities. Services shall include vocational rehabilitation

services such as person-centered career planning, summer work experiences, job placement, and retention services for mutually eligible students with disabilities.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Executive Director of the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency shall enter into an interagency agreement that shall specify the responsibilities of each agency under the program. Under the interagency agreement, the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency shall retain responsibility for all nondelegable functions, including eligibility and order of selection determination, individualized plan for employment (IPE) approval, IPE amendments, case closure, and release of vendor payments.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200540, Special Education Enhancements, up to \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be used by the Department of Education to build capacity to deliver a regional system of training, support, coordination, and direct service for secondary transition services for students with disabilities beginning at fourteen years of age. These special education enhancements shall support all students with disabilities, regardless of partner agency eligibility requirements, to provide stand-alone direct secondary transition services by school districts. Secondary transition services shall include, but not be limited to, job exploration counseling, work-based learning experiences, counseling on opportunities for enrollment in comprehensive transition or post-secondary educational programs at institutions of higher education, workplace readiness training to develop occupational skills, social skills and independent living skills, and instruction in self-advocacy. Regional training shall support the expansion of transition to work endorsement opportunities for middle school and secondary level special education intervention specialists in order to develop the necessary skills and competencies to meet the secondary transition needs of students with disabilities beginning at fourteen years of age.

The remainder of appropriation item 200540, Special Education Enhancements, shall be distributed by the Department of Education to school districts and institutions, as defined in section 3323.091 of the Revised Code, for preschool special education funding under section 3317.0213 of the Revised Code, in accordance with the section of this act entitled "OPERATING FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 and 2021."

The Department may reimburse school districts and institutions for services provided by instructional assistants, related services, as defined in rule 3301-51-11 of the Administrative Code, physical therapy services provided by a licensed physical therapist or physical therapist assistant

under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist, as required under Chapter 4755. of the Revised Code and Chapter 4755-27 of the Administrative Code, and occupational therapy services provided by a licensed occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist, as required under Chapter 4755. of the Revised Code and Chapter 4755-7 of the Administrative Code. Nothing in this section authorizes occupational therapy assistants or physical therapist assistants to generate or manage their own caseloads.

The Department shall require school districts, educational service centers, county DD boards, and institutions serving preschool children with disabilities to adhere to Ohio's early learning program standards, participate in the Step Up to Quality program established pursuant to section 5104.29 of the Revised Code, and document child progress using research-based indicators prescribed by the Department and report results annually. The reporting dates and method shall be determined by the Department. All programs shall be rated through the Step Up to Quality program.

SECTION 265.200. CAREER-TECHNICAL EDUCATION ENHANCEMENTS

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200545, Career-Technical Education Enhancements, up to \$2,563,568 in each fiscal year shall be used to fund secondary career-technical education at institutions, the Ohio School for the Deaf, and the Ohio State School for the Blind using a grant-based methodology, notwithstanding section 3317.05 of the Revised Code.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200545, Career-Technical Education Enhancements, up to \$2,686,474 in each fiscal year shall be used by the Department of Education to fund competitive grants to tech prep consortia that expand the number of students enrolled in tech prep programs. These grant funds shall be used to directly support expanded tech prep programs provided to students enrolled in school districts, including joint vocational school districts, and affiliated higher education institutions. This support may include the purchase of equipment.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200545, Career-Technical Education Enhancements, up to \$3,000,850 in each fiscal year shall be used by the Department to support existing High Schools That Work (HSTW) sites, develop and support new sites, fund technical assistance, and support regional centers and middle school programs. The purpose of HSTW is to combine challenging academic courses and modern career-technical studies to raise the academic achievement of students. HSTW provides intensive technical assistance, focused staff development, targeted assessment

services, and ongoing communications and networking opportunities.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200545, Career-Technical Education Enhancements, up to \$600,000 in each fiscal year shall be used by the Department to enable students in agricultural programs to enroll in a fifth quarter of instruction based on the agricultural education model of delivering work-based learning through supervised agricultural experience. The Department shall determine eligibility criteria and the reporting process for the Agriculture 5th Quarter Project and shall fund as many programs as possible given the set-aside. The eligibility criteria developed by the Department shall allow these funds to support supervised agricultural experience that occurs anytime outside of the regular school day.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200545, Career-Technical Education Enhancements, up to \$550,000 in each fiscal year may be used to support career planning and reporting through the OhioMeansJobs web site.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200545, Career-Technical Education Enhancements, \$100,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to support Jobs for Ohio's Graduates.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200545, Career-Technical Education Enhancements, \$150,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to prepare students for careers in culinary arts and restaurant management under the Ohio ProStart school restaurant program.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200545, Career-Technical Education Enhancements, \$100,000 in each fiscal year shall be used for a pre-apprenticeship program at Creative Builders Trades Academy.

SECTION 265.210. FOUNDATION FUNDING

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200550, Foundation Funding, up to \$40,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to provide additional state aid to school districts, joint vocational school districts, community schools, and STEM schools for special education students under division (C)(3) of section 3314.08, section 3317.0214 and division (B) of section 3317.16 in accordance with the section of this act entitled "OPERATING FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 and 2021," and section 3326.34 of the Revised Code, except that the Controlling Board may increase these amounts if presented with such a request from the Department of Education at the final meeting of the fiscal year.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200550, Foundation Funding, up to \$3,800,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to fund gifted education at educational service centers. The Department shall distribute the funding through the unit-based funding methodology in place under division (L) of

section 3317.024, division (E) of section 3317.05, and divisions (A), (B), and (C) of section 3317.053 of the Revised Code as they existed prior to fiscal year 2010.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200550, Foundation Funding, up to \$40,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be reserved to fund the state reimbursement of educational service centers under the section of this act entitled "EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTERS FUNDING."

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200550, Foundation Funding, up to \$3,500,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed to educational service centers for School Improvement Initiatives and for the provision of technical assistance to schools and districts consistent with requirements of section 3312.01 of the Revised Code. The Department may distribute these funds through a competitive grant process.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200550, Foundation Funding, up to \$7,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be reserved for payments under section 3317.029 of the Revised Code, in accordance with the section of this act entitled "OPERATING FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 and 2021." If this amount is not sufficient, the Superintendent of Public Instruction may reallocate excess funds for other purposes supported by this appropriation item in order to fully pay the amounts required by that section, provided that the aggregate amount appropriated in appropriation item 200550, Foundation Funding, is not exceeded.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200550, Foundation Funding, up to \$26,400,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to support school choice programs.

Of the portion of the funds distributed to the Cleveland Municipal School District under this section, up to \$23,501,887 in each fiscal year shall be used to operate the school choice program in the Cleveland Municipal School District under sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code. Notwithstanding divisions (B) and (C) of section 3313.978 and division (C) of section 3313.979 of the Revised Code, up to \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year of this amount shall be used by the Cleveland Municipal School District to provide tutorial assistance as provided in division (H) of section 3313.974 of the Revised Code. The Cleveland Municipal School District shall report the use of these funds in the district's three-year continuous improvement plan as described in section 3302.04 of the Revised Code in a manner approved by the Department.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200550, Foundation Funding, up to \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year may be used for payment of the College Credit Plus Program for students instructed at home pursuant to section

3321.04 of the Revised Code. An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of this earmark at the end of fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2021.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200550, Foundation Funding, an amount shall be available in each fiscal year to be paid to joint vocational school districts in accordance with the section of this act entitled "FUNDING FOR JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS."

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200550, Foundation Funding, up to \$700,000 in each fiscal year shall be used by the Department for a program to pay for educational services for youth who have been assigned by a juvenile court or other authorized agency to any of the facilities described in division (A) of the section of this act entitled "PRIVATE TREATMENT FACILITY PROJECT."

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200550, Foundation Funding, a portion may be used to pay college-preparatory boarding schools the per pupil boarding amount pursuant to section 3328.34 of the Revised Code.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200550, Foundation Funding, a portion in each fiscal year shall be used to pay community schools and STEM schools the amounts calculated for the graduation and third-grade reading bonuses under sections 3314.085 and 3326.41 of the Revised Code, in accordance with the sections of this act entitled "FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS" and "FUNDING FOR STEM SCHOOLS."

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200550, Foundation Funding, up to \$1,172,000 in fiscal year 2020 and up to \$1,760,000 in fiscal year 2021 may be used by the Department for duties and activities related to the establishment of academic distress commissions under section 3302.10 of the Revised Code, to provide support and assistance to academic distress commissions to further their duties under Chapter 3302. of the Revised Code, and to provide technical assistance and tools to support districts subject to academic distress commissions.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200550, Foundation Funding, up to \$350,000 in fiscal year 2020 shall be used by the Department of Education to conduct return on investment studies for programming funded through student success and wellness funds and to provide technical assistance to school districts on implementing these strategies.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200550, Foundation Funding, up to \$100,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to make payments under section 3314.06 of the Revised Code to each community school that operates a program that uses the Montessori method endorsed by the American Montessori society, the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher

Education, or the Association Montessori Internationale as its primary method of instruction for students younger than four years of age who are enrolled in the school.

The remainder of the foregoing appropriation item 200550, Foundation Funding, shall be used to fund the payments included in the state funding allocation under division (A)(1) of the section of this act entitled "FUNDING FOR CITY, LOCAL, AND EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS."

Appropriation items 200502, Pupil Transportation, 200540, Special Education Enhancements, and 200550, Foundation Funding, other than specific set-asides, are collectively used in each fiscal year to pay state formula aid obligations for school districts, community schools, STEM schools, college preparatory boarding schools, and joint vocational school districts under this act. The first priority of these appropriation items, with the exception of specific set-asides, is to fund state formula aid obligations. It may be necessary to reallocate funds among these appropriation items or use excess funds from other general revenue fund appropriation items in the Department of Education's budget, including appropriation item 200903, Property Tax Reimbursement - Education, in each fiscal year in order to meet state formula aid obligations. If it is determined that it is necessary to transfer funds among these appropriation items or to transfer funds from other General Revenue Fund appropriations in the Department's budget to meet state formula aid obligations, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall seek approval from the Director of Budget and Management to transfer funds as needed.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall make payments, transfers, and deductions, as authorized by Title XXXIII of the Revised Code in amounts substantially equal to those made in the prior year, or otherwise, at the discretion of the Superintendent, until at least the effective date of the amendments and enactments made to Title XXXIII by this act. Any funds paid to districts or schools under this section shall be credited toward the annual funds calculated for the district or school after the changes made to Title XXXIII in this act are effective. Upon the effective date of changes made to Title XXXIII in this act, funds shall be calculated as an annual amount.

SECTION 265.215. OPERATING FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 and 2021

(A) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code, the Department of Education shall make no payments under

that chapter for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 except as prescribed in this section and the sections of this act entitled "FUNDING FOR CITY, LOCAL, AND EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS" and "FUNDING FOR JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS."

(B) Each school district and educational service center shall report student enrollment data as prescribed by section 3317.03 of the Revised Code, which data the Department shall use to make payments under Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code and the sections of this act entitled "FUNDING FOR CITY, LOCAL, AND EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS" and "FUNDING FOR JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS."

(C) The tax commissioner shall report data regarding tax valuation and receipts for school districts as prescribed by sections 3317.015, 3317.021, 3317.025, 3317.028, 3317.029, 3317.0210, 3317.0211, and 3317.08, which data the Department shall use to make payments under Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code and the sections of this act entitled "FUNDING FOR CITY, LOCAL, AND EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS" and "FUNDING FOR JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS."

(D) Unless otherwise specified by another provision of law, in addition to the payments prescribed by the sections of this act entitled "FUNDING FOR CITY, LOCAL, AND EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS" and "FUNDING FOR JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS," the Department shall continue to make payments or adjustments for each of fiscal years 2020 and 2021 under the following provisions of Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code:

(1) All payments or adjustments under section 3317.023 of the Revised Code;

(2) All payments or adjustments under section 3317.024 of the Revised Code;

(3) Payments under section 3317.029 of the Revised Code. Notwithstanding division (A)(2)(d) of section 3317.029, for purposes of these payments, a city, local, or exempted village school district's "state education aid" for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 shall be the payment made to the district under the section of this act entitled "FUNDING FOR CITY, LOCAL, AND EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS."

(4) Preschool special education payments under section 3317.0213 of the Revised Code;

(5) The catastrophic cost reimbursement under section 3317.0214 of the Revised Code;

(6) Payments under sections 3317.06, 3317.062, 3317.063, and

3317.064 of the Revised Code;

(7) The catastrophic cost reimbursement under division (B) of section 3317.16 of the Revised Code and excess cost reimbursements under division (C) of that section. No other payments shall be made under that section.

(8) Adjustments under section 3317.18 of the Revised Code;

(9) Payments to cooperative education school districts under section 3317.19 of the Revised Code;

(10) Payments to county boards of developmental disabilities under section 3317.20 of the Revised Code;

(11) Payments to state institutions for special education funding under section 3317.201 of the Revised Code.

(E) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code, for purposes of computing the payments under that chapter for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 authorized under this section for which the "state share index" or "state share percentage" is a factor, the Department shall use the state share index or state share percentage, as applicable, computed for each district for fiscal year 2019.

(F) For fiscal years 2020 and 2021, when calculating payments under Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code as authorized under this section, and for purposes of sections 3310.09, 3313.98, 3313.981, 3314.08, 3315.18, 3326.31, 3326.33, and 3365.01 of the Revised Code and any other provision of law with respect to education financing:

(1) The "formula amount" equals \$6,020 for fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

(2) The special education catastrophic cost threshold for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 is \$27,375 for students in categories two through five special education ADM and \$32,850 for students in category six special education ADM.

(G) This section does not affect the provisions of sections 3317.0219, 3317.031, 3317.032, 3317.033, 3317.034, 3317.035, 3317.036, 3317.061, 3317.07, 3317.08, 3317.081, 3317.082, 3317.09, 3317.10, 3317.12, 3317.13, 3317.14, 3317.141, 3317.15, 3317.161, 3317.163, 3317.23, 3317.231, 3317.24, 3317.25, 3317.26, 3317.27, 3317.30, 3317.40, 3317.50, 3317.51, and 3317.60 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 265.220. FUNDING FOR CITY, LOCAL, AND EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS

(A) Subject to Section 265.227 of this act, for each of fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the Department of Education shall pay each city, local, and exempted village school district an amount equal to the sum of the following:

(1) The district's payments for fiscal year 2019 under section 3317.022 of the Revised Code and Section 265.220 of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly;

(2) The district's payments for fiscal year 2019 under section 3317.0212 and division (D)(2) of section 3314.091 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) For purposes of division (B) of this section:

(a) "Eligible school district" means a city, local, or exempted village school district with an enrolled ADM greater than or equal to fifty.

(b) "Enrolled ADM" has the same meaning as in section 3317.0219 of the Revised Code as enacted by this act.

(2) For each of fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the Department of Education shall pay each eligible school district an additional amount calculated as follows:

(a) Determine the district's percentage of change in enrolled ADM between fiscal years 2016 and 2017, fiscal years 2017 and 2018, and fiscal years 2018 and 2019;

(b) Calculate the average of the percentage of changes in enrolled ADM determined for the district under division (B)(2)(a) of this section;

(c) Compute the district's payment as follows:

The district's average percentage calculated under division (B)(2)(b) of this section X 100 X the district's enrolled ADM for fiscal year 2019 X \$20, for fiscal year 2020, or \$30, for fiscal year 2021

If the result of the calculation for a district under division (B)(2)(c) of this section is less than zero, the district shall not receive a payment under division (B) of this section.

SECTION 265.225. FUNDING FOR JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Subject to Section 265.227 of this act, for each of fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the Department of Education shall pay each joint vocational school district an amount equal to the district's payments for fiscal year 2019 under section 3317.16 of the Revised Code and Section 265.230 of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly.

SECTION 265.227. If a city, local, or exempted village school district provided career-technical education pursuant to division (A)(1) of section 3313.90 of the Revised Code in fiscal year 2019 but the district enters into an agreement pursuant to division (A)(2) of section 3313.90 of the Revised Code with a joint vocational school district to provide that career-technical

education beginning in fiscal year 2020, the Department of Education shall adjust the amounts paid to those districts for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 under division (A) of the section of this act entitled "FUNDING FOR CITY, LOCAL, AND EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS" and the section of this act entitled "FUNDING FOR JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS" to account for the decrease in students served by the city, local, or exempted village school district and the increase in students served by the joint vocational school district. This adjustment shall be equal to the following amount:

(The amount paid to the city, local, or exempted village school district under divisions (A)(8) and (9) of section 3317.022 of the Revised Code for fiscal year 2019 + the amount paid to the city, local, or exempted village school district under division (C) of Section 265.220 of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly for fiscal year 2019) – (the amount deducted from the district under division (C)(1)(g) of section 3314.08 of the Revised Code and division (G) of section 3326.33 of the Revised Code for fiscal year 2019)

In doing so, the Department shall not, however, increase the aggregate amount of foundation aid paid under division (A) of the section of this act entitled "FUNDING FOR CITY, LOCAL, AND EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS" and the section of this act entitled "FUNDING FOR JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS."

SECTION 265.230. FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

(A) For each of fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the Department of Education shall make the deductions and payments for each student enrolled in a community school, established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, in the manner prescribed by division (C) of section 3314.08 and division (D) of section 3314.091 of the Revised Code, except that, for each of those fiscal years:

(1) The "formula amount" shall equal the amount specified in division (F)(1) of the section of this act entitled "OPERATING FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 and 2021."

(2) "State education aid" for a school district from which a deduction is made shall mean the amount paid to the district for that fiscal year under the section of this act entitled "FUNDING FOR CITY, LOCAL, AND EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS."

(3) The per pupil amount deducted from a district and paid to a

community school under divisions (C)(1)(b) and (e) of section 3314.08 and division (D) of section 3314.091 of the Revised Code shall be the same respective per pupil amounts deducted and paid under those divisions for fiscal year 2019.

(B) For each of fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the Department shall pay each community school graduation and third grade reading bonuses in accordance with section 3314.085 of the Revised Code, except that, for each of those fiscal years, the "formula amount" shall equal the amount specified in division (F)(1) of the section of this act entitled "OPERATING FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021."

SECTION 265.235. FUNDING FOR STEM SCHOOLS

(A) For each of fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the Department of Education shall make the deductions and payments for each student enrolled in a STEM school, established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, in the manner prescribed by section 3326.33 of the Revised Code, except that, for each of those fiscal years:

(1) The "formula amount" shall equal the amount specified in division (F)(1) of the section of this act entitled "OPERATING FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 and 2021."

(2) "State education aid" for a school district from which a deduction is made shall mean the amount paid to the district for that fiscal year under the section of this act entitled "FUNDING FOR CITY, LOCAL, AND EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS."

(3) The per pupil amount deducted from a district and paid to a STEM school under divisions (B) and (E) of section 3326.33 of the Revised Code shall be the same respective per pupil amount deducted and paid under those divisions for fiscal year 2019.

(B) For each of fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the Department shall pay each STEM school graduation and third grade reading bonuses in accordance with section 3326.41 of the Revised Code, except that, for each of those fiscal years, the "formula amount" shall equal the amount specified in division (F)(1) of the section of this act entitled "OPERATING FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021."

SECTION 265.240. LITERACY IMPROVEMENT

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200566, Literacy Improvement, up to \$100,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to support the Read, Baby, Read! Program.

The remainder of the foregoing appropriation item 200566, Literacy Improvement, shall be used by the Department of Education to support early literacy activities to align state, local, and federal efforts in order to bolster all students' reading success. Funds shall be distributed to educational service centers to establish and support regional literacy professional development teams consistent with section 3312.01 of the Revised Code. A portion of the funds may be used by the Department for program administration, monitoring, technical assistance, support, research, and evaluation.

SECTION 265.250. ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200572, Adult Education Programs, up to \$6,900,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to make payments under sections 3314.38, 3317.23, 3317.24, and 3345.86 of the Revised Code.

A portion of the foregoing appropriation item 200572, Adult Education Programs, shall be used in each fiscal year to make payments to institutions participating in the Adult Diploma Pilot Program under section 3313.902 of the Revised Code and to pay career-technical planning districts for the amounts reimbursed to students, as prescribed in this section.

Each career-technical planning district shall reimburse individuals taking a nationally recognized high school equivalency examination approved by the Department of Education for the first time for application fees, examination fees, or both, in excess of \$40, up to a maximum reimbursement per individual of \$80. Each career-technical planning district shall designate a site or sites where individuals may register and take an approved examination. For each individual who registers for an approved examination, the career-technical planning district shall make available and offer career counseling services, including information on adult education programs that are available. A portion of the appropriation item may be reimbursed to the Department of Youth Services and the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction for individuals in these facilities who have taken an approved examination for the first time. The amounts reimbursed shall not exceed the per-individual amounts reimbursed to other individuals under this section for an approved examination.

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the unexpended balance of appropriations for payments under sections 3313.902, 3314.38, 3317.23, 3317.24, and 3345.86 of the Revised Code at the end of each fiscal year may be encumbered by the Department of Education and remain available for payment for a period not to exceed two years from the end of each fiscal year in which the funds were originally appropriated, in

accordance with guidelines established by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

A portion of the foregoing appropriation item 200572, Adult Education Programs, may be used for program administration, technical assistance, support, research, and evaluation of adult education programs, including high school equivalency examinations approved by the Department of Education.

SECTION 265.260. EDCHOICE EXPANSION

The foregoing appropriation item 200573, EdChoice Expansion, shall be used to provide for the scholarships awarded under the expansion of the educational choice program established under section 3310.032 of the Revised Code. The number of scholarships awarded under the expansion of the educational choice program shall not exceed the number that can be funded with the appropriations made by the General Assembly for this purpose.

HALF-MILL MAINTENANCE EQUALIZATION

The foregoing appropriation item 200574, Half-Mill Maintenance Equalization, shall be used to make payments pursuant to section 3318.18 of the Revised Code.

ADAPTIVE SPORTS PROGRAM

The foregoing appropriation item 200576, Adaptive Sports Program, shall be used by the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Adaptive Sports Program of Ohio, to fund adaptive sports programs in school districts across the state.

PROGRAM AND PROJECT SUPPORT

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200597, Program and Project Support, \$500,000 in fiscal year 2020 shall be distributed to Tri-State Early College STEM School to provide additional support for facility renovations and operations, including professional development, educational materials, equipment, marketing, and recruitment.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200597, Program and Project Support, \$500,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed to Ohio Adolescent Health Centers to support risk avoidance education.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200597, Program and Project Support, \$125,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to support Ruling Our eXperiences (ROX) programming in schools.

SECTION 265.280. MEDICAID IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM

The foregoing appropriation item, 657401, Medicaid in Schools Program, shall be used by the Department of Education to support the Medicaid in Schools Program.

SECTION 265.300. TEACHER CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE

The foregoing appropriation item 200681, Teacher Certification and Licensure, shall be used by the Department of Education in each year of the biennium to administer and support teacher certification and licensure activities. Notwithstanding section 3319.51 of the Revised Code, a portion of the foregoing appropriation may also be used for implementation of teacher and principal evaluation systems, including incorporation of student growth as a metric in those systems, and teacher value-added reports.

SECTION 265.320. SCHOOL DISTRICT SOLVENCY ASSISTANCE

(A) The foregoing appropriation item 200687, School District Solvency Assistance, shall be allocated to the School District Shared Resource Account and the Catastrophic Expenditures Account in amounts determined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. These funds shall be used to provide assistance and grants to school districts to enable them to remain solvent under section 3316.20 of the Revised Code. Assistance and grants shall be subject to approval by the Controlling Board. Except as provided under division (C) of this section, any required reimbursements from school districts for solvency assistance shall be made to the appropriate account in the School District Solvency Assistance Fund (Fund 5H30).

(B) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, upon the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Director of Budget and Management may make transfers to the School District Solvency Assistance Fund (Fund 5H30) from any fund used by the Department of Education or the General Revenue Fund to maintain sufficient cash balances in Fund 5H30 in fiscal years 2020 and 2021. Any cash transferred is hereby appropriated. The transferred cash may be used by the Department to provide assistance and grants to school districts to enable them to remain solvent and to pay unforeseeable expenses of a temporary or emergency nature that the school district is unable to pay from existing resources. The Director shall notify the members of the Controlling Board of any such transfers.

(C) If the cash balance of the School District Solvency Assistance Fund (Fund 5H30) is insufficient to pay solvency assistance in fiscal years 2020 and 2021, at the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and

with the approval of the Controlling Board, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer cash from the Lottery Profits Education Reserve Fund (Fund 7018) to Fund 5H30 to provide assistance and grants to school districts to enable them to remain solvent and to pay unforeseeable expenses of a temporary nature that they are unable to pay from existing resources under section 3316.20 of the Revised Code. Such transfers are hereby appropriated to appropriation item 200670, School District Solvency Assistance – Lottery. Any required reimbursements from school districts for solvency assistance granted from appropriation item 200670, School District Solvency Assistance – Lottery, shall be made to Fund 7018.

SECTION 265.323. STUDENT WELLNESS AND SUCCESS

The foregoing appropriation item 200604, Student Wellness and Success, shall be used to distribute the amounts calculated for student wellness and success funds under sections 3314.088, 3317.0219, 3317.163, and 3326.42 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 265.324. SCHOOL BUS PURCHASE

The foregoing appropriation item 200663, School Bus Purchase, shall be used by the Department of Education to assist school districts in purchasing school buses in accordance with the program developed under this section.

The Department of Education, in partnership with the Department of Public Safety, shall develop a program to provide school bus purchase assistance. Not later than January 31, 2020, the departments of Education and Public Safety shall submit a report to the General Assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code that describes how the program will operate.

SECTION 265.325. SCHOOL CLIMATE GRANTS

(A) The foregoing appropriation item 200602, School Climate Grants, shall be used to provide competitive grants to eligible applicants to implement positive behavior intervention and supports frameworks, evidence- or research-based social and emotional learning initiatives, or both, in eligible school buildings.

(B) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall administer and award the grants. The Superintendent shall prescribe an application form, establish procedures for the consideration and approval of grant applications, and

determine the amount of the grant awards.

(C)(1) Subject to division (C)(2) of this section, the Superintendent shall award the grants in the following order of priority:

(a) First, to eligible applicants whose grant proposal serves one or more eligible school buildings whose percentage of students who are identified as economically disadvantaged is greater than the statewide average percentage of students who are identified as economically disadvantaged, as determined by the Superintendent;

(b) Second, to eligible applicants whose grant proposal serves one or more eligible school buildings with high suspension rates, as determined by the Superintendent;

(c) Third, to eligible applicants who were not awarded a grant under either division (C)(1)(a) or (b) of this section in the order in which the applications were received.

(2) If, for a fiscal year, the amount appropriated for the grants awarded under this section is insufficient to provide grants to all eligible applicants within a priority level specified in division (C)(1) of this section, the Superintendent shall first award grants within that priority level to eligible applicants whose grant proposal serves one or more eligible school buildings that previously have not been served through a grant disbursed from the foregoing appropriation item 200602, School Climate Grants.

(D) The Superintendent may enter into a written grant agreement with each eligible applicant awarded a grant under this section that includes the terms and conditions governing the use of the funds. The Superintendent may monitor a recipient's use of the funds to ensure that the funds are used in accordance with the grant agreement.

(E) A grant awarded to an eligible applicant under this section shall not exceed \$5,000 per eligible school building served in the eligible applicant's grant proposal, up to a maximum of \$50,000.

(F) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, grants awarded under this section may be used by grant recipients for grant-related expenses for a period not to exceed two years from the date of the award, according to guidelines established by the Superintendent.

(G) As used in this section:

(1) "Eligible applicant" means a city, local, or exempted village school district or a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code.

(2) "Eligible school building" means a building of an eligible applicant that serves any of grades kindergarten through three.

SECTION 265.330. LOTTERY PROFITS EDUCATION FUND

The foregoing appropriation item 200612, Foundation Funding, shall be used in conjunction with appropriation item 200550, Foundation Funding, to provide state foundation payments to school districts.

The Department of Education, with the approval of the Director of Budget and Management, shall determine the monthly distribution schedules of appropriation item 200550, Foundation Funding, and appropriation item 200612, Foundation Funding. If adjustments to the monthly distribution schedule are necessary, the Department shall make such adjustments with the approval of the Director.

SECTION 265.331. ACCELERATE GREAT SCHOOLS

The foregoing appropriation item 200614, Accelerate Great Schools, shall be used to support the Accelerate Great Schools public-private partnership.

SECTION 265.335. QUALITY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SUPPORT

(A) The foregoing appropriation item 200631, Quality Community Schools Support, shall be used for the Quality Community School Support Program. Under the program, the Department of Education shall pay each community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code and designated as a Community School of Quality under this section an amount equal to \$1,750 in each fiscal year for each pupil identified as economically disadvantaged and \$1,000 in each fiscal year for each pupil that is not identified as economically disadvantaged. The payment for the current fiscal year shall be calculated using the final adjusted full-time equivalent number of students enrolled in a community school for the prior fiscal year, except that if a school is in its first year of operation the payment for the current fiscal year shall be calculated using the adjusted full-time equivalent number of students enrolled in the school for the current fiscal year as of the date the payment is made, as reported by the school under section 3314.08 of the Revised Code. The Department shall make the payment to each Community School of Quality not later than January 31 of each fiscal year.

(B) To be designated as a Community School of Quality, a community school shall satisfy at least one of the following conditions:

(1) The community school meets all of the following criteria:

(a) The school's sponsor was rated "exemplary" or "effective" on the

sponsor's most recent evaluation conducted under section 3314.016 of the Revised Code.

(b) The school received a higher performance index score than the school district in which the school is located on the two most recent report cards issued for the school under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code.

(c) The school received an overall grade of "A" or "B" for the value-added progress dimension on the most recent report card issued for the school under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code or is a school described under division (A)(4) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code and did not receive a grade for the value-added progress dimension on the most recent report card.

(d) At least fifty per cent of the students enrolled in the school are economically disadvantaged, as determined by the Department.

(2) The community school meets all of the following criteria:

(a) The school's sponsor was rated "exemplary" or "effective" on the sponsor's most recent evaluation conducted under section 3314.016 of the Revised Code.

(b) The school is in its first year of operation or the school opened as a kindergarten school and has added one grade per year and has been in operation for less than four school years.

(c) The school is replicating an operational and instructional model used by a community school described in division (B)(1) of this section.

(3) The community school meets all of the following criteria:

(a) The school's sponsor was rated "exemplary" or "effective" on the sponsor's most recent evaluation conducted under section 3314.016 of the Revised Code.

(b) The school contracts with an operator that operates schools in other states and meets at least one of the following criteria:

(i) Has operated a school that received a grant funded through the federal Charter School Program established under 20 U.S.C. 7221 or received funding from the Charter School Growth Fund;

(ii) Meets all of the following criteria:

(I) One of the operator's schools in another state performed better than the school district in which the school is located, as determined by the Department.

(II) At least fifty per cent of the total number of students enrolled in all of the operator's schools are economically disadvantaged, as determined by the Department.

(III) The operator is in good standing in all states where it operates schools.

(IV) The Department has determined that the operator does not have any financial viability issues that would prevent it from effectively operating a community school in Ohio.

(C) A school that is designated as a Community School of Quality under division (B) of this section shall maintain that designation for the two fiscal years following the fiscal year in which the school was initially designated as a Community School of Quality.

SECTION 265.337. ENROLLMENT GROWTH SUPPLEMENT

The foregoing appropriation item 200636, Enrollment Growth Supplement, shall be used to fund the payments included in the state funding allocation under division (B) of the section of this act entitled "FUNDING FOR CITY, LOCAL, AND EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS."

SECTION 265.340. COMMUNITY SCHOOL FACILITIES

The foregoing appropriation item 200684, Community School Facilities, shall be used to pay each community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code and each STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code an amount equal to \$25 in each fiscal year for each full-time equivalent pupil in an internet- or computer-based community school and \$250 in each fiscal year for each full-time equivalent pupil in all other community or STEM schools for assistance with the cost associated with facilities. If the amount appropriated is not sufficient, the Department shall prorate the amounts so that the aggregate amount appropriated is not exceeded.

SECTION 265.350. LOTTERY PROFITS EDUCATION RESERVE FUND

(A) There is hereby created the Lottery Profits Education Reserve Fund (Fund 7018) in the State Treasury. Investment earnings of the Lottery Profits Education Reserve Fund shall be credited to the fund.

(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer cash from Fund 7018 to the Lottery Profits Education Fund (Fund 7017) in fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021.

(C) On July 15, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of the Ohio Lottery Commission shall certify to the Director of Budget and

Management the amount by which lottery profit transfers received by Fund 7017 exceeded \$1,093,630,000 in fiscal year 2019.

(D) On July 15, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of the Ohio Lottery Commission shall certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount by which lottery profit transfers received by Fund 7017 exceeded \$1,126,000,000 in fiscal year 2020.

(E) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer cash in excess of the amounts necessary to support appropriations in Fund 7017 from that fund to Fund 7018.

SECTION 265.360. EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTERS FUNDING

As used in this section, "high-performing educational service center" means an educational service center designated as such pursuant to rule 3301-105-01 of the Administrative Code.

As used in this section, "student count" means the count calculated under division (G)(1) of section 3313.843 of the Revised Code.

In each fiscal year, the Department of Education shall pay the governing board of each high-performing educational service center state funds equal to twenty-six dollars times its student count, and to the governing board of each other center, state funds equal to twenty-four dollars times its student count.

If the amount earmarked for the state reimbursement of educational service centers in appropriation item 200550, Foundation Funding, is not sufficient, the Department shall prorate the payment amounts so that the appropriation is not exceeded.

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a school district that has not entered into an agreement for services with an educational service center as of June 30, 2019, shall be prohibited from entering into such an agreement during the period from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021.

SECTION 265.380. SCHOOL DISTRICT PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATION PROGRESS

The General Assembly intends for the Superintendent of Public Instruction to provide for school district participation in the administration of the National Assessment of Education Progress in accordance with section 3301.27 of the Revised Code. Each school and school district selected for participation by the Superintendent shall participate.

SECTION 265.390. COMMUNITY SCHOOL FUNDING GUARANTEE FOR SBH STUDENTS

(A) As used in this section:

(1) "IEP" has the same meaning as in section 3323.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "SBH student" means a student receiving special education and related services for severe behavior disabilities pursuant to an IEP.

(B) This section applies only to a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code that in each of fiscal years 2020 and 2021 enrolls a number of SBH students equal to at least fifty per cent of the total number of students enrolled in the school in the applicable fiscal year.

(C) In addition to any state foundation payments made, in each of fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the Department of Education shall pay to a community school to which this section applies a subsidy equal to the difference between the aggregate amount calculated and paid in that fiscal year to the community school for special education and related services additional weighted costs for the SBH students enrolled in the school and the aggregate amount that would have been calculated for the school for special education and related services additional weighted costs for those same students in fiscal year 2001. If the difference is a negative number, the amount of the subsidy shall be zero.

(D) The amount of any subsidy paid to a community school under this section shall not be deducted from the school district in which any of the students enrolled in the community school are entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code. The amount of any subsidy paid to a community school under this section shall be paid from funds appropriated to the Department in appropriation item 200550, Foundation Funding.

SECTION 265.400. EARMARK ACCOUNTABILITY

At the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, any entity that receives a budget earmark under the Department of Education shall submit annually to the chairpersons of the committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate primarily concerned with education and education funding and to the Department a report that includes a description of the services supported by the funds, a description of the results achieved by those services, an analysis of the effectiveness of the program, and an opinion as to the program's applicability to other school districts. For an

earmarked entity that received state funds from an earmark in the prior fiscal year, no funds shall be provided by the Department to an earmarked entity for a fiscal year until its report for the prior fiscal year has been submitted.

SECTION 265.410. COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATING FROM HOME

A community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code that was open for operation as a community school as of May 1, 2005, may operate from or in any home, as defined in section 3313.64 of the Revised Code, located in the state, regardless of when the community school's operations from or in a particular home began.

SECTION 265.420. USE OF VOLUNTEERS

The Department of Education may utilize the services of volunteers to accomplish any of the purposes of the Department. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall approve for what purposes volunteers may be used and for these purposes may recruit, train, and oversee the services of volunteers. The Superintendent may reimburse volunteers for necessary and appropriate expenses in accordance with state guidelines and may designate volunteers as state employees for the purpose of motor vehicle accident liability insurance under section 9.83 of the Revised Code, for immunity under section 9.86 of the Revised Code, and for indemnification from liability incurred in the performance of their duties under section 9.87 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 265.430. RESTRICTION OF LIABILITY FOR CERTAIN REIMBURSEMENTS

(A) Except as expressly required under a court judgment not subject to further appeals, or a settlement agreement with a school district executed on or before June 1, 2009, in the case of a school district for which the formula ADM for fiscal year 2005, as reported for that fiscal year under division (A) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code, was reduced based on enrollment reports for community schools, made under section 3314.08 of the Revised Code, regarding students entitled to attend school in the district, which reduction of formula ADM resulted in a reduction of foundation funding or transitional aid funding for fiscal year 2005, 2006, or 2007, no school district, except a district named in the court's judgment or the settlement agreement, shall have a legal claim for reimbursement of the amount of such

reduction in foundation funding or transitional aid funding, and the state shall not have liability for reimbursement of the amount of such reduction in foundation funding or transitional aid funding.

(B) As used in this section:

(1) "Community school" means a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code.

(2) "Entitled to attend school" means entitled to attend school in a school district under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Foundation funding" means payments calculated for the respective fiscal year under Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code.

(4) "Transitional aid funding" means payments calculated for the respective fiscal year under Section 41.37 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th General Assembly, as subsequently amended; Section 206.09.39 of Am. Sub. H.B. 66 of the 126th General Assembly, as subsequently amended; and Section 269.30.80 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th General Assembly.

SECTION 265.440. FLEXIBLE FUNDING FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

In collaboration with the County Family and Children First Council, a city, local, or exempted village school district, community school, STEM school, joint vocational school district, educational service center, or county board of developmental disabilities that receives allocations from the Department of Education from appropriation item 200550, Foundation Funding, or appropriation item 200540, Special Education Enhancements, may transfer portions of those allocations to a flexible funding pool authorized by the section of this act entitled "FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST FLEXIBLE FUNDING POOL." Allocations used for maintenance of effort or for federal or state funding matching requirements shall not be transferred unless the allocation may still be used to meet such requirements.

SECTION 265.450. PRIVATE TREATMENT FACILITY PROJECT

(A) As used in this section:

(1) The following are "participating residential treatment centers":

(a) Private residential treatment facilities that have entered into a contract with the Department of Youth Services to provide services to children placed at the facility by the Department and which, in fiscal year 2020 or fiscal year 2021 or both, the Department pays through appropriation item 470401, RECLAIM Ohio;

- (b) Abraxas, in Shelby;
- (c) Paint Creek, in Bainbridge;
- (d) F.I.R.S.T., in Mansfield.

(2) "Education program" means an elementary or secondary education program or a special education program and related services.

(3) "Served child" means any child receiving an education program pursuant to division (B) of this section.

(4) "School district responsible for tuition" means a city, exempted village, or local school district that, if tuition payment for a child by a school district is required under law that existed in fiscal year 1998, is the school district required to pay that tuition.

(5) "Residential child" means a child who resides in a participating residential treatment center and who is receiving an educational program under division (B) of this section.

(B) A youth who is a resident of the state and has been assigned by a juvenile court or other authorized agency to a residential treatment facility specified in division (A) of this section shall be enrolled in an approved educational program located in or near the facility. Approval of the educational program shall be contingent upon compliance with the criteria established for such programs by the Department of Education. The educational program shall be provided by a school district or educational service center, or by the residential facility itself. Maximum flexibility shall be given to the residential treatment facility to determine the provider. In the event that a voluntary agreement cannot be reached and the residential facility does not choose to provide the educational program, the educational service center in the county in which the facility is located shall provide the educational program at the treatment center to children under twenty-two years of age residing in the treatment center.

(C) Any school district responsible for tuition for a residential child shall, notwithstanding any conflicting provision of the Revised Code regarding tuition payment, pay tuition for the child for fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021 to the education program provider and in the amount specified in this division. If there is no school district responsible for tuition for a residential child and if the participating residential treatment center to which the child is assigned is located in the city, exempted village, or local school district that, if the child were not a resident of that treatment center, would be the school district where the child is entitled to attend school under sections 3313.64 and 3313.65 of the Revised Code, that school district, notwithstanding any conflicting provision of the Revised Code, shall pay tuition for the child for fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021 under this

division unless that school district is providing the educational program to the child under division (B) of this section.

A tuition payment under this division shall be made to the school district, educational service center, or residential treatment facility providing the educational program to the child.

The amount of tuition paid shall be:

(1) The amount of tuition determined for the district under division (A) of section 3317.08 of the Revised Code;

(2) In addition, for any student receiving special education pursuant to an individualized education program as defined in section 3323.01 of the Revised Code, a payment for excess costs. This payment shall equal the actual cost to the school district, educational service center, or residential treatment facility of providing special education and related services to the student pursuant to the student's individualized education program, minus the tuition paid for the child under division (C)(1) of this section.

A school district paying tuition under this division shall not include the child for whom tuition is paid in the district's average daily membership certified under division (A) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(D) In each of fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the Department of Education shall reimburse, from appropriations made for the purpose, a school district, educational service center, or residential treatment facility, whichever is providing the service, that has demonstrated that it is in compliance with the funding criteria for each served child for whom a school district must pay tuition under division (C) of this section. The amount of the reimbursement shall be the amount appropriated for this purpose divided by the full-time equivalent number of children for whom reimbursement is to be made.

(E) Funds provided to a school district, educational service center, or residential treatment facility under this section shall be used to supplement, not supplant, funds from other public sources for which the school district, service center, or residential treatment facility is entitled or eligible.

(F) The Department of Education shall track the utilization of funds provided to school districts, educational service centers, and residential treatment facilities under this section and monitor the effect of the funding on the educational programs they provide in participating residential treatment facilities. The Department shall monitor the programs for educational accountability.

SECTION 265.460. (A) The Superintendent of Public Instruction may form partnerships with Ohio's business community, including the Ohio Business Roundtable, to create and implement initiatives that connect

students with the business community in an effort to increase student engagement and job readiness through internships, work study, and site-based learning experiences.

(B) If the Superintendent forms a partnership pursuant to division (A) of this section, the initiatives created and implemented through that partnership shall do all of the following:

(1) Support the career connection learning strategies described in division (B)(2) of section 3301.079 of the Revised Code;

(2) Provide an opportunity for students to earn high school credit toward graduation or to meet curriculum requirements in accordance with divisions (J)(1) and (2) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code;

(3) Inform the development of student success plans pursuant to division (C) of section 3313.6020 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 265.470. The Department of Education shall study the feasibility of new funding models for internet- or computer-based community schools. In conducting the study, the department shall do all of the following:

(A) Consider models of funding based on competency and course completion;

(B) Consider models of funding used in other states, including Florida and New Hampshire;

(C) Make recommendations on the feasibility of new funding models for internet- or computer-based community schools.

Upon completion of the study, and not later than December 31, 2019, the department shall submit copies of the study to the Governor, the President and Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the standing committees on education of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SECTION 265.490. Upon receipt of federal funds under Title IV, Part A, Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants, and after payments are made pursuant to education programs included in this block grant program, the Department shall direct any unused funds to cover all or part of the cost of Advanced Placement tests and International Baccalaureate registration and exam fees for low-income students.

SECTION 265.505. Not later than December 31, 2020, and December 31, 2021, the Department of Education shall submit an annual report to the General Assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code describing the manner in which the Department partnered with educational service centers in the delivery of services consistent with Chapter 3312. of the Revised Code, as specified in the sections of this act entitled "ACADEMIC STANDARDS," "ACCOUNTABILITY/REPORT CARDS," "LITERACY IMPROVEMENT," "EDUCATOR PREPARATION," and "FOUNDATION FUNDING," during the previous fiscal year.

SECTION 265.510. (A) There is hereby established a committee to study the state report card prescribed under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code, including how performance measures, components, and the overall grade under division (C) of that section are calculated and weighted. The committee also shall consider design principles for the state report card, the state report card's primary audience, and how state report cards address student academic achievement, including whether the measures are appropriately graded to reflect student academic achievement.

(B) The committee shall consist of the following members:

- (1) The Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee;
- (2) The chairperson of the standing committee of the House of Representatives that considers primary and secondary education legislation;
- (3) The chairperson of the standing committee of the Senate that considers primary and secondary education legislation;
- (4) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (5) Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (6) Three superintendents, one from a rural district, one from a suburban district, and one from an urban district, appointed by the buckeye association of school administrators.

(C) Not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section, all appointments to the committee under division (B) of this section shall be made and the committee shall convene to elect a chairperson.

(D) In conducting its study, the committee shall investigate at least all of the following:

- (1) How many years of data should be included in, and how grades are assigned to, the progress component prescribed under division (C)(3)(c) of

section 3302.03 of the Revised Code;

(2) How to structure the prepared for success component prescribed under division (C)(3)(f) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code, including considering additional ways to earn points;

(3) How the gap closing component prescribed under division (C)(3)(a) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code meets requirements established under federal law and applies to all schools;

(4) How the graduation component prescribed under division (C)(3)(d) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code includes students with disabilities and mobile students;

(5) If the overall grades should be a letter grade or some other rating system that clearly communicate the performance of school districts and other public schools to families and communities.

(E) Not later than December 15, 2019, the committee shall submit a report to the General Assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code. In addition to addressing the topics prescribed under division (D) of this section, the report shall make recommendations, including any necessary changes to the Revised Code or Administrative Code, about at least all of the following:

(1) How to calculate each graded measure included in the state report card;

(2) How to assign a grade to each graded measure, including ranges of scores associated with letter grades or any other rating system determined appropriate by the committee;

(3) How to weight the graded measures for school buildings that do not have all measures;

(4) Which state report card calculations should be prescribed in statute and which should be prescribed in administrative rule;

(5) What additional, non-graded information families and communities want to see on the state report card;

(6) What additional items can be used for bonus points in the prepared for success component.

(F) For assistance in conducting its study and preparing its report, the committee shall both consult with independent experts and convene a group of stakeholders, including all of the following:

(1) Educators;

(2) Advocates;

(3) Parents;

(4) The business community.

SECTION 265.520. (A) Notwithstanding anything in the Revised Code to the contrary, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall not establish any new academic distress commissions for the 2019-2020 school year.

(B) Beginning October 1, 2020, the state Superintendent shall resume establishing academic distress commissions for districts that meet the conditions prescribed in division (A)(1) of section 3302.10 of the Revised Code.

(C) This section does not affect an academic distress commission established prior to the effective date of this section.

SECTION 265.530. The Department of Education shall accept an amendment to data submitted to the Department by a school district for the calculation of a component under division (C)(1) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code on the state report card for the 2018-2019 school year if both of the following apply:

(A) Extenuating circumstances, including the death of a district's Education Management Information System (EMIS) coordinator anytime during the collection of data for submission to be used for that school year;

(B) The district provides adequate information to the Department not later than August 10, 2019, to explain and support the amendment of the data.

SECTION 267.10. ELC OHIO ELECTIONS COMMISSION

General Revenue Fund

GRF 051321	Operating Expenses	\$	435,221	\$	435,221
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	435,221	\$	435,221

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4P20 051601	Operating Support	\$	199,460	\$	199,460
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	199,460	\$	199,460
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	634,681	\$	634,681

SECTION 269.10. FUN STATE BOARD OF EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL

DIRECTORS

General Revenue Fund

GRF 881500	Indigent Burial and Cremation Support	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4K90 881609	Operating Expenses	\$	949,667	\$	1,033,281
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	949,667	\$	1,033,281
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	1,949,667	\$	2,033,281

SECTION 269.20. INDIGENT BURIAL AND CREMATION SUPPORT

The foregoing appropriation item 881500, Indigent Burial and Cremation Support, shall be used to reimburse local government entities for the cost of providing burials or cremations to indigent deceased persons. Reimbursements shall not exceed one thousand dollars for an adult or seven hundred fifty dollars for a child.

The State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code as necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

SECTION 271.10. PAY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUNDS

Fiduciary Fund Group

1240 995673	Payroll Deductions	\$	832,466,424	\$	824,291,520
8060 995666	Accrued Leave Fund	\$	88,203,046	\$	90,830,634
8070 995667	Disability Fund	\$	24,790,268	\$	25,839,844
8080 995668	State Employee Health Benefit Fund	\$	926,211,020	\$	989,360,953
8090 995669	Dependent Care Spending Account	\$	4,100,000	\$	4,477,000
8100 995670	Life Insurance Investment Fund	\$	1,757,422	\$	1,810,144
8110 995671	Parental Leave Benefit Fund	\$	4,867,791	\$	5,308,830
8130 995672	Health Care Spending Account	\$	15,206,162	\$	16,806,372
TOTAL FID Fiduciary Fund Group		\$	1,897,602,133	\$	1,958,725,297
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	1,897,602,133	\$	1,958,725,297

SECTION 271.20. PAYROLL DEDUCTION FUND

The foregoing appropriation item 995673, Payroll Deductions, shall be used to make payments from the Payroll Deduction Fund (Fund 1240) pursuant to section 125.21 of the Revised Code. If it is determined by the Director of Budget and Management that additional amounts are necessary, the amounts are hereby appropriated.

ACCRUED LEAVE LIABILITY FUND

The foregoing appropriation item 995666, Accrued Leave Fund, shall be used to make payments from the Accrued Leave Liability Fund (Fund 8060) pursuant to section 125.211 of the Revised Code. If it is determined by the Director of Budget and Management that additional amounts are necessary, the amounts are hereby appropriated.

STATE EMPLOYEE DISABILITY LEAVE BENEFIT FUND

The foregoing appropriation item 995667, Disability Fund, shall be used to make payments from the State Employee Disability Leave Benefit Fund (Fund 8070) pursuant to section 124.83 of the Revised Code. If it is determined by the Director of Budget and Management that additional amounts are necessary, the amounts are hereby appropriated.

STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT FUND

The foregoing appropriation item 995668, State Employee Health Benefit Fund, shall be used to make payments from the State Employee Health Benefit Fund (Fund 8080) pursuant to section 124.87 of the Revised Code. If it is determined by the Director of Budget and Management that additional amounts are necessary, the amounts are hereby appropriated.

DEPENDENT CARE SPENDING FUND

The foregoing appropriation item 995669, Dependent Care Spending Account, shall be used to make payments from the Dependent Care Spending Fund (Fund 8090) to employees eligible for dependent care expenses pursuant to section 124.822 of the Revised Code. If it is determined by the Director of Budget and Management that additional amounts are necessary, the amounts are hereby appropriated.

LIFE INSURANCE INVESTMENT FUND

The foregoing appropriation item 995670, Life Insurance Investment Fund, shall be used to make payments from the Life Insurance Investment Fund (Fund 8100) for the costs and expenses of the state's life insurance benefit program pursuant to section 125.212 of the Revised Code. If it is determined by the Director of Budget and Management that additional amounts are necessary, the amounts are hereby appropriated.

PARENTAL LEAVE BENEFIT FUND

The foregoing appropriation item 995671, Parental Leave Benefit Fund, shall be used to make payments from the Parental Leave Benefit Fund (Fund 8110) to employees eligible for parental leave benefits pursuant to section 124.137 of the Revised Code. If it is determined by the Director of Budget and Management that additional amounts are necessary, the amounts are hereby appropriated.

HEALTH CARE SPENDING ACCOUNT FUND

The foregoing appropriation item 995672, Health Care Spending Account, shall be used to make payments from the Health Care Spending Account Fund (Fund 8130) for payments pursuant to state employees' participation in a flexible spending account for non-reimbursed health care expenses and section 124.821 of the Revised Code. If it is determined by the Director of Budget and Management that additional amounts are necessary,

the amounts are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 273.10. ERB STATE EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD

General Revenue Fund

GRF 125321	Operating Expenses	\$	3,998,046	\$	4,136,626
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	3,998,046	\$	4,136,626

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5720 125603	Training and Publications	\$	227,193	\$	227,760
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	227,193	\$	227,760
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	4,225,239	\$	4,364,386

SECTION 275.10. ENG STATE BOARD OF ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4K90 892609	Operating Expenses	\$	1,263,151	\$	1,312,259
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	1,263,151	\$	1,312,259
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	1,263,151	\$	1,312,259

SECTION 277.10. EPA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

General Revenue Fund

GRF 715502	Auto Emissions E-Check Program	\$	11,186,610	\$	11,046,610
GRF 715506	Environmental Program Support	\$	125,000	\$	0
GRF 715507	Water and Sewer System Grants	\$	1,500,000	\$	1,500,000
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	12,811,610	\$	12,546,610

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4D50 715618	Recycled State Materials	\$	50,000	\$	50,000
4J00 715638	Underground Injection Control	\$	429,000	\$	429,000
4K20 715648	Clean Air - Non Title V	\$	5,101,448	\$	5,317,000
4K30 715649	Solid Waste	\$	14,747,770	\$	15,449,000
4K40 715650	Surface Water Protection	\$	10,114,999	\$	10,742,000
4K50 715651	Drinking Water Protection	\$	8,062,598	\$	8,370,000
4P50 715654	Cozart Landfill	\$	10,000	\$	10,000
4R50 715656	Scrap Tire Management	\$	3,276,485	\$	3,251,500
4R90 715658	Voluntary Action Program	\$	979,348	\$	1,094,800
4T30 715659	Clean Air - Title V Permit Program	\$	9,687,591	\$	9,944,000
5000 715608	Immediate Removal Special Account	\$	718,000	\$	722,000
5030 715621	Hazardous Waste Facility Management	\$	4,780,000	\$	5,118,000
5050 715623	Hazardous Waste Cleanup	\$	11,540,322	\$	12,087,200
5050 715698	Response and Investigations	\$	3,186,244	\$	3,264,500
5320 715646	Recycling and Litter Control	\$	4,541,440	\$	4,598,000

5410	715670	Site Specific Cleanup	\$	779,296	\$	779,400
5420	715671	Risk Management Reporting	\$	201,626	\$	210,000
5860	715637	Scrap Tire Market Development	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
5BC0	715622	Local Air Pollution Control	\$	2,000,000	\$	2,000,000
5BC0	715624	Surface Water	\$	6,043,557	\$	6,292,000
5BC0	715672	Air Pollution Control	\$	7,959,855	\$	8,236,000
5BC0	715673	Drinking and Ground Water	\$	3,703,543	\$	3,840,300
5BC0	715676	Assistance and Prevention	\$	1,824,471	\$	1,875,000
5BC0	715677	Laboratory	\$	3,256,184	\$	3,329,000
5BC0	715678	Corrective Actions	\$	1,073,590	\$	1,120,000
5BC0	715687	Areawide Planning Agencies	\$	450,000	\$	450,000
5BC0	715692	Administration	\$	14,742,915	\$	15,165,000
5BC0	715694	Environmental Resource Coordination	\$	106,642	\$	115,000
5BT0	715679	C&DD Groundwater Monitoring	\$	225,000	\$	225,000
5H40	715664	Groundwater Support	\$	323,121	\$	332,000
5PZ0	715696	Drinking Water Loan Fee	\$	1,106,285	\$	1,146,250
5VA0	715601	Marsh Restoration	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
5Y30	715685	Surface Water Improvement	\$	500,000	\$	500,000
6440	715631	Emergency Response Radiological Safety	\$	276,500	\$	278,500
6760	715642	Water Pollution Control Loan Administration	\$	4,606,024	\$	4,675,000
6760	715699	Water Quality Administration	\$	3,837,987	\$	3,975,000
6780	715635	Air Toxic Release	\$	47,984	\$	35,000
6790	715636	Emergency Planning	\$	2,844,024	\$	2,864,000
6960	715643	Air Pollution Control Administration	\$	987,855	\$	1,002,000
6990	715644	Water Pollution Control Administration	\$	287,060	\$	300,000
6A10	715645	Environmental Education	\$	1,087,749	\$	1,100,000
6H20	715695	H2Ohio	\$	8,675,000	\$	0
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group			\$	146,171,513	\$	142,291,450
Internal Service Activity Fund Group						
1990	715602	Laboratory Services	\$	519,950	\$	533,000
2190	715604	Central Support Indirect	\$	7,663,284	\$	8,055,000
4A10	715640	Operating Expenses	\$	1,307,000	\$	1,309,000
TOTAL ISA Internal Service Activity Fund Group			\$	9,490,234	\$	9,897,000
Federal Fund Group						
3530	715612	Public Water Supply	\$	1,963,760	\$	2,015,000
3570	715619	Air Pollution Control - Federal	\$	6,008,988	\$	6,115,000
3620	715605	Underground Injection Control - Federal	\$	131,262	\$	133,000
3BU0	715684	Water Quality Protection	\$	15,159,951	\$	15,259,000
3CS0	715688	Federal NRD Settlements	\$	201,000	\$	201,000
3F30	715632	Federally Supported Cleanup and Response	\$	6,771,522	\$	7,143,300
3HE0	715697	Volkswagen Clean Air Act Settlement	\$	19,095,000	\$	22,845,000

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3T30	715669	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	\$	3,072,853	\$	3,155,000
3V70	715606	Agencywide Grants	\$	700,000	\$	700,000
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group			\$	53,104,336	\$	57,566,300
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$	221,577,693	\$	222,301,360

SECTION 277.20. ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM SUPPORT

The foregoing appropriation item 715506, Environmental Program Support, shall be used to support the final stage of the awards process for the Everglades Foundation's George Barley Water Prize. On July 1, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Environmental Protection may certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item 715506, Environmental Program Support, at the end of fiscal year 2020 to be reappropriated in fiscal year 2021. The amount certified is hereby reappropriated to the same appropriation item for fiscal year 2021.

WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM GRANTS

The foregoing appropriation item 715507, Water and Sewer System Grants, shall be distributed equally in each fiscal year to the Trumbull County Sanitary Engineer's Department and to Pierpont Township (Ashtabula County) for the purpose of undertaking water and sewer system upgrades and improvements.

DRINKING AND GROUND WATER

Of the foregoing appropriation item, 715673, Drinking and Ground Water, \$250,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to support a study, including the acquisition of any necessary equipment, to determine an estimate of storage capacity and maximum annual yield of the network of aquifers that are in the state of Ohio and north of the Maumee River, but that may also cross into other states.

AREAWIDE PLANNING AGENCIES

The Director of Environmental Protection may award grants from appropriation item 715687, Areawide Planning Agencies, to areawide planning agencies engaged in areawide water quality management and planning activities in accordance with Section 208 of the "Federal Clean Water Act," 33 U.S.C. 1288.

CASH TRANSFERS TO THE MARSH RESTORATION FUND

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management, in consultation with the Director of Environmental Protection, may transfer up to \$12,000,000 cash from the Surface Water Improvement Fund (Fund 5Y30) to the Marsh Restoration Fund (Fund 5VA0), which is hereby created in the state treasury. All

moneys credited to Fund 5VA0 are to be used for the remediation and restoration of the Mentor Marsh site in Mentor, Ohio.

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management, in consultation with the Director of Environmental Protection, may transfer up to \$1,000,000 cash from the Site Specific Cleanup Fund (Fund 5410) to Fund 5VA0.

H2OHIO FUND

The foregoing appropriation item 715695, H2Ohio, shall be used by the Environmental Protection Agency to support watershed planning, scientific research, and data collection. In addition, the foregoing appropriation item 715695, H2Ohio, may be used to fund waterway improvement and protection of all state waterways in support of water quality priorities and management in accordance with section 126.60 of the Revised Code.

On July 1, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Environmental Protection may certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item, 715695, H2Ohio, at the end of fiscal year 2020 to be reappropriated in fiscal year 2021. The amount certified is hereby reappropriated to the same appropriation item for fiscal year 2021.

SECTION 279.10. EBR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW APPEALS COMMISSION

General Revenue Fund

GRF 172321	Operating Expenses	\$	634,000	\$	651,000
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	634,000	\$	651,000
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	634,000	\$	651,000

SECTION 281.10. ETC BROADCAST EDUCATIONAL MEDIA COMMISSION

General Revenue Fund

GRF 935401	Statehouse News Bureau	\$	355,000	\$	355,000
GRF 935402	Ohio Government Telecommunications Services	\$	1,783,526	\$	1,708,526
GRF 935410	Content Development, Acquisition, and Distribution	\$	3,963,381	\$	3,963,381
GRF 935430	Broadcast Education Operating	\$	3,699,224	\$	3,699,224
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	9,801,131	\$	9,726,131

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5FK0 935608	Media Services	\$	95,000	\$	95,000
5VB0 935650	Facility Rental	\$	30,000	\$	32,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	125,000	\$	127,000

Internal Service Activity Fund Group			
4F30 935603	Affiliate Services	\$	4,000 \$ 4,000
TOTAL ISA Internal Service Activity			
Fund Group		\$	4,000 \$ 4,000
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	9,930,131 \$ 9,857,131

SECTION 281.20. STATEHOUSE NEWS BUREAU

The foregoing appropriation item 935401, Statehouse News Bureau, shall be used solely to support the operations of the Ohio Statehouse News Bureau.

OHIO GOVERNMENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

The foregoing appropriation item 935402, Ohio Government Telecommunications Services, shall be used solely to support the operations of Ohio Government Telecommunications Services which include providing multimedia support to the state government and its affiliated organizations and broadcasting the activities of the legislative, judicial, and executive branches of state government, among its other functions.

CONTENT DEVELOPMENT, ACQUISITION, AND DISTRIBUTION

The foregoing appropriation item 935410, Content Development, Acquisition, and Distribution, shall be used for the development, acquisition, and distribution of information resources by public media and radio reading services and for educational use in the classroom and online.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 935410, Content Development, Acquisition, and Distribution, up to \$977,856 in each fiscal year shall be allocated equally among the Ohio educational television stations. Funds shall be used for the production of interactive instructional programming series with priority given to resources aligned with state academic content standards. The programming shall be targeted to the needs of the one-third lowest capacity school districts as determined by the district's state share index calculated by the Department of Education.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 935410, Content Development, Acquisition, and Distribution, up to \$2,699,472 in each fiscal year shall be distributed by the Broadcast Educational Media Commission to Ohio's qualified public educational television stations and educational radio stations to support their operations. The funds shall be distributed pursuant to an allocation formula used by the Ohio Educational Telecommunications Network Commission unless a substitute formula is developed by the Broadcast Educational Media Commission in consultation with Ohio's qualified public educational television stations and educational radio stations.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 935410, Content Development, Acquisition, and Distribution, up to \$286,053 in each fiscal year shall be distributed by the Broadcast Educational Media Commission to Ohio's qualified radio reading services to support their operations. The funds shall be distributed pursuant to an allocation formula used by the Ohio Educational Telecommunications Network Commission unless a substitute formula is developed by the Broadcast Educational Media Commission in consultation with Ohio's qualified radio reading services.

SECTION 283.10. ETH OHIO ETHICS COMMISSION

General Revenue Fund

GRF 146321	Operating Expenses	\$	1,821,515	\$	2,068,492
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	1,821,515	\$	2,068,492

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4M60 146601	Operating Support	\$	652,578	\$	536,516
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	652,578	\$	536,516
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	2,474,093	\$	2,605,008

SECTION 285.10. EXP OHIO EXPOSITIONS COMMISSION

General Revenue Fund

GRF 723403	Junior Fair Subsidy	\$	363,750	\$	363,750
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	363,750	\$	363,750

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4N20 723602	Ohio State Fair Harness Racing	\$	375,000	\$	375,000
5060 723601	Operating Expenses	\$	15,100,897	\$	15,363,166
5060 723604	Grounds Maintenance and Repairs	\$	300,000	\$	300,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	15,775,897	\$	16,038,166
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	16,139,647	\$	16,401,916

STATE FAIR RESERVE

The General Manager of the Expositions Commission, in consultation with the Director of Budget and Management, may submit a request to the Controlling Board to use available amounts in the State Fair Reserve Fund (Fund 6400) if revenues from either the 2019 or the 2020 Ohio State Fair are unexpectedly low.

On July 1 of each fiscal year, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management, in consultation with the General Manager of the Expositions Commission, may determine that the Ohio Expositions Fund (Fund 5060) has a cash balance in excess of the anticipated operating costs of the Exposition Commission in that fiscal year. Notwithstanding section 991.04 of the Revised Code, the Director of Budget

and Management may transfer an amount up to the excess cash from Fund 5060 to Fund 6400 in each fiscal year.

SECTION 287.10. FCC OHIO FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION				
General Revenue Fund				
GRF 230321	Operating Expenses	\$	6,662,729	\$ 6,660,461
GRF 230401	Cultural Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments	\$	33,102,800	\$ 28,670,300
GRF 230458	State Construction Management Services	\$	1,773,454	\$ 1,922,473
GRF 230500	Program and Project Support	\$	1,122,050	\$ 0
GRF 230908	Common Schools General Obligation Bond Debt Service	\$	410,259,800	\$ 424,825,900
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	452,920,833	\$ 462,079,134
Internal Service Activity Fund Group				
1310 230639	State Construction Management Operations	\$	16,152,778	\$ 16,356,157
TOTAL ISA Internal Service Activity Fund Group		\$	16,152,778	\$ 16,356,157
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	469,073,611	\$ 478,435,291

SECTION 287.20. CULTURAL FACILITIES LEASE RENTAL BOND PAYMENTS

The foregoing appropriation item 230401, Cultural Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments, shall be used to meet all payments during the period from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, by the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission pursuant to leases and agreements for cultural and sports facilities made under section 154.23 of the Revised Code. These appropriations are the source of funds pledged for bond service charges on related obligations issued under Chapter 154. of the Revised Code.

COMMON SCHOOLS GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND DEBT SERVICE

The foregoing appropriation item 230908, Common Schools General Obligation Bond Debt Service, shall be used to pay all debt service and related financing costs during the period from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, on obligations issued under sections 151.01 and 151.03 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 287.30. COMMUNITY PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

The foregoing appropriation item 230458, State Construction Management Services, shall be used by the Ohio Facilities Construction

Commission in administering Cultural and Sports Facilities Building Fund (Fund 7030) projects pursuant to section 123.201 of the Revised Code.

PROGRAM AND PROJECT SUPPORT

The forgoing appropriation item 230500, Program and Project Support, shall be distributed to the Manchester Local School District in Adams County to reduce the amount of debt owed on bonds issued or assumed by the district.

SCHOOL FACILITIES ENCUMBRANCES AND REAPPROPRIATION

At the request of the Executive Director of the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission, the Director of Budget and Management may cancel encumbrances for school district projects from a previous biennium if the district has not raised its local share of project costs within thirteen months of receiving Controlling Board approval under section 3318.05 or 3318.41 of the Revised Code. The Executive Director of the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission shall certify the amounts of the canceled encumbrances to the Director of Budget and Management on a quarterly basis. The amounts of the canceled encumbrances are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 287.40. CAPITAL DONATIONS FUND CERTIFICATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Executive Director of the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission shall certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of cash receipts and related investment income, irrevocable letters of credit from a bank, or certification of the availability of funds that have been received from a county or a municipal corporation for deposit into the Capital Donations Fund (Fund 5A10) and that are related to an anticipated project. These amounts are hereby appropriated to appropriation item C37146, Capital Donations. Prior to certifying these amounts to the Director, the Executive Director shall make a written agreement with the participating entity on the necessary cash flows required for the anticipated construction or equipment acquisition project.

SECTION 287.50. AMENDMENT TO PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR MAINTENANCE LEVY

The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission shall amend the project agreement between the Commission and a school district that is participating in the Accelerated Urban School Building Assistance Program

on the effective date of this section, if the Commission determines that it is necessary to do so in order to comply with division (B)(3)(c) of section 3318.38 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 287.60. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission may determine the amount of funding available for disbursement in a given fiscal year for any project approved under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code in order to keep aggregate state capital spending within approved limits and may take actions including, but not limited to, determining the schedule for design or bidding of approved projects, to ensure appropriate and supportable cash flow.

SECTION 287.70. ASSISTANCE TO JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notwithstanding division (B) of section 3318.40 of the Revised Code, the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission shall provide assistance to at least one joint vocational school district each fiscal year for the acquisition or improvement of classroom facilities in accordance with sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 287.80. RETURNED OR RECOVERED FUNDS

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any moneys a school district transfers to the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission under division (C)(2) or (3) of section 3318.12 of the Revised Code as well as any moneys recovered from settlements with or judgments against parties relating to their involvement in a classroom facilities project shall be deposited into the fund from which the capital appropriation for the project was made. In fiscal year 2020, the Executive Director of the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission may request the Director of Budget and Management to authorize expenditures from those funds and specified appropriation items in excess of the amounts appropriated in an amount equal to the amount of the funds deposited under this section. The additional amounts, if authorized, shall be used in accordance with the purposes of Chapter 3318. of the Revised Code for projects pursuant to sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 or sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code. Upon approval of the Director of Budget and Management, the additional amounts are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 287.90. SCHOOL STORM SHELTER STUDY

The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission shall conduct a study to evaluate and make recommendations regarding appropriate requirements for storm shelters for Ohio school buildings. The Commission shall conduct this study in consultation with stakeholders, including school district officials, and submit a report of its findings to the General Assembly not later than December 31, 2019.

