

(129th General Assembly)
(Amended Substitute House Bill Number 487)

AN ACT

To amend sections 7.10, 7.16, 9.34, 102.02, 103.05, 105.41, 109.57, 109.572, 109.801, 119.032, 121.04, 121.08, 121.083, 121.084, 122.07, 123.01, 123.011, 123.07, 123.09, 123.10, 123.101, 123.13, 123.14, 123.15, 123.152, 123.17, 123.21, 123.48, 123.77, 124.04, 124.06, 124.11, 124.12, 124.14, 124.231, 124.241, 124.25, 124.26, 124.27, 124.30, 124.31, 125.082, 125.14, 126.14, 135.35, 140.01, 140.03, 140.05, 140.08, 145.01, 145.012, 149.43, 151.01, 152.18, 152.24, 153.01, 153.011, 153.013, 153.02, 153.04, 153.06, 153.07, 153.08, 153.09, 153.11, 153.12, 153.14, 153.16, 153.17, 153.502, 153.503, 153.53, 154.01, 167.04, 173.14, 173.21, 173.23, 173.26, 173.27, 173.391, 173.394, 173.40, 173.42, 173.45, 173.46, 185.01, 185.02, 185.03, 185.05, 185.06, 185.07, 185.09, 185.12, 306.04, 306.36, 306.55, 313.121, 313.122, 313.16, 329.01, 329.40, 329.41, 329.42, 329.43, 329.44, 329.45, 329.46, 330.04, 339.091, 340.03, 340.05, 340.091, 705.18, 749.04, 749.05, 749.18, 901.54, 924.51, 955.16, 955.26, 991.02, 1121.23, 1155.03, 1163.05, 1315.141, 1317.05, 1321.37, 1321.53, 1321.531, 1322.03, 1322.031, 1345.05, 1501.04, 1502.01, 1502.02, 1502.03, 1502.04, 1502.05, 1502.06, 1502.12, 1502.99, 1503.012, 1503.43, 1506.42, 1509.071, 1509.36, 1533.10, 1541.26, 1551.33, 1555.02, 1555.03, 1555.04, 1555.05, 1555.06, 1571.14, 1707.08, 1707.391, 1724.03, 1733.47, 1751.01, 1751.02, 1751.13, 1761.26, 1901.06, 1901.18, 1907.13, 1909.11, 1923.01, 1923.02, 1923.061, 1923.15, 2151.33, 2151.412, 2151.86, 2152.121, 2152.22, 2301.01, 2301.03,

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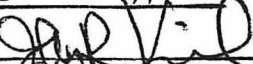
Am. Sub. H.B. 114 of the 129th General Assembly, as subsequently amended, Section 201 of Sub. H.B. 123 of the 129th General Assembly, Section 1 of H.B. 124 of the 129th General Assembly, Sections 205.10, 207.10, 207.10.80, 207.20.10, 207.20.30, 207.20.90, 209.10, 209.20, 209.30, 211.10, 215.10, 215.20, 223.10, 229.10, 243.10, 245.10, 261.10.40, 261.10.70, 261.20.40, 261.20.50, 261.20.60, 261.20.80, 261.20.90, 261.30.10, 261.30.20, 261.30.30, 261.30.40, 261.30.60, 261.30.70, 261.30.80, 261.30.90, 261.40.10, 263.10, 263.10.30, 263.10.90, 263.20.40, 263.20.70, 267.10, 267.10.10, 267.10.20, 267.10.40, 267.30.20, 267.30.40, 267.40.40, 279.10, 283.10, 285.10, 287.10, 291.10, 305.10, 307.10, 309.10, 309.30.10, 309.30.30, 309.30.33, 309.30.53, 309.30.73, 309.35.73, 309.60.20, 313.10, 315.10, 323.10, 327.10, 337.10, 343.10, 343.40, 365.10, 367.10, 369.10, 371.10, 371.30.30, 371.50.61, 371.50.65, 371.60.80, 373.10, 375.10, 379.10, 387.10, 403.10, 411.10, 415.10, 503.50, 521.70, 701.40, and 753.25 of Am. Sub. H.B. 153 of the 129th General Assembly, Sections 247.10, 261.10, and 261.20.93 of Am. Sub. H.B. 153 of the 129th General Assembly, as subsequently amended, Section 8 of Sub. H.B. 369 of the 129th General Assembly, Section 205.80 of Sub. H.B. 482 of the 129th General Assembly, Section 4 of Sub. S.B. 171 of the 129th General Assembly, Section 3 of Am. Sub. S.B. 160 of the 121st General Assembly, and Section 3 of Am. Sub. S.B. 38 of the 120th General Assembly; to repeal Sections 261.10.10, 261.10.20, 261.10.30, 261.10.50, 261.10.60, 261.10.80, 261.10.90, 261.20.10, 261.20.20, 261.20.70, 261.30.50, and 263.10.80 of Am. Sub. H.B. 153 of the 129th General Assembly; and Section 2 of Am. Sub. S.B. 63 of the

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121st General Assembly and to amend the versions of sections 5122.31, 5123.19, and 5123.61 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to take effect October 1, 2012, to continue the provisions of this act on and after that effective date; to make operating and other appropriations and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.

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

SECTION 101.01. That sections 7.10, 7.16, 9.34, 102.02, 103.05, 105.41, 109.57, 109.572, 109.801, 119.032, 121.04, 121.08, 121.083, 121.084, 122.07, 123.01, 123.011, 123.07, 123.09, 123.10, 123.101, 123.13, 123.14, 123.15, 123.152, 123.17, 123.21, 123.48, 123.77, 124.04, 124.06, 124.11, 124.12, 124.14, 124.231, 124.241, 124.25, 124.26, 124.27, 124.30, 124.31, 125.082, 125.14, 126.14, 135.35, 140.01, 140.03, 140.05, 140.08, 145.01, 145.012, 149.43, 151.01, 152.18, 152.24, 153.01, 153.011, 153.013, 153.02, 153.04, 153.06, 153.07, 153.08, 153.09, 153.11, 153.12, 153.14, 153.16, 153.17, 153.502, 153.503, 153.53, 154.01, 167.04, 173.14, 173.21, 173.23, 173.26, 173.27, 173.391, 173.394, 173.40, 173.42, 173.45, 173.46, 185.01, 185.02, 185.03, 185.05, 185.06, 185.07, 185.09, 185.12, 306.04, 306.36, 306.55, 313.121, 313.122, 313.16, 329.01, 329.40, 329.41, 329.42, 329.43, 329.44, 329.45, 329.46, 330.04, 339.091, 340.03, 340.05, 340.091, 705.18, 749.04, 749.05, 749.18, 901.54, 924.51, 955.16, 955.26, 991.02, 1121.23, 1155.03, 1163.05, 1315.141, 1317.05, 1321.37, 1321.53, 1321.531, 1322.03, 1322.031, 1345.05, 1501.04, 1502.01, 1502.02, 1502.03, 1502.04, 1502.05, 1502.06, 1502.12, 1502.99, 1503.012, 1503.43, 1506.42, 1509.071, 1509.36, 1533.10, 1541.26, 1551.33, 1555.02, 1555.03, 1555.04, 1555.05, 1555.06, 1571.14, 1707.08, 1707.391, 1724.03, 1733.47, 1751.01, 1751.02, 1751.13, 1761.26, 1901.06, 1901.18, 1907.13, 1909.11, 1923.01, 1923.02, 1923.061, 1923.15, 2151.33, 2151.412, 2151.86, 2152.121, 2152.22, 2301.01, 2301.03, 2301.18, 2301.20, 2301.21, 2301.22, 2301.23, 2301.24, 2301.25, 2301.26, 2301.27, 2301.271, 2301.571, 2305.01, 2305.02, 2307.89, 2317.02, 2317.422, 2317.56, 2319.27, 2501.02, 2501.16, 2501.17, 2503.01, 2743.02, 2743.09, 2743.10, 2743.48, 2746.01, 2746.03, 2746.04, 2901.01, 2903.33, 2907.29, 2909.21, 2909.28, 2927.023, 2929.01, 2929.19, 2935.01, 2935.03, 2939.11, 2945.371, 2945.38, 2945.39, 2945.40, 2945.401, 2961.22, 2967.03, 2967.05, 2967.14, 2967.19, 2967.191, 2967.26, 2967.28, 2981.11, 2981.14,

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amended; sections 123.011 (123.22), 123.024 (123.06), 123.04 (123.02), 123.07 (123.03), 123.08 (123.18), 123.09 (123.04), 123.10 (123.05), 123.101 (123.27), 123.11 (123.07), 123.13 (123.08), 123.14 (123.09), 123.15 (123.10), 123.17 (123.24), 123.21 (123.11), 123.46 (123.12), 123.47 (123.13), 123.48 (123.14), 123.49 (123.15), 123.77 (123.17), 185.01 (3701.92), 185.02 (3701.923), 185.03 (3701.924), 185.05 (3701.925), 185.06 (3701.926), 185.07 (3701.927), 185.09 (3701.928), 185.12 (3701.929), 1502.01 (3736.01), 1502.02 (3736.03), 1502.03 (3736.02), 1502.04 (3736.04), 1502.05 (3736.05), 1502.06 (3736.06), 1502.07 (3736.07), 1502.12 (3734.822), 1502.99 (3736.99), 3702.522 (3702.521), 3702.523 (3702.522), 3702.524 (3702.523), 3702.525 (3702.524), 3702.526 (3702.525), 3733.02 (4781.26), 3733.021 (4781.31), 3733.022 (4781.32), 3733.024 (4781.33), 3733.025 (4781.34), 3733.03 (4781.27), 3733.04 (4781.28), 3733.05 (4781.29), 3733.06 (4781.30), 3733.07 (4781.301), 3733.08 (4781.35), 3733.09 (4781.36), 3733.091 (4781.37), 3733.10 (4781.38), 3733.101 (4781.39), 3733.11 (4781.40), 3733.12 (4781.41), 3733.121 (4781.42), 3733.122 (4781.43), 3733.123 (4781.44), 3733.13 (4781.45), 3733.14 (4781.46), 3733.15 (4781.47), 3733.16 (4781.48), 3733.17 (4781.49), 3733.18 (4781.50), 3733.19 (4781.51), 3733.20 (4781.52), 5123.169 (5123.1610), 5503.21 (5502.05), 5503.22 (5502.06), and 5503.23 (5502.07) be amended for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses; and new sections 123.21, 3701.33, 3701.34, 3702.526, 4905.80, 4905.81, 4921.01, 4921.03, 4921.05, 4921.07, 4921.09, 4921.11, 4921.13, 4921.15, 4921.16, 4921.19, 4921.25, 4921.30, 4921.32, 4921.36, 4921.38, 4923.01, 4923.02, 4923.04, 4923.06, 4923.07, 4923.09, 4923.11, 4923.99, 5123.169, and 5123.192 and sections 101.312, 121.35, 122.862, 123.20, 123.201, 123.23, 123.26, 127.163, 127.164, 166.35, 191.01, 191.02, 191.04, 191.06, 505.59, 901.53, 1533.081, 3302.043, 3305.031, 3305.032, 3356.10, 3366.05, 3375.405, 3701.77, 3701.771, 3701.772, 3701.773, 3701.774, 3701.775, 3701.921, 3701.922, 3701.93, 3701.931, 3701.932, 3701.933, 3701.934, 3701.935, 3701.936, 3701.937, 3701.938, 3701.9310, 3701.9311, 3701.9312, 3701.9314, 3702.511, 3702.527, 3793.041, 3798.01, 3798.02, 3798.03, 3798.04, 3798.06, 3798.07, 3798.08, 3798.10, 3798.12, 3798.13, 3798.14, 3798.15, 3798.16, 4731.297, 4781.121, 4781.54, 4921.21, 4921.34, 4923.15, 4929.042, 5111.246, 5111.946, 5111.96, 5112.331, 5139.511, 5705.252, 5705.72, and 5713.012 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 7.10. For the publication of advertisements, notices, and proclamations, except those relating to proposed amendments to the Ohio

