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**A BILL**

To enact section 9.16 of the Revised Code to allow 1  
a governmental entity to utilize distributed 2  
ledger technology, including blockchain 3  
technology. 4

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

**Section 1.** That section 9.16 of the Revised Code be 5  
enacted to read as follows: 6

**Sec. 9.16.** (A) As used in this section: 7

(1) "Governmental entity" means the state or a political 8  
subdivision. 9

(2) "Political subdivision" has the same meaning as in 10  
section 9.48 of the Revised Code. 11

(3) "State" has the same meaning as in section 2744.01 of 12  
the Revised Code. 13

(B) A governmental entity may utilize distributed ledger 14  
technology, including blockchain technology, in the exercise of 15  
its authority. 16