SECTION 289.10. GOV OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**General Revenue Fund**

GRF 040321	Operating Expenses	\$	2,914,740	\$	2,973,034
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	2,914,740	\$	2,973,034

Internal Service Activity Fund Group

5AK0 040607	Government Relations	\$	613,870	\$	619,988
TOTAL ISA Internal Service Activity Fund Group		\$	613,870	\$	619,988
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	3,528,610	\$	3,593,022

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

The Office of the Governor may issue an intrastate transfer voucher to charge any state agency of the executive branch such amounts necessary to represent the interests of Ohio to federal, state, and local government units and to cover the costs or membership dues related to Ohio's participation in national and regional associations. Amounts collected shall be deposited in the Government Relations Fund (Fund 5AK0).

SECTION 291.10. DOH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**General Revenue Fund**

GRF440416	Mothers and Children Safety Net Services	\$	4,303,612	\$	4,303,612
GRF440431	Free Clinic Safety Net Services	\$	1,500,000	\$	1,500,000
GRF440438	Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening	\$	1,021,131	\$	1,021,131
GRF440444	AIDS Prevention and Treatment	\$	3,493,468	\$	3,493,468
GRF440451	Public Health Laboratory	\$	3,672,005	\$	3,672,005
GRF440452	Child and Family Health Services Match	\$	589,482	\$	589,482
GRF440453	Health Care Quality Assurance	\$	5,083,225	\$	5,084,936
GRF440454	Environmental Health/Radiation Protection	\$	2,783,438	\$	2,779,841
GRF440459	Help Me Grow	\$	30,289,149	\$	39,292,281

GRF440465	FQHC Primary Care Workforce Initiative	\$	2,686,688	\$	2,686,688
GRF440472	Alcohol Testing	\$	1,232,732	\$	1,210,805
GRF440474	Infant Vitality	\$	7,137,292	\$	7,137,292
GRF440477	Emergency Preparedness and Response	\$	1,431,677	\$	1,431,954
GRF440481	Lupus Awareness	\$	193,120	\$	193,120
GRF440482	Chronic Disease, Injury Prevention and Drug Overdose	\$	7,670,089	\$	7,898,480
GRF440483	Infectious Disease Prevention and Control	\$	4,522,054	\$	4,522,054
GRF440484	Public Health Technology Innovation	\$	543,369	\$	313,760
GRF440505	Medically Handicapped Children	\$	11,262,451	\$	11,262,451
GRF440507	Targeted Health Care Services-Over 21	\$	2,000,000	\$	2,000,000
GRF440529	Harm Reduction	\$	50,000	\$	50,000
GRF440530	Lead-Safe Home Fund Pilot Program	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
GRF440672	Youth Homelessness	\$	2,500,000	\$	2,500,000
GRF654453	Medicaid - Health Care Quality Assurance	\$	4,227,961	\$	4,246,250
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	99,192,943	\$	108,189,610
Highway Safety Fund Group					
4T40 440603	Child Highway Safety	\$	200,000	\$	200,000
TOTAL HSF Highway Safety Fund Group		\$	200,000	\$	200,000
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group					
4700 440647	Fee Supported Programs	\$	29,178,120	\$	29,178,120
4710 440619	Certificate of Need	\$	878,433	\$	878,433
4730 440622	Lab Operating Expenses	\$	8,826,132	\$	8,900,000
4770 440627	Medically Handicapped Children Audit	\$	4,472,562	\$	4,500,000
4D60 440608	Genetics Services	\$	3,311,039	\$	3,311,039
4F90 440610	Sickle Cell Disease Control	\$	1,032,824	\$	1,032,824
4G00 440636	Heirloom Birth Certificate	\$	15,000	\$	15,000
4G00 440637	Birth Certificate Surcharge	\$	15,000	\$	15,000
4L30 440609	HIV Care and Miscellaneous Expenses	\$	26,935,756	\$	27,000,000
4P40 440628	Ohio Physician Loan Repayment	\$	700,000	\$	700,000
4V60 440641	Save Our Sight	\$	3,482,615	\$	3,500,000
5B50 440616	Quality, Monitoring, and Inspection	\$	736,194	\$	736,194
5BX0 440656	Tobacco Use Prevention, Cessation, and Enforcement	\$	11,955,358	\$	12,000,000
5CN0 440645	Choose Life	\$	80,000	\$	80,000
5D60 440620	Second Chance Trust	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
5ED0 440651	Smoke Free Indoor Air	\$	300,000	\$	300,000
5G40 440639	Adoption Services	\$	150,000	\$	150,000
5HB0 440470	Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening	\$	25,096	\$	0

5PE0	440659	Breast and Cervical Cancer Services	\$	200,000	\$	200,000
5QJ0	440662	Dental Hygienist Loan Repayments	\$	100,000	\$	100,000
5SH0	440520	Children's Wish Grant Program	\$	275,000	\$	275,000
5TZ0	440621	Toxicology Screenings	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
5Z70	440624	Ohio Dentist Loan Repayment	\$	200,000	\$	200,000
6100	440626	Radiation Emergency Response	\$	1,269,262	\$	1,300,000
6660	440607	Medically Handicapped Children - County Assessments	\$	23,948,173	\$	24,000,000
6980	440634	Nurse Aide Training	\$	150,000	\$	150,000
L087	440669	Public Health Priorities	\$	2,000,000	\$	0
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group			\$	122,236,564	\$	120,521,610
Internal Service Activity Fund Group						
1420	440646	Agency Health Services	\$	4,984,080	\$	5,000,000
2110	440613	Central Support Indirect Costs	\$	28,897,875	\$	29,500,000
TOTAL ISA Internal Service Activity Fund Group			\$	33,881,955	\$	34,500,000
Holding Account Fund Group						
R014	440631	Vital Statistics	\$	44,986	\$	44,986
R048	440625	Refunds, Grants Reconciliation, and Audit Settlements	\$	20,000	\$	20,000
TOTAL HLD Holding Account Fund Group			\$	64,986	\$	64,986
Federal Fund Group						
3200	440601	Maternal Child Health Block Grant	\$	24,673,419	\$	25,000,000
3870	440602	Preventive Health Block Grant	\$	9,681,749	\$	9,750,000
3890	440604	Women, Infants, and Children	\$	219,839,807	\$	220,000,000
3910	440606	Medicare Survey and Certification	\$	17,049,993	\$	17,500,000
3920	440618	Federal Public Health Programs	\$	94,344,493	\$	95,000,000
3GD0	654601	Medicaid Program Support	\$	28,161,187	\$	28,540,949
3GN0	440660	Public Health Emergency Preparedness	\$	26,347,943	\$	26,500,000
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group			\$	420,098,591	\$	422,290,949
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$	675,675,039	\$	685,767,155

SECTION 291.20. MOTHERS AND CHILDREN SAFETY NET SERVICES

Of the foregoing appropriation item 440416, Mothers and Children Safety Net Services, up to \$200,000 in each fiscal year may be used to assist families with hearing impaired children under twenty-one years of age in

purchasing hearing aids and hearing assistive technology. The Director of Health shall adopt rules governing the distribution of these funds, including rules that do both of the following: (1) establish eligibility criteria to include families with incomes at or below four hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines as defined in section 5101.46 of the Revised Code, and (2) develop a sliding scale of disbursements under this section based on family income. The Director may adopt other rules as necessary to implement this section. Rules adopted under this section shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

FREE CLINIC SAFETY NET SERVICES

The foregoing appropriation item 440431, Free Clinic Safety Net Services, shall be provided to the Ohio Association of Free Clinics. Funds may be used to reimburse free clinics for health care services provided, as well as for administrative services, information technology costs, infrastructure repair, or other clinic necessities.

AIDS PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

The foregoing appropriation item 440444, AIDS Prevention and Treatment, shall be used to administer educational and other prevention initiatives.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/RADIATION PROTECTION

Of the foregoing appropriation item 440454, Environmental Health/Radiation protection, \$150,000 in each fiscal year shall be used by the Department of Health to distribute funds to the city of Toledo for lead-based paint abatement, containment, and housing rehabilitation projects in the historic south neighborhoods of Toledo. In order to receive funding, the city of Toledo shall provide documentation showing the amount of nonprofit or private sector dollars the city has collected for each project. These nonprofit or private sector dollars must be collected during the same state fiscal year that funds are to be awarded. The amount distributed by the Department of Health for each project shall be equal to the amount documented. The total amount distributed by the Department of Health shall not exceed \$150,000 in each fiscal year. The city may use these funds to provide grants to owner-occupied or rental properties. Grants shall be awarded by the city in consultation with the Historic South Initiative.

Not later than July 1 each year, the city of Toledo shall issue a report to the Department of Health providing information regarding the effectiveness of the funds distributed and any other information requested by the Department.

FQHC PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE INITIATIVE

The foregoing appropriation item 440465, FQHC Primary Care

Workforce Initiative, shall be provided to the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers to administer the FQHC Primary Care Workforce Initiative. The Initiative shall provide medical, dental, behavioral health, physician assistant, and advanced practice nursing students with clinical rotations through federally qualified health centers.

INFANT VITALITY

Of the foregoing appropriation item 440474, Infant Vitality, \$175,000 in each fiscal year shall be provided to Produce Perks Midwest, Inc., for the Prescription Produce Intervention for Maternal Health Program to improve maternal health, nutrition, and infant mortality rates in Ohio.

The remainder of appropriation item 440474, Infant Vitality, shall be used to fund a multi-pronged population health approach to address infant mortality. This approach may include the following: increasing awareness; supporting data collection; analysis and interpretation to inform decision-making and ensure accountability; targeting resources where the need is greatest; and implementing quality improvement science and programming that is evidence-based or based on emerging practices. Measurable interventions may include activities related to safe sleep, community engagement, Centering Pregnancy, newborn screening, safe birth spacing, gestational diabetes, smoking cessation, breastfeeding, care coordination, and progesterone.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

The foregoing appropriation item 440477, Emergency Preparedness and Response, shall be used to support public health emergency preparedness and response efforts at the state level or at a regional sub-level within the state, and may also be used to support data infrastructure projects.

LUPUS AWARENESS

The foregoing appropriation item 440481, Lupus Awareness, shall be distributed to the Lupus Foundation of America, Greater Ohio Chapter, Inc., to operate a lupus education and awareness program.

TARGETED HEALTH CARE SERVICES-OVER 21

The foregoing appropriation item 440507, Targeted Health Care Services-Over 21, shall be used to administer the Cystic Fibrosis Program and to implement the Hemophilia Insurance Premium Payment Program. The Department of Health shall expend \$100,000 in each fiscal year to implement the Hemophilia Insurance Premium Payment Program.

The foregoing appropriation item 440507, Targeted Health Care Services-Over 21, shall also be used to provide essential medications and to pay the copayments for drugs approved by the Department of Health and covered by Medicare Part D that are dispensed to Bureau for Children with

Medical Handicaps (BCMH) participants for the Cystic Fibrosis Program.

The Department shall expend all of these funds.

HARM REDUCTION

The foregoing appropriation item 440529, Harm Reduction, shall be used to distribute funding of up to \$15,000 per program per fiscal year to local health departments that operate harm reduction programs, including syringe services. Local health departments eligible for funding shall be accredited or in the process of becoming accredited through the Public Health Accreditation Board.

LEAD-SAFE HOME FUND PILOT PROGRAM

The foregoing appropriation item 440530, Lead-Safe Home Fund Pilot Program, shall be used by the Department of Health to make distributions on a quarterly basis to the Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition for the Lead-Safe Home Fund Pilot Program, in accordance with Section 737.15 of this act. Before any funds are distributed, the Coalition shall provide the Department with documentation showing the amount of private sector dollars the Coalition has collected. The amount of each distribution provided by the Department shall be equal to the amount documented, but shall not exceed \$1,000,000 in total in each fiscal year.

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

The foregoing appropriation item 440672, Youth Homelessness, shall be used to address homelessness in youth and pregnant women by providing assertive outreach to provide stable housing, including recovery housing.

FEE SUPPORTED PROGRAMS

Of the foregoing appropriation item 440647, Fee Supported Programs, \$2,160,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to distribute subsidies to local health departments on a per capita basis.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 440647, Fee Supported Programs, \$1,500,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to distribute subsidies to local health departments accredited through the Public Health Accreditation Board on a per capita basis.

MEDICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AUDIT

The Medically Handicapped Children Audit Fund (Fund 4770) shall receive revenue from audits of hospitals and recoveries from third-party payers. Moneys may be expended for payment of audit settlements and for costs directly related to obtaining recoveries from third-party payers and for encouraging Medically Handicapped Children's Program recipients to apply for third-party benefits. Moneys also may be expended for payments for diagnostic and treatment services on behalf of medically handicapped children, as defined in division (A) of section 3701.022 of the Revised

Code, and Ohio residents who are twenty-one or more years of age and who are suffering from cystic fibrosis or hemophilia. Moneys may also be expended for administrative expenses incurred in operating the Medically Handicapped Children's Program.

GENETICS SERVICES

The foregoing appropriation item 440608, Genetics Services, shall be used by the Department of Health to administer programs authorized by sections 3701.501 and 3701.502 of the Revised Code. None of these funds shall be used to counsel or refer for abortion, except in the case of a medical emergency.

TOBACCO USE PREVENTION, CESSATION, AND ENFORCEMENT

Of the foregoing appropriation item 440656, Tobacco Use Prevention, Cessation, and Enforcement, \$750,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to award grants in accordance with the section of this act entitled "MOMS QUIT FOR TWO GRANT PROGRAM."

Of the foregoing appropriation item 440656, Tobacco Use Prevention, Cessation, and Enforcement, \$250,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed to boards of health for the Baby and Me Tobacco Free Program. The Director of Health shall determine how the funds are to be distributed, but shall prioritize awards to boards that serve women who reside in communities that have the highest infant mortality rates in this state, as identified under section 3701.142 of the Revised Code.

The remainder of appropriation item 440656, Tobacco Use Prevention, Cessation, and Enforcement, shall be used to administer tobacco use prevention and cessation activities and programs, to administer compliance checks, retailer education, and programs related to legal age restrictions, and to enforce the Ohio Smoke-Free Workplace Act.

TOXICOLOGY SCREENINGS

The foregoing appropriation item 440621, Toxicology Screenings, shall be used to reimburse county coroners in counties in which the coroner has performed toxicology screenings on victims of a drug overdose. The Director of Health shall transfer the funds to the counties in proportion to the numbers of toxicology screenings performed per county.

MEDICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN - COUNTY ASSESSMENTS

The foregoing appropriation item 440607, Medically Handicapped Children - County Assessments, shall be used to make payments under division (E) of section 3701.023 of the Revised Code.

PUBLIC HEALTH PRIORITIES

The foregoing appropriation item 440669, Public Health Priorities, shall be used to conduct public health awareness and education campaigns, initiate innovative programming and prevention strategies, and other work related to advancing positive changes in population health in Ohio. The Department of Health may distribute grants, contracts, or subsidy for these purposes, including, but not limited to, supporting public-private partnerships to address pressing public health issues.

CASH TRANSFER TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE FUND

If the Director of Health determines that there are insufficient funds in appropriation item 440477, Emergency Preparedness and Response, for public health emergency preparedness and response activities, the Director may certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount necessary to address these activities. Upon certification, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer up to \$500,000 cash in each fiscal year from the Controlling Board Emergency Purposes/Contingencies Fund (Fund 5KM0) to the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund (Fund 5UA0). The amount transferred is hereby appropriated.

SECTION 291.30. MOMS QUIT FOR TWO GRANT PROGRAM

(A) The Department of Health shall create the Moms Quit for Two Grant Program. Recognizing the significant health risks posed to women and their children by tobacco use during and after pregnancy, the Department shall award grants to private, nonprofit entities or government entities that demonstrate the ability to deliver evidence-based tobacco cessation interventions to women who reside in communities that have the highest incidence of infant mortality, as determined by the Director of Health, and who are pregnant or live with children. Funds awarded under this section shall not be used to provide tobacco cessation interventions to women who are eligible for Medicaid. The Department may adopt any rules it considers necessary to administer the Program.

(B) The Department shall create a grant application and develop a process for receiving and evaluating completed grant applications on a competitive basis. The Department shall give first preference to the entities described in division (A) of this section that are able to target the interventions to pregnant women and second preference to such entities that are able to target the interventions to women living with children. The Department's decision regarding a submitted grant application is final.

(C) The Department shall establish performance objectives to be met by grant recipients. The Department shall monitor the performance of each

grant recipient in meeting the objectives.

SECTION 291.40. WIC VENDOR CONTRACTS

(A) As used in this section, "WIC" means the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children established under the "Child Nutrition Act of 1966," 80 Stat. 885, 42 U.S.C. 1786, as amended.

(B) During fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021, the Department of Health shall process and review a WIC vendor contract application pursuant to Chapter 3701-42 of the Administrative Code not later than forty-five days after receipt of the application if the applicant is a WIC-contracted vendor at the time of application and meets all of the following requirements:

(1) Submits a complete WIC vendor application with all required documents and information;

(2) Passes the required unannounced preauthorization visit within forty-five days of submitting a complete application;

(3) Completes the required in-person training within forty-five days of submitting the complete application.

(C) If an applicant fails to meet any of the requirements described in division (B) of this section, the Department shall deny the application for the contract. After an application has been denied, the applicant may reapply for a contract to act as a WIC vendor during the contracting cycle that is applicable to the applicant's WIC region.

SECTION 293.10. HEF HIGHER EDUCATIONAL FACILITY COMMISSION

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4610 372601 Operating Expenses	\$	12,500	\$	12,500
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group	\$	12,500	\$	12,500
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$	12,500	\$	12,500

SECTION 295.10. SPA COMMISSION ON HISPANIC/LATINO AFFAIRS

General Revenue Fund

GRF 148321 Operating Expenses	\$	464,888	\$	464,047
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund	\$	464,888	\$	464,047

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

6010 148602 Special Initiatives	\$	24,558	\$	24,558
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group	\$	24,558	\$	24,558
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$	489,446	\$	488,605

SECTION 297.10. OHS OHIO HISTORY CONNECTION

General Revenue Fund

GRF 360501	Education and Collections	\$	5,180,712	\$	5,151,712
GRF 360502	Site and Museum Operations	\$	6,707,853	\$	6,772,853
GRF 360504	Ohio Preservation Office	\$	281,300	\$	281,300
GRF 360505	National Afro-American Museum	\$	485,000	\$	485,000
GRF 360506	Hayes Presidential Center	\$	550,000	\$	550,000
GRF 360508	State Historical Grants	\$	1,338,500	\$	1,338,500
GRF 360509	Outreach and Partnership	\$	155,583	\$	155,583
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	14,698,948	\$	14,734,948

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5KL0 360602	Ohio History Tax Check-off	\$	150,000	\$	150,000
5PD0 360603	Ohio History License Plate	\$	10,000	\$	10,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	160,000	\$	160,000
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	14,858,948	\$	14,894,948

SUBSIDY APPROPRIATION

Upon approval by the Director of Budget and Management, the foregoing appropriation items shall be released to the Ohio History Connection in quarterly amounts that in total do not exceed the annual appropriations. The funds and fiscal records of the Ohio History Connection for fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021 shall be examined by independent certified public accountants approved by the Auditor of State, and a copy of the audited financial statements shall be filed with the Office of Budget and Management.

The foregoing appropriations shall be considered to be the contractual consideration provided by the state to support the state's offer to contract with the Ohio History Connection under section 149.30 of the Revised Code.

STATE HISTORICAL GRANTS

Of the foregoing appropriation item 360508, State Historical Grants, \$125,000 in each fiscal year shall be used for the Western Reserve Historical Society and \$125,000 in each fiscal year shall be used for the Cincinnati Museum Center.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 360508, State Historical Grants, \$38,500 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to support the American Jewish Archives of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 360508, State Historical Grants, \$325,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to support the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 360508, State Historical Grants, \$325,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to support the Cleveland

Institute of Art.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 360508, State Historical Grants, \$100,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to support the Nancy and David Wolf Holocaust and Humanity Center.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 360508, State Historical Grants, \$150,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to support the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 360508, State Historical Grants, \$150,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to support the National First Ladies Library in Canton, Ohio.

SECTION 299.10. REP OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

General Revenue Fund

GRF 025321	Operating Expenses	\$	25,917,274	\$	25,917,274
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	25,917,274	\$	25,917,274

Internal Service Activity Fund Group

1030 025601	House of Representatives Reimbursement	\$	1,433,664	\$	1,433,664
4A40 025602	Miscellaneous Sales	\$	50,000	\$	50,000
TOTAL ISA Internal Service Activity Fund Group		\$	1,483,664	\$	1,483,664
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	27,400,938	\$	27,400,938

OPERATING EXPENSES

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives may certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item 025321, Operating Expenses, at the end of fiscal year 2019 to be reappropriated to fiscal year 2020. The amount certified is hereby reappropriated to the same appropriation item for fiscal year 2020.

On July 1, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives may certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item 025321, Operating Expenses, at the end of fiscal year 2020 to be reappropriated to fiscal year 2021. The amount certified is hereby reappropriated to the same appropriation item for fiscal year 2021.

HOUSE REIMBURSEMENT

If it is determined by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives that additional appropriations are necessary for the foregoing appropriation item 025601, House Reimbursement, the amounts are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 301.10. HFA OHIO HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5AZ0 997601	Housing Finance Agency	\$	12,267,196	\$	12,819,657
	Personal Services				
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	12,267,196	\$	12,819,657
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	12,267,196	\$	12,819,657

SECTION 303.10. IGO OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

General Revenue Fund

GRF 965321	Operating Expenses	\$	1,512,881	\$	1,509,581
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	1,512,881	\$	1,509,581

Internal Service Activity Fund Group

5FA0 965603	Deputy Inspector General for ODOT	\$	400,000	\$	400,000
5FT0 965604	Deputy Inspector General for BWC/OIC	\$	425,000	\$	425,000
TOTAL ISA Internal Service Activity Fund Group		\$	825,000	\$	825,000
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	2,337,881	\$	2,334,581

SECTION 305.10. INS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5540 820601	Operating Expenses - OSHIIP	\$	180,000	\$	180,000
5540 820606	Operating Expenses	\$	29,580,629	\$	30,661,244
5550 820605	Examination	\$	8,938,161	\$	9,179,766
5PT0 820613	Captive Insurance Regulation and Supervision	\$	650,000	\$	650,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	39,348,790	\$	40,671,010

Federal Fund Group

3U50 820602	OSHIIP Operating Grant	\$	2,793,150	\$	2,793,150
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group		\$	2,793,150	\$	2,793,150
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	42,141,940	\$	43,464,160

MARKET CONDUCT EXAMINATION

When conducting a market conduct examination of any insurer doing business in this state, the Superintendent of Insurance may assess the costs of the examination against the insurer. The Superintendent may enter into consent agreements to impose administrative assessments or fines for conduct discovered that may be violations of statutes or rules administered by the Superintendent. All costs, assessments, or fines collected shall be deposited to the credit of the Department of Insurance Operating Fund (Fund 5540).

EXAMINATIONS OF DOMESTIC FRATERNAL BENEFIT

SOCIETIES

The Director of Budget and Management, at the request of the Superintendent of Insurance, may transfer cash from the Department of Insurance Operating Fund (Fund 5540), established by section 3901.021 of the Revised Code, to the Superintendent's Examination Fund (Fund 5550), established by section 3901.071 of the Revised Code, only for expenses incurred in examining domestic fraternal benefit societies as required by section 3921.28 of the Revised Code.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY REGULATION AND SUPERVISION

When funds from captive insurance company application fees, reimbursements from captive insurance companies for examinations, and other sources have accrued to the Captive Insurance Regulation and Supervision Fund (Fund 5PT0) in such amounts as are deemed sufficient to sustain operations, the Director of Budget and Management, in consultation with the Superintendent of Insurance, shall establish a schedule for repaying the amounts previously transferred during fiscal years 2016 and 2017 from Fund 5PT0 to Fund 5540.

SECTION 307.10. JFS DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

General Revenue Fund

GRF600410	TANF State Maintenance of Effort	\$	144,267,326	\$	144,267,326
GRF600413	Child Care State/Maintenance of Effort	\$	83,461,739	\$	83,461,739
GRF600450	Program Operations	\$	145,103,056	\$	145,441,048
GRF600502	Child Support - Local	\$	23,456,891	\$	23,456,891
GRF600521	Family Assistance - Local	\$	44,748,768	\$	44,748,768
GRF600523	Family and Children Services	\$	186,107,628	\$	186,397,628
GRF600528	Adoption Services	\$	28,922,517	\$	28,922,517
GRF600533	Child, Family, and Community Protection Services	\$	13,500,000	\$	13,500,000
GRF600534	Adult Protective Services	\$	4,230,000	\$	4,230,000
GRF600535	Early Care and Education	\$	141,285,241	\$	141,285,241
GRF600541	Kinship Permanency Incentive Program	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
GRF600546	Healthy Food Financing Initiative	\$	150,000	\$	150,000
GRF600551	Job and Family Services Program Support	\$	105,000	\$	105,000
GRF600552	Gracehaven Pilot Program	\$	259,685	\$	259,685
GRF600553	Court Appointed Special Advocates	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
GRF600555	Quality Infrastructure Grants	\$	10,000,000	\$	0
GRF655425	Medicaid Program Support	\$	13,412,603	\$	13,520,788

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GRF655522	Medicaid Program Support - Local	\$	37,119,931	\$	37,119,931
GRF655523	Medicaid Program Support - Local Transportation	\$	38,750,000	\$	38,750,000
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	916,880,385	\$	907,616,562
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group					
1980 600647	Children's Trust Fund	\$	7,992,060	\$	6,000,000
4A80 600658	Public Assistance Activities	\$	32,000,000	\$	32,000,000
4A90 600607	Unemployment Compensation Administration Fund	\$	13,900,000	\$	12,900,000
4E70 600604	Family and Children Services Collections	\$	650,000	\$	650,000
4F10 600609	Family and Children Activities	\$	708,000	\$	708,000
5DM0 600633	Audit Settlements and Contingency	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
5ES0 600630	Food Bank Assistance	\$	500,000	\$	500,000
5HC0 600695	Unemployment Compensation Interest	\$	1,000,000	\$	0
5KT0 600696	Early Childhood Education	\$	20,000,000	\$	20,000,000
5NG0 600660	Victims of Human Trafficking	\$	100,000	\$	100,000
5RX0 600699	Workforce Development Projects	\$	300,000	\$	300,000
5RY0 600698	Human Services Project	\$	14,887,449	\$	15,000,000
5TZ0 600674	Children's Crisis Care	\$	750,000	\$	750,000
5U60 600663	Family and Children Support	\$	5,000,000	\$	5,000,000
5VJ0 600600	Ohio Governor's Imagination Library	\$	5,000,000	\$	0
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	103,787,509	\$	94,908,000
Internal Service Activity Fund Group					
5HL0 600602	State and County Shared Services	\$	1,500,000	\$	1,500,000
TOTAL ISA Internal Service Activity Fund Group		\$	1,500,000	\$	1,500,000
Fiduciary Fund Group					
1920 600646	Child Support Intercept - Federal	\$	100,000,000	\$	100,000,000
5830 600642	Child Support Intercept - State	\$	13,000,000	\$	13,000,000
5B60 600601	Food Assistance Intercept	\$	4,000,000	\$	4,000,000
TOTAL FID Fiduciary Fund Group		\$	117,000,000	\$	117,000,000
Holding Account Fund Group					
R012 600643	Refunds and Audit Settlements	\$	500,000	\$	500,000
TOTAL HLD Holding Account Fund Group		\$	500,000	\$	500,000
Federal Fund Group					
3270 600606	Child Welfare	\$	28,950,337	\$	29,000,000
3310 600615	Veterans Programs	\$	7,000,000	\$	7,000,000
3310 600624	Employment Services	\$	26,000,000	\$	26,000,000
3310 600686	Workforce Programs	\$	3,912,923	\$	4,000,000

3840	600610	Food Assistance Programs	\$	165,544,356	\$	165,544,356
3850	600614	Refugee Services	\$	12,000,000	\$	12,000,000
3950	600616	Federal Discretionary Grants	\$	1,500,000	\$	1,500,000
3960	600620	Social Services Block Grant	\$	42,000,000	\$	42,000,000
3970	600626	Child Support - Federal	\$	197,479,829	\$	198,000,000
3980	600627	Adoption Program - Federal	\$	175,000,000	\$	175,000,000
3A20	600641	Emergency Food Distribution	\$	7,000,000	\$	7,000,000
3D30	600648	Children's Trust Fund Federal	\$	2,000,000	\$	2,000,000
3F01	655624	Medicaid Program Support - Federal	\$	179,231,495	\$	179,500,000
3H70	600617	Child Care Federal	\$	331,249,291	\$	331,980,000
3N00	600628	Foster Care Program - Federal	\$	280,732,702	\$	281,000,000
3S50	600622	Child Support Projects	\$	534,050	\$	534,050
3V00	600688	Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Programs	\$	142,092,211	\$	142,450,000
3V40	600632	Trade Programs	\$	19,755,884	\$	20,000,000
3V40	600678	Federal Unemployment Programs	\$	73,436,024	\$	73,436,024
3V40	600679	Unemployment Compensation Review Commission - Federal	\$	4,800,000	\$	4,800,000
3V60	600689	TANF Block Grant	\$	873,602,794	\$	935,000,000
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group			\$	2,573,821,896	\$	2,637,744,430
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$	3,713,489,790	\$	3,759,268,992

SECTION 307.20. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS

(A) The foregoing appropriation item 600521, Family Assistance - Local, may be provided to county departments of job and family services to administer food assistance and disability assistance programs.

(B) The foregoing appropriation item 655522, Medicaid Program Support - Local, may be provided to county departments of job and family services to administer the Medicaid program and the State Children's Health Insurance program.

(C) At the request of the Director of Job and Family Services, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer appropriations between the following appropriation items to ensure county administrative funds are expended from the proper appropriation item:

(1) Appropriation item 600521, Family Assistance - Local, and appropriation item 655522, Medicaid Program Support - Local; and

(2) Appropriation item 655523, Medicaid Program Support - Local Transportation, and appropriation item 655522, Medicaid Program Support - Local.

(D) If receipts credited to the Medicaid Program Support Fund (Fund 3F01) and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Fund (Fund 3840) exceed the amounts appropriated, the Director of Job and Family Services shall request the Director of Budget and Management to authorize

expenditures from those funds in excess of the amounts appropriated. Upon approval of the Director of Budget and Management, the additional amounts are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 307.30. NAME OF FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

The Director of Job and Family Services is not required to amend rules regarding the Food Stamp Program to change the name of the program to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. The Director may refer to the program as the Food Stamp Program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or the Food Assistance Program in rules and documents of the Department of Job and Family Services.

SECTION 307.40. OHIO ASSOCIATION OF FOOD BANKS

Of the foregoing appropriation items 600410, TANF State Maintenance of Effort, 600658, Public Assistance Activities, and 600689, TANF Block Grant, a total of \$22,050,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to provide funds to the Ohio Association of Food Banks to purchase and distribute food products, support Innovative Summer Meals programs for children, provide SNAP outreach and free tax filing services, and provide capacity building equipment for food pantries and soup kitchens.

Notwithstanding section 5101.46 of the Revised Code and any other provision in this bill, including funds designated for the Ohio Association of Food Banks in this section, in fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021, the Director of Job and Family Services shall provide assistance from eligible funds to the Ohio Association of Food Banks in an amount not less than \$24,550,000 in each fiscal year.

Eligible nonfederal expenditures made by member food banks of the Association shall be counted by the Department of Job and Family Services toward the TANF maintenance of effort requirements of 42 U.S.C. 609(a)(7). The Director of Job and Family Services shall enter into an agreement with the Ohio Association of Food Banks, in accordance with sections 5101.80 and 5101.801 of the Revised Code, to carry out the requirements under this section.

SECTION 307.43. UNAFFILIATED FOOD BANKS

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600689, TANF Block Grant, \$500,000 in each fiscal year shall be provided, in accordance with sections 5101.80 and 5101.801 of the Revised Code, to food banks or food pantries

unaffiliated with the Ohio Association of Food Banks.

SECTION 307.45. FOOD STAMPS TRANSFER

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, and upon request of the Director of Job and Family Services, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer up to \$1,000,000 cash from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Fund (Fund 3840), to the Food Assistance Fund (Fund 5ES0).

SECTION 307.50. PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES/TANF MOE

The foregoing appropriation item 600658, Public Assistance Activities, shall be used by the Department of Job and Family Services to meet the TANF maintenance of effort requirements of 42 U.S.C. 609(a)(7). When the state is assured that it will meet the maintenance of effort requirement, the Department of Job and Family Services may use funds from appropriation item 600658, Public Assistance Activities, to support public assistance activities.

SECTION 307.70. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600689, TANF Block Grant, up to \$13,285,000 in each fiscal year shall be used, in accordance with sections 5101.80 and 5101.801 of the Revised Code, to provide support to programs or organizations that provide services that align with the mission and goals of the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, as outlined in section 107.12 of the Revised Code, and that further at least one of the four purposes of the TANF program, as specified in 42 U.S.C. 601.

Of the amount earmarked for the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, \$250,000 in each fiscal year shall be provided to Think Tank, Inc. to support a project that provides a sustainable, scalable system to support and keep families together.

SECTION 307.80. INDEPENDENT LIVING INITIATIVE

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600689, TANF Block Grant, up to \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be used, in accordance with sections 5101.80 and 5101.801 of the Revised Code, to support the Independent Living Initiative, including life skills training and work supports for older children in foster care and those who have recently aged out of foster care.

SECTION 307.90. OHIO COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600689, TANF Block Grant, \$2,200,000 in each fiscal year shall be provided to the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood.

SECTION 307.91. FAMILY STABILITY PROGRAMS

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600689, TANF Block Grant, up to \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be provided, in accordance with sections 5101.80 and 5101.801 of the Revised Code, to the Siemer Institute to support Family Stability Programs in collaboration with United Way affiliates on a quarterly basis. The funds shall be used to help provide services and early intervention focused on improving family housing stability, increasing household income, reducing school mobility, and supporting two-generation programming to stabilize family units.

Before any funds are reimbursed, the Siemer Institute or affiliates shall provide the Department of Job and Family Services with documentation showing the amount of private sector dollars that have been collected to support the Family Stability Programs. The amount of each reimbursement provided by the Department to the Siemer Institute shall not exceed the amount documented and shall not exceed \$1,000,000 in total in each fiscal year.

SECTION 307.92. CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600689, TANF Block Grant, \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be provided, in accordance with sections 5101.80 and 5101.801 of the Revised Code, to the Ohio Children's Trust Fund.

SECTION 307.94. OHIO COUNCIL OF YWCAS

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600689, TANF Block Grant, \$500,000 in each fiscal year shall be provided, in accordance with sections 5101.80 and 5101.801 of the Revised Code, to the Ohio Council of YWCAs to support programs that prevent domestic violence, support victims of domestic violence, provide trauma-informed support for survivors, and support educational opportunities for at-risk youth.

SECTION 307.95. OHIO ALLIANCE OF BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600689, TANF Block Grant, \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be provided, in accordance with sections 5101.80 and 5101.801 of the Revised Code, to the Ohio Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs to provide after-school and summer programs that protect at-risk children and enable youth to become responsible adults. Not less than \$75,000 in each fiscal year shall be provided to the Boys and Girls Club of Massillon.

SECTION 307.96. TANF WORK REQUIREMENTS DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

As used in this section, "TANF work requirements" means the work requirements established under section 407 of the "Social Security Act," 42 U.S.C. 607, for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

The Director of Job and Family Services shall seek approval from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to operate a demonstration project for a two-year period that enables all of the following:

(A) An Ohio Works First participant to satisfy the TANF work requirements by satisfactorily participating in any of the following for up to twenty-four months:

- (1) On-the-job training;
- (2) Education directly related to employment if the participant has not received a high school diploma or a certificate of high school equivalency;
- (3) A course of study leading to a certificate of general equivalence if the participant has not completed secondary school or received such a certificate.

(B) An Ohio Works First participant not to be subject to a penalty under section 407(e) of the "Social Security Act," 42 U.S.C. 607(e), due to the participant's satisfaction of the TANF work requirements pursuant to division (A) of this section;

(C) The state to count an Ohio Works First participant's satisfaction of the TANF work requirements pursuant to division (A) of this section toward the state's work participation rates under the TANF work requirements regardless of whether the participant also participates in other work activities specified in section 407(d) of the "Social Security Act," 42 U.S.C. 607(d).

SECTION 307.98. WATERFORD INSTITUTE PILOT PROGRAM

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600689, TANF Block Grant, \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be provided, in accordance with sections 5101.80 and 5101.801 of the Revised Code, to the Waterford Institute to implement a pilot program for pre-kindergarten children.

SECTION 307.99. OHIO PARENTING AND PREGNANCY PROGRAM

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600689, TANF Block Grant, \$3,750,000 in each fiscal year shall be used, in accordance with sections 5101.80 and 5101.801 of the Revised Code, to support the Ohio Parenting and Pregnancy Program.

MOMS2B

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600689, TANF Block Grant, \$50,000 in each fiscal year shall be used, in accordance with sections 5101.80 and 5101.801 of the Revised Code, to support the Moms2B program in Franklin County.

SECTION 307.100. KINSHIP CAREGIVER PROGRAM

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600689, TANF Block Grant, \$15,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to support kinship care. The Director of Job and Family Services shall allocate funds to county departments of job and family services by providing twelve per cent divided equally among all counties, forty-eight per cent in the ratio that the number of residents of the county under the age of eighteen bears to the total number of such persons residing in this state, and forty per cent in the ratio that the number of residents of the county with incomes under one hundred per cent of the federal poverty guideline bears to the total number of such persons in this state. Each public children services agency shall use these funds to provide reasonable and necessary relief of child caring functions so that kinship caregivers, as defined in section 5101.85 of the Revised Code, can provide and maintain a home for a child in place of a child's parents. When the public children services agency is designated under division (A) of section 5153.02 of the Revised Code, the county department of job and family services shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the public children services agency authorizing the expenditure of funds for this purpose up to the amount of the allocation.

Each county department of job and family services shall incorporate the kinship caregiver support program into its prevention, retention, and contingency plan. The program shall include a family stabilization service and a caregiving service. For the purpose of the stabilization service, each child living with a kinship caregiver shall constitute a prevention, retention, and contingency assistance group of one. Stabilization services shall be designed to transition the child into and maintain the child in the home of the kinship caregiver. For the purpose of the caregiving service, each assistance group shall include at least a child living with a kinship caregiver and the kinship caregiver.

The Department of Job and Family Services may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code as necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

If funding is no longer available, the kinship caregiver support program in this section shall end and any county department of job and family services or public children services agency shall not be held responsible for payment of services.

SECTION 307.101. MARRIAGE WORKS

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600689, TANF Block Grant, \$200,000 in each fiscal year shall be provided, in accordance with sections 5101.80 and 5101.801 of the Revised Code, to Marriage Works! Ohio in Dayton.

SECTION 307.102. STAR HOUSE DROP-IN CENTER

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600689, TANF Block Grant, \$900,000 in each fiscal year shall be used, in accordance with sections 5101.80 and 5101.801 of the Revised Code, to support the Star House Drop-In Center to provide services for homeless youth.

SECTION 307.103. YWCA OF GREATER CLEVELAND

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600689, TANF Block Grant, \$200,000 in each fiscal year shall be used, in accordance with sections 5101.80 and 5101.801 of the Revised Code, to support the YWCA of Greater Cleveland's Early Learning Center trauma informed pre-school for homeless, low income, and at-risk pre-school children.

SECTION 307.104. UNIVERSITY SETTLEMENT

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600689, TANF Block Grant, \$100,000 in each fiscal year shall be used, in accordance with sections 5101.80 and 5101.801 of the Revised Code, to support University Settlement family assistance programs in the Broadway-Slavic Village neighborhood of Cleveland.

SECTION 307.105. BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600689, TANF Block Grant, \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be provided, in accordance with sections 5101.80 and 5101.801 of the Revised Code, to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio to provide mentoring services to children throughout the state who have experienced trauma in their lives, including parental incarceration.

SECTION 307.106. COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF CENTRAL OHIO

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600689, TANF Block Grant, \$200,000 in each fiscal year shall be provided, in accordance with sections 5101.80 and 5101.801 of the Revised Code, to Communities In Schools of Central Ohio to provide supports for at-risk youth for wraparound services, which directly impact chronic absenteeism and dropout rates.

CONNECT OUR KIDS

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600689, TANF Block Grant, \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 shall be used, in accordance with sections 5101.80 and 5101.801 of the Revised Code, to support the completion of the Connect Our Kids Family Connections technology tool and to implement a pilot program for the tool across multiple Ohio counties. The Family Connection technology tool shall be made available to child welfare professionals in all counties after completion of the pilot program.

SECTION 307.107. OPEN DOORS ACADEMY

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600689, TANF Block Grant, \$2,200,000 in each fiscal year shall be used, in accordance with sections 5101.80 and 5101.801 of the Revised Code, to support the Seven Year Promise Program, operated by the Open Doors Academy. Funding shall be used for a program in Northeast Ohio and four additional sites in the state.

SECTION 307.108. PRODUCE PERKS MIDWEST

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600689, TANF Block Grant,

\$250,000 in each fiscal year shall be provided, in accordance with sections 5101.80 and 5101.801 of the Revised Code, to Produce Perks Midwest, Inc., to expand Ohio's nutrition incentive program, which provides SNAP recipients with a dollar-for-dollar match to buy fresh, healthy produce from Ohio farmers and retailers.

SECTION 307.109. CHILDREN'S HUNGER ALLIANCE

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600689, TANF Block Grant, \$1,175,000 in each fiscal year shall be provided, in accordance with sections 5101.80 and 5101.801 of the Revised Code, to the Children's Hunger Alliance to assist with meal sponsorship, early child care programs, child care, consultations and nutrition education, school district nutrition programs, after school nutrition programs, and summer nutrition programs.

SECTION 307.110. FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600523, Family and Children Services, up to \$3,200,000 shall be used to match eligible federal Title IV-B ESSA funds and federal Title IV-E Chafee funds allocated to public children services agencies.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600523, Family and Children Services, up to \$25,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be provided to assist with the expense of providing services to youth requiring support from multiple systems. These funds may be used for youth currently in the custody of a public children services agency or to prevent children from entering into the custody of a public children services agency by custody relinquishment or another mechanism. The Director of Job and Family Services shall adopt rules in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code to administer the funding.

Of the foregoing appropriation item, 600523, Family and Children Services, not less than \$125,040,010 in each fiscal year shall be provided to public children services agencies. Of that amount, \$17,600,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to provide an initial allocation of \$200,000 to each county; up to \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be provided using the formula in section 5101.14 of the Revised Code for staffing for foster parent recruitment, engagement, and support; up to \$10,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be provided using the formula in section 5101.14 of the Revised Code to strengthen best practices identified in partnership with the Department of Job and Family Services; and the remainder shall be provided using the formula in section 5101.14 of the Revised Code.

If the funds available for distribution under section 5101.14 of the Revised Code in fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021 exceed the amount appropriated in fiscal year 2019, each county contributing local funds in county fiscal year 2019 to the county children services fund shall contribute moneys to the children services fund described in section 5101.144 of the Revised Code.

The Director of Job and Family Services shall adopt rules, in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code, to determine the amount of local funds each county must contribute to the children services fund based on past contributions. Rules must include a hardship provision identifying circumstances in which the county contribution may be waived or reduced.

SECTION 307.111. CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600523, Family and Children Services, \$290,000 in fiscal year 2021 shall be allocated to the Cleveland State University Sullivan-Deckard and Helen Packer Scholars Program to provide tuition and wrap-around services to young adults who have aged out of foster care.

SECTION 307.115. KINSHIP CARE NAVIGATOR PROGRAM

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600523, Family and Children Services, \$8,500,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to support the Kinship Care Navigator Program, and may be used to match eligible federal Title IV-E funds.

SECTION 307.120. FLEXIBLE FUNDING FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

In collaboration with the county family and children first council, a county department of job and family services or public children services agency that receives an allocation from the Department of Job and Family Services from the foregoing appropriation item 600523, Family and Children Services, or 600533, Child, Family, and Community Protection Services, may transfer a portion of either or both allocations to a flexible funding pool as authorized by the section of this act titled "FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST FLEXIBLE FUNDING POOL."

SECTION 307.130. CHILD, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY

PROTECTION SERVICES

(A) The foregoing appropriation item 600533, Child, Family, and Community Protection Services, shall be distributed to county departments of job and family services. County departments shall use the funds distributed to them under this section as follows, in accordance with the written plan of cooperation entered into under section 307.983 of the Revised Code:

(1) To assist individuals in achieving or maintaining self-sufficiency, including by reducing or preventing dependency among individuals with family income not exceeding two hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines;

(2) Subject to division (B) of this section, to respond to reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of children and adults, including through the differential response approach program;

(3) To provide outreach and referral services regarding home and community-based services to individuals at risk of placement in a group home or institution, regardless of the individuals' family income and without need for a written application;

(4) To provide outreach, referral, application assistance, and other services to assist individuals receive assistance, benefits, or services under Medicaid; Title IV-A programs, as defined in section 5101.80 of the Revised Code; the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; and other public assistance programs.

(B) Protective services may be provided to a child or adult as part of a response, under division (A)(2) of this section, to a report of abuse, neglect, or exploitation without regard to a child or adult's family income and without need for a written application. The protective services may be provided if the case record documents circumstances of actual or potential abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

SECTION 307.132. QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

The foregoing appropriation item 600555, Quality Infrastructure Grants, shall be used by the Director of Job and Family Services to administer an early learning and development quality infrastructure grant program.

The Director shall review grant applications in collaboration with council members appointed by the chairperson of the Early Childhood Advisory Council. The council members appointed shall include representatives of government and private entities. In reviewing applications

and awarding grants, the Director and council members shall consider the needs of applicants and the ability of the communities in which applicants are located to satisfy division (G) of section 5104.29 of the Revised Code. Grants may be used to support quality workforce supports, including, but not limited to, wage incentives and assistance with certification and degree attainment; professional development and technical assistance; facilities improvement and classroom supplies; and curriculum and assessment.

SECTION 307.133. ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

The foregoing appropriation item 600534, Adult Protective Services, shall be divided equally among the counties.

SECTION 307.135. HEALTHY FOOD FINANCING INITIATIVE

The foregoing appropriation item 600546, Healthy Food Financing Initiative, shall be used by the Director of Job and Family Services to support healthy food access in underserved communities in urban and rural Low and Moderate Income Areas, as defined by either the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), as identified in the USDA's Food Access Research Atlas, or through a methodology that has been adopted for use by another governmental or philanthropic healthy food initiative, or an alternative methodology approved by the Director of Job and Family Services.

The Director of Job and Family Services, in cooperation with the Director of Health, shall contract with the Finance Fund Capital Corporation to administer a Healthy Food Financing Initiative. The Finance Fund Capital Corporation shall demonstrate a capacity to administer grant and loan programs in accordance with state and federal rules and accounting principles, and shall partner with one or more entities with demonstrable experience in healthy food access-related policy matters.

The Finance Fund Capital Corporation shall report to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services the amount of funds granted or loaned, the number of new or retained jobs associated with related projects, the health impact of the initiative, and the number and location of healthy food access projects established or in development.

SECTION 307.138. JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAM SUPPORT

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600551, Job and Family Services

Program Support, \$75,000 in each fiscal year shall be provided to the Mayerson Jewish Community Center to support summer camps, senior citizen socialization for Alzheimer's patients, and security services.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600551, Job and Family Services Program Support, \$30,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to support Jewish Family Services, which shall use the funds to provide aging and caregiver services, post-adoption counseling, domestic abuse counseling, and assistance with food pantry expansion.

SECTION 307.139. GRACEHAVEN PILOT PROGRAM

The foregoing appropriation item 600552, Gracehaven Pilot Program, shall be used to finance the creation of Gracehaven centers to provide community-based services to women under eighteen years of age that have been victims of human trafficking.

SECTION 307.140. FAMILY AND CHILDREN ACTIVITIES

The foregoing appropriation item 600609, Family and Children Activities, shall be used to expend miscellaneous foundation funds and grants to support family and children services activities.

SECTION 307.141. COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600553, Court Appointed Special Advocates, \$333,333 in each fiscal year shall be used to support administrative costs associated with existing court-appointed special advocate programs.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600553, Court Appointed Special Advocates, \$666,667 in each fiscal year shall be used to establish court-appointed special advocate programs in areas of the state that are not served by an existing program.

SECTION 307.145. OHIO GOVERNOR'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

The foregoing appropriation item 600600, Ohio Governor's Imagination Library, shall be used to support childhood literacy efforts in the state. The Director of Job and Family Services may work with nonprofit entities or foundations established to support childhood literacy efforts in this state.

On July 1, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Job and Family Services may certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the foregoing

appropriation item 600600, Ohio Governor's Imagination Library, at the end of fiscal year 2020 to be reappropriated in fiscal year 2021. The amount certified is hereby reappropriated to the same appropriation item for fiscal year 2021.

SECTION 307.150. ODJFS AUDIT SETTLEMENTS AND CONTINGENCY FUND

Notwithstanding section 5101.073 of the Revised Code, the ODJFS Audit Settlements and Contingency Fund (Fund 5DM0) may also consist of earned federal revenue the final disposition of which is unknown.

On July 1 of each fiscal year, or as soon as possible thereafter, and upon request of the Director of Job and Family Services, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer up to \$16,000,000 cash from the ODJFS Audit Settlements and Contingency Fund (Fund 5DM0), to the Human Services Projects Fund (Fund 5RY0).

SECTION 307.160. ADOPTION ASSISTANCE LOAN

The Department of Job and Family Services may use the State Adoption Assistance Loan Fund (Fund 5DP0) for the administration of adoption assistance loans pursuant to section 3107.018 of the Revised Code. The amounts of any adoption assistance loans are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 307.170. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600696, Early Childhood Education, up to \$20,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to achieve the goals described in division (C) of section 5104.29 of the Revised Code. The funds shall be used to support early learning and development programs operating in smaller communities, early learning and development programs that are rated in the Step Up to Quality program at the third highest tier or higher, or both.

SECTION 307.175. PUBLICLY FUNDED CHILD CARE PROVIDER RATES

The Director of Job and Family Services shall do all of the following to the rate categories assigned to child care programs rated in the Step Up to Quality program for the purpose of reimbursing providers for subsidized child care:

- (A) Ensure that reimbursement rates for each rating tier are not lower

than the reimbursement rates for each corresponding rating tier that were in effect on January 1, 2019; and

(B) Ensure that no county moves to a rating tier with a lower reimbursement rate than the one in effect for the county on January 1, 2019.

SECTION 307.190. VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The foregoing appropriation item 600660, Victims of Human Trafficking, shall be used to provide treatment, care, rehabilitation, education, housing, and assistance for victims of trafficking in persons as specified in section 5101.87 of the Revised Code.

If receipts credited to the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund (Fund 5NG0) exceed the amounts appropriated to the fund, the Director of Job and Family Services may request the Director of Budget and Management to authorize expenditures from the fund in excess of the amounts appropriated. Upon the approval of the Director of Budget and Management, the additional amounts are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 307.195. CHILDREN'S CRISIS CARE

The foregoing appropriation item 600674, Children's Crisis Care, shall be allocated by the Department of Job and Family Services in each fiscal year to children's crisis care facilities as defined in section 5103.13 of the Revised Code. The Director of Job and Family Services shall allocate funds in each fiscal year based on the total length of stay or days of care for each child residing in the facility, which is determined by calculating the total days each child resides at the crisis care facility, including the date of admission, but not the day of discharge. A children's crisis care facility may decline to receive funds provided under this section. A children's crisis care facility that accepts funds provided under this section shall use the funds in accordance with section 5103.13 of the Revised Code and the rules as defined in rule 5101:2-9-36 of the Administrative Code.

SECTION 307.200. FIDUCIARY AND HOLDING ACCOUNT FUND GROUPS

The Fiduciary Fund Group and Holding Account Fund Group shall be used to hold revenues until the appropriate fund is determined or until the revenues are directed to the appropriate governmental agency other than the Department of Job and Family Services. Any Department of Job and Family Services refunds or reconciliations received or held by the Department of

Medicaid shall be transferred or credited to the Refunds and Audit Settlement Fund (Fund R012). If receipts credited to the Support Intercept – Federal Fund (Fund 1920), the Support Intercept – State Fund (Fund 5830), the Food Stamp Offset Fund (Fund 5B60), the Refunds and Audit Settlements Fund (Fund R012), or the Forgery Collections Fund (Fund R013) exceed the amounts appropriated from the fund, the Director of Job and Family Services may request the Director of Budget and Management to authorize expenditures from the fund in excess of the amounts appropriated. Upon the approval of the Director of Budget and Management, the additional amounts are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 309.10. JCR JOINT COMMITTEE ON AGENCY RULE REVIEW

General Revenue Fund

GRF 029321	Operating Expenses	\$	570,000	\$	570,000
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	570,000	\$	570,000
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	570,000	\$	570,000

OPERATING GUIDANCE

The Legislative Service Commission shall act as fiscal agent for the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review. Members of the Committee shall be paid in accordance with section 101.35 of the Revised Code.

OPERATING EXPENSES

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Executive Director of the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review may certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item 029321, Operating Expenses, at the end of fiscal year 2019 to be reappropriated to fiscal year 2020. The amount certified is hereby reappropriated to the same appropriation item for fiscal year 2020.

On July 1, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Executive Director of the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review may certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item 029321, Operating Expenses, at the end of fiscal year 2020 to be reappropriated to fiscal year 2021. The amount certified is hereby reappropriated to the same appropriation item for fiscal year 2021.

SECTION 311.10. JEO JOINT EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

General Revenue Fund

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GRF 047321	Operating Expenses	\$	100,000	\$	0
TOTAL GRF	General Revenue Fund	\$	100,000	\$	0
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	100,000	\$	0

OPERATING EXPENSES

The foregoing appropriation item 047321, Operating Expenses, shall be used to support expenses related to the Joint Education Oversight Committee under section 103.45 to 103.50 of the Revised Code, as it existed prior to the effective date of this act.

SECTION 313.10. JMO JOINT MEDICAID OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

General Revenue Fund

GRF 048321	Operating Expenses	\$	361,365	\$	528,681
TOTAL GRF	General Revenue Fund	\$	361,365	\$	528,681
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	361,365	\$	528,681

OPERATING EXPENSES

The foregoing appropriation item 048321, Operating Expenses, shall be used to support expenses related to the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee created by section 103.41 of the Revised Code.

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Executive Director of the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee may certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item 048321, Operating Expenses, at the end of fiscal year 2019 to be reappropriated to fiscal year 2020. The amount certified is hereby reappropriated to the same appropriation item for fiscal year 2020.

On July 1, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Executive Director of the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee may certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item 048321, Operating Expenses, at the end of fiscal year 2020 to be reappropriated to fiscal year 2021. The amount certified is hereby reappropriated to the same appropriation item for fiscal year 2021.

The Legislative Service Commission shall act as fiscal agent for the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee.

SECTION 315.10. JCO JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF OHIO

General Revenue Fund

GRF 018321	Operating Expenses	\$	963,500	\$	911,305
TOTAL GRF	General Revenue Fund	\$	963,500	\$	911,305

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4030 018601	Ohio Jury Instructions	\$	480,850	\$	480,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	480,850	\$	480,000
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	1,444,350	\$	1,391,305

STATE COUNCIL OF UNIFORM STATE LAWS

Notwithstanding section 105.26 of the Revised Code, of the foregoing appropriation item 018321, Operating Expenses, up to \$93,500 in fiscal year 2020 and up to \$96,305 in fiscal year 2021 shall be used to pay the expenses of the State Council of Uniform State Laws, including membership dues to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

OHIO JURY INSTRUCTIONS FUND

The Ohio Jury Instructions Fund (Fund 4030) shall consist of grants, royalties, dues, conference fees, bequests, devises, and other gifts received for the purpose of supporting costs incurred by the Judicial Conference of Ohio in its activities as a part of the judicial system of the state as determined by the Judicial Conference Executive Committee. Fund 4030 shall be used by the Judicial Conference of Ohio to pay expenses incurred in its activities as a part of the judicial system of the state as determined by the Judicial Conference Executive Committee. All moneys accruing to Fund 4030 in excess of the amount appropriated for the current fiscal year are hereby appropriated for the purposes authorized. No money in Fund 4030 shall be transferred to any other fund by the Director of Budget and Management or the Controlling Board.

SECTION 317.10. JSC THE JUDICIARY/SUPREME COURT**General Revenue Fund**

GRF 005321	Operating Expenses - Judiciary/Supreme Court	\$	181,708,720	\$	185,018,785
GRF 005401	State Criminal Sentencing Commission	\$	599,970	\$	614,970
GRF 005406	Law-Related Education	\$	200,000	\$	200,000
GRF 005409	Ohio Courts Technology Initiative	\$	5,391,025	\$	5,435,625
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	187,899,715	\$	191,269,380

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4C80 005605	Attorney Services	\$	10,805,858	\$	10,553,340
5HT0 005617	Court Interpreter Certification	\$	12,459	\$	14,327
5SP0 005626	Civil Justice Grant Program	\$	350,000	\$	350,000
5T80 005609	Grants and Awards	\$	8,224	\$	8,224
6720 005601	Judiciary/Supreme Court Education	\$	151,000	\$	151,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	11,327,541	\$	11,076,891

Fiduciary Fund Group

5JY0 005620	County Law Library Resources Boards	\$	303,500	\$	313,500
TOTAL FID Fiduciary Fund Group		\$	303,500	\$	313,500

Federal Fund Group

3J00 005603 Federal Grants	\$	1,118,471	\$	1,073,190
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group	\$	1,118,471	\$	1,073,190
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$	200,649,227	\$	203,732,961

SECTION 317.20. STATE CRIMINAL SENTENCING COMMISSION

The foregoing appropriation item 005401, State Criminal Sentencing Commission, shall be used for the operation of the State Criminal Sentencing Commission established by section 181.21 of the Revised Code.

LAW-RELATED EDUCATION

The foregoing appropriation item 005406, Law-Related Education, shall be distributed directly to the Ohio Center for Law-Related Education for the purposes of providing continuing citizenship education activities to primary and secondary students, expanding delinquency prevention programs, increasing activities for at-risk youth, and accessing additional public and private money for new programs.

OHIO COURTS TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE

The foregoing appropriation item 005409, Ohio Courts Technology Initiative, shall be used to fund an initiative by the Supreme Court to facilitate the exchange of information and warehousing of data by and between Ohio courts and other justice system partners through the creation of an Ohio Courts Network, the delivery of technology services to courts throughout the state, including the provision of hardware, software, and the development and implementation of educational and training programs for judges and court personnel, and operation of the Commission on Technology and the Courts by the Supreme Court for the promulgation of statewide rules, policies, and uniform standards, and to aid in the orderly adoption and comprehensive use of technology in Ohio courts.

ATTORNEY SERVICES

The Attorney Registration Fund (Fund 4C80) shall consist of money received by the Supreme Court (The Judiciary) pursuant to the Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio. In addition to funding other activities considered appropriate by the Supreme Court, the foregoing appropriation item 005605, Attorney Services, may be used to compensate employees and to fund appropriate activities of the following offices established by the Supreme Court: the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline, the Clients' Security Fund, and the Attorney Services Division which include the Office of Bar Admissions. If it is determined by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court that changes to the appropriation are necessary, the amounts

are hereby appropriated.

No money in Fund 4C80 shall be transferred to any other fund by the Director of Budget and Management or the Controlling Board. Interest earned on money in Fund 4C80 shall be credited to the fund.

COURT INTERPRETER CERTIFICATION

The Court Interpreter Certification Fund (Fund 5HT0) shall consist of money received by the Supreme Court (The Judiciary) pursuant to Rules 80 through 87 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio. The foregoing appropriation item 005617, Court Interpreter Certification, shall be used to provide training, to provide the written examination, and to pay language experts to rate, or grade, the oral examinations of those applying to become certified court interpreters. If it is determined by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court that changes to the appropriation are necessary, the amounts are hereby appropriated.

No money in Fund 5HT0 shall be transferred to any other fund by the Director of Budget and Management or the Controlling Board. Interest earned on money in Fund 5HT0 shall be credited to the fund.

CIVIL JUSTICE GRANT PROGRAM

The Civil Justice Program Fund (Fund 5SP0) shall consist of (1) \$50 voluntary donations made as part of the biennium attorney registration process and (2) \$150 increase in the *pro hac vice* fees for out-of-state attorneys pursuant to Government of the Bar Rule amendments. The foregoing appropriation item 005626, Civil Justice Grant Program, shall be used by the Supreme Court of Ohio for grants to not-for-profit organizations and agencies dedicated to providing civil legal aid to underserved populations, to fund innovative programs directed at this purpose, and to increase access to judicial service to that population.

No money in Fund 5SP0 shall be transferred to any other fund by the Director of Budget and Management or the Controlling Board. Interest earned on money in Fund 5SP0 shall be credited to the fund.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

The Grants and Awards Fund (Fund 5T80) shall consist of grants and other money awarded to the Supreme Court (The Judiciary) by the State Justice Institute, the Division of Criminal Justice Services, or other entities. The foregoing appropriation item 005609, Grants and Awards, shall be used in a manner consistent with the purpose of the grant or award. If it is determined by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court that changes to the appropriation are necessary, the amounts are hereby appropriated.

No money in Fund 5T80 shall be transferred to any other fund by the

Director of Budget and Management or the Controlling Board. Interest earned on money in Fund 5T80 shall be credited or transferred to the General Revenue Fund.

JUDICIARY/SUPREME COURT EDUCATION

The Judiciary/Supreme Court Education Fund (Fund 6720) shall consist of fees paid for attending judicial and public education on the law, reimbursement of costs for judicial and public education on the law, and other gifts and grants received for the purpose of judicial and public education on the law. The foregoing appropriation item 005601, Judiciary/Supreme Court Education, shall be used to pay expenses for judicial education courses for judges, court personnel, and those who serve the courts, and for public education on the law. If it is determined by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court that changes to the appropriation are necessary, the amounts are hereby appropriated.

No money in Fund 6720 shall be transferred to any other fund by the Director of Budget and Management or the Controlling Board. Interest earned on money in Fund 6720 shall be credited to the fund.

COUNTY LAW LIBRARY RESOURCES BOARDS

The Statewide Consortium of County Law Library Resources Boards Fund (Fund 5JY0) shall consist of moneys deposited pursuant to section 307.515 of the Revised Code into a county's law library resources fund and forwarded by that county's treasurer for deposit in the state treasury pursuant to division (E)(1) of section 3375.481 of the Revised Code. The foregoing appropriation item 005620, County Law Library Resources Boards, shall be used for the operation of the Statewide Consortium of County Law Library Resources Boards. If it is determined by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court that changes to the appropriation are necessary, the amounts are hereby appropriated.

No money in Fund 5JY0 shall be transferred to any other fund by the Director of Budget and Management or the Controlling Board. Interest earned on money in Fund 5JY0 shall be credited to the fund.

FEDERAL GRANTS

The Federal Grants Fund (Fund 3J00) shall consist of grants and other moneys awarded to the Supreme Court (The Judiciary) by the United States Government or other entities that receive the moneys directly from the United States Government and distribute those moneys to the Supreme Court (The Judiciary). The foregoing appropriation item 005603, Federal Grants, shall be used in a manner consistent with the purpose of the grant or award. If it is determined by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court that changes to the appropriation are necessary, the amounts are

hereby appropriated.

No money in Fund 3J00 shall be transferred to any other fund by the Director of Budget and Management or the Controlling Board. However, interest earned on money in Fund 3J00 shall be credited or transferred to the General Revenue Fund.

SECTION 319.10. LEC LAKE ERIE COMMISSION

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4C00 780601	Lake Erie Protection	\$	694,000	\$	699,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	694,000	\$	699,000

Federal Fund Group

3EP0 780603	LEC Federal Grants	\$	50,000	\$	50,000
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group		\$	50,000	\$	50,000
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	744,000	\$	749,000

CASH TRANSFERS TO THE LAKE ERIE PROTECTION FUND

On July 1 of each fiscal year, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management, with the approval of the Controlling Board, may transfer cash from the funds specified below, up to the amounts specified below, to the Lake Erie Protection Fund (Fund 4C00). Fund 4C00 may accept contributions and transfers made to the fund.

Fund	Fund Name	User	FY 2020	FY 2021
5BC0	Environmental Protection	Environmental Protection Agency	\$25,000	\$25,000
6690	Pesticide, Fertilizer and Lime	Department of Agriculture	\$25,000	\$25,000
4700	General Operations	Department of Health	\$25,000	\$25,000
1570	Central Support Indirect	Department of Natural Resources	\$25,000	\$25,000

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management, with the approval of the Controlling Board, may transfer \$25,000 cash from a fund used by the Development Services Agency, as specified by the Director of Development Services, to Fund 4C00.

On July 1, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management, with the approval of the Controlling Board, may transfer \$25,000 cash from a fund used by the Development Services Agency, as specified by the Director of Development Services, to Fund 4C00.

SECTION 321.10. JLE JOINT LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

General Revenue Fund

GRF 028321	Legislative Ethics Committee	\$	625,000	\$	625,000
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	625,000	\$	625,000

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4G70 028601	Joint Legislative Ethics Committee	\$	150,000	\$	150,000
5HN0 028602	Investigations and Financial Disclosure	\$	10,000	\$	10,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	160,000	\$	160,000
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	785,000	\$	785,000

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Legislative Inspector General of the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee may certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item 028321, Legislative Ethics Committee, at the end of fiscal year 2019 to be reappropriated to fiscal year 2020. The amount certified is hereby reappropriated to the same appropriation item for fiscal year 2020.

On July 1, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Legislative Inspector General of the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee may certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item 028321, Legislative Ethics Committee, at the end of fiscal year 2020 to be reappropriated to fiscal year 2021. The amount certified is hereby reappropriated to the same appropriation item for fiscal year 2021.

SECTION 323.10. LSC LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

General Revenue Fund

GRF 035321	Operating Expenses	\$	18,600,000	\$	19,158,000
GRF 035402	Legislative Fellows	\$	1,080,000	\$	1,080,000
GRF 035405	Correctional Institution Inspection Committee	\$	447,020	\$	447,020
GRF 035407	Legislative Task Force on Redistricting	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
GRF 035409	National Associations	\$	600,000	\$	600,000
GRF 035410	Legislative Information Systems	\$	9,000,000	\$	9,270,000
GRF 035501	Litigation	\$	2,000,000	\$	2,000,000
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	32,727,020	\$	33,555,020

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4100 035601	Sale of Publications	\$	10,000	\$	10,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	10,000	\$	10,000
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	32,737,020	\$	33,565,020

SECTION 323.20. OPERATING EXPENSES

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of the Legislative Service Commission may certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item 035321, Operating Expenses, at the end of fiscal year 2019 to be reappropriated to fiscal year 2020. The amount certified is hereby reappropriated to the same appropriation item for fiscal year 2020.

On July 1, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of the Legislative Service Commission may certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item 035321, Operating Expenses, at the end of fiscal year 2020 to be reappropriated to fiscal year 2021. The amount certified is hereby reappropriated to the same appropriation item for fiscal year 2021.

LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON REDISTRICTING

An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item 035407, Legislative Task Force on Redistricting, at the end of fiscal year 2019 is hereby reappropriated to the Legislative Service Commission for the same purpose for fiscal year 2020.

An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item 035407, Legislative Task Force on Redistricting, at the end of fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated to the Legislative Service Commission for the same purpose for fiscal year 2021.

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION SYSTEMS

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of the Legislative Service Commission may certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item 035410, Legislative Information Systems, at the end of fiscal year 2019 to be reappropriated to fiscal year 2020. The amount certified is hereby reappropriated to the same appropriation item for fiscal year 2020.

On July 1, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of the Legislative Service Commission may certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item 035410, Legislative Information Systems, at the end of fiscal year 2020 to be reappropriated to fiscal year 2021. The amount certified is hereby reappropriated to the same appropriation item for fiscal year 2021.