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Constitution, required to be published by a public officer of the state, a benevolent or other public institution, a trustee, assignee, executor, or administrator, or by or in any court of record, except when the rate is otherwise fixed by law, publishers of newspapers may charge and receive for such advertisements, notices, and proclamations rates charged on annual contracts by them for a like amount of space to other advertisers who advertise in its general display advertising columns.

For the publication of advertisements, notices, or proclamations required to be published by a public officer of a county, municipal corporation, township, school, or other political subdivision, publishers of newspapers shall establish a government rate, which shall include free publication of advertisements, notices, or proclamations on the newspaper's internet web site, if the newspaper has one. The government rate shall not exceed the lowest classified advertising rate and lowest insert rate paid by other advertisers.

Legal advertising, except that relating to proposed amendments to the Ohio Constitution, shall be set up in a compact form, without unnecessary spaces, blanks, or headlines, and printed in not smaller than six-point type. The type used must be of such proportions that the body of the capital letter M is no wider than it is high and all other letters and characters are in proportion.

Except as provided in section 2701.09 of the Revised Code, all legal advertisements or notices shall be printed in ~~newspapers~~ a newspaper of general circulation ~~and also shall be posted on the state public notice web site created under section 125.182 of the Revised Code~~, and on a the newspaper's internet web site, if the newspaper has one.

Sec. 7.16. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "State agency" means any organized body, office, agency, institution, or other entity established by the laws of the state for the exercise of any function of state government, including state institutions of higher education, as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Political subdivision" has the meaning defined in section 2744.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) If a section of the Revised Code or an administrative rule requires a state agency or a political subdivision ~~of the state~~ to publish a notice or advertisement two or more times in a newspaper of general circulation and the section or administrative rule refers to this section, the first publication of the notice or advertisement shall be made in its entirety in a newspaper of general circulation and may be made in a preprinted insert in the newspaper, but the second publication otherwise required by that section or

administrative rule may be made in abbreviated form in a newspaper of general circulation in the state or in the political subdivision, as designated in that section or administrative rule, and on the newspaper's internet web site, if the newspaper has one. The state agency or political subdivision may eliminate any further newspaper publications required by that section or administrative rule, provided that the second, abbreviated notice or advertisement meets all of the following requirements:

(1) It is published in the newspaper of general circulation in which the first publication of the notice or advertisement was made and is published on that newspaper's internet web site, if the newspaper has one.

(2) It is published on the state public notice web site established under section 125.182 of the Revised Code.

(3) It includes a title, followed by a summary paragraph or statement that clearly describes the specific purpose of the notice or advertisement, and includes a statement that the notice or advertisement is posted in its entirety on the state public notice web site ~~established under section 125.182 of the Revised Code~~. The notice or advertisement also may be posted on the state agency's or political subdivision's internet web site.

~~(3)~~(4) It includes the internet addresses of the state public notice web site, and of the newspaper's and state agency's or political subdivision's internet web site if the notice or advertisement is posted on those web sites, and the name, address, telephone number, and electronic mail address of the state agency, political subdivision, or other party responsible for publication of the notice or advertisement.

~~(B)~~(C) A notice or advertisement published under this section on an internet web site shall be published in its entirety in accordance with the section of the Revised Code or the administrative rule that requires the publication.

~~(C)~~(D) ~~If a state agency or political subdivision does not operate and maintain, or ceases to operate and maintain, an internet web site, and if the state public notice web site established under section 125.182 of the Revised Code is not operational, the state agency or political subdivision shall not publish a notice or advertisement under this section, but instead shall comply with the publication requirements of the section of the Revised Code or the administrative rule that refers to this section.~~

Sec. 9.34. (A) The fiscal year of the state ~~and of~~ every school district, and, beginning July 1, 2013, the city of Cincinnati, shall begin on the first day of July of each calendar year and end at the close of the thirtieth day of June of the succeeding calendar year. The fiscal year of every school library district, and all political subdivisions or taxing ~~districts~~ units except school

districts and the city of Cincinnati, and of every officer, department, commission, board, or institution thereof, shall begin at the opening of the first day of January of each calendar year and end at the close of the succeeding thirty-first day of December. Except as otherwise provided for school districts and as otherwise provided in division (B) of this section, all laws relating to the levying of taxes, the collection, appropriation, or expenditure of revenues, or the making of financial reports or statements for a fiscal year or other year refer and apply to the fiscal year as defined in this division. Reports required by sections 3319.32 to 3319.37 of the Revised Code shall be for the school year as defined in section 3313.62 of the Revised Code.

(B) Nothing in this section prohibits a subdivision, other than a school district or county school financing district, from using a different fiscal year or other fiscal period for one or more of its funds, including when that fiscal year or period is the same as the fiscal year of an entity providing money for the fund or the fiscal period of a capital project. Use of a different fiscal year or period shall be consistent with generally accepted accounting principles, and shall be approved by the fiscal officer of the subdivision and by the auditor of state. If a subdivision uses a different fiscal year or period under this section, the auditor of state may require the subdivision to continue to maintain financial reports or statements on the basis of the fiscal year prescribed by division (A) of this section.

(C) Taxes or other revenues collected in or on hand in any fiscal year for the purposes of the next or any subsequent fiscal year shall not be appropriated or expended prior to such next or subsequent year. School district property taxes shall be subject to appropriation as provided in division (B) of section 5705.35 of the Revised Code. Budgets shall be designated and known by the fiscal year for the purposes for which they are made.

(D) As used in this section, "fiscal officer," "school library district," "subdivision," and "taxing ~~district~~ unit" have the same meanings as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 101.312. (A) The person serving as the senate sergeant at arms or employed as an assistant senate sergeant at arms has all of the authority of a peace officer as specified in division (B) of this section, and one of the following shall apply to that person:

(1) The person is serving as the senate sergeant at arms or is employed as an assistant senate sergeant at arms on the effective date of this section and previously had been awarded a certificate by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission attesting to the person's

satisfactory completion of an approved state, county, municipal, or department of natural resources peace officer basic training program.

(2) The person previously has been awarded a certificate by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission attesting to the person's satisfactory completion of an approved state, county, municipal, or department of natural resources peace officer basic training program, the person previously has been employed as a peace officer, the prior employment of the person as a peace officer contains no breaks in service that would require the person to receive updated training by the Ohio peace officer training academy, and the person has successfully completed a firearms requalification program under section 109.801 of the Revised Code.

(3) The person previously has been awarded a certificate by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission attesting to the person's satisfactory completion of an approved state, county, municipal, or department of natural resources peace officer basic training program, the person previously has been employed as a peace officer, the prior employment of the person as a peace officer contains a break in service of one year or more but not more than four years that would require the person to receive updated training under state law, the person has received all updated training required by law, and the person has successfully completed a firearms requalification program under section 109.801 of the Revised Code.

(4) The person previously has been employed as a trooper of the state highway patrol, within one year prior to employment as the senate sergeant at arms the person had arrest authority as a trooper of the state highway patrol, and the person has successfully completed a firearms requalification program under section 109.801 of the Revised Code.

(5) The person previously has been employed as a trooper of the state highway patrol, the prior employment as a trooper of the state highway patrol contains a break in service of one year or more but not more than four years that would require the person to receive updated training under state law, the person has received all updated training required by law, and the person has successfully completed a firearms requalification program under section 109.801 of the Revised Code.

(B) The senate sergeant at arms and an assistant senate sergeant at arms have the authority specified under section 2935.03 of the Revised Code for peace officers to enforce all state laws, municipal ordinances, and township resolutions and to make arrests for any violation of those laws, ordinances, and resolutions in the statehouse or anywhere in the state where the senate

sergeant at arms or the assistant sergeant at arms is engaged in the performance of the senate sergeant at arms's or assistant sergeant at arms's official duties. The jurisdiction of the senate sergeant at arms and of an assistant senate sergeant at arms is concurrent with that of peace officers of the county, township, or municipal corporation in which the violation occurs and with the state highway patrol.

(C) Upon receiving a written recommendation from the clerk of the senate, the president of the senate may issue to the senate sergeant at arms a commission indicating the sergeant at arms's authority to make arrests as provided in this section. The president of the senate, upon the recommendation of the senate sergeant at arms, may issue to each assistant senate sergeant at arms a commission indicating the assistant sergeant at arms's authority to make arrests as provided in this section. The president of the senate shall furnish a suitable badge to the senate sergeant at arms and to each commissioned assistant senate sergeant at arms as evidence of the senate sergeant at arms's or assistant senate sergeant at arms's authority.

(D) In order to maintain employment as the senate sergeant at arms or to be an assistant sergeant at arms with all of the authority of a peace officer, the sergeant at arms or assistant shall comply with all continuing professional training requirements for peace officers established in rules that the attorney general adopts under section 109.74 of the Revised Code and shall comply with firearms requalification requirements established under section 109.801 of the Revised Code. The senate sergeant at arms or assistant sergeant at arms shall provide appropriate proof of the sergeant at arms's or assistant's compliance with the continuing professional training requirements and firearms requalification requirements to the clerk of the senate. The Ohio peace officer training academy, a state, county, municipal, or department of natural resources training program, or any other program offering continuing training of that nature shall admit the senate sergeant at arms or an assistant senate sergeant at arms to all necessary continuing training programs.

