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**A BILL**

To amend section 3.111 of the Revised Code to 1  
require certain convention and visitors' bureaus 2  
to make available for inspection by the public 3  
all meeting minutes, vendor payment information, 4  
and financial information. 5

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

**Section 1.** That section 3.111 of the Revised Code be 6  
amended to read as follows: 7

**Sec. 3.111.** (A) An elected officer of a county, township, 8  
or municipal corporation that has levied an excise lodging tax 9  
under section 5739.08 or 5739.09 of the Revised Code, or a 10  
designee appointed by such elected officer, may simultaneously 11  
serve in the elected or appointed position and as a member or 12  
officer of the board of trustees of a convention and visitors' 13  
bureau organized under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code. The 14  
simultaneous holding of the two positions shall not constitute 15  
the holding of incompatible offices or employment, 16  
notwithstanding Ohio common law or any contrary provision of the 17  
Revised Code. 18

Nothing in this section prevents a municipal corporation 19

or chartered county from adopting a more restrictive policy 20  
regarding the simultaneous holding of the positions described in 21  
this section. 22

(B) If a person serves in two positions as authorized by 23  
division (A) of this section, the board of trustees of the 24  
convention and visitors' bureau shall do the following: 25

(1) Promptly prepare, file, and maintain the minutes of 26  
each meeting of the board of trustees and open the minutes to 27  
inspection by the public. 28

(2) Prepare and make available for inspection all records 29  
regarding financial information and vendor payments in 30  
accordance with the processes applicable to public offices under 31  
divisions (B), (C), (D), and (G) of section 149.43 of the 32  
Revised Code pertaining to public records. 33

(C) As used in this section, "record" has the meaning 34  
defined in section 149.011 of the Revised Code. 35

**Section 2.** That existing section 3.111 of the Revised Code 36  
is hereby repealed. 37