LITIGATION

The foregoing appropriation item 035501, Litigation, shall be used for any lawsuit in which the General Assembly is a party because a legal or constitutional challenge is made against the Ohio Constitution or an act of the General Assembly. The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Legislative Service Commission shall both approve the use of the appropriated moneys.

An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the appropriation item 035501, Litigation, at the end of fiscal year 2019 is hereby reappropriated to the Legislative Service Commission for the same purpose for fiscal year 2020.

An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the appropriation item 035501, Litigation, at the end of fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated to the Legislative Service Commission for the same purpose for fiscal year 2021.

SECTION 325.10. LIB STATE LIBRARY BOARD**General Revenue Fund**

GRF 350321	Operating Expenses	\$	4,543,122	\$	4,543,122
GRF 350401	Ohioana Library Association	\$	300,114	\$	300,114
GRF 350502	Regional Library Systems	\$	500,000	\$	500,000
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	5,343,236	\$	5,343,236

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4590 350603	Services for Libraries	\$	4,202,887	\$	4,202,887
4S40 350604	Ohio Public Library Information Network	\$	5,696,898	\$	5,696,898
5GB0 350605	Library for the Blind	\$	1,274,194	\$	1,274,194
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	11,173,979	\$	11,173,979

Internal Service Activity Fund

1390 350602	Services for State Agencies	\$	8,000	\$	8,000
TOTAL ISA Internal Service Activity Fund Group		\$	8,000	\$	8,000

Federal Fund Group

3130 350601	LSTA Federal	\$	5,366,565	\$	5,366,565
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group		\$	5,366,565	\$	5,366,565
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	21,891,780	\$	21,891,780

SECTION 325.20. OHIOANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The foregoing appropriation item 350401, Ohioana Library Association, shall be used to support the operating expenses of the Martha Kinney Cooper Ohioana Library Association under section 3375.61 of the Revised Code.

REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEMS

The foregoing appropriation item 350502, Regional Library Systems, shall be used to support regional library systems eligible for funding under sections 3375.83 and 3375.90 of the Revised Code.

OHIO PUBLIC LIBRARY INFORMATION NETWORK

(A) The foregoing appropriation item 350604, Ohio Public Library Information Network, shall be used for an information telecommunications network linking public libraries in the state and such others as may participate in the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN).

The Ohio Public Library Information Network Board of Trustees created under section 3375.65 of the Revised Code may make decisions regarding use of the foregoing appropriation item 350604, Ohio Public Library Information Network.

(B) The OPLIN Board shall research and assist or advise local libraries with regard to emerging technologies and methods that may be effective means to control access to obscene and illegal materials. The OPLIN Director shall provide written reports upon request within ten days to the Governor, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and the President and Minority Leader of the Senate on any steps being taken by OPLIN and public libraries in the state to limit and control such improper usage as well as information on technological, legal, and law enforcement trends nationally and internationally affecting this area of public access and service.

(C) The Ohio Public Library Information Network, INFOhio, and OhioLINK shall, to the extent feasible, coordinate and cooperate in their purchase or other acquisition of the use of electronic databases for their respective users and shall contribute funds in an equitable manner to such effort.

LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND

The foregoing appropriation item 350605, Library for the Blind, shall be used for the statewide Talking Book Program to assist the blind and disabled.

TRANSFER TO OPLIN TECHNOLOGY FUND

Notwithstanding sections 5747.03 and 5747.47 of the Revised Code and any other provision of law to the contrary, in accordance with a schedule established by the Director of Budget and Management, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer \$3,689,788 cash in each fiscal year from the Public Library Fund (Fund 7065) to the OPLIN Technology Fund (Fund 4S40).

TRANSFER TO LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND FUND

Notwithstanding sections 5747.03 and 5747.47 of the Revised Code and any other provision of law to the contrary, in accordance with a schedule established by the Director of Budget and Management, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer \$1,274,194 cash in each fiscal year from the Public Library Fund (Fund 7065) to the Library for the Blind Fund (Fund 5GB0).

SECTION 327.10. LCO LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5LP0 970601	Commission Operating Expenses	\$	873,607	\$	905,916
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	873,607	\$	905,916
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	873,607	\$	905,916

SECTION 329.10. LOT STATE LOTTERY COMMISSION

State Lottery Fund Group

7044 950321	Operating Expenses	\$	59,850,383	\$	60,544,470
7044 950402	Advertising Contracts	\$	26,750,000	\$	26,750,000
7044 950403	Gaming Contracts	\$	70,019,071	\$	71,239,582
7044 950601	Direct Prize Payments	\$	154,333,000	\$	157,440,000
7044 950605	Problem Gambling	\$	3,400,000	\$	3,400,000
8710 950602	Annuity Prizes	\$	59,873,000	\$	60,279,000
TOTAL SLF State Lottery Fund Group		\$	374,225,454	\$	379,653,052
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	374,225,454	\$	379,653,052

OPERATING EXPENSES

Notwithstanding sections 127.14 and 131.35 of the Revised Code, the Controlling Board may, at the request of the State Lottery Commission, authorize expenditures from the State Lottery Fund in excess of the amounts appropriated, up to a maximum of 10 per cent of anticipated total revenue accruing from the sale of lottery products. Upon the approval of the Controlling Board, the additional amounts are hereby appropriated.

DIRECT PRIZE PAYMENTS

Any amounts, in addition to the amounts appropriated in appropriation item 950601, Direct Prize Payments, that the Director of the State Lottery Commission determines to be necessary to fund prizes are hereby appropriated.

ANNUITY PRIZES

Upon request of the State Lottery Commission, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer cash from the State Lottery Fund (Fund 7044) to the Deferred Prizes Trust Fund (Fund 8710) in an amount sufficient to fund deferred prizes. The Treasurer of State, from time to time, shall

credit the Deferred Prizes Trust Fund (Fund 8710) the pro rata share of interest earned by the Treasurer of State on invested balances.

Any amounts, in addition to the amounts appropriated in appropriation item 950602, Annuity Prizes, that the Director of the State Lottery Commission determines to be necessary to fund deferred prizes and interest are hereby appropriated.

TRANSFERS TO THE LOTTERY PROFITS EDUCATION FUND

Estimated transfers from the State Lottery Fund (Fund 7044) to the Lottery Profits Education Fund (Fund 7017) are to be \$1,126,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$1,177,000,000 in fiscal year 2021. Transfers by the Director of Budget and Management to the Lottery Profits Education Fund shall be administered as the statutes direct.

SECTION 333.10. MCD DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID

General Revenue Fund

GRF 651425	Medicaid Program Support - State	\$ 164,132,342	\$ 170,223,643
GRF 651426	Positive Education Program Connections	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000
GRF 651525	Medicaid Health Care Services		
	State	\$ 4,153,141,174	\$ 4,733,728,704
	Federal	\$ 9,959,196,340	\$ 11,152,542,781
	Medicaid Health Care Services Total	\$ 14,112,337,514	\$ 15,886,271,485
GRF 651526	Medicare Part D	\$ 490,402,102	\$ 533,290,526
GRF 651529	Brigid's Path Pilot	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
GRF 651533	Food Pharmacy Pilot Project	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund			
	State	\$ 4,810,925,618	\$ 5,440,492,873
	Federal	\$ 9,959,196,340	\$ 11,152,542,781
	GRF Total	\$ 14,770,121,958	\$ 16,593,035,654

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4E30 651605	Resident Protection Fund	\$ 3,910,338	\$ 4,013,000
5AN0 651686	Care Innovation and Community Improvement Program	\$ 53,435,797	\$ 53,406,291
5DL0 651639	Medicaid Services - Recoveries	\$ 741,454,299	\$ 781,970,233
5DL0 651685	Medicaid Recoveries – Program Support	\$ 40,351,245	\$ 44,375,000
5DL0 651690	Multi-system Youth Custody Relinquishment	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 12,000,000
5FX0 651638	Medicaid Services - Payment Withholding	\$ 12,000,000	\$ 12,000,000
5GF0 651656	Medicaid Services - Hospital Upper Payment Limit	\$ 822,016,219	\$ 887,150,856
5R20 651608	Medicaid Services - Long	\$ 420,154,000	\$ 425,554,000

		Term			
5SC0	651683	Medicaid Services – Physician UPL	\$	7,520,000	\$ 7,645,000
5TN0	651684	Medicaid Services - HIC Fee	\$	834,564,060	\$ 806,187,400
5VW0	651691	Rural Healthcare Workforce Training and Retention Program	\$	15,000,000	\$ 30,000,000
6510	651649	Medicaid Services - Hospital Care Assurance Program	\$	249,167,065	\$ 168,310,123
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group			\$	3,205,573,023	\$ 3,232,611,903
Holding Account Fund Group					
R055	651644	Refunds and Reconciliation	\$	1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
TOTAL HLD Holding Account Fund Group			\$	1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
Federal Fund Group					
3ER0	651603	Medicaid and Health Transformation Technology	\$	48,031,056	\$ 48,340,000
3F00	651623	Medicaid Services - Federal	\$	6,563,381,020	\$ 6,596,507,934
3F00	651624	Medicaid Program Support - Federal	\$	516,667,497	\$ 527,369,363
3FA0	651680	Health Care Grants - Federal	\$	11,988,670	\$ 12,000,000
3G50	651655	Medicaid Interagency Pass Through	\$	225,701,597	\$ 225,701,597
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group			\$	7,365,769,840	\$ 7,409,918,894
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$	25,342,464,821	\$ 27,236,566,451

SECTION 333.20. TEMPORARY AUTHORITY REGARDING EMPLOYEES

(A) Until July 1, 2021, the Medicaid Director has the authority to establish, change, and abolish positions for the Department of Medicaid, and to assign, reassign, classify, reclassify, transfer, reduce, promote, or demote all employees of the Department of Medicaid who are not subject to Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code.

(B) The authority granted under division (A) of this section includes assigning or reassigning an exempt employee, as defined in section 124.152 of the Revised Code, to a bargaining unit classification if the Medicaid Director determines that the bargaining unit classification is the proper classification for that employee. The actions of the Medicaid Director shall be consistent with the requirements of 5 C.F.R. 900.603 for those employees subject to such requirements. If an employee in the E-1 pay range is to be assigned, reassigned, classified, reclassified, transferred, reduced, or demoted to a position in a lower classification under this section, the Medicaid Director, or in the case of a transfer outside the Department of Medicaid, the Director of Administrative Services, shall assign the employee to the appropriate classification and place the employee in Step X. The employee shall not receive any increase in compensation until the

maximum rate of pay for that classification exceeds the employee's compensation.

(C) Actions taken by the Medicaid Director and Director of Administrative Services pursuant to this section are not subject to appeal to the State Personnel Board of Review.

(D) A portion of the foregoing appropriation items 651425, Medicaid Program Support – State, 651603, Medicaid and Health Transformation Technology, 651624, Medicaid Program Support – Federal, 651680, Health Care Grants – Federal, 651655, Medicaid Interagency Pass-Through, 651605, Resident Protection Fund, and 651682, Health Care Grants – State, may be used to pay for costs associated with the administration of the Medicaid program, including the assignment, reassignment, classification, reclassification, transfer, reduction, promotion, or demotion of employees authorized by this section.

SECTION 333.30. POSITIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM CONNECTIONS

The foregoing appropriation item 651426, Positive Education Program Connections, shall be used for the Positive Education Program Connections in Cuyahoga County.

SECTION 333.40. MEDICAID HEALTH CARE SERVICES

The foregoing appropriation item 651525, Medicaid Health Care Services, shall not be limited by section 131.33 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 333.50. LEAD ABATEMENT AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

Upon the request of the Medicaid Director, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer state share appropriations from General Revenue Fund appropriation item 651525, Medicaid Health Care Services, to appropriation items in other state agencies for the purpose of lead abatement and related activities. If such a transfer occurs, the Director of Budget and Management may adjust, using the federal reimbursement rate, the federal share of General Revenue Fund appropriation item 651525, Medicaid Health Care Services, accordingly. The Director of Medicaid may transfer federal funds as the state's single state agency for Medicaid reimbursements, as drawn for these transactions.

SECTION 333.55. PASSPORT ENHANCED COMMUNITY LIVING

SERVICES

Of the foregoing appropriation item 651525, Medicaid Health Care Services, \$27,027 in each fiscal year shall be used to increase the payment rates for enhanced community living services covered by the PASSPORT Program.

SECTION 333.60. PERFORMANCE PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAID MANAGED CARE

(A) As used in this section:

(1) "ICDS participant" has the same meaning as in section 5164.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Integrated Care Delivery System" and "ICDS" have the same meaning as section 5164.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Medicaid managed care organization" has the same meaning as in section 5167.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) For fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021, the Department of Medicaid shall provide performance payments as provided under this section to Medicaid managed care organizations providing care under the Integrated Care Delivery System.

(C) If ICDS participants receive care through Medicaid managed care organizations under ICDS, the Department shall, in consultation with the United States Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, do both of the following:

(1) Develop quality measures designed specifically to determine the effectiveness of the health care and other services provided to ICDS participants by Medicaid managed care organizations;

(2) Determine an amount to be withheld from the Medicaid premium payments paid to Medicaid managed care organizations for ICDS participants.

(D)(1) For the purposes of division (C)(2) of this section, the Department shall establish an amount that is to be withheld each time a premium payment is made to a Medicaid managed care organization for an ICDS participant. The amount shall be established as a percentage of each premium payment. The percentage shall be the same for all Medicaid managed care organizations providing care to ICDS participants.

(2) Each Medicaid managed care organization shall agree to the withholding as a condition of receiving or maintaining its Medicaid provider agreement with the Department.

(3) When the amount is established and each time the amount is modified thereafter, the Department shall certify the amount to the Director of Budget and Management and begin withholding the amount from each premium the Department pays to a Medicaid managed care organization for an ICDS participant.

(E) A Medicaid managed care organization subject to this section is not subject to section 5167.30 of the Revised Code for premium payments attributed to ICDS participants during fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021.

SECTION 333.65. FINANCIAL HEALTH OF MEDICAID MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS

Not later than January 1, 2020, the Department of Medicaid shall do all of the following:

(A) Evaluate the financial health, including solvency, of Medicaid managed care organizations;

(B) Benchmark the financial health, including solvency, of Medicaid managed care organizations against other managed care organizations providing services under the Medicaid programs of other states in the Midwest;

(C) Publish the findings of the evaluation and benchmarking of Medicaid managed care organizations on the Department's internet web site;

(D) Submit the findings of the evaluation and benchmarking of Medicaid managed care organizations to the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee;

(E) Adopt rules under section 5167.02 of the Revised Code addressing the financial health of Medicaid managed care organizations, as evaluated under division (A) of this section.

SECTION 333.67. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS STUDY COMMITTEE

The Department of Medicaid shall establish a committee to study and develop performance indicators for children's hospitals. The Medicaid Director shall appoint the committee's members. The committee shall prepare and submit to the Department a report of its findings and recommendations.

SECTION 333.70. HOSPITAL FRANCHISE FEE PROGRAM

The Director of Budget and Management may authorize additional

expenditures from appropriation item 651623, Medicaid Services - Federal, appropriation item 651525, Medicaid Health Care Services, and appropriation item 651656, Medicaid Services - Hospital Upper Payment Limit, in order to implement the programs authorized by sections 5168.20 through 5168.28 of the Revised Code. Any amounts authorized are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 333.80. MEDICARE PART D

The foregoing appropriation item 651526, Medicare Part D, may be used by the Department of Medicaid for the implementation and operation of the Medicare Part D requirements contained in the "Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003," Pub. L. No. 108-173, as amended. Upon the request of the Department of Medicaid, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer the state share of appropriations between appropriation item 651525, Medicaid Health Care Services, and appropriation item 651526, Medicare Part D. If the state share of appropriation item 651525, Medicaid Health Care Services, is adjusted, the Director of Budget and Management shall adjust the federal share accordingly. The Department of Medicaid shall provide notification to the Controlling Board of any transfers at the next scheduled Controlling Board meeting.

SECTION 333.82. BRIGID'S PATH PROGRAM

The foregoing appropriation item 651529, Brigid's Path Program, shall be distributed to the Brigid's Path Program in Montgomery County.

SECTION 333.83. FOOD FARMACY PILOT PROJECT

The foregoing appropriation item 651533, Food Farmacy Pilot Project, shall be distributed to a hospital system in a county with a charter form of government and with a total population between 500,000 persons and 1,000,000 persons to provide comprehensive medical, nutrition, and lifestyle support for food-insecure patients with type 2 diabetes and their families.

SECTION 333.90. HEALTH CARE SERVICES SUPPORT AND RECOVERIES FUND

Of the amount received by the Department of Medicaid during fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021 from the first installment of assessments paid under section 5168.06 of the Revised Code and intergovernmental transfers

made under section 5168.07 of the Revised Code, the Medicaid Director shall deposit \$350,000 in each fiscal year into the state treasury to the credit of the Health Care Services Support and Recoveries Fund (Fund 5DL0).

SECTION 333.95. MULTI-SYSTEM YOUTH CUSTODY RELINQUISHMENT

The foregoing appropriation item 651690, Multi-System Youth Custody Relinquishment, shall be used to prevent custody relinquishment of multi-system children and youth and to obtain services consistent with the plan developed under section 121.374 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 333.100. HOSPITAL CARE ASSURANCE MATCH

If receipts credited to the Health Care Federal Fund (Fund 3F00) exceed the amounts appropriated from the fund for making the hospital care assurance program distribution, the Medicaid Director may request the Director of Budget and Management to authorize expenditures from the fund in excess of the amounts appropriated. Upon the approval of the Director of Budget and Management, the additional amounts are hereby appropriated.

The foregoing appropriation item 651649, Medicaid Services – Health Care Assurance Program, shall be used by the Department of Medicaid for distributing the state share of all hospital care assurance program funds to hospitals under section 5168.09 of the Revised Code. If receipts credited to the Hospital Care Assurance Program Fund (Fund 6510) exceed the amounts appropriated from the fund for making the hospital care assurance program distribution, the Medicaid Director may request the Director of Budget and Management to authorize expenditures from the fund in excess of the amounts appropriated. Upon the approval of the Director of Budget and Management, the additional amounts are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 333.110. REFUNDS AND RECONCILIATION FUND

If receipts credited to the Refunds and Reconciliation Fund exceed the amounts appropriated from the fund, the Medicaid Director may request the Director of Budget and Management to authorize expenditures from the fund in excess of the amounts appropriated. Upon approval of the Director of Budget and Management, the additional amounts are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 333.120. MEDICAID INTERAGENCY PASS-THROUGH

The Medicaid Director may request the Director of Budget and Management to increase appropriation item 651655, Medicaid Interagency Pass-Through. Upon the approval of the Director of Budget and Management, the additional amounts are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 333.130. NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL
TRANSPORTATION

In order to ensure access to a non-emergency medical transportation brokerage program established pursuant to section 1902(a)(70) of the "Social Security Act," 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(70), upon the request of the Medicaid Director, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer the state share appropriations between General Revenue Fund appropriation item 651525, Medicaid Health Care Services, within the Department of Medicaid and 655523, Medicaid Program Support – Local Transportation, within the Department of Job and Family Services. If such a transfer occurs, the Director of Budget and Management shall adjust, using the federal reimbursement rate, the federal share appropriations of General Revenue Fund appropriation item 651525, Medicaid Health Care Services, within the Department of Medicaid, and the Medicaid Program Support Fund (Fund 3F01) appropriation item 655624, Medicaid Program Support - Federal, within the Department of Job and Family Services. The Director of Medicaid shall transmit to the Medicaid Program Support Fund (Fund 3F01) the federal funds which the Department of Medicaid, as the state's sole point of contact with the federal government for Medicaid reimbursements, has drawn for this transaction.

SECTION 333.140. PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY
DETERMINATION AND LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT

Upon the request of the Medicaid Director, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer up to \$5,000,000 of state share appropriations in each fiscal year between General Revenue Fund appropriation item 651525, Medicaid Health Care Services, within the Department of Medicaid, and 655522, Medicaid Program Support – Local, within the Department of Job and Family Services. If such a transfer occurs, the Director of Budget and Management shall adjust, using the federal reimbursement rate, the federal share appropriations of General Revenue Fund appropriation item 651525, Medicaid Health Care Services, within the Department of Medicaid, and the Medicaid Program Support Fund (Fund 3F01) appropriation item 655624, Medicaid Program Support - Federal, within the Department of Job and

Family Services. The Director of Medicaid shall transmit to the Medicaid Program Support Fund (Fund 3F01) the federal funds which the Department of Medicaid, as the state's sole point of contact with the federal government for Medicaid reimbursements, has drawn for this transaction.

The Medicaid Director shall establish criteria for distributing these funds and for county departments of job and family services to submit allowable expenses.

County departments of job and family services shall comply with new roles, processes, and responsibilities related to the new eligibility determination system. County departments of job and family services shall report to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, on a schedule determined by the Medicaid Director, how the funds were used.

SECTION 333.160. ICDS AND OHIO HOME CARE WAIVERS PAYMENT RATES FOR HOME-DELIVERED MEALS

(A) As used in this section:

(1) "ICDS waiver" means the home and community-based services Medicaid waiver component for the Integrated Care Delivery System authorized by section 5166.16 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Ohio Home Care waiver" means the home and community-based services Medicaid waiver component that is known as Ohio Home Care and was created pursuant to section 5166.11 of the Revised Code.

(B) The payment rates for home-delivered meals provided under the ICDS waiver and the Ohio Home Care waiver during the period beginning July 1, 2019, and ending July 1, 2021, shall be the following:

(1) For each meal delivered daily on a per-meal delivery basis by a volunteer or employee of the provider, \$7.19;

(2) For each meal delivered in a chilled or frozen format on a weekly basis by a volunteer or employee of the provider, \$6.99;

(3) For each meal delivered in a chilled or frozen format on a weekly basis by a common carrier used by the provider, \$6.50.

SECTION 333.170. MEDICAID PAYMENT RATES FOR INPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES

As used in this section, "urban hospital" means a hospital with a Medicaid provider agreement that, for the purpose of the Medicaid program, is classified as an urban hospital pursuant to rules adopted under section 5164.02 of the Revised Code.

If an urban hospital's Medicaid base payment rate in effect on June 30, 2019, for hospital inpatient services is not more than four thousand dollars, the urban hospital's Medicaid base payment rate for hospital inpatient services provided during fiscal year 2020 shall be not less than the average of the Medicaid base payment rate in effect on July 1, 2019, for hospital inpatient services provided by urban hospitals that, according to the Medicaid program's urban hospital classification system, are located in the same peer group region.

SECTION 333.180. MEDICAID PAYMENT RATES FOR COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Community behavioral health services" has the same meaning as in section 5164.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Hospital" has the same meaning as in section 3727.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities" has the same meaning as in section 5124.01 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Nursing facility" has the same meaning as in section 5165.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) Subject to division (C) of this section, the Department of Medicaid may establish Medicaid payment rates for community behavioral health services provided during fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021 that exceed the authorized rates paid for the services under the Medicare program.

(C) This section does not apply to community behavioral health services provided by any of the following:

(1) Hospitals on an inpatient basis;

(2) Nursing facilities;

(3) Intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

SECTION 333.185. MEDICAID PAYMENT RATE FOR VAGUS NERVE STIMULATION

(A) The Medicaid payment rate for the Vagus Nerve Stimulation service provided under the outpatient hospital services benefit during the period beginning July 1, 2019, and ending July 1, 2021, shall equal seventy-five per cent of the Medicare payment rate for the service in effect on the date the service is provided.

(B) The Medicaid payment rates for other services provided during the period beginning July 1, 2019, and ending July 1, 2021, and selected by the Medicaid Director shall be less than the amount of the rates in effect on June 30, 2019, so that the cost of the rate set pursuant to division (A) of the section does not increase Medicaid expenditures. The Director may not select any Medicaid service for which the Medicaid payment rate is determined in accordance with state statutes.

SECTION 333.190. AREA AGENCIES ON AGING AND MEDICAID
MANAGED CARE

(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Care management system" means the system established under section 5167.03 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Dual eligible individuals" has the same meaning as in section 5160.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Medicaid managed care organization" has the same meaning as in section 5167.01 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Medicaid waiver component" has the same meaning as in section 5166.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) If the Department of Medicaid expands the inclusion of the aged, blind, and disabled Medicaid eligibility group or dual eligible individuals in the care management system during the 2020-2021 fiscal biennium, the Department shall do both of the following for the remainder of the fiscal biennium:

(1) Require area agencies on aging to be the coordinators of home and community-based services available under Medicaid waiver components that those individuals and that eligibility group receive and permit Medicaid managed care organizations to delegate to the agencies full-care coordination functions for those services and other health-care services those individuals and that eligibility group receive;

(2) In selecting managed care organizations with which to contract under section 5167.10 of the Revised Code, give preference to those organizations that will enter into subcapitation arrangements with area agencies on aging under which the agencies are to perform, in addition to other functions, network management and payment functions for home and community-based services available under Medicaid waiver components that those individuals and that eligibility group receive.

SECTION 333.195. SHARED SAVINGS BONUS AND QUALITY

INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

Each contract that the Department of Medicaid enters into with a managed care organization under section 5167.10 of the Revised Code during the periods that the Shared Savings Bonus Program and Quality Incentive Program are operated under sections 5167.35 and 5167.36 of the Revised Code shall include terms about the programs that are consistent with those sections.

SECTION 333.197. EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM MEASURE FOR MANAGED CARE REPROCUREMENT

As used in this section, "care management system" and "enrollee" have the same meanings as in section 5167.01 of the Revised Code.

As part of the reprocurement process for new Medicaid managed care organization contracts under the care management system, the Department of Medicaid shall include in the measures used to determine which managed care organizations will be awarded contracts under section 5167.10 of the Revised Code measures related to the abilities and commitment of managed care organizations to establish and operate employment programs for their enrollees.

SECTION 333.200. WORK REQUIREMENT – OHIOMEANSJOBS COSTS

Upon the request of the Medicaid Director, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer up to \$500,000 of state share appropriations in each fiscal year between appropriation item 651685, Medicaid Recoveries – Program Support, within the Department of Medicaid, and 655425, Medicaid Program Support, within the Department of Job and Family Services. If such a transfer occurs, the Director of Budget and Management shall adjust, using the federal reimbursement rate, the federal share appropriations of appropriation item 651624, Medicaid Program Support - Federal, within the Department of Medicaid, and appropriation item 655624, Medicaid Program Support – Federal, within the Department of Job and Family Services. Any transfer of funds shall be provided to the Department of Job and Family Services and shall only be used for costs related to transitioning to a new work requirement for the Medicaid program as prescribed by the Medicaid Director.

SECTION 333.210. WORK REQUIREMENT – COUNTY COSTS

Upon the request of the Medicaid Director, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer up to \$10,000,000 of state share appropriations in each fiscal year between appropriation item 651525, Medicaid Health Care Services, within the Department of Medicaid, and 655522, Medicaid Program Support – Local, within the Department of Job and Family Services. If such a transfer occurs, the Director of Budget and Management shall adjust, using the federal reimbursement rate, the federal share appropriations of appropriation item 651525, Medicaid Health Care Services, within the Department of Medicaid, and appropriation item 655624, Medicaid Program Support – Federal, within the Department of Job and Family Services. Any increase in funding shall be provided to county departments of job and family services and shall only be used for costs related to transitioning to a new work requirement under the Medicaid program as prescribed by the Medicaid Director. These funds shall not be used for existing and ongoing operating expenses. The Medicaid Director shall establish criteria for distributing these funds and for county departments of job and family services to submit allowable expenses.

SECTION 333.220. CARE INNOVATION AND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Nonprofit hospital agency" means a nonprofit hospital agency, as defined in section 140.01 of the Revised Code, that is affiliated with a state university as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Participating agency" means a nonprofit hospital agency or public hospital agency participating in the Care Innovation and Community Improvement Program.

(3) "Public hospital agency" has the same meaning as in section 140.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) The Medicaid Director shall continue the Care Innovation and Community Improvement Program for the 2020-2021 fiscal biennium. Any nonprofit hospital agency or public hospital agency may volunteer to participate in the program if the agency operates a hospital that has a Medicaid provider agreement.

(C) Participating agencies are responsible for the state share of the program's costs and shall make or request the appropriate government entity to make intergovernmental transfers to pay for those costs. The Medicaid

Director shall establish a schedule for making the intergovernmental transfers.

(D)(1) Each participating agency shall do at least one of the following tasks in accordance with strategies, and for the purpose of meeting goals, that the Medicaid Director shall establish for the Care Innovation and Community Improvement Program:

(a) Sustain and expand community-based patient centered medical home models;

(b) Expand access to community-based dental services;

(c) Improve the quality of community care by creating and sharing best practice models for emergency department diversions, care coordination at discharge and during transitions of care, and other matters related to community care;

(d) Align community health improvement strategies and goals with the State Health Improvement Plan and local health improvement plans;

(e) Subject to division (D)(2) of this section, expand access to ambulatory drug detoxification and withdrawal management services;

(f) Train medical professionals on evidence-based protocols for opioid prescribing and drug addiction risk assessments;

(g) Subject to division (D)(2) of this section and in collaboration with all other participating agencies that are also doing this task, create and implement a plan to assist rural areas of the state do both of the following:

(i) Expand access to cost-effective detoxification, withdrawal management, and prevention services for opioid addiction;

(ii) Disseminate evidence-based protocols for opioid prescribing and drug addiction risk assessment.

(2) In expanding access to ambulatory drug detoxification and withdrawal management services under division (D)(1)(e) of this section and creating and implementing the plan specified in division (D)(1)(g) of this section, each participating agency shall give priority to the areas of the community served by the agency with the greatest concentration of opioid overdoses and deaths.

(3) Each participating agency shall submit annual reports to the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee summarizing the agency's work under division (D)(1) of this section and progress in meeting the goals of the Care Innovation and Community Improvement Program.

(4) The goals that the Medicaid Director establishes for the Care Innovation and Community Improvement Program shall be designed to benefit Medicaid recipients.

(E) Each participating agency shall receive supplemental payments

under the Medicaid program for physician and other professional services that are covered by the Medicaid program and provided to Medicaid recipients. The amount of the supplemental payments shall equal the difference between the Medicaid payment rates for the services and the average commercial payment rates for the services. The Director may terminate, or adjust the amount of, the supplemental payments if the amount of the funds available for the Care Innovation and Community Improvement Program is inadequate.

(F) Not later than January 1, 2020, the Medicaid Director shall establish a process to evaluate the work done by participating agencies under division (D)(1) of this section and the agencies' progress in meeting the goals of the Care Innovation and Community Improvement Program. The Director may terminate an agency's participation in the program if the Director determines that the agency is not doing at least one of the tasks specified in division (D)(1) of this section or making progress in meeting the program's goals.

(G) All intergovernmental transfers made under division (C) of this section shall be deposited into the Care Innovation and Community Improvement Program Fund created by Section 333.320 of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly. Money in the fund and the corresponding federal financial participation in the Health Care - Federal Fund created under section 5162.50 of the Revised Code shall be used to make supplemental payments under division (E) of this section.

(H) If the amount of the foregoing appropriation item 651686, Care Innovation and Community Improvement Program, and the corresponding federal financial participation in appropriation item 651623, Medicaid Services – Federal, are inadequate to make the supplemental payments required by division (E) of this section, the Medicaid Director may request that the Director of Budget and Management authorize additional expenditures from the Care Innovation and Community Improvement Program Fund and the Health Care - Federal Fund as needed to make the supplemental payments. If the Director of Budget and Management authorizes the additional expenditures, the additional amounts are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 333.225. MANAGED CARE CLAIMS FUND

There is hereby created in the state treasury the Managed Care Claims Fund. The fund shall consist of money that Medicaid managed care organizations pay to the Department of Medicaid in order for the Department to be able to make payments to providers under the care management system that the organizations are unable to make due to

systems issues. Money in the fund shall be used to make such payments.

The Medicaid Director may request the Director of Budget and Management to authorize expenditures from the Managed Care Claims Fund and the corresponding federal share from the Health Care Federal Fund (Fund 3F00). Upon the approval of the Director of Budget and Management, the amounts requested are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 333.227. RURAL HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE TRAINING AND RETENTION PROGRAM

(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Community addiction services provider" and "community mental health services provider" have the same meanings as in section 5119.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Critical access hospital" means a hospital designated as a critical access hospital by the Director of Health under section 3701.073 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Nonprofit hospital agency" means a nonprofit hospital agency, as defined in section 140.01 of the Revised Code, that is affiliated with a state university as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Participating agency" means a nonprofit hospital agency or public hospital agency participating in the Rural Healthcare Workforce Training and Retention Program.

(5) "Public hospital agency" has the same meaning as in section 140.01 of the Revised Code.

(6) "Rural hospital" means a hospital agency, as defined in section 140.01 of the Revised Code, to which all of the following apply:

(a) It is certified under the Medicare program or accredited by a national accrediting organization approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

(b) It is registered with the Department of Health in accordance with division (A) of section 3701.07 of the Revised Code.

(c) Is located in a county that has a population of less than one hundred twenty-five thousand.

(B) The Medicaid Director shall create the Rural Healthcare Workforce Training and Retention Program for the 2020-2021 fiscal biennium. Any nonprofit hospital agency or public hospital agency may volunteer to participate in the program if the agency operates both of the following:

(1) A hospital that has a Medicaid provider agreement;

(2) An approved graduate medical education program as defined in 42 C.F.R. 415.152.

(C) Participating agencies are responsible for the state share of the program's costs and shall make or request the appropriate government entity to make intergovernmental transfers to pay for those costs. The Medicaid Director shall establish a schedule for making the intergovernmental transfers.

(D) Each participating agency shall do all of the following tasks in accordance with strategies, and for the purpose of meeting goals, that the Medicaid Director shall establish for the program:

(1) Increase residency positions in primary, specialty, or dental care as identified by the Medicaid Director;

(2) Create incentives to increase recruitment and retention of graduates of Ohio residency and fellowship programs in primary, specialty, or dental care as identified by the Medicaid Director;

(3) Increase training opportunities for physician assistants, psychologists, and advanced practice registered nurses in primary care, alcohol and drug treatment, or mental health, as appropriate for their scope of practice;

(4) Report to the Medicaid Director about how the tasks specified in divisions (D)(1), (2), and (3) of this section will address the workforce needs of critical access hospitals and rural hospitals;

(5) Create opportunities for persons to receive training in all of the following:

(a) Serving medically underserved populations;

(b) Providing team-based care;

(c) Undergoing clinical rotations in federally qualified health centers, facilities operated by community addiction services providers and community mental health services providers, critical access hospitals, and rural hospitals.

(E) The Medicaid Director shall consult with the Director of Health and the Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services to ensure that strategies and goals established for the program under division (D) of this section are consistent with the state's healthcare workforce objectives.

(F) Each participating agency shall receive supplemental payments under the Medicaid program at least once during fiscal year 2020 and at least once again during fiscal year 2021 for graduate medical education costs that are apportioned to the provision of hospital inpatient services included in the care management system established under section 5167.03 of the Revised Code and provided to Medicaid recipients. The amount of the supplemental payments shall equal the difference between the following:

(1) Medicaid payments for direct and indirect graduate medical

education;

(2) The Medicaid payment based in part on Medicare direct and indirect graduate medical education reimbursement principles.

(G) The Medicaid Director, in consultation with participating agencies, shall create a centralized database that tracks both of the following:

(1) How participating agencies are encouraging physicians in residency programs to practice in medical specialties for which there is a need in this state;

(2) Physicians' decisions to practice medicine in this state, the locations at which they practice medicine, and whether they become Medicaid providers or obtain employment with Medicaid providers.

(H) There is hereby created in the state treasury the Rural Healthcare Workforce Training and Retention Program Fund. All intergovernmental transfers made under division (C) of this section shall be deposited into the fund. Money in the fund and the corresponding federal financial participation in the Health Care - Federal Fund created under section 5162.50 of the Revised Code shall be used to make supplemental payments under division (F) of this section.

(I) If the amount of the foregoing appropriation item 651691, Rural Healthcare Workforce Training and Retention Program, and the corresponding federal financial participation in appropriation item 651623, Medicaid Services – Federal, are inadequate to make the supplemental payments under division (F) of this section, the Medicaid Director may request that the Director of Budget and Management authorize additional expenditures from the Rural Healthcare Workforce Training and Retention Program Fund and the Health Care - Federal Fund as needed to make the supplemental payments. If the Director of Budget and Management authorizes the additional expenditures, the additional amounts are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 333.230. RE-PROCUREMENT OF MEDICAID MCO CONTRACTS

(A) As used in this section, "care management system" and "Medicaid managed care organization" have the same meanings as in section 5167.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) Not later than July 1, 2020, the Medicaid Director shall complete a procurement process for Medicaid managed care organizations under the care management system.

SECTION 333.240. REVIEW OF PRESCRIBED DRUG REFORM SAVINGS

Not later than January 1, 2021, the Department of Medicaid shall conduct a review of all of the savings to the state from prescribed drug reforms included in this act. The Department shall complete a report detailing its findings not later than sixty days after its review. The report shall be submitted to the Governor and to the General Assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code. The Department shall testify about its findings before the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee. Upon request, the Department also shall testify about its findings before the General Assembly as requested by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, or both.

SECTION 333.270. BUDGET REDUCTION ADJUSTMENT FACTOR

As used in this section, "budget reduction adjustment factor" and "Medicare skilled nursing facility market basket index" have the same meanings as in section 5165.01 of the Revised Code.

For the purpose of sections 5165.15, 5165.16, 5165.17, 5165.19, and 5165.21 of the Revised Code, the budget reduction adjustment factor shall be the following:

(A) For the second half of state fiscal year 2020, two and four-tenths per cent;

(B) For all of state fiscal year 2021, an amount equal to the Medicare skilled nursing facility market basket index determined for all of federal fiscal year 2020.

SECTION 333.280. PHARMACY SUPPLEMENTAL DISPENSING FEE

(A) By January 1, 2020, the Department of Medicaid shall adopt rules under section 5167.02 of the Revised Code to provide a supplemental dispensing fee under the care management system to retail pharmacies. The supplemental dispensing fee shall have at least three different payment levels based on both of the following:

(1) The ratio of Medicaid prescriptions a pharmacy location fills compared to the total prescriptions the pharmacy location fills based on the latest available "Survey of the Average Cost of Dispensing a Medicaid Prescription in the State of Ohio" prepared for the Department of Medicaid;

(2) The number of retail pharmacy locations participating in the care management system based on Medicaid recipient enrollment in Medicaid MCO plans, as defined in section 5167.01 of the Revised Code, in a geographic area approved by the Department of Medicaid as the geographic area where the pharmacy location's customer population is located. The geographic area shall be periodically reviewed and approved by the Department.

(B) Pharmacies that have a high ratio under division (A)(1) of this section and a low number under division (A)(2) of this section shall be placed in the higher dispensing fee payment levels.

(C) The supplemental dispensing fee shall not cause a reduction in other payments made to the pharmacy for providing prescribed drugs under the care management system.

(D) The Medicaid Director shall adjust the supplemental dispensing fees if federal Medicaid statutes or regulations adopted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services reduce the amount of federal funds the Department receives for the supplemental dispensing fee. The Department of Medicaid shall expend \$10,000,000 state share in fiscal year 2020 and \$20,300,000 state share in fiscal year 2021, along with any corresponding federal shares, for the supplemental dispensing fees provided under this section.

SECTION 333.290. PRESCRIBED DRUG CLAIMS PROCESSING PILOT PROGRAM

(A) As used in this section, "Medicaid managed care organization," "Medicaid MCO plan," "pharmacy benefit manager," and "prescribed drug" have the same meanings as in section 5167.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) The Department of Medicaid shall establish and administer a pilot program for the pre-audit processing of prescribed drug claims submitted to Medicaid managed care organizations or their pharmacy benefit managers by pharmacies that meet the requirements of division (C) of this section. A pharmacy's participation in the pilot program is voluntary.

(C) In order for a claim to be processed under the program, both of the following apply:

(1) The claim must relate to a prescription filled in Adams, Athens, Belmont, Coshocton, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Tuscarawas, Vinton, or Washington County.

(2) The pharmacy submitting the claim must serve a significant share of Medicaid recipients in the county who are enrolled in Medicaid MCO plans

as determined by the Medicaid Director.

(D) Under the pilot program, the Department shall do all of the following:

- (1) Approve individuals or entities to serve as claims processors;
- (2) Ensure that claims are adjudicated by approved claims processors and that information relating to each claim is submitted to the Department for evaluation and review;
- (3) Authorize approved claims processors to accept and adjudicate claims from the payment amounts submitted by patients;
- (4) Utilize a coordination of benefits process to determine the respective payment responsibilities of different payors.

(E) The Department shall ensure that the pilot program is fully operational beginning January 1, 2020, and shall conclude the program on December 31, 2020. At the conclusion of the program, the Department shall evaluate and review all of the following data relating to each prescribed drug claim: the usual and customary drug cost, the contracted drug ingredient cost, the dispensing fee, and any applicable taxes. If a claims processor is unable to provide claims data to the Department, the participating pharmacies shall, to the extent permissible under state and federal law, cooperate with the Department in providing any information missing from the claim.

(F) Not later than September 1, 2021, the Department shall prepare and submit to the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Senate President, and Chairperson of the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee a report outlining both of the following:

- (1) Any costs, savings, trends, and utilization rates realized under the program;
- (2) Any policy recommendations, including whether to reinstate the program, and if further implementation will decrease prescribed drug costs and spending levels.

The report shall be submitted in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code.

(G) Of the foregoing appropriation item 651525, Medicaid Health Care Services, \$500,000 in fiscal year 2020 shall be used to establish and administer the pilot program.

SECTION 335.10. MED STATE MEDICAL BOARD

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5C60 883609 Operating Expenses	\$	10,862,471	\$	11,302,171
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group	\$	10,862,471	\$	11,302,171

TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$	10,862,471	\$	11,302,171
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SECTION 337.10. MHA DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND
ADDICTION

SERVICES

General Revenue Fund

GRF 336321	Central Administration	\$	16,606,612	\$	16,932,239
GRF 336402	Resident Trainees	\$	450,000	\$	450,000
GRF 336405	Family and Children First	\$	1,386,000	\$	1,386,000
GRF 336406	Prevention and Wellness	\$	2,620,996	\$	2,620,996
GRF 336412	Hospital Services	\$	231,002,089	\$	240,172,285
GRF 336415	Mental Health Facilities	\$	19,695,400	\$	20,369,000
	Lease Rental Bond Payments				
GRF 336421	Continuum of Care Services	\$	84,023,346	\$	82,839,846
GRF 336422	Criminal Justice Services	\$	17,113,780	\$	17,117,915
GRF 336423	Addiction Services	\$	26,528,872	\$	28,989,946
	Partnership with Corrections				
GRF 336424	Recovery Housing	\$	2,500,000	\$	2,500,000
GRF 336425	Specialized Docket Support	\$	7,500,000	\$	10,000,000
GRF 336504	Community Innovations	\$	13,950,000	\$	13,350,000
GRF 336506	Court Costs	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
GRF 336510	Residential State Supplement	\$	16,000,000	\$	16,000,000
GRF 336511	Early Childhood Mental Health Counselors and Consultation	\$	2,500,000	\$	2,500,000
GRF 652321	Medicaid Support	\$	1,213,792	\$	1,251,713
TOTAL GRF	General Revenue Fund	\$	444,090,887	\$	457,479,940

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

2320 336621	Family and Children First	\$	600,000	\$	600,000
4750 336623	Statewide Treatment and Prevention	\$	51,600,000	\$	20,600,000
4850 336632	Mental Health Operating	\$	7,760,000	\$	8,000,000
5AU0 336615	Behavioral Health Care	\$	7,850,000	\$	7,850,000
5JL0 336629	Problem Gambling and Casino Addiction	\$	6,085,000	\$	6,085,000
5T90 336641	Problem Gambling Services	\$	1,870,000	\$	1,820,000
5TZ0 336600	Substance Abuse Stabilization Centers	\$	6,000,000	\$	6,000,000
5TZ0 336643	ADAMHS Boards	\$	21,000,000	\$	11,000,000
5VV0 336645	Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Pilot	\$	3,000,000	\$	3,000,000
6320 336616	Community Capital Replacement	\$	350,000	\$	350,000
6890 336640	Education and Conferences	\$	150,000	\$	150,000
TOTAL DPF	Dedicated Purpose Fund Group	\$	106,265,000	\$	65,455,000

Internal Service Activity Fund Group

1490 336609	Hospital Operating Expenses	\$	20,000,000	\$	20,000,000
1490 336610	Operating Expenses	\$	5,500,000	\$	5,500,000
1510 336601	Ohio Pharmacy Services	\$	80,170,822	\$	80,170,822
4P90 336604	Community Mental Health Projects	\$	250,000	\$	250,000

TOTAL ISA Internal Service Activity Fund Group	\$	105,920,822	\$	105,920,822
Federal Fund Group				
3240 336605 Medicaid/Medicare	\$	20,000,000	\$	20,000,000
3A60 336608 Federal Miscellaneous	\$	1,010,000	\$	1,010,000
3A70 336612 Social Services Block Grant	\$	8,450,000	\$	8,450,000
3A80 336613 Federal Grants	\$	5,500,000	\$	5,500,000
3A90 336614 Mental Health Block Grant	\$	22,020,790	\$	22,058,470
3B10 652636 Community Medicaid Legacy Support	\$	10,878,084	\$	11,000,000
3G40 336618 Substance Abuse Block Grant	\$	65,865,756	\$	65,865,756
3H80 336606 Demonstration Grants	\$	15,000,000	\$	15,000,000
3HB0 336503 Cures Opioid State Targeted Response	\$	33,084,837	\$	32,634,837
3HB1 336644 State Opioid Response	\$	59,400,213	\$	16,800,000
3N80 336639 Administrative Reimbursement	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group	\$	242,209,680	\$	199,319,063
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$	898,486,389	\$	828,174,825

SECTION 337.30. PREVENTION AND WELLNESS

The foregoing appropriation item 336406, Prevention and Wellness, shall be used as follows:

(A) Up to \$1,250,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed to boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services to purchase the provision of evidence-based prevention services from providers certified by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

(B) Up to \$500,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to:

(1) Conduct a study in coordination with the Department of Veterans Services on the rates of suicide in this state for the previous ten calendar years. The study shall examine suicide rates for the general population as a whole and suicide rates for veterans of the United States armed forces as a subgroup. Not later than one year after the effective date of this section, the Departments shall complete a report on the study. The report shall include the Departments' conclusions regarding the causes of suicides and recommendations for reducing the rates of suicide in this state. The Departments shall submit the report to the General Assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code and make it available to the public on their web sites.

(2) Support suicide prevention efforts.

(C) \$120,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to Northeast Ohio Medical University's statewide campus safety and mental health programs, including suicide prevention.

SECTION 337.40. MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES LEASE RENTAL BOND PAYMENTS

The foregoing appropriation item 336415, Mental Health Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments, shall be used to meet all payments during the period from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services pursuant to leases and agreements made under section 154.20 of the Revised Code. These appropriations are the source of funds pledged for bond service charges on obligations issued pursuant to Chapter 154. of the Revised Code.

SECTION 337.50. CONTINUUM OF CARE SERVICES

The foregoing appropriation item 336421, Continuum of Care Services, shall be used as follows:

(A) A portion of this appropriation shall be allocated to boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services in accordance with a distribution methodology determined by the Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services for the boards to purchase mental health and addiction services permitted under Chapter 340. of the Revised Code. Boards may use a portion of the funds allocated:

(1) To provide subsidized support for psychotropic medication needs of indigent citizens in the community to reduce unnecessary hospitalization due to lack of medication; and

(2) To provide subsidized support for medication-assisted treatment costs.

(B) A portion of this appropriation may be distributed to boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services, community addiction and/or mental health services providers, courts, or other governmental entities to provide specific grants in support of initiatives concerning mental health and addiction services.

(C) Of the foregoing appropriation item 336421, Continuum of Care Services, \$1,500,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services. The boards shall use their allocations to establish and administer, in collaboration with the other boards that serve the same state psychiatric hospital region, six mental health crisis stabilization centers. There shall be one center located in each state psychiatric hospital region.

Boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services shall

ensure that each mental health crisis stabilization center established and administered under division (C) of this section complies with all of the following:

(1) It admits individuals before and after the individuals receive treatment and care at hospital emergency departments or freestanding emergency departments.

(2) It admits individuals before and after the individuals are confined in state or local correctional facilities.

(3) It has a Medicaid provider agreement.

(4) It is located in a building constructed for another purpose before the effective date of this section.

(5) It admits individuals who have been identified as needing the stabilization services provided by the center.

(6) It connects individuals when they are discharged from the center with community-based continuum of care services and supports as described in section 340.032 of the Revised Code.

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

(1) "State or local correctional facility" means any of the following:

(a) A "state correctional institution," as defined in section 2967.01 of the Revised Code;

(b) A "local correctional facility," as defined in section 2903.13 of the Revised Code;

(c) A correctional facility that is privately operated and managed pursuant to section 9.06 of the Revised Code.

(2) "State psychiatric hospital regions" means the six districts into which the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services has divided the state pursuant to division (B)(2) of section 5119.14 of the Revised Code.

(E) Of the foregoing appropriation item 336421, Continuum of Care Services, \$375,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to the Bellefaire Jewish Children's Home to be used for start-up costs associated with the operations of its pediatric psychiatric hospital and affiliated medical and dental clinic. These start-up costs may include recruiting, onboarding, and training staff, as well as costs associated with the gradual ramp-up to full client capacity and the development of a reimbursement structure.

(F) Of the foregoing appropriation item 336421, Continuum of Care Services, \$125,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to the Chardon School District to be used for program-related activities.

(G) Of the foregoing appropriation item 336421, Continuum of Care Services, \$100,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed to the Applewood Centers Inc. to be used for the continuation and expansion of existing

programs to support the health clinic and community-based health care operations and to help meet the needs of youth served in addressing the opioid crisis.

(H) Of the foregoing appropriation item 336421, Continuum of Care Services, \$1,183,500 in fiscal year 2020 shall be allocated to the Ashland Center for Addictions Project.

(I) Of the foregoing appropriation item 336421, Continuum of Care Services, \$250,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to LifeAct.

SECTION 337.60. CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

Except as otherwise provided in this act, the foregoing appropriation item 336422, Criminal Justice Services, shall be used to provide forensic psychiatric evaluations to courts of common pleas and to conduct evaluations of patients of forensic status in facilities operated or designated by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services prior to conditional release to the community. A portion of this appropriation may be allocated through boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services to community addiction and/or mental health services providers in accordance with a distribution methodology as determined by the Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

The foregoing appropriation item 336422, Criminal Justice Services, may also be used to:

(A) Provide forensic monitoring and tracking of individuals on conditional release;

(B) Provide forensic training;

(C) Support projects that assist courts and law enforcement to identify and develop appropriate alternative services to incarceration for nonviolent mentally ill offenders;

(D) Provide specialized re-entry services to offenders leaving prisons and jails;

(E) Provide specific grants in support of addiction services alternatives to incarceration;

(F) Support therapeutic communities; and

(G) Support specialty dockets and expand or create new certified court programs.

SECTION 337.70. SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT IN SPECIALIZED DOCKET PROGRAMS

(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Community addiction services provider" has the same meaning as in section 5119.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Community control sanction" has the same meaning as in section 2929.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Medication-assisted treatment drug court program" and "MAT drug court program" mean a session of any of the following that holds initial or final certification from the Supreme Court of Ohio as a specialized docket program for drugs and that uses medication-assisted treatment as part of its specialized docket program: a common pleas court, municipal court, or county court, or a division of any of those courts.

(4) "Prescriber" has the same meaning as in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code.

(5) "Recovery supports" has the same meaning as in section 5119.01 of the Revised Code.

(6) "Substance use disorder treatment" has the same meaning as "alcohol and drug addiction services" as defined in section 5119.01 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall conduct a program to provide substance use disorder treatment, which may include medication-assisted treatment and recovery supports, to persons who are eligible to participate in a medication-assisted treatment drug court program and are selected under this section to be participants in a MAT drug court program because of a substance use disorder.

(2) The Department shall conduct its program in collaboration with any counties in Ohio that are conducting MAT drug court programs.

(3) In addition to conducting its program in accordance with division (B)(2) of this section, the Department may conduct its program in collaboration with any other court that is conducting a MAT drug court program.

(C) In conducting its program, the Department shall collaborate with the Supreme Court, the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, and any agency of the state that the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services determines may be of assistance in accomplishing the objectives of the Department's program. The Department may collaborate with the boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services and with local law enforcement agencies that serve the counties in which a court participating in the Department's program is located.

(D)(1) A MAT drug court program participating in the Department's program shall select the persons who are to be its participants for purposes of the Department's program. To be selected, a person must be a criminal

offender, including an offender under a community control sanction, or be involved in a family drug or dependency court. A person shall not be selected to be a participant unless the person meets the legal and clinical eligibility criteria for the MAT drug court program and is an active participant in the MAT drug court program.

(2) The total number of persons participating in the Department's program at any time shall not exceed one thousand five hundred, subject to available funding, except that the Department may authorize the maximum number to be exceeded in circumstances that the Department considers to be appropriate.

(3) After a MAT drug court program enrolls a person as a participant for purposes of the Department's program, the participant shall comply with all requirements of the MAT drug court program.

(E) The substance use disorder treatment and recovery supports provided under the Department's program in collaboration with a MAT drug court program shall be provided by a community addiction services provider. The provider shall do all of the following:

(1) Provide treatment based on an integrated service delivery model that consists of the coordination of care between a prescriber and the community addiction services provider;

(2) Conduct professional, comprehensive substance abuse and mental health diagnostic assessments of a person under consideration for selection as a program participant to determine whether the person would benefit from substance use disorder treatment and monitoring;

(3) Determine, based on the assessment described in division (E)(2) of this section, the treatment needs of the program participants served by the community addiction services provider;

(4) Develop, for program participants served by the community addiction services provider, individualized goals and objectives;

(5) Provide access to the long-acting antagonist therapies, partial agonist therapies, or full agonist therapies, that are included in the program's medication-assisted treatment;

(6) Provide other types of therapies, including psychosocial therapies, for both substance use disorder and any disorders that are considered by the community addiction services provider to be co-occurring disorders;

(7) Monitor program compliance through the use of regular drug testing, including urinalysis, of the program participants served by the community addiction services provider;

(8) Provide access to time-limited recovery supports that help eliminate barriers to treatment and are specific to the participant's needs, including

assistance with housing, transportation, child care, job training, obtaining a driver's license or state identification card, and any other matter considered relevant by the provider.

(F) In the case of medication-assisted treatment provided under the Department's program, all of the following conditions apply:

(1) A drug may be used only if the drug has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for use in treating dependence on opioids, alcohol, or both, or for preventing relapse into the use of opioids, alcohol, or both.

(2) One or more drugs may be used, but each drug that is used must constitute long-acting antagonist therapy, partial agonist therapy, or full agonist therapy.

(3) If a drug constituting partial or full agonist therapy is used, the program shall provide safeguards to minimize abuse and diversion of the drug, including such safeguards as routine drug testing of program participants.

(G) It is anticipated and expected that MAT drug court programs will expand their ability to serve more drug court participants as a result of increased access to commercial or publicly funded health insurance. In order to ensure that funds appropriated to support the Department's program are used in the most efficient manner with a goal of enrolling the maximum number of participants, the Medicaid Director, in collaboration with major Ohio health care plans, shall develop plans consistent with this division. There shall be no prior authorizations or step therapy for medication-assisted treatment for program participants. The plans developed under this division shall ensure all of the following:

(1) The development of an efficient and timely process for review of eligibility for health benefits for all persons selected to participate in the program;

(2) A rapid conversion to reimbursement for all health care services by the participant's health care plan following approval for coverage of health care benefits;

(3) The development of a consistent benefit package that provides ready access to and reimbursement for essential health care services including, but not limited to, primary health care services, alcohol and opioid detoxification services, appropriate psychosocial services, and medication for long-acting injectable antagonist therapies, partial agonist therapies, and full agonist therapies;

(4) The development of guidelines that require the provision of all treatment services, including medication, with minimal administrative

barriers and within a time frame that meets the requirements of individual patient care plans.

(H) Of the foregoing appropriation item 336422, Criminal Justice Services, up to \$6,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to support substance use disorder treatment, including medication-assisted treatment and recovery supports for drug court specialized docket programs and to support the administrative expenses of courts and community addiction services providers participating in the program.

SECTION 337.75. MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT DRUG REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Of the foregoing appropriation item 336422, Criminal Justice Services, \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2021 shall be used to support the Medication-Assisted Treatment Drug Reimbursement Program established in section 5119.39 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 337.80. ADDICTION SERVICES PARTNERSHIP WITH CORRECTIONS

Any business commenced but not completed by July 1, 2015, by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction regarding recovery services shall be completed by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. No validation, cure, right, privilege, remedy, obligation, or liability is lost or impaired by reason of the transfer required by this section and shall be administered by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Any rules, orders, and determinations pertaining to the Bureau of Recovery Services continue in effect as rules, orders, and determinations of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services until modified or rescinded by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. If necessary to ensure the integrity of the numbering of the Administrative Code, the Director of the Legislative Service Commission shall renumber the numbers to reflect their transfer to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

Subject to the lay-off provisions of sections 124.321 to 124.382 of the Revised Code, all employees of the Bureau of Recovery Services are hereby transferred to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and retain their positions and all of their benefits.

Wherever the Bureau of Recovery Services is referred to in any law, contract, or other document, the reference shall be deemed to refer to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services or its director, as

appropriate.

Any business commenced but not completed under appropriation item 505321, Institution Medical Services, pertaining to the Bureau of Recovery Services, shall be completed under appropriation item 336423, Addiction Services Partnership with Corrections, in the same manner, and with the same effect, as if completed with regard to appropriation item 505321, Institution Medical Services.

SECTION 337.90. RECOVERY HOUSING

The foregoing appropriation item 336424, Recovery Housing, shall be used to expand and support access to recovery housing as defined in section 340.01 of the Revised Code and in accordance with section 340.034 of the Revised Code. For expenditures that are capital in nature, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall develop procedures to administer these funds in a manner that is consistent with current community capital assistance guidelines.

SECTION 337.100. SPECIALIZED DOCKET SUPPORT

(A) The foregoing appropriation item 336425, Specialized Docket Support, shall be used to defray a portion of the annual payroll costs associated with the specialized docket of a common pleas court, municipal court, county court, juvenile court, or family court that meets all of the eligibility requirements in division (B) of this section, including a family dependency treatment docket. The foregoing appropriation item 336425, Specialized Docket Support, may also be used to defray costs associated with treatment services and recovery supports for participants.

(B) To be eligible, the specialized docket must have received Supreme Court of Ohio final certification and include participants with behavioral health needs in its target population.

(C) Of the foregoing appropriation item 336425, Specialized Docket Support, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall use up to one per cent of the funds appropriated in each fiscal year to pay the cost it incurs in administering the duties established in this section.

(D) The Department, in consultation with the Supreme Court of Ohio, may adopt funding distribution methodology, guidelines, and procedures as necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

SECTION 337.110. COMMUNITY INNOVATIONS

The foregoing appropriation item 336504, Community Innovations, may be used by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to make targeted investments in programs, projects, or systems operated by or under the authority of other state agencies, governmental entities, or private not-for-profit agencies that impact, or are impacted by, the operations and functions of the Department, with the goal of achieving a net reduction in expenditure of state general revenue funds and/or improved outcomes for Ohio citizens without a net increase in state general revenue fund spending.

The Director shall identify and evaluate programs, projects, or systems proposed or operated, in whole or in part, outside of the authority of the Department, where targeted investment of these funds in the program, project, or system is expected to decrease demand for the Department or other resources funded with state general revenue funds, and/or to measurably improve outcomes for Ohio citizens with mental illness or with alcohol, drug, or gambling addictions. The Director shall have discretion to transfer money from the appropriation item to other state agencies, governmental entities, or private not-for-profit agencies in amounts, and subject to conditions, that the Director determines most likely to achieve state savings and/or improved outcomes. Distribution of moneys from this appropriation item shall not be subject to sections 9.23 to 9.239 or Chapter 125. of the Revised Code.

The Department shall enter into an agreement with each recipient of community innovation funds, identifying: allowable expenditure of the funds; other commitment of funds or other resources to the program, project, or system; expected state savings and/or improved outcomes and proposed mechanisms for measurement of such savings or outcomes; and required reporting regarding expenditure of funds and savings or outcomes achieved.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 336504, Community Innovations, up to \$4,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to provide funding for community projects across the state that focus on support for families, assisting families in avoiding crisis, and crisis intervention.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 336504, Community Innovations, up to \$750,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to enhance access to naloxone across the state for county health departments to then disperse through a grant program to local law enforcement, emergency personnel, and first responders. If local law enforcement, emergency personnel, and first responders are not making use of the naloxone grant funds, the county health department may use grant funding to provide naloxone through a Project DAWN program within the county.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 336504, Community Innovations,

up to \$600,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to the Heartland High School Demonstration Project to educate and graduate teens and youth recovering from substance use disorders.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 336504, Community Innovations, \$2,500,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to the Psychotropic Drug Reimbursement Program established in section 5119.19 of the Revised Code. On July 1, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of the unexpended, unencumbered allocation for the program in fiscal year 2020. The amount certified is hereby reappropriated to appropriation item 336504, Community Innovations, in fiscal year 2021 for the same purpose.

SECTION 337.120. RESIDENTIAL STATE SUPPLEMENT

(A) The foregoing appropriation item 336510, Residential State Supplement, may be used by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to provide training for residential facilities providing accommodations, supervision, and personal care services to three to sixteen unrelated adults with mental illness and to make payments to residential state supplement recipients.

(B) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall adopt rules establishing eligibility criteria and payment amounts under section 5119.41 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 337.130. EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS AND CONSULTATION

The foregoing appropriation item 336511, Early Childhood Mental Health Counselors and Consultation, shall be used to promote identification and intervention for early childhood mental health and to enhance healthy social emotional development in order to reduce preschool to third grade classroom expulsions. Funds shall be used by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to support early childhood mental health credentialed counselors and consultation services, as well as administration and workforce development for the program.

SECTION 337.140. MEDICAID SUPPORT

The foregoing appropriation item 652321, Medicaid Support, shall be used to fund specified Medicaid Services as delegated by the state's single

agency responsible for the Medicaid Program.

SECTION 337.150. SUBSTANCE ABUSE STABILIZATION CENTERS

(A) The foregoing appropriation item 336600, Substance Abuse Stabilization Centers, shall be used to establish and administer, in collaboration with the other boards that serve the same state psychiatric hospital region, acute substance use disorder stabilization centers. There shall be one center located in each state psychiatric hospital region.

(B) As used in this section, "state psychiatric hospital regions" means the six districts into which the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services has divided the state pursuant to division (B)(2) of section 5119.14 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 337.160. ADAMHS BOARDS

(A) Of the foregoing appropriation item 336643, ADAMHS Boards, \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated as follows:

(1) Each board shall receive \$50,000 in each fiscal year for each of the counties that are part of the board's district.

(2) Each board shall receive a percentage of any remaining amount to be determined by a formula developed by the Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services using the population of the board's service district and the most recent drug overdose death information.

(B) Of the foregoing appropriation item 336643, ADAMHS Boards, up to \$5,750,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to provide flexible resources to local communities to fund direct crisis stabilization and crisis prevention support.

(C) Of the foregoing appropriation item 336643, ADAMHS Boards, up to \$9,250,000 in fiscal year 2020 shall be used to develop, evaluate, and expand crisis services infrastructure to provide support for adults, children, and families in a variety of settings. Any unexpended or unencumbered fund balance shall be used in fiscal year 2021 for the same purpose.

(D) Of the foregoing appropriation item 336643, ADAMHS Boards, \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$250,000 in fiscal year 2021 shall be dedicated to a public-private partnership for a crisis stabilization center in Lorain County.

SECTION 337.170. PROBLEM GAMBLING AND CASINO

ADDICTION

A portion of appropriation item 336629, Problem Gambling and Casino Addiction, shall be allocated to boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services in accordance with a distribution methodology determined by the Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

SECTION 337.180. FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST FLEXIBLE FUNDING POOL

A county family and children first council may establish and operate a flexible funding pool in order to assure access to needed services by families, children, and older adults in need of protective services. The operation of the flexible funding pools shall be subject to the following restrictions:

(A) The county council shall establish and operate the flexible funding pool in accordance with formal guidance issued by the Family and Children First Cabinet Council;

(B) The county council shall produce an annual report on its use of the pooled funds. The annual report shall conform to a format prescribed in the formal guidance issued by the Family and Children First Cabinet Council;

(C) Unless otherwise restricted, funds transferred to the flexible funding pool may include state general revenues allocated to local entities to support the provision of services to families and children;

(D) The amounts transferred to the flexible funding pool shall be limited to amounts that can be redirected without impairing the achievement of the objectives for which the initial allocation is designated; and

(E) Each amount transferred to the flexible funding pool from a specific allocation shall be approved for transfer by the director of the local agency that was the original recipient of the allocation.

SECTION 337.190. ACCESS SUCCESS II PROGRAM

To the extent cash is available, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer cash from a fund designated by the Medicaid Director, to the Sale of Goods and Services Fund (Fund 1490), used by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. The transferred cash is hereby appropriated.

The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall use the transferred funds to administer the Access Success II Program to help

non-Medicaid patients in any hospital established, controlled, or supervised by the Department under Chapter 5119. of the Revised Code to transition from inpatient status to a community setting.

SECTION 337.200. CASH TRANSFER FROM THE INDIGENT DRIVERS ALCOHOL TREATMENT FUND TO THE STATEWIDE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION FUND

On a schedule determined by the Director of Budget and Management, the Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of excess license reinstatement fees that are available pursuant to division (F)(2)(c) of section 4511.191 of the Revised Code to be transferred from the Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment Fund (Fund 7049) to the Statewide Treatment and Prevention Fund (Fund 4750). Upon certification, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer cash from the Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment Fund to the Statewide Treatment and Prevention Fund.

SECTION 337.210. CURES OPIOID STATE TARGETED RESPONSE

The foregoing appropriation item 336503, Cures Opioid State Targeted Response, shall be used pursuant to the goals and requirements of the State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grant provision in the federal "21st Century Cures Act," Public Law 114-255.

SECTION 337.220. STATEWIDE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION

The foregoing appropriation item 336623, Statewide Treatment and Prevention, shall be used as follows: up to \$18,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 to support K-12 prevention education initiatives; up to \$13,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 and up to \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2021 to support and expand statewide multimedia prevention, treatment, and stigma reduction campaigns; up to \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 to expand the number of individuals trained in mental health first aid and to expand the number of law enforcement trained in approved de-escalation techniques and approaches specific to people experiencing mental health crisis; and \$50,000 in each fiscal year to be distributed to Smart Recovery.

The remaining portion of appropriation item 336623, Statewide Treatment and Prevention, may be used for agency administrative support.

SECTION 337.230. TRANSCRANIAL MAGNETIC STIMULATION

PILOT

The foregoing appropriation item 336645, Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Pilot, shall be used for a transcranial magnetic stimulation pilot program for veterans with substance use disorders or mental illness as described in section 5902.09 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 339.10. MIH COMMISSION ON MINORITY HEALTH**General Revenue Fund**

GRF 149321	Operating Expenses	\$	721,681	\$	741,928
GRF 149501	Demonstration Grants	\$	852,606	\$	852,606
GRF 149502	Lupus Program	\$	93,120	\$	93,120
GRF 149503	Infant Mortality Health Grants	\$	3,000,000	\$	3,000,000
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	4,667,407	\$	4,687,654

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4C20 149601	Minority Health Conference	\$	50,000	\$	50,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	50,000	\$	50,000
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	4,717,407	\$	4,737,654

SECTION 339.20. INFANT MORTALITY HEALTH GRANTS

Of the foregoing appropriation item 149503, Infant Mortality Health Grants, \$2,685,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed to up to ten community-based agencies to support the continuation or establishment of a pathways community HUB model that has the primary purpose of reducing infant mortality in the urban and rural communities with a targeted focus on disparities. The grant recipients shall, at least quarterly, submit performance data, evaluation data, and fiscal reports as specified by the Commission on Minority Health.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 149503, Infant Mortality Health Grants, \$135,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to provide evaluation and review of the service delivery of grant recipients receiving funds from this appropriation item. The Commission on Minority Health shall contract with entities to provide statewide evaluation and technical assistance to analyze the performance data submitted to the Commission. These entities shall convene quarterly meetings with grant recipients, which may be held by telephone, video conference, or other means of electronic communication. The meetings shall include a discussion on performance data, continuous quality improvement practices, implementation lessons, participant feedback, barriers to pathways closure, certification status, contract achievement, and any other topics the evaluation entities and the

Commission deem appropriate.