(E) This section does not affect or abridge the authority or responsibility of the state highway patrol.

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

division chiefs, or persons of equivalent rank of any administrative department of the state; the president or other chief administrative officer of every state institution of higher education as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code; the executive director and the members of the capitol square review and advisory board appointed or employed pursuant to section 105.41 of the Revised Code; all members of the Ohio casino control commission, the executive director of the commission, all professional employees of the commission, and all technical employees of the commission who perform an internal audit function; the individuals set forth in division (B)(2) of section 187.03 of the Revised Code; the chief executive officer and the members of the board of each state retirement system; each employee of a state retirement board who is a state retirement system investment officer licensed pursuant to section 1707.163 of the Revised Code; the members of the Ohio retirement study council appointed pursuant to division (C) of section 171.01 of the Revised Code; employees of the Ohio retirement study council, other than employees who perform purely administrative or clerical functions; the administrator of workers' compensation and each member of the bureau of workers' compensation board of directors; the bureau of workers' compensation director of investments; the chief investment officer of the bureau of workers' compensation; all members of the board of commissioners on grievances and discipline of the supreme court and the ethics commission created under section 102.05 of the Revised Code; every business manager, treasurer, or superintendent of a city, local, exempted village, joint vocational, or cooperative education school district or an educational service center; every person who is elected to or is a candidate for the office of member of a board of education of a city, local, exempted village, joint vocational, or cooperative education school district or of a governing board of an educational service center that has a total student count of twelve thousand or more as most recently determined by the department of education pursuant to section 3317.03 of the Revised Code; every person who is appointed to the board of education of a municipal school district pursuant to division (B) or (F) of section 3311.71 of the Revised Code; all members of the board of directors of a sanitary district that is established under Chapter 6115. of the Revised Code and organized wholly for the purpose of providing a water supply for domestic, municipal, and public use, and that includes two municipal corporations in two counties; every public official or employee who is paid a salary or wage in accordance with schedule C of section 124.15 or schedule E-2 of section 124.152 of the Revised Code; members of the board of trustees and the executive director of the southern

Ohio agricultural and community development foundation; all members appointed to the Ohio livestock care standards board under section 904.02 of the Revised Code; and every other public official or employee who is designated by the appropriate ethics commission pursuant to division (B) of this section.

The disclosure statement shall include all of the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

that transacts business in this state in which the person filing the statement or any other person for the person's use and benefit had during the preceding calendar year an investment of over one thousand dollars at fair market value as of the thirty-first day of December of the preceding calendar year, or the date of disposition, whichever is earlier, or in which the person holds any office or has a fiduciary relationship, and a description of the nature of the investment, office, or relationship. Division (A)(3) of this section does not require disclosure of the name of any bank, savings and loan association, credit union, or building and loan association with which the person filing the statement has a deposit or a withdrawable share account.

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

(5) The names of all persons residing or transacting business in the state to whom the person filing the statement owes, in the person's own name or in the name of any other person, more than one thousand dollars. Division (A)(5) of this section shall not be construed to require the disclosure of debts owed by the person resulting from the ordinary conduct of a business or profession or debts on the person's residence or real property used primarily for personal recreation, except that the superintendent of financial institutions shall disclose the names of all state-chartered savings and loan associations and of all service corporations subject to regulation under division (E)(2) of section 1151.34 of the Revised Code to whom the superintendent in the superintendent's own name or in the name of any other person owes any money, and that the superintendent and any deputy superintendent of banks shall disclose the names of all state-chartered banks and all bank subsidiary corporations subject to regulation under section 1109.44 of the Revised Code to whom the superintendent or deputy superintendent owes any money.

(6) The names of all persons residing or transacting business in the state, other than a depository excluded under division (A)(3) of this section, who owe more than one thousand dollars to the person filing the statement, either in the person's own name or to any person for the person's use or benefit. Division (A)(6) of this section shall not be construed to require the disclosure of clients of attorneys or persons licensed under section 4732.12 or 4732.15 of the Revised Code, or patients of persons certified under section 4731.14 of the Revised Code, nor the disclosure of debts owed to the person resulting from the ordinary conduct of a business or profession.

(7) Except as otherwise provided in section 102.022 of the Revised

Code, the source of each gift of over seventy-five dollars, or of each gift of over twenty-five dollars received by a member of the general assembly from a legislative agent, received by the person in the person's own name or by any other person for the person's use or benefit during the preceding calendar year, except gifts received by will or by virtue of section 2105.06 of the Revised Code, or received from spouses, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, siblings, nephews, nieces, uncles, aunts, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, fathers-in-law, mothers-in-law, or any person to whom the person filing the statement stands in loco parentis, or received by way of distribution from any inter vivos or testamentary trust established by a spouse or by an ancestor;

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

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

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

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

A person may file a statement required by this section in person or by mail. A person who is a candidate for elective office shall file the statement no later than the thirtieth day before the primary, special, or general election at which the candidacy is to be voted on, whichever election occurs soonest, except that a person who is a write-in candidate shall file the statement no later than the twentieth day before the earliest election at which the person's candidacy is to be voted on. A person who holds elective office shall file the statement on or before the fifteenth day of April of each year unless the person is a candidate for office. A person who is appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term in an elective office shall file the statement within fifteen days after the person qualifies for office. Other persons shall file an annual statement on or before the fifteenth day of April or, if appointed or employed after that date, within ninety days after appointment or employment. No person shall be required to file with the appropriate ethics commission more than one statement or pay more than one filing fee for any one calendar year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

accompanied by a filing fee of ~~forty~~ sixty dollars.

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

For state office, except member of the state board of education	\$95
For office of member of general assembly	\$40
For county office	\$60
For city office	\$35
For office of member of the state board of education	\$25 <u>\$35</u>
For office of member of the Ohio livestock care standards board	\$....
For office of member of a city, local, exempted village, or cooperative education board of education or educational service center governing board	\$30
For position of business manager, treasurer, or superintendent of a city, local, exempted village, joint vocational, or cooperative education school district or educational service center	\$30

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

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

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

(G)(1) The appropriate ethics commission other than the Ohio ethics commission and the joint legislative ethics committee shall deposit all fees it

receives under divisions (E) and (F) of this section into the general revenue fund of the state.

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

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

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

Sec. 103.05. (A) The director of the legislative service commission shall be the codifier of the rules of the administrative agencies of the state. When a rule is filed under section 111.15, 119.04, 4141.14, or 5703.14 of the Revised Code, the director or the director's designee shall examine the rule. If the rule is not numbered or if the numbering of the rule is not in conformity with the system established by the director, the director shall give the rule its proper number by designating the proper number on the left hand margin of the rule. The number shall be the official administrative code number of the rule. Any number so assigned shall be published in any publication of the administrative code. Rules of the administrative code shall be cited and referred to by such official numbers.

The legislative service commission shall, pursuant to section 111.15 of the Revised Code, adopt, amend, and rescind any rules that are necessary to provide a uniform administrative code; to provide standards for use by the director in determining whether to include in the administrative code the full text of, or a reference to, any rule filed with the commission; to permit the

director to discharge the director's duties and exercise the director's powers as described in this section; and to permit the director to discharge the director's duties and exercise the director's powers with respect to establishing and maintaining, and enhancing and improving, the electronic rule-filing system under section 103.0511 of the Revised Code.

When the commission adopts rules to provide standards for use by the director in determining whether to include the full text of, or a reference to, a rule in the administrative code, it shall consider all of the following:

- (1) Whether the rule applies uniformly to all citizens of the state;
- (2) Whether the rule applies uniformly to all political subdivisions of the state;
- (3) Whether the rule affects the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of the state;
- (4) Whether the rule applies only to the internal affairs of the agency adopting the rule;
- (5) The number of persons affected by the rule;
- (6) Whether the rule affects the statutory or constitutional rights of any person.

The director or the director's designee shall accept any rule that is filed under section 111.15, 119.04, 4141.14, or 5703.14 of the Revised Code. If the director or the director's designee accepts a rule that is not in compliance with the rules of the commission, the director shall give notice of the noncompliance in electronic form to the agency that filed the rule within thirty days after the date on which the rule is filed. The notice shall indicate why the rule does not comply with the rules of the commission and how the rule can be brought into compliance. The failure of the director to give an agency notice within the thirty-day period shall presumptively establish that the rule complies with the rules of the commission.

(B) Any person may publish an acceptable code. The director shall approve as acceptable any person's publication of the code conforming to the requirements of this division.

An Ohio administrative code approved as acceptable by the director shall:

- (1) Contain a compilation of the full text of, or a reference to, each rule filed under sections 111.15, 119.04, 4141.14, and 5703.14 of the Revised Code;
- (2) Presumptively establish the rules of all agencies adopting rules under section 111.15, 4141.14, 5703.14, or Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that are in effect on the day of its initial publication;
- (3) Contain the full text of, or a reference to, each rule adopted after its

initial publication and be updated at least quarterly;

(4) Contain an index of the rules and references to rules that are included in the code and each supplement using terms easily understood by the general public;

(5) Be published in electronic or print format following, to the extent possible, the subject matter arrangement of the Revised Code;

(6) Be numbered according to the numbering system devised by the director.

~~(C) If the director does not approve as acceptable any publication of the administrative code, the~~ The director, ~~subject to division (D) of this section,~~ may prepare and publish the code, or contract with any person under this division to prepare and publish the code. Any code published under this division shall include all of the requirements of division (B) of this section. In addition, the director shall furnish any code or supplement published under this division to any person who requests the code or supplement upon payment of a charge established by the director, not to exceed the cost of preparation and publication.

Upon the request of the director of the legislative service commission under this division, the director of administrative services, in accordance with the competitive selection procedure of Chapter 125. of the Revised Code, shall let a contract for the compilation, preparation, and printing or publication of the administrative code and supplements.

~~(D) The director shall not prepare and publish the administrative code in a print mode or any other mode under division (B) or (C) of this section unless no other person is willing and qualified to publish a version of the code in that mode that the director has approved as acceptable.~~

Sec. 105.41. (A) There is hereby created in the legislative branch of government the capitol square review and advisory board, consisting of ~~thirteen~~ twelve members as follows:

(1) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate, both of whom shall not be members of the same political party;

(2) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, both of whom shall not be members of the same political party;

(3) ~~Five~~ Four members appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, not more than three of whom shall be members of the same political party, one of whom shall be the chief of staff of the governor's office, one of whom shall represent the Ohio arts council, one of whom shall represent the Ohio historical society, ~~one of whom shall represent the Ohio building authority,~~ and one of whom shall represent the

public at large;

(4) One member, who shall be a former president of the senate, appointed by the current president of the senate. If the current president of the senate, in the current president's discretion, decides for any reason not to make the appointment or if no person is eligible or available to serve, the seat shall remain vacant.

(5) One member, who shall be a former speaker of the house of representatives, appointed by the current speaker of the house of representatives. If the current speaker of the house of representatives, in the current speaker's discretion, decides for any reason not to make the appointment or if no person is eligible or available to serve, the seat shall remain vacant.

(6) The clerk of the senate and the clerk of the house of representatives.

(B) Terms of office of each appointed member of the board shall be for three years, except that members of the general assembly appointed to the board shall be members of the board only so long as they are members of the general assembly and the chief of staff of the governor's office shall be a member of the board only so long as the appointing governor remains in office. Each member shall hold office from the date of the member's appointment until the end of the term for which the member was appointed. In case of a vacancy occurring on the board, the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, or the governor, as the case may be, shall in the same manner prescribed for the regular appointment to the commission, fill the vacancy by appointing a member. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the remainder of the term. Any appointed member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the member's successor takes office, or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first.

(C) The board shall hold meetings in a manner and at times prescribed by the rules adopted by the board. A majority of the board constitutes a quorum, and no action shall be taken by the board unless approved by at least six members or by at least seven members if a person is appointed under division (A)(4) or (5) of this section. At its first meeting, the board shall adopt rules for the conduct of its business and the election of its officers, and shall organize by selecting a chairperson and other officers as it considers necessary. Board members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

(D) The board may do any of the following:

(1) Employ or hire on a consulting basis professional, technical, and clerical employees as are necessary for the performance of its duties. All employees of the board are in the unclassified service and serve at the pleasure of the board. For purposes of section 4117.01 of the Revised Code, employees of the board shall be considered employees of the general assembly, except that employees who are covered by a collective bargaining agreement on ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ September 29, 2011, shall remain subject to the agreement until the agreement expires on its terms, and the agreement shall not be extended or renewed. Upon expiration of the agreement, the employees are considered employees of the general assembly for purposes of section 4117.01 of the Revised Code and are in the unclassified service and serve at the pleasure of the board.

(2) Hold public hearings at times and places as determined by the board;

(3) Adopt, amend, or rescind rules necessary to accomplish the duties of the board as set forth in this section;

(4) Sponsor, conduct, and support such social events as the board may authorize and consider appropriate for the employees of the board, employees and members of the general assembly, employees of persons under contract with the board or otherwise engaged to perform services on the premises of capitol square, or other persons as the board may consider appropriate. Subject to the requirements of Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code, the board may provide beer, wine, and intoxicating liquor, with or without charge, for those events and may use funds only from the sale of goods and services fund to purchase the beer, wine, and intoxicating liquor the board provides;

(5) Purchase a warehouse in which to store items of the capitol collection trust and, whenever necessary, equipment or other property of the board.

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

(1) Have sole authority to coordinate and approve any improvements, additions, and renovations that are made to the capitol square. The improvements shall include, but not be limited to, the placement of monuments and sculpture on the capitol grounds.

(2) Subject to section 3353.07 of the Revised Code, operate the capitol square, and have sole authority to regulate all uses of the capitol square. The uses shall include, but not be limited to, the casual and recreational use of the capitol square.

(3) Employ, fix the compensation of, and prescribe the duties of the executive director of the board and other employees the board considers

necessary for the performance of its powers and duties;

(4) Establish and maintain the capitol collection trust. The capitol collection trust shall consist of furniture, antiques, and other items of personal property that the board shall store in suitable facilities until they are ready to be displayed in the capitol square.

(5) Perform repair, construction, contracting, purchasing, maintenance, supervisory, and operating activities the board determines are necessary for the operation and maintenance of the capitol square;

(6) Maintain and preserve the capitol square, in accordance with guidelines issued by the United States secretary of the interior for application of the secretary's standards for rehabilitation adopted in 36 C.F.R. part 67;

(7) Plan and develop a center at the capitol building for the purpose of educating visitors about the history of Ohio, including its political, economic, and social development and the design and erection of the capitol building and its grounds.

(F)(1) The board shall lease capital facilities improved or financed by the Ohio building authority pursuant to Chapter 152. of the Revised Code for the use of the board, and may enter into any other agreements with the authority ancillary to improvement, financing, or leasing of those capital facilities, including, but not limited to, any agreement required by the applicable bond proceedings authorized by Chapter 152. of the Revised Code. Any lease of capital facilities authorized by this section shall be governed by division (D) of section 152.24 of the Revised Code.

(2) Fees, receipts, and revenues received by the board from the state underground parking garage constitute available receipts as defined in section 152.09 of the Revised Code, and may be pledged to the payment of bond service charges on obligations issued by the Ohio building authority pursuant to Chapter 152. of the Revised Code to improve, finance, or purchase capital facilities useful to the board. The authority may, with the consent of the board, provide in the bond proceedings for a pledge of all or a portion of those fees, receipts, and revenues as the authority determines. The authority may provide in the bond proceedings or by separate agreement with the board for the transfer of those fees, receipts, and revenues to the appropriate bond service fund or bond service reserve fund as required to pay the bond service charges when due, and any such provision for the transfer of those fees, receipts, and revenues shall be controlling notwithstanding any other provision of law pertaining to those fees, receipts, and revenues.

(3) All moneys received by the treasurer of state on account of the board

and required by the applicable bond proceedings or by separate agreement with the board to be deposited, transferred, or credited to the bond service fund or bond service reserve fund established by the bond proceedings shall be transferred by the treasurer of state to such fund, whether or not it is in the custody of the treasurer of state, without necessity for further appropriation, upon receipt of notice from the Ohio building authority as prescribed in the bond proceedings.

(G) ~~All~~ (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (G)(2) of this section, all fees, receipts, and revenues received by the board from the state underground parking garage shall be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the underground parking garage operating fund, which is hereby created, to be used for the purposes specified in division (F) of this section and for the operation and maintenance of the garage. All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund.

(2) There is hereby created the parking garage automated equipment fund, which shall be in the custody of the treasurer of state but shall not be part of the state treasury. Money in the fund shall be used to purchase the automated teller machine quality dollar bills needed for operation of the parking garage automated equipment. The fund shall consist of fees, receipts, or revenues received by the board from the state underground parking garage; provided, however, that the total amount deposited into the fund at any one time shall not exceed ten thousand dollars. All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund.

(H) All donations received by the board shall be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the capitol square renovation gift fund, which is hereby created. The fund shall be used by the board as follows:

(1) To provide part or all of the funding related to construction, goods, or services for the renovation of the capitol square;

(2) To purchase art, antiques, and artifacts for display at the capitol square;

(3) To award contracts or make grants to organizations for educating the public regarding the historical background and governmental functions of the capitol square. Chapters 125., 127., and 153. and section 3517.13 of the Revised Code do not apply to purchases made exclusively from the fund, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in those chapters or that section. All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund.

(I) Except as provided in divisions (G), (H), and (J) of this section, all fees, receipts, and revenues received by the board shall be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the sale of goods and services fund, which is hereby created. Money credited to the fund shall be used solely to pay costs

of the board other than those specified in divisions (F) and (G) of this section. All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund.

(J) There is hereby created in the state treasury the capitol square improvement fund, to be used by the board to pay construction, renovation, and other costs related to the capitol square for which money is not otherwise available to the board. Whenever the board determines that there is a need to incur those costs and that the unencumbered, unobligated balance to the credit of the underground parking garage operating fund exceeds the amount needed for the purposes specified in division (F) of this section and for the operation and maintenance of the garage, the board may request the director of budget and management to transfer from the underground parking garage operating fund to the capitol square improvement fund the amount needed to pay such construction, renovation, or other costs. The director then shall transfer the amount needed from the excess balance of the underground parking garage operating fund.

(K) As the operation and maintenance of the capitol square constitute essential government functions of a public purpose, the board shall not be required to pay taxes or assessments upon the square, upon any property acquired or used by the board under this section, or upon any income generated by the operation of the square.

(L) As used in this section, "capitol square" means the capitol building, senate building, capitol atrium, capitol grounds, the state underground parking garage, and the warehouse owned by the board.

(M) The capitol annex shall be known as the senate building.

Sec. 109.57. (A)(1) The superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall procure from wherever procurable and file for record photographs, pictures, descriptions, fingerprints, measurements, and other information that may be pertinent of all persons who have been convicted of committing within this state a felony, any crime constituting a misdemeanor on the first offense and a felony on subsequent offenses, or any misdemeanor described in division (A)(1)(a), (A)(~~8~~)(5)(a), or (A)(~~10~~)(7)(a) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, of all children under eighteen years of age who have been adjudicated delinquent children for committing within this state an act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult or who have been convicted of or pleaded guilty to committing within this state a felony or an offense of violence, and of all well-known and habitual criminals. The person in charge of any county, multicounty, municipal, municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse, community-based correctional facility, halfway house, alternative residential facility, or state correctional

institution and the person in charge of any state institution having custody of a person suspected of having committed a felony, any crime constituting a misdemeanor on the first offense and a felony on subsequent offenses, or any misdemeanor described in division (A)(1)(a), (A)(~~8~~)(5)(a), or (A)(~~10~~)(7)(a) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code or having custody of a child under eighteen years of age with respect to whom there is probable cause to believe that the child may have committed an act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult shall furnish such material to the superintendent of the bureau. Fingerprints, photographs, or other descriptive information of a child who is under eighteen years of age, has not been arrested or otherwise taken into custody for committing an act that would be a felony or an offense of violence who is not in any other category of child specified in this division, if committed by an adult, has not been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing an act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult, has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to committing a felony or an offense of violence, and is not a child with respect to whom there is probable cause to believe that the child may have committed an act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult shall not be procured by the superintendent or furnished by any person in charge of any county, multicounty, municipal, municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse, community-based correctional facility, halfway house, alternative residential facility, or state correctional institution, except as authorized in section 2151.313 of the Revised Code.