The remainder of appropriation item 149503, Infant Mortality Health Grants, shall be used by the Commission on Minority Health for administrative costs.

SECTION 341.10. CRB MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR BOARD

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4K90 865601	Operating Expenses	\$	623,948	\$	636,389
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	623,948	\$	636,389
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	623,948	\$	636,389

SECTION 343.10. DNR DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

General Revenue Fund

GRF 725401	Division of Wildlife-Operating Subsidy	\$	1,773,000	\$	1,773,000
GRF 725413	Parks and Recreational Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments	\$	50,771,500	\$	57,556,700
GRF 725456	Canal Lands	\$	130,950	\$	130,950
GRF 725505	Healthy Lake Erie Program	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
GRF 725507	Coal and Mine Safety Programs	\$	2,796,340	\$	2,796,340
GRF 725520	Special Projects	\$	2,000,000	\$	0
GRF 725903	Natural Resources General Obligation Bond Debt Service	\$	20,359,800	\$	20,420,700
GRF 727321	Division of Forestry	\$	4,869,458	\$	4,965,023
GRF 729321	Office of Information Technology	\$	181,478	\$	181,478
GRF 730321	Parks and Recreation	\$	38,652,560	\$	37,105,509
GRF 736321	Division of Engineering	\$	2,035,650	\$	2,035,650
GRF 737321	Division of Water Resources	\$	1,689,455	\$	1,692,044
GRF 738321	Office of Real Estate and Land Management	\$	728,322	\$	728,322
GRF 741321	Division of Natural Areas and Preserves	\$	2,744,428	\$	4,246,134
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	129,732,941	\$	134,631,850

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

2270 725406	Parks Projects Personnel	\$	1,629,465	\$	1,725,151
4300 725671	Canal Lands	\$	927,128	\$	927,128
4S90 725622	NatureWorks Personnel	\$	784,648	\$	800,000
4U60 725668	Scenic Rivers Protection	\$	100,000	\$	100,000
5090 725602	State Forest	\$	10,114,999	\$	10,312,871
5110 725646	Ohio Geological Mapping	\$	4,691,486	\$	4,799,989
5110 725679	Geographic Information System Centralized Services	\$	516,979	\$	518,024
5120 725605	State Parks Operations	\$	60,073,839	\$	35,412,070
5140 725606	Lake Erie Shoreline	\$	2,393,809	\$	2,446,910
5160 725620	Water Management	\$	2,998,695	\$	3,006,996
5180 725643	Oil and Gas Regulation and	\$	25,079,252	\$	25,446,157

		Safety			
5180	725677	Oil and Gas Well Plugging	\$	24,979,365	\$ 28,177,215
5210	725627	Off-Road Vehicle Trails	\$	847,929	\$ 851,587
5220	725656	Natural Areas and Preserves	\$	546,973	\$ 313,649
5290	725639	Mining Regulation and Safety	\$	4,499,705	\$ 4,689,552
5310	725648	Reclamation Forfeiture	\$	2,171,668	\$ 2,232,761
5EL0	725612	Wildlife Law Enforcement	\$	12,000	\$ 12,000
5EM0	725613	Natural Resources Law Enforcement	\$	34,000	\$ 34,000
5HK0	725625	Ohio Nature Preserves	\$	50,000	\$ 50,000
5MW0	725604	Natural Resources Special Purposes	\$	261,293	\$ 261,293
5P20	725634	Wildlife Boater Angler Administration	\$	6,990,425	\$ 7,000,000
5TD0	725514	Park Maintenance	\$	1,481,150	\$ 1,481,150
6150	725661	Dam Safety	\$	1,166,902	\$ 1,166,602
6970	725670	Submerged Lands	\$	717,155	\$ 717,155
6H20	725681	H2Ohio	\$	46,200,000	\$ 0
7015	740401	Division of Wildlife Conservation	\$	63,701,662	\$ 65,482,330
7086	725414	Waterways Improvement	\$	6,193,671	\$ 6,193,671
7086	739401	Watercraft Operations	\$	20,897,471	\$ 21,400,204
8150	725636	Cooperative Management Projects	\$	650,000	\$ 650,000
8160	725649	Wetlands Habitat	\$	966,885	\$ 966,885
8170	725655	Wildlife Conservation Checkoff	\$	2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
8180	725629	Cooperative Fisheries Research	\$	1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000
8190	725685	Ohio River Management	\$	140,000	\$ 140,000
81B0	725688	Wildlife Habitats	\$	1,200,000	\$ 1,200,000
		TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group	\$	296,518,554	\$ 232,015,350
		Internal Service Activity Fund Group			
1550	725601	Departmental Projects	\$	1,775,425	\$ 1,198,248
1550	725676	Hocking Hills State Park Lodge	\$	13,000,000	\$ 3,000,000
1570	725651	Central Support Indirect	\$	5,632,162	\$ 5,632,162
2040	725687	Information Services	\$	6,432,109	\$ 5,970,264
2050	725696	Human Resource Direct Services	\$	2,855,404	\$ 2,976,201
2230	725665	Law Enforcement Administration	\$	3,292,343	\$ 3,381,193
5100	725631	Maintenance - State-owned Residences	\$	249,611	\$ 249,611
6350	725664	Fountain Square Facilities Management	\$	4,094,099	\$ 4,170,445
		TOTAL ISA Internal Service Activity Fund Group	\$	37,331,153	\$ 26,578,124
		Capital Projects Fund Group			
7061	725405	Clean Ohio Trail Operating	\$	301,796	\$ 301,796
		TOTAL CPF Capital Projects Fund Group	\$	301,796	\$ 301,796
		Fiduciary Fund Group			
4M80	725675	FOP Contract	\$	18,799	\$ 20,219

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TOTAL FID Fiduciary Fund Group	\$	18,799	\$	20,219
Holding Account Fund Group				
R017 725659 Performance Cash Bond Refunds	\$	528,993	\$	528,993
R043 725624 Forestry	\$	2,400,000	\$	2,400,000
TOTAL HLD Holding Account Fund Group	\$	2,928,993	\$	2,928,993
Federal Fund Group				
3320 725669 Federal Mine Safety Grant	\$	335,000	\$	335,000
3B30 725640 Federal Forest Pass-Thru	\$	350,000	\$	350,000
3B40 725641 Federal Flood Pass-Thru	\$	350,000	\$	350,000
3B50 725645 Federal Abandoned Mine Lands	\$	21,242,787	\$	8,046,252
3B60 725653 Federal Land and Water Conservation Grants	\$	949,168	\$	952,256
3B70 725654 Reclamation - Regulatory	\$	1,725,644	\$	1,769,696
3P10 725632 Geological Survey - Federal	\$	160,000	\$	160,000
3P20 725642 Oil and Gas - Federal	\$	147,000	\$	147,000
3P30 725650 Coastal Management - Federal	\$	2,791,277	\$	2,820,185
3P40 725660 Federal - Soil and Water Resources	\$	231,732	\$	281,000
3R50 725673 Acid Mine Drainage Abatement/Treatment	\$	900,000	\$	900,000
3Z50 725657 Federal Recreation and Trails	\$	1,846,840	\$	1,852,034
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group	\$	31,029,448	\$	17,963,423
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$	497,861,684	\$	414,439,755

SECTION 343.20. CENTRAL SUPPORT INDIRECT FUND

The Department of Natural Resources, with approval of the Director of Budget and Management, shall use a methodology for determining each division's payments into the Central Support Indirect Fund (Fund 1570). The methodology used shall contain the characteristics of administrative ease and uniform application in compliance with federal grant requirements. It may include direct cost charges for specific services provided. Payments to Fund 1570 shall be made using an intrastate transfer voucher.

The foregoing appropriation item 725401, Division of Wildlife-Operating Subsidy, shall be used to pay the direct and indirect costs of the Division of Wildlife.

PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES LEASE RENTAL BOND PAYMENTS

The foregoing appropriation item 725413, Parks and Recreational Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments, shall be used to meet all payments during the period from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, by the Department of Natural Resources pursuant to leases and agreements made under section 154.22 of the Revised Code. These appropriations are the

source of funds pledged for bond service charges on related obligations issued under Chapter 154. of the Revised Code.

HEALTHY LAKE ERIE PROGRAM

The foregoing appropriation item 725505, Healthy Lake Erie Program, shall be used by the Director of Natural Resources, in support of the following: (1) conservation measures in the Western Lake Erie Basin as determined by the Director; (2) funding assistance for soil testing, winter cover crops, edge of field testing, tributary monitoring, animal waste abatement; and (3) any additional efforts to reduce nutrient runoff as the Director may decide. The Director shall give priority to recommendations that encourage farmers to adopt agricultural production guidelines commonly known as 4R nutrient stewardship practices.

COAL AND MINE SAFETY PROGRAMS

The foregoing appropriation item 725507, Coal and Mine Safety Programs, shall be used for the administration of the Mine Safety Program and the Coal Regulation Program.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Of the foregoing appropriation item 725520, Special Projects, \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2020 shall be used by the Director of Natural Resources in fiscal year 2020 to support the removal of low head dams in the Mahoning River.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 725520, Special Projects, \$500,000 in fiscal year 2020 shall be used by the Director of Natural Resources in fiscal year 2020 to prepare a feasibility study and implementation plan for the Mahoning River Trail Initiative.

NATURAL RESOURCES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND DEBT SERVICE

The foregoing appropriation item 725903, Natural Resources General Obligation Bond Debt Service, shall be used to pay all debt service and related financing costs during the period July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, on obligations issued under sections 151.01 and 151.05 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 343.30. OIL AND GAS WELL PLUGGING

The foregoing appropriation item 725677, Oil and Gas Well Plugging, shall be used exclusively for the purposes of plugging wells and to properly restore the land surface of idle and orphan oil and gas wells pursuant to section 1509.071 of the Revised Code. This appropriation item shall not be used for salaries, maintenance, equipment, or other administrative purposes, except for those costs directly attributable to the plugging of an idle or

orphan well. This appropriation item shall not be used to transfer cash to any other fund or appropriation item.

WELL LOG FILING FEES

The Chief of the Division of Water Resources shall deposit fees forwarded to the Division pursuant to section 1521.05 of the Revised Code into the Water Management Fund (Fund 5160) for the purposes described in that section.

PARKS CAPITAL EXPENSES FUND

The Director of Natural Resources shall submit to the Director of Budget and Management the estimated design, engineering, and planning costs of capital-related work to be done by Department of Natural Resources staff for parks projects within the Ohio Parks and Recreation Improvement Fund (Fund 7035). If the Director of Budget and Management approves the estimated costs, the Director may release appropriations from Fund 7035 appropriation item C725E6, Project Planning, for those purposes. Upon release of the appropriations, the Department of Natural Resources shall pay for these expenses from the Parks Capital Expenses Fund (Fund 2270). Expenses paid from Fund 2270 shall be reimbursed by Fund 7035 using an intrastate transfer voucher.

NATUREWORKS CAPITAL EXPENSES FUND

The Department of Natural Resources shall submit to the Director of Budget and Management the estimated design, planning, and engineering costs of capital-related work to be done by Department of Natural Resources staff for each capital improvement project within the Ohio Parks and Natural Resources Fund (Fund 7031). If the Director of Budget and Management approves the estimated costs, the Director may release appropriations from Fund 7031 appropriation item C725E5, Project Planning, for those purposes. Upon release of the appropriations, the Department of Natural Resources shall pay for these expenses from the Capital Expenses Fund (Fund 4S90). Expenses paid from Fund 4S90 shall be reimbursed by Fund 7031 using an intrastate transfer voucher.

RECLAMATION FORFEITURE FUND

On July 1 of each fiscal year, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer \$2,000,000 cash from the General Revenue Fund to the Reclamation Forfeiture Fund (Fund 5310), which shall be used to reclaim areas of land affected by coal mining in accordance with section 1513.18 of the Revised Code.

PARK MAINTENANCE

The foregoing appropriation item 725514, Park Maintenance, shall be used by the Department of Natural Resources to pay the costs of projects

supported by the State Park Maintenance Fund (Fund 5TD0) under section 1501.08 of the Revised Code.

On July 1 of each fiscal year or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Natural Resources shall certify the amount of five percent of the average of the previous five years of deposits in the State Park Fund (Fund 5120) to the Director of Budget and Management. The Director of Budget and Management may transfer up to \$1,600,000 from Fund 5120 to the State Park Maintenance Fund (Fund 5TD0).

H2OHIO FUND

The foregoing appropriation item 725681, H2Ohio, shall be used by the Department of Natural Resources to support, maintain, and create wetlands throughout the state including but not limited to coastal and upland wetlands in the Western Basin of Lake Erie. In addition, the foregoing appropriation item, 725681, H2Ohio, may be used to support improvement and protection of all waterways and to address water quality priorities including water protection and management in accordance with section 126.60 of the Revised Code.

On July 1, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Natural Resources may certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item, 725681, H2Ohio, at the end of fiscal year 2020 to be reappropriated in fiscal year 2021. The amount certified is hereby reappropriated to the same appropriation item for fiscal year 2021.

SECTION 343.40. CASH TRANSFER FOR HOCKING HILLS LODGE RECONSTRUCTION

During fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the Director of Budget and Management may, in consultation with the Director of Natural Resources, transfer cash as necessary from the General Revenue Fund to the Departmental Services – Interstate Fund (Fund 1550) to pay costs for the reconstruction of the Hocking Hills Dining Lodge that will occur before final insurance settlement proceeds are deposited into Fund 1550. Once insurance proceeds have been deposited into Fund 1550, the Director of Budget and Management, in consultation with the Director of Natural Resources, shall establish a schedule for repaying the General Revenue Fund from Fund 1550. The Director of Budget and Management shall transfer cash from Fund 1550 to the General Revenue Fund according to the established schedule.

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECT SERVICES

The foregoing appropriation item 725696, Human Resources Direct

Services, shall be used to cover the cost of support, coordination, and oversight of the Department of Natural Resources' human resources functions. The Human Resources Chargeback Fund (Fund 2050) shall consist of cash transferred to it via intrastate transfer voucher from other funds as determined by the Director of Natural Resources and the Director of Budget and Management.

LAW ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

The foregoing appropriation item 725665, Law Enforcement Administration, shall be used to cover the cost of support, coordination, and oversight of the Department of Natural Resources' law enforcement functions. The Law Enforcement Administration Fund (Fund 2230) shall consist of cash transferred to it via intrastate transfer voucher from other funds as determined by the Director of Natural Resources and the Director of Budget and Management.

FOUNTAIN SQUARE AND ODNR GROUNDS AT THE OHIO EXPO CENTER

The foregoing appropriation item 725664, Fountain Square Facilities Management, shall be used for payment of expenses related to the security of the Fountain Square complex and for the repairs, renovation, utilities, property management, and building maintenance expenses for the Fountain Square complex and the Department of Natural Resources grounds at the Ohio Expo Center. Cash transferred by intrastate transfer vouchers from various department funds and rental income received by the Department of Natural Resources shall be deposited into the Fountain Square Facilities Management Fund (Fund 6350).

SECTION 343.50. CLEAN OHIO TRAIL OPERATING EXPENSES

The foregoing appropriation item 725405, Clean Ohio Trail Operating, shall be used by the Department of Natural Resources in administering Clean Ohio Trail Fund (Fund 7061) projects pursuant to section 1519.05 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 345.10. NUR STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4K90 884609	Operating Expenses	\$	9,842,225	\$	10,285,032
5AC0 884602	Nurse Education Grant Program	\$	1,518,000	\$	1,518,000
5P80 884601	Nursing Special Issues	\$	2,000	\$	2,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group					
		\$	11,362,225	\$	11,805,032
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS					
		\$	11,362,225	\$	11,805,032

SECTION 347.10. PYT OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, PHYSICAL THERAPY,

AND ATHLETIC TRAINERS BOARD

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4K90 890609	Operating Expenses	\$	1,137,397	\$	1,168,045
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	1,137,397	\$	1,168,045
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	1,137,397	\$	1,168,045

SECTION 353.10. OOD OPPORTUNITIES FOR OHIOANS WITH DISABILITIES AGENCY

General Revenue Fund

GRF 415402	Independent Living Council	\$	252,000	\$	252,000
GRF 415406	Assistive Technology	\$	25,819	\$	25,819
GRF 415431	Brain Injury	\$	126,567	\$	126,567
GRF 415506	Services for Individuals with Disabilities	\$	16,999,344	\$	18,418,244
GRF 415508	Services for the Deaf	\$	27,580	\$	27,580
GRF 415511	Centers for Independent Living	\$	450,000	\$	450,000
GRF 415512	Visually Impaired Reading Services	\$	50,000	\$	50,000
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	17,931,310	\$	19,350,210

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4670 415609	Business Enterprise Operating Expenses	\$	1,543,616	\$	1,555,368
4680 415618	Third Party Services Funding	\$	8,500,000	\$	8,750,000
4L10 415619	Services for Rehabilitation	\$	3,000,000	\$	3,000,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	13,043,616	\$	13,305,368

Internal Service Activity Fund Group

4W50 415606	Program Management	\$	15,192,965	\$	15,906,145
TOTAL ISA Internal Service Activity Fund Group		\$	15,192,965	\$	15,906,145

Federal Fund Group

3170 415620	Disability Determination	\$	81,399,100	\$	82,932,645
3790 415616	Federal - Vocational Rehabilitation	\$	121,788,087	\$	130,495,615
3GH0 415602	Personal Care Assistance	\$	3,130,220	\$	3,139,040
3GH0 415604	Community Centers for the Deaf	\$	1,022,000	\$	1,022,000
3GH0 415613	Independent Living	\$	662,411	\$	662,411
3L10 415608	Social Security Vocational Rehabilitation	\$	10,500,000	\$	10,500,000
3L40 415615	Federal - Supported Employment	\$	850,000	\$	850,000
3L40 415617	Independent Living Older Blind	\$	2,584,136	\$	1,808,721

TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group	\$	221,935,954	\$	231,410,432
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$	268,103,845	\$	279,972,155

SECTION 353.20. INDEPENDENT LIVING

The foregoing appropriation item 415402, Independent Living Council, shall be used to support the state independent living programs and centers under Title VII of the Independent Living Services and Centers for Independent Living of the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1992, 106 Stat. 4344, 29 U.S.C. 796d.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 415402, Independent Living Council, \$67,662 in each fiscal year shall be used as state matching funds for vocational rehabilitation innovation and expansion activities.

The foregoing appropriation item 415511, Centers for Independent Living, shall be used to support the operations of the Centers for Independent Living in accordance with the State Plan for Independent Living.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

The foregoing appropriation item 415406, Assistive Technology, shall be provided to Assistive Technology of Ohio to provide grants and assistive technology services for people with disabilities in the State of Ohio.

BRAIN INJURY

The foregoing appropriation item 415431, Brain Injury, shall be provided to The Ohio State University College of Medicine to support the Brain Injury Program established under section 3335.60 of the Revised Code.

SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Of the foregoing appropriation item 415506, Services for Individuals with Disabilities, \$654,975 in fiscal year 2020 and \$1,309,050 in fiscal year 2021 shall be used as state match for the federal vocational rehabilitation grant and used to create partnerships with certified drug courts to expand access to employment through vocational rehabilitation services and increase employment outcomes that promote recovery and rehabilitation.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 415506, Services for Individuals with Disabilities, \$603,643 in fiscal year 2020 and \$1,207,285 in fiscal year 2021 shall be used as state match for the federal vocational rehabilitation grant and used to create partnerships with community colleges and state universities to ensure college students with disabilities can compete for in-demand jobs in tomorrow's labor market and increase the median earnings of individuals who obtain employment.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 415506, Services for Individuals

with Disabilities, \$85,733 in fiscal year 2020 and \$171,465 in fiscal year 2021 shall be used as state match for the federal vocational rehabilitation grant and used to create paid on-the-job work experiences for eligible candidates placed in state agencies to develop work skills needed to pursue permanent employment and increase the number of individuals with disabilities employed in state government.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 415506, Services for Individuals with Disabilities, \$150,000 in each fiscal year shall be used as state match for the federal vocational rehabilitation grant and used to increase access to vocational rehabilitation services for eligible students enrolled at the Ohio State School for the Blind and the Ohio School for the Deaf that will prepare students who are blind or deaf for transition to college or employment.

SERVICES FOR THE DEAF

The foregoing appropriation item 415508, Services for the Deaf, shall be used to support community centers for the deaf.

VISUALLY IMPAIRED READING SERVICES

The foregoing appropriation item 415512, Visually Impaired Reading Services, shall be used to support VOICEcorps Reading Services to provide reading services for blind individuals.

SIGHT CENTERS

Of the foregoing appropriation item 415617, Independent Living Older Blind, \$30,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to contract in equal amounts with the Cleveland Sight Center, the Cincinnati Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and the Sight Center of Northwest Ohio to provide outreach and referral development to the community of individuals with blindness or low vision.

SECTION 361.10. PEN PENSION SUBSIDIES

General Revenue Fund

GRF 090524	Police and Fire Disability Pension Fund	\$	2,000	\$	2,000
GRF 090534	Police and Fire Ad Hoc Cost of Living	\$	31,000	\$	31,000
GRF 090554	Police and Fire Survivor Benefits	\$	270,000	\$	270,000
GRF 090575	Police and Fire Death Benefits	\$	34,400,000	\$	34,750,000
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	34,703,000	\$	35,053,000
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	34,703,000	\$	35,053,000

POLICE AND FIRE DEATH BENEFIT FUND

The foregoing appropriation item 090575, Police and Fire Death Benefits, shall be disbursed quarterly by the Treasurer of State at the

beginning of each quarter of each fiscal year to the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, which serves as trustees of the Ohio Public Safety Officers Death Benefit Fund pursuant to section 742.62 of the Revised Code. The Treasurer of State shall certify such amounts quarterly to the Director of Budget and Management. By the twentieth day of June of each fiscal year, the Board of Trustees shall certify to the Treasurer of State the amount disbursed in the current fiscal year to make the payments required by sections 124.824 and 742.63 of the Revised Code and shall return to the Treasurer of State moneys received from this appropriation item but not disbursed.

Notwithstanding any provision of section 124.824 of the Revised Code to the contrary, for each death benefit fund recipient who participates in health, medical, hospital, dental, surgical, or vision benefits under section 124.824 of the Revised Code, the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund shall forward as a pass-through from the revenue received from the foregoing appropriation item 090575, Police and Fire Death Benefits, the percentage of the cost for the applicable benefits that would be paid by a state employer for a state employee who elects that coverage and any applicable administrative costs, which shall not exceed two per cent of the total cost of the benefits. The Board of Trustees shall also withhold from the benefits paid to a death benefit fund recipient under section 742.63 of the Revised Code the percentage of the cost for such benefits that would be paid by a state employee, and forward the withheld amounts to the Department of Administrative Services from the revenue received from the foregoing appropriation item 090575, Police and Fire Death Benefits.

In fiscal year 2020 or 2021, if it is determined by the Director of Administrative Services, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, or designee, that additional amounts are necessary to pay the cost of providing benefits under section 124.824 or 742.63 of the Revised Code, the Director of Administrative Services may certify the additional amount necessary to the Director of Budget and Management. The amount certified is hereby appropriated.

SECTION 363.10. UST PETROLEUM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK RELEASE COMPENSATION BOARD

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

6910	810632	Petroleum Underground	\$	1,410,740	\$	1,469,195
		Storage Tank Release				

Compensation Board - Operating			
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group	\$	1,410,740	\$ 1,469,195
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$	1,410,740	\$ 1,469,195

SECTION 367.10. PRX STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4A50 887605	Drug Law Enforcement	\$	150,000	\$	150,000
4K90 658605	OARRS Integration - STATE	\$	253,264	\$	255,000
4K90 887609	Operating Expenses	\$	10,220,383	\$	10,646,387
5SG0 887612	Drug Database	\$	664,369	\$	670,000
5SY0 887613	Medical Marijuana Control Program	\$	3,084,072	\$	2,500,200
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	14,372,088	\$	14,221,587

Federal Fund Group

3HD0 887614	Pharmacy Federal Grants	\$	612,433	\$	531,000
3HH0 658601	OARRS Integration - Federal	\$	2,363,583	\$	2,384,000
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group		\$	2,976,016	\$	2,915,000
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	17,348,104	\$	17,136,587

SECTION 369.10. PSY STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4K90 882609	Operating Expenses	\$	665,390	\$	696,615
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	665,390	\$	696,615
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	665,390	\$	696,615

SECTION 371.10. PUB OHIO PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION

General Revenue Fund

GRF 019401	State Legal Defense Services	\$	5,659,317	\$	6,534,523
GRF 019403	Multi-County: State Share	\$	3,607,498	\$	4,644,553
GRF 019404	Trumbull County - State Share	\$	1,349,330	\$	2,036,064
GRF 019405	Training Account	\$	50,000	\$	50,000
GRF 019501	County Reimbursement	\$	89,020,000	\$	125,000,000
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	99,686,145	\$	138,265,240

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

1010 019607	Juvenile Legal Assistance	\$	204,756	\$	204,756
4060 019603	Training and Publications	\$	25,000	\$	25,000
4070 019604	County Representation	\$	280,407	\$	285,000
4080 019605	Client Payments	\$	715,831	\$	737,389
4C70 019601	Multi-County: County Share	\$	1,352,812	\$	0
4N90 019613	Gifts and Grants	\$	19,440	\$	19,440
4X70 019610	Trumbull County - County Share	\$	505,999	\$	0
5740 019606	Civil Legal Aid	\$	25,000,000	\$	25,000,000
5CX0 019617	Civil Case Filing Fee	\$	623,425	\$	642,904
5DY0 019618	Indigent Defense Support -	\$	31,872,000	\$	31,872,000

5DY0 019619	County Share Indigent Defense Support - State Office	\$	7,113,482	\$	7,216,852
TOTAL DPF Fund Group	Dedicated Purpose	\$	67,713,152	\$	66,003,341
Federal Fund Group					
3S80 019608	Federal Representation	\$	38,315	\$	38,315
TOTAL FED Fund Group	Federal Fund Group	\$	38,315	\$	38,315
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	167,437,612	\$	204,306,896

INSUFFICIENT OPERATING EXPENSES FUNDING

If it is determined by the State Public Defender that the amounts appropriated to fund the operating expenses of the Public Defender Commission are insufficient in either fiscal year 2020 or fiscal year 2021, the Director of Budget and Management, upon written request of the State Public Defender, may approve for the applicable fiscal year an appropriation transfer of up to \$100,000 from appropriation item 019501, County Reimbursement, to appropriation item 019401, State Legal Defense Services, for the purpose of funding the operating expenses of the Public Defender Commission.

INDIGENT DEFENSE OFFICE

The foregoing appropriation items 019404, Trumbull County - State Share, and 019610, Trumbull County - County Share, shall be used to support an indigent defense office for Trumbull County.

MULTI-COUNTY OFFICE

The foregoing appropriation items 019403, Multi-County: State Share, and 019601, Multi-County: County Share, shall be used to support the Office of the Ohio Public Defender's Multi-County Branch Office Program.

TRAINING ACCOUNT

The foregoing appropriation item 019405, Training Account, shall be used by the Ohio Public Defender to provide legal training programs at no cost for private appointed counsel who represents at least one indigent defendant at no cost, state and county public defenders, and attorneys who contract with the Ohio Public Defender to provide indigent defense services.

CASH TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND TO THE LEGAL AID FUND

On July 1 of each fiscal year, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer \$500,000 cash from the General Revenue Fund to the Legal Aid Fund (Fund 5740). The transferred cash shall be distributed by the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation to Ohio's civil legal aid societies as follows: \$250,000 in each fiscal year for the sole purpose of providing legal services for economically disadvantaged individuals and families seeking assistance with legal issues arising as a

result of substance abuse disorders, and \$250,000 in each fiscal year for the sole purpose of providing legal services for veterans. None of the funds shall be used for administrative costs, including, but not limited to, salaries, benefits, or travel reimbursements.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATION

The foregoing appropriation item 019608, Federal Representation, shall be used to support representation provided by the Ohio Public Defender in federal court cases.

SECTION 373.10. DPS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

General Revenue Fund

GRF 761403	Recovery Ohio Law Enforcement	\$	9,750,000	\$	9,750,000
GRF 761404	Drug Testing Equipment	\$	140,000	\$	0
GRF 763403	EMA Operating	\$	5,099,118	\$	5,320,000
GRF 763511	Local Disaster Assistance	\$	11,000,000	\$	0
GRF 763512	Ohio Task Force One	\$	250,000	\$	250,000
GRF 763513	Security Grants	\$	3,000,000	\$	3,000,000
GRF 763514	Security Grants - Personnel	\$	1,250,000	\$	1,250,000
GRF 767420	Investigative Unit Operating	\$	13,776,113	\$	14,175,500
GRF 768425	Justice Program Services	\$	2,311,162	\$	2,334,200
GRF 769406	Homeland Security - Operating	\$	3,140,706	\$	3,228,200
GRF 769407	Youthful Driver Safety	\$	500,000	\$	500,000
GRF 769501	School Safety	\$	300,000	\$	300,000
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	50,517,099	\$	40,107,900

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4P60 768601	Justice Program Services	\$	220,000	\$	226,500
4V30 763662	EMA Service and Reimbursements	\$	751,000	\$	751,000
5B90 766632	Private Investigator and Security Guard Provider	\$	1,986,152	\$	2,035,000
5BK0 768687	Criminal Justice Services - Operating	\$	533,771	\$	550,000
5BK0 768689	Family Violence Shelter Programs	\$	1,550,000	\$	1,550,000
5ET0 768625	Drug Law Enforcement	\$	8,000,000	\$	8,000,000
5LM0 768698	Criminal Justice Services Law Enforcement Support	\$	850,946	\$	850,946
5ML0 769635	Infrastructure Protection	\$	80,000	\$	80,000
5RH0 767697	OIU Special Projects	\$	900,000	\$	900,000
5RS0 768621	Community Police Relations	\$	1,569,445	\$	1,150,000
5TJ0 763603	Security Grants	\$	470,000	\$	0
5Y10 767696	Ohio Investigative Unit Continuing Professional Training	\$	10,000	\$	10,000
6220 767615	Investigative, Contraband, and Forfeiture	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
6570 763652	Utility Radiological Safety	\$	1,258,624	\$	1,258,624

6810	763653	SARA Title III Hazmat Planning	\$	273,629	\$	273,629
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group			\$	19,453,567	\$	18,635,699
Federal Fund Group						
3370	763609	Federal Disaster Relief	\$	69,779,199	\$	69,948,672
3FP0	767620	Ohio Investigative Unit Justice Contraband	\$	30,000	\$	30,000
3GL0	768619	Justice Assistance Grants - FFY15	\$	12,500,000	\$	12,500,000
3GT0	767691	Investigative Unit Federal Equity Share	\$	100,000	\$	100,000
3GU0	769610	Investigations Grants – Food Stamps, Liquor and Tobacco Laws	\$	1,400,000	\$	1,400,000
3GU0	769631	Homeland Security Disaster Grants	\$	800,000	\$	800,000
3L50	768604	Justice Program	\$	12,600,000	\$	12,600,000
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group			\$	97,209,199	\$	97,378,672
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$	167,179,865	\$	156,122,271

SECTION 373.20. RECOVERY OHIO LAW ENFORCEMENT

Of the foregoing appropriation item 761403, Recovery Ohio Law Enforcement, up to \$3,400,000 in each fiscal year may be used by the Office of Criminal Justice Services to provide funding to local law enforcement agencies to create narcotics task forces that will focus on cartel trafficking interdiction. The interdiction task forces shall be designated Ohio Organized Crime Commission task forces subject to approval and supervision of the Commission.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 761403, Recovery Ohio Law Enforcement, up to \$3,250,000 in each fiscal year may be used to establish a highly specialized Narcotics Intelligence Center consisting of personnel assigned to intelligence and computer forensic analysis that will assist Ohio narcotics task forces.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 761403, Recovery Ohio Law Enforcement, up to \$2,500,000 in each fiscal year may be used by the Office of Criminal Justice Services to provide funding to Ohio's narcotics task forces to build new and strengthen existing partnerships with local law enforcement.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 761403, Recovery Ohio Law Enforcement, up to \$600,000 in each fiscal year may be used to partner with the Office of Information Technology in the Department of Administrative Services to develop, enhance, and maintain a uniform records management and data intelligence system for narcotics task forces.

DRUG TESTING EQUIPMENT

The foregoing appropriation item 761404, Drug Testing Equipment, shall be used by the Ohio State Highway Patrol to purchase drug testing equipment for the purpose of determining the level of THC in marijuana or hemp.

OHIO TASK FORCE ONE

The foregoing appropriation item 763512, Ohio Task Force One, shall be distributed to the Ohio Task Force One – Urban Search and Rescue Unit for the purpose of paying for its operating expenses and developing new programs.

JUSTICE PROGRAM SERVICES

Of the foregoing appropriation item 768425, Justice Program Services, up to \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be used by the Department of Public Safety to distribute grants to state and/or local law enforcement to conduct investigations on sexual assault kit testing results and related expenses.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 768425, Justice Program Services, up to \$250,000 in each fiscal year shall be used by the Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, for the purposes of implementing recommendations of the Governor's Warrant Task Force.

YOUTHFUL DRIVER SAFETY

The foregoing appropriation item 769407, Youthful Driver Safety, shall be used to enhance driver training for a statewide youthful driver safety program. The program will use best practices and technology to focus on behind-the-wheel driver training for drivers aged sixteen to twenty-four in order to reduce the number of at-fault youthful fatal car crashes.

SCHOOL SAFETY

The foregoing appropriation item 769501, School Safety, shall be used by the Department of Public Safety to pay for the costs of the Ohio Homeland Security Safer Schools Tipline, promotional materials to enhance awareness of the Tipline, and analytic tools to proactively alert local officials to school security threats.

LOCAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Of the foregoing appropriation item 763511, Local Disaster Assistance, \$7,000,000 shall be used to pay the match requirement necessary for eligible local governments to utilize federal disaster assistance funds released as a result of the Major Disaster Declaration issued by the President of the United States on April 17, 2018, and \$4,000,000 shall be used to pay the match requirement necessary for eligible local governments to utilize federal disaster assistance funds released as a result of the Major Disaster Declaration issued by the President of the United States on April 8, 2019.

An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of appropriation item 763511, Local Disaster Assistance, at the end of fiscal year 2019 is hereby reappropriated exclusively for the April 17, 2018, Major Disaster Declaration for fiscal year 2020.

An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of appropriation item 763511, Local Disaster Assistance, at the end of fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated for the April 17, 2018, and April 8, 2019, Major Disaster Declarations for fiscal year 2021.

STATE DISASTER RELIEF

The State Disaster Relief Fund (Fund 5330) may accept transfers of cash or appropriations from Controlling Board appropriation items for the Ohio Emergency Management Agency disaster response costs and disaster program management costs, and may also be used for the following purposes:

(A) To accept transfers of cash or appropriations from Controlling Board appropriation items for Ohio Emergency Management Agency public assistance and mitigation program match costs to reimburse eligible local governments and private nonprofit organizations for costs related to disasters;

(B) To accept transfers of cash to reimburse the costs associated with Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) deployments;

(C) To accept disaster related reimbursement from federal, state, and local governments. The Director of Budget and Management may transfer cash from reimbursements received by this fund to other funds of the state from which transfers were originally approved by the Controlling Board.

(D) To accept transfers of cash or appropriations from Controlling Board appropriation items to fund the State Disaster Relief Program, for disasters that qualify for the program by written authorization of the Governor, and the State Individual Assistance Program for disasters that have been declared by the federal Small Business Administration and that qualify for the program by written authorization from the Governor. The Ohio Emergency Management Agency shall publish and make available application packets outlining procedures for the State Disaster Relief Program and the State Individual Assistance Program.

SECTION 373.30. TRANSFER FROM STATE FIRE MARSHAL FUND TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY SERVICE AND REIMBURSEMENT FUND

On July 1 of each fiscal year, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer \$200,000 cash from the

State Fire Marshall Fund (Fund 5460) to the Emergency Management Agency Service and Reimbursement Fund (Fund 4V30) to be distributed to the Ohio Task Force One – Urban Search and Rescue Unit, other similar urban search and rescue units around the state, and for maintenance of the statewide fire emergency response plan by an entity recognized by the Ohio Emergency Management Agency.

DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND

Notwithstanding division (D) of section 5502.68 of the Revised Code, in each of fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the cumulative amount of funding provided to any single drug task force out of the Drug Law Enforcement Fund (Fund 5ET0) may not exceed \$500,000 in any calendar year.

COMMUNITY POLICE RELATIONS

The foregoing appropriation item 768621, Community Police Relations, shall be used to implement key recommendations of the Ohio Task Force on Community-Police Relations, including a database on use of force and officer involved shootings, a public awareness campaign, and state-provided assistance with policy-making and manuals.

SARA TITLE III HAZMAT PLANNING

The SARA Title III Hazmat Planning Fund (Fund 6810) is entitled to receive grant funds from the Emergency Response Commission to implement the Emergency Management Agency's responsibilities under Chapter 3750. of the Revised Code.

SECURITY GRANTS

(A) The foregoing appropriation items 763513, Security Grants, and 763603, Security Grants, shall be used to make competitive grants of up to \$100,000 to nonprofit organizations for eligible security improvements that assist the organization in preventing, preparing for, or responding to acts of terrorism.

(B)(1) The foregoing appropriation item 763514, Security Grants – Personnel, shall be used to make competitive grants to nonprofit organizations, houses of worship, chartered nonpublic schools, and licensed preschools to acquire the services of a resource officer, special duty police officer, or licensed armed security guards or the purchase of qualified equipment, including equipment for emergency and crisis communication, crisis management, or trauma and crisis response to assist in preventing, preparing for, or responding to acts of terrorism.

(2) Grants awarded under division (B)(1) of this section shall not exceed \$100,000 per resource officer per building or not more than \$25,000 for the purchase of qualified equipment.

(3) Each recipient of a grant under division (B) of this section shall

provide a matching contribution at a ratio of one to one. The matching contribution may come from any lawful non-state source, including federal and local government entities, law enforcement organizations, or the private sector. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a state or local law enforcement agency may provide asset forfeiture or similar funds for use as a recipient's local matching contribution. If an applicant for a grant is unable to provide a sufficient matching contribution, the applicant may, in its grant application, submit a written request for a waiver of the local matching contribution requirement. As part of an applicant's request for a waiver, the applicant shall explain why the waiver is necessary. The Ohio Emergency Management Agency may grant a waiver only for good cause in accordance with the procedures it establishes.

(C) The Emergency Management Agency shall administer and award the grants described in divisions (A) and (B) of this section. The Agency shall establish procedures and forms by which applicants may apply for a grant, a competitive process for ranking applicants and awarding the grants, and procedures for distributing grants to recipients. The procedures shall require each applicant to do all of the following:

(1) Identify and substantiate prior threats or attacks by a terrorist organization, network, or cell against the nonprofit organization, house of worship, chartered nonpublic school, or licensed preschool;

(2) Indicate the symbolic or strategic value of one or more sites that renders the site a possible target of terrorism;

(3) Discuss potential consequences to the organization if the site is damaged, destroyed, or disrupted by a terrorist;

(4) Describe how the grant will be used to integrate organizational preparedness with broader state and local preparedness efforts;

(5) Submit either a vulnerability assessment conducted by experienced security, law enforcement, or military personnel, or a credible intelligence and threat analysis from one or more qualified homeland security, counterintelligence, or anti-terrorism experts, and a description of how the grant will be used to address the vulnerabilities identified in the assessment.

The Agency shall consider all of the above factors in evaluating grant applications.

(D) Any grant submission described in division (I) of section 3313.536 of the Revised Code or section 149.433 of the Revised Code is not a public record under section 149.43 of the Revised Code and is not subject to mandatory release or disclosure under that section.

(E) The Emergency Management Agency may use up to two and one-half per cent of the total amount appropriated to administer the

program, a portion of which may be used to pay costs incurred by the Department of Public Safety to provide security-related or specialized assistance in reviewing vulnerability assessments and prioritizing grant applications.

(F) As used in this section:

(1) "Eligible security improvements" means any of the following:

(a) Physical security enhancement equipment or inspection and screening equipment included on the Authorized Equipment List published by the United States Department of Homeland Security;

(b) Attendance fees and associated materials, supplies, and equipment costs for security-related training courses and programs regarding the protection of critical infrastructure and key resources, physical and cyber security, target hardening, or terrorism awareness or preparedness. Personnel and travel costs associated with training shall not be considered an eligible expense of the grant.

(2) "Nonprofit organization" means a corporation, association, group, institution, society, or other organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3), as amended.

(3) "Resource officer" means any law enforcement officer of an accredited local law enforcement agency providing special duty services in a school setting to create or maintain a safe, secure, and orderly environment. A resource officer may include a special duty police officer, off-duty police officer, deputy sheriff, or other peace officer of the applicable local law enforcement agency in which the chartered nonpublic school or licensed preschool is located or qualifying personnel of an accredited local law enforcement agency for any jurisdiction in this state.

(4) "Terrorism" means any act taken by a group or individual used to intimidate or coerce a nonprofit organization, house of worship, chartered nonpublic school, or licensed preschool, its employees, and anyone who is or in the future may be associated with it, as well as their families; to influence the policy of the nonprofit organization, house of worship, chartered nonpublic school, or licensed preschool; and to affect the conduct of the nonprofit organization, house of worship, chartered nonpublic school, or licensed preschool.

(G) An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item 763603, Security Grants, at the end of fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated for the same purpose in fiscal year 2021.

(H) An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item 763514, Security Grants – Personnel, at the

end of fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated for the same purpose in fiscal year 2021.

SECTION 375.10. PUC PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4A30	870614	Grade Crossing Protection Devices-State	\$	1,196,662	\$	1,200,000
4L80	870617	Pipeline Safety-State	\$	346,253	\$	346,253
5610	870606	Power Siting Board	\$	1,095,185	\$	1,095,185
5F60	870622	Utility and Railroad Regulation	\$	34,582,560	\$	35,415,760
5F60	870624	NARUC/NRRI Subsidy	\$	85,000	\$	85,000
5LT0	870640	Intrastate Registration	\$	195,000	\$	195,000
5LT0	870641	Unified Carrier Registration	\$	450,000	\$	450,000
5LT0	870643	Non-hazardous Materials Civil Forfeiture	\$	299,942	\$	299,942
5LT0	870644	Hazardous Materials Civil Forfeiture	\$	800,000	\$	800,000
5LT0	870645	Motor Carrier Enforcement	\$	4,681,427	\$	4,719,696
5Q50	870626	Telecommunications Relay Service	\$	3,000,000	\$	3,000,000
5QR0	870646	Underground Facilities Protection	\$	50,000	\$	50,000
5QS0	870647	Underground Facilities Administration	\$	316,000	\$	316,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group			\$	47,098,029	\$	47,972,836
Federal Fund Group						
3330	870601	Gas Pipeline Safety	\$	1,397,959	\$	1,397,959
3500	870608	Motor Carrier Safety	\$	10,058,083	\$	10,058,083
3500	870648	Motor Carrier Administration High Priority Activities Grants and Cooperative Agreements	\$	450,000	\$	450,000
3V30	870604	Commercial Vehicle Information Systems/Networks	\$	100,000	\$	100,000
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group			\$	12,006,042	\$	12,006,042
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$	59,104,071	\$	59,978,878

SECTION 377.10. PWC PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

General Revenue Fund

GRF	150904	Conservation General Obligation Bond Debt Service	\$	44,218,800	\$	44,394,800
GRF	150907	Infrastructure Improvement General Obligation Bond Debt Service	\$	229,338,800	\$	231,754,500
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund			\$	273,557,600	\$	276,149,300
Capital Projects Fund Group						

7038	150321	State Capital Improvements Program – Operating Expenses	\$	1,085,834	\$	895,864
7056	150403	Clean Ohio Conservation Operating	\$	364,345	\$	301,022
TOTAL CPF Capital Projects Fund Group			\$	1,450,179	\$	1,196,886
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$	275,007,779	\$	277,346,186

SECTION 377.20. CONSERVATION GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND DEBT SERVICE

The foregoing appropriation item 150904, Conservation General Obligation Bond Debt Service, shall be used to pay all debt service and related financing costs during the period from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, on obligations issued under sections 151.01 and 151.09 of the Revised Code.

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND DEBT SERVICE

The foregoing appropriation item 150907, Infrastructure Improvement General Obligation Bond Debt Service, shall be used to pay all debt service and related financing costs during the period from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, on obligations issued under sections 151.01 and 151.08 of the Revised Code.

STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM - OPERATING EXPENSES

The foregoing appropriation item 150321, State Capital Improvements Program - Operating Expenses, shall be used by the Ohio Public Works Commission to administer the State Capital Improvement Program under sections 164.01 to 164.16 of the Revised Code.

CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION OPERATING

The foregoing appropriation item 150403, Clean Ohio Conservation Operating, shall be used by the Ohio Public Works Commission in administering Clean Ohio Conservation Fund (Fund 7056) projects pursuant to sections 164.20 to 164.27 of the Revised Code.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION COSTS

The Director of the Public Works Commission is authorized to create a District Administration Costs Program from proceeds of the Capital Improvements Fund and Local Transportation Improvement Program Fund. The program shall be used to provide for the direct costs of district administration of the nineteen public works districts. Districts choosing to participate in the program shall only expend State Capital Improvements Fund moneys for State Capital Improvements Fund costs and Local

Transportation Improvement Program Fund moneys for Local Transportation Improvement Program Fund costs. The District Administration Costs Program account shall not exceed \$1,235,000 per fiscal year. Each public works district may be eligible for up to \$65,000 per fiscal year from its district allocation as provided in sections 164.08 and 164.14 of the Revised Code.

The Director, by rule, shall define allowable and nonallowable costs for the purpose of the District Administration Costs Program. Nonallowable costs include indirect costs, elected official salaries and benefits, and project-specific costs. No district public works committee may participate in the District Administration Costs Program without the approval of those costs by the district public works committee under section 164.04 of the Revised Code.

NATURAL RESOURCE ASSISTANCE COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATION COSTS

The Director of the Public Works Commission is authorized to create a District Administration Costs Program for districts represented by natural resource assistance councils. This program shall be funded from proceeds of the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund. The program shall be used by natural resource assistance councils in order to provide for administration costs of the nineteen natural resource assistance councils for the direct costs of council administration. Councils choosing to participate in this program may be eligible for up to \$15,000 per fiscal year from its district allocation as provided in section 164.27 of the Revised Code.

The Director shall define allowable and nonallowable costs for the purpose of the District Administration Costs Program. Nonallowable costs include indirect costs, elected official salaries and benefits, and project-specific costs.

SECTION 379.10. RAC STATE RACING COMMISSION

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5620	875601	Thoroughbred Development	\$	1,400,000	\$	1,400,000
5630	875602	Standardbred Development	\$	1,550,000	\$	1,550,000
5650	875604	Racing Commission	\$	4,034,320	\$	4,070,948
		Operating				
5JK0	875610	Horse Racing	\$	8,512,095	\$	8,512,095
		Development-Casino				
5NL0	875611	Revenue Redistribution	\$	8,000,000	\$	8,000,000
		TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group	\$	23,496,415	\$	23,533,043

Fiduciary Fund Group

5C40	875607	Simulcast Horse Racing Purse	\$	7,000,000	\$	7,000,000
		TOTAL FID Fiduciary Fund Group	\$	7,000,000	\$	7,000,000

Holding Account Fund Group

R021 875605 Bond Reimbursements	\$	100,000	\$	100,000
TOTAL HLD Holding Account Fund Group	\$	100,000	\$	100,000
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$	30,596,415	\$	30,633,043

SECTION 381.10. BOR DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**General Revenue Fund**

GRF 235321 Operating Expenses	\$	5,825,252	\$	5,762,414
GRF 235402 Sea Grants	\$	299,250	\$	299,250
GRF 235406 Articulation and Transfer	\$	1,844,372	\$	1,851,773
GRF 235408 Midwest Higher Education Compact	\$	115,000	\$	115,000
GRF 235414 Grants and Scholarship Administration	\$	837,799	\$	855,433
GRF 235417 Technology Maintenance and Operations	\$	4,989,937	\$	3,758,802
GRF 235428 Appalachian New Economy Workforce Partnership	\$	4,228,000	\$	4,228,000
GRF 235438 Choose Ohio First Scholarship	\$	28,169,310	\$	40,177,613
GRF 235443 Adult Basic and Literacy Education - State	\$	8,083,344	\$	8,083,344
GRF 235444 Ohio Technical Centers	\$	19,669,559	\$	23,250,000
GRF 235474 Area Health Education Centers Program Support	\$	873,000	\$	873,000
GRF 235492 Campus Safety and Training	\$	750,000	\$	750,000
GRF 235501 State Share of Instruction	\$	2,019,202,822	\$	2,039,394,850
GRF 235504 War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarships	\$	11,163,333	\$	12,502,933
GRF 235507 OhioLINK	\$	6,024,682	\$	6,024,682
GRF 235508 Air Force Institute of Technology	\$	1,641,723	\$	1,641,723
GRF 235510 Ohio Supercomputer Center	\$	4,388,513	\$	4,388,513
GRF 235511 Cooperative Extension Service	\$	25,110,186	\$	25,110,186
GRF 235514 Central State Supplement	\$	11,685,516	\$	11,685,516
GRF 235515 Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine	\$	2,038,940	\$	2,038,940
GRF 235519 Family Practice	\$	3,007,876	\$	3,007,876
GRF 235520 Shawnee State Supplement	\$	4,037,456	\$	4,037,456
GRF 235525 Geriatric Medicine	\$	496,043	\$	496,043
GRF 235526 Primary Care Residencies	\$	1,425,000	\$	1,425,000
GRF 235533 Program and Project Support	\$	2,803,850	\$	1,328,000
GRF 235535 Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center	\$	37,361,470	\$	37,361,470
GRF 235536 The Ohio State University Clinical Teaching	\$	9,185,494	\$	9,185,494
GRF 235537 University of Cincinnati Clinical Teaching	\$	7,904,944	\$	7,904,944
GRF 235538 University of Toledo Clinical Teaching	\$	5,888,670	\$	5,888,670
GRF 235539 Wright State University Clinical Teaching	\$	2,860,830	\$	2,860,830

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GRF 235540	Ohio University Clinical Teaching	\$	2,765,651	\$	2,765,651	
GRF 235541	Northeast Ohio Medical University Clinical Teaching	\$	2,844,469	\$	2,844,469	
GRF 235543	Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine Clinic Subsidy	\$	500,000	\$	500,000	
GRF 235544	STEM Public-Private Partnership Program	\$	500,000	\$	500,000	
GRF 235546	Central State Agricultural Research and Development	\$	3,492,485	\$	3,492,485	
GRF 235548	Central State Cooperative Extension Services	\$	3,004,367	\$	3,004,367	
GRF 235552	Capital Component	\$	1,584,491	\$	1,584,491	
GRF 235555	Library Depositories	\$	1,396,592	\$	1,396,592	
GRF 235556	Ohio Academic Resources Network	\$	3,077,343	\$	3,077,343	
GRF 235558	Long-term Care Research	\$	309,035	\$	309,035	
GRF 235563	Ohio College Opportunity Grant	\$	122,260,500	\$	148,200,000	
GRF 235572	The Ohio State University Clinic Support	\$	728,206	\$	728,206	
GRF 235591	Co-Op Internship Program	\$	1,262,500	\$	1,462,500	
GRF 235597	High School STEM Innovation and Ohio College Scholarship and Retention Program	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000	
GRF 235598	Rural University Program	\$	500,000	\$	500,000	
GRF 235599	National Guard Scholarship Program	\$	20,604,000	\$	21,222,120	
GRF 235909	Higher Education General Obligation Bond Debt Service	\$	323,545,500	\$	348,550,200	
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	2,721,287,310	\$	2,807,425,214	
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group						
2200	235614	Program Approval and Reauthorization	\$	800,485	\$	744,562
4560	235603	Sales and Services	\$	199,250	\$	199,250
4E80	235602	Higher Educational Facility Commission Administration	\$	53,239	\$	60,000
5D40	235675	Conference/Special Purposes	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
5FR0	235650	State and Non-Federal Grants and Award	\$	1,402,150	\$	1,402,150
5JC0	235654	Federal Research Network	\$	4,950,000	\$	4,950,000
5NH0	235684	OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Program	\$	245,163	\$	0
5P30	235663	Variable Savings Plan	\$	7,743,050	\$	7,915,343
6450	235664	Guaranteed Savings Plan	\$	956,973	\$	1,001,626
6820	235606	Nursing Loan Program	\$	889,611	\$	891,320
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	18,239,921	\$	18,164,251	
Bond Research and Development Fund Group						
7011	235634	Research Incentive Third Frontier	\$	6,500,000	\$	6,500,000

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7014	235639	Research Incentive Third Frontier - Tax	\$	1,500,000	\$	1,500,000
TOTAL BRD Bond Research and Development Fund Group			\$	8,000,000	\$	8,000,000
Federal Fund Group						
3120	235611	Gear-up Grant	\$	1,995,808	\$	2,000,000
3120	235612	Carl D. Perkins Grant/Plan Administration	\$	1,332,315	\$	1,350,000
3120	235641	Adult Basic and Literacy Education - Federal	\$	17,579,996	\$	17,600,000
3BG0	235651	Gear Up Grant Scholarships	\$	1,750,000	\$	1,750,000
3H20	235608	Human Services Project	\$	375,000	\$	375,000
3N60	235658	John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program	\$	70,000	\$	70,000
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group			\$	23,103,119	\$	23,145,000
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$	2,770,630,350	\$	2,856,734,465

SECTION 381.20. SEA GRANTS

The foregoing appropriation item 235402, Sea Grants, shall be used to match federal dollars and leverage additional support by The Ohio State University's Sea Grant program, including Stone Laboratory, for research, education, and outreach to enhance the economic value, public utilization, and responsible management of Lake Erie and Ohio's coastal resources.

SECTION 381.30. ARTICULATION AND TRANSFER

The foregoing appropriation item 235406, Articulation and Transfer, shall be used by the Chancellor of Higher Education to maintain and expand the work of the Articulation and Transfer Council to develop a system of transfer policies to ensure that students at state institutions of higher education can transfer and have coursework apply to their majors and degrees at any other state institution of higher education without unnecessary duplication or institutional barriers under sections 3333.16, 3333.161, and 3333.162 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 381.40. MIDWEST HIGHER EDUCATION COMPACT

The foregoing appropriation item 235408, Midwest Higher Education Compact, shall be distributed by the Chancellor of Higher Education under section 3333.40 of the Revised Code.

**SECTION 381.50. GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIP
ADMINISTRATION**

The foregoing appropriation item 235414, Grants and Scholarship Administration, shall be used by the Chancellor of Higher Education to manage and administer student financial aid programs created by the General Assembly and grants for which the Department of Higher Education is responsible. The appropriation item also shall be used to support all state financial aid audits and student financial aid programs created by Congress, and to provide fiscal and administrative services for the Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program.

SECTION 381.60. TECHNOLOGY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

The foregoing appropriation item 235417, Technology Maintenance and Operations, shall be used by the Chancellor of Higher Education to support the development and implementation of information technology solutions designed to improve the performance and capacity of the Department of Higher Education. The information technology solutions may be provided by the Ohio Technology Consortium (OH-TECH).

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235417, Technology Maintenance and Operations, a portion in each fiscal year may be used by the Chancellor to support the continued implementation of eStudent Services, a consortium organized under division (T) of section 3333.04 of the Revised Code to expand access to dual enrollment opportunities for high school students, as well as adult and higher education opportunities through technology. The funds shall be used by eStudent Services to develop and promote learning and assessment through the use of technology, to test and provide advice on emerging learning-directed technologies, to facilitate cost-effectiveness through shared educational technology investments, and for any other priorities of the Chancellor of Higher Education.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235417, Technology Maintenance and Operations, a portion in each fiscal year shall be used by the Chancellor to implement a high priority data warehouse, advanced analytics, and visualization integration services associated with the Higher Education Information (HEI) system. The services may be facilitated by OH-TECH.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235417, Technology Maintenance and Operations, \$150,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to support Ohio Reach to provide mentoring and support services to former foster youth attending college.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235417, Technology Maintenance and Operations, up to \$750,000 in fiscal year 2020 shall be provided to the Fairfield County Port Authority to distribute to Hocking College. Hocking

College shall propose technical content of currently existing Department of Higher Education approved certificate and stackable certificate programming or technical content of associate degrees at a Workforce Training Center located in Fairfield County. The instructional programming proposals shall focus efforts on creating and implementing a short-term certificate and apprentice pathway program and providing access to training programs for developmentally disabled clients. Prior to the proposed development of any programming to be offered in Fairfield County at the Workforce Training Center, Hocking College shall document a need at the request of a corporation located or locating in Fairfield County. The Workforce Program committee shall review these requests first to acknowledge there is a need before development of such programming. Any such program shall be offered to Ohio University and its Lancaster Campus for their first right of refusal to meet that same need. Hocking College shall expend these moneys by June 30, 2020. Hocking College shall not offer associate or baccalaureate degrees in Fairfield County.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235417, Technology Maintenance and Operations, \$500,000 in fiscal year 2020 shall be allocated to the Fairfield County Port Authority to distribute to Ohio University-Lancaster to support the development and implementation of instructional programming that supports workforce training in the areas of advanced manufacturing and robotics. Hocking College, Ohio University Lancaster Campus, and Fairfield County shall establish a Workforce Program Committee for advisory purposes in developing workforce training plans and Workforce Training Center operations.

SECTION 381.70. APPALACHIAN NEW ECONOMY WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235428, Appalachian New Economy Workforce Partnership, \$500,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to the Mahoning Valley Innovation and Commercialization Center.

The remainder of the foregoing appropriation item 235428, Appalachian New Economy Workforce Partnership, shall be distributed to Ohio University to continue a multi-campus and multi-agency coordinated effort to link Appalachia to the new economy. Ohio University shall use these funds to provide leadership in the development and implementation of initiatives in the areas of entrepreneurship, management, education, and technology.

SECTION 381.80. CHOOSE OHIO FIRST SCHOLARSHIP

The foregoing appropriation item 235438, Choose Ohio First Scholarship, shall be used to operate the program prescribed in sections 3333.60 to 3333.69 of the Revised Code.

During each fiscal year, the Chancellor of Higher Education, as soon as possible after cancellation, may certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of canceled prior-year encumbrances in appropriation item 235438, Choose Ohio First Scholarship. Upon receipt of the certification, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer cash, up to the certified amount, from the General Revenue Fund to the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Reserve Fund (Fund 5PV0).

SECTION 381.90. ADULT BASIC AND LITERACY EDUCATION

The foregoing appropriation item 235443, Adult Basic and Literacy Education - State, shall be used to support the adult basic and literacy education instructional grant program and state leadership program. The supported programs shall satisfy the state match and maintenance of effort requirements for the state-administered grant program.

SECTION 381.100. OHIO TECHNICAL CENTERS FUNDING

The foregoing appropriation item 235444, Ohio Technical Centers, shall be used by the Chancellor of Higher Education to support post-secondary adult career-technical education. The Chancellor shall provide coordination for Ohio Technical Centers through program approval processes, data collection of program and student outcomes, and subsidy disbursements from the foregoing appropriation item 235444, Ohio Technical Centers.

(A)(1) As soon as possible in each fiscal year, in accordance with instructions of the Chancellor, each Ohio Technical Center shall report its actual data, consistent with the definitions in the Higher Education Information (HEI) system's files, to the Chancellor.

(a) In defining the number of full-time equivalent students for state subsidy purposes, the Chancellor shall exclude all students who are not residents of Ohio.

(b) A full-time equivalent student shall be defined as a student who completes 450 hours. Those students that complete some portion of 450 hours shall be counted as a partial full-time equivalent for funding purposes, while students that complete more than 450 hours shall be counted as

proportionally greater than one full-time equivalent.

(c) In calculating each Ohio Technical Center's full-time equivalent students, the Chancellor shall use a three-year average.

(d) After June 30, 2019, Ohio Technical Centers shall operate with, or be an active candidate for, accreditation by an accreditor authorized by the United States Department of Education to be eligible to receive subsidies from the foregoing appropriation item 235444, Ohio Technical Centers.

(2) In each fiscal year, twenty-five per cent of the allocation for Ohio Technical Centers shall be distributed based on the proportion of each Center's full-time equivalent students to the total full-time equivalent students who complete a post-secondary technical workforce training program approved by the Chancellor with a grade of C or better or a grade of pass if the program is evaluated on a pass/fail basis.

(3) In each fiscal year, twenty per cent of the allocation for Ohio Technical Centers shall be distributed based on the proportion of each Center's full-time equivalent students to the total full-time equivalent students who complete 50 per cent of a program of study as a measure of student retention.

(4) In each fiscal year, fifty per cent of the allocation for Ohio Technical Centers shall be distributed based on the proportion of each Center's full-time equivalent students to the total full-time equivalent students who have found employment, entered military service, or enrolled in additional post-secondary education and training in accordance with the placement definitions of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins). The calculation for eligible full-time equivalent students shall be based on the per cent of Perkins placements for students who have completed at least 50 per cent of a program of study.

(5) In each fiscal year, five per cent of the allocation for Ohio Technical Centers shall be distributed based on the proportion of each Center's full-time equivalent students to the total full-time equivalent students who have earned a credential from an industry-recognized third party.

(B) Of the foregoing appropriation item 235444, Ohio Technical Centers, up to 2.38 per cent in each fiscal year may be distributed by the Chancellor to the Ohio Central School System, up to \$48,000 in each fiscal year may be utilized for assistance for Ohio Technical Centers, and up to \$3,000,000 in each fiscal year may be distributed by the Chancellor to Ohio Technical Centers that provide business consultation with matching local dollars, with preference to industries on the in-demand jobs list created under section 6301.11 of the Revised Code or in regionally emerging fields. Each center meeting this requirement shall receive at least \$25,000 but not

more than a maximum amount determined by the Chancellor.

(C) The remainder of the foregoing appropriation item 235444, Ohio Technical Centers, in each fiscal year shall be distributed in accordance with division (A) of this section.

(D) PHASE-IN OF PERFORMANCE FUNDING FOR OHIO TECHNICAL CENTERS

(1) In fiscal year 2020, no Ohio Technical Center shall receive performance funding calculated under division (A) of this section, excluding funding for third party credentials calculated under division (A)(5) of this section, that is less than 75 per cent of the average allocation the Center received, excluding funding for third party credentials, in the three prior fiscal years.

In fiscal year 2021, no Ohio Technical Center shall receive performance funding calculated under division (A) of this section, excluding funding for third party credentials calculated under division (A)(5) of this section, that is less than 65 per cent of the average allocation the Center received, excluding funding for third party credentials, in the three prior fiscal years.

(2) In order to ensure that no Center receives less than the amounts identified for each fiscal year in accordance with division (D)(1) of this section, funds shall be made available to support the phase-in allocation by proportionally reducing formula earnings from each Center not receiving phase-in funding.

SECTION 381.110. AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS PROGRAM SUPPORT

The foregoing appropriation item 235474, Area Health Education Centers Program Support, shall be used by the Chancellor of Higher Education to support the medical school regional area health education centers' educational programs for the continued support of medical and other health professions education and for support of the Area Health Education Center Program.

SECTION 381.120. CAMPUS SAFETY AND TRAINING

The foregoing appropriation item 235492, Campus Safety and Training, shall be used by the Chancellor of Higher Education for the purpose of developing model best practices for preventing and responding to sexual violence on campus. The Chancellor, in consultation with state institutions of higher education as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code and private nonprofit institutions of higher education holding certificates of

authorization under Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code, shall continue to develop model best practices in line with emerging trends, research, and evidence-based training for preventing and responding to sexual violence and protecting students and staff who are victims of sexual violence on campus. The Chancellor shall convene state institutions of higher education and private nonprofit institutions of higher education in the training and implementation of best practices regarding campus sexual violence.

SECTION 381.140. STATE SHARE OF INSTRUCTION FORMULAS

The Chancellor of Higher Education shall establish procedures to allocate the foregoing appropriation item 235501, State Share of Instruction, based on the formulas detailed in this section that utilize the enrollment, course completion, degree attainment, and student achievement factors reported annually by each state institution of higher education participating in the Higher Education Information (HEI) system.

(A) FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) ENROLLMENTS AND COURSE COMPLETIONS

(1) As soon as possible during each fiscal year of the biennium ending June 30, 2021, in accordance with instructions of the Department of Higher Education, each state institution of higher education shall report its actual data, consistent with the definitions in the Higher Education Information (HEI) system's enrollment files, to the Chancellor of Higher Education.

(2) In defining the number of full-time equivalent students for state subsidy instructional cost purposes, the Chancellor shall exclude all undergraduate students who are not residents of Ohio or who do not meet the definition of residency for state subsidy and tuition surcharge purposes, except those charged in-state fees in accordance with reciprocity agreements made under section 3333.17 of the Revised Code or employer contracts entered into under section 3333.32 of the Revised Code.

(B) TOTAL COSTS PER FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENT

For purposes of calculating state share of instruction allocations, the total instructional costs per full-time equivalent student shall be:

Model	Fiscal Year 2020	Fiscal Year 2021
ARTS AND HUMANITIES 1	\$9,115	\$9,285
ARTS AND HUMANITIES 2	\$12,986	\$13,227
ARTS AND HUMANITIES 3	\$16,155	\$16,455
ARTS AND	\$24,740	\$25,200

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HUMANITIES 4		
ARTS AND	\$41,648	\$42,421
HUMANITIES 5		
ARTS AND	\$41,449	\$42,219
HUMANITIES 6		
BUSINESS,	\$8,820	\$8,984
EDUCATION &		
SOCIAL SCIENCES 1		
BUSINESS,	\$9,681	\$9,861
EDUCATION &		
SOCIAL SCIENCES 2		
BUSINESS,	\$12,351	\$12,580
EDUCATION &		
SOCIAL SCIENCES 3		
BUSINESS,	\$14,388	\$14,655
EDUCATION &		
SOCIAL SCIENCES 4		
BUSINESS,	\$22,995	\$23,422
EDUCATION &		
SOCIAL SCIENCES 5		
BUSINESS,	\$24,140	\$24,588
EDUCATION &		
SOCIAL SCIENCES 6		
BUSINESS,	\$36,758	\$37,440
EDUCATION &		
SOCIAL SCIENCES 7		
SCIENCE,	\$8,441	\$8,598
TECHNOLOGY,		
ENGINEERING,		
MATHEMATICS,		
MEDICINE 1		
SCIENCE,	\$11,326	\$11,536
TECHNOLOGY,		
ENGINEERING,		
MATHEMATICS,		
MEDICINE 2		
SCIENCE,	\$13,054	\$13,296
TECHNOLOGY,		
ENGINEERING,		
MATHEMATICS,		

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MEDICINE 3 SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS, MEDICINE 4	\$15,314	\$15,599
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS, MEDICINE 5	\$19,665	\$20,030
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS, MEDICINE 6	\$20,452	\$20,832
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS, MEDICINE 7	\$24,577	\$25,033
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS, MEDICINE 8	\$39,870	\$40,610
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS, MEDICINE 9	\$56,741	\$57,795

Doctoral I and Doctoral II models shall be allocated in accordance with division (D)(2) of this section.

Medical I and Medical II models shall be allocated in accordance with divisions (D)(3) and (D)(4) of this section.

(C) SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS, MEDICAL, AND GRADUATE WEIGHTS

For the purpose of implementing the recommendations of the 2006 State Share of Instruction Consultation and the Higher Education Funding Study Council that priority be given to maintaining state support for science,

technology, engineering, mathematics, medicine, and graduate programs, the costs in division (B) of this section shall be weighted by the amounts provided below:

Model	Fiscal Year 2020	Fiscal Year 2021
ARTS AND HUMANITIES 1	1.0000	1.0000
ARTS AND HUMANITIES 2	1.0000	1.0000
ARTS AND HUMANITIES 3	1.0000	1.0000
ARTS AND HUMANITIES 4	1.0000	1.0000
ARTS AND HUMANITIES 5	1.0425	1.0425
ARTS AND HUMANITIES 6	1.0425	1.0425
BUSINESS, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SCIENCES 1	1.0000	1.0000
BUSINESS, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SCIENCES 2	1.0000	1.0000
BUSINESS, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SCIENCES 3	1.0000	1.0000
BUSINESS, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SCIENCES 4	1.0425	1.0425
BUSINESS, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SCIENCES 5	1.0425	1.0425
BUSINESS, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SCIENCES 6	1.0425	1.0425
BUSINESS, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SCIENCES 7	1.0000	1.0000
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING,		

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MATHEMATICS, MEDICINE 1 SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS, MEDICINE 2	1.0017	1.0017
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS, MEDICINE 3	1.6150	1.6150
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS, MEDICINE 4	1.6920	1.6920
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS, MEDICINE 5	1.4222	1.4222
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS, MEDICINE 6	1.8798	1.8798
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS, MEDICINE 7	1.4380	1.4380
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS, MEDICINE 8	1.5675	1.5675
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING,	1.1361	1.1361

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MEDICINE 9

(D) CALCULATION OF STATE SHARE OF INSTRUCTION
FORMULA ENTITLEMENTS AND ADJUSTMENTS FOR
UNIVERSITIES

(1) Of the foregoing appropriation item 235501, State Share of Instruction, 50 per cent of the appropriation for universities, as established in division (A)(2) of the section of this act entitled "STATE SHARE OF INSTRUCTION FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021," in each fiscal year shall be reserved for support of associate, baccalaureate, master's, and professional level degree attainment.