(2) Every clerk of a court of record in this state, other than the supreme court or a court of appeals, shall send to the superintendent of the bureau a weekly report containing a summary of each case involving a felony, involving any crime constituting a misdemeanor on the first offense and a felony on subsequent offenses, involving a misdemeanor described in division (A)(1)(a), (A)(~~8~~)(5)(a), or (A)(~~10~~)(7)(a) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, or involving an adjudication in a case in which a child under eighteen years of age was alleged to be a delinquent child for committing an act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult. The clerk of the court of common pleas shall include in the report and summary the clerk sends under this division all information described in divisions (A)(2)(a) to (f) of this section regarding a case before the court of appeals that is served by that clerk. The summary shall be written on the standard forms furnished by the superintendent pursuant to division (B) of this section and shall include the following information:

(a) The incident tracking number contained on the standard forms

furnished by the superintendent pursuant to division (B) of this section;

(b) The style and number of the case;

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

(d) The date that the person was convicted of or pleaded guilty to the offense, adjudicated a delinquent child for committing the act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult, found not guilty of the offense, or found not to be a delinquent child for committing an act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult, the date of an entry dismissing the charge, an entry declaring a mistrial of the offense in which the person is discharged, an entry finding that the person or child is not competent to stand trial, or an entry of a nolle prosequi, or the date of any other determination that constitutes final resolution of the case;

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

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

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

(3) The superintendent shall cooperate with and assist sheriffs, chiefs of police, and other law enforcement officers in the establishment of a complete system of criminal identification and in obtaining fingerprints and other means of identification of all persons arrested on a charge of a felony, any crime constituting a misdemeanor on the first offense and a felony on subsequent offenses, or a misdemeanor described in division (A)(1)(a), (A)(8)(5)(a), or (A)(10)(7)(a) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and of all children under eighteen years of age arrested or otherwise taken into custody for committing an act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult. The superintendent also shall file for record the fingerprint impressions of all persons confined in a county, multicounty, municipal, municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse, community-based correctional facility, halfway house, alternative residential facility, or state correctional institution for the violation of state laws and of all children under eighteen years of age who are confined in a county, multicounty, municipal, municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse, community-based correctional facility, halfway house, alternative residential facility, or state correctional

institution or in any facility for delinquent children for committing an act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult, and any other information that the superintendent may receive from law enforcement officials of the state and its political subdivisions.

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

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

(B) The superintendent shall prepare and furnish to every county, multicounty, municipal, municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse, community-based correctional facility, halfway house, alternative residential facility, or state correctional institution and to every clerk of a court in this state specified in division (A)(2) of this section standard forms for reporting the information required under division (A) of this section. The standard forms that the superintendent prepares pursuant to this division may be in a tangible format, in an electronic format, or in both tangible formats and electronic formats.

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

adults and that are gathered pursuant to those sections.

(2) The superintendent or the superintendent's designee shall gather information of the nature described in division (C)(1) of this section that pertains to the offense and delinquency history of a person who has been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense for inclusion in the state registry of sex offenders and child-victim offenders maintained pursuant to division (A)(1) of section 2950.13 of the Revised Code and in the internet database operated pursuant to division (A)(13) of that section and for possible inclusion in the internet database operated pursuant to division (A)(11) of that section.

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

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

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

(D)(1) The following are not public records under section 149.43 of the Revised Code:

(a) Information and materials furnished to the superintendent pursuant to division (A) of this section;

(b) Information, data, and statistics gathered or disseminated through the Ohio law enforcement gateway pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section;

(c) Information and materials furnished to any board or person under division (F) or (G) of this section.

(2) The superintendent or the superintendent's designee shall gather and retain information so furnished under division (A) of this section that pertains to the offense and delinquency history of a person who has been

convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense for the purposes described in division (C)(2) of this section.

(E) The attorney general shall adopt rules, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, setting forth the procedure by which a person may receive or release information gathered by the superintendent pursuant to division (A) of this section. A reasonable fee may be charged for this service. If a temporary employment service submits a request for a determination of whether a person the service plans to refer to an employment position has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense listed or described in division (A)(1), (2), or (3), ~~(4), (5), or (6)~~ of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, the request shall be treated as a single request and only one fee shall be charged.

(F)(1) As used in division (F)(2) of this section, "head start agency" means an entity in this state that has been approved to be an agency for purposes of subchapter II of the "Community Economic Development Act," 95 Stat. 489 (1981), 42 U.S.C.A. 9831, as amended.

(2)(a) In addition to or in conjunction with any request that is required to be made under section 109.572, 2151.86, 3301.32, 3301.541, division (C) of section 3310.58, or section 3319.39, 3319.391, 3327.10, 3701.881, 5104.012, 5104.013, 5123.081, ~~5126.28, 5126.281,~~ or 5153.111 of the Revised Code or that is made under section 3314.41, 3319.392, 3326.25, or 3328.20 of the Revised Code, the board of education of any school district; the director of developmental disabilities; any county board of developmental disabilities; ~~any entity under contract with a county board of developmental disabilities~~ provider or subcontractor as defined in section 5123.081 of the Revised Code; the chief administrator of any chartered nonpublic school; the chief administrator of a registered private provider that is not also a chartered nonpublic school; the chief administrator of any home health agency; the chief administrator of or person operating any child day-care center, type A family day-care home, or type B family day-care home licensed or certified under Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code; the administrator of any type C family day-care home certified pursuant to Section 1 of Sub. H.B. 62 of the 121st general assembly or Section 5 of Am. Sub. S.B. 160 of the 121st general assembly; the chief administrator of any head start agency; the executive director of a public children services agency; a private company described in section 3314.41, 3319.392, 3326.25, or 3328.20 of the Revised Code; or an employer described in division (J)(2) of section 3327.10 of the Revised Code may request that the superintendent of the bureau investigate and determine, with respect to any individual who

has applied for employment in any position after October 2, 1989, or any individual wishing to apply for employment with a board of education may request, with regard to the individual, whether the bureau has any information gathered under division (A) of this section that pertains to that individual. On receipt of the request, the superintendent shall determine whether that information exists and, upon request of the person, board, or entity requesting information, also shall request from the federal bureau of investigation any criminal records it has pertaining to that individual. The superintendent or the superintendent's designee also may request criminal history records from other states or the federal government pursuant to the national crime prevention and privacy compact set forth in section 109.571 of the Revised Code. Within thirty days of the date that the superintendent receives a request, the superintendent shall send to the board, entity, or person a report of any information that the superintendent determines exists, including information contained in records that have been sealed under section 2953.32 of the Revised Code, and, within thirty days of its receipt, shall send the board, entity, or person a report of any information received from the federal bureau of investigation, other than information the dissemination of which is prohibited by federal law.

(b) When a board of education or a registered private provider is required to receive information under this section as a prerequisite to employment of an individual pursuant to division (C) of section 3310.58 or section 3319.39 of the Revised Code, it may accept a certified copy of records that were issued by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation and that are presented by an individual applying for employment with the district in lieu of requesting that information itself. In such a case, the board shall accept the certified copy issued by the bureau in order to make a photocopy of it for that individual's employment application documents and shall return the certified copy to the individual. In a case of that nature, a district or provider only shall accept a certified copy of records of that nature within one year after the date of their issuance by the bureau.

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

(3) The state board of education may request, with respect to any individual who has applied for employment after October 2, 1989, in any position with the state board or the department of education, any

information that a school district board of education is authorized to request under division (F)(2) of this section, and the superintendent of the bureau shall proceed as if the request has been received from a school district board of education under division (F)(2) of this section.

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

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

(G) In addition to or in conjunction with any request that is required to be made under section 3701.881, 3712.09, or 3721.121, ~~5119.693, or 5119.85~~ of the Revised Code with respect to an individual who has applied for employment in a position that involves providing direct care to an older adult or adult resident, the chief administrator of a home health agency, hospice care program, home licensed under Chapter 3721. of the Revised Code, or adult day-care program operated pursuant to rules adopted under section 3721.04 of the Revised Code, ~~adult foster home, or adult care facility~~ may request that the superintendent of the bureau investigate and determine, with respect to any individual who has applied after January 27, 1997, for employment in a position that does not involve providing direct care to an older adult or adult resident, whether the bureau has any information gathered under division (A) of this section that pertains to that individual.

In addition to or in conjunction with any request that is required to be made under section 173.27 of the Revised Code with respect to an individual who has applied for employment in a position that involves providing ombudsperson services to residents of long-term care facilities or recipients of community-based long-term care services, the state long-term care ombudsperson, ombudsperson's designee, or director of health may request that the superintendent investigate and determine, with respect to any individual who has applied for employment in a position that does not involve providing such ombudsperson services, whether the bureau has any

information gathered under division (A) of this section that pertains to that applicant.

In addition to or in conjunction with any request that is required to be made under section 173.394 of the Revised Code with respect to an individual who has applied for employment in a position that involves providing direct care to an individual, the chief administrator of a community-based long-term care agency may request that the superintendent investigate and determine, with respect to any individual who has applied for employment in a position that does not involve providing direct care, whether the bureau has any information gathered under division (A) of this section that pertains to that applicant.

On receipt of a request under this division, the superintendent shall determine whether that information exists and, on request of the individual requesting information, shall also request from the federal bureau of investigation any criminal records it has pertaining to the applicant. The superintendent or the superintendent's designee also may request criminal history records from other states or the federal government pursuant to the national crime prevention and privacy compact set forth in section 109.571 of the Revised Code. Within thirty days of the date a request is received, the superintendent shall send to the requester a report of any information determined to exist, including information contained in records that have been sealed under section 2953.32 of the Revised Code, and, within thirty days of its receipt, shall send the requester a report of any information received from the federal bureau of investigation, other than information the dissemination of which is prohibited by federal law.

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

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

(J) As used in this section:

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

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

Sec. 109.572. (A)(1) Upon receipt of a request pursuant to section 121.08, 3301.32, 3301.541, or 3319.39 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of

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

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

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

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

~~(2) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 5123.081 of the Revised Code with respect to an applicant for employment in any position with the department of developmental disabilities, pursuant to section 5126.28 of the Revised Code with respect to an applicant for employment in any position with a county board of developmental disabilities, or pursuant to section 5126.281 of the Revised Code with respect to an applicant for employment in a direct services position with an entity contracting with a county board for employment, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check. The superintendent shall conduct the criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any~~

~~information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following:~~

~~(a) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.34, 2903.341, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.04, 2905.05, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.12, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2919.12, 2919.22, 2919.24, 2919.25, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code;~~

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

~~(3) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 173.27, 173.394, 3712.09, or 3721.121, 5119.693, or 5119.85 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check with respect to any person who has applied for employment in a position for which a criminal records check is required by those sections. The superintendent shall conduct the criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following:~~

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

~~(b) An existing or former law of this state, any other state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to any of the offenses listed in division (A)(3)(2)(a) of this section.~~

~~(4) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 3701.881 of the Revised Code with respect to an applicant for employment with a home health agency as a person responsible for the care, custody, or control of a child, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in division~~

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

~~(a) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.34, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.04, 2905.05, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.12, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2919.12, 2919.22, 2919.24, 2919.25, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05, 2925.06, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code or a violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code that is not a minor drug possession offense;~~

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

~~(5)(3)~~ On receipt of a request pursuant to section 173.27, 173.394, 3701.881, 5111.032, 5111.033, or 5111.034, 5123.081, or 5123.169 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check of the person for whom the request is made. The superintendent shall conduct the criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request previously has been convicted of, has pleaded guilty to, or has been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for any of the following, regardless of the date of the conviction, the date of entry of the guilty plea, or the date the person was found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction:

(a) A violation of section 959.13, 959.131, 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.041, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.15, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.211, 2903.22, 2903.34, 2903.341, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2905.11, 2905.12, 2905.32, 2905.33, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.24, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2907.33, 2909.02, 2909.03, 2909.04, ~~2909.05~~, 2909.22, 2909.23, 2909.24, 2911.01, 2911.02,

2911.11, 2911.12, 2911.13, 2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.04, 2913.05, 2913.11, 2913.21, 2913.31, 2913.32, 2913.40, 2913.41, 2913.42, 2913.43, 2913.44, 2913.441, 2913.45, 2913.46, 2913.47, 2913.48, 2913.49, 2913.51, 2917.01, 2917.02, 2917.03, ~~2917.11~~, 2917.31, 2919.12, 2919.121, 2919.123, 2919.22, 2919.23, 2919.24, 2919.25, 2921.03, 2921.11, 2921.12, 2921.13, 2921.21, 2921.24, 2921.32, 2921.321, 2921.34, 2921.35, 2921.36, ~~2923.01, 2923.02, 2923.03~~, 2921.51, 2923.12, 2923.122, 2923.123, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2923.162, 2923.21, 2923.32, 2923.42, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.041, 2925.05, 2925.06, 2925.09, 2925.11, 2925.13, 2925.14, 2925.22, 2925.23, 2925.24, 2925.36, 2925.55, 2925.56, 2927.12, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code, ~~felonious~~;

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

(c) A violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, ~~a violation of section 2919.23 of the Revised Code that would have been a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, had the violation been committed prior to that date;~~

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

(e) A violation of an existing or former municipal ordinance or law of this state, any other state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to any of the offenses listed in ~~division~~ divisions (A)(5)(3)(a) to (d) of this section.

~~(6) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 3701.881 of the Revised Code with respect to an applicant for employment with a home health agency in a position that involves providing direct care to an older adult, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check. The superintendent shall conduct the criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following:~~

~~(a) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.34, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.11,~~

~~2905.12, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.12, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2911.13, 2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.04, 2913.11, 2913.21, 2913.31, 2913.40, 2913.43, 2913.47, 2913.51, 2919.25, 2921.36, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.11, 2925.13, 2925.22, 2925.23, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code;~~

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

~~(7) When conducting a criminal records check upon a request pursuant to section 3319.39 of the Revised Code for an applicant who is a teacher, in addition to the determination made under division (A)(1) of this section, the superintendent shall determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense specified in section 3319.31 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(8)(4) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 2151.86 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following:~~

~~(a) A violation of section 959.13, 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.15, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.211, 2903.22, 2903.34, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2909.02, 2909.03, 2909.22, 2909.23, 2909.24, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2913.49, 2917.01, 2917.02, 2919.12, 2919.22, 2919.24, 2919.25, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05, 2925.06, 2927.12, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code, a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, a violation of section 2919.23 of the Revised Code that would have been a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, had the violation been committed prior to that date, a violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code that is not a minor drug possession offense, two or more OVI or OVUAC violations committed within the three years immediately preceding~~

the submission of the application or petition that is the basis of the request, or felonious sexual penetration in violation of former section 2907.12 of the Revised Code;

(b) A violation of an existing or former law of this state, any other state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to any of the offenses listed in division (A)(~~8~~)(4)(a) of this section.

(~~9~~)(5) Upon receipt of a request pursuant to section 5104.012 or 5104.013 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following:

(a) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.22, 2903.34, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.04, 2913.041, 2913.05, 2913.06, 2913.11, 2913.21, 2913.31, 2913.32, 2913.33, 2913.34, 2913.40, 2913.41, 2913.42, 2913.43, 2913.44, 2913.441, 2913.45, 2913.46, 2913.47, 2913.48, 2913.49, 2919.12, 2919.22, 2919.24, 2919.25, 2921.11, 2921.13, 2923.01, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05, 2925.06, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code, felonious sexual penetration in violation of former section 2907.12 of the Revised Code, a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, a violation of section 2919.23 of the Revised Code that would have been a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, had the violation been committed prior to that date, a violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code that is not a minor drug possession offense, a violation of section 2923.02 or 2923.03 of the Revised Code that relates to a crime specified in this division, or a second violation of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code within five years of the date of application for licensure or certification.

(b) A violation of an existing or former law of this state, any other state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to any of the offenses or violations described in division (A)(~~9~~)(5)(a) of this section.

(~~10~~)(6) Upon receipt of a request pursuant to section 5153.111 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of

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

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

(b) A violation of an existing or former law of this state, any other state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to any of the offenses listed in division (A)(10)(6)(a) of this section.

~~(11)(7)~~ On receipt of a request for a criminal records check from an individual pursuant to section 4749.03 or 4749.06 of the Revised Code, accompanied by a completed copy of the form prescribed in division (C)(1) of this section and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in a manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists indicating that the person who is the subject of the request has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony in this state or in any other state. If the individual indicates that a firearm will be carried in the course of business, the superintendent shall require information from the federal bureau of investigation as described in division (B)(2) of this section. The superintendent shall report the findings of the criminal records check and any information the federal bureau of investigation provides to the director of public safety.

~~(12)(8)~~ On receipt of a request pursuant to section 1321.37, 1321.53,

1321.531, 1322.03, 1322.031, or 4763.05 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check with respect to any person who has applied for a license, permit, or certification from the department of commerce or a division in the department. The superintendent shall conduct the criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following: a violation of section 2913.02, 2913.11, 2913.31, 2913.51, or 2925.03 of the Revised Code; any other criminal offense involving theft, receiving stolen property, embezzlement, forgery, fraud, passing bad checks, money laundering, or drug trafficking, or any criminal offense involving money or securities, as set forth in Chapters 2909., 2911., 2913., 2915., 2921., 2923., and 2925. of the Revised Code; or any existing or former law of this state, any other state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to those offenses.

~~(13)~~(9) On receipt of a request for a criminal records check from the treasurer of state under section 113.041 of the Revised Code or from an individual under section 4701.08, 4715.101, 4717.061, 4725.121, 4725.501, 4729.071, 4730.101, 4730.14, 4730.28, 4731.081, 4731.15, 4731.171, 4731.222, 4731.281, 4731.296, 4731.531, 4732.091, 4734.202, 4740.061, 4741.10, 4755.70, 4757.101, 4759.061, 4760.032, 4760.06, 4761.051, 4762.031, 4762.06, or 4779.091 of the Revised Code, accompanied by a completed form prescribed under division (C)(1) of this section and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any criminal offense in this state or any other state. The superintendent shall send the results of a check requested under section 113.041 of the Revised Code to the treasurer of state and shall send the results of a check requested under any of the other listed sections to the licensing board specified by the individual in the request.

~~(14)~~(10) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 1121.23, 1155.03, 1163.05, 1315.141, 1733.47, or 1761.26 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of

fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any criminal offense under any existing or former law of this state, any other state, or the United States.

~~(15)~~(11) On receipt of a request for a criminal records check from an appointing or licensing authority under section 3772.07 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed under division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner prescribed in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty or no contest to any offense under any existing or former law of this state, any other state, or the United States that is a disqualifying offense as defined in section 3772.07 of the Revised Code or substantially equivalent to such an offense.

~~(16) Not later than thirty days after the date the superintendent receives a request of a type described in division (A)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (14), or (15) of this section, the completed form, and the fingerprint impressions, the superintendent shall send the person, board, or entity that made the request any information, other than information the dissemination of which is prohibited by federal law, the superintendent determines exists with respect to the person who is the subject of the request that indicates that the person previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense listed or described in division (A)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (14), or (15) of this section, as appropriate. The superintendent shall send the person, board, or entity that made the request a copy of the list of offenses specified in division (A)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (14), or (15) of this section, as appropriate. If the request was made under section 3701.881 of the Revised Code with regard to an applicant who may be both responsible for the care, custody, or control of a child and involved in providing direct care to an older adult, the superintendent shall provide a list of the offenses specified in divisions (A)(4) and (6) of this section.~~

~~Not later than thirty days after the superintendent receives a request for a criminal records check pursuant to section 113.041 of the Revised Code,~~

~~the completed form, and the fingerprint impressions, the superintendent shall send the treasurer of state any information, other than information the dissemination of which is prohibited by federal law, the superintendent determines exist with respect to the person who is the subject of the request that indicates that the person previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any criminal offense in this state or any other state.~~

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

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

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

(B) The superintendent shall conduct any criminal records check requested under section 113.041, 121.08, 173.27, 173.394, 1121.23, 1155.03, 1163.05, 1315.141, 1321.53, 1321.531, 1322.03, 1322.031, 1733.47, 1761.26, 2151.86, 3301.32, 3301.541, 3319.39, 3701.881, 3712.09, 3721.121, 3772.07, 4701.08, 4715.101, 4717.061, 4725.121, 4725.501, 4729.071, 4730.101, 4730.14, 4730.28, 4731.081, 4731.15, 4731.171, 4731.222, 4731.281, 4731.296, 4731.531, 4732.091, 4734.202, 4740.061, 4741.10, 4749.03, 4749.06, 4755.70, 4757.101, 4759.061, 4760.032, 4760.06, 4761.051, 4762.031, 4762.06, 4763.05, 4779.091, 5104.012, 5104.013, 5111.032, 5111.033, 5111.034, 5119.693, 5119.85, 5123.081, 5126.28, 5126.281, or 5153.111 of the Revised Code to be conducted under this section as follows:

(1) The superintendent shall review or cause to be reviewed any relevant information gathered and compiled by the bureau under division (A) of section 109.57 of the Revised Code that relates to the person who is the subject of the ~~request~~ criminal records check, including, if the criminal records check was requested under section 113.041, 121.08, 173.27, 173.394, 1121.23, 1155.03, 1163.05, 1315.141, 1321.37, 1321.53, 1321.531, 1322.03, 1322.031, 1733.47, 1761.26, 2151.86, 3301.32, 3301.541, 3319.39, 3701.881, 3712.09, 3721.121, 3772.07, 4749.03, 4749.06, 4763.05, 5104.012, 5104.013, 5111.032, 5111.033, 5111.034, ~~5119.693, 5119.85, 5123.081, 5126.28, 5126.281, 5123.169~~, or 5153.111 of the Revised Code, any relevant information contained in records that have been sealed under section 2953.32 of the Revised Code;

(2) If the request received by the superintendent asks for information from the federal bureau of investigation, the superintendent shall request from the federal bureau of investigation any information it has with respect to the person who is the subject of the ~~request~~ criminal records check, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as described in 42 U.S.C. 671 if the request is made pursuant to section 2151.86, 5104.012, or 5104.013 of the Revised Code or if any other Revised Code section requires fingerprint-based checks of that nature, and shall review or cause to be reviewed any information the superintendent receives from that bureau. If a request under section 3319.39 of the Revised Code asks only for information from the federal bureau of investigation, the superintendent shall not conduct the review prescribed by division (B)(1) of this section.

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

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

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

described in division (C)(2) of this section:

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

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

(C)(1) The superintendent shall prescribe a form to obtain the information necessary to conduct a criminal records check from any person for whom a criminal records check is ~~requested under section 113.041 of the Revised Code or required by section 121.08, 173.27, 173.394, 1121.23, 1155.03, 1163.05, 1315.141, 1321.53, 1321.531, 1322.03, 1322.031, 1733.47, 1761.26, 2151.86, 3301.32, 3301.541, 3319.39, 3701.881, 3712.09, 3721.121, 3772.07, 4701.08, 4715.101, 4717.061, 4725.121, 4725.501, 4729.071, 4730.101, 4730.14, 4730.28, 4731.081, 4731.15, 4731.171, 4731.222, 4731.281, 4731.296, 4731.531, 4732.091, 4734.202, 4740.061, 4741.10, 4749.03, 4749.06, 4755.70, 4757.101, 4759.061, 4760.032, 4760.06, 4761.051, 4762.031, 4762.06, 4763.05, 4779.091, 5104.012, 5104.013, 5111.032, 5111.033, 5111.034, 5119.693, 5119.85, 5123.081, 5126.28, 5126.281, or 5153.111 of the Revised Code to be conducted under this section.~~ The form that the superintendent prescribes pursuant to this division may be in a tangible format, in an electronic format, or in both tangible and electronic formats.

(2) The superintendent shall prescribe standard impression sheets to obtain the fingerprint impressions of any person for whom a criminal records check is ~~requested under section 113.041 of the Revised Code or required by section 121.08, 173.27, 173.394, 1121.23, 1155.03, 1163.05, 1315.141, 1321.53, 1321.531, 1322.03, 1322.031, 1733.47, 1761.26, 2151.86, 3301.32, 3301.541, 3319.39, 3701.881, 3712.09, 3721.121, 3772.07, 4701.08, 4715.101, 4717.061, 4725.121, 4725.501, 4729.071, 4730.101, 4730.14, 4730.28, 4731.081, 4731.15, 4731.171, 4731.222, 4731.281, 4731.296, 4731.531, 4732.091, 4734.202, 4740.061, 4741.10, 4749.03, 4749.06, 4755.70, 4757.101, 4759.061, 4760.032, 4760.06, 4761.051, 4762.031, 4762.06, 4763.05, 4779.091, 5104.012, 5104.013, 5111.032, 5111.033, 5111.034, 5119.693, 5119.85, 5123.081, 5126.28, 5126.281, or 5153.111 of the Revised Code to be conducted under this section.~~ Any person for whom a records check is ~~requested under or required by any of those sections to be conducted under this section~~ shall obtain the fingerprint impressions at a county sheriff's office, municipal police department, or any other entity with the ability to make fingerprint impressions on the standard impression sheets prescribed by the

superintendent. The office, department, or entity may charge the person a reasonable fee for making the impressions. The standard impression sheets the superintendent prescribes pursuant to this division may be in a tangible format, in an electronic format, or in both tangible and electronic formats.

(3) Subject to division (D) of this section, the superintendent shall prescribe and charge a reasonable fee for providing a criminal records check requested under section ~~113.041, 121.08, 173.27, 173.394, 1121.23, 1155.03, 1163.05, 1315.141, 1321.53, 1321.531, 1322.03, 1322.031, 1733.47, 1761.26, 2151.86, 3301.32, 3301.541, 3319.39, 3701.881, 3712.09, 3721.121, 3772.07, 4701.08, 4715.101, 4717.061, 4725.121, 4725.501, 4729.071, 4730.101, 4730.14, 4730.28, 4731.081, 4731.15, 4731.171, 4731.222, 4731.281, 4731.296, 4731.531, 4732.091, 4734.202, 4740.061, 4741.10, 4749.03, 4749.06, 4755.70, 4757.101, 4759.061, 4760.032, 4760.06, 4761.051, 4762.031, 4762.06, 4763.05, 4779.091, 5104.012, 5104.013, 5111.032, 5111.033, 5111.034, 5119.693, 5119.85, 5123.081, 5126.28, 5126.281, or 5153.111 of the Revised Code~~ under this section. The person making a requesting the criminal records request ~~under any of those sections~~ check shall pay the fee prescribed pursuant to this division. A person making a request under section ~~3701.881 of the Revised Code for a criminal records check for an applicant who may be both responsible for the care, custody, or control of a child and involved in providing direct care to an older adult~~ shall pay one fee for the request. In the case of a request under section ~~1121.23, 1155.03, 1163.05, 1315.141, 1733.47, 1761.26, 2151.33, 2151.412, or 5111.032 of the Revised Code~~, the fee shall be paid in the manner specified in that section.

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

(D) ~~A determination whether any information exists that indicates that a person previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense listed or described in division (A)(1)(a) or (b), (A)(2)(a) or (b), (A)(3)(a) or (b), (A)(4)(a) or (b), (A)(5)(a) or (b), (A)(6)(a) or (b), (A)(7), (A)(8)(a) or (b), (A)(9)(a) or (b), (A)(10)(a) or (b), (A)(12), (A)(14), or (A)(15) of this section, or that indicates that a person previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any criminal offense in this state or any other state regarding a criminal records check of a type described in division (A)(13) of this section, and that is made by the superintendent with respect to information considered in~~ The results of a criminal records check in accordance with conducted under this section is, other than a criminal

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

(E) When the superintendent receives a request for information from a registered private provider, the superintendent shall proceed as if the request was received from a school district board of education under section 3319.39 of the Revised Code. The superintendent shall apply division (A)(7)(1)(c) of this section to any such request for an applicant who is a teacher.

(F) As used in this section:

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

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

(3) "~~Older adult~~" means ~~a person age sixty or older.~~

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

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

Sec. 109.801. (A)(1) Each year, any of the following persons who are authorized to carry firearms in the course of their official duties shall complete successfully a firearms requalification program approved by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission in accordance with rules adopted by the attorney general pursuant to section 109.743 of the Revised Code: any peace officer, sheriff, chief of police of an organized police department of a municipal corporation or township, chief of police of a township police district or joint police district police force,

superintendent of the state highway patrol, state highway patrol trooper, or chief of police of a university or college police department; any parole or probation officer who carries a firearm in the course of official duties; the house of representatives sergeant at arms if the house of representatives sergeant at arms has arrest authority pursuant to division (E)(1) of section 101.311 of the Revised Code; any assistant house of representatives sergeant at arms; the senate sergeant at arms; any assistant senate sergeant at arms; or any employee of the department of youth services who is designated pursuant to division (A)(2) of section 5139.53 of the Revised Code as being authorized to carry a firearm while on duty as described in that division.

(2) No person listed in division (A)(1) of this section shall carry a firearm during the course of official duties if the person does not comply with division (A)(1) of this section.

(B) The hours that a sheriff spends attending a firearms requalification program required by division (A) of this section are in addition to the sixteen hours of continuing education that are required by division (E) of section 311.01 of the Revised Code.

(C) As used in this section, "firearm" has the same meaning as in section 2923.11 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 119.032. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Agency" includes both an agency as defined in division (A)(2) of section 111.15 and an agency as defined in division (A) of section 119.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Review date" means the review date assigned to a rule by an agency under division (B) or (E)(2) of this section or under section 111.15, 119.04, or 4141.14 of the Revised Code or a review date assigned to a rule by the joint committee on agency rule review under division (B) of this section.

(3)(a) "Rule" means only a rule whose adoption, amendment, or rescission is subject to review under division (D) of section 111.15 or division (H) of section 119.03 of the Revised Code.

(b) "Rule" does not include ~~a rule adopted, amended, or rescinded by the department of taxation under section 5703.14 of the Revised Code,~~ a rule of a state college or university, community college district, technical college district, or state community college, or a rule that is consistent with and equivalent to the form required by a federal law and that does not exceed the minimum scope and intent of that federal law.

(B) Not later than March 25, 1997, each agency shall assign a review date to each of its rules that is currently in effect and shall notify the joint committee on agency rule review of the review date for each such rule. The

agency shall assign review dates to its rules so that approximately one-fifth of the rules are scheduled for review during each calendar year of the five-year period that begins March 25, 1997, except that an agency, with the joint committee's approval, may set a review schedule for the agency's rules in which there is no requirement that approximately one-fifth of the agency's rules be assigned a review date during each calendar year of the five-year period but in which all of the agency's rules are assigned a review date during that five-year period. An agency may change the review dates it has assigned to specific rules so long as the agency complies with the five-year time deadline specified in this division.

Upon the request of the agency that adopted the rule, the joint committee on agency rule review may extend a review date of a rule to a date that is not later than one hundred eighty days after the original review date assigned to the rule by the agency under this division, division (E)(2) of this section, or section 111.15, 119.04, or 4141.14 of the Revised Code. The joint committee may further extend a review date that has been extended under this paragraph if appropriate under the circumstances.