The degree attainment funding shall be allocated to universities in proportion to each campus's share of the total statewide degrees granted, weighted by the cost of the degree programs. The degree cost calculations shall include the model cost weights for the science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine models as established in division (C) of this section.

For degrees including credits earned at multiple institutions, degree attainment funding shall be allocated to universities in proportion to each campus's share of the student-specific cost of earned credits for the degree. Each institution shall receive its prorated share of degree funding for credits earned at that institution. Cost of credits not earned at a university main or regional campus shall be credited to the degree-granting institution for the first degree earned by a student at each degree level. The cost credited to the degree-granting institution shall not be eligible for at-risk weights and shall be limited to 12.5 per cent of the student-specific degree costs. However, the 12.5 per cent limitation shall not apply if the student transferred 12 or fewer credits into the degree granting institution.

In calculating the subsidy entitlements for degree attainment for universities, the Chancellor shall use the following count of degrees and degree costs:

(a) The subsidy eligible undergraduate degrees shall be defined as follows:

(i) The subsidy eligible degrees conferred to students identified as residents of the state of Ohio in any term of their studies, as reported through the Higher Education Information (HEI) system student enrollment file, shall be weighted by a factor of 1.

(ii) The subsidy eligible degrees conferred to students identified as out-of-state residents during all terms of their studies, as reported through the Higher Education Information (HEI) system student enrollment file, who

remain in the state of Ohio at least one year after graduation, as calculated based on the three-year average in-state residency rate using the Unemployment Wage data for out-of-state graduates at each institution, shall be weighted by a factor of 50 per cent.

(iii) Subsidy eligible associate degrees are defined as those earned by students attending any state-supported university main or regional campus.

(b) In calculating each campus's count of degrees, the Chancellor shall use the three-year average associate, baccalaureate, master's, and professional degrees awarded for the three-year period ending in the prior year.

(i) If a student is awarded an associate degree and, subsequently, is awarded a baccalaureate degree, the amount funded for the baccalaureate degree shall be limited to either the difference in cost between the cost of the baccalaureate degree and the cost of the associate degree paid previously, or if the associate degree has a higher cost than the baccalaureate degree, the cost of the credits earned by the student after the associate degree was awarded.

(ii) If a student earns an associate degree then, subsequently, earns a baccalaureate degree, the associate degree granting institution shall only receive the prorated share of the baccalaureate degree funding for the credits earned at that institution after the associate degree is awarded.

(iii) If a student earns more than one degree at the same institution at the same degree level in the same fiscal year, the funding for the highest cost degree shall be prorated among institutions based on where the credits were earned and additional degrees shall be funded at 25 per cent of the cost of the degrees.

(c) Associate degrees and baccalaureate degrees earned by a student defined as at-risk based on academic underpreparation, age, minority status, financial status, or first generation post-secondary status based on neither parent completing any education beyond high school, shall be defined as degrees earned by an at-risk student and shall be weighted by the following:

A student-specific degree completion weight, where the weight is calculated based on the at-risk factors of the individual student, determined by calculating the difference between the percentage of students with each risk factor who earned a degree and the percentage of non-at-risk students who earned a degree.

(2) Of the foregoing appropriation item 235501, State Share of Instruction, up to 11.78 per cent of the appropriation for universities, as established in division (A)(2) of the section of this act entitled "STATE SHARE OF INSTRUCTION FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 and 2021," in

each fiscal year shall be reserved for support of doctoral programs to implement the funding recommendations made by representatives of the universities. The amount so reserved shall be referred to as the doctoral set-aside.

In each fiscal year, the doctoral set-aside funding allocation shall be allocated to universities as follows:

(a) 25 per cent of the doctoral set-aside shall be allocated to universities in proportion to their share of the statewide total earnings of each state institution's three-year average course completions. The subsidy eligible enrollments by model shall equal only those FTE students who successfully complete the course as defined and reported through the Higher Education Information (HEI) system course enrollment file. Course completion earnings shall be determined by multiplying the amounts listed above in divisions (B) and (C) of this section by the subsidy-eligible FTEs for the three-year period ending in the prior year for all doctoral enrollments in graduate-level models.

(b) 50 per cent of the doctoral set-aside shall be allocated to universities in proportion to each campus's share of the total statewide doctoral degrees, weighted by the cost of the doctoral discipline. In calculating each campus's doctoral degrees the Chancellor shall use the three-year average doctoral degrees awarded for the three-year period ending in the prior year.

(c) 25 per cent of the doctoral set-aside shall be allocated to universities in proportion to their share of research grant activity. Funding for this component shall be allocated to eligible universities in proportion to their share of research grant activity published by the National Science Foundation. Grant awards from the Department of Health and Human Services shall be weighted at 50 per cent.

(3) Of the foregoing appropriation item 235501, State Share of Instruction, 6.41 per cent of the appropriation for universities, as established in division (A)(2) of the section of this act entitled "STATE SHARE OF INSTRUCTION FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021," in each fiscal year shall be reserved for support of Medical II FTEs. The amount so reserved shall be referred to as the medical II set-aside.

The medical II set-aside shall be allocated to universities in proportion to their share of the statewide total of each state institution's three-year average Medical II FTEs as calculated in division (A) of this section.

In calculating the core subsidy entitlements for Medical II models only, students repeating terms may be no more than five per cent of current year enrollment.

(4) Of the foregoing appropriation item 235501, State Share of

Instruction, 1.48 per cent of the appropriation for universities, as established in division (A)(2) of the section of this act entitled "STATE SHARE OF INSTRUCTION FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021," in each fiscal year shall be reserved for support of Medical I FTEs. The amount so reserved shall be referred to as the medical I set-aside.

The medical I set-aside shall be allocated to universities in proportion to their share of the statewide total of each state institution's three-year average Medical I FTEs as calculated in division (A) of this section.

(5) In calculating the course completion funding for universities, the Chancellor shall use the following count of FTE students:

(a) The subsidy eligible enrollments by model shall equal only those FTE students who successfully complete the course as defined and reported through the Higher Education Information (HEI) system course enrollment file;

(b) Those undergraduate FTE students with successful course completions, identified in division (D)(5)(a) of this section, that are defined as at-risk based on academic under-preparation or financial status shall have their eligible completions weighted by the following:

(i) Institution-specific course completion indexes, where the indexes are calculated based upon the number of at-risk students enrolled during the 2016-2018 academic years; and

(ii) A statewide average at-risk course completion weight determined for each subsidy model. The statewide average at-risk course completion weight shall be determined by calculating the difference between the percentage of traditional students who complete a course and the percentage of at-risk students who complete the same course.

(c) The course completion earnings shall be determined by multiplying the amounts listed above in divisions (B) and (C) of this section by the subsidy-eligible FTEs for the three-year period ending in the prior year for all models except Medical I, Medical II, Doctoral I, and Doctoral II.

(d) For universities, the Chancellor shall compute the course completion earnings by dividing the appropriation for universities, established in division (A)(2) of the section of this act entitled "STATE SHARE OF INSTRUCTION FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021," less the degree attainment funding as calculated in division (D)(1) of this section, less the doctoral set-aside, less the medical I set-aside, and less the medical II set-aside, by the sum of all campuses' instructional costs as calculated in division (D)(5) of this section.

(E) CALCULATION OF STATE SHARE OF INSTRUCTION FORMULA ENTITLEMENTS AND ADJUSTMENTS FOR

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

(1) Of the foregoing appropriation item 235501, State Share of Instruction, 50 per cent of the appropriation for state-supported community colleges, state community colleges, and technical colleges as established in division (A)(1) of the section of the act entitled "STATE SHARE OF INSTRUCTION FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021," in each fiscal year shall be reserved for course completion FTEs as aggregated by the subsidy models defined in division (B) of this section.

The course completion funding shall be allocated to campuses in proportion to each campus's share of the total sector's course completions, weighted by the instructional cost of the subsidy models.

To calculate the subsidy entitlements for course completions at community colleges, state community colleges, and technical colleges, the Chancellor shall use the following calculations:

(a) In calculating each campus's count of FTE course completions, the Chancellor shall use a three-year average for course completions for the three year period ending in the prior year for students identified as residents of the state of Ohio in any term of their studies, as reported through the Higher Education Information (HEI) system student enrollment file.

(b) The subsidy eligible enrollments by model shall equal only those FTE students who successfully complete the course as defined and reported through the Higher Education Information (HEI) system course enrollment file.

(c) Those students with successful course completions, that are defined as access students based on financial status, minority status, age, or academic under-preparation shall have their eligible course completions weighted by a statewide access weight. The weight given to any student that meets any access factor shall be 15 per cent for all course completions.

(d) The model costs as used in the calculation shall be augmented by the model weights for science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine models as established in division (C) of this section.

(2) Of the foregoing appropriation item 235501, State Share of Instruction, 25 per cent of the appropriation for state-supported community colleges, state community colleges, and technical colleges as established in division (A)(1) of the section of this act entitled "STATE SHARE OF INSTRUCTION FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021," in each fiscal year shall be reserved for colleges in proportion to their share of college student success factors.

Student success factors shall be awarded at the institutional level for each subsidy-eligible student that successfully:

(a) Completes a developmental math course and, within the next year, enrolls in a college-level math course.

(b) Completes a developmental English course and, within the next year, enrolls in a college-level English course.

(c) Completes 12 semester credit hours of college-level coursework.

(d) Completes 24 semester credit hours of college-level coursework.

(e) Completes 36 semester credit hours of college-level coursework.

(3) Of the foregoing appropriation item 235501, State Share of Instruction, 25 per cent of the appropriation for state-supported community colleges, state community colleges, and technical colleges as established in division (A)(1) of the section of this act entitled "STATE SHARE OF INSTRUCTION FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021," in each fiscal year shall be reserved for completion milestones.

Completion milestones shall include associate degrees, technical certificates over 30 credit hours as designated by the Department of Higher Education, and students transferring to any four-year institution with at least 12 credit hours of college-level coursework earned at that community college, state community college, or technical college.

The completion milestone funding shall be allocated to colleges in proportion to each institution's share of the sector's total completion milestones, weighted by the instructional cost of the associate degree, certificate, or transfer models. Costs for technical certificates over 30 hours shall be weighted at one-half of the associate degree model costs and transfers with at least 12 credit hours of college-level coursework shall be weighted at one-fourth of the average cost for all associate degree model costs.

(4) To calculate the subsidy entitlements for completions at community colleges, state community colleges, and technical colleges, the Chancellor shall use the following calculations:

(a) In calculating each campus's count of completions, the Chancellor shall use a three-year average for completion milestones awarded to students identified as subsidy eligible in any term of their studies, as reported through the Higher Education Information (HEI) system student enrollment file.

(b) The subsidy eligible completion milestones by model shall equal only those students who successfully complete an associate degree or technical certificate over 30 credit hours, or transfer to any four-year institution with at least 12 credit hours of college-level coursework as defined and reported in the Higher Education Information (HEI) system. Student completions reported in HEI shall have an accompanying course enrollment record in order to be subsidy eligible.

(c) Those students with successful completions for associate degrees, technical certificates over 30 credit hours, or transfer to any four-year institution with at least 12 credit hours of college-level coursework, identified in division (E)(3) of this section, that are defined as access students based on financial status, minority status, age, or academic under-preparation shall have their eligible completions weighted by a statewide access weight. The weight shall be 25 per cent for students with one access factor, 66 per cent for students with two access factors, 150 per cent for students with three access factors, and 200 per cent for students with four access factors.

(d) For those students who complete more than one completion milestone, funding for each additional associate degree or technical certificate over 30 credit hours designated as such by the Department of Higher Education shall be funded at 50 per cent of the model costs as defined in division (3) of this section.

(5) For purposes of the calculations made in division (E) of this section, the Chancellor shall only include subsidy-eligible students identified as residents of the state of Ohio in any term of their studies, as reported through the Higher Education Information (HEI) system student enrollment file, except that, for fiscal year 2020, any student included in the state share of instruction calculations prior to July 1, 2019, shall continue to be included in the calculations in division (E) of this section subject to the limitations of the three-year average time period that is used for determining final fiscal year 2020 allocations. For purposes of the calculation made in division (E) of this section for fiscal year 2021 and beyond, the Chancellor shall not include nonresident students as subsidy-eligible except for those students otherwise identified as subsidy-eligible in division (A)(2) of this section.

(F) CAPITAL COMPONENT DEDUCTION

After all other adjustments have been made, state share of instruction earnings shall be reduced for each campus by the amount, if any, by which debt service charged in Am. H.B. 748 of the 121st General Assembly, Am. Sub. H.B. 850 of the 122nd General Assembly, Am. Sub. H.B. 640 of the 123rd General Assembly, H.B. 675 of the 124th General Assembly, Am. Sub. H.B. 16 of the 126th General Assembly, Am. Sub. H.B. 699 of the 126th General Assembly, Am. Sub. H.B. 496 of the 127th General Assembly, and Am. Sub. H.B. 562 of the 127th General Assembly for that campus exceeds that campus's capital component earnings. The sum of the amounts deducted shall be transferred to appropriation item 235552, Capital Component, in each fiscal year.

(G) EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Adjustments may be made to the state share of instruction payments and other subsidies distributed by the Chancellor of Higher Education to state colleges and universities for exceptional circumstances. No adjustments for exceptional circumstances may be made without the recommendation of the Chancellor and the approval of the Controlling Board.

(H) APPROPRIATION REDUCTIONS TO THE STATE SHARE OF INSTRUCTION

The standard provisions of the state share of instruction calculation as described in the preceding sections of temporary law shall apply to any reductions made to appropriation item 235501, State Share of Instruction, before the Chancellor has formally approved the final allocation of the state share of instruction funds for any fiscal year.

Any reductions made to appropriation item 235501, State Share of Instruction, after the Chancellor has formally approved the final allocation of the state share of instruction funds for any fiscal year, shall be uniformly applied to each campus in proportion to its share of the final allocation.

(I) DISTRIBUTION OF STATE SHARE OF INSTRUCTION

The state share of instruction payments to the institutions shall be in substantially equal monthly amounts during the fiscal year, unless otherwise determined by the Director of Budget and Management pursuant to section 126.09 of the Revised Code. Payments during the first six months of the fiscal year shall be based upon the state share of instruction appropriation estimates made for the various institutions of higher education and payments during the last six months of the fiscal year shall be based on the final data from the Chancellor.

(J) STUDY ON THE USE OF EMPLOYMENT METRICS FOR THE STATE SHARE OF INSTRUCTION FORMULAS

The Inter-University Council and Ohio Association of Community Colleges shall each recommend eight members representing their institutions to serve on the Employment Metrics Consultation, which shall assist the Chancellor of Higher Education to study the most appropriate formula weights for post-graduation employment measures that may be used in the distribution to universities and community colleges from the foregoing appropriation item 235501, State Share of Instruction, beginning in fiscal year 2022. The Chancellor, or the Chancellor's designee, shall lead the Consultation and call its first meeting. The Consultation shall research the most appropriate data sources available to measure employment outcomes and evaluate the public policy benefits of adding such measures to the current State Share of Instruction allocation formulas to reward

institutional performance of job placement. The Consultation shall also identify and evaluate the most critical factors that should be considered as possible enhancements to the formula, such as the relevance of graduates' degrees to job placement, employment in Ohio versus out of state, placement in high demand fields, and other qualitative factors. Separate allocation factors may be considered within each sector's share of the foregoing appropriation item 235501, State Share of Instruction. The study shall be completed by June 30, 2020.

SECTION 381.150. STATE SHARE OF INSTRUCTION FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021

(A) The foregoing appropriation item 235501, State Share of Instruction, shall be distributed according to the section of this act entitled "STATE SHARE OF INSTRUCTION FORMULAS."

(1) Of the foregoing appropriation item 235501, State Share of Instruction, \$465,426,250 in fiscal year 2020 and \$470,080,512 in fiscal year 2021 shall be distributed to state-supported community colleges, state community colleges, and technical colleges.

(2) Of the foregoing appropriation item 235501, State Share of Instruction, \$1,553,776,572 in fiscal year 2020 and \$1,569,314,338 in fiscal year 2021 shall be distributed to state-supported university main and regional campuses.

Any increases in the amount distributed to an institution from appropriation item 235501, State Share of Instruction, above the prior year shall be used by the institution to provide need-based aid and to provide counseling, support services, and workforce preparation services to students.

SECTION 381.160. RESTRICTION ON FEE INCREASES

(A) In fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the boards of trustees of state institutions of higher education shall restrain increases in in-state undergraduate instructional and general fees.

(1) For the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 academic years, all of the following shall apply:

(a) Each state university or college, as defined in section 3345.12 and university branch established under Chapter 3355. of the Revised Code shall not increase its in-state undergraduate instructional and general fees by more than two per cent over what the institution charged for the previous academic year.

(b) Each community college established under Chapter 3354., state

community college established under Chapter 3358., or technical college established under Chapter 3357. of the Revised Code may increase its in-state undergraduate instructional and general fees by not more than \$5 per credit hour over what the institution charged for the previous academic year.

(c) For state institutions of higher education, as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, increases for all other special fees, including the creation of new special fees, shall be subject to the approval of the Chancellor of Higher Education.

(2) The limitations under division (A)(1) of this section do not apply to room and board, student health insurance, fees for auxiliary goods or services provided to students at the cost incurred to the institution, fees assessed to students as a pass-through for licensure and certification examinations, fees in elective courses associated with travel experiences, elective service charges, fines, voluntary sales transactions, and fees, which may appear directly on a student's tuition bill as assessed by the institution's bursar, to offset the cost of providing textbooks to students.

(B) The limitations under this section shall not apply to increases required to comply with institutional covenants related to their obligations or to meet unfunded legal mandates or legally binding obligations incurred or commitments made prior to the effective date of this section with respect to which the institution had identified such fee increases as the source of funds. Any increase required by such covenants and any such mandates, obligations, or commitments shall be reported by the Chancellor of Higher Education to the Controlling Board. These limitations may also be modified by the Chancellor, with the approval of the Controlling Board, to respond to exceptional circumstances as identified by the Chancellor.

(C) Institutions offering an undergraduate tuition guarantee pursuant to section 3345.48 of the Revised Code may increase instructional and general fees pursuant to that section.

SECTION 381.170. HIGHER EDUCATION - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(A) Funds appropriated for instructional subsidies at colleges and universities may be used to provide such branch or other off-campus undergraduate courses of study and such master's degree courses of study as may be approved by the Chancellor of Higher Education.

(B) In providing instructional and other services to students, boards of trustees of state institutions of higher education shall supplement state subsidies with income from charges to students. Except as otherwise provided in this act, each board shall establish the fees to be charged to all students, including an instructional fee for educational and associated

operational support of the institution and a general fee for noninstructional services, including locally financed student services facilities used for the benefit of enrolled students. The instructional fee and the general fee shall encompass all charges for services assessed uniformly to all enrolled students. Each board may also establish special purpose fees, service charges, and fines as required; such special purpose fees and service charges shall be for services or benefits furnished individual students or specific categories of students and shall not be applied uniformly to all enrolled students. A tuition surcharge shall be paid by all students who are not residents of Ohio.

The board of trustees of a state institution of higher education shall not authorize a waiver or nonpayment of instructional fees or general fees for any particular student or any class of students other than waivers specifically authorized by law or approved by the Chancellor. This prohibition is not intended to limit the authority of boards of trustees to provide for payments to students for services rendered the institution, nor to prohibit the budgeting of income for staff benefits or for student assistance in the form of payment of such instructional and general fees.

Each state institution of higher education in its statement of charges to students shall separately identify the instructional fee, the general fee, the tuition charge, and the tuition surcharge. Fee charges to students for instruction shall not be considered to be a price of service but shall be considered to be an integral part of the state government financing program in support of higher educational opportunity for students.

(C) The boards of trustees of state institutions of higher education shall ensure that faculty members devote a proper and judicious part of their work week to the actual instruction of students. Total class credit hours of production per academic term per full-time faculty member is expected to meet the standards set forth in the budget data submitted by the Chancellor of Higher Education.

(D) The authority of government vested by law in the boards of trustees of state institutions of higher education shall in fact be exercised by those boards. Boards of trustees may consult extensively with appropriate student and faculty groups. Administrative decisions about the utilization of available resources, about organizational structure, about disciplinary procedure, about the operation and staffing of all auxiliary facilities, and about administrative personnel shall be the exclusive prerogative of boards of trustees. Any delegation of authority by a board of trustees in other areas of responsibility shall be accompanied by appropriate standards of guidance concerning expected objectives in the exercise of such delegated authority

and shall be accompanied by periodic review of the exercise of this delegated authority to the end that the public interest, in contrast to any institutional or special interest, shall be served.

SECTION 381.180. WAR ORPHANS AND SEVERELY DISABLED VETERANS' CHILDREN SCHOLARSHIPS

The foregoing appropriation item 235504, War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarships, shall be used to reimburse state institutions of higher education for waivers of instructional fees and general fees provided by them, to provide grants to institutions that have received a certificate of authorization from the Chancellor of Higher Education under Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code, in accordance with the provisions of section 5910.04 of the Revised Code, and to fund additional scholarship benefits provided by section 5910.032 of the Revised Code.

During each fiscal year, the Chancellor, as soon as possible after cancellation, may certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of canceled prior-year encumbrances in appropriation item 235504, War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarships. Upon receipt of the certification, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer cash, up to the certified amount, from the General Revenue Fund to the War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarship Reserve Fund (Fund 5PW0).

SECTION 381.200. OHIOLINK

The foregoing appropriation item 235507, OhioLINK, shall be used by the Chancellor of Higher Education to support OhioLINK, a consortium organized under division (T) of section 3333.04 of the Revised Code to serve as the state's electronic library information and retrieval system, which provides access statewide to an extensive set of electronic databases and resources, the library holdings of Ohio's public and participating private nonprofit colleges and universities, and the State Library of Ohio.

SECTION 381.210. AIR FORCE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235508, Air Force Institute of Technology, \$75,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to the Aerospace Professional Development Center in Dayton for statewide workforce development services in the aerospace industry.

The remainder of the foregoing appropriation item 235508, Air Force

Institute of Technology, shall be used to: (A) strengthen the research and educational linkages between the Wright Patterson Air Force Base and institutions of higher education in Ohio; and (B) support the Defense Associated Graduate Student Innovators, an engineering graduate consortium of Wright State University, the University of Dayton, and the Air Force Institute of Technology, with the participation of the University of Cincinnati and The Ohio State University.

SECTION 381.220. OHIO SUPERCOMPUTER CENTER

The foregoing appropriation item 235510, Ohio Supercomputer Center, shall be used by the Chancellor of Higher Education to support the operation of the Ohio Supercomputer Center, a consortium organized under division (T) of section 3333.04 of the Revised Code, located at The Ohio State University. The Ohio Supercomputer Center is a statewide resource available to Ohio research universities both public and private. It is also intended that the center be made accessible to private industry as appropriate.

The Ohio Supercomputer Center's services shall support Ohio's colleges, universities, and businesses to make Ohio a leader in using computational science, modeling, and simulation to promote higher education, research, and economic competitiveness.

SECTION 381.230. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

The foregoing appropriation item 235511, Cooperative Extension Service, shall be disbursed through the Chancellor of Higher Education to The Ohio State University in monthly payments, unless otherwise determined by the Director of Budget and Management under section 126.09 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 381.240. CENTRAL STATE SUPPLEMENT

The foregoing appropriation item 235514, Central State Supplement, shall be disbursed by the Chancellor of Higher Education to Central State University in accordance with the plan developed by the Chancellor and submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly as directed by Am. Sub. H.B. 153 of the 129th General Assembly. Funds shall be used in a manner consistent with the goals of increasing enrollment, improving course completion, and increasing the number of degrees conferred.

SECTION 381.250. CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

The foregoing appropriation item 235515, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, shall be disbursed to Case Western Reserve University through the Chancellor of Higher Education in accordance with agreements entered into under section 3333.10 of the Revised Code, provided that the state support per full-time medical student shall not exceed that provided to full-time medical students at state universities.

SECTION 381.260. FAMILY PRACTICE

The foregoing appropriation item 235519, Family Practice, shall be distributed in each fiscal year, based on each medical school's share of residents placed in a family practice and graduates practicing in a family practice.

SECTION 381.270. SHAWNEE STATE SUPPLEMENT

The foregoing appropriation item 235520, Shawnee State Supplement, shall be disbursed by the Chancellor of Higher Education to Shawnee State University in accordance with the plan developed by the Chancellor and submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly as directed by Am. Sub. H.B. 153 of the 129th General Assembly. Funds shall be used in a manner consistent with the goals of improving course completion, increasing the number of degrees conferred, and furthering the university's mission of service to the Appalachian region.

SECTION 381.280. GERIATRIC MEDICINE

The Chancellor of Higher Education shall distribute appropriation item 235525, Geriatric Medicine, consistent with existing criteria and guidelines.

SECTION 381.285. PRIMARY CARE RESIDENCIES

The foregoing appropriation item 235526, Primary Care Residencies, shall be distributed in each fiscal year, based on each medical school's share of residents placed in a primary care field and graduates practicing in a primary care field.

SECTION 381.288. PROGRAM AND PROJECT SUPPORT

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235533, Program and Project Support, \$500,000 in fiscal year 2020 shall be allocated to the Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University.

Of the foregoing appropriation item, 235533, Program and Project Support, \$125,000 in each fiscal year shall be used by the Chancellor of Higher Education to support the expansion of an unmanned aviation STEM pilot program at Emmanuel Christian Academy for public and nonpublic high school students in Clark County.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235533, Program and Project Support, \$28,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to support Cincinnati Hillel at the University of Cincinnati.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235533, Program and Project Support, \$200,000 in each fiscal year shall be used by the Chancellor of Higher Education to support the development and implementation of an apprenticeship program administered through the Manufacturing Advocacy and Growth Network's (MAGNET) Early College Early Career Program. The apprenticeship program shall place high school students in a participating local private business that will employ the student and provide the training necessary for the student to earn a technical certification in Computer Integrated Manufacturing (CIM), machining, or welding.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235533, Program and Project Support, \$975,850 in fiscal year 2020 shall be allocated to the Ashland University Military and Veterans Resource Center Project.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235533, Program and Project Support, \$750,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to support the Ohio Aerospace Institute's Space Grant Consortium.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235533, Program and Project Support, \$125,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to the Seeds of Literacy organization in Cleveland.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235533, Program and Project Support, \$100,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to support the Kent State University Rising Scholars Program.

SECTION 381.290. OHIO AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The foregoing appropriation item 235535, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, shall be disbursed through the Chancellor of

Higher Education to The Ohio State University in monthly payments, unless otherwise determined by the Director of Budget and Management under section 126.09 of the Revised Code.

The Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, an entity of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences of The Ohio State University, shall further its mission of enhancing Ohio's economic development and job creation by continuing to internally allocate on a competitive basis appropriated funding of programs based on demonstrated performance. Academic units, faculty, and faculty-driven programs shall be evaluated and rewarded consistent with agreed-upon performance expectations as called for in the College's Expectations and Criteria for Performance Assessment.

SECTION 381.300. STATE UNIVERSITY CLINICAL TEACHING

The foregoing appropriation items 235536, The Ohio State University Clinical Teaching; 235537, University of Cincinnati Clinical Teaching; 235538, University of Toledo Clinical Teaching; 235539, Wright State University Clinical Teaching; 235540, Ohio University Clinical Teaching; and 235541, Northeast Ohio Medical University Clinical Teaching, shall be distributed through the Chancellor of Higher Education.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235537, University of Cincinnati Clinical Teaching, \$350,000 in each fiscal year shall be provided to People Working Cooperatively for the Whole Home Innovation Center. The funds shall be used to administer programming, conduct research and training, and convene multi-disciplinary experts to assess and adopt strategies to help Ohioans remain in their homes.

STEM PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The foregoing appropriation item 235544, STEM Public-Private Partnership Program, shall be used for grants for the STEM Public-Private Partnership Program established in Section 733.30 of this act.

SECTION 381.310. CENTRAL STATE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The foregoing appropriation item 235546, Central State Agricultural Research and Development, shall be used in conjunction with appropriation item 235548, Central State Cooperative Extension Services, by Central State University for its state match requirement as an 1890 land grant university.

SECTION 381.320. CAPITAL COMPONENT

The foregoing appropriation item 235552, Capital Component, shall be used by the Chancellor of Higher Education to provide funding for prior commitments made pursuant to the state's former capital funding policy for state colleges and universities that was originally established in Am. H.B. 748 of the 121st General Assembly. Appropriations from this item shall be distributed to all campuses for which the estimated campus debt service attributable to qualifying capital projects was less than the campus's formula-determined capital component allocation. Campus allocations shall be determined by subtracting the estimated campus debt service attributable to qualifying capital projects from the campus's formula-determined capital component allocation. Moneys distributed from this appropriation item shall be restricted to capital-related purposes.

Any campus for which the estimated campus debt service attributable to qualifying capital projects is greater than the campus's formula-determined capital component allocation shall have the difference subtracted from its State Share of Instruction allocation in each fiscal year. Appropriation equal to the sum of all such amounts shall be transferred from appropriation item 235501, State Share of Instruction, to appropriation item 235552, Capital Component.

SECTION 381.330. LIBRARY DEPOSITORIES

The foregoing appropriation item 235555, Library Depositories, shall be distributed to the state's five regional depository libraries for the cost-effective storage of and access to lesser-used materials in university library collections. The depositories shall be administrated by the Chancellor of Higher Education, or by OhioLINK at the discretion of the Chancellor.

SECTION 381.340. OHIO ACADEMIC RESOURCES NETWORK (OARNET)

The foregoing appropriation item 235556, Ohio Academic Resources Network, shall be used by the Chancellor of Higher Education to support the operations of the Ohio Academic Resources Network, a consortium organized under division (T) of section 3333.04 of the Revised Code, which shall include support for Ohio's colleges and universities in maintaining and enhancing network connections, using new network technologies to improve

research, education, and economic development programs, and sharing information technology services. To the extent network capacity is available, OARnet shall support allocating bandwidth to eligible programs directly supporting Ohio's economic development.

SECTION 381.350. LONG-TERM CARE RESEARCH

The foregoing appropriation item 235558, Long-term Care Research, shall be disbursed to Miami University for long-term care research.

SECTION 381.360. OHIO COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANT

(A) Except as provided in division (C) of this section:

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235563, Ohio College Opportunity Grant, at least \$116,560,126 in fiscal year 2020 and at least \$142,586,364 in fiscal year 2021 shall be used by the Chancellor of Higher Education to award need-based financial aid to students enrolled in eligible public and private nonprofit institutions of higher education, excluding early college high school and post-secondary enrollment option participants.

The remainder of the foregoing appropriation item 235563, Ohio College Opportunity Grant, shall be used by the Chancellor to award needs-based financial aid to students enrolled in eligible private for-profit career colleges and schools.

(B)(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Eligible institution" means any institution described in divisions

(B)(2)(a) to (c) of section 3333.122 of the Revised Code.

(b) The three "sectors" of institutions of higher education consist of the following:

(i) State colleges and universities, community colleges, state community colleges, university branches, and technical colleges;

(ii) Eligible private nonprofit institutions of higher education;

(iii) Eligible private for-profit career colleges and schools.

(2) Awards for students attending eligible state colleges and universities shall be \$2,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$2,500 in fiscal year 2021, and for students attending eligible private nonprofit institutions of higher education shall be \$3,500 in fiscal year 2020 and \$4,000 in fiscal year 2021.

For students attending an eligible institution year-round, awards may be distributed on an annual basis, once Pell grants have been exhausted.

(3) If the Chancellor determines that the amounts appropriated for support of the Ohio College Opportunity Grant program are inadequate to provide grants to all eligible students as calculated under division (D) of

section 3333.122 of the Revised Code, the Chancellor may create a distribution formula for fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021 based on the formula used in fiscal year 2019, or may follow methods established in division (C)(1)(a) or (b) of section 3333.122 of the Revised Code. If the Chancellor determines that reductions in award amounts are necessary, the Chancellor shall reduce the award amounts proportionally among the sectors of institutions specified in division (B)(1) of this section in a manner determined by the Chancellor. The Chancellor shall notify the Controlling Board of the distribution method. Any formula calculated under this division shall be complete and established to coincide with the start of the 2019-2020 academic year.

(C) Prior to determining the amount of funds available to award under this section and section 3333.122 of the Revised Code, the Chancellor shall use the foregoing appropriation item 235563, Ohio College Opportunity Grant, to pay for waivers of tuition and student fees for eligible students under the Ohio Safety Officer's College Memorial Fund Program under sections 3333.26 of the Revised Code. In paying for waivers under this division, the Chancellor shall deduct funds from the allocations made under division (A) of this section. Deductions shall be proportionate to the amounts allocated to each sector from the total amounts appropriated for each sector under the foregoing appropriation item 235563, Ohio College Opportunity Grant.

In each fiscal year, with the exception of sections 3333.121 and 3333.124 of the Revised Code and the section of this act entitled "STATE FINANCIAL AID RECONCILIATION," the Chancellor shall not distribute or obligate or commit to be distributed an amount greater than what is appropriated under the foregoing appropriation item 235563, Ohio College Opportunity Grant.

(D) The Chancellor shall establish, and post on the Department of Higher Education's web site, award tables based on any formulas created under division (B) of this section. The Chancellor shall notify students and institutions of any reductions in awards under this section.

(E) Notwithstanding section 3333.122 of the Revised Code, no student shall be eligible to receive an Ohio College Opportunity Grant for more than ten semesters, fifteen quarters, or the equivalent of five academic years, less the number of semesters or quarters in which the student received an Ohio Instructional Grant.

(F) During each fiscal year, the Chancellor, as soon as possible after cancellation, may certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of canceled prior-year encumbrances in appropriation item 235563,

Ohio College Opportunity Grant. Upon receipt of the certification, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer cash, up to the certified amount, from the General Revenue Fund to the Ohio College Opportunity Grant Program Reserve Fund (Fund 5PU0).

SECTION 381.370. THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY CLINIC SUPPORT

The foregoing appropriation item 235572, The Ohio State University Clinic Support, shall be distributed through the Chancellor of Higher Education to The Ohio State University for support of dental and veterinary medicine clinics.

STATE SHARE OF INSTRUCTION RECONCILIATION

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Chancellor of Higher Education shall recommend to the Director of Budget and Management the transfer of up to \$1,500,000 of unexpended and unencumbered General Revenue Fund appropriations within the Department of Higher Education that exist on June 30, 2019, to appropriation item 235505, State Share of Instruction Reconciliation. Upon the recommendation of the Chancellor, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer up to \$1,500,000 of unexpended and unencumbered General Revenue Fund appropriations within the Department of Higher Education to appropriation item 235505, State Share of Instruction Reconciliation. The transferred appropriation shall be disbursed by the Chancellor to state institutions of higher education, as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, for any prior year State Share of Instruction funding obligations as determined by the Chancellor.

SECTION 381.373. CO-OP INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235591, Co-op Internship Program, \$612,500 in fiscal year 2020 and \$812,500 in fiscal year 2021 shall be used to support the operations of Ohio University's Voinovich School.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235591, Co-op Internship Program, \$62,500 in each fiscal year shall be used to support the operations of The Ohio State University's John Glenn College of Public Affairs.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235591, Co-op Internship Program, \$62,500 in each fiscal year shall be used to support the Bliss Institute of Applied Politics at the University of Akron.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235591, Co-op Internship Program, \$50,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to support the Center for Public

Management and Regional Affairs at Miami University.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235591, Co-op Internship Program, \$100,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to support students who attend institutions of higher education in Ohio and are participating in the Washington Center Internship Program.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235591, Co-op Internship Program, \$50,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to support the Ohio Center for the Advancement of Women in Public Service at the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235591, Co-op Internship Program, \$50,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to support the University of Cincinnati Internship Program.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235591, Co-op Internship Program, \$50,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to support the operations of the Center for Regional Development at Bowling Green State University.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235591, Co-op Internship Program, \$75,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to support the Model United Nations Program and the operations of the Center for Liberal Arts Student Success at Wright State University.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235591, Co-op Internship Program, \$50,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to support the University of Toledo Urban Affairs Center.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235591, Co-op Internship Program, \$50,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to support the Center for Urban and Regional Studies at Youngstown State University.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235591, Co-op Internship, \$50,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to support the Kent State University Washington Program in National Issues.

SECTION 381.375. HIGH SCHOOL STEM INNOVATION AND OHIO COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AND RETENTION PROGRAM

(A) The foregoing appropriation item 235597, High School STEM Innovation and Ohio College Scholarship and Retention Program, shall be distributed by the Chancellor of Higher Education to the Ohio Academy of Science, in collaboration with Entrepreneurial Engagement Ohio, for the continuing development and implementation of recommendations of the Ohio Board of Regents that seek to create an innovation pathway between Ohio's K-12 education system and Ohio's colleges and universities and post-secondary career centers and vocational schools. The purpose of this program is to create a "Culture of Innovation" in Ohio high schools,

promote Ohio as a great place for high school students to continue their educations and careers, and to provide college scholarships to encourage Ohio's most innovative and entrepreneurial high school students to remain in Ohio by focusing on the practical application of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, including related medicine, health and arts fields, and the development of an entrepreneurial mindset and critical thinking skills that will be needed by today's students in Ohio's innovation economy.

(B) The High School STEM Innovation and Ohio College Scholarship and Retention Program shall:

(1) Conduct STEM Innovation and Entrepreneurship forums at Ohio's universities and colleges for high school students and educators;

(2) Develop an in-school STEM Innovation and Entrepreneurship Program and STEM Commercialization Plan and STEM Business Plan competitions that include student incentive awards for competition winners and related curriculum, content and other program support to teachers and students;

(3) Conduct a statewide STEM Commercialization Plan and STEM Business Plan competition, open to the winners of related local high school competition award winners, that includes scholarships to attend any Ohio college, university, or post-secondary career center;

(4) Conduct a statewide Innovation and Entrepreneurship Scholarship program that awards at least one scholarship to attend any Ohio college in each Ohio Senate and House District. Ohio high school students who have distinguished themselves in a significant STEM, entrepreneurship, or innovation program competition or accomplishment shall be eligible to apply for this scholarship program.

(C) All aspects of the High School STEM Innovation and Ohio College Scholarship and Retention Program shall be open to any Ohio high school student, with an emphasis on minority, rural and economically disadvantaged students.

(D) The High School STEM Innovation and Ohio College Scholarship and Retention Program shall collaborate with Ohio's colleges and universities, and existing STEM, innovation, and entrepreneurship programs to implement these provisions and encourage enrollment at Ohio institutions of post-secondary and higher education.

SECTION 381.376. RURAL UNIVERSITY PROGRAM

The foregoing appropriation item 235598, Rural University Program, shall be used for the Rural University Program, a collaboration of Bowling

Green State University, Kent State University, Miami University, and Ohio University that provides rural communities with economic development, public administration, and public health services. Each of the four participating universities shall receive \$125,000 in each fiscal year to support their respective programs.

SECTION 381.380. NATIONAL GUARD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Chancellor of Higher Education shall disburse funds from appropriation item 235599, National Guard Scholarship Program. During each fiscal year, the Chancellor, as soon as possible after cancellation, may certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of canceled prior-year encumbrances in appropriation item 235599, National Guard Scholarship Program. Upon receipt of the certification, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer cash, up to the certified amount, from the General Revenue Fund to the National Guard Scholarship Reserve Fund (Fund 5BM0).

SECTION 381.390. PLEDGE OF FEES

Any new pledge of fees, or new agreement for adjustment of fees, made in the biennium ending June 30, 2021, to secure bonds or notes of a state institution of higher education for a project for which bonds or notes were not outstanding on the effective date of this section or to secure a refund of prior debt that is anticipated to increase the total cost of retiring the original debt shall be effective only after approval by the Chancellor of Higher Education, unless approved in a previous biennium.

SECTION 381.400. HIGHER EDUCATION GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND DEBT SERVICE

The foregoing appropriation item 235909, Higher Education General Obligation Bond Debt Service, shall be used to pay all debt service and related financing costs during the period from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, for obligations issued under sections 151.01 and 151.04 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 381.410. SALES AND SERVICES

The Chancellor of Higher Education is authorized to charge and accept payment for the provision of goods and services. Such charges shall be reasonably related to the cost of producing the goods and services. Except as

otherwise provided by law, no charges may be levied for goods or services that are produced as part of the routine responsibilities or duties of the Chancellor. All revenues received by the Chancellor shall be deposited into Fund 4560, and may be used by the Chancellor to pay for the costs of producing the goods and services.

SECTION 381.420. HIGHER EDUCATIONAL FACILITY COMMISSION ADMINISTRATION

The foregoing appropriation item 235602, Higher Educational Facility Commission Administration, shall be used by the Chancellor of Higher Education for operating expenses related to the Chancellor's support of the activities of the Ohio Higher Educational Facility Commission. Upon the request of the Chancellor, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer cash in an amount up to the amount appropriated from the foregoing appropriation item 235602, Higher Educational Facility Commission Administration, in each fiscal year from the HEFC Operating Expenses Fund (Fund 4610) to the HEFC Administration Fund (Fund 4E80).

SECTION 381.440. FEDERAL RESEARCH NETWORK

The foregoing appropriation item 235654, Federal Research Network, shall be allocated to The Ohio State University to collaborate with federal installations in Ohio, state institutions of higher education as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, private nonprofit institutions of higher education holding certificates of authorization under Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code, and the private sector to align the state's research assets with emerging missions and job growth opportunities emanating from federal installations, strengthen related workforce development and technology commercialization programs, and better position the state's university system to directly impact new job creation in Ohio. A portion of the foregoing appropriation item 235654, Federal Research Network, shall be used to support the growth of small business federal contractors in the state and to expand the participation of Ohio businesses in the federal Small Business Innovation Research Program and related federal programs.

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Chancellor of Higher Education may certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item, 235654, Federal Research Network, at the end of fiscal year 2019 to be reappropriated to fiscal year 2020. Upon the approval of the Controlling Board, the amount certified is hereby reappropriated to the same

appropriation item for fiscal year 2020.

SECTION 381.450. OHIOMEANSJOBS WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM

The foregoing appropriation item 235684, OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Program, shall be used by the Chancellor of Higher Education to provide administrative support for the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Program.

SECTION 381.460. OHIOCORPS PILOT PROGRAM

Of the appropriation item 235594, OhioCorps Pilot Program, up to \$50,000 in each fiscal year shall be used by the Chancellor of Higher Education to implement and administer the OhioCorps Pilot Program pursuant to sections 3333.80 to 3333.802 of the Revised Code.

The remainder of the appropriation item 235594, OhioCorps Pilot Program, shall be used by the Chancellor of Higher Education to assist eligible state institutions of higher education, as defined in division (A)(4) of section 3333.80 of the Revised Code, in establishing and administering OhioCorps mentorship programs under section 3333.80 of the Revised Code.

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Chancellor of Higher Education may certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the appropriation item, 235594, OhioCorps Pilot Program, at the end of fiscal year 2019 to be reappropriated to fiscal year 2020. The amount certified is hereby reappropriated to the same appropriation item for fiscal year 2020 for purposes of providing funds to support mentorship programs under the OhioCorps Pilot Program.

On July 1, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Chancellor of Higher Education may certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the appropriation item, 235594, OhioCorps Pilot Program, at the end of fiscal year 2020 to be reappropriated to fiscal year 2021. The amount certified is hereby reappropriated to the same appropriation item for fiscal year 2021 for purposes of providing funds to support mentorship programs under the OhioCorps Pilot Program.

SECTION 381.470. STATE FINANCIAL AID RECONCILIATION

By the first day of September in each fiscal year, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Chancellor of Higher Education shall certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount necessary to pay any outstanding prior year obligations to higher education institutions for the state's financial aid programs. The amounts certified are hereby appropriated to appropriation item 235618, State Financial Aid Reconciliation, from revenues received in the State Financial Aid Reconciliation Fund (Fund 5Y50).

SECTION 381.480. NURSING LOAN PROGRAM

The foregoing appropriation item 235606, Nursing Loan Program, shall be used to administer the nurse education assistance program.

SECTION 381.520. RESEARCH INCENTIVE THIRD FRONTIER

The foregoing appropriation items 235634, Research Incentive Third Frontier, and 235639, Research Incentive Third Frontier-Tax, shall be used by the Chancellor of Higher Education to advance collaborative research at institutions of higher education. Of the foregoing appropriation items 235634, Research Incentive Third Frontier, and 235639, Research Incentive Third Frontier - Tax, up to \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year may be allocated toward research regarding the improvement of water quality, up to \$1,500,000 in each fiscal year may be allocated for spinal cord research, up to \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year may be allocated toward research regarding the reduction of infant mortality, up to \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year may be allocated toward research regarding opiate addiction issues in Ohio, up to \$750,000 in each fiscal year may be allocated toward research regarding cyber security initiatives, up to \$500,000 in each fiscal year may be allocated to the Ohio Manufacturing and Innovation Center, up to \$300,000 in each fiscal year may be allocated toward the I-Corps@Ohio program, and up to \$200,000 in each fiscal year may be allocated toward the Ohio Innovation Exchange program.

SECTION 381.530. VETERANS PREFERENCES

The Chancellor of Higher Education shall work with the Department of Veterans Services to develop specific veterans preference guidelines for higher education institutions. These guidelines shall ensure that the institutions' hiring practices are in accordance with the intent of Ohio's veterans preference laws.

SECTION 381.540. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Board of trustees" includes the managing authority of a university branch district.

(2) "State institution of higher education" has the same meaning as in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code.

(B) The board of trustees of any state institution of higher education, notwithstanding any rule of the institution to the contrary, may adopt a policy providing for mandatory furloughs of employees, including faculty, to achieve spending reductions necessitated by institutional budget deficits.

SECTION 381.550. EFFICIENCY REPORTS

In each fiscal year, the board of trustees of each public institution of higher education shall approve the institution's efficiency report submitted to the Chancellor of Higher Education under section 3333.95 of the Revised Code.

MEDICAL EDUCATION POST-GRADUATION RESIDENCY REPORTS

For each fiscal year, each institution of higher education that receives funds from the foregoing appropriation items 235515, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, 235519, Family Practice, 235525, Geriatric Medicine, 235526, Primary Care Residencies, 235536, The Ohio State University Clinical Teaching, 235537, University of Cincinnati Clinical Teaching, 235538, University of Toledo Clinical Teaching, 235539, Wright State University Clinical Teaching, 235540, Ohio University Clinical Teaching, 235541, Northeast Ohio Medical University Clinical Teaching, 235558, Long-term Care Research, and 235572, The Ohio State University Clinic Support, shall report to the Chancellor of Higher Education the residency status of graduates from the respective programs receiving support from those appropriation items one year and five years after graduating.

SECTION 381.580. The Chancellor of Higher Education shall support the continued development of the Ohio Innovation Exchange for the purpose of showcasing the research expertise of Ohio's university and college faculty in a variety of fields, including, but not limited to, engineering, biomedicine, and information technology, and to identify institutional research equipment available in the state.

SECTION 381.590. The Chancellor of Higher Education shall work with state institutions of higher education, as defined by section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, Ohio Technical Centers, as recognized by the Chancellor, and industry partners to develop program models that include project-based learning to increase continuing education and non-credit program offerings that lead to a credential in order to meet the state's in-demand job needs.

SECTION 381.610. HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE PREPARATION

The Chancellor of Higher Education shall establish the Ohio Physician and Allied Health Care Workforce Preparation Task Force to study, evaluate, and make recommendations with respect to health care workforce needs in Ohio. Topics considered by the task force may include, but not be limited to, physician, nursing, and allied health care education programs and health care workforce shortages in Ohio. The Chancellor shall appoint task force members with representation from the State Medical Board, medical school deans, hospital administrators, physician and nursing organizations, federally qualified health centers, and other allied health personnel as the Chancellor may decide. The task force shall convene as soon as practicable and issue a report to the Governor, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and the President and Minority Leader of the Senate by March 1, 2020.

SECTION 381.620. FUND NAME CHANGES

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall rename the SchoolNet Fees Fund (Fund 5D40) the Conference Administration Fund (Fund 5D40).

SECTION 383.10. DRC DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION AND CORRECTION

General Revenue Fund

GRF 501321	Institutional Operations	\$	1,126,589,266	\$	1,167,132,362
GRF 501405	Halfway House	\$	69,440,618	\$	74,922,786
GRF 501406	Adult Correctional Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments	\$	64,797,700	\$	72,940,500
GRF 501407	Community Nonresidential Programs	\$	59,410,711	\$	61,966,863
GRF 501408	Community Misdemeanor Programs	\$	9,356,800	\$	9,356,800
GRF 501501	Community Residential	\$	83,072,332	\$	84,758,355

		Programs - Community Based Correctional Facilities			
GRF	503321	Parole and Community Operations	\$	86,373,348	\$ 88,673,763
GRF	504321	Administrative Operations	\$	24,909,617	\$ 24,800,000
GRF	505321	Institution Medical Services	\$	283,935,623	\$ 295,579,451
GRF	506321	Institution Education Services	\$	35,154,257	\$ 34,142,490
		TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund	\$	1,843,040,272	\$ 1,914,273,370
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group					
4B00	501601	Sewer Treatment Services	\$	1,759,683	\$ 1,800,000
4D40	501603	Prisoner Programs	\$	400,000	\$ 400,000
4L40	501604	Transitional Control	\$	2,449,420	\$ 2,450,000
4S50	501608	Education Services	\$	4,546,081	\$ 4,660,000
5AF0	501609	State and Non-Federal Awards	\$	1,375,000	\$ 2,375,000
5H80	501617	Offender Financial Responsibility	\$	2,610,000	\$ 1,860,000
5TZ0	501610	Probation Improvement and Incentive Grants	\$	5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
		TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group	\$	18,140,184	\$ 18,545,000
Internal Service Activity Fund Group					
1480	501602	Institutional Services	\$	2,925,000	\$ 2,850,000
2000	501607	Ohio Penal Industries	\$	47,053,957	\$ 46,515,000
4830	501605	Leased Property Maintenance and Operating	\$	2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
5710	501606	Corrections Training Maintenance and Operating	\$	980,000	\$ 980,000
5L60	501611	Information Technology Services	\$	500,000	\$ 500,000
		TOTAL ISA Internal Activity Fund Group	\$	53,458,957	\$ 52,845,000
Federal Fund Group					
3230	501619	Federal Grants	\$	1,566,734	\$ 1,540,000
3CW0	501622	Federal Equitable Sharing	\$	450,000	\$ 450,000
		TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group	\$	2,016,734	\$ 1,990,000
		TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$	1,916,656,147	\$ 1,987,653,370

OSU MEDICAL CHARGES

Notwithstanding section 341.192 of the Revised Code, at the request of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, the Ohio State University Medical Center, including the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute and the Richard M. Ross Heart Hospital, shall provide necessary care to persons who are confined in state adult correctional facilities. The provision of necessary inpatient care billed to the Department shall be reimbursed at a rate not to exceed the authorized reimbursement rate for the same service established by the Department of Medicaid under the Medicaid Program.

ADULT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES LEASE RENTAL BOND PAYMENTS

The foregoing appropriation item 501406, Adult Correctional Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments, shall be used to meet all payments during the period from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction pursuant to leases and agreements for facilities made under Chapters 152. and 154. of the Revised Code. These appropriations are the source of funds pledged for bond service charges on related obligations issued under Chapters 152. and 154. of the Revised Code.

COMMUNITY BASED CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

Of the foregoing appropriation item 501501, Community Residential Programs – Community Based Correctional Facilities, \$2,970,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$3,053,977 in fiscal year 2021 shall be used to support staff retention for community based correctional facilities.

REENTRY EMPLOYMENT GRANTS

(A) Of the foregoing appropriation item 503321, Parole and Community Operations, \$250,000 in each fiscal year shall be used by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to create and implement a program to award grants to at least one nonprofit organization that operates reentry employment programs that meet all of the following criteria:

- (1) Serve parolees, releasees, and probationers assessed by the Department as moderate or high risk to recidivate and referred by the Adult Parole Authority or probation for services;
- (2) Provide job readiness training, transitional employment, job coaching and placement, and post-placement retention services;
- (3) Have been independently and rigorously evaluated and shown to reduce recidivism;
- (4) Have the ability to serve multiple large jurisdictions across the state.

(B) The Department shall establish guidelines, procedures, all forms by which applicants may apply for grants, and outcome-based criteria upon which performance, under the terms of the grant awards, is evaluated. The outcomes, as defined by the Department, should include enrollment, job placement, and job retention.

INSTITUTION EDUCATION SERVICES

Of the foregoing appropriation item 506321, Institution Education Services, \$1,450,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to pay for the costs associated with providing postsecondary education programs to eligible students.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 506321, Institution Education Services, \$329,293 in each fiscal year shall be used to pay for the costs to expand the current certificate offering for students eligible for postsecondary

education programs to attain degree credentials in employment fields of study.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 506321, Institution Education Services, up to \$620,500 in each fiscal year shall be used to pay for the costs to expand postsecondary education programing to security level 3 and 4 correctional institutions. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Director of Rehabilitation and Correction shall have sole discretion on the allocation these funds based upon needs of the security level 3 and 4 correctional institutions and those individuals classified as such. Any unused balance in each fiscal year may be used to cover the costs of postsecondary education programs other than security level 3 and 4 correctional institutions or individuals classified as such.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 506321, Institution Education Services, \$192,490 in each fiscal year shall be used to pay for the costs associated with increasing tuition for postsecondary education programming by 5 per cent.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 506321, Institution Education Services, \$1,308,500 in fiscal year 2020 shall be used for the Ashland University Correctional Education Expansion Program.

PROBATION IMPROVEMENT AND INCENTIVE GRANTS

The foregoing appropriation item 501610, Probation Improvement and Incentive Grants, shall be allocated by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to municipalities as Probation Improvement and Incentive Grants with an emphasis on: (1) providing services to those addicted to opiates and other illegal substances, and (2) supplementing the programs and services funded by grants distributed from the foregoing appropriation item 501407, Community Nonresidential Programs.

SECTION 387.10. RDF STATE REVENUE DISTRIBUTIONS

General Revenue Fund Group

GRF 110908	Property Tax Reimbursement – Local Government	\$ 644,885,000	\$ 650,342,850
GRF 200903	Property Tax Reimbursement - Education	\$ 1,197,715,000	\$ 1,207,908,150
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund Group		\$ 1,842,600,000	\$ 1,858,251,000

Revenue Distribution Fund Group

5JG0 110633	Gross Casino Revenue Payments-County	\$ 144,150,000	\$ 147,030,000
5JH0 110634	Gross Casino Revenue Payments- School Districts	\$ 95,880,000	\$ 97,800,000
5JJ0 110636	Gross Casino Revenue - Host City	\$ 14,150,000	\$ 14,430,000
7047 200902	Property Tax Replacement	\$ 135,105,080	\$ 111,196,773

7049	336900	Phase Out-Education Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment	\$	2,250,000	\$	2,250,000
7050	762900	International Registration Plan Distribution	\$	23,000,000	\$	23,000,000
7051	762901	Auto Registration Distribution	\$	328,000,000	\$	328,000,000
7060	110960	Gasoline Excise Tax Fund	\$	576,000,000	\$	576,000,000
7065	110965	Public Library Fund	\$	422,300,000	\$	430,000,000
7066	800966	Undivided Liquor Permits	\$	14,600,000	\$	14,600,000
7069	110969	Local Government Fund	\$	417,300,000	\$	424,900,000
7081	110907	Property Tax Replacement Phase Out-Local Government	\$	11,804,000	\$	8,620,000
7082	110982	Horse Racing Tax	\$	60,000	\$	60,000
7083	700900	Ohio Fairs Fund	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
TOTAL RDF Revenue Distribution Fund Group			\$	2,185,599,080	\$	2,178,886,773
Fiduciary Fund Group						
4P80	001698	Cash Management Improvement Fund	\$	3,100,000	\$	3,100,000
5VR0	110902	Municipal Net Profit Tax	\$	30,000,000	\$	35,000,000
6080	001699	Investment Earnings	\$	140,000,000	\$	160,000,000
7001	110996	Horse Racing Tax Local Government Payments	\$	240,000	\$	240,000
7062	110962	Resort Area Excise Tax Distribution	\$	1,200,000	\$	1,200,000
7063	110963	Permissive Sales Tax Distribution	\$	2,733,517,000	\$	2,815,522,510
7067	110967	School District Income Tax Distribution	\$	469,248,000	\$	488,017,920
7085	800985	Volunteer Firemen's Dependents Fund	\$	300,000	\$	300,000
7093	110640	Next Generation 9-1-1	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
7094	110641	Wireless 9-1-1 Government Assistance	\$	25,700,000	\$	25,700,000
7095	110995	Municipal Income Tax	\$	15,000,000	\$	15,000,000
7099	762902	Permissive Tax Distribution - Auto Registration	\$	213,100,000	\$	222,700,000
TOTAL FID Fiduciary Fund Group			\$	3,632,405,000	\$	3,767,780,430
Holding Account Fund Group						
R045	110617	International Fuel Tax Distribution	\$	56,100,000	\$	56,100,000
TOTAL HLD Holding Account Fund Group			\$	56,100,000	\$	56,100,000
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$	7,716,704,080	\$	7,861,018,203

SECTION 387.20. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Appropriation items in Section 387.10 of this act shall be used for the purpose of administering and distributing the designated revenue distribution funds according to the Revised Code. If it is determined that additional appropriations are necessary for this purpose in any appropriation

items in Section 387.10 of this act, such amounts are hereby appropriated.

GENERAL REVENUE FUND TRANSFERS

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer from the General Revenue Fund to the Local Government Tangible Property Tax Replacement Fund (Fund 7081) and the School District Tangible Property Tax Replacement Fund (Fund 7047) in the Revenue Distribution Fund Group, those amounts necessary to reimburse local taxing units and school districts under sections 5709.92 and 5709.93 of the Revised Code. Also, in fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021, the Director of Budget and Management may make temporary transfers from the General Revenue Fund to ensure sufficient balances in the Local Government Tangible Property Tax Replacement Fund (Fund 7081) and the School District Tangible Property Tax Replacement Fund (Fund 7047) and to replenish the General Revenue Fund for such transfers.

PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT - EDUCATION

The foregoing appropriation item 200903, Property Tax Reimbursement - Education, is appropriated to pay for the state's costs incurred because of the homestead exemption, the property tax rollback, and payments required under division (C) of section 5705.2110 of the Revised Code. In cooperation with the Department of Taxation, the Department of Education shall distribute these funds directly to the appropriate school districts of the state, notwithstanding sections 321.24 and 323.156 of the Revised Code, which provide for payment of the homestead exemption and property tax rollback by the Tax Commissioner to the appropriate county treasurer and the subsequent redistribution of these funds to the appropriate local taxing districts by the county auditor.

Upon receipt of these amounts, each school district shall distribute the amount among the proper funds as if it had been paid as real or tangible personal property taxes. Payments for the costs of administration shall continue to be paid to the county treasurer and county auditor as provided for in sections 319.54, 321.26, and 323.156 of the Revised Code.

Any sums, in addition to the amount specifically appropriated in appropriation item 200903, Property Tax Reimbursement - Education, for the homestead exemption and the property tax rollback payments, and payments required under division (C) of section 5705.2110 of the Revised Code, which are determined to be necessary for these purposes, are hereby appropriated.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, PROPERTY TAX ROLLBACK

The foregoing appropriation item 110908, Property Tax

Reimbursement-Local Government, is hereby appropriated to pay for the state's costs incurred due to the Homestead Exemption, the Manufactured Home Property Tax Rollback, and the Property Tax Rollback. The Tax Commissioner shall distribute these funds directly to the appropriate local taxing districts, except for school districts, notwithstanding the provisions in sections 321.24 and 323.156 of the Revised Code, which provide for payment of the Homestead Exemption, the Manufactured Home Property Tax Rollback, and Property Tax Rollback by the Tax Commissioner to the appropriate county treasurer and the subsequent redistribution of these funds to the appropriate local taxing districts by the county auditor.

Upon receipt of these amounts, each local taxing district shall distribute the amount among the proper funds as if it had been paid as real property taxes. Payments for the costs of administration shall continue to be paid to the county treasurer and county auditor as provided for in sections 319.54, 321.26, and 323.156 of the Revised Code.

Any sums, in addition to the amounts specifically appropriated in appropriation item 110908, Property Tax Allocation - Local Government, for the Homestead Exemption, the Manufactured Home Property Tax Rollback, and the Property Tax Rollback payments, which are determined to be necessary for these purposes, are hereby appropriated.

PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND

Notwithstanding the requirement in division (B) of section 131.51 of the Revised Code that the Director of Budget and Management shall credit to the Public Library Fund one and sixty-six one-hundredths per cent of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund during the preceding month, the Director shall instead calculate these amounts during fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021 using one and seven-tenths as the percentage.

In addition to the amounts credited to the Public Library Fund in August of 2019, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer an additional \$916,705 cash from the General Revenue Fund to the Public Library Fund. This amount shall be distributed from the Public Library Fund in the same manner in August of 2019 as if it were credited in accordance with section 131.51 of the Revised Code.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND

Notwithstanding the requirement in division (A) of section 131.51 of the Revised Code that the Director of Budget and Management shall credit to the Local Government Fund one and sixty-six one-hundredths per cent of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund during the preceding month, the Director shall instead calculate these amounts during fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021 using one and sixty-eight

one-hundredths as the percentage.

In addition to the amounts credited to the Local Government Fund in August of 2019, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer an additional \$458,352 cash from the General Revenue Fund to the Local Government Fund. This amount shall be distributed from the Local Government Fund in the same manner in August of 2019 as if it were credited in accordance with section 131.51 of the Revised Code.

TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENTS

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal years 2020 and 2021, any city, local, or exempted village school district that has a nuclear power plant located within its territory shall receive the same payment amount under section 5709.92 of the Revised Code as in fiscal year 2017.

MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX

The foregoing appropriation item 110995, Municipal Income Tax, shall be used to make payments to municipal corporations under section 5745.05 of the Revised Code. If it is determined that additional appropriations are necessary to make such payments, such amounts are hereby appropriated.

MUNICIPAL NET PROFIT TAX

The foregoing appropriation item 110902, Municipal Net Profit Tax, shall be used to make payments to municipal corporations under section 718.83 of the Revised Code. If it is determined that additional amounts are necessary to make such payments, such amounts are hereby appropriated.

During fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021, if the Tax Commissioner determines that there is insufficient cash in the Municipal Net Profit Tax Fund (Fund 5VR0) to meet monthly distribution obligations under section 718.83 of the Revised Code, the Tax Commissioner shall certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of additional cash necessary to satisfy those obligations. In addition, the Commissioner shall submit a plan to the Director requesting the necessary cash be transferred from one or a combination of the following funds: the Municipal Income Tax Administrative Fund, the Local Sales Tax Administrative Fund, the General School District Income Tax Administrative Fund, the Motor Fuel Tax Administrative Fund, the Property Tax Administrative Fund, or the General Revenue Fund. This plan shall include a proposed repayment schedule to reimburse those funds for any cash transferred in accordance with this section. After receiving the certification and funding plan from the Tax Commissioner and if the Director determines that sufficient cash is available, the Director may transfer the cash to the Municipal Net Profit Tax Fund in accordance with the plan submitted by the Tax Commissioner or as

otherwise determined by the Director of Budget and Management. The Director of Budget and Management may transfer cash from the Municipal Net Profit Tax Fund to reimburse the funds from which cash was transferred for the purpose outlined in this section.

SECTION 391.10. OSB OHIO STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

General Revenue Fund

GRF 226321	Operations	\$	12,440,519	\$	12,576,088
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	12,440,519	\$	12,576,088

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4H80 226602	Education Reform Grants	\$	200,000	\$	200,000
4M50 226601	Work Study and Technology Investment	\$	299,645	\$	300,000
5NJ0 226622	Food Service Program	\$	10,162	\$	10,500
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	509,807	\$	510,500

Federal Fund Group

3100 226626	Federal Grants	\$	773,386	\$	778,500
3DT0 226621	Ohio Transition Collaborative	\$	260,369	\$	265,000
3P50 226643	Medicaid Professional Services Reimbursement	\$	100,000	\$	100,000
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group		\$	1,133,755	\$	1,143,500
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	14,084,081	\$	14,230,088

SECTION 393.10. OSD OHIO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

General Revenue Fund

GRF 221321	Operations	\$	13,082,919	\$	13,594,347
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	13,082,919	\$	13,594,347

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4M00 221601	Educational Program Expenses	\$	99,025	\$	101,000
4M10 221602	Education Reform Grants	\$	200,000	\$	200,000
5H60 221609	Even Start Fees and Gifts	\$	60,941	\$	63,000
5NK0 221610	Food Service Program	\$	10,244	\$	10,500
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	370,210	\$	374,500

Federal Fund Group

3110 221625	Federal Grants	\$	279,550	\$	281,000
3R00 221684	Medicaid Professional Services Reimbursement	\$	206,000	\$	206,000
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group		\$	485,550	\$	487,000
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	13,938,679	\$	14,455,847

SECTION 395.10. SOS SECRETARY OF STATE

General Revenue Fund

GRF 050321	Operating Expenses	\$	1,750,000	\$	1,750,000
GRF 050407	Poll Workers Training	\$	234,196	\$	234,196
GRF 050509	County Voting Systems Lease Rental Payments	\$	10,116,000	\$	12,279,200
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	12,100,196	\$	14,263,396
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group					
4120 050609	Notary Commission	\$	475,000	\$	475,000
4S80 050610	Board of Voting Machine Examiners	\$	7,200	\$	7,200
5990 050603	Business Services Operating Expenses	\$	13,961,351	\$	14,310,430
5990 050629	Statewide Voter Registration Database	\$	700,000	\$	700,000
5990 050630	Elections Support Supplement	\$	2,209,204	\$	2,288,196
5FG0 050620	BOE Reimbursement and Education	\$	200,000	\$	200,000
5SN0 050626	Address Confidentiality	\$	100,000	\$	100,000
5VX0 050634	Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission	\$	50,000	\$	0
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	17,702,755	\$	18,080,826
Holding Account Fund Group					
R002 050606	Corporate/Business Filing Refunds	\$	85,000	\$	85,000
TOTAL HLD Holding Account Fund Group		\$	85,000	\$	85,000
Federal Fund Group					
3AS0 050616	Help America Vote Act (HAVA)	\$	2,740,000	\$	1,750,000
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group		\$	2,740,000	\$	1,750,000
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	32,627,951	\$	34,179,222

SECTION 395.20. POLL WORKERS TRAINING

The foregoing appropriation item 050407, Poll Workers Training, shall be used to reimburse county boards of elections for precinct election official (PEO) training pursuant to section 3501.27 of the Revised Code. An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered portion of the foregoing appropriation item 050407, Poll Workers Training at the end of fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated to fiscal year 2021 for the same purpose.

COUNTY VOTING SYSTEMS LEASE RENTAL PAYMENTS

The foregoing appropriation item 050509, County Voting Systems Lease Rental Payments, shall be used to make payments during the period from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, pursuant to leases and agreements entered into under Section 4 of S.B. 135 of the 132nd General Assembly with respect to financing the costs associated with the acquisition, development, installation, and implementation of county voting systems.

BOARD OF VOTING MACHINE EXAMINERS

The foregoing appropriation item 050610, Board of Voting Machine Examiners, shall be used to pay for the services and expenses of the members of the Board of Voting Machine Examiners, and for other expenses that are authorized to be paid from the Board of Voting Machine Examiners Fund (Fund 4S80) created in section 3506.05 of the Revised Code. Moneys not used shall be returned to the person or entity submitting equipment for examination. If it is determined by the Secretary of State that additional appropriation amounts are necessary, the Secretary of State may request that the Director of Budget and Management approve such amounts. Upon approval of the Director of Budget and Management, such amounts are hereby appropriated.

BALLOT ADVERTISING COSTS

Notwithstanding division (G) of section 3501.17 of the Revised Code, upon requests submitted by the Secretary of State, the Controlling Board may approve transfers from the Controlling Board Emergency Purposes/Contingencies Fund (Fund 5KM0) to the Statewide Ballot Advertising Fund (Fund 5FH0) in order to pay for the cost of public notices associated with statewide ballot initiatives.

ABSENT VOTER'S BALLOT APPLICATION MAILING

Notwithstanding division (B) of section 111.31 of the Revised Code, upon the request of the Secretary of State, the Controlling Board may approve cash and appropriation transfers from the Controlling Board Emergency Purposes/Contingencies Fund (Fund 5KM0) to the Absent Voter's Ballot Application Mailing Fund (Fund 5RG0) to be used by the Secretary of State to pay the costs of printing and mailing unsolicited applications for absent voters' ballots for the general election to be held in November 2020.

ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM

Upon the request of the Secretary of State, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer up to \$50,000 per fiscal year in cash from the Business Services Operating Expenses Fund (Fund 5990) to the Address Confidentiality Program Fund (Fund 5SN0).

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

The foregoing appropriation item 050634, Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission, shall be used to carry out the duties of the Womens' Suffrage Commission in accordance with Am. S.B. 30 of the 133rd General Assembly. An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered portion of the foregoing appropriation item 050634, Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission, at the end of fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated to fiscal year 2021 for the same purpose.

CORPORATE/BUSINESS FILING REFUNDS

The foregoing appropriation item 050606, Corporate/Business Filing Refunds, shall be used to hold revenues until they are directed to the appropriate accounts or until they are refunded. If it is determined by the Secretary of State that additional appropriation amounts are necessary, the Secretary of State may request that the Director of Budget and Management approve such amounts. Upon approval of the Director of Budget and Management, such amounts are hereby appropriated.

HAVA FUNDS

An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered portion of appropriation item 050616, Help America Vote Act (HAVA), at the end of fiscal year 2019 is hereby reappropriated for the same purpose in fiscal year 2020.

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SECTION 397.10. SEN THE OHIO SENATE**General Revenue Fund**

GRF 020321	Operating Expenses	\$	15,902,029	\$	15,902,029
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	15,902,029	\$	15,902,029

Internal Service Activity Fund Group

1020 020602	Senate Reimbursement	\$	425,800	\$	425,800
4090 020601	Miscellaneous Sales	\$	34,497	\$	34,497
TOTAL ISA Internal Service Activity Fund Group		\$	460,297	\$	460,297
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	16,362,326	\$	16,362,326

OPERATING EXPENSES

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Clerk of the Senate may certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item 020321, Operating Expenses, at the end of fiscal year 2019 to be reappropriated to fiscal year 2020. The amount certified is hereby reappropriated to the same appropriation item for fiscal year 2020.

On July 1, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Clerk of the Senate may certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item 020321, Operating Expenses, at the end of fiscal year 2020 to be reappropriated to fiscal year 2021. The amount certified is hereby reappropriated to the same appropriation item for fiscal year 2021.

SECTION 399.10. CSV COMMISSION ON SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM

General Revenue Fund

GRF 866321	CSV Operations	\$	307,176	\$	305,971
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	307,176	\$	305,971

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5GN0 866605	Serve Ohio Support	\$	30,000	\$	30,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	30,000	\$	30,000

Federal Fund Group

3R70 866617	AmeriCorps Programs	\$	9,649,635	\$	9,671,749
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group		\$	9,649,635	\$	9,671,749
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	9,986,811	\$	10,007,720

SECTION 401.10. CSF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND

Debt Service Fund Group

7070	155905	Third Frontier Research and Development Bond Retirement Fund	\$	84,181,400	\$	87,403,000
7072	155902	Highway Capital Improvement Bond Retirement Fund	\$	152,796,000	\$	164,693,700
7073	155903	Natural Resources Bond Retirement Fund	\$	20,359,800	\$	20,420,700
7074	155904	Conservation Projects Bond Retirement Fund	\$	44,218,800	\$	44,394,800
7076	155906	Coal Research and Development Bond Retirement Fund	\$	8,123,100	\$	7,682,600
7077	155907	State Capital Improvement Bond Retirement Fund	\$	229,338,800	\$	231,754,500
7078	155908	Common Schools Bond Retirement Fund	\$	410,259,800	\$	424,825,900
7079	155909	Higher Education Bond Retirement Fund	\$	323,545,500	\$	348,550,200
7080	155901	Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq Conflict Bond Retirement Fund	\$	5,092,400	\$	5,586,600
7090	155912	Job Ready Site Development Bond Retirement Fund	\$	15,516,000	\$	9,879,900
TOTAL DSF Debt Service Fund Group		\$	1,293,431,600	\$	1,345,191,900	
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	1,293,431,600	\$	1,345,191,900	

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Appropriation items in this section are for the purpose of paying debt service and financing costs during the period from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, on bonds or notes of the state issued under the Ohio Constitution, Revised Code, and acts of the General Assembly. If it is

determined that additional amounts are necessary for this purpose, such amounts are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 403.10. SOA SOUTHERN OHIO AGRICULTURAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5M90 945601	Operating Expenses	\$	294,906	\$	300,910
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	294,906	\$	300,910
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	294,906	\$	300,910

SECTION 404.10. SHP STATE SPEECH AND HEARING PROFESSIONALS BOARD

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4K90 123609	Operating Expenses	\$	620,000	\$	636,709
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	620,000	\$	636,709
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	620,000	\$	636,709

SECTION 407.10. BTA BOARD OF TAX APPEALS

General Revenue Fund

GRF 116321	Operating Expenses	\$	1,845,494	\$	1,857,751
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	1,845,494	\$	1,857,751
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	1,845,494	\$	1,857,751

SECTION 409.10. TAX DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION

General Revenue Fund

GRF 110321	Operating Expenses	\$	61,292,238	\$	62,378,576
GRF 110404	Tobacco Settlement Enforcement	\$	145,479	\$	150,810
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	61,437,717	\$	62,529,386

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

2280 110628	CAT Administration	\$	13,872,268	\$	14,254,131
4350 110607	Local Tax Administration	\$	30,409,575	\$	31,020,628
4360 110608	Motor Vehicle Audit Administration	\$	1,982,731	\$	2,000,000
4380 110609	School District Income Tax Administration	\$	9,027,264	\$	9,200,001
4C60 110616	International Registration Plan Administration	\$	683,494	\$	705,869
4R60 110610	Tire Tax Administration	\$	177,706	\$	180,000
5BP0 110639	Wireless 9-1-1 Administration	\$	296,210	\$	298,794
5JM0 110637	Casino Tax Administration	\$	125,000	\$	125,000
5N50 110605	Municipal Income Tax Administration	\$	400,000	\$	400,000
5N60 110618	Kilowatt Hour Tax	\$	96,954	\$	100,000

5NY0	110643	Administration Petroleum Activity Tax	\$	992,581	\$	1,000,000
5V70	110622	Administration Motor Fuel Tax	\$	5,899,525	\$	6,000,000
5V80	110623	Administration Property Tax Administration	\$	5,872,025	\$	6,000,000
6390	110614	Cigarette Tax Enforcement	\$	1,548,152	\$	1,599,999
6880	110615	Local Excise Tax Administration	\$	588,213	\$	600,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group			\$	71,971,698	\$	73,484,422
Fiduciary Fund Group						
4250	110635	Tax Refunds	\$	2,205,303,300	\$	2,179,769,300
5CZ0	110631	Vendor's License Application	\$	380,000	\$	380,000
6420	110613	Ohio Political Party Distributions	\$	90,000	\$	0
TOTAL FID Fiduciary Fund Group			\$	2,205,773,300	\$	2,180,149,300
Holding Account Fund Group						
R010	110611	Tax Distributions	\$	25,000	\$	25,000
R011	110612	Miscellaneous Income Tax Receipts	\$	500	\$	500
TOTAL HLD Holding Account Fund Group			\$	25,500	\$	25,500
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$	2,339,208,215	\$	2,316,188,608

SECTION 409.20. TAX REFUNDS

The foregoing appropriation item 110635, Tax Refunds, shall be used to pay refunds under section 5703.052 of the Revised Code. If it is determined that additional appropriations are necessary for this purpose, such amounts are hereby appropriated.

VENDOR'S LICENSE PAYMENTS

The foregoing appropriation item 110631, Vendor's License Application, shall be used to make payments to county auditors under section 5739.17 of the Revised Code. If it is determined that additional appropriations are necessary to make such payments, such amounts are hereby appropriated.

INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION PLAN ADMINISTRATION

The foregoing appropriation item 110616, International Registration Plan Administration, shall be used under section 5703.12 of the Revised Code for audits of persons with vehicles registered under the International Registration Plan.

TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR THE STREAMLINED SALES TAX PROJECT

Of the foregoing appropriation item 110607, Local Tax Administration, the Tax Commissioner may disburse funds, if available, for the purposes of paying travel expenses incurred by members of Ohio's delegation to the Streamlined Sales Tax Project, as appointed under section 5740.02 of the

Revised Code. Any travel expense reimbursement paid for by the Department of Taxation shall be done in accordance with applicable state laws and guidelines.

TOBACCO SETTLEMENT ENFORCEMENT

The foregoing appropriation item 110404, Tobacco Settlement Enforcement, shall be used by the Tax Commissioner to pay costs incurred in the enforcement of divisions (F) and (G) of section 5743.03 of the Revised Code.

PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATION

Notwithstanding section 5703.80 or division (F) of section 321.24 of the Revised Code, in fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the Tax Commissioner shall not compute or certify the amounts calculated under divisions (A) and (B) of that section as amended by this act. The Director of Budget and Management shall not transfer any amounts from the General Revenue Fund to the Property Tax Administration Fund in fiscal year 2020 or fiscal year 2021. In fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the Tax Commissioner shall not subtract any amounts computed under section 5703.80 of the Revised Code, as amended by this act, from the payments made from the General Revenue Fund to county treasurers under division (F) of section 321.24 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 411.10. DOT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

General Revenue Fund

GRF 772502	Local Transportation Projects	\$	25,000	\$	25,000
GRF 776465	Rail Development	\$	2,000,000	\$	2,000,000
GRF 777471	Airport Improvements - State	\$	6,419,687	\$	6,419,687
TOTAL GRF	General Revenue Fund	\$	8,444,687	\$	8,444,687

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5QT0 776670	Ohio Maritime Assistance Program	\$	11,000,000	\$	12,000,000
TOTAL DPF	Dedicated Purpose Fund Group	\$	11,000,000	\$	12,000,000
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	19,444,687	\$	20,444,687

SECTION 411.15. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

The foregoing appropriation item 772502, Local Transportation Projects, shall be used to support the Regional Transportation Improvement Project in Stark, Columbiana, and Carroll counties.

SECTION 411.17. AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS – STATE

The foregoing appropriation item 777471, Airport Improvements –

State, shall be used for the Ohio Airport Grant Program in supporting capital improvements, maintaining infrastructure, and ensuring safety at publicly owned, public use airports in the state.

SECTION 411.20. OHIO MARITIME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The foregoing appropriation item 776670, Ohio Maritime Assistance Program, shall be used for the Ohio Maritime Assistance Program established in section 5501.91 of the Revised Code.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Chapter 166. of the Revised Code, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer \$11,000,000 cash in fiscal year 2020 and \$12,000,000 cash in fiscal year 2021 from the Facilities Establishment Fund (Fund 7037) to the Ohio Maritime Assistance Fund (Fund 5QT0), which is hereby created.

SECTION 413.10. TOS TREASURER OF STATE

General Revenue Fund

GRF 090321	Operating Expenses	\$	8,037,839	\$	8,037,839
GRF 090401	Office of the Sinking Fund	\$	476,836	\$	476,836
GRF 090402	Continuing Education	\$	175,000	\$	175,000
GRF 090406	Treasury Management System Lease Rental Payments	\$	1,113,400	\$	1,115,000
GRF 090613	STABLE Account Administration	\$	1,660,000	\$	1,660,000
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	11,463,075	\$	11,464,675

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4E90 090603	Securities Lending Income	\$	7,480,675	\$	7,843,565
4X90 090614	Political Subdivision Obligation	\$	45,000	\$	45,000
5770 090605	Investment Pool Reimbursement	\$	1,050,000	\$	1,050,000
5C50 090602	County Treasurer Education	\$	240,057	\$	240,057
5NH0 090610	OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development	\$	775,000	\$	250,000
5VZ0 090615	State Pay for Success Contract Fund	\$	0	\$	5,000,000
6050 090609	Treasurer of State Administrative Fund	\$	700,000	\$	700,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	10,290,732	\$	15,128,622

Fiduciary Fund Group

4250 090635	Tax Refunds	\$	12,000,000	\$	12,000,000
TOTAL FID Fiduciary Fund Group		\$	12,000,000	\$	12,000,000
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$	33,753,807	\$	38,593,297

SECTION 413.20. OFFICE OF THE SINKING FUND

The foregoing appropriation item 090401, Office of the Sinking Fund, shall be used for costs incurred by or on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and the Ohio Public Facilities Commission with respect to State of Ohio general obligation bonds or notes, and the Treasurer of State with respect to State of Ohio general obligation and special obligation bonds or notes, including, but not limited to, printing, advertising, delivery, rating fees and the procurement of ratings, professional publications, membership in professional organizations, and other services referred to in division (D) of section 151.01 of the Revised Code. The General Revenue Fund shall be reimbursed for such costs relating to the issuance and administration of Highway Capital Improvement bonds or notes authorized under Ohio Constitution, Article VIII, Section 2m and Chapter 151. of the Revised Code. That reimbursement shall be made from appropriation item 155902, Highway Capital Improvement Bond Retirement Fund, by intrastate transfer voucher pursuant to a certification by the Office of the Sinking Fund of the actual amounts used. The amounts necessary to make such a reimbursement are hereby appropriated from the Highway Capital Improvement Bond Retirement Fund created in section 151.06 of the Revised Code.

STABLE ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATION

The foregoing appropriation item 090613, STABLE Account Administration, shall be used for administration of an Achieve a Better Living Experience (ABLE) account program.

TAX REFUNDS

The foregoing appropriation item 090635, Tax Refunds, shall be used to pay refunds under section 5703.052 of the Revised Code. If the Director of Budget and Management determines that additional amounts are necessary for this purpose, such amounts are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 413.30. TREASURY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM LEASE RENTAL PAYMENTS

The foregoing appropriation item 090406, Treasury Management System Lease Rental Payments, shall be used to make payments during the period from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, pursuant to leases and agreements entered into under Section 701.20 of Am. Sub. H.B. 497 of the 130th General Assembly and other prior acts of the General Assembly with respect to financing the costs associated with the acquisition, development, implementation, and integration of the Treasury Management System.

SECTION 413.40. OHIOMEANSJOBS WORKFORCE

DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM

The foregoing appropriation item 090610, OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development, shall be used for the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Program to provide loans to individuals for workforce training.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 090610, OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development, up to \$250,000 in fiscal year 2020 may be used by the Treasurer of State to administer the program.

Any unexpended and unencumbered portion of the foregoing appropriation item 090610, OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development, at the end of fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated for the same purpose in fiscal year 2021. To the extent that reappropriated funds are available, of the foregoing appropriation item 090610, OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development, up to \$250,000 in fiscal year 2021 may be used by the Treasurer of State to administer the program.

The Treasurer of State shall determine, during the second half of fiscal year 2021, if the cash balance and anticipated loan repayments to the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Fund (Fund 5NH0), will be sufficient to meet the appropriation level of \$250,000 in fiscal year 2021. If those resources are insufficient, the Treasurer of State may submit a request to the Controlling Board for a transfer of up to \$325,000 from the Controlling Board Emergency Purposes/Contingencies Fund (Fund 5KM0), to Fund 5NH0.

SECTION 413.50. STATE PAY FOR SUCCESS CONTRACT FUND

The Director of Budget and Management shall transfer \$5,000,000 cash from the General Revenue Fund to the State Pay for Success Contract Fund (Fund 5VZ0) on July 1, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter.

The foregoing appropriation item 090615, State Pay for Success Contract Fund, shall be used for the purpose of implementing a pay for success project as established under section 113.60 of the Revised Code. The Treasurer of State, in consultation with the Department of Administrative Services and the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction shall initiate a pay for success contract with a service intermediary in the area of enhanced workforce training for prison populations or recidivism rate reduction utilizing the ZeroBack program. The project may take place at the following correctional institutions: Lake Erie Correctional Institution, Lorain Correctional Institution, Mansfield

Correctional Institution, Northeast Reintegration Center, and Richland Correctional Institution.

SECTION 414.10. VTO VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS

General Revenue Fund

		VAP AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR		
GRF	743501	State Support	\$ 31,895	\$ 31,895
		VAN ARMY AND NAVY UNION, USA, INC.		
GRF	746501	State Support	\$ 68,640	\$ 68,808
		VKW KOREAN WAR VETERANS		
GRF	747501	State Support	\$ 62,400	\$ 62,400
		VJW JEWISH WAR VETERANS		
GRF	748501	State Support	\$ 37,865	\$ 37,865
		VCW CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS		
GRF	749501	State Support	\$ 72,800	\$ 72,800
		VPH MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART		
GRF	750501	State Support	\$ 72,800	\$ 72,800
		VVV VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA		
GRF	751501	State Support	\$ 236,948	\$ 236,948
		VAL AMERICAN LEGION OF OHIO		
GRF	752501	State Support	\$ 385,237	\$ 385,237
		VII AMVETS		
GRF	753501	State Support	\$ 366,877	\$ 366,877
		VAV DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS		
GRF	754501	State Support	\$ 275,628	\$ 275,628
		VMC MARINE CORPS LEAGUE		
GRF	756501	State Support	\$ 169,520	\$ 169,520
		V37 37TH DIVISION VETERANS' ASSOCIATION		
GRF	757501	State Support	\$ 10,400	\$ 10,400
		VFW VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS		
GRF	758501	State Support	\$ 314,246	\$ 314,246
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund			\$ 2,105,256	\$ 2,105,424
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$ 2,105,256	\$ 2,105,424

SECTION 415.10. DVS DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES

General Revenue Fund

GRF	900321	Veterans' Homes	\$ 41,442,419	\$ 45,402,392
GRF	900402	Hall of Fame	\$ 124,400	\$ 135,638
GRF	900408	Department of Veterans Services	\$ 4,448,745	\$ 4,605,661
GRF	900901	Veterans Compensation General Obligation Bond Debt Service	\$ 5,092,400	\$ 5,586,600
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund			\$ 51,107,964	\$ 55,730,291
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group				

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4840	900603	Veterans' Homes Services	\$	995,000	\$	995,000
4E20	900602	Veterans' Homes Operating	\$	11,672,589	\$	11,672,589
5DB0	900643	Military Injury Relief Program	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
5PH0	900642	Veterans Initiatives	\$	70,000	\$	70,000
6040	900604	Veterans' Homes Improvement	\$	500,000	\$	500,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group			\$	14,237,589	\$	14,237,589
Debt Service Fund Group						
7041	900615	Veteran Bonus Program - Administration	\$	311,497	\$	260,856
7041	900641	Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq Compensation	\$	722,832	\$	552,706
TOTAL DSF Debt Service Fund Group			\$	1,034,329	\$	813,562
Federal Fund Group						
3680	900614	Veterans Training	\$	864,932	\$	930,262
3BX0	900609	Medicare Services	\$	3,578,278	\$	3,578,278
3L20	900601	Veterans' Homes Operations - Federal	\$	33,838,615	\$	34,986,679
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group			\$	38,281,825	\$	39,495,219
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$	104,661,707	\$	110,276,661

VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS' RENT

The foregoing appropriation item 900408, Department of Veterans Services, shall be used to pay veterans organizations' rent in buildings managed by the Department of Administrative Services.

SAVE A WARRIOR

Of the foregoing appropriation item 900408, Department of Veterans Services, \$100,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed to Save a Warrior for the purpose of providing post-traumatic stress rehabilitation services to Ohio veterans at their facility located in Licking County. All of this funding shall be spent in Ohio on Ohio veterans.

VETERANS COMPENSATION GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND DEBT SERVICE

The foregoing appropriation item 900901, Veterans Compensation General Obligation Bond Debt Service, shall be used to pay all debt service and related financing costs during the period from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, on obligations issued under Section 2r of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution.

SECTION 417.10. DVM STATE VETERINARY MEDICAL LICENSING BOARD**Dedicated Purpose Fund Group**

4K90	888609	Operating Expenses	\$	433,150	\$	435,046
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose						

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Fund Group	\$	433,150	\$	435,046
Internal Service Activity Fund Group				
5BU0 888602 Veterinary Student Loan Program	\$	30,000	\$	30,000
TOTAL ISA Internal Service Activity				
Fund Group	\$	30,000	\$	30,000
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$	463,150	\$	465,046

SECTION 419.10. VPB STATE VISION PROFESSIONALS BOARD

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4K90 129609 Operating Expenses	\$	640,756	\$	654,140
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group	\$	640,756	\$	654,140
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$	640,756	\$	654,140

SECTION 421.10. DYS DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES

General Revenue Fund

GRF 470401 RECLAIM Ohio	\$	171,784,391	\$	177,765,001
GRF 470412 Juvenile Correctional Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments	\$	14,990,500	\$	17,441,300
GRF 470510 Youth Services	\$	16,702,727	\$	16,702,728
GRF 472321 Parole Operations	\$	10,481,781	\$	10,661,690
GRF 477321 Administrative Operations	\$	12,505,577	\$	12,936,832
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund	\$	226,464,976	\$	235,507,551

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

1470 470612 Vocational Education	\$	1,463,162	\$	1,463,162
1750 470613 Education Services	\$	3,204,678	\$	3,292,983
4790 470609 Employee Food Service	\$	40,000	\$	40,000
4A20 470602 Child Support	\$	153,968	\$	153,968
4G60 470605 Juvenile Special Revenue - Non-Federal	\$	115,000	\$	115,000
5BN0 470629 E-Rate Program	\$	59,000	\$	59,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group	\$	5,035,808	\$	5,124,113

Federal Fund Group

3210 470601 Education	\$	1,003,161	\$	1,019,832
3210 470603 Juvenile Justice Prevention	\$	2,486,393	\$	2,499,486
3210 470606 Nutrition	\$	930,000	\$	930,000
3210 470614 Title IV-E Reimbursements	\$	800,000	\$	700,000
3V50 470604 Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention	\$	1,720,000	\$	1,720,000
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group	\$	6,939,554	\$	6,869,318
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$	238,440,338	\$	247,500,982

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

For purposes of implementing juvenile sentencing reforms, and notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Department of Youth Services may use up to \$1,375,000 of the unexpended, unencumbered

balance of the portion of appropriation item 470401, RECLAIM Ohio, that is allocated to juvenile correctional facilities in each fiscal year to expand Targeted RECLAIM, the Behavioral Health Juvenile Justice Initiative, and other evidence-based community programs.

JUVENILE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES LEASE RENTAL BOND PAYMENTS

The foregoing appropriation item 470412, Juvenile Correctional Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments, shall be used to meet all payments during the period from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, by the Department of Youth Services under the leases and agreements for facilities made under Chapters 152. and 154. of the Revised Code. These appropriations are the source of funds pledged for bond service charges on related obligations issued under Chapters 152. and 154. of the Revised Code.

EDUCATION SERVICES

The foregoing appropriation item 470613, Education Services, shall be used to fund the operating expenses of providing educational services to youth supervised by the Department of Youth Services. Operating expenses include, but are not limited to, teachers' salaries, maintenance costs, and educational equipment.

FLEXIBLE FUNDING FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

In collaboration with the county family and children first council, the juvenile court of that county that receives allocations from one or both of the foregoing appropriation items 470401, RECLAIM Ohio, and 470510, Youth Services, may transfer portions of those allocations to a flexible funding pool as authorized by the section of this act titled "FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST FLEXIBLE FUNDING POOL."

SECTION 500.10. INTERIM BUDGET RECONCILIATION

All amounts expended or encumbered from interim budget appropriations made in S.B. 171 of the 133rd General Assembly, or any successive act providing such interim budget appropriations shall be deducted from the appropriate line item appropriations made in this act. The Director of Budget and Management shall make any necessary adjustments to the appropriate line item appropriations to carry out this section.

SECTION 501.10. All appropriation items in this section are hereby appropriated as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the credit of the designated fund. The appropriations made in this section are in

addition to any other appropriations made for the fiscal year 2019-2020 capital biennium.

DPS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Administrative Building Fund (Fund 7026)

C76067	Radiological Calibration Laboratory Relocation	\$	2,250,000
TOTAL	Administrative Building Fund	\$	2,250,000
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$	2,250,000

SECTION 501.11. The appropriations made in Section 501.10 of this act are subject to all provisions of H.B. 529 of the 132nd General Assembly that are generally applicable to such appropriations. Expenditures from appropriations contained in Section 501.10 of this act shall be accounted for as though made in H.B. 529 of the 132nd General Assembly.

SECTION 501.12. The Treasurer of State is hereby authorized to issue and sell, in accordance with Section 2i of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, Chapter 154. of the Revised Code, and other applicable sections of the Revised Code, original obligations in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 in addition to the original issuance of obligations heretofore authorized by prior acts of the General Assembly. These authorized obligations shall be issued, subject to applicable constitutional and statutory limitations, as needed to provide sufficient moneys to the credit of the Administrative Building Fund (Fund 7026) to pay costs associated with previously authorized capital facilities for the housing of branches and agencies of state government or their functions.

SECTION 503.10. PERSONAL SERVICE EXPENSES

Unless otherwise prohibited by law, any appropriation from which personal service expenses are paid shall bear the employer's share of public employees' retirement, workers' compensation, disabled workers' relief, and insurance programs; the costs of centralized financial services, centralized payroll processing, and related reports and services; centralized human resources services, including affirmative action and equal employment opportunity programs; the Office of Collective Bargaining; centralized information technology management services; administering the enterprise resource planning system; and administering the state employee merit system as required by section 124.07 of the Revised Code. These costs shall

be determined in conformity with the appropriate sections of law and paid in accordance with procedures specified by the Office of Budget and Management. Expenditures from appropriation item 070601, Public Audit Expense - Intra-State, may be exempted from the requirements of this section.

SECTION 503.20. SATISFACTION OF JUDGMENTS AND SETTLEMENTS AGAINST THE STATE

Except as otherwise provided in this section, an appropriation in this act or any other act may be used for the purpose of satisfying judgments, settlements, or administrative awards ordered or approved by the Court of Claims or by any other court of competent jurisdiction in connection with civil actions against the state. This authorization does not apply to appropriations to be applied to or used for payment of guarantees by or on behalf of the state, or for payments under lease agreements relating to, or debt service on, bonds, notes, or other obligations of the state. Notwithstanding any other statute to the contrary, this authorization includes appropriations from funds into which proceeds of direct obligations of the state are deposited only to the extent that the judgment, settlement, or administrative award is for, or represents, capital costs for which the appropriation may otherwise be used and is consistent with the purpose for which any related obligations were issued or entered into. Nothing contained in this section is intended to subject the state to suit in any forum in which it is not otherwise subject to suit, and is not intended to waive or compromise any defense or right available to the state in any suit against it.

SECTION 503.30. CAPITAL PROJECT SETTLEMENTS

This section specifies an additional and supplemental procedure to provide for payments of judgments and settlements if the Director of Budget and Management determines, pursuant to division (C)(4) of section 2743.19 of the Revised Code, that sufficient unencumbered moneys do not exist in the fund to support a particular appropriation to pay the amount of a final judgment rendered against the state or a state agency, including the settlement of a claim approved by a court, in an action upon and arising out of a contractual obligation for the construction or improvement of a capital facility if the costs under the contract were payable in whole or in part from a state capital projects appropriation. In such a case, the Director may either proceed pursuant to division (C)(4) of section 2743.19 of the Revised Code or apply to the Controlling Board to increase an appropriation or create an

appropriation out of any unencumbered moneys in the state treasury to the credit of the capital projects fund from which the initial state appropriation was made. The amount of an increase in appropriation or new appropriation approved by the Controlling Board is hereby appropriated from the applicable capital projects fund and made available for the payment of the judgment or settlement.

If the Director does not make the application authorized by this section or the Controlling Board disapproves the application, and the Director does not make application under division (C)(4) of section 2743.19 of the Revised Code, the Director shall for the purpose of making that payment make a request to the General Assembly as provided for in division (C)(5) of that section.

SECTION 503.40. RE-ISSUANCE OF VOIDED WARRANTS

In order to provide funds for the reissuance of voided warrants under section 126.37 of the Revised Code, there is hereby appropriated, out of moneys in the state treasury from the fund credited as provided in section 126.37 of the Revised Code, that amount sufficient to pay such warrants when approved by the Office of Budget and Management.

SECTION 503.50. REAPPROPRIATION OF UNEXPENDED ENCUMBERED BALANCES OF OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS

(A) Notwithstanding the original year of appropriation or encumbrance, the unexpended balance of an operating appropriation or reappropriation that a state agency lawfully encumbered prior to the close of fiscal year 2019 or fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated on the first day of July of the following fiscal year from the fund from which it was originally appropriated or reappropriated for the period of time listed in this section and shall remain available only for the purpose of discharging the encumbrance:

(1) For an encumbrance for personal services, maintenance, equipment, or items for resale not otherwise identified in this section, for a period of not more than five months from the end of the fiscal year;

(2) For an encumbrance for an item of special order manufacture not available on state contract or in the open market, for a period of not more than five months from the end of the fiscal year or, with the written approval of the Director of Budget and Management, for a period of not more than twelve months from the end of the fiscal year;

(3) For an encumbrance for reclamation of land or oil and gas wells, for

a period ending when the encumbered appropriation is expended provided such period does not extend beyond the FY 2020 – FY 2021 biennium;

(4) For an encumbrance for any other type of expense not otherwise identified in division (A)(1), (2), or (3) of this section, for such period as the Director approves, provided such period does not extend beyond the FY 2020 - FY 2021 biennium.

(B) Any operating appropriations for which unexpended balances are reappropriated in fiscal year 2020 or fiscal year 2021 pursuant to division (A)(2) of this section shall be reported to the Controlling Board by the Director of Budget and Management by the thirty-first day of December of each year. The report shall include the item, the cost of the item, and the name of the vendor. The report shall be updated on a quarterly basis for encumbrances remaining open.

(C) Upon the expiration of the reappropriation period set out in division (A) of this section, a reappropriation made by this section lapses and the Director of Budget and Management shall cancel the encumbrance of the unexpended reappropriation not later than the end of the weekend following the expiration of the reappropriation period.

(D) If the Controlling Board approved a purchase, that approval remains in effect so long as the appropriation used to make that purchase remains encumbered.

SECTION 503.60. CORRECTION OF ACCOUNTING ERRORS

(A) The Director of Budget and Management may correct accounting errors committed by the staff of the Office of Budget and Management, such as reestablishing encumbrances or appropriations canceled in error, during the cancellation of operating encumbrances in November and of non-operating encumbrances in December.

(B) The Director of Budget and Management may at any time correct accounting errors committed by staff or a state agency or state institution of higher education, as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, such as reestablishing prior year non-operating encumbrances canceled or modified in error. The reestablished encumbrance amounts are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 503.70. TEMPORARY REVENUE HOLDING

The Director of Budget and Management may create funds in the state treasury solely for the purpose of temporarily holding revenue required to be credited to a fund in the state treasury, whose disposition is not immediately

known at the time of receipt. Once identified, the Director shall credit the revenue to the appropriate fund in the state treasury.

SECTION 503.80. APPROPRIATIONS RELATED TO CASH TRANSFERS AND RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF ENCUMBRANCES

Any cash transferred by the Director of Budget and Management under section 126.15 of the Revised Code is hereby appropriated. Any amounts necessary to re-establish appropriations or encumbrances under section 126.15 of the Revised Code are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 503.90. TRANSFERS OF THIRD FRONTIER APPROPRIATIONS

The Director of Budget and Management may transfer appropriations between the Third Frontier Research and Development Fund (Fund 7011) and the Third Frontier Research and Development Taxable Bond Fund (Fund 7014) as necessary to maintain the exclusion from the calculation of gross income for federal income taxation purposes under the Internal Revenue Code with respect to obligations issued to fund projects appropriated from the Third Frontier Research and Development Fund (Fund 7011).

The Director may also create new appropriation items within the Third Frontier Research and Development Taxable Bond Fund (Fund 7014) and make transfers of appropriations to them for projects originally funded from appropriations made from the Third Frontier Research and Development Fund (Fund 7011).

SECTION 503.100. INCOME TAX DISTRIBUTION TO COUNTIES

There are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the credit of the General Revenue Fund, which are not otherwise appropriated, funds sufficient to make any payment required by division (B)(2) of section 5747.03 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 503.110. EXPENDITURES AND APPROPRIATION INCREASES APPROVED BY THE CONTROLLING BOARD

Any money that the Controlling Board approves for expenditure or any increase in appropriation that the Controlling Board approves under sections 127.14, 131.35, and 131.39 of the Revised Code or any other provision of law is hereby appropriated for the period ending June 30, 2021.

SECTION 503.120. FUNDS RECEIVED FOR USE OF GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE

If the Governor's Residence Fund (Fund 4H20) receives payment for use of the residence pursuant to section 107.40 of the Revised Code, the amounts so received are hereby appropriated to appropriation item 100604, Governor's Residence Gift.

SECTION 504.10. GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS

Certain appropriations are in this act for the purpose of paying debt service and financing costs on general obligation bonds or notes of the state issued pursuant to the Ohio Constitution, Revised Code, and acts of the General Assembly. If it is determined that additional appropriations are necessary for this purpose, such amounts are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 504.20. LEASE RENTAL PAYMENTS FOR DEBT SERVICE

Certain appropriations are in this act for the purpose of making lease rental payments pursuant to leases and agreements relating to bonds, notes, or other obligations issued by or on behalf of the state pursuant to the Ohio Constitution, Revised Code, and acts of the General Assembly. If it is determined that additional appropriations are necessary for this purpose, such amounts are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 504.30. AUTHORIZATION FOR TREASURER OF STATE AND OBM TO EFFECTUATE CERTAIN DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS

The Office of Budget and Management shall process payments from general obligation and lease rental payment appropriation items during the period from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, relating to bonds, notes, or other obligations issued by or on behalf of the state pursuant to the Ohio Constitution, Revised Code, and acts of the General Assembly. Payments shall be made upon certification by the Treasurer of State of the dates and the amounts due on those dates.

SECTION 505.10. ARBITRAGE REBATE AUTHORIZATION

If it is determined that a payment is necessary in the amount computed

at the time to represent the portion of investment income to be rebated or amounts in lieu of or in addition to any rebate amount to be paid to the federal government in order to maintain the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on those state obligations under section 148(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, such an amount is hereby appropriated from those funds designated by or pursuant to the applicable proceedings authorizing the issuance of state obligations.

Payments for this purpose shall be approved and vouchered by the Office of Budget and Management.

SECTION 505.20. STATEWIDE INDIRECT COST RECOVERY

Whenever the Director of Budget and Management determines that an appropriation made to a state agency from a fund of the state is insufficient to provide for the recovery of statewide indirect costs under section 126.12 of the Revised Code, the amount required for such purpose is hereby appropriated from the available receipts of such fund.

SECTION 505.30. TRANSFERS ON BEHALF OF THE STATEWIDE INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION PLAN

The total transfers made from the General Revenue Fund by the Director of Budget and Management under this section shall not exceed the amounts transferred into the General Revenue Fund under section 126.12 of the Revised Code.

The director of an agency may certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of expenses not allowed to be included in the Statewide Indirect Cost Allocation Plan under federal regulations, from any fund included in the Statewide Indirect Cost Allocation Plan, prepared as required by section 126.12 of the Revised Code.

Upon determining that no alternative source of funding is available to pay for such expenses, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer cash from the General Revenue Fund into the fund for which the certification is made, up to the amount of the certification. The director of the agency receiving such funds shall include, as part of the next budget submission prepared under section 126.02 of the Revised Code, a request for funding for such activities from an alternative source such that further federal disallowances would not be required.

The director of an agency may certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of expenses paid in error from a fund included in the Statewide Indirect Cost Allocation Plan. The Director of Budget and

Management may transfer cash from the fund from which the expenditure should have been made into the fund from which the expenses were erroneously paid, up to the amount of the certification.

The director of an agency may certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of expenses or revenues not allowed to be included in the Statewide Indirect Cost Allocation Plan under federal regulations, for any fund included in the Statewide Indirect Cost Allocation Plan, for which the federal government requires payment. If the Director of Budget and Management determines that an appropriation made to a state agency from a fund of the state is insufficient to pay the amount required by the federal government, the amount required for such purpose is hereby appropriated from the available receipts of such fund, up to the amount of the certification.

SECTION 505.40. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INTEREST REQUIREMENTS

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before the first day of September of each fiscal year, the Director of Budget and Management, in order to reduce the payment of adjustments to the federal government, as determined by the plan prepared under division (A) of section 126.12 of the Revised Code, may designate such funds as the Director considers necessary to retain their own interest earnings.

SECTION 505.50. FEDERAL CASH MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT

Pursuant to the plan for compliance with the Federal Cash Management Improvement Act required by section 131.36 of the Revised Code, the Director of Budget and Management may cancel and re-establish all or part of encumbrances in like amounts within the funds identified by the plan. The amounts necessary to re-establish all or part of encumbrances are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 509.10. TRANSFERS TO THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND OF INTEREST EARNED

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Director of Budget and Management, through June 30, 2021, may transfer interest earned by any state fund to the General Revenue Fund. This section does not apply to funds whose source of revenue is restricted or protected by the

Ohio Constitution, federal tax law, or the "Cash Management Improvement Act of 1990," 104 Stat. 1058 (1990), 31 U.S.C. 6501 et seq., as amended.

SECTION 509.20. CASH TRANSFERS TO THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND FROM NON-GRF FUNDS

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer up to \$100,000,000 cash, during the biennium ending June 30, 2021, from non-General Revenue Funds that are not constitutionally restricted to the General Revenue Fund.

SECTION 509.30. CASH TRANSFERS FROM THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL FUND TO THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND

On July 1, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer \$2,000,000 cash from the State Fire Marshal Fund (Fund 5460) to the General Revenue Fund.

SECTION 509.40. CASH TRANSFER TO THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION FUND

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer \$2,250,000 from the Local Government Innovation Fund (Fund 5KN0) to the General Revenue Fund.

SECTION 509.45. CASH TRANSFER TO THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SAFETY CAPITAL GRANT FUND

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer the unencumbered cash balance remaining in the Local Government Safety Capital Grant Fund (Fund 5RD0) to the General Revenue Fund.

SECTION 509.47. TRANSFER FROM THE HEALTH CARE SERVICES SUPPORT AND RECOVERIES FUND TO THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer \$6,000,000 cash from the Health Care Services Support and Recoveries Fund (Fund 5DL0) to the General Revenue Fund.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, on July 1, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer \$4,000,000 cash from the Health Care Services Support and Recoveries Fund (Fund 5DL0) to the General Revenue Fund.

SECTION 509.49. UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INTEREST CONTINGENCY FUND TRANSFER TO THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND

On July 1, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the Unemployment Compensation Interest Contingency Fund (Fund 5HC0) to the General Revenue Fund.

SECTION 509.50. MEDICAL MARIJUANA CONTROL PROGRAM REPAYMENTS

On October 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Commerce and the Executive Director of the Board of Pharmacy shall consult with the Director of Budget and Management to determine a repayment schedule for the biennium ending June 30, 2021, to fully repay transfers on behalf of each agency from the Emergency Purposes/Contingency Fund (Fund 5KM0) to the Medical Marijuana Control Program Fund (Fund 5YS0). Payments made by the Department of Commerce and the Board of Pharmacy in accordance with this repayment schedule shall be credited to the General Revenue Fund.

SECTION 512.10. GENERAL REVENUE FUND TRANSFER TO TOURISM OHIO FUND

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer up to \$20,000,000 cash from the General Revenue Fund to the Tourism Ohio Fund (Fund 5MJ0).

SECTION 512.20. GENERAL REVENUE FUND TRANSFER TO STATEWIDE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION FUND

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in each fiscal year of the biennium ending June 30, 2021, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer up to \$5,050,000 cash from the General Revenue Fund to the Statewide Treatment and Prevention Fund (Fund 4750).

SECTION 512.30. GENERAL REVENUE FUND TRANSFER TO STATEWIDE COMMUNITY POLICE RELATIONS FUND

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2020, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer up to \$2,200,000 cash from the General Revenue Fund to the Statewide Community Police Relations Fund (Fund 5RS0).

SECTION 512.40. GENERAL REVENUE FUND TRANSFER TO TARGETED ADDICTION PROGRAM FUND

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in each fiscal year of the biennium ending June 30, 2021, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer up to \$23,750,000 cash from the General Revenue Fund to the Targeted Addiction Program Fund (Fund 5TZ0).

SECTION 512.50. GENERAL REVENUE FUND TRANSFER TO PERSIAN GULF, AFGHANISTAN, IRAQ COMPENSATION FUND

During fiscal year 2021, upon request of the Director of Veterans Services, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer up to \$500,000 cash from the General Revenue Fund to the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, Iraq Compensation Fund (Fund 7041).

SECTION 512.70. GENERAL REVENUE FUND TRANSFER TO STUDENT WELLNESS AND SUCCESS FUND

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer up to \$275,000,000 cash in fiscal year 2020 and up to \$400,000,000 cash in fiscal year 2021 from the General Revenue Fund to the Student Wellness and Success Fund (Fund 5VS0), which is hereby created in the state treasury.

SECTION 512.85. GENERAL REVENUE FUND TRANSFER TO TRANSCRANIAL MAGNETIC STIMULATION FUND

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer \$6,000,000 cash from the General Revenue Fund to the Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Fund (Fund 5VV0).

SECTION 512.90. GENERAL REVENUE FUND TRANSFER TO SPORTS EVENT GRANT FUND

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer \$5,000,000 cash from the General Revenue Fund to the Sports Event Grant Fund (Fund 5UY0).

SECTION 513.10. FISCAL YEAR 2019 GENERAL REVENUE FUND ENDING BALANCE

Notwithstanding section 131.44 of the Revised Code, the Director of Budget and Management shall determine the surplus General Revenue Fund revenue that existed on June 30, 2019. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, except for the transfers listed in this section, the surplus shall remain in the General Revenue Fund. The Director shall transfer cash, not to exceed the amount of the surplus revenue from the General Revenue Fund in the following order:

(A) Up to \$10,000,000 cash to the Targeted Addiction Program Fund (Fund 5TZ0);

(B) Up to \$172,000,000 cash to the H2Ohio Fund (Fund 6H20);

(C) Up to \$20,000,000 cash to the School Bus Purchase Fund (Fund 5VU0), which is hereby created in the state treasury;

(D) Up to \$5,000,000 cash to the Ohio Governor's Imagination Library Fund (Fund 5VJ0), which is hereby created in the state treasury;

(E) Up to \$25,000,000 cash to the Emergency Purposes Fund (Fund 5KM0);

(F) Up to \$14,000,000 cash to the Disaster Services Fund (Fund 5E20);

(G) Up to \$19,000,000 cash to the Tobacco Use Prevention Fund (Fund 5BX0);

(H) Up to \$7,400,000 cash to the Economic Development Programs Fund (Fund 5JC0);

(I) Up to \$2,000,000 cash to the Ohio Incumbent Workforce Job Training Fund (Fund 5HR0);

(J) Up to \$31,000,000 cash to the Statewide Treatment and Prevention Fund (Fund 4750);

(K) Up to \$5,000,000 cash, subject to Controlling Board approval, to the State Park Fund (Fund 5120); and

(L) Up to \$2,000,000 cash to the Ohio Public Health Priorities Fund (Fund L087).

SECTION 513.20. FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021 GENERAL REVENUE FUND ENDING BALANCE

Notwithstanding section 131.44 of the Revised Code, the cash balance of the General Revenue Fund on June 30, 2020, shall remain in the General Revenue Fund.

Notwithstanding section 131.44 of the Revised Code, not later than July 31, 2021, the Director of Budget and Management shall determine the surplus General Revenue Fund revenue that existed on June 30, 2021, and shall transfer cash, in an amount equal to fifty per cent of the surplus revenue, from the General Revenue Fund to the H2Ohio Fund (Fund 6H20) and from the General Revenue Fund to the Budget Stabilization Fund (Fund 7013).

As used in this section, "surplus revenue" has the same meaning as in section 131.44 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 513.30. FISCAL YEAR 2021 APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE H2OHIO FUND

Notwithstanding section 131.35 of the Revised Code, in fiscal year 2021, the Controlling Board may increase or establish appropriations in the H2Ohio Fund (Fund 6H20) for state agencies or boards responsible for water protection and water management in amounts necessary to support the statewide strategic vision and comprehensive periodic water protection strategy in that fiscal year.

SECTION 514.10. UTILITY RADIOLOGICAL SAFETY BOARD ASSESSMENTS

Unless the agency and nuclear electric utility mutually agree to a higher amount by contract, the maximum amounts that may be assessed against nuclear electric utilities under division (B)(2) of section 4937.05 of the Revised Code and deposited into the specified funds are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>User</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>
Utility Radiological Safety Fund (Fund 4E40)	Department of Agriculture	\$ 97,610 \$	101,130
Radiation Emergency	Department of Health	\$1,300,000 \$	1,300,000

Response Fund (Fund 6100)				
ER Radiological Safety Fund (Fund 6440)	Environmental Protection Agency	\$ 276,500	\$	278,500
Emergency Response Plan Fund (Fund 6570)	Department of Public Safety	\$1,258,624	\$	1,258,624

SECTION 516.10. CASH TRANSFERS AND ABOLISHMENT OF FUNDS

(A) On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer the cash balance from each of the funds as indicated in the table below to the fund also indicated in the table below. Upon completion of each transfer and on the effective date of its repeal by this act, where applicable, the fund from which the cash balance was transferred is hereby abolished.

User	Transfer from:	Transfer to:
Agency Fund	Fund Name	Fund Fund Name
AGR	5HP0 Livestock Care Standards Board	4C90 Commercial Feed Inspection/Lab
AIR	7004 Advanced Energy Research and Development Taxable Fund	5M50 Advanced Energy Fund
AIR	7005 Advanced Energy Research and Development	5M50 Advanced Energy Fund
BWC	8290 Long Term Care Loan Fund	8260 Safety and Hygiene Fund
COM	5PA0 BUSTR Revolving Loan Fund	6530 Underground Storage Tank Administration
DAS	4P30 DAS Information Services	1330 Information Technology
DAS	5D70 Workforce Development	5EB0 OAKS Support Organization
DEV	3DB0 Federal Stimulus Energy Efficiency and Conservation	GRF General Revenue Fund

DEV	5AD0	Job Development Initiatives	5430	Unclaimed Funds Trust
DEV	5CG0	Alternative Fuel Transportation	5M50	Advanced Energy Fund
DEV	5MB0	Economic Development Support	5LN0	Liquor Operating Services Fund
DEV	5NS0	Career Exploration Internship	5JC0	Economic Development Projects
DNR	5CU0	Mine Safety	5290	Mining Regulation and Safety
DNR	5MF0	Ohio Geology License Plate	5110	Geological Mapping
DOH	6830	Employee Assistance Program	1250	Human Resources Services Fund
DOT	5CF0	Rail Transload Facilities	4N40	Rail Development
DPS	8500	Public Safety Investigative Unit Salvage and Exchange	5RH0	Ohio Investigative Unit Fund
DRC	5UB0	Institution Addiction Treatment Services	GRF	General Revenue Fund
DYS	3BH0	Federal Juvenile Justice Program FFY06	3V50	Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Fund
DYS	3BT0	Federal Juvenile Justice Program FFY07	3V50	Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Fund
DYS	3BY0	Federal Juvenile Justice Program SFY07	3V50	Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Fund
DYS	3BZ0	Federal Juvenile Justice Program SFY08	3V50	Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Fund
DYS	3CR0	Federal Juvenile Justice Program FFY10	3V50	Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Fund
DYS	3FB0	Federal Juvenile	3V50	Juvenile

		Justice Program FFY11		Justice/Delinquency Prevention Fund
DYS	3FC0	Federal Juvenile Justice Program FFY12	3V50	Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Fund
DYS	3GB0	Federal Juvenile Justice Program FFY13	3V50	Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Fund
DYS	3V90	Federal Juvenile Justice Program FFY01	3V50	Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Fund
DYS	3W00	Federal Juvenile Justice Program FFY02	3V50	Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Fund
DYS	3Z80	Federal Juvenile Justice Program FFY04	3V50	Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Fund
DYS	3Z90	Federal Juvenile Justice Program FFY05	3V50	Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Fund
EDU	3DL0	Idea Preschool - Federal Stimulus	GRF	General Revenue Fund
EDU	4D10	Ohio Prevention/Education Resource Center	6200	Education Grants
EDU	5B10	Child Nutrition Services	GRF	General Revenue Fund
EDU	5KY0	Community Schools Temporary Sponsorship	5KX0	Ohio School Sponsorship Program
EDU	5RB0	Straight A Fund	6200	Educational Grants
EDU	5T30	Gates Foundation Grants	6200	Educational Grants
EDU	5UC0	Accountability/Report Cards	4L20	Teacher Certification
EDU	5W20	Head Start Plus/Head Start	GRF	General Revenue Funds
EDU	5X90	NGA Stem	6200	Educational Grants
EDU	6210	Pre-School Foreign Language	6200	Educational Grants

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EPA	3560	Indirect Costs	GRF	General Revenue Fund
EPA	3580	205-J Federal Planning	3BU0	Water Quality Protection
EPA	3M50	HazMat Transportation Uniform Safety	GRF	General Revenue Fund
INS	3EV0	Health Insurance Premium Rev	5540	Department of Insurance Operating
INS	3EW0	Health Exchange Planning	5540	Department of Insurance Operating
INS	3EX0	Consumer Assistance Grant	5540	Department of Insurance Operating
INS	5AG0	Medical Liability	GRF	General Revenue Fund
INS	5FZ0	Claims Processing Education	5540	Department of Insurance Operating
JFS	5GC0	GOFBI/Family Stability	5RY0	Human Services Projects
JFS	5HA0	Health Care Services Other	5RY0	Human Services Projects
JFS	5S30	JFS Administration and Oversight	GRF	General Revenue Fund
JSC	6A80	Supreme Court Admissions	4C80	Attorney Registration
MCD	5AJ0	Money Follows the Person	5DL0	Medicaid Support and Recoveries
MCD	5HA0	Health Care Services - Other	GRF	General Revenue Fund
MCD	5KC0	Health Care Special Activities	5DL0	Medicaid Support and Recoveries
OBM	3CM0	Medicaid Agency Transition	3B10	Community Medicaid Expansion
OBM	7087	Settlement Agreement Fund	GRF	General Revenue Fund
PUB	3FF0	Capital Case Litigation	4070	County Representation
PUB	3FX0	Wrongful Conviction Program	4070	County Representation
PUB	3GJ0	Byrne Memorial	4070	County

TAX	7054	Grant Loc Govt Prop Tax Replacement	GRF	Representation General Revenue Fund
TAX	4K00	Beverage Tax Administrative	GRF	General Revenue Fund
TAX	5BQ0	Revenue Enhancement	2280	Revenue Enhancement
TAX	5BW0	Tax Amnesty Promotion and Administration	GRF	General Revenue Fund
TAX	QD20	OBG-Assessment Payments	GRF	General Revenue Fund
TOS	4N00	Treasury Education	6050	Treasurer of State's Administration
TOS	R044	Tax Holding	6050	Treasurer of State's Administration

(B) On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall cancel existing encumbrances against each appropriation item indicated in the table below and reestablish them against the appropriation item also indicated in the table below. The Director may cancel and reestablish other encumbrances as needed to properly close out the funds identified in division (A) of this section. The encumbrances reestablished under this section are hereby appropriated.

Cancel existing encumbrances against:		Reestablish encumbrances against:	
Fund	Appropriation Item	Fund	Appropriation Item
5CU0	725647 – Mine Safety	5290	725639 – Mining Regulation and Safety
5MF0	725635 – Ohio Geology License Plate	5110	725646 – Ohio Geological Mapping
5CF0	776667 – Rail Transload Facilities	4N40	776664 – Rail Transportation - Other
3EV0	820610 – Health Insurance Premium Review	5540	820606 – Operating Expenses
3EW0	820611 – Health Exchange Planning	5540	820606 – Operating Expenses
3EX0	820612 – Consumer Assistance Grant	5540	820606 – Operating Expenses
5AG0	820603 - Health Information Technology	5540	820606 - Operating Expenses

	and Health Care Coverage and Quality Council		
3FF0	019620 - Capital Case Litigation	4070	019604 - County Representation
3FX0	019621 - Wrongful Conviction Program	4070	019604 - County Representation
3GJ0	019622 - Byrne Memorial Grant	4070	019604 - County Representation
6A80	005606 - Supreme Court Admissions	4C80	005605 - Attorney Services
5AJ0	651631 - Money Follows the Person	5DL0	651639 - Medicaid Services - Recoveries

(C) The following funds are hereby abolished on the effective date of their repeal by this act:

User	Fund	Fund Name
DNR	5260	Coal Mining Administration and Reclamation Reserve
DOH	5QH0	Dental Hygiene Resource Shortage Area
DVS	A041	Veterans Compensation Series 2011
DVS	B041	Veterans Compensation Series 2013
EDU	3090	Neglected & Delinquent Education
EDU	3660	Adult Basic Education
EDU	3690	Vocational Education
EDU	3720	Federal Drivers' Education Projects
EDU	3730	Pupil Transportation Safety Program
EDU	3760	Job Training Partnership Act
EDU	3780	Math/Science Tech Investments
EDU	5960	Ohio Career Information System
EDU	7006	Education Improvement
EDU	3E20	AIDS Education Project
EDU	3AK0	State Homeland Security
EDU	3AX0	Improving Health and Education Outcomes of Young People
EDU	3BK0	Longitudinal Data Systems
EDU	3BV0	Character Education
EDU	3CF0	Foreign Language Assistance
EDU	3CG0	Teacher Incentive
EDU	3DC0	Federal Stimulus School Cafeteria Equipment
EDU	3DJ0	Idea Part B – Federal Stimulus
EDU	3DK0	Title I A – Federal Stimulus

EDU	3EC0	Teacher Incentive – Federal Stimulus
EDU	3EF0	National School Lunch Program Equipment
EDU	3EK0	Advanced Placement
EDU	3EL0	Even Start
EDU	3EM0	Byrd Scholarship
EDU	3EN0	State Data System – Federal Stimulus
EDU	3ES0	Special Education Research
EDU	3ET0	Ed Jobs
EDU	3FD0	Race to the Top
EDU	3FN0	Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge Grant
EDU	3GP0	School Climate Transformation
EDU	3GQ0	Project Aware
EDU	3GZ0	JAVITS Gifted and Talented Students Education
EDU	3M10	ESEA Chapter Two
EDU	3N70	School-to-Work
EDU	3P90	SRRC/FRC Evaluation Project
EDU	3R30	Goals 2000
EDU	3S20	Tech Literacy Transfer
EDU	3S70	Child Care School Age
EDU	3T50	Coordinated School Health
EDU	3T60	Class Size Reduction
EDU	3U60	Provision 2&3 Grant
EDU	3W60	TANF Education
EDU	3X50	School Renovation Idea & Tech Program
EDU	3Y40	Reading First
EDU	3Z70	General Supervision Enhancement
EDU	4M40	Emergency Svc Telecommunicator Training
EDU	4Y50	Supplemental School Assistance
EDU	4Z40	School District 1987 Reimburse
EDU	5BB0	State Action for Education Leadership
EDU	5F80	Instructional Materials Education
EDU	5JA0	ARRA Compliance
EDU	5X80	Jobs for Ohio Graduates
EPA	3520	Wastewater Pollution
EPA	3630	Construction Grant
EPA	4910	Moving Expenses
EPA	4990	Emergency Village Capital Improvements
EPA	6020	Motor Vehicle Inspection/Maintenance
EPA	6600	Infectious Waste Management
EPA	6800	Emergency Plan & Community Right-to-Know

		Reserve
EPA	3F40	Water Quality Management
EPA	3J10	Urban Stormwater
EPA	3J50	Maumee AOC Assessment
EPA	3K20	Clean Water Act 106
EPA	3K30	DOE Agreement in Principle
EPA	3K40	DOD Base Realign/Closure Grant
EPA	3K60	Remedial Action Plans
EPA	3N10	Pollution Prevention Grants
EPA	3S40	Performance Partnership Grants
EPA	3T10	Rural Hardship Grant
EPA	4C30	State Special Revenue Indirect
EPA	4U70	Construction/Demolition Debris
EPA	5DW0	Automotive Mercury Switch Program
EPA	5N20	Dredge and Fill
EPA	6A90	Construction/Demolition Debris Facility Oversight
JFS	3W30	Adult Special Needs
JFS	4J50	Home/Community Based Services/Aged
JFS	4Z10	Health Care Compliance
JFS	5BG0	Managed Care Assessment
JFS	5KU0	Unemployment Insurance Support – Other Sources
JFS	5Q90	Supplemental Inpatient Hospital
JFS	R013	Forgery Collections
MED	5LE0	Education and Patient Safety
OOD	5L90	TANF/PCA Maintenance of Effort
OOD	5QL0	Disability Determination Reimbursement
PRX	3CT0	2008 Developing/Enhancing PMP
PRX	3EB0	NASPER
PRX	3EY0	Administration of the PMIX Hub
PRX	3EZ0	NASPER 10
SOS	3AH0	Election Reform/Health and Human Services

SECTION 601.03. That Section 261.168 of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly, as amended by Sub. H.B. 24 of the 132nd General Assembly, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 261.168. MODIFICATIONS AND CAP FOR FISCAL YEARS ~~2019~~, 2020, AND 2021 ICF/IID MEDICAID RATES UNDER THE FORMULA BEING PHASED OUT

(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Change of operator," "cost report year," "entering operator," "exiting operator," "ICF/IID," "ICF/IID services," "Medicaid days," "peer group 1-B," "peer group 2-B," "peer group 3-B," "provider," and "provider agreement" have the same meanings as in section 5124.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Formula being phased out" means the formula specified in division (C) of section 5124.15 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Franchise permit fee" means the fee imposed by sections 5168.60 to 5168.71 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) This section applies to each ICF/IID that is in peer group 1-B or peer group 2-B and to which either of the following, as applicable to a fiscal year, applies:

~~(a) In the context of determining an ICF/IID's total Medicaid payment rate for fiscal year 2019 under the formula being phased out, either of the following is the case:~~

~~(i) The provider of the ICF/IID has a valid Medicaid provider agreement for the ICF/IID on June 30, 2018, and a valid Medicaid provider agreement for the ICF/IID during fiscal year 2019;~~

~~(ii) The ICF/IID undergoes a change of operator that takes effect during fiscal year 2019, the exiting operator has a valid Medicaid provider agreement for the ICF/IID on the day immediately preceding the effective date of the change of operator, and the entering operator has a valid Medicaid provider agreement for the ICF/IID during fiscal year 2019.~~

~~(b) In the context of determining an ICF/IID's total Medicaid payment rate for fiscal year 2020, either of the following is the case:~~

~~(i) The provider of the ICF/IID has a valid Medicaid provider agreement for the ICF/IID on June 30, 2019, and a valid Medicaid provider agreement for the ICF/IID during fiscal year 2020;~~

~~(ii) The ICF/IID undergoes a change of operator that takes effect during fiscal year 2020, the exiting operator has a valid Medicaid provider agreement for the ICF/IID on the day immediately preceding the effective date of the change of operator, and the entering operator has a valid Medicaid provider agreement for the ICF/IID during fiscal year 2020.~~

~~(e)(b) In the context of determining an ICF/IID's total Medicaid payment rate for fiscal year 2021, either of the following is the case:~~

~~(i) The provider of the ICF/IID has a valid Medicaid provider agreement for the ICF/IID on June 30, 2020, and a valid Medicaid provider agreement for the ICF/IID during fiscal year 2021;~~

~~(ii) The ICF/IID undergoes a change of operator that takes effect during~~

fiscal year 2021, the exiting operator has a valid Medicaid provider agreement for the ICF/IID on the day immediately preceding the effective date of the change of operator, and the entering operator has a valid Medicaid provider agreement for the ICF/IID during fiscal year 2021.

(2) This section does not apply to either of the following:

(a) An ICF/IID in peer group 3-B;

(b) An ICF/IID for which the provider obtains an initial provider agreement during a fiscal year for which modifications to the formula being phased out are made under this section.

(C) Notwithstanding Chapter 5124. of the Revised Code, the following modifications shall be made when determining under the formula being phased out the fiscal years ~~2019~~, 2020, and 2021 total per Medicaid day payment rates for an ICF/IID to which this section applies:

(1) The ICF/IID's efficiency incentive for capital costs, as determined under division (F) of section 5124.171 of the Revised Code, shall be reduced by 50%.

(2) In place of the maximum cost per case-mix unit established for the ICF/IID's peer group under division (C) of section 5124.195 of the Revised Code, the ICF/IID's maximum costs per case-mix unit shall be the amount the Department determined for the ICF/IID's peer group for fiscal year 2016 in accordance with division (E) of Section 259.160 of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly.

(3) In place of the inflation adjustment otherwise calculated under division (D) of section 5124.195 of the Revised Code for the purpose of division (A)(1)(b) of that section, an inflation adjustment of 1.014 shall be used.

(4) In place of the efficiency incentive otherwise calculated under division (B)(2) of section 5124.211 of the Revised Code, the ICF/IID's efficiency incentive for indirect care costs shall be the following:

(a) In the case of an ICF/IID in peer group 1-B, not more than \$3.69;

(b) In the case of an ICF/IID in peer group 2-B, not more than \$3.19.

(5) In place of the maximum rate for indirect care costs established for the ICF/IID's peer group under division (C) of section 5124.211 of the Revised Code, the maximum rate for indirect care costs for the ICF/IID's peer group shall be an amount the Department shall determine in accordance with division (D) of this section.

(6) In place of the inflation adjustment otherwise calculated under division ~~(D)~~(E)(1) of section 5124.211 of the Revised Code for the purpose of division (B)(1) of that section only, an inflation adjustment of 1.014 shall be used.

(7) In place of the inflation adjustment otherwise made under section 5124.231 of the Revised Code, the ICF/IID's desk-reviewed, actual, allowable, per Medicaid day other protected costs, excluding the franchise permit fee, from the applicable cost report year shall be multiplied by 1.014.

(D) In determining the amount of the maximum rate for indirect costs for the purpose of division (C)(5) of this section, the Department shall strive to the greatest extent possible to do both of the following:

(1) Avoid rate reductions under division (E)(4) of this section;

(2) Have the amount so determined result in payment of all desk-reviewed, actual, allowable indirect care costs for the same percentage of Medicaid days for ICFs/IID in peer group 1-B as for ICFs/IID in peer group 2-B as of the first day of the fiscal year for which the determination is made, based on May Medicaid days from the calendar year in which the fiscal year begins.

(E)(4) If the mean total per Medicaid day rate for all ICFs/IID to which this section applies, as determined under division (C) of this section as of the first day of a fiscal year for which a rate is determined under this section and weighted by May Medicaid days from the calendar year in which the fiscal year begins, is other greater than ~~the amount determined under division (E)(2) of this section~~ \$290.10, the Department shall adjust, for the fiscal year for which the rate is determined, the total per Medicaid day rate for each ICF/IID to which this section applies by a percentage that is equal to the percentage by which the mean total per Medicaid day rate is greater ~~or~~ less than ~~the amount determined under division (E)(2) of this section~~ \$290.10.

~~(2) The amount to be used for the purpose of division (E)(1) of this section shall be not less than \$290.10. The Department, in its sole discretion, may use a larger amount for the purpose of that division. In determining whether to use a larger amount, the Department may consider any of the following:~~

~~(a) The reduction in the total Medicaid-certified capacity of all ICFs/IID that occurs in the fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year for which the determination is made, and the reduction that is projected to occur in the fiscal year for which the determination is made, as a result of either of the following:~~

~~(i) A downsizing pursuant to a plan approved by the Department under section 5123.042 of the Revised Code;~~

~~(ii) A conversion of beds to providing home and community-based services under the Individual Options waiver pursuant to section 5124.60 or 5124.61 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(b) The increase in Medicaid payments made for ICF/IID services provided during the fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year for which the determination is made, and the increase that is projected to occur in the fiscal year for which the determination is made, as a result of the modifications to the payment rates made under section 5124.101 of the Revised Code;~~

~~(c) The total reduction in the number of ICF/IID beds that occurs pursuant to section 5124.67 of the Revised Code;~~

~~(d) Other factors the Department determines to be relevant.~~

(F) If the United States Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services requires that the franchise permit fee be reduced or eliminated, the Department shall reduce the rate determined under this section as necessary to reflect the loss to the state of the revenue and federal financial participation generated from the franchise permit fee.

SECTION 601.04. That existing Section 261.168 of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly, as amended by Sub. H.B. 24 of the 132nd General Assembly, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 601.05. Sections 601.03 and 601.04 of this act are exempt from the referendum under section 1d of Article II, Ohio Constitution, and take effect July 1, 2019.

SECTION 601.07. That Section 1 of H.B. 336 of the 132nd General Assembly be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Eligible offense" means an offense under any of the following Revised Code sections if the offense, an essential element of the offense, the basis of the charge, or any underlying offense did not involve alcohol, a drug of abuse, combination thereof, or a deadly weapon: 2151.354, 2152.19, 2152.21, 2907.24, 2913.02, 4507.20, 4509.101, 4509.17, 4509.24, 4509.40, 4510.037, 4510.05, 4510.06, 4510.15, 4510.22, 4510.23, 4510.31, 4510.32, 4511.203, 4511.205, 4511.251, 4511.75, 4549.02, 4549.021, and 5743.99.

(2) "Deadly weapon" has the same meaning as in section 2923.11 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Drug of abuse" has the same meaning as in section 4511.181 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Complete amnesty" means a waiver of reinstatement fees.

(5) "Driver's license or permit" does not include a commercial driver's license or permit.

(6) "Indigent" means a person who is a participant in the supplemental nutrition assistance program administered by the department of job and family services pursuant to section 5101.54 of the Revised Code.

(B) Not later than ninety days after ~~the effective date of this section~~ November 2, 2018, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles shall establish a driver's license reinstatement fee debt reduction and amnesty program. The program shall immediately terminate ~~six months after that effective date~~ on December 31, 2019.

(C) During the period the program is in operation, both of the following apply:

(1) A person whose driver's license or permit has been suspended as a result of an eligible offense may apply to the Registrar for driver's license reinstatement fee debt reduction if the person has completed all court-ordered sanctions related to the eligible offense other than the payment of reinstatement fees and at least eighteen months have expired since the end of the period of suspension ordered by the court.

(2) A person whose driver's license or permit has been suspended as a result of an eligible offense may apply to the Registrar for complete amnesty if the person has completed all court-ordered sanctions related to the eligible offense other than the payment of reinstatement fees, and the person is indigent and can demonstrate proof of indigence by providing documentation in a form approved by the Registrar.

(D)(1) The Registrar shall grant reinstatement fee debt reduction to a person who is eligible under division (C)(1) of this section as follows:

(a) If the person owes reinstatement fees for multiple eligible offenses, the person shall be required to pay either the lowest reinstatement fee owed for those offenses or ten per cent of the total amount owed for those offenses, whichever amount is greater.

(b) If the person owes reinstatement fees for one eligible offense, the person shall be required to pay one-half of the reinstatement fee owed for that offense.

(2) The Registrar shall grant complete amnesty to a person eligible under division (C)(2) of this section.

(E) The Registrar shall conduct a public service announcement regarding the driver's license reinstatement fee debt reduction and amnesty program that includes a description of the program and its requirements. In addition, the Registrar shall make such information available on the Bureau of Motor Vehicle's web site.

(F) The Registrar may establish any requirements and procedures necessary to administer and implement this section.

SECTION 601.08. That existing Section 1 of H.B. 336 of the 132nd General Assembly is hereby repealed.

SECTION 601.10. That Sections 207.10, 207.210, 215.10, 215.20, 217.10, 221.10, 225.10, 237.30, 253.310, and 701.10 of H.B. 529 of the 132nd General Assembly be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 207.10. DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
 BOR DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Higher Education Improvement Fund (Fund 7034)

C23501	Ohio Supercomputer Center	\$	6,105,076
C23516	Ohio Library and Information Network	\$	13,844,808
C23524	Supplemental Renovations - Library Depositories	\$	447,000
C23529	Workforce Based Training and Equipment	\$	8,000,000
			<u>16,000,000</u>
C23530	Technology Initiatives	\$	2,500,000
C23532	OARnet	\$	10,203,116
C23551	Ohio Innovation Exchange	\$	400,000
C23560	HEI Critical Maintenance and Upgrades	\$	2,500,000
C23563	Ohio Cyber Range	\$	1,000,000
C23564	Ohio Aerospace Institute Improvements	\$	150,000
TOTAL	Higher Education Improvement Fund	\$	45,150,000
			<u>53,150,000</u>
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$	45,150,000
			<u>53,150,000</u>

RESEARCH FACILITY ACTION AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

Capital appropriations or reappropriations in this act made from appropriation item C23502, Research Facility Action and Investment Funds, shall be used for a program of grants to be administered by the Department of Higher Education to provide timely availability of capital facilities for research programs and research-oriented instructional programs at or involving state-supported and state-assisted institutions of higher education.

WORKFORCE BASED TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT

(A) Capital appropriations or reappropriations in this act made from appropriation item C23529, Workforce Based Training and Equipment, shall be used to support the Regionally Aligned Priorities in Developing Skills (RAPIDS) program in the Department of Higher Education. The purpose of the RAPIDS program is to support collaborative projects among higher education institutions to strengthen education and training opportunities that maximize workforce development efforts in defined areas

of the state.

(B) Capital funds appropriated or reappropriated for this purpose by the General Assembly shall be distributed by the Chancellor of Higher Education to Ohio regions or subsets of regions. Regions or subsets of regions may be defined by the state's economic development strategy.

(C) The Chancellor shall award capital funds within the program using an application and review process, as developed by the Chancellor. In reviewing applications and making awards, priority shall be given to proposals that demonstrate:

(1) Collaboration among and between state institutions of higher education, as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, Ohio Technical Centers, and other entities as determined to be appropriate by the Chancellor;

(2) Evidence of meaningful business support and engagement;

(3) Identification of targeted occupations and industries supported by data, which sources may include the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, OhioMeansJobs, labor market information from the Department of Job and Family Services, and lists of in-demand occupations;

(4) Sustainability beyond the grant period with the opportunity to provide continued value and impact to the region.

(D) In submitting proposals for consideration under the program, a state institution of higher education, as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, shall be the lead applicant and preference shall be given to proposals in which equipment and technology acquired by capital funds awarded under the program are owned by a state institution of higher education. If equipment, technology, or facilities acquired by capital funds awarded under the program will be owned by a separate governmental or nonprofit entity, the state institution of higher education shall enter into a joint use agreement with the entity, which shall be approved by the Chancellor.

Sec. 207.210. NEM NORTHEAST OHIO MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

Higher Education Improvement Fund (Fund 7034)

C30533	Air Handling Unit #3 (Building B) Replacement	\$	600,000
C30534	Chiller-Cooling Tower Replacement and Upgrade	\$	400,000
C30535	Electrical Panels Infrastructure Replacement and Upgrade	\$	100,000
C30536	Air Handling Units #4 & #5 (Building E) Replacement	\$	728,644
C30538	University Hospitals Geauga Medical Center	\$	900,000
C30539	Cleveland Clinic Children's Outpatient Therapy Services Medina	\$	750,000
C30540	Pro Football Hall of Fame Center of Excellence	\$	1,000,000
TOTAL Higher Education Improvement Fund		\$	4,478,644
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$	4,478,644

Sec. 215.10. AGR DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Administrative Building Fund (Fund 7026)

C70007	Building and Grounds	\$	1,500,000
C70022	Agricultural Society Facilities	\$	2,185,000
			<u>6,885,000</u>
C70024	Building #22 Renovation	\$	660,000
C70026	EPA Warehouse Facility	\$	872,000
TOTAL	Administrative Building Fund	\$	5,217,000
			<u>9,917,000</u>

Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Fund (Fund 7057)

C70009	Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement	\$	12,500,000
TOTAL	Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement	\$	12,500,000
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$	17,717,000
			<u>22,417,000</u>

Sec. 215.20. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FACILITIES

The Of the foregoing appropriation item C70022, Agricultural Society Facilities, \$4,700,000 shall be distributed evenly to each county and independent agricultural society in accordance with Section 717.11 of H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly.

Of the foregoing appropriation item C70022, Agricultural Society Facilities, \$2,185,000 shall be used to support the projects listed in this section.

Project Description	Amount
Pickaway County Agricultural Facility Improvements	\$ 400,000
Warren County Fairgrounds Event Center	\$ 400,000
Ashtabula County Agricultural Facility Improvements	\$ 250,000
Clinton County Agricultural Facility Improvements	\$ 250,000
Pike County Agricultural Facility Improvements	\$ 230,000
Harrison County Agricultural Facility Improvements	\$ 200,000
Brown County Agricultural Facility Improvements	\$ 150,000
Monroe County Agricultural Education Complex Classroom	\$ 100,000
Shelby County Agricultural Facility Improvements	\$ 100,000
Preble County Agricultural Facility Improvements	\$ 50,000
Defiance County Agricultural Facility Improvements	\$ 30,000
Meigs County Agricultural Society Open Class	\$ 25,000
Domestic Arts Building Project	

Sec. 217.10. COM DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

State Fire Marshal Fund (Fund 5460)

C80023	SFM Renovations and Improvements	\$	1,497,500
C80034	Fire Training Apparatus	\$	1,675,000
C80040	<u>Green Township Department - Lucas CPR Device</u>	\$	<u>15,000</u>

TOTAL State Fire Marshal Fund	\$	3,172,500
		<u>3,187,500</u>
Administrative Building Fund (Fund 7026)		
C80038 Mahoning County Live Fire Training Facility	\$	375,000
C80039 Weathersfield Township Multi-jurisdictional Center	\$	150,000
TOTAL Administrative Building Fund	\$	525,000
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$	<u>3,697,500</u>
		<u>3,712,500</u>

Sec. 221.10. MHA DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

Mental Health Facilities Improvement Fund (Fund 7033)

C58001 Community Assistance Projects	\$	<u>21,520,000</u>
		<u>21,620,000</u>
C58007 Infrastructure Renovations	\$	15,085,600
C58047 TVBH Campus Redevelopment	\$	112,000,000
C58048 Community Resiliency Projects	\$	20,000,000
TOTAL Mental Health Facilities Improvement Fund	\$	<u>168,605,600</u>
		<u>168,705,600</u>
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$	<u>168,605,600</u>
		<u>168,705,600</u>

Sec. 225.10. DOT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Administrative Building Fund (Fund 7026)

C77706 Allen County Building Demolition, <u>Maintenance, or Construction</u>	\$	200,000
TOTAL Administrative Building Fund	\$	200,000

Transportation Building Fund (Fund 7029)

C77705 Statewide Land and Buildings	\$	60,000,000
TOTAL Transportation Building Fund	\$	60,000,000
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$	60,200,000

Sec. 237.30. The Ohio Public Facilities Commission is hereby authorized to issue and sell, in accordance with Section 2n of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, and Chapter 151. and particularly sections 151.01 and 151.03 of the Revised Code, original obligations in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed ~~\$375,000,000~~ \$475,000,000, in addition to the original issuance of obligations heretofore authorized by prior acts of the General Assembly. These authorized obligations shall be issued, subject to applicable constitutional and statutory limitations, as needed to provide sufficient moneys to the credit of the School Building Program Assistance Fund (Fund 7032) to pay the state share of the costs of constructing classroom facilities pursuant to Chapter 3318. of the Revised Code.

Reappropriations

Sec. 253.310. UAK UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

Higher Education Improvement Fund (Fund 7034)

C25000 Basic Renovations	\$	249,343
C25002 Basic Renovations - Wayne	\$	689,642
C25054 General Lab Renovations	\$	2,609,586
C25055 Auburn Science and Engineering Center	\$	600,000

C25063	Austen BioInnovation Institute	\$	500,000
C25065	Akron Battered Women's Shelter	\$	750,000
C25069	Campus Hardscape	\$	840,000
C25070	IT Cabling and Network Switches	\$	4,839,000
C25071	Orrville Area Boys and Girls Club	\$	250,000
C25072	Wooster Area Boys and Girls Club	\$	40,000
C25073	Medina County Fiber Network	\$	100,000
C25078	Akron Global Business Accelerator	\$	750,000
C25083	Airborne Maintenance and Engineering Services	\$	1,097,461
C25084	Bierce Library	\$	850,000
TOTAL Higher Education Improvement Fund		\$	<u>14,165,032</u>
			<u>14,065,032</u>
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$	<u>14,165,032</u>
			<u>14,065,032</u>

BASIC RENOVATIONS

The amount reappropriated for the foregoing appropriation item C25000, Basic Renovations, is the unencumbered balance as of June 30, 2018, in appropriation item C25000, Basic Renovations, plus the unencumbered balance as of June 30, 2018, in appropriation item C25068, Polsky Exterior Facade and Renovation.

AIRBORNE MAINTENANCE AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

The amount reappropriated for the foregoing appropriation item C25083, Airborne Maintenance and Engineering Services, is the unencumbered balance as of June 30, 2018, in appropriation item C25083, Airborne Maintenance and Engineering Services, plus the unencumbered balance as of June 30, 2018, in appropriation items C25008, Supercritical Fluid Technology, C25018, Nanoscale Polymers Manufacturing, C25045, Polymer Dynamics, and C25059, Capitol Square Internship Center, plus \$400,000 of the unencumbered balance as of June 30, 2018, in appropriation item C25074, Akron Global Business Accelerator Main Street Redevelopment.

BIERCE LIBRARY

The amount reappropriated for the foregoing appropriation item C25084, Bierce Library, is the unencumbered balance as of June 30, 2018, in appropriation item C25084, Bierce Library, plus \$850,000 of the unencumbered balance as of June 30, 2018, in appropriation item C25074, Akron Global Business Accelerator Main Street Redevelopment.

Sec. 701.10. OHIO ENTERPRISE DATA AND INFORMATION SYSTEM PROJECTS

The enterprise data center solutions (EDCS) project is an information technology initiative that will expand and improve the state's cloud computing environment and support expansion of and upgrades to enterprise shared solutions. The Ohio Administrative Knowledge System (OAKS) is an enterprise resource planning system that replaced the state's central

services infrastructure systems. The Department of Administrative Services may continue to acquire and implement EDCS, OAKS, and related information system projects, including, but not limited to, acquisition of the application hardware and software and the installation, implementation, and integration thereof. The Department of Administrative Services may enter into a lease-purchase agreement pursuant to Chapter 125. of the Revised Code as necessary to finance or refinance the projects. At the request of the Director of Administrative Services, the Office of Budget and Management shall make arrangements for the issuance of obligations, including fractionalized interests in public obligations as defined in division (N) of section 133.01 of the Revised Code, to finance the enterprise data and information system and OAKS projects, provided that not more than ~~\$29,594,850~~ \$51,094,850 shall be raised for this purpose.

SECTION 601.11. That existing Sections 207.10, 207.210, 215.10, 215.20, 217.10, 221.10, 225.10, 237.30, 253.310, and 701.10 of H.B. 529 of the 132nd General Assembly are hereby repealed.

SECTION 601.12. That Section 207.440 of H.B. 529 of the 132nd General Assembly, as amended by Am. Sub. S.B. 299 of the 132nd General Assembly, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 207.440. The Ohio Public Facilities Commission is hereby authorized to issue and sell, in accordance with Section 2n of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, and Chapter 151. and particularly sections 151.01 and 151.04 of the Revised Code, original obligations in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed ~~\$431,000,000~~ 439,000,000, in addition to the original issuance of obligations heretofore authorized by prior acts of the General Assembly. These authorized obligations shall be issued, subject to applicable constitutional and statutory limitations, as needed to provide sufficient moneys to the credit of the Higher Education Improvement Fund (Fund 7034) and the Higher Education Improvement Taxable Fund (Fund 7024) to pay costs of capital facilities for state-supported and state-assisted institutions of higher education.

SECTION 601.13. That existing Section 207.440 of H.B. 529 of the 132nd General Assembly, as amended by Am. Sub. S.B. 299 of the 132nd General Assembly, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 601.15. That Sections 223.15, 227.10, 237.10, and 237.13 of H.B. 529 of the 132nd General Assembly, as most recently amended by Am. Sub. S.B. 51 of the 132nd General Assembly, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 223.15. LOCAL PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION PROJECTS

Of the foregoing appropriation item C725E2, Local Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Projects, an amount equal to two per cent of the projects listed may be used by the Department of Natural Resources for the administration of local projects.

Project Description	Amount
Cuyahoga Franklin Hill Stabilization	\$ 2,500,000
Quarry Trails Project	\$ 1,250,000
Bridge Park Center	\$ 1,000,000
Canal Fulton Community Park	\$ 750,000
North Canton Parks Upgrades	\$ 750,000
The Wilds - Visitors Center, Overlook Facilities & Cheetah Facility Expansion	\$ 700,000
John F. Wolfe Palm House Renovation and Improvements	\$ 600,000
The REC at Crawford Commons Facility	\$ 500,000
Prairie Township Artificial Turf Soccer Fields	\$ 500,000
Jackson Township North Park Activity Complex	\$ 500,000
Westward Ho National Monument	\$ 500,000
City of Sheffield Lake Regional Watershed Initiative	\$ 450,000
Buckeye Lake Feeder Channel Restoration	\$ 400,000
Chagrin Riverbank Stabilization	\$ 400,000
Buckeye Lake Public Pier	\$ 400,000
Mill Creek Conservation and Flood Control Area in North Ridgeville	\$ 400,000
Danny Thomas Park Renovation	\$ 400,000
Lincoln Park Stadium and Field Restoration	\$ 400,000
New Philadelphia South Side Community Park	\$ 400,000
Mason Common Ground Park	\$ 400,000
<u>Williams County Opdyke Park</u>	<u>\$ 400,000</u>
Grand River Conservation Campus	\$ 385,000
Stanbery Park Pavilion	\$ 360,000
Miami Canal Trail Extension at Gilmore MetroPark	\$ 350,000
Voice of America Park Turf Fields	\$ 350,000

Dover Riverfront Trailhead Connector	\$ 350,000
Montpelier Rails to Trails	\$ 325,000
Ashland Brookside Tennis Courts	\$ 300,000
Solon-Chagrin Falls Multi-purpose Trail	\$ 300,000
Ohio to Erie Trail Land Acquisition	\$ 300,000
Grove City Gantz Park Improvements	\$ 300,000
Symmes Township Home of the Brave Phase 2	\$ 300,000
Wadsworth City Park	\$ 300,000
Piqua Great Miami River Trail Bridge Replacement Project	\$ 300,000
Chudzinski Johannsen Conservancy Park Improvements	\$ 300,000
Tiffin Recreation, Arts and Learning Park	\$ 300,000
Wooster Venture Boulevard Park Project	\$ 300,000
Pierce Park Learning and History Trail Improvements	\$ 275,000
Versailles Poultry Days Amphitheater	\$ 275,000
Adams County Splash Pad	\$ 250,000
New Bremen Bike Path	\$ 250,000
Grand Lake Shoreline Water Quality Improvements	\$ 250,000
Clinton County to Little Miami Scenic Trail Connector	\$ 250,000
Jeffrey Mansion Expansion Project	\$ 250,000
Chardon Mel Harder Park Improvements	\$ 250,000
Montgomery Gateway Keystone Park	\$ 250,000
Hocking Valley Scenic Trail	\$ 250,000
Sheffield Village Walking Trails	\$ 250,000
Magnolia Flouring Mills Restoration	\$ 250,000
Wilmington Parks	\$ 250,000
Eastlake Field and Press Box	\$ 225,000
Cleveland Zoological Society	\$ 200,000
Powhatan Point Marina Improvement Project	\$ 200,000
Chagrin Falls Chagrin River Retaining Walls	\$ 200,000
Avon Veterans Memorial and Ice Rink	\$ 200,000
London Access Cowling Playground	\$ 200,000
Plum Creek Recreation, Conservation, and Flood Control Project	\$ 200,000
Dayton Webster Station Landing	\$ 200,000
Village of New Paris Community Park Splash Pad Development	\$ 200,000
Waynesburg Park	\$ 200,000
Little Miami State Park / Little Miami Trail	\$ 200,000

James E. Carnes Convention Center	\$ 200,000
Sharonville Sharon Woods Park Improvements	\$ 175,000
Monroe Crossings Park	\$ 165,000
Ottawa Corridor Improvements	\$ 150,000
Harrisburg Baseball Complex	\$ 150,000
Hilliard Miracle Field	\$ 150,000
Mill Creek Valley Conservancy District Corridor Revitalization	\$ 150,000
Moberly Branch Connector Trail-Pedestrian Bridge	\$ 150,000
Willard Reservoir Recreation and Safety Upgrades	\$ 150,000
Merrick Hutchinson Memorial Park	\$ 150,000
Montville Township Park Improvements	\$ 150,000
Medina County Rocky River Trail West Branch	\$ 150,000
Middle Point Ballpark Improvements	\$ 150,000
Redskin Memorial Park Playground	\$ 145,000
Cahoon Memorial Park Improvements	\$ 130,000
Valley View Outdoor Classroom	\$ 125,000
Schines Park Stage	\$ 125,000
McIntyre Park Bike Path	\$ 125,000
Fairlawn Gully Water Quality Basins	\$ 125,000
Fremont Upland Reservoir Trail	\$ 123,000
St. Mary's Splash Pad	\$ 100,000
Fairview Park Indoor Pool and Aquatics Center	\$ 100,000
Maple Heights Recreation Improvements	\$ 100,000
Greenville Parks Projects	\$ 100,000
Concord Township History and Community Trail	\$ 100,000
Upper Arlington Multi-modal Transportation Project	\$ 100,000
Blue Ash Summit Park Nature Playscape	\$ 100,000
Deer Park Community Center Renovation & Trailhead	\$ 100,000
Fairfax Ziegler Park Improvements	\$ 100,000
Filview Bike/Hike Trail-Green Township	\$ 100,000
Findlay Miracle Field Upgrades	\$ 100,000
Sally Buffalo Park Playground Improvement	\$ 100,000
Norwalk Alex Waite Trail Project	\$ 100,000
Steubenville Ohio River Marina Improvement Project	\$ 100,000
City of Sylvania SOMO Project	\$ 100,000
Brunswick Hills Township Park	\$ 100,000
Westfield Center Village Park Improvements	\$ 100,000
Racine Star Mill Park Splash Pad	\$ 100,000
Meadowbrook and Clayton Community Center	\$ 100,000

Renovations	
Earl Thomas Conley Splash Pad <u>Park</u>	\$ 100,000
Akron Finish Line Park	\$ 100,000
Richwood Beach and Shelter House	\$ 100,000
Lebanon Countryside YMCA Trail Realignment	\$ 100,000
Muskingum Township River Road Streambank Stabilization	\$ 100,000
Rails to Trails of Wayne County	\$ 100,000
<u>Van Wert Jubilee Park Improvements</u>	<u>\$ 100,000</u>
Sandusky River Sand Dock	\$ 78,000
2019 Loudonville Swimming Pool Improvements Project	\$ 75,000
Jackson Street Pier and Shoreline Drive Revitalization Project	\$ 75,000
Holmes County Rails to Trails Maintenance Building	\$ 75,000
Jackson Manpower Park Improvements	\$ 75,000
Leipsic Parks Tennis Courts and Boat Dock	\$ 75,000
Western Reserve Greenway Bike Trail	\$ 75,000
Smiley Park Ball Field Updates	\$ 75,000
Miracle League of Northwest Ohio Restroom & Concession Building	\$ 75,000
Delhi Township Bicentennial Pavilion	\$ 62,000
Indian Mound Park & Cultural Education Project	\$ 60,000
Plymouth Game Room and Spray Park	\$ 60,000
James Day Park Splash Pad	\$ 50,000
Jefferson Park Recreation Upgrades	\$ 50,000
Fairborn Fairfield Park Enhancements	\$ 50,000
Napoleon Buckeye Trail Connections	\$ 50,000
Rocky Fork State Park Water and Electrical Upgrade	\$ 50,000
Manry Park Exercise Trail Improvements	\$ 50,000
Avon Lake Veterans Park Gazebo	\$ 50,000
Camp Sherman Park	\$ 50,000
Roger Young & Biggs Kettner Parks Tennis Courts	\$ 50,000
Hinton/Humiston Fitness Park	\$ 50,000
Van Wert Jubilee Park Improvements	\$ 50,000
Van Wert Rotary Athletic Complex Improvements	\$ 50,000
Little Hocking Riverfront Park Enhancements	\$ 50,000
Upper Sandusky Bicentennial Park	\$ 50,000
Kelley Nature Preserve Boat Ramp	\$ 50,000
Swanton Village Memorial Park Pavilion	\$ 45,000

Improvements	
Carroll Community Park	\$ 40,000
Michael A. Reis Park Playground	\$ 35,000
Monroeville Clark Park - North Coast Inland Trail Connection	\$ 33,000
Sam Kerr Campground Expansion	\$ 25,000
Crestline Park Lighting	\$ 25,000
Sandusky County North Inland Trail Hub	\$ 25,000
Miami Erie Canal Towpath Trail	\$ 25,000
Delphos Swimming Pool Renovations	\$ 25,000
Orr Pool Bathhouse Renovations	\$ 25,000
Ohio City Warrior Trail Extension Phase 2	\$ 22,000
Epworth Park Walking Trail Project	\$ 20,000
Clifton to Yellow Springs Bike Trail	\$ 20,000
Village of Roseville Park Improvements	\$ 20,000
Waverly Canal Park	\$ 20,000
Seville Memorial Park Public Restroom Facilities	\$ 15,000
Hinkley Township Park	\$ 13,000
Van Wert County Park District Trail Improvements	\$ 13,000
Shiloh Firestone Park Restoration	\$ 12,000

Sec. 227.10. DPS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety - Highway Purposes Fund (Fund 5TM0)

C76000	Platform Scales Improvements	\$	350,000
C76035	Alum Creek Facility Renovations and Upgrades	\$	1,500,000
C76036	ShIPLEY Building Renovations and Improvements	\$	1,500,000
C76043	Minor Capital Projects	\$	2,500,000
C76044	OSHP Headquarters/Post Renovations and Improvements	\$	2,000,000
C76045	OSHP Academy Renovations and Improvements	\$	1,250,000
C76050	OSHP Dispatch Center Renovations and Improvements	\$	1,500,000
TOTAL Public Safety - Highway Purposes Fund		\$	10,600,000

Administrative Building Fund (Fund 7026)

C76049	EMA Building Renovations and Improvements	\$	250,000
C76059	Medina County Driving Skills Pad	\$	250,000
C76060	Medina County Safety Services Complex	\$	400,000
C76061	Warren County Drug Taskforce Headquarters	\$	500,000
C76063	Williams County MARCS Tower	\$	400,000
C76065	Clermont County Sheriff's Safety and Training Center	\$	500,000
C76066	Clinton/Fayette County MARCS Tower	\$	175,000
TOTAL Administrative Building Fund		\$	2,475,000

TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$	13,075,000
			<u>12,675,000</u>

**Sec. 237.10. FCC FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION
Lottery Profits Education Fund (Fund 7017)**

C23014	Classroom Facilities Assistance Program – Lottery Profits	\$	50,000,000
TOTAL Lottery Profits Education Fund		\$	50,000,000
Public School Building Fund (Fund 7021)			
C23001	Public School Buildings	\$	75,000,000
TOTAL Public School Building Fund		\$	75,000,000
Administrative Building Fund (Fund 7026)			
C23016	Energy Conservation Projects	\$	2,000,000
C230E5	State Agency Planning/Assessment	\$	1,500,000
TOTAL Administrative Building Fund		\$	3,500,000
Cultural and Sports Facilities Building Fund (Fund 7030)			
C23023	OHS - Ohio History Center Exhibit Replacement	\$	500,000
C23024	OHS - Statewide Site Exhibit Renovation	\$	650,000
C23025	OHS - Statewide Site Repairs	\$	1,615,000
C23028	OHS - Basic Renovations and Emergency Repairs	\$	1,000,000
C23031	OHS - Harding Home State Memorial	\$	1,500,000
C23032	OHS - Ohio Historical Center Rehabilitation	\$	1,000,000
C23057	OHS - Online Portal to Ohio's Heritage	\$	750,000
C230C8	Serpent Mound	\$	50,000
C230E6	OHS - Exhibits Native American Sites	\$	100,000
C230E8	OHS - Armstrong Air and Space Museum Improvements	\$	250,000
C230ED	OHS - Historical Center/Ohio Village Buildings	\$	390,000
C230EN	OHS - Collections Storage Facilities Expansion	\$	15,000,000
C230EO	Poindexter Village Museum	\$	247,000
C230FM	Cultural and Sports Facilities Projects	\$	69,733,500 <u>69,983,500</u>
C230FN	John and Annie Glenn Museum Improvements	\$	25,000
C230FO	OHS - Marion Cemetery Association/Harding Receiving Vault Project	\$	65,000
C230X1	OHS - Site Energy Conservation	\$	305,000
C230Y8	Armstrong Air and Space Museum and STEM Education Center	\$	500,000
TOTAL Cultural and Sports Facilities Building Fund		\$	93,680,500 <u>93,930,500</u>
School Building Program Assistance Fund (Fund 7032)			
C23002	School Building Program Assistance	\$	475,000,000 <u>575,000,000</u>
TOTAL School Building Program Assistance Fund		\$	475,000,000
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$	697,180,500 <u>797,430,500</u>

STATE AGENCY PLANNING/ASSESSMENT

Capital appropriations or reappropriations in H.B. 529 of the 132nd General Assembly made from appropriation item C230E5, State Agency Planning/Assessment, shall be used by the Facilities Construction Commission to provide assistance to any state agency for assessment, capital planning, and maintenance management.

Sec. 237.13. CULTURAL AND SPORTS FACILITIES PROJECTS

The foregoing appropriation item C230FM, Cultural and Sports Facilities Projects, shall be used to support the projects listed in this section. If the Cincinnati MLS franchise is not awarded by December 31, 2018, funds for the FC Cincinnati Stadium shall not be released for this purpose.

Project Description	Amount
Columbus Crew SC Stadium	\$15,000,000
COSI Redevelopment	\$ 5,000,000
FC Cincinnati Stadium	\$ 4,000,000
Cleveland Museum of Natural History Phase II	\$ 2,500,000
Cincinnati Museum Center STEM and Space Galleries	\$ 2,000,000
Cleveland Museum of Art Holden Terrace	\$ 1,250,000
Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park Theater Project	\$ 1,200,000
Playhouse Square Parking District Improvement	\$ 1,000,000
BalletMet Renovation and Building Connector	\$ 1,000,000
North Market Grand Atrium	\$ 1,000,000
Cincinnati Art Museum Building Envelope	\$ 1,000,000
Improvements	
Imagination Station Theater Experience	\$ 1,000,000
Toledo Museum of Art	\$ 1,000,000
Dayton Arcade Innovation Hub	\$ 1,000,000
Playhouse Square Theater Improvements	\$ 850,000
Murphy Theatre Improvements	\$ 750,000
Gordon Square Arts District Theatre Renovations	\$ 750,000
Renovations of the Palace Theater	\$ 750,000
Dayton Art Institute Historic Stair and Hillside	\$ 750,000
Preservation	
Mansfield Art Center Art Rising	\$ 750,000
Renaissance of Duncan Plaza	\$ 750,000
Karamu House	\$ 700,000
Akron Civic Theater Restoration and Expansion	\$ 675,000
Holmes County Center for the Arts Facility	\$ 600,000
The Music Settlement	\$ 550,000
Ohio Aviation Hall of Fame	\$ 550,000
Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens Campus Improvement	\$ 550,000
Plan	
Schine's Theater	\$ 500,000
Flats East Bank Performance Stage	\$ 500,000
Columbus Zoo - Elephant Habitat Enhancements	\$ 500,000
Columbus Zoo - Orangutan Habitat and Indoor Facility	\$ 500,000
King Arts Complex Renovations	\$ 500,000

Westerville Police Memorial	\$	500,000
Center for Holocaust & Humanity Center Expansion & Relocation	\$	500,000
Riverbend Music Center Capital Improvements	\$	500,000
Cincinnati Contemporary Arts Center Learning Center Renovation	\$	500,000
SeaGate Convention Centre Renovation	\$	500,000
Majestic Theater	\$	500,000
Canton Cultural Center for the Arts	\$	500,000
Canton Market Square Enhancement	\$	500,000
Akron Zoological Park Pride of Africa and Wild Asia	\$	500,000
Kettering Rosewood Arts Center Renovation	\$	450,000
Valentine Theatre Symphonic Acoustical Enhancement	\$	400,000
Restoration of John Brown House	\$	400,000
Champaign Aviation Museum Work & Education Space	\$	350,000
Lake View Cemetery Garfield Memorial Preservation	\$	350,000
Mazza Museum S.T.E.(A.)M. Exhibit Gallery	\$	350,000
Lynchburg Covered Bridge	\$	350,000
Victoria Theater Arts Annex	\$	350,000
Kister Water Mill and Education Center Improvements	\$	350,000
The Historic Mary Modroo Family Farm	\$	325,000
Glenville Arts Campus	\$	300,000
LaSalle Arts & Media Center Redevelopment	\$	300,000
National Museum of the Great Lakes Expansion	\$	300,000
Ashtabula Lighthouse Restoration & Preservation	\$	280,000
Gaslight District Renovation Project	\$	250,000
Historic Sorg Opera House Renovation	\$	250,000
Springfield Museum of Art Improvements	\$	250,000
Historical Stratford Barn Restoration	\$	250,000
Cincinnati Shakespeare Company Facility Renovation	\$	250,000
Louis Sullivan Building of Newark Restoration and Adaptive Reuse	\$	250,000
Medina Town Square Improvements	\$	250,000
Dayton Society of Natural History Boonshoft Exhibit Space	\$	250,000
Zanesville Performing Arts Theater Preservation	\$	250,000
Preble County Art Association Historic Renovation	\$	250,000
Yoctangee Park Historic Armory	\$	250,000
McKinley Presidential Library and Museum	\$	250,000

Enhancements	
Massillon Museum Improvements	\$ 250,000
Hale Farm & Village Capital Improvement Project	\$ 250,000
<u>Springboro Performing Arts Center</u>	\$ <u>250,000</u>
Delaware Arts Castle Improvements	\$ 225,000
Wellston Pride Park Depot	\$ 225,000
Lilly Weston House Improvements	\$ 200,000
Upper Arlington Veterans Memorial	\$ 200,000
Sauder Village Walk Through Time	\$ 200,000
Wolcott House Heritage Center	\$ 200,000
Great Lakes Museum of Natural History	\$ 200,000
Medina County and Brunswick Historical Societies Project	\$ 200,000
Ohio State Reformatory Fire Suppression and ADA Upgrades	\$ 200,000
Peninsula Grand Army of the Republic Hall Improvements	\$ 200,000
Van Wert County Niswonger Performing Arts Center	\$ 200,000
Unionville Tavern Restoration Structural Rehabilitation	\$ 185,000
Beach Park Railway Museum Improvements	\$ 175,000
Wright Factory Unit - Dayton	\$ 175,000
Freer Children's County Home	\$ 170,000
Cozad-Bates House Interpretive Center and Cultural Park Renovations	\$ 180,000
Grand Theater Restoration Project	\$ 150,000
Village of Genoa Civic Theater Renovations	\$ 150,000
Glamorgan Castle Improvements	\$ 150,000
Sandusky State Theater Improvements	\$ 125,000
Gallipolis Railroad Freight Station Museum Restoration	\$ 125,000
Evendale Cultural Arts Center ADA Compliance	\$ 125,000
Lorain Carnegie Center Exhibits	\$ 125,000
Lorain County Historical Society	\$ 112,000
Southeast Ohio History Center Renovation Project	\$ 100,000
Great Stone Viaduct Park	\$ 100,000
BAYarts Huntington Playhouse Improvements	\$ 100,000
Cleveland Museum of Contemporary Art	\$ 100,000
Levi Scofield Mansion Transformation	\$ 100,000
El Mercado at La Villa Hispana Cultural Revitalization	\$ 100,000

Mayfield Civic Center Theater Renovation	\$	100,000
2018 North Royalton Cemetery Improvements	\$	100,000
Leesburg Historic B & O Rail Depot	\$	100,000
Lorain County Law Enforcement and Firefighters Memorial	\$	100,000
The Funk Music Hall of Fame & Exhibition Center	\$	100,000
Shawnee Development/Tecumseh Theater Restoration	\$	100,000
Jacob Miller's Tavern Renovation	\$	100,000
The Arthur-Lugibihl Community Center Restoration	\$	100,000
Marietta Armory Revitalization	\$	100,000
Stuart's Opera House Renovation	\$	75,000
AuGlaize Village Mansfield Museum	\$	75,000
Morris-Sharp Estate Restoration Project	\$	75,000
Willoughby Fine Arts Association	\$	75,000
Mantua Township Historic Building Upgrades	\$	75,000
Clinton County Police and Fire Memorial	\$	75,000
Sugarloaf Mountain Amphitheatre Improvements	\$	70,000
LaGrange Township Fire Station Restoration	\$	65,000
Medina Historical Society - John Smart Museum	\$	65,000
Downtown Ottawa's "Paul's Lot"	\$	65,000
Rose Hill Museum Repairs	\$	62,000
Milford Leming House Improvements	\$	60,000
Weatherwane Playhouse Improvements	\$	60,000
Medina Vietnam Veterans Memorial	\$	60,000
Frostville Museum Schoolhouse	\$	50,000
Pepper Pike Community Theater	\$	50,000
AHA! Children's Museum STEM/Nature Play Area	\$	50,000
Motts Military Museum - Improvements	\$	50,000
Silverton Park Art District Improvement Project	\$	50,000
Clark Gable Facility Improvements	\$	50,000
Tiffin History Museum Improvements	\$	50,000
Case-Barlow Farm Restoration	\$	50,000
Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Parking Lot	\$	50,000
Avalon Uptown Theatre Restoration	\$	50,000
Holmes County Historical Society Museum Upgrades	\$	30,000
Platt R. Spencer House Preservation	\$	25,000
Bucyrus Bicentennial Arch Project	\$	25,000
Fairborn Military Veterans Memorial	\$	25,000
Salt Lick Village Restoration	\$	25,000
Medina Twin Tower Memorial	\$	25,000

Bradford Rail Museum Tower Exhibits	\$	25,000
Lewisburg Bicentennial Museum	\$	25,000
Cortland Veterans Memorial Project	\$	25,000
Historic 19th Century Jefferson Depot Village	\$	22,500
Lake Erie Nature and Science Center Improvements	\$	15,000
French Art Colony Renovations	\$	15,000
1893 Genoa Schoolhouse Renovation	\$	12,000
Seville Vietnam War Memorial	\$	5,000

SECTION 601.16. That existing Sections 223.15, 227.10, 237.10, and 237.13 of H.B. 529 of the 132nd General Assembly, as most recently amended by Am. Sub. S.B. 51 of the 132nd General Assembly, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 601.17. On the effective date of this section, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall cancel encumbrances totaling \$250,000 against Fund 7034 appropriation item C37728, Hopkins Commons Senior Center.

SECTION 601.18. That Section 221.13 of H.B. 529 of the 132nd General Assembly, as most recently amended by Am. Sub. S.B. 299 of the 132nd General Assembly, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 221.13. COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROJECTS

Capital appropriations or reappropriations in this act made from appropriation item C58001, Community Assistance Projects, may be used for facilities constructed or to be constructed pursuant to Chapter 340., 5119., 5123., or 5126. of the Revised Code or the authority granted by section 154.20 and other applicable sections of the Revised Code and the rules issued pursuant to those chapters and that section and shall be distributed by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services subject to Controlling Board approval.

Of the foregoing appropriation item C58001, Community Assistance Projects, ~~\$9,470,000~~ 9,570,000 shall be used to support the projects listed in this section.

Project Description	Amount
Bellefaire JCB Expansion	\$ 1,000,000
Dayton Regional Crisis Stabilization Unit and Detox Center	\$ 800,000

Stella Maris Expansion	\$ 750,000
Cuyahoga County Mental Health Jail Diversion Facility	\$ 700,000
Cornerstone of Hope - Cuyahoga County	\$ 500,000
Lorain County Recovery One Center Renovation	\$ 500,000
Cincinnati Center for Addiction Treatment Facility Improvements	\$ 450,000
Tri-County One Wellness Place Troy Facility	\$ 450,000
Portage County Detoxification and Residential Treatment Center	\$ 400,000
The Cocoon Center for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence	\$ 375,000
Applewood Jones Home Renovation	\$ 350,000
Hamilton County First Step Home Improvements	\$ 350,000
Sidney STAR Transitional Treatment House	\$ 325,000
Opiate Treatment Center at Western Reserve Area on Aging	\$ 300,000
Alvis House Opiate Addiction Treatment Center	\$ 300,000
Adams County Wilson Children's Home	\$ 250,000
Concord Counseling Services Facility and Operations Expansion at Westerville	\$ 250,000
Field of Hope Prevention Center Renovations at Gallipolis	\$ 250,000
Cornerstone of Hope - Allen County	\$ 200,000
Lake County Extended Housing Wellness Center Renovation	\$ 200,000
Lake County Painesville Addiction Recovery Center	\$ 160,000
Building Franklin's Hope Project	\$ 150,000
Maryhaven's Addiction Stabilization Center	\$ 125,000
Henry County Opiate Interoperable Communications Project	\$ 110,000
Massillon Recovery Campus Renovations	\$ 100,000
<u>Medina County Women's Recovery House</u>	<u>\$ 100,000</u>
Talbert House Glenway Outpatient Treatment Center Renovations	\$ 75,000
Coshocton County First Step Family Violence Intervention Services Building	\$ 50,000

SECTION 601.19. That existing Section 221.13 of H.B. 529 of the 132nd

General Assembly, as most recently amended by Am. Sub. S.B. 299 of the 132nd General Assembly, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 601.20. That Sections 213.20, 223.10, and 223.50 of H.B. 529 of the 132nd General Assembly, as most recently amended by Am. Sub. H.B. 62 of the 133rd General Assembly, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 213.20. The Treasurer of State is hereby authorized to issue and sell, in accordance with Section 2i of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, Chapter 154. of the Revised Code, and other applicable sections of the Revised Code, original obligations in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed ~~\$122,800,000~~ \$127,500,000 in addition to the original issuance of obligations heretofore authorized by prior acts of the General Assembly. These authorized obligations shall be issued, subject to applicable constitutional and statutory limitations, as needed to provide sufficient moneys to the credit of the Administrative Building Fund (Fund 7026) to pay costs associated with previously authorized capital facilities for the housing of branches and agencies of state government or their functions.

Sec. 223.10. DNR DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Oil and Gas Well Fund (Fund 5180)

C725U6	Oil and Gas Facilities	\$	1,150,000
TOTAL Oil and Gas Well Fund		\$	1,150,000

Wildlife Fund (Fund 7015)

C725B0	Access Development	\$	15,000,000
			<u>18,000,000</u>
C725B6	Upgrade Underground Fuel Tanks	\$	460,000
C725K9	Wildlife Area Building Development/Renovation	\$	9,950,000
C725L9	Dam Rehabilitation	\$	6,200,000
TOTAL Wildlife Fund		\$	31,610,000
			<u>34,610,000</u>

Administrative Building Fund (Fund 7026)

C725D5	Fountain Square Building and Telephone Improvement	\$	2,000,000
C725N7	District Office Renovations	\$	2,455,343
TOTAL Administrative Building Fund		\$	4,455,343

Ohio Parks and Natural Resources Fund (Fund 7031)

C72549	Facilities Development	\$	1,500,000
C725E1	Local Parks Projects Statewide	\$	6,668,925
C725E5	Project Planning	\$	1,147,700
C725K0	State Park Renovations/Upgrading	\$	1,100,000
C725M0	Dam Rehabilitation	\$	11,928,000
C725N8	Operations Facilities Development	\$	1,000,000
C725T3	Healthy Lake Erie Initiative	\$	20,000,000
TOTAL Ohio Parks and Natural Resources Fund		\$	43,344,625

Parks and Recreation Improvement Fund (Fund 7035)

C72513	<u>Land Acquisition</u>	\$	<u>47,000,000</u>
C725A0	State Parks, Campgrounds, Lodges, Cabins	\$	<u>57,554,343</u>

			<u>77,554,343</u>
C725C4	Muskingum River Lock and Dam	\$	6,800,000
C725E2	Local Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Projects	\$	31,351,000
			<u>31,751,000</u>
C725E6	Project Planning	\$	4,082,793
C725N6	Wastewater/Water Systems Upgrades	\$	8,955,000
C725R3	State Parks Renovations/Upgrades	\$	8,640,000
C725R4	Dam Rehabilitation - Parks	\$	33,125,000
C725U5	The Banks	\$	2,000,000
C725U7	Eagle Creek Watershed Flood Mitigation	\$	15,000,000
TOTAL Parks and Recreation Improvement Fund		\$	167,508,136
			<u>234,908,136</u>
Clean Ohio Trail Fund (Fund 7061)			
C72514	Clean Ohio Trail Fund	\$	12,500,000
TOTAL Clean Ohio Trail Fund		\$	12,500,000
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$	260,568,104
			<u>330,968,104</u>

FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT

All reimbursements received from the federal government for any expenditures made pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the fund from which the expenditure originated.

HEALTHY LAKE ERIE INITIATIVE

Of the foregoing appropriation item C725T3, Healthy Lake Erie Initiative, \$10,000,000 shall be used to support projects that enhance efforts to reduce open lake disposal of dredged materials into Lake Erie by 2020.

STATE PARKS RENOVATIONS/UPGRADES

Of the foregoing appropriation item C725R3, State Parks Renovations/Upgrades, up to \$500,000 shall be used to make repairs to the Kenny Road dock on North Bass Island in Ottawa County.

EAGLE CREEK WATERSHED FLOOD MITIGATION

The foregoing appropriation item C725U7, Eagle Creek Watershed Flood Mitigation, shall be used to support the Eagle Creek Watershed Flood Mitigation Project in Hancock County, provided that there are local matching funds committed to the project of not less than twenty per cent of the total project cost.

Sec. 223.50. The Treasurer of State is hereby authorized to issue and sell, in accordance with Section 2i of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, and Chapter 154. of the Revised Code, particularly section 154.22, and other applicable sections of the Revised Code, original obligations in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed ~~\$134,500,000~~ \$201,400,000, in addition to the original issuance of obligations heretofore authorized by prior acts of the General Assembly. These authorized obligations shall be issued, subject to applicable constitutional and statutory limitations, as needed to provide sufficient moneys to the credit of the Parks and Recreation Improvement

Fund (Fund 7035) to pay the costs of capital facilities for parks and recreation purposes.

SECTION 601.21. That existing Sections 213.20, 223.10, and 223.50 of H.B. 529 of the 132nd General Assembly, as most recently amended by Am. Sub. H.B. 62 of the 133rd General Assembly, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 601.22. That Sections 125.10 and 125.11 of Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly, as most recently amended by Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 125.10. Sections 5168.01, 5168.02, 5168.03, 5168.04, 5168.05, 5168.06, 5168.07, 5168.08, 5168.09, 5168.10, 5168.11, 5168.13, 5168.99, and 5168.991 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed, effective October 16, ~~2019~~ 2021.

Sec. 125.11. Sections 5168.20, 5168.21, 5168.22, 5168.23, 5168.24, 5168.25, 5168.26, 5168.27, and 5168.28 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed, effective October 1, ~~2019~~ 2021.

SECTION 601.23. That existing Sections 125.10 and 125.11 of Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly, as most recently amended by Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 601.30. That Section 207.71 of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 207.71. PAY FOR SUCCESS CONTRACTING PROGRAM

(A) As used in this section, "social service intermediary" has the same meaning as in section 125.66 of the Revised Code, as enacted by Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly.

(B) Not later than six months after ~~the effective date of this section~~ June 29, 2017, the Director of Administrative Services shall, in consultation with the Department of Health and as part of the Pay for Success Contracting Program established under section 125.66 of the Revised Code, as enacted by Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly, contract with one or more social service intermediaries to administer one or two pilot projects intended to do both of the following:

(1) Reduce the incidence of infant mortality, low-birthweight births, premature births, and stillbirths in the urban and rural communities of this state that are specified by the Director of Health under section 3701.142 of

the Revised Code;

(2) Promote equity in birth outcomes among infants of different races in this state.

(C) The Director of Administrative Services may request that the Director of Health pay the costs of the Pay for Success Contracting Program under appropriations to the Department of Health. Upon approval of the Director of Health, these costs shall be paid from General Revenue Fund appropriation item 440474, Infant Vitality.

(D) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of sections 113.60 to 113.62 of the Revised Code, the Director of Administrative Services and the Department of Health may continue to contract with social service intermediaries to administer the pilot projects described in division (B) of this section in accordance with this section and sections 125.66 and 125.661 of the Revised Code, as enacted by Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly, on and after the effective date of this amendment.

SECTION 601.31. That existing Section 207.71 of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly is hereby repealed.

SECTION 603.01. That Section 5 of Am. Sub. H.B. 410 of the 131st General Assembly be amended to read as follows:

~~Sec. 5. The amendment made by this act to division (G) of section 5919.34 of the Revised Code applies to a A scholarship recipient who became is not liable on or before September 30, 2016, under division (G) of section 5919.34 of the Revised Code for failure to complete the scholarship recipient's enlistment term in the Ohio National Guard due to enlistment, warrant, commission, or appointment in the National Guard, the active duty component of the United States Armed Forces, or other service or component of the United States Armed Forces, if such failure occurred between April 2, 2012, and the effective date of this amendment. ~~Not later than one year after the effective date of this act, the state shall return to a scholarship recipient, who is no longer liable under this section, any scholarship amount recovered from a scholarship recipient who became liable under division (G) of section 5919.34 of the Revised Code, on or before September 30, 2016.~~~~

SECTION 603.02. That existing Section 5 of Am. Sub. H.B. 410 of the 131st General Assembly is hereby repealed.

SECTION 603.10. That Section 205.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 62 of the 133rd General Assembly be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 205.10. DPS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

General Revenue Fund

GRF 761408	Highway Patrol Operating Expenses	\$	0	\$	35,000,000
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$	0	\$	35,000,000

Highway Safety Fund Group

5TM0 761401	Public Safety Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments	\$	1,595,800	\$	1,598,300
5TM0 762321	Operating Expense - BMV	\$	108,178,738	\$	111,822,673
5TM0 762636	Financial Responsibility Compliance	\$	5,463,977	\$	5,540,059
5TM0 762637	Local Immobilization Reimbursement	\$	200,000	\$	200,000
5TM0 764321	Operating Expense - Highway Patrol	\$	345,534,531	\$	349,339,662 <u>314,339,662</u>
5TM0 764605	Motor Carrier Enforcement Expenses	\$	4,283,940	\$	4,308,088
5TM0 769636	Administrative Expenses – Highway Purposes	\$	48,326,950	\$	49,020,261
8370 764602	Tumpike Policing	\$	12,720,330	\$	12,840,263
83C0 764630	Contraband, Forfeiture, and Other	\$	1,210,917	\$	1,213,407
83F0 764657	Law Enforcement Automated Data System	\$	6,903,824	\$	6,441,735
83G0 764633	OMVI Enforcement/Education	\$	593,518	\$	596,799
83M0 765624	Operating - EMS	\$	5,281,688 <u>4,850,688</u>	\$	5,521,843 <u>5,020,843</u>
83M0 765640	EMS - Grants	\$	2,900,000	\$	2,900,000
8400 764607	State Fair Security	\$	1,533,397	\$	1,549,094
8400 764617	Security and Investigations	\$	15,333,469	\$	15,469,782
8400 764626	State Fairgrounds Police Force	\$	1,263,762	\$	1,276,143
8460 761625	Motorcycle Safety Education	\$	3,823,000	\$	3,823,000
8490 762627	Automated Title Processing Board	\$	16,446,027	\$	16,446,027
8490 762630	Electronic Liens and Titles	\$	2,900,000	\$	2,900,000
TOTAL HSF Highway Safety Fund Group		\$	584,493,868 <u>584,062,868</u>	\$	592,807,136 <u>557,306,136</u>

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5390 762614	Motor Vehicle Dealers Board	\$	140,000	\$	140,000
5FF0 762621	Indigent Interlock and Alcohol Monitoring	\$	2,000,000	\$	2,000,000
5Y10 764695	State Highway Patrol Continuing Professional Training	\$	134,000	\$	134,000
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		\$	2,274,000	\$	2,274,000

Fiduciary Fund Group					
5J90	761678	Federal Salvage/GSA	\$	750,000	\$ 750,000
5V10	762682	License Plate Contributions	\$	2,700,000	\$ 2,700,000
TOTAL FID Fiduciary Fund Group			\$	3,450,000	\$ 3,450,000
Holding Account Fund Group					
R024	762619	Unidentified Motor Vehicle Receipts	\$	1,885,000	\$ 1,885,000
R052	762623	Security Deposits	\$	50,000	\$ 50,000
TOTAL HLD Holding Account Fund Group			\$	1,935,000	\$ 1,935,000
Federal Fund Group					
3DU0	762628	BMV Grants	\$	1,150,000	\$ 1,150,000
3GR0	764693	Highway Patrol Justice Contraband	\$	1,230,549	\$ 1,234,258
3GS0	764694	Highway Patrol Treasury Contraband	\$	21,000	\$ 21,000
3GU0	761610	Information and Education Grant	\$	300,000	\$ 300,000
3GU0	764608	Fatality Analysis Report System Grant	\$	175,000	\$ 175,000
3GU0	764610	Highway Safety Programs Grant	\$	4,036,721	\$ 4,071,387
3GU0	764659	Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program Grant	\$	5,755,900	\$ 5,816,116
3GU0	765610	EMS Grants	\$	225,000	\$ 225,000
3GV0	761612	Traffic Safety Action Plan Grants	\$	30,200,000	\$ 30,200,000
TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group			\$	43,094,170	\$ 43,192,761
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$	<u>635,247,038</u>	\$ <u>678,658,897</u>
				<u>634,816,038</u>	<u>643,157,897</u>

SECTION 603.11. That existing Section 205.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 62 of the 133rd General Assembly is hereby repealed.

SECTION 701.10. Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, designees of the Office of Budget and Management and the Department of Administrative Services jointly shall review agency functions and programs and determine if any overlap or duplicative functions exist and shall collaborate with affected agencies in the course of their review. The designees shall determine the cost-effectiveness of the programming in terms of administrative and operational costs, including facilities, personnel, technology, supplies, contracts, and services. Following review and not later than January 1, 2020, the Directors of Budget and Management and Administrative Services jointly shall determine, in consultation with the affected agencies, the functions that may be consolidated within and across state departments, with particular emphasis on facilities utilization,

laboratory testing facility consolidation, and field or regional office operation consolidation. The determination also may include other functions, programs, and services that would reduce costs and improve services and would be suitable for operation within the Office of Budget and Management's Shared Services Center.

Should the consolidation of functions result in consolidation within the Shared Services Center or otherwise impact any employee not subject to Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code, the Director of Administrative Services may assign, reassign, classify, reclassify, transfer, reduce, promote, or demote any employee so transferred. Any employment records and actions, including personnel actions, disciplinary actions, performance improvement plans, and performance evaluations transfer with the employee. These employees are subject to the policies, procedures, and work rules of the agency to which they are transferred. The Director of Administrative Services also may transfer all equipment and assets relating to the program or function that is being consolidated to the department that is to be responsible for the functions after consolidation occurs.

On or after the effective date of the respective consolidation of functions and notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Director of Budget and Management may make budget changes made necessary by this section, including cancelling encumbrances and reestablishing them as encumbrances of the department that is to be responsible for the functions after consolidation occurs. Any reestablished encumbrances are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 701.20. On the effective date of this act, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer the cash balance from all money collected under sections 718.80 to 718.95 of the Revised Code, if any, in the municipal income tax fund to the municipal net profit tax fund.

SECTION 701.30. COORDINATION OF BENEFITS

The Development Services Agency and the Department of Job and Family Services may collaborate to coordinate benefits available to eligible Ohioans. By evaluating current procedures and working toward a goal of developing a single application for eligible customers, the agencies shall work to produce new efficiencies and prevent duplication of efforts.

SECTION 701.40. RECOVERY HOUSING PILOT PROGRAM

The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall work with the Development Services Agency to develop a pilot program in partnership with rural Ohio counties hard hit by the opioid epidemic to enhance funding availability for recovery housing. This partnership may include local OhioMeansJobs and Job and Family Services entities to develop workforce job training and employer participation for those individuals participating in recovery housing programs.

SECTION 701.43. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PERFORMANCE AUDIT

The Auditor of State shall conduct a performance audit of selected offices or programs within the Department of Education. The audit shall be completed by October 1, 2020.

SECTION 701.55. Notwithstanding section 5160.23 of the Revised Code, the Auditor of State is not responsible for the costs the Auditor of State incurs in carrying out the Auditor of State's duties under sections 5160.21 and 5160.22 of the Revised Code. All audits authorized by Chapter 117. of the Revised Code or as otherwise provided by state law shall be charged in accordance with section 117.13 of the Revised Code. In addition to the Auditor of State's authority under division (C) of section 117.10 of the Revised Code, the Auditor of State may conduct audits of Medicaid providers and shall conduct audits of Medicaid managed care organizations as defined in section 5167.01 of the Revised Code. The Auditor of State shall provide a copy of each audit of a Medicaid managed care organization conducted under this section to the Governor, Medicaid Director, and Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee. This section expires on June 30, 2023.

SECTION 709.10. The Director of Agriculture may reimburse the license application fee paid by a person for a pet store license if both of the following apply:

(A) The person holds a valid pet store license issued under section 956.21 of the Revised Code on the effective date of this section; and

(B) The person no longer qualifies as an owner or operator of a pet store as a result of the amendment by this act of the definition of "pet store" in section 956.01 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 715.10. Except for an applicant for a nonresident youth hunting license who shall pay nine dollars for an annual license as specified in section 1533.10 of the Revised Code, an applicant for a hunting or fishing license who is not a resident of a reciprocal state, and a nonresident applicant for a deer permit shall pay the annual fee for each license or permit through December 31, 2019, in accordance with the fee schedule established in Section 715.11 of H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly.

SECTION 715.20. (A) The Director of Natural Resources shall establish a pilot program to study the environmental impact of oil and gas production operations on stream flow using continuous stream flow monitoring technology. The study shall conclude on or before December 31, 2020.

(B) The Director shall adopt policies and procedures for the administration and implementation of the pilot program.

(C) After the conclusion of the study, the Director shall submit a report of the study's findings to the General Assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 717.11. (A) The Agricultural Society Facilities Grant Program is hereby created for fiscal year 2020 to provide grants to county agricultural societies established under section 1711.01 of the Revised Code and independent agricultural societies established under section 1711.02 of the Revised Code to support capital projects that enhance the use and enjoyment of agricultural society facilities by individuals. Agricultural societies may apply to the Director of Agriculture for monetary assistance for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, expansion, improvement, planning, and equipping of such facilities. Except as provided in division (D) of this section, each county agricultural society and each independent agricultural society that applies for assistance shall receive an equal amount appropriated for those purposes.

(B) Not later than ninety days after the effective date of this section and subject to division (D) of this section, the Director or the Director's designee shall establish requirements and procedures for the administration of the Agricultural Society Facilities Grant Program, including establishing a grant application form, procedures for reviewing an application, procedures for awarding grant money, and any other requirements and procedures the Director or the Director's designee determines to be necessary to administer

this section. In issuing grants under the Grant program, the Director shall require each agricultural society receiving a grant to provide a matching amount equal to the amount of the grant, unless an agricultural society can demonstrate in a manner acceptable to the Director that the agricultural society cannot provide the matching amount. The matching amount may be any combination of funding, materials, and donated labor. Documentation of the matching amount shall be submitted with the grant application.

(C) An agricultural society that applies for a grant under the Program shall submit the grant application and matching amount documentation to the Director or the Director's designee not later than May 30, 2020, in accordance with the requirements and procedures established by the Director or the Director's designee and this section.

(D) After reviewing a grant application and matching amount documentation, the Director or the Director's designee shall approve the application unless one of the following applies:

(1) The project or facility that is the subject of the application is not a bondable capital improvement project.

(2) The agricultural society does not provide a matching amount as required in division (B) of this section, unless the agricultural society demonstrates to the Director that the society cannot provide the matching amount.

The Director or the Director's designee shall award all grants not later than June 30, 2020, and shall so notify each grant recipient.

SECTION 733.10. If a city, local, or exempted village school district experienced an increase in the taxable value of all utility tangible personal property subject to taxation by the district between tax years 2017 and 2018 and, as a result, the Department of Education deducted funds from the district under division (B) of section 3317.028 of the Revised Code, as it existed prior to the effective date of this section, the Department, during the fiscal year that begins after that effective date, shall credit the deducted amount to the district.

SECTION 733.23. FAFSA COMPLETION PROGRAM

(A) As used in this section, "eligible district" means any educational service center or city, exempted village, local, or joint vocational school district.

(B) The Department of Education shall establish a program to award grants to eligible districts for the purposes of organizing activities to

encourage and assist students in grade twelve with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The program shall operate in fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

(C) In each fiscal year in which the program operates, the Department shall solicit, review, and approve proposals from eligible districts. The Department shall award a grant to each eligible district with an approved proposal, except that, if the funds appropriated by the General Assembly for the program are insufficient, the Department shall prioritize awarding grants to lower wealth eligible districts. Each award shall be up to five thousand dollars and each eligible district with an approved proposal shall receive one award per fiscal year.

(D) The Department shall adopt guidelines and procedures for the program, including all of the following:

(1) A process in which the Department shall solicit, review, and approve proposals submitted by eligible districts, as well as a timeline for that process;

(2) Criteria for approving a proposal submitted by an eligible district, including both of the following:

(a) A requirement that the eligible district work with a public or private community partner;

(b) A requirement that the proposal include at least one activity such as a training session, a fair, or another event that actively engages students.

(3) A metric to gauge the wealth of eligible districts.

SECTION 733.30. (A) The STEM Public-Private Partnership Pilot Program is hereby created. The program shall operate for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 to encourage public-private partnerships between high schools, colleges, and the community to provide high school students the opportunity to receive education and training in a targeted industry, as defined by JobsOhio established under section 187.01 of the Revised Code, while simultaneously earning high school and college credit for the course. The Chancellor of Higher Education shall administer the program and select five partnerships, one from each quadrant of the state and one from the central part of the state, each to receive a one-time grant of \$100,000. No partnership that received a grant under Section 733.13 of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly shall be eligible to receive a grant under this section.

(B) The Chancellor shall adopt rules for the implementation of the STEM Public-Private Partnership Pilot Program, including the requirements for applying for program approval. The rules also shall include, but not be

limited to, all of the following operational requirements for the program:

(1) Partnerships shall consist of one community college or state community college, one or more private companies, and one or more high schools, either public or private.

(2) For purposes of the program, the partnering community college or state community college shall pursue one targeted industry during the pilot period. However, the college may partner with multiple private companies within that industry.

(3) Students that take courses offered under the program shall earn college credit for that class from the community or state community college.

(4) Students, high schools, and colleges that participate in this program shall do so under the College Credit Plus Program established under Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code.

(5) The curriculum offered by the program shall be developed by and agreed upon by all members of the partnership.

(6) The private company or companies that are part of the partnership shall provide full- or part-time facilities to be used as classroom space.

(C) The Chancellor shall develop an application and review process to select the five partnerships to receive grants under the program. The community college or state community college shall be responsible for submitting the application for the partnership to the Chancellor. The application shall include a proposed budget for the program.

(D) The Chancellor shall select the five partnerships for the program based on the following considerations:

(1) Whether the partnership existed before the application was submitted;

(2) Whether the program is oriented toward a targeted industry;

(3) The likelihood of a student gaining employment upon graduating from high school or upon completing a two-year degree in the industry to which the program is oriented in relation to its geographic region;

(4) The number of students projected to be served;

(5) The program's cost-per-student;

(6) The sustainability of the program beyond the duration of the two-year pilot program;

(7) The level of investment made by the private company partner or partners in the program, including use of facilities, equipment, and staff and financially.

(E) The partnerships selected may use the grants awarded under this section for only the following:

(1) Transportation;

(2) Classroom supplies, including, but not limited to, textbooks, furniture, and technology;

(3) Primary instructors for a course offered under the program, including, but not limited to, faculty from participating high schools and community colleges or state community colleges, including adjunct faculty.

SECTION 733.40. (A) Effective October 1, 2019, the Joint Education Oversight Committee is abolished.

(B) All employees of the Committee cease to hold their positions of employment on October 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter.

(C) Any administrative business commenced but not completed by October 1, 2019, by the Committee shall be completed by the Legislative Service Commission, in the same manner, and with the same effect, as if completed by the Committee.

(D) No action or proceeding pending on the effective date of this amendment is affected by the abolishment of the Committee and shall be prosecuted or defended in the name of the Legislative Service Commission. In all such actions and proceedings, the Commission shall be substituted as a party.

(E) Effective October 1, 2019, all records, documents, files, equipment, assets, and other materials of the Committee are transferred to the Legislative Service Commission.

SECTION 733.51. (A) The Superintendent of Public Instruction, in collaboration with the Chancellor of Higher Education and the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, shall establish a committee to develop policy recommendations regarding methods to assist high school students who completed the twelfth grade, but did not meet the graduation requirements to achieve a high school diploma.

(B) The recommendations developed by the committee shall include identifying additional assistance and supports to aid students who completed the twelfth grade, but did not meet the graduation requirements to achieve a high school diploma, as well as the amount of state funding necessary to ensure the adequate operation of the identified assistance and supports. The recommendations also shall address methods to minimize the social stigma associated with not graduating on time. Additionally, the recommendations may include any changes to the Revised Code or the Administrative Code necessary to implement the identified assistance and supports.

(C) The committee shall consist of a representative of each of the

following:

- (1) Career-technical educators;
- (2) Community colleges;
- (3) Guidance counselors;
- (4) Ohio technical centers;
- (5) Principals;
- (6) Superintendents;
- (7) Teachers.

(D) Not later than October 1, 2020, the committee shall issue a report to the State Board of Education and, in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code, the General Assembly. The report shall include the policy recommendations developed by the committee.

SECTION 733.61. (A) Notwithstanding section 3319.236 of the Revised Code, for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years only, a school district, community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, or science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code may permit an individual who holds a valid educator license in any of grades seven through twelve to teach a computer science course if, prior to teaching the course, the individual completes a professional development program approved by the district superintendent or school principal that provides content knowledge specific to the course the individual will teach. The superintendent or principal shall approve any professional development program endorsed by the organization that creates and administers the national Advanced Placement examinations as appropriate for the course the individual will teach.

(B) Nothing in this section shall permit an individual described in division (A) of this section to teach a computer science course in a school district or school other than the school district or school that employed the individual at the time the individual completed the professional development program required by that division.

(C) Beginning July 1, 2021, a school district or public school shall permit an individual to teach a computer science course only in accordance with section 3319.236 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 735.11. Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, the major political parties shall certify to the Secretary of State the names of the candidates for president and vice-president nominated at their national conventions pursuant to section 3505.10 of the Revised Code

not later than the sixtieth day before the 2020 general election. Certification by the Secretary of State of the forms of official ballots required by division (A) of section 3505.01 of the Revised Code shall occur on or before the fiftieth day before the general election.

For purposes of this section, "major political party" has the same meaning as in section 3501.01 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 735.15. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Revised Code, a declaration of candidacy, nominating petition, or other petition filed with the secretary of state or a board of elections for the 2020 primary election or a special election on the day of that election shall not be considered invalid on the ground that it identifies the date of the 2020 primary election as March 10, 2020, instead of March 17, 2020.

SECTION 737.10. On or after July 1, 2019, the Department of Health may establish a Substance Use Disorder Professional Loan Repayment Program. Under the Program, the Department may agree to repay all or part of the principal or interest of government or other educational loans taken by professionals providing treatment and other related services to individuals with substance use disorders. A professional participating in the Program must commit to serving in an area of the state with limited access to addiction treatment and related services.

SECTION 737.11. On or after July 1, 2019, the Department of Health may establish a program under which a physician providing medication-assisted treatment to individuals with substance use disorders in a health resource shortage area may be eligible for financial assistance from the Department. Eligible physicians are those participating in the Physician Loan Repayment Program as described in section 3702.75 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 737.15. (A) The Director of Health shall establish a two-year Lead-Safe Home Fund Pilot Program for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 to improve housing conditions for children by providing grants to eligible property owners for lead-safe remediation actions.

(B) The Director shall enter into a cooperative agreement with the Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition whereby the Coalition may make decisions and

determinations regarding the Program in accordance with the Program requirements established under division (C) of this section.

(C) The Director shall establish all of the following for the purposes of the Program:

- (1) A means to solicit applicants;
- (2) An application process;
- (3) A process for distributing and administering the grants;
- (4) A methodology for evaluating the eligibility of the applicants;
- (5) Any other procedures and requirements necessary to implement and administer the Program.

(D) Not later than June 30, 2021, the Director, in consultation with the Coalition, shall issue a report of the Program's findings and outcomes to the Governor and the members of the General Assembly.

SECTION 737.40. The Legislative Committee on Public Health Futures is re-established. The committee shall review relevant reports previously produced by similar public health futures committees in this state. The Legislative Committee shall review the effectiveness of recommendations from those reports that are being or that have been implemented. And, based on the knowledge and insight gained from its reviews, the Legislative Committee shall make legislative and fiscal policy recommendations that it believes would improve local public health services in Ohio.

The Legislative Committee, not later than December 31, 2020, shall prepare a report that describes its review of the reports and its review and of the recommendations that are being or that have been implemented, and that states and provides explanations of the Committee's new policy recommendations.

The Legislative Committee shall transmit a copy of its report to the Governor, the President and Minority Leader of the Senate, and the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. Upon transmitting its report, the Legislative Committee ceases to exist.

Each of the following associations shall appoint one individual to the Legislative Committee: the County Commissioners Association of Ohio, the Ohio Township Association, the Department of Health, the Ohio Public Health Association, the Ohio Environmental Health Association, the Ohio Boards of Health Association, the Ohio Municipal League, and the Ohio Hospital Association. The Association of Ohio Health Commissioners shall appoint two individuals to the Legislative Committee. The President and Minority Leader of the Senate each shall appoint two members to the Legislative Committee. The Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of

Representatives each shall appoint two members to the Legislative Committee. Of the two appointments made by each legislative leader, one shall be a member of the General Assembly from the appointing member's chamber. Appointments shall be made as soon as possible but not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Vacancies on the Legislative Committee shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

As soon as all members have been appointed to the Legislative Committee, the President of the Senate shall fix a time and place for the committee to hold its first meeting. At that meeting, the committee shall elect from among its membership a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and a secretary. The Director of Health shall provide the Legislative Committee with meeting and office space, equipment, and professional, technical, and clerical staff as are necessary to enable the Legislative Committee successfully to complete its work.

SECTION 737.50. COMPLETENESS OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATIONS

Notwithstanding the 180-day time frame for the Director of Health to make determinations of completeness of certificate of need applications, as specified in division (B)(3) of section 3702.52 of the Revised Code, as amended by this act, the time frames governing the Director's determinations of completeness that are specified in rule 3701-12-08 and rule 3701-12-09 of the Administrative Code, as those rules exist on the effective date of this section, shall continue to govern the Director in making determinations of completeness until the Director adopts rules that reflect the 180-day time frame established by this act.

SECTION 737.60. CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATIONS IN JANUARY 2020

Notwithstanding section 3702.593 of the Revised Code or any other conflicting provision of sections 3702.51 to 3702.62 of the Revised Code, all of the following apply to the Director of Health when reviewing certificate of need applications during January 2020:

(A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, the Director shall use the long-term care bed supply and bed need made in calendar year 2016.

(B) In the case of Delaware, Greene, Lake, Licking, and Medina counties, the Director shall do the following:

(1) Redetermine the bed supply and bed need determinations made in

calendar year 2016 using the same data that was used in those determinations but without applying division (C) of section 3702.593 of the Revised Code;

(2) Refuse to accept a certificate of need application for any of the specified counties, other than Greene County, unless the applicant is an owner of, or is the operator of, a skilled nursing facility in the county to which the certificate of need application proposes to relocate beds;

(3) Refuse to accept a certificate of need application for any of the specified counties if the source of the beds to be relocated is a facility that has a four- or five-star rating under the nursing home quality rating system established by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on the date the beds are under contract for purchase or transfer unless the facility is voluntarily closing;

(4) Use, as applicable, either of the following:

(a) The review process set forth in division (E) of section 3702.593 of the Revised Code, excluding division (E)(4) of that section;

(b) The comparative review process set forth in division (F) of section 3702.593 of the Revised Code, excluding division (F)(3) of that section, for the purpose of limiting the increase in beds in the specified counties in accordance with the following:

- (i) Delaware County, 200 total beds;
- (ii) Greene County, 99 total beds;
- (iii) Lake County, 200 total beds;
- (iv) Licking County, 185 total beds;
- (v) Medina County, 200 total beds.

SECTION 737.70. CERTIFICATE OF NEED MORATORIUM

(A) As used in this section, "existing bed," "existing long-term care facility," and "long-term care facility" have the same meanings as in section 3702.51 of the Revised Code.

(B) During the period beginning on the effective date of this section and ending July 1, 2021, the Director of Health shall accept for review a certificate of need application only in accordance with this section, notwithstanding division (A) of section 3702.59 of the Revised Code.

(C) To be accepted for review under this section, a certificate of need application must meet either of the following requirements:

(1) The application must be submitted pursuant to section 3702.593 or 3702.594 of the Revised Code and, if applicable, in accordance with the section of this act titled "CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATIONS IN JANUARY 2020"; or

(2) The application must propose either of the following:

(a) The replacement of an existing long-term care facility, if the replacement facility will have the same owner and operator that the existing facility has on the effective date of this section and the replacement will occur in a county with an identified bed need under section 3702.593 of the Revised Code according to the Director's county bed need determination made in calendar year 2016; or

(b) The renovation of or an addition to an existing long-term care facility as provided in division (A)(3) of section 3702.511 of the Revised Code, if the facility is in a county with an identified bed need under section 3702.593 of the Revised Code according to the Director's county bed need determination made in calendar year 2016.

(D) The Director shall not accept an application under this section unless it otherwise complies with sections 3702.51 to 3702.62 of the Revised Code and, if applicable, the section of this act titled "CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATIONS IN JANUARY 2020."

(E) This section does not apply to a certificate of need application that is pending on the effective date of this section.

SECTION 739.20. Section 3959.20 of the Revised Code as enacted by this act applies to contracts for pharmacy services and to health benefit plans, as defined in section 3922.01 of the Revised Code, entered into or amended on or after the effective date of this act.

SECTION 739.31. The requirements of sections 3902.50 and 3902.51 of the Revised Code apply beginning April 1, 2020, to health benefit plans, as defined in section 3922.01 of the Revised Code, delivered, issued for delivery, modified, or renewed on or after the effective date of those sections.

SECTION 747.20. A license or certificate of registration issued under Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code that is in effect on the effective date of this section shall continue in effect until the first biennial renewal date established by the Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board pursuant to sections 4757.10 and 4757.32 of the Revised Code, as amended by this act. No license or certificate of registration in effect on the effective date of this section is valid for more than three years after the effective date of this section.

SECTION 747.33. As used in this section, "authorizing statute" means a Revised Code section or provision of a Revised Code section that is cited in the Ohio Administrative Code as the statute that authorizes the adoption of a rule.

The Board of Executives of Long-Term Services and Supports is not required to amend any rule for the sole purpose of updating the citation in the Ohio Administrative Code to the rule's authorizing statute to reflect that this act renumbers the authorizing statute or relocates it to another Revised Code section. Such citations shall be updated as the Board amends the rules for other purposes.

SECTION 747.40. CONVERSION AND RENAMING OF CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD

(A) The repeal by this act of section 4731.296 of the Revised Code does not invalidate a telemedicine certificate that was issued under that section if the certificate is valid on the effective date of this section. As soon as practicable, the State Medical Board shall convert all such telemedicine certificates to licenses, as if they were issued under section 4731.14 of the Revised Code. Once a telemedicine certificate is converted, the holder is subject to all requirements and privileges attendant to a license issued under section 4731.14 of the Revised Code, including continuing medical education requirements.

(B) The Board may take any action it considers necessary to rename the certificates issued under Chapters 4731., 4760., 4762., and 4774. of the Revised Code as licenses, as provided by the amendments made by this act to those chapters.

SECTION 751.10. REDUCTION IN MEMBERSHIP OF CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COUNCILS

The amendment made by this act to section 5123.092 of the Revised Code providing for a reduction in citizen's advisory council membership does not affect the members holding office on the effective date of this section. The reduction shall be implemented by not filling vacancies that correspond with the changes made by this act to council membership.

SECTION 751.15. CHALLENGES TO HEALTH CARE COST ESTIMATE STATUTE

Any member of the General Assembly may intervene in litigation that challenges section 5162.80 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 753.10. (A) The Governor is authorized to execute a deed or deeds in the name of the state conveying to a grantee or grantees acceptable to the Board of Trustees of Kent State University, all of the state's right, title, and interest in all or part of the following described parcels of real estate:

DESCRIPTION OF 60.09 ACRES.

FIRST TRACT: Being a tract of land located in Lot 18, Franklin Twp., Portage County, Ohio, and further described as follows: Beginning at an iron pipe set at the NW corner of Lot No. 18 in the centerline of Township Highway 98, known as Powder Mill Road; thence S. $88^{\circ} 57'$ E. along the N. line of Lot 18, 2408.23 ft. to a point in the W. right of way line of the old P. and W. Railroad; thence S. $16^{\circ} 28'$ W. along said Railroad W. right of way line 311.19 ft. to a steel fence post; thence N. $88^{\circ} 57'$ W. and passing over an iron rod set 20 ft. at side of road 2204.60 ft. to an iron rod set in the centerline of Township Highway 98; thence N. $20^{\circ} 54'$ W. along the centerline of Township Highway 98, 323.46 ft. to the place of beginning and containing 15.83 acres of land as surveyed April 4, 1962, by C. B. Dodge, R. S. 1682.

SECOND TRACT: Being part of Lot No. 18 in Franklin Twp. and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the NE corner of said lot; thence S. $0^{\circ} 25'$ E. along the lot line 9.26 chains; thence W. 5.26 chains to within 20 ft. of the easterly line of the right of way formerly P.C. & T. Railroad; thence Southwesterly parallel with said right of way 19.07 chains to the E. line of land now or formerly owned by John B. Hergenroeder; thence N. $0^{\circ} 30'$ E. 32.5 links; thence northeasterly along the easterly line of said right of way 28.25 chains to the N. line of said lot; thence S. $89^{\circ} 45'$ E. 2.69 chains to the place of beginning, containing 4.40 acres of land.

THIRD TRACT: Situated in the township, county and state aforesaid and being known as part of Lot 18 in said township, bounded and described as follows: On the N. and NW by the Second Tract herein described, being a 4.40 acre tract; E. by the lot line of said Lot 18, S. by the centerline of Breakneck Creek; W. by lands of J. & J. Polichena, containing 34.00 acres of land, more or less.

FOURTH TRACT: Being part of township Lot 18 and 19 in said township, bounded and described as follows: Being all of the land known as the former right of way of the B & O Railroad (now abandoned) as contained between the E. line of Township Lot 19 which is also the

Township line between Franklin and Ravenna Township and the centerline of the Powder Mill Road as shown by the Quit Claim Deed from the B & O Railroad to Everett L. Foote as recorded in Volume 324, Page 211, Portage County Records of Deeds and containing 5.86 acres.

Deed Reference: Vol. 777 Pg. 82

Auditor's Parcel Numbers: 12-018-00-00-001-000,
12-018-00-00-001-002, 12-018-00-00-001-001, 12-018-00-00-002-003

DESCRIPTION OF 130.25 ACRES

PARCEL A: Situated in Lot 20 of Franklin Township, county and state aforesaid, and further described as follows: BEGINNING at the southeast corner of Lot 20 in said township; thence N. 1° 00' 00" E. along the east line of said Lot 20 and the centerline of T. H. 98, known as Powder Mill Road, a distance of 1546.02 feet to a point on the north line of the B. & O. Railroad right of way and the true place of beginning; thence on a curve to the right along the north line of the B. & O. Railroad right of way, which has a delta of 6° 40' 19"; a radius of 5680.00 feet; a chord bearing of N. 64° 10' 40" W. and a chord length of 661.05 feet, a distance of 661.42 feet to a point; thence N. 60° 50' 30" W. along the north line of the B. & O. Railroad right of way a distance of 459.76 feet to an iron pipe; thence N. 86° 23' 30" E. a distance of 1008.57 feet to an iron pin in the center of T. H. 98; thence S. 1° 00' 00" W. along the centerline of T. H. 98 a distance of 575.51 feet to the place of beginning, and containing 6.934 acres of land as surveyed by LeRoy M. Satrom, Registered Surveyor No. 4226.

PARCEL B: Situated in Lots 19 and 36 of Franklin Township, county and state aforesaid, and further described as follows: BEGINNING at the southwest corner of Lot 19 in said township; thence N. 1° 00' 00" E. along the west line of said Lot 19 and the centerline of T. H. 98, known as Powder Mill Road, a distance of 1546.02 feet to a point on the north line of the B. & O. Railroad right of way and the true place of beginning; thence continuing N. 1° 00' 00" E. along the west line of Lot 19 and the centerline of T. H. 98 a distance of 1076.56 feet to the intersection of the centerline of State Route 5, known as Kent-Ravenna Road; thence N. 82° 16' 00" E. along the centerline of S. R. 5 a distance of 1336.37 feet to a point; thence S. 0° 31' 30" W. a distance of 1599.79 feet to an iron pipe on the north line of the B. & O. Railroad right of way; thence on a curve to the right along the north line of the B. & O. Railroad right of way which has a delta of 2° 42' 56"; a radius of 5655.00 feet; a chord bearing of N. 80° 03' 30" W. and chord length of 268.00 feet a distance of 268.02 feet to a point; thence S. 11° 17' 58" W. a distance of 25.00 feet to a point; thence on a curve to the right along the north line of the B. & O. Railroad right of way, which has a delta

of $11^{\circ} 11' 13''$; a radius of 5680.00 feet; a chord bearing of $N. 73^{\circ} 06' 25''$ W. a chord length of 1107.25 feet. A distance of 1109.01 feet to the place of beginning and containing 41.765 acres of land, of which 39.465 acres are in Lot 19, and 2.300 acres are in Lot 36, as surveyed by LeRoy M. Satrom, Registered Surveyor No. 4226.

PARCEL C: Situated in Lot 19 of Franklin Township, county and state aforesaid, and further described as follows: BEGINNING at the southwest corner of Lot 19 in said township; thence $N. 1^{\circ} 00' 00''$ E. along the west line of said Lot 19 and the centerline of T. H. 98, known as Powder Mill Road, a distance of 1388.97 feet to a point on the south line of the B. & O. Railroad right of way; thence on a curve to the left along the south line of the B. & O. railroad right of way, which has a delta of $15^{\circ} 47' 26''$, a radius of 2915.00 feet; a chord bearing of $S. 68^{\circ} 44' 13''$ E., and a chord length of 800.83 feet a distance of 803.37 feet to a point; thence $S. 13^{\circ} 22' 04''$ W. a distance of 25.00 feet to a point; thence on a curve to the left along the south line of the B. & O. Railroad right of way, which has a delta of $14^{\circ} 19' 34''$, a radius of 2940.00 feet, a chord bearing of $S. 83^{\circ} 47' 43''$ E., and a chord length of 733.20 feet a distance of 735.11 feet to a point; thence $N. 89^{\circ} 02' 30''$ E. along the south line of the B. & O. Railroad right of way a distance of 866.78 feet to a point; thence $N. 0^{\circ} 57' 30''$ W. a distance of 25.00 feet to a point/ thence $N. 89^{\circ} 02' 30''$ E. along the south line of the B. & O. Railroad right of way a distance of 280.79 feet to a point on the east line of Lot 19; thence $S. 0^{\circ} 41' 27''$ W. along the east line of Lot 19 a distance of 681.57 feet to an iron pipe on the north line of the Old P. & W. Railroad right of way; thence on a curve to the left along the north and west line of the old P. & W. Railroad right of way which has a delta of $39^{\circ} 05' 19''$, a radius of 608.00 feet; a chord bearing of $S. 36^{\circ} 36' 39''$ W. and a chord length of 406.79 feet to a point; thence $S. 17^{\circ} 04' 00''$ W. along the west line of the old P. & W. railroad right of way a distance of 58.47 feet to a point on the south line of Lot 19; thence $N. 88^{\circ} 58' 46''$ W. along the south line of Lot 19 a distance of 2405.01 feet to the place of beginning and containing 64.868 acres of land, as surveyed by LeRoy M. Satrom, Registered Surveyor No. 4226.

PARCEL D: Situated in Lot 19 of Franklin Township, county and state aforesaid, and further described as follows: BEGINNING at the southwest corner of Lot 19 in said township; thence $S. 88^{\circ} 58' 46''$ E. along the south line of said Lot 19 a distance of 2473.68 feet to a point on the east line of the old P. & W. railroad right of way and the true place of beginning; thence $N. 17^{\circ} 04' 00''$ E. along the east line of the old P. & W. railroad right of way a distance of 39.49 feet to a point; thence on a curve to the right along the east

and south line of the old P. & W. Railroad right of way which has a delta of $34^{\circ} 08' 00''$; a radius of 542.00 feet; a chord bearing of N. $34^{\circ} 07' 54''$ E. and a chord length of 318.14 feet to a point on the east line of Lot 19; thence S. $0^{\circ} 41' 27''$ W. along the east line of Lot 19 a distance of 304.39 feet to the southeast corner of Lot 19; thence N. $88^{\circ} 58' 46''$ W. along the south line of Lot 19 a distance of 186.46 feet to the place of beginning and containing 0.810 acres of land as surveyed by LeRoy M. Satrom, Registered Surveyor No. 4226.

PARCEL E: Situated in Lots 57 and 58, South Division of Ravenna Township, county and state aforesaid, and further described as follows: BEGINNING at the southwest corner of Lot 57, South Division in said township; thence N. $0^{\circ} 41' 27''$ E. along the west line of said Lot 57 a distance of 533.13 feet to a point on the south line of the B. & O Railroad right of way; thence N. $89^{\circ} 02' 30''$ E. along the south line of the B. & O. Railroad right of way a distance of 1260.95 feet to an iron pipe; thence S. $2^{\circ} 57' 40''$ W. a distance of 483.35 feet to an iron pipe on the north line of the old P. & W. Railroad right of way; thence S. $82^{\circ} 56' 00''$ W. along the north line of the old P. & W. Railroad right of way a distance of 987.97 feet to a point; thence on a curve to the left along the north line of the old P. & W. Railroad right of way, which has a delta of $26^{\circ} 46' 06''$; a radius of 608.00 feet; a chord bearing of S. $69^{\circ} 32' 57''$ W. and a chord length of 281.48 feet a distance of 284.05 feet to an iron pipe on the west line of Lot 58 South Division; thence N. $0^{\circ} 41' 27''$ E. along the west line of Lot 58 a distance of 148.44 feet to the place of beginning, and containing 15.882 acres of land of which 15.155 acres are in Lot 57 and 0.727 acres are in Lot 58, as surveyed by LeRoy M. Satrom, Registered Surveyor No. 4226.

Deed Reference: Vol. 787 Pg. 462

Auditor's Parcel Numbers: 12-020-00-00-033-000,
12-019-00-00-002-000, 12-019-00-00-002-001, 12-019-00-00-005-000,
12-019-00-00-006-000, 29-357-00-00-025-000, 29-358-00-00-005-000

(B) The foregoing description may be adjusted by the Department of Administrative Services to accommodate any corrections necessary to facilitate recordation of the deed.

(C) Consideration for the conveyance is to be acceptable to the Board of Trustees of Kent State University. The net proceeds of any sale of real estate described above shall be paid to Kent State University and deposited in university accounts for purposes to be determined by the Board of Trustees.

(D) The Auditor of State, with the assistance of the Attorney General, shall prepare the deed to real estate upon notification by the University. The deed shall state the consideration and shall be executed by the Governor in

the name of the state, countersigned by the Secretary of State, sealed with the Great Seal of the State, presented in the Office of the Auditor of State for recording, and delivered to the grantee. The grantee shall present the deed for recording in the Office of the Portage County Recorder.

(E) The grantee shall pay the costs of the conveyance including county recording fees.

(F) This section expires three years after its effective date.

SECTION 753.20. (A) The Governor is authorized to execute a deed or deeds in the name of the state conveying to a grantee or grantees acceptable to the Board of Trustees of Kent State University, all of the state's right, title, and interest in all or part of the following described parcels of real estate:

DESCRIPTION OF 8.477 ACRES

PARCEL 1: Situated in the Township of Franklin, County of Portage and State of Ohio being part of Lot 2 and further described as follows:

Beginning at the centerline intersection of Cline Road (T.H. 96 - 60' R/W) with Summit Road (C.H. 148 - 66' R/W) (witness a 1" iron bar found in a monument box used for line 0.048 feet north and 0.008 feet east of said intersection);

Thence S 9° 15' 31" W 375.00 along the centerline of Cline Road to the southeasterly corner of a parcel of land conveyed to R.E. or L.F. Slease (D.V. 1085, Pg. 685) and a northeasterly corner of the Grantor's and the true place of beginning for the parcel herein described (witness a capped iron bar set N 81° 16' 45" W 30.17 feet from said corner);

Thence S 9° 15' 31" W 363.98 feet along the centerline of Cline Road to a railroad spike found at a southeasterly corner of the Grantor's and a northeasterly corner of a parcel of land conveyed to University Land Development Co. (O.R. 365, Pg. 0250);

Thence N 89° 16' 02" W 354.65 feet along a northerly line of the University Land Development Co. Parcel and a southerly line of the Grantor to a capped iron bar set at a southwesterly corner (witness a capped iron pipe found used for line 3.859 feet south and 0.631 feet west of said corner);

Thence N 9° 16' 46" E 647.34 feet along an easterly line of said University Land Development parcel and a westerly line of the Grantor's to a point on the southerly line of a parcel conveyed to the State of Ohio (D.V. 839, Pg. 508) and the northeasterly corner of said University Land Development Co. and a northwesterly corner of the Grantor's (witness a 1/2" open top iron pipe found and used for line 0.052 feet north and 0.008' east of said corner);

Thence N 72° 14' 21" E. 153.91 feet along the southerly line of said State of Ohio parcel and a northerly line of the Grantor's to a 1/2" open top iron pipe found on the westerly line of said Slease parcel;

Thence S 1° 59' 34" W 304.75 feet along the westerly line of said Slease parcel and an easterly line of the Grantor's to a 1/2" open top iron pipe found at the southwesterly corner of said Slease parcel and northeasterly corner of the Grantor's;

Thence S 81° 16' 45" E. 174.84 feet along the southerly line of said Slease parcel and a northerly line of the Grantor's to the true place of beginning and containing 4.1073 acres of land as surveyed in May, 2000 by David L. Jensen, Registered Surveyor No. 7273.

The basis for bearings is the Ohio State Plane Coordinate System, North Zone.

PARCEL 2: Situated in the Township of Franklin, County of Portage and State of Ohio being part of Lot 2 and further described as follows:

Beginning at the centerline intersection of Cline Road (T.H. 96 – 60' R/W) with Summit Road (C.H. 148 – 66' R/W) (witness a 1" iron bar found in a monument box used for line 0.048 feet north and 0.008 feet east of said intersection);

Thence N 86° 54' 42" W 289.05 along the centerline of Summit Road to a 1" iron bar found in a monument box;

Thence N 76° 56' 07" W 230.00 feet along the centerline of Summit Road to a northwesterly corner of a parcel of land conveyed to the State of Ohio (D.V. 839, Pg. 508 and a northeasterly corner of the Grantor's and the true place of beginning for the parcel herein described;

Thence S 13° 03' 53" W 33.00 feet along a westerly line of the State of Ohio parcel and an easterly line of the Grantor to a point on the southerly right of way line of Summit Road (witness an O.D.O.T. capped iron bar found 0.405 feet south and 0.197 feet west of said point);

Thence 74° 41' 57" W 303.87 feet along a northwesterly line of said State of Ohio parcel and a southeasterly line of the grantor's to a capped iron bar set at a northeasterly corner of said State of Ohio parcel and a southwesterly corner of the Grantor's (witness and O.D.O.T. capped iron bar found 3.104 feet north and 0.362 feet east of said point);

Thence N 17° 52' 58" W 168.33 feet along an easterly line of said State of Ohio Parcel and a westerly line of the Grantor's to a point on the southerly right of way line of Summit Road (witness an O.D.O.T. capped iron bar found 0.025 feet south and 0.956 feet west of said point);

Thence N 13° 03' 53" E 33.00 feet along an easterly line of said State of Ohio parcel and a westerly line of Grantor's to a point on the centerline of

Summit Road said point being a northeasterly corner of the State of Ohio parcel and a northwesterly corner of the Grantor's;

Thence S 76° 56' 07" E 353.95 feet along the centerline of Summit Road and a northerly line of the Grantor's to the true place of beginning and containing 0.8547 acres of land as surveyed in May, 2000 by David L. Jensen, Registered Surveyor No. 7273.

The basis for bearings is the Ohio State Plane Coordinate System, North Zone.

PARCEL 3: Situated in the Township of Franklin, County of Portage and State of Ohio being part of Lot 2 and further described as follows:

Beginning at the centerline intersection of Cline Road (T.H. 96 – 60' R/W) with Summit Road (C.H. 148 – 66' R/W) (witness a 1" iron bar found in a monument box used for line 0.048 feet north and 0.008 feet east of said intersection);

Thence N 86° 54' 42" W 289.05 along the centerline of Summit Road to a 1" iron bar found in a monument box;

Thence N 76° 56' 07" W 747.83 feet along the centerline of Summit Road to a boat spike found at the northwesterly corner of a parcel of land conveyed to the State of Ohio (D.V. 839, Pg. 508 and a northeasterly corner of a parcel of land conveyed to C.W. and D.D. Redman (O.R. 143, Pg. 460);

Thence N 79° 11' 04" W 135.04 feet along the centerline of Summit Road to the northwesterly corner of said Redman parcel and a northeasterly corner of the Grantor's and the true place of beginning for the parcel herein described (witness a 1/2" open top iron pipe found bent, straightened and reset S 5° 22' 12" W 30.23 feet from said corner);

Thence S 5° 22' 12" W 166.54 feet along an easterly line of the Grantor's and the westerly line of the Redman parcel to a 1/2" open top iron pipe found at the southwesterly corner thereof;

Thence S 84° 55' 02" E 125.10 feet along a northerly line of the Grantor's and the southerly of the Redman parcel to a 1/2" open top iron pipe found bent (used the top) at the southeasterly corner thereof and a northeasterly corner of the Grantor's and being an angle point on the westerly line of said State of Ohio parcel;

Thence S 20° 40' 02" E 199.62 feet along a westerly line of said State of Ohio parcel and an easterly line of the Grantor's to a capped iron bar set at a southeasterly corner of the Grantor' and a northwesterly corner of said State of Ohio parcel (witness an O.D.O.T. capped iron bar found 1.335 feet north and 2.476 feet east of said corner;

Thence S 53° 28' 55" W 300.00 feet along a northwesterly line of said State of Ohio parcel and a southeasterly line of the Grantor's to a

southwesterly corner thereof and a northwesterly corner of the State of Ohio parcel and a northeasterly corner of a parcel of land conveyed to the State of Ohio (D.V. 870, Pg. 15) and the southeasterly of a parcel of land conveyed to Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority (PARTA) (O.R. 327. Pg. 0097) (witness an O.D.O.T. capped iron bar found 0.016 feet north and 0.048 feet east of said corner);

Thence N 35° 03' 36" W 402.33 feet along the easterly line of said PARTA parcel and a westerly line of the Grantor's to a capped iron bar set;

Thence N 10° 23' 28" E 216.15 feet along a westerly line of the Grantor's and the easterly line of said PARTA parcel to 1/2" open top iron pipe found at the northeasterly corner thereof and being on the southerly right of way line of Summit Road;

Thence 84° 53' 23" E 149.54 feet along the southerly right of way line of Summit Road to a capped iron bar set;

Thence 9° 08' 08" E 33.01 feet along a westerly line of the Grantor's to a point on the centerline of Summit Road;

Thence S 79° 11' 04" E 101.36 feet along the centerline of Summit Road and a northerly line of the Grantor's to the true place of beginning and containing 3.5153 acres of land as surveyed in May, 2000 by David L. Jensen, Registered Surveyor No. 7273.

The basis for bearings is the Ohio State Plane Coordinate System, North Zone.

Deed Reference: Vol. 564 Pg. 696

Auditor's Parcel Numbers: 12-002-00-00-004-001,
12-002-00-00-004-003, 12-002-00-00-004-004

(B) The foregoing description may be adjusted by the Department of Administrative Services to accommodate any corrections necessary to facilitate recordation of the deed.

(C) Consideration for the conveyance is to be acceptable to the Board of Trustees of Kent State University. The net proceeds of any sale of real estate described above shall be paid to Kent State University and deposited in university accounts for purposes to be determined by the Board of Trustees.

(D) The Auditor of State, with the assistance of the Attorney General, shall prepare the deed to real estate upon notification by the University. The deed shall state the consideration and shall be executed by the Governor in the name of the state, countersigned by the Secretary of State, sealed with the Great Seal of the State, presented in the Office of the Auditor of State for recording, and delivered to the grantee. The grantee shall present the deed for recording in the Office of the Portage County Recorder.

(E) The grantee shall pay the costs of the conveyance including county

recording fees.

(F) This section expires three years after its effective date.

SECTION 753.30. (A) The Governor is authorized to execute a deed or deeds in the name of the state conveying to a grantee or grantees acceptable to the Board of Trustees of Kent State University, all of the state's right, title, and interest in all or part of the following described parcels of real estate:

DESCRIPTION OF 31.103 ACRES

Situated in the city of Kent, county of Portage, state of Ohio and being known as:

All of blocks A, B, C, D and E of the university town homes subdivision, filed in the records of plats, book 89, page 30 of the portage county records.

Deed Reference: Vol. 564 Pg. 696

Auditor's Parcel Numbers: 17-003-10-00-062-000, 17-003-10-00-063-000, 17-003-10-00-064-000, 17-003-10-00-065-000 and 17-003-10-00-066-000

DESCRIPTION OF 2.44 ACRES

Situated in the Township of Brimfield County of Portage and State of Ohio:

And being part of Lot 7 in said Township and bounded and described as follows; Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of T.H. 95, Burnett Road and the northerly line of Lot 7 and northerly line of Brimfield Township; thence N. 89° 33' 00" W. along the northerly line of Lot 7 and northerly line of Brimfield Township a distance of 113.24 feet to a point in a northerly line of land now owned by the State of Ohio which marks the true place of beginning for the following described parcel of land; thence S. 78° 55' 45" W. along said northerly line of the State of Ohio a distance of 590.56 feet to a point; thence S 89° 47' 00" W. continuing along a northerly line of the State of Ohio, a distance of 594.25 feet to a point in the easterly line of land now or formerly owned by C.M. & Lois Stewart; thence N. 00° 06' 00" W. along the easterly line of said Stewart a distance of 124.87 feet to point in the northerly line of Lot 7 and northerly line of Brimfield Township; thence S. 89° 33' 00" E. along the northerly line of Lot 7 and northerly line of Brimfield Township a distance of 1174.07 feet to the true place of beginning, containing 2.441 acres of land, more or less, as prepared May 1 1972, from deeds and plats of record by Albert Szuch, Registered Surveyor No. 5398.

Deed Reference: 200908514

Auditor's Parcel Number: 04-007-00-00-008-000

(B) The foregoing description may be adjusted by the Department of Administrative Services to accommodate any corrections necessary to facilitate recordation of the deed.

(C) Consideration for the conveyance is to be acceptable to the Board of Trustees of Kent State University. The net proceeds of any sale of real estate described above shall be paid to Kent State University and deposited in university accounts for purposes to be determined by the Board of Trustees.

(D) The Auditor of State, with the assistance of the Attorney General, shall prepare the deed to real estate upon notification by the University. The deed shall state the consideration and shall be executed by the Governor in the name of the state, countersigned by the Secretary of State, sealed with the Great Seal of the State, presented in the Office of the Auditor of State for recording, and delivered to the grantee. The grantee shall present the deed for recording in the Office of the Portage County Recorder.

(E) The grantee shall pay the costs of the conveyance including county recording fees.

(F) This section expires three years after its effective date.

SECTION 753.40. (A) The Governor is authorized to execute a deed or deeds in the name of the state conveying to a grantee or grantees acceptable to the Board of Trustees of Kent State University, all of the state's right, title, and interest in all or part of the following described parcels of real estate:

DESCRIPTION OF 36.76 ACRES

PARCEL 1: Situated in Brimfield Township Lot 5 and further described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of Township Highway 92 known as Meloy Road and the east line of Lot 5; thence South 74 deg. 36' West along the centerline of T. H. 92 a distance of 421.47 feet to a point which is the true place of beginning; thence continuing South 74 deg. 36' West along the centerline of T. H. 92 a distance of 336.87 feet to a point; thence North 1 deg. 18' East a distance of 270.10 feet to a point; thence South 74 deg. 36' West a distance of 322.55 feet to a point; thence North 1 deg. 18; East a distance 141.74 feet to a point; thence South 80 deg. 40' 08" West a distance of 294.45 feet to an iron pipe found; thence North 6 deg. 32' 12" West a distance of 1243.23 feet to an iron pipe found on the north line of Lot 5; thence South 88 deg. 48' 31" East along the north line of Lot 5 a distance of 1090.43 feet to an iron pipe found; thence South 1 deg. 17' 46" West and passing over an iron pipe found 22.03 feet from the center of the road a distance of 1401.68 feet to the place of beginning and

containing 30.175 acres of land as determined from actual field measurements and reference to survey by M. F. Stevens as recorded in Volume 717, page 558 of the Portage County Records by L. M. Satrom, Registered Surveyor No. 4226, be the same more or less, but subject to all legal highways.

Deed Reference: Vol. 750 Pg. 249

Auditor's Parcel Number: 45-005-00-00-010-000

DESCRIPTION OF 8.04 ACRES

PARCEL 1: Situated in the Township of Brimfield, County of Portage and State of Ohio and known as being part of Lot No. 5 in Brimfield Township and further described as follows: Beginning at a point in the centerline of Meloy Road and being N. 78° 46' E. 425.00 feet from a spike at the intersection of said centerline with the centerline of State Route 43; thence N. 11° 14' W. 386.18 feet along the East line of a parcel owned by R. & C. DiMauro, to an iron pipe and passing over an iron pipe 30.00 feet from the road center; thence N. 70° 57' E. 599.54 feet along the grantor's North line to an iron bar; thence N. 79° 21' 35" E. 299.38 feet along the grantor's North line to an iron pipe; thence S. 8° 46' 40" W. 406.31 feet to an iron pipe; thence S. 30° 22' 20" W. 41.30 feet to an iron pipe; thence S. 15° 24' 40" E. 30.00 feet to the centerline of Meloy Road; thence S. 74° 35' 20" W. 56.61 feet along the centerline of Meloy Road; thence N. 15° 24' 40" W. 180.00 feet to an iron pipe and passing over an iron pipe 30 feet from the road center; thence S. 74° 35' 20" W. 128.39 feet to an iron pipe; thence S. 0° 35' 20" W 187.25 feet to the centerline of Meloy Road and passing over an iron pipe 31.21 feet from the road center; thence S. 74° 35' 20" W. 65.00 feet along the centerline of Meloy Road to a spike; thence S. 78° 46' W. 428.27 feet along the centerline of Meloy Road to the beginning. Containing 7.397 acres of land, as surveyed in January, 1970, by David J. Collier, Registered Surveyor No. 4819.

PARCEL 2: Situated in the Township of Brimfield, County of Portage and State of Ohio and known as being part of Lot No. 5 in Brimfield Township and further described as follows: Starting at a spike at the intersection of the centerline of State Route 43 with the centerline of Meloy Road; thence N. 78° 46' E. 853.27 feet along the centerline of Meloy Road to a spike; thence N. 74° 35' 20" E. 65.00 feet along the centerline of Meloy Road to the true place of beginning; thence N. 0° 35' 20" E. 187.25 feet to an iron pipe and passing over an iron pipe 31.21 feet from the road center; thence N. 74° 35' 20" E. 128.39 feet to an iron pipe; thence S. 15° 24' 40" E. 180.00 feet to the centerline of Meloy Road and passing over an iron pipe 30 feet from the road center; thence S. 74° 35' 20" W. 180.00 feet along the

centerline of Meloy Road to the true place of beginning, containing 0.637 of an acre of land, as surveyed in January, 1970, by David J. Collier, Registered Surveyor No. 4819.

Deed Reference: 200125592

Auditor's Parcel Numbers: 45-005-00-00-015-000;
45-005-00-00-016-000

(B) The foregoing description may be adjusted by the Department of Administrative Services to accommodate any corrections necessary to facilitate recordation of the deed.

(C) Consideration for the conveyance is to be acceptable to the Board of Trustees of Kent State University. The net proceeds of any sale of real estate described above shall be paid to Kent State University and deposited in university accounts for purposes to be determined by the Board of Trustees.

(D) The Auditor of State, with the assistance of the Attorney General, shall prepare the deed to real estate upon notification by the University. The deed shall state the consideration and shall be executed by the Governor in the name of the state, countersigned by the Secretary of State, sealed with the Great Seal of the State, presented in the Office of the Auditor of State for recording, and delivered to the grantee. The grantee shall present the deed for recording in the Office of the Portage County Recorder.

(E) The grantee shall pay the costs of the conveyance including county recording fees.

(F) This section expires three years after its effective date.

SECTION 753.50. (A) The Governor is authorized to execute a deed or deeds in the name of the state conveying to a grantee or grantees acceptable to the Board of Trustees of Kent State University, all of the state's right, title, and interest in all or part of the following described parcels of real estate:

DESCRIPTION OF 42.95 ACRES.

Situated in the Township of Brimfield, County of Portage, State of Ohio, being part of Lot 14 in said Township and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the intersection of the centerlines of T.H. 91 Sherman Road and relocated State Route 43;

Thence along the centerline of relocated State Route 43, deflecting to the left along the arc of a circular curve having a delta of 04deg 41' 30", a radius of 5370.08 feet, a chord of 439.61 feet and a chord bearing of N01 deg 44' 29" W, a distance of 439.73 feet to a 1' "ODOT" iron pin in a monument box found at a point of compound curve in said centerline;

Thence continuing along the centerline of relocated State Route 43, deflecting to the left along the arc of a circular curve having a delta of 03deg 07' 03", a radius of 1041.74 feet, a chord of 56.67 feet and a chord bearing of N05 deg 38' 40" W, a distance of 56.68 feet to a point;

Thence N89deg 35' 17"E a distance of 45.31 feet to a 5/8" iron rod set in the east R/W line of relocated State Route 43, at the northwest corner of land now or formerly owned by C. & P. Battaglia (Vol.1049 Pg.23), which marks the true place of beginning for the following described parcel of land;

Thence along the east R/W line of relocated State Route 43 deflecting to the left along the arc of a circular curve having a delta of 06deg 41' 18", a radius of 1086.74 feet, a chord of 126.79 feet and a chord bearing of N10deg 16' 04"W, a distance of 126.86 feet to a 5/8" iron rod set;

Thence continuing along the east R/W line of relocated State Route 43 N04deg 04' 51"W a distance of 72.87 feet to a 5/8" iron rod set;

Thence continuing along the east R/W line of relocated State Route 43 N30deg 37' 58"W a distance of 55.40 feet to a 5/8" iron rod set in the north line of Lot 14;

Thence N89deg 46' 54"E along the north line of Lot 14 a distance of 730.33 feet to a 3" iron pipe found at the northwest corner of land now or formerly owned by M.E. Davis (O.R.75 Pg.416);

Thence S00deg 21' 59"E along the west line of said Davis a distance of 243.04 feet to a point at the northeast corner of the aforementioned Battaglia;

Thence S89deg 35' 17"W along the north line of said Battaglia (passing over a 5/8" iron rod set at 20.00 feet) a distance of 675.88 feet to the true place of beginning, containing 3.9011 acres of land, more or less, as surveyed and described September 10, 2007 by Rob A. Szuch Registered Professional Surveyor No. 7288

Deed Reference: 200721120

Auditor's Parcel Numbers: 04-014-00-00-019-000 and 04-014-00-00-019-001

DESCRIPTION OF 39.05 ACRES.

PARCEL I: Situated in the Township of Brimfield, County of Portage and State of Ohio: And being a parcel of land in Township Lot No. 14, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a tile in the Northeast corner of Township Lot No. 14, which is the Northeast corner of the grantor's property; thence along the East line of Lot No. 14, and the grantor's East property line, South 00° 15' 04" East, 768.03 feet to a marked stone at the grantor's Southeast corner; thence along the grantor's South property line North 89° 59' 29" West, 636.99 feet to an iron pipe; thence through the

grantor's property North 00° 31" East, 769.36 feet to an iron pipe on the North line of Lot No. 14, and the grantor's North line; thence South 89° 52' 15" East, 633.51' to the place of beginning and containing 11.21 acres of land. Surveyed by Marvin F. Stevens, Reg. Surveyor No. 260. And also that portion of vacated T. H. 91-B, Resolution No. 4416 dated 8/26/55 in Volume 10, Page 50.

PARCEL II: Situated in the Township of Brimfield, County of Portage and State of Ohio, and being a parcel of land in Township Lot No. 5, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a tile at the Southeast corner of Lot No. 5; thence along the South line of Lot No. 5, North 89° 52' 17" West, 1723.10' to the center of S.R.#43; thence along the center of S.R.#43, North 30° 12' West, 368.26 feet; thence South 89° 52' East, 485.97 feet to an iron pipe; thence North 3° 33' West, 454.06 feet to an iron pipe; thence South 89° 52' 17" East, 1447.31 feet to an iron pipe; thence South 0° 14' 39" East, along the East line of Lot No. 5, 771.03 feet to the place of beginning, containing 28.163 acres of land. Surveyed by Marvin F. Stevens, Reg. Surveyor No. 260.

Deed Reference: 2001123211

Auditor's Parcel Numbers: 04-005-00-00-35-001 and 04-014-00-00-028-000

(B) The foregoing description may be adjusted by the Department of Administrative Services to accommodate any corrections necessary to facilitate recordation of the deed.

(C) Consideration for the conveyance is to be acceptable to the Board of Trustees of Kent State University. The net proceeds of any sale of real estate described above shall be paid to Kent State University and deposited in university accounts for purposes to be determined by the Board of Trustees.

(D) The Auditor of State, with the assistance of the Attorney General, shall prepare the deed to real estate upon notification by the University. The deed shall state the consideration and shall be executed by the Governor in the name of the state, countersigned by the Secretary of State, sealed with the Great Seal of the State, presented in the Office of the Auditor of State for recording, and delivered to the grantee. The grantee shall present the deed for recording in the Office of the Portage County Recorder.

(E) The grantee shall pay the costs of the conveyance including county recording fees.

(F) This section expires three years after its effective date.

SECTION 755.10. DIESEL EMISSIONS REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM

There is hereby established in the Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002), used by the Department of Transportation, a Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant Program. The Director of Environmental Protection shall administer the program and shall solicit, evaluate, score, and select projects submitted by public and private entities that are eligible for the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program. The Director of Transportation shall process Federal Highway Administration-approved projects as recommended by the Director of Environmental Protection.

In addition to the allowable expenditures set forth in section 122.861 of the Revised Code, Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant Program funds also may be used to fund projects involving the purchase or use of hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles that are allowed under guidance developed by the Federal Highway Administration for the CMAQ Program.

Public entities eligible to receive funds under section 122.861 of the Revised Code and CMAQ shall be reimbursed from moneys in Fund 7002 designated for the Department of Transportation's Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant Program.

Private entities eligible to receive funds under section 122.861 of the Revised Code and CMAQ shall be reimbursed, at the direction of the local public agency sponsor and upon approval of the Department of Transportation, through direct payments. These reimbursements shall be made from moneys in Fund 7002 designated for the Department of Transportation's Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant Program. Total expenditures from Fund 7002 for the Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant Program shall not exceed \$10,000,000 in both fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021.

Any allocations under this section represent CMAQ program moneys within the Department of Transportation for use by the Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant Program by the Environmental Protection Agency. These allocations shall not reduce the amount of such moneys designated for metropolitan planning organizations.

The Director of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Director of Transportation, shall develop guidance for the distribution of funds and for the administration of the Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant Program. The guidance shall include a method of prioritization for projects, acceptable technologies, and procedures for awarding grants.

SECTION 757.10. The amendment or enactment by this act of sections 3742.50, 5747.08, and 5747.26 of the Revised Code applies to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020.

SECTION 757.30. BUSINESS INCENTIVE TAX CREDITS

In order to facilitate an understanding of business incentive tax credits, as defined in section 107.036 of the Revised Code, the following table provides an estimate of the amount of credits that may be authorized in each fiscal year of the 2020-2021 biennium, an estimate of the credits expected to be claimed in each fiscal year of that biennium, and an estimate of the amount of credits authorized that will remain outstanding at the end of that biennium. In totality, this table provides an estimate of the state revenue forgone due to business incentive tax credits in the 2020-2021 biennium and future biennia.

Biennial Business Incentive Tax Credit Estimates

Tax Credit	Estimate of total value of tax credits authorized		Estimate of tax credits issued/claimed		Expected Outstanding credits
	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2020	FY 2021	End of Biennium
	(All figures in thousands of dollars)				
Job Creation Tax Credit*	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$109,000	\$105,000	\$700,000
Job Retention Tax Credit	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$44,818	\$42,985	\$153,161
Historic Preservation Tax Credit	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$65,000	\$70,000	\$175,000
Motion Picture Tax	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$45,000	\$95,000

Credit

New Markets Tax Credit	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$9,282	\$9,667	\$48,038
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R&D Loan Tax Credit	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$2,606	\$2,100	\$12,525
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InvestOhio Tax Credit	\$4,000	\$3,500	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$4,500
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Ohio Rural Business	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$45,000
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Estimate Total	\$220,500	\$220,000	\$283,206	\$276,751	\$1,233,224
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*The Job Creation Tax Credit (JCTC) estimate of credits outstanding is not just for tax credit certificates already issued, but also for the estimated potential value of certificates to be issued under the program through 2035 when looking at the existing portfolio of approved and active incentives. The estimate assumes that the companies receiving credits will continue to meet the performance objectives required to continue receiving the credit.

SECTION 757.40. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Certificate owner" and "qualified rehabilitation expenditures" have the same meanings as in section 149.311 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Taxpayer," "tax period," "excluded person," "combined taxpayer," and "consolidated elected taxpayer," have the same meanings as in section 5751.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Pass-through entity" has the same meaning as in section 5733.04 of the Revised Code.

(B) A taxpayer that is the certificate owner of a rehabilitation tax credit certificate issued under section 149.311 of the Revised Code may claim a credit against the tax levied by section 5751.02 of the Revised Code for tax

periods ending on or before June 30, 2021, provided that the taxpayer is unable to claim the credit under section 5725.151, 5725.34, 5726.52, 5729.17, or 5747.76 of the Revised Code.

The credit shall equal the lesser of twenty-five per cent of the dollar amount of the qualified rehabilitation expenditures indicated on the certificate or five million dollars. The credit shall be claimed for the calendar year specified in the certificate and after the credits authorized in divisions (A)(1) to (4) of section 5751.98 of the Revised Code, but before the credits authorized in divisions (A)(5) to (7) of that section.

If the credit allowed for any calendar year exceeds the tax otherwise due under section 5751.02 of the Revised Code, after allowing for any other credits preceding the credit in the order prescribed by this section, the excess shall be refunded to the taxpayer. However, if any amount of the credit is refunded, the sum of the amount refunded and the amount applied to reduce the tax otherwise due for that year shall not exceed three million dollars. The taxpayer may carry forward any balance of the credit in excess of the amount claimed for that year for not more than five calendar years after the calendar year specified in the certificate, and shall deduct any amount claimed in any such year from the amount claimed in an ensuing year.

A person that is an excluded person may file a return under section 5751.051 of the Revised Code for the purpose of claiming the credit authorized in this section.

If the certificate owner is a pass-through entity, the credit may not be allocated among the entity's owners in proportions or amounts as the owners mutually agree unless either the owners are part of the same combined or consolidated elected taxpayer as the pass-through entity or the director of development services issued the certificate in the name of the pass-through entity's owners in the agreed-upon proportions or amounts. If the credit is allocated among those owners, an owner may claim the credit authorized in this section only if that owner is a corporation or an association taxed as a corporation for federal income tax purposes and is not a corporation that has made an election under Subchapter S of Chapter 1 of Subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code.

The credit authorized in this section may be claimed only on the basis of a rehabilitation tax credit certificate with an effective date after December 31, 2013, but before June 30, 2021.

A person claiming a credit under this section shall retain the rehabilitation tax credit certificate for four years following the end of the latest calendar year in which the credit was applied, and shall make the certificate available for inspection by the tax commissioner upon request.

SECTION 757.70. The amendment by this act of section 5747.10 of the Revised Code applies to federal adjustments with a final determination date of October 1, 2019, or thereafter.

SECTION 757.80. The amendment or enactment by this act of portions of section 5743.62 of the Revised Code other than those pertaining to the taxation of vapor products and of sections 5741.01, 5741.04, 5741.05, 5741.07, 5741.071, 5741.11, 5741.13, and 5741.17 of the Revised Code applies on and after the first day of the first month beginning on or after the effective date of this section.

SECTION 757.90. The amendment by this act of sections 5709.084 and 5709.17 of the Revised Code applies to tax year 2019 and every tax year thereafter.

SECTION 757.140. The amendment by this act of sections 122.175, 5739.01, 5739.011, 5739.02, 5739.03, and 5739.05 of the Revised Code applies on and after October 1, 2019.

SECTION 757.150. (A) The amendment by this act of section 323.151 of the Revised Code applies to section 323.152 of the Revised Code for tax year 2020 and every tax year thereafter and to section 4503.065 of the Revised Code for tax year 2021 and every tax year thereafter.

(B) Except as provided in division (C) of this section, the amendment or repeal by this act of sections 5747.01, 5747.02, 5747.022, 5747.025, 5747.05, 5747.054, 5747.055, 5747.06, 5747.29, 5747.65, and 5748.01 of the Revised Code applies to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019.

(C) The amendment by this act of divisions (A)(31), (B), and (HH) of section 5747.01 of the Revised Code applies to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020.

SECTION 757.160. The Tax Commissioner shall not make adjustments in 2019 to the income amounts in divisions (A)(2) and (3) of section 5747.02 of the Revised Code, as otherwise required by division (A)(5) of that section

or the personal exemption amounts prescribed in division (A) of section 5747.025 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 757.200. The amendment by this act of section 5727.75 of the Revised Code applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019.

SECTION 757.210. The amendment by this act of section 323.131 of the Revised Code applies on and after January 1, 2021.

SECTION 757.220. The amendment by this act of section 718.01 of the Revised Code applies to municipal taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020.

The amendment by this act of section 718.80 of the Revised Code applies to municipal taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019.

SECTION 757.230. The amendment by this act of section 5747.50 of the Revised Code applies on and after the first day of the first month beginning on or after the effective date of this section.

SECTION 757.240. (A) The repeal by this act of section 5747.081 of the Revised Code applies to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019.

(B) Notwithstanding the repeal by this act of section 3517.16 of the Revised Code, the Ohio political party fund shall be held open in the state treasury and continue to receive money from individuals exercising the checkoff option on a state income tax return until such time as the Commissioner determines that all or substantially all of the checkoff contributions for taxable years beginning before January 1, 2019, have been received by the fund, or January 1, 2020, whichever is earlier. At such time, the remaining balance of the fund shall be distributed in accordance with division (B) of section 3517.16 of the Revised Code, as the section existed before its repeal by this act. The auditor of state shall submit the report described in division (B)(1) of section 3517.16 of the Revised Code, as the section existed before its repeal by this act, annually until the Ohio political party fund is dissolved. After the Ohio political party fund is dissolved, all checkoff contributions the fund would have otherwise received shall be

credited to the General Revenue Fund.

(C) The repeal by this act of section 3517.17 of the Revised Code applies on and after the day that the Ohio political party fund is dissolved under division (B) of this section and all moneys have been distributed by the Commissioner, and by the treasurers of the state executive committees of the major political parties in the manner required by that section.

(D) The use of any money received by a political party from the Ohio political party fund before, or immediately following its dissolution is subject to the limitations prescribed by section 3517.18 of the Revised Code as that section existed before its repeal by this act.

(E) The amendment by this act of section 5747.03 of the Revised Code applies on and after the day the Ohio political party fund is dissolved under division (B) of this section.

SECTION 757.250. (A) The amendment of division (B) of section 122.85 of the Revised Code, requiring the Director of Development Services to rescind certification of any tax credit-eligible production that does not begin production within ninety days, applies to motion picture and Broadway theatrical productions that are certified on or after the effective date of this section.

(B) The amendment by this act of division (C)(5) of section 122.85 of the Revised Code concerning the times during which tax credits are awarded and requiring the Director to rank applications based on the economic and workforce development impact of the productions applies to fiscal years beginning on or after the effective date of this section.

(C) The Director of Development Services in consultation with the Tax Commissioner shall adopt rules for the administration of section 122.85 of the Revised Code, as amended by this act, pursuant to division (G)(1) of that section on or before the first day of the first fiscal year that begins on or after the effective date of this section, or as soon thereafter as otherwise permitted by law.

(D) Any person to whom the right to claim a credit has been lawfully transferred pursuant to division (H) of section 122.85 of the Revised Code before the effective date of that division's amendment by this act is a certificate owner for the purpose of that section on and after that effective date.

(E) All other amendments by this act of sections 107.036, 122.85, 5726.98, 5733.98, 5747.98, and 5751.98 of the Revised Code apply on and after the effective date of this section.

(F) The Director of Development Services shall rescind certification of

a motion picture that was certified as a tax credit-eligible production under section 122.85 of the Revised Code before the effective date of this section if the production of that motion picture has not begun on or before the effective date of this section or within one year of the date the production was certified, whichever is later.

SECTION 757.260. (A) As used in this section, "vapor distributor," "vapor products," and "tobacco products" have the same meanings as in section 5743.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) Notwithstanding division (B) of section 5743.61 of the Revised Code, a vapor distributor that is not in the business of distributing tobacco products shall apply for the license described in division (A)(1) of that section on or before September 30, 2019, or on the day preceding the first day the vapor distributor engages in the business of distributing vapor products within this state, whichever is later. The initial vapor products license issued under this section shall be valid until January 31, 2021, or, if it is issued after that date, the last day of January of the ensuing calendar year.

(C) Licenses issued under this section are subject to the same rules, fees, and procedures as licenses issued under section 5743.61 of the Revised Code, and may be suspended by the Tax Commissioner under division (D) of that section.

(D) A vapor distributor holding an active license to distribute tobacco products on October 1, 2019, may distribute vapor products without obtaining a separate license under this section.

SECTION 757.270. The amendment by this act of portions of section 5743.62 of the Revised Code pertaining to the taxation of vapor products and of sections 1346.04, 5743.01, 5743.025, 5743.03, 5743.14, 5743.20, 5743.41, 5743.44, 5743.51, 5743.52, 5743.53, 5743.54, 5743.55, 5743.59, 5743.60, 5743.61, 5743.63, and 5743.66 of the Revised Code applies to invoices dated on or after October 1, 2019.

The amendment by this act of section 5743.64 of the Revised Code applies on and after July 1, 2020.

Notwithstanding the first paragraph of this section, manufacturers and importers of vapor products shall register with the Tax Commissioner under section 5743.66 of the Revised Code, as amended by this act, beginning on July 1, 2020.

SECTION 757.281. Divisions (B)(1) and (C) of section 5703.263 of the Revised Code, as enacted by this act, concerning the inclusion of a tax return preparer's signature and federal tax identification number on returns and notices and penalties relating to a tax return preparer's failure to do so or engagement in other prohibited conduct, apply on and after January 1, 2020.

SECTION 757.291. The amendment or enactment by this act of sections 5709.40, 5709.41, 5709.51, 5709.73, and 5709.78 of the Revised Code concerning the extension of certain tax increment financing property tax exemptions applies to resolutions or ordinances adopted under any of those sections for an exemption that is in effect for the tax year that includes or begins after the effective date of those amendments and enactments.

SECTION 757.301. The amendment by this act of division (C) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code is remedial in nature and clarifies the status of vendors under Chapter 5739. of the Revised Code and does not change the existing application of that chapter.

SECTION 757.311. A resolution adopted by a board of county commissioners under section 351.02 of the Revised Code that creates a convention facilities authority is subject to referendum as prescribed by sections 305.31 to 305.99 of the Revised Code if the resolution creating the convention facilities authority is adopted between July 1, 2019, and December 31, 2019, and the petition initiating the referendum is filed with the county auditor within ninety days after the resolution is adopted. If, pursuant to those procedures, a referendum is to be held, the board's resolution creating the convention facilities authority does not take effect until approved by a majority of electors voting on the question. If the convention facilities authority adopts a resolution levying the tax authorized by division (C)(3) of section 351.021 of the Revised Code before the election, the authority's resolution shall not take effect unless the board's resolution is approved at the election. If the board's resolution is approved at the election, the authority's resolution shall take effect on the first day of the first month that begins at least thirty days following the date of the election, unless a later date is specified in the authority's resolution.

SECTION 757.331. The amendment by this act of sections 5739.021, 5739.023, and 5739.026 of the Revised Code applies on and after October 1, 2019.

SECTION 757.340. As used in this section, "qualified property" means any property that satisfies the qualifications for tax exemption under the terms of section 5709.08 of the Revised Code and that is owned by a municipal corporation that, within the preceding twenty-five years, (A) was part of an area subject to a federal disaster declaration on the basis of severe storms or flooding and (B) following that declaration, obtained the title to one or more parcels pursuant to the terms of a hazard mitigation grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Notwithstanding section 5713.081 of the Revised Code, when qualified property has not received tax exemption due to a failure to comply with Chapter 5713. or section 5715.27 of the Revised Code, the municipal corporation that owns the property, at any time on or before twelve months after the effective date of this act, may file with the Tax Commissioner an application requesting that the property be placed on the tax-exempt list and that all unpaid taxes, penalties, and interest on the property be abated.

The application shall be made on the form prescribed by the Commissioner under section 5715.27 of the Revised Code and shall list the name of the county in which the property is located; the property's parcel number or legal description; its assessed value; the amount in dollars of the unpaid taxes, penalties, and interest; and any other information required by the Commissioner. The county auditor shall supply the required information upon request of the applicant.

After receiving and considering the application, the Commissioner shall determine if the applicant meets the qualifications set forth in this section. If so, the Commissioner shall issue an order directing that the property be placed on the tax-exempt list of the county and that all unpaid taxes, penalties, and interest be abated. If the Commissioner finds that the property is not now being used for an exempt purpose or is otherwise ineligible for abatement of taxes, penalties, and interest under this section, the Commissioner shall issue an order denying the application.

If the Commissioner finds that the property is not entitled to tax exemption and to the abatement of unpaid taxes, penalties, and interest, the Commissioner shall order the county treasurer of the county in which the property is located to collect all taxes, penalties, and interest due on the

property for those years in accordance with law.

The Commissioner may apply this section to any qualified property that is the subject of an application for exemption pending before the Commissioner on the effective date of this section without requiring the property owner to file an additional application.

SECTION 757.350. The amendment or enactment by this act of sections 319.302, 323.155, 323.16, and 323.18 of the Revised Code applies to tax year 2019 and thereafter.

SECTION 757.360. The amendment by this act of section 5726.04 of the Revised Code applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020.

SECTION 806.10. SEVERABILITY

The items of law contained in this act, and their applications, are severable. If any item of law contained in this act, or if any application of any item of law contained in this act, is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other items of law contained in this act and their applications that can be given effect without the invalid item of law or application.

SECTION 809.10. NO EFFECT AFTER END OF BIENNIUM

An item of law, other than an amending, enacting, or repealing clause, that composes the whole or part of an uncodified section contained in this act has no effect after June 30, 2021, unless its context clearly indicates otherwise.

SECTION 812.10. SUBJECT TO REFERENDUM

Except as otherwise provided in this act, the amendment, enactment, or repeal by this act of a section is subject to the referendum under Ohio Constitution, Article II, section 1c and therefore takes effect on the ninety-first day after this act is filed with the Secretary of State or, if a later effective date is specified below, on that date.

The amendment by this act of section 1509.50 of the Revised Code takes effect January 1, 2020.

The amendment by this act of sections 5165.21 and 5165.361 of the Revised Code takes effect July 1, 2021.

SECTION 812.12. (A) The amendment by this act to division (B) of section 5165.15 of the Revised Code takes effect July 1, 2021.

(B) The amendment by this act to section 5165.15 of the Revised Code that adds a division (E) to that section takes effect on the ninety-first day after this act is filed with the Secretary of State.

SECTION 812.15. The amendment by this act of section 4549.65 and the enactment of sections 4516.01, 4516.02, 4516.03, 4516.04, 4516.05, 4516.06, 4516.07, 4516.08, 4516.09, 4516.10, 4516.11, 4516.12, and 4516.13 of the Revised Code takes effect on the one hundred eighty-first day after this act is filed with the Secretary of State.

SECTION 812.20. The amendment, new enactment, or repeal by this act of the sections listed below is exempt from the referendum under section 1d of Article II, Ohio Constitution, and therefore takes effect immediately when this act becomes law or, if a later effective date is specified below, on that date.

The amendment by this act of sections 122.175, 321.24, 718.83, 718.85, 718.90, 3311.78, 3311.79, 3314.35, 3314.351, 3317.141, 3319.283, 3326.13, 4301.43, 5739.01, 5739.011, 5739.02, 5741.01, 5741.04, 5741.05, 5741.07, 5741.071, 5741.11, 5741.13, 5741.17, 5743.01, 5743.025, 5743.14, 5743.20, 5743.41, 5743.44, 5743.51, 5743.52, 5743.53, 5743.54, 5743.55, 5743.59, 5743.60, 5743.61, 5743.62, 5743.63, 5743.66, 5745.05, 5747.50, and 5751.02 of the Revised Code; the repeal by this act of section 3319.074 of the Revised Code; and the enactment of Sections 757.80, 757.140, 757.160, 757.230, 757.260, 757.270, and 757.331 of this act.

The amendment of sections 5168.60, 5168.61, 5168.63, and 5168.64 of the Revised Code, the new enactment of section 5168.62 of the Revised Code, and the repeal of section 5168.62 of the Revised Code by this act take effect July 1, 2019.

SECTION 812.23. Sections of this act prefixed with numbers in the 200s, 300s, 400s, and 500s (except the 501s) are exempt from the referendum under Ohio Constitution, Article II, Section 1d, and therefore take immediate effect when this act becomes law.

SECTION 812.30. The sections that are listed in the left-hand column of the following table combine amendments by this act that are and that are not exempt from the referendum under Ohio Constitution, Article II, sections 1c and 1d and section 1.471 of the Revised Code.

The middle column identifies the amendments to the listed sections that are subject to the referendum under Ohio Constitution, Article II, section 1c and therefore take effect on the ninety-first day after this act is filed with the Secretary of State or, if a later effective date is specified, on that date.

The right-hand column identifies the amendments to the listed sections that are exempt from the referendum under Ohio Constitution, Article II, section 1d and section 1.471 of the Revised Code and therefore take effect immediately when this act becomes law or, if a later effective date is specified, on that date.

Section of law	Amendments subject to referendum	Amendments exempt from referendum
3314.017	All amendments except as described in the right-hand column	The amendments to divisions (C) and (I) take effect immediately when this bill becomes law

SECTION 815.10. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections as presented in this act:

Section 109.572 of the Revised Code as amended by Am. Sub. H.B. 49, Sub. H.B. 199, Sub. H.B. 213, Am. Sub. S.B. 51, Sub. S.B. 229, Am. Sub. S.B. 255, and Sub. S.B. 263, all of the 132nd General Assembly.

Section 133.18 of the Revised Code as amended by both Am. Sub. H.B. 48 of the 128th General Assembly and Am. Sub. H.B. 153 of the 129th General Assembly.

Section 149.43 of the Revised Code as amended by Am. Sub. H.B. 8, Sub. H.B. 34, Sub. H.B. 139, Sub. H.B. 312, Sub. H.B. 341, Sub. H.B. 425, Am. Sub. S.B. 201, Am. S.B. 214, and Sub. S.B. 229, all of the 132nd General Assembly.

Section 321.24 of the Revised Code as amended by both Sub. S.B. 353

of the 127th General Assembly and Am. Sub. H.B. 1 of the 128th General Assembly.

Section 718.01 of the Revised Code as amended by both Am. Sub. H.B. 49 and Sub. H.B. 133 of the 132nd General Assembly.

Section 1739.05 of the Revised Code as amended by Sub. H.B. 156, Sub. S.B. 259, and Sub. S.B. 265, all of the 132nd General Assembly.

Section 2925.01 of the Revised Code as amended by Am. Sub. H.B. 49, Am. Sub. S.B. 1, Am. Sub. S.B. 201, Sub. S.B. 229, Am. Sub. S.B. 255, and Sub. S.B. 259, all of the 132nd General Assembly.

Section 2929.13 of the Revised Code as amended by Sub. H.B. 63, Am. Sub. S.B. 1, Sub. S.B. 20, Am. Sub. S.B. 66, and Am. Sub. S.B. 201, all of the 132nd General Assembly.

Section 2929.15 of the Revised Code as amended by both Am. Sub. S.B. 66 and Am. Sub. S.B. 201 of the 132nd General Assembly.

Section 3119.30 of the Revised Code as amended by both Sub. S.B. 70 and Sub. H.B. 366 of the 132nd General Assembly.

Section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code as amended by both Sub. H.B. 21 and Am. Sub. S.B. 216 of the 132nd General Assembly.

Section 3302.03 of the Revised Code as amended by Sub. H.B. 318 and Am. Sub. S.B. 216 of the 132nd General Assembly.

Section 3314.08 of the Revised Code as amended by Sub. H.B. 87 and Am. Sub. S.B. 216 of the 132nd General Assembly.

Section 3317.03 of the Revised Code as amended by Sub. H.B. 113 and Sub. H.B. 158 of the 131st General Assembly.

Section 3328.24 of the Revised Code as amended by both Am. Sub. H.B. 410 and Sub. S.B. 3 of the 131st General Assembly.

Section 3501.01 of the Revised Code as amended by both Am. Sub. H.B. 64 and Am. H.B. 153 of the 131st General Assembly.

Section 3501.05 of the Revised Code as amended by both Am. Sub. S.B. 109 and Sub. S.B. 205 of the 130th General Assembly.

Section 3501.22 of the Revised Code as amended by both Am. Sub. S.B. 109 and Sub. S.B. 216 of the 130th General Assembly.

Section 3517.99 of the Revised Code as amended by both Am. Sub. H.B. 99 and Am. Sub. S.B. 9 of the 121st General Assembly.

Section 4730.14 of the Revised Code as amended by both Sub. S.B. 110 and Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly.

Section 4730.25 of the Revised Code as amended by Am. Sub. H.B. 64 and Sub. S.B. 110 of the 131st General Assembly and Am. Sub. H.B. 394 and Am. Sub. S.B. 276 of the 130th General Assembly.

Section 4735.09 of the Revised Code as amended by both Sub. H.B. 113

and Am. H.B. 532 of the 131st General Assembly.

Section 5162.01 of the Revised Code as amended by both Sub. H.B. 89 and Sub. S.B. 332 of the 131st General Assembly.

Section 5705.218 of the Revised Code as amended by both Am. Sub. H.B. 59 and Sub. H.B. 167 of the 130th General Assembly.

Section 5709.40 of the Revised Code as amended by both Am. Sub. S.B. 257 of the 131st General Assembly and Sub. H.B. 69 of the 132nd General Assembly.

Section 5709.41 of the Revised Code as amended by both Am. Sub. H.B. 508 and Am. Sub. H.B. 509 of the 129th General Assembly.

Section 6111.03 of the Revised Code as amended by both Am. S.B. 2 and Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly.

Section 221.13 of H.B. 529 of the 132nd General Assembly as amended by both Sub. H.B. 292 and Am. Sub. S.B. 299 of the 132nd General Assembly.

SECTION 815.30. (A)(1) Section 149.45 of the Revised Code is presented below without amendment to confirm harmonization of the section, under division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code, as amended by H.B. 341, S.B. 214, and S.B. 229 of the 132nd General Assembly:

Sec. 149.45. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Personal information" means any of the following:

(a) An individual's social security number;

(b) An individual's state or federal tax identification number;

(c) An individual's driver's license number or state identification number;

(d) An individual's checking account number, savings account number, credit card number, or debit card number;

(e) An individual's demand deposit account number, money market account number, mutual fund account number, or any other financial or medical account number.

(2) "Public record," "designated public service worker," and "designated public service worker residential and familial information" have the meanings defined in section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Truncate" means to redact all but the last four digits of an individual's social security number.

(B)(1) No public office or person responsible for a public office's public records shall make available to the general public on the internet any document that contains an individual's social security number without otherwise redacting, encrypting, or truncating the social security number.

(2) A public office or person responsible for a public office's public records that, prior to October 17, 2011, made available to the general public on the internet any document that contains an individual's social security number shall redact, encrypt, or truncate the social security number from that document.

(3) Divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section do not apply to documents that are only accessible through the internet with a password.

(C)(1) An individual may request that a public office or a person responsible for a public office's public records redact personal information of that individual from any record made available to the general public on the internet. An individual who makes a request for redaction pursuant to this division shall make the request in writing on a form developed by the attorney general and shall specify the personal information to be redacted and provide any information that identifies the location of that personal information within a document that contains that personal information.

(2) Upon receiving a request for a redaction pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, a public office or a person responsible for a public office's public records shall act within five business days in accordance with the request to redact the personal information of the individual from any record made available to the general public on the internet, if practicable. If a redaction is not practicable, the public office or person responsible for the public office's public records shall verbally or in writing within five business days after receiving the written request explain to the individual why the redaction is impracticable.

(3) The attorney general shall develop a form to be used by an individual to request a redaction pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section. The form shall include a place to provide any information that identifies the location of the personal information to be redacted.

(D)(1) A designated public service worker may request that a public office, other than a county auditor, or a person responsible for the public records of a public office, other than a county auditor, redact the designated public service worker's address from any record made available to the general public on the internet that includes designated public service worker residential and familial information of the designated public service worker making the request. A designated public service worker who makes a request for a redaction pursuant to this division shall make the request in writing and on a form developed by the attorney general.

(2) Upon receiving a written request for a redaction pursuant to division (D)(1) of this section, a public office, other than a county auditor, or a person responsible for the public records of a public office, other than a

county auditor, shall act within five business days in accordance with the request to redact the address of the designated public service worker making the request from any record made available to the general public on the internet that includes designated public service worker residential and familial information of the designated public service worker making the request, if practicable. If a redaction is not practicable, the public office or person responsible for the public office's public records shall verbally or in writing within five business days after receiving the written request explain to the designated public service worker why the redaction is impracticable.

(3) Except as provided in this section and section 319.28 of the Revised Code, a public office, other than an employer of a designated public service worker, or a person responsible for the public records of the employer, is not required to redact designated public service worker residential and familial information of the designated public service worker from other records maintained by the public office.

(4) The attorney general shall develop a form to be used by a designated public service worker to request a redaction pursuant to division (D)(1) of this section. The form shall include a place to provide any information that identifies the location of the address of the designated public service worker to be redacted.

(E)(1) If a public office or a person responsible for a public office's public records becomes aware that an electronic record of that public office that is made available to the general public on the internet contains an individual's social security number that was mistakenly not redacted, encrypted, or truncated as required by division (B)(1) or (2) of this section, the public office or person responsible for the public office's public records shall redact, encrypt, or truncate the individual's social security number within a reasonable period of time.

(2) A public office or a person responsible for a public office's public records is not liable in damages in a civil action for any harm an individual allegedly sustains as a result of the inclusion of that individual's personal information on any record made available to the general public on the internet or any harm a designated public service worker sustains as a result of the inclusion of the designated public service worker's address on any record made available to the general public on the internet in violation of this section, unless the public office or person responsible for the public office's public records acted with malicious purpose, in bad faith, or in a wanton or reckless manner or unless division (A)(6)(a) or (c) of section 2744.03 of the Revised Code applies.

(2) The foregoing presentation supersedes section 149.45 of the Revised Code as it results, respectively, from H.B. 341, S.B. 214, and S.B. 229 of the 132nd General Assembly.

(B) Section 149.45 of the Revised Code was amended together with, and in relation to, section 149.43 of the Revised Code by H.B. 341 of the 132nd General Assembly. Section 149.43 of the Revised Code is presented elsewhere in this act.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

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