(C) Prior to the review date of a rule, the agency that adopted the rule shall review the rule to determine all of the following:

(1) Whether the rule should be continued without amendment, be amended, or be rescinded, taking into consideration the purpose, scope, and intent of the statute under which the rule was adopted;

(2) Whether the rule needs amendment or rescission to give more flexibility at the local level;

(3) Whether the rule needs amendment or rescission to eliminate unnecessary paperwork, or whether the rule incorporates a text or other material by reference and, if so, whether the text or other material incorporated by reference is deposited or displayed as required by section 121.74 of the Revised Code and whether the incorporation by reference meets the standards stated in sections 121.72, 121.75, and 121.76 of the Revised Code;

(4) Whether the rule duplicates, overlaps with, or conflicts with other rules;

(5) Whether the rule has an adverse impact on businesses, reviewing the rule as if it were a draft rule being reviewed under sections 107.52 and 107.53 of the Revised Code, and whether any such adverse impact has been eliminated or reduced.

(D) In making the review required under division (C) of this section, the agency shall consider the continued need for the rule, the nature of any complaints or comments received concerning the rule, and any relevant

factors that have changed in the subject matter area affected by the rule.

(E)(1) On or before the designated review date of a rule, the agency that adopted the rule shall proceed under division (E)(2) or (5) of this section to indicate that the agency has reviewed the rule.

(2) If the agency has determined that the rule does not need to be amended or rescinded, the agency shall file all the following, in electronic form, with the joint committee on agency rule review, the secretary of state, and the director of the legislative service commission: a copy of the rule, a statement of the agency's determination, and an accurate rule summary and fiscal analysis for the rule as described in section 127.18 of the Revised Code. The agency shall assign a new review date to the rule, which shall not be later than five years after the rule's immediately preceding review date. After the joint committee has reviewed such a rule for the first time, including any rule that was in effect on September 26, 1996, the agency in its subsequent reviews of the rule may provide the same fiscal analysis it provided to the joint committee during its immediately preceding review of the rule unless any of the conditions described in division (B)(4), (5), (6), (8), (9), or (10) of section 127.18 of the Revised Code, as they relate to the rule, have appreciably changed since the joint committee's immediately preceding review of the rule. If any of these conditions, as they relate to the rule, have appreciably changed, the agency shall provide the joint committee with an updated fiscal analysis for the rule. If no review date is assigned to a rule, or if a review date assigned to a rule exceeds the five-year maximum, the review date for the rule is five years after its immediately preceding review date. The joint committee shall give public notice in the register of Ohio of the agency's determination after receiving a notice from the agency under division (E)(2) of this section. The joint committee shall transmit a copy of the notice in electronic form to the director of the legislative service commission. The director shall publish the notice in the register of Ohio for four consecutive weeks after its receipt.

(3) During the ninety-day period following the date the joint committee receives a notice under division (E)(2) of this section but after the four-week period described in division (E)(2) of this section has ended, the joint committee, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, may recommend the adoption of a concurrent resolution invalidating the rule if the joint committee determines that any of the following apply:

(a) The agency improperly applied the criteria described in divisions (C) and (D) of this section in reviewing the rule and in recommending its continuance without amendment or rescission.

(b) The agency failed to file proper notice with the joint committee

regarding the rule, or if the rule incorporates a text or other material by reference, the agency failed to file, or to deposit or display, the text or other material incorporated by reference as required by section 121.73 or 121.74 of the Revised Code or the incorporation by reference fails to meet the standards stated in section 121.72, 121.75, or 121.76 of the Revised Code.

(c) The rule has an adverse impact on businesses, as determined under section 107.52 of the Revised Code, and the agency has not eliminated or reduced that impact as required under section 121.82 of the Revised Code.

(4) If the joint committee does not take the action described in division (E)(3) of this section regarding a rule during the ninety-day period after the date the joint committee receives a notice under division (E)(2) of this section regarding that rule, the rule shall continue in effect without amendment and shall be next reviewed by the joint committee by the date designated by the agency in the notice provided to the joint committee under division (E)(2) of this section.

(5) If the agency has determined that a rule reviewed under division (C) of this section needs to be amended or rescinded, the agency, on or before the rule's review date, shall file the rule as amended or rescinded in accordance with section 111.15, 119.03, or 4141.14 of the Revised Code, as applicable.

(6) Each agency shall provide the joint committee with a copy of the rules that it has determined are rules described in division (A)(3)(b) of this section. At a time the joint committee designates, each agency shall appear before the joint committee and explain why it has determined that such rules are rules described in division (A)(3)(b) of this section. The joint committee, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, may determine that any of such rules are rules described in division (A)(3)(a) of this section. After the joint committee has made such a determination relating to a rule, the agency shall thereafter treat the rule as a rule described in division (A)(3)(a) of this section.

(F) If an agency fails to provide the notice to the joint committee required under division (E)(2) of this section regarding a rule or otherwise fails by the rule's review date to take any action regarding the rule required by this section, the joint committee, by a majority vote of the members present, may recommend the adoption of a concurrent resolution invalidating the rule. The joint committee shall not recommend the adoption of such a resolution until it has afforded the agency the opportunity to appear before the joint committee to show cause why the joint committee should not recommend the adoption of such a resolution regarding that rule.

(G) If the joint committee recommends adoption of a concurrent

resolution invalidating a rule under division (E)(3) or (F) of this section, the adoption of the concurrent resolution shall be in the manner described in division (I) of section 119.03 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 121.04. Offices are created within the several departments as follows:

In the department of commerce:

- Commissioner of securities;
- Superintendent of real estate and professional licensing;
- Superintendent of financial institutions;
- State fire marshal;
- Superintendent of ~~labor~~ industrial compliance;
- Superintendent of liquor control;
- Superintendent of unclaimed funds.

In the department of administrative services:

- ~~State architect and engineer~~;
- Equal employment opportunity coordinator.

In the department of agriculture:

Chiefs of divisions as follows:

- Administration;
- Animal health;
- Livestock environmental permitting;
- Dairy;
- Food safety;
- Plant health;
- Markets;
- Meat inspection;
- Consumer protection laboratory;
- Amusement ride safety;
- Enforcement;
- Weights and measures.

In the department of natural resources:

Chiefs of divisions as follows:

- Mineral resources management;
- Oil and gas resources management;
- Forestry;
- Natural areas and preserves;
- Wildlife;
- Geological survey;
- Parks and recreation;
- Watercraft;

~~Recycling and litter prevention;~~
Soil and water resources;
Engineering.

In the department of insurance:

Deputy superintendent of insurance;
Assistant superintendent of insurance, technical;
Assistant superintendent of insurance, administrative;
Assistant superintendent of insurance, research.

Sec. 121.08. (A) There is hereby created in the department of commerce the position of deputy director of administration. This officer shall be appointed by the director of commerce, serve under the director's direction, supervision, and control, perform the duties the director prescribes, and hold office during the director's pleasure. The director of commerce may designate an assistant director of commerce to serve as the deputy director of administration. The deputy director of administration shall perform the duties prescribed by the director of commerce in supervising the activities of the division of administration of the department of commerce.

(B) Except as provided in section 121.07 of the Revised Code, the department of commerce shall have all powers and perform all duties vested in the deputy director of administration, the state fire marshal, the superintendent of financial institutions, the superintendent of real estate and professional licensing, the superintendent of liquor control, the superintendent of ~~labor~~ industrial compliance, the superintendent of unclaimed funds, and the commissioner of securities, and shall have all powers and perform all duties vested by law in all officers, deputies, and employees of those offices. Except as provided in section 121.07 of the Revised Code, wherever powers are conferred or duties imposed upon any of those officers, the powers and duties shall be construed as vested in the department of commerce.

(C)(1) There is hereby created in the department of commerce a division of financial institutions, which shall have all powers and perform all duties vested by law in the superintendent of financial institutions. Wherever powers are conferred or duties imposed upon the superintendent of financial institutions, those powers and duties shall be construed as vested in the division of financial institutions. The division of financial institutions shall be administered by the superintendent of financial institutions.

(2) All provisions of law governing the superintendent of financial institutions shall apply to and govern the superintendent of financial institutions provided for in this section; all authority vested by law in the superintendent of financial institutions with respect to the management of

the division of financial institutions shall be construed as vested in the superintendent of financial institutions created by this section with respect to the division of financial institutions provided for in this section; and all rights, privileges, and emoluments conferred by law upon the superintendent of financial institutions shall be construed as conferred upon the superintendent of financial institutions as head of the division of financial institutions. The director of commerce shall not transfer from the division of financial institutions any of the functions specified in division (C)(2) of this section.

(D) There is hereby created in the department of commerce a division of liquor control, which shall have all powers and perform all duties vested by law in the superintendent of liquor control. Wherever powers are conferred or duties are imposed upon the superintendent of liquor control, those powers and duties shall be construed as vested in the division of liquor control. The division of liquor control shall be administered by the superintendent of liquor control.

(E) The director of commerce shall not be interested, directly or indirectly, in any firm or corporation which is a dealer in securities as defined in sections 1707.01 and 1707.14 of the Revised Code, or in any firm or corporation licensed under sections 1321.01 to 1321.19 of the Revised Code.

(F) The director of commerce shall not have any official connection with a savings and loan association, a savings bank, a bank, a bank holding company, a savings and loan association holding company, a consumer finance company, or a credit union that is under the supervision of the division of financial institutions, or a subsidiary of any of the preceding entities, or be interested in the business thereof.

(G) There is hereby created in the state treasury the division of administration fund. The fund shall receive assessments on the operating funds of the department of commerce in accordance with procedures prescribed by the director of commerce and approved by the director of budget and management. All operating expenses of the division of administration shall be paid from the division of administration fund.

(H) There is hereby created in the department of commerce a division of real estate and professional licensing, which shall be under the control and supervision of the director of commerce. The division of real estate and professional licensing shall be administered by the superintendent of real estate and professional licensing. The superintendent of real estate and professional licensing shall exercise the powers and perform the functions and duties delegated to the superintendent under Chapters 4735., 4763., and

4767. of the Revised Code.

(I) There is hereby created in the department of commerce a division of ~~labor~~ industrial compliance, which shall have all powers and perform all duties vested by law in the superintendent of ~~labor~~ industrial compliance. Wherever powers are conferred or duties imposed upon the superintendent of ~~labor~~ industrial compliance, those powers and duties shall be construed as vested in the division of ~~labor~~ industrial compliance. The division of ~~labor~~ industrial compliance shall be under the control and supervision of the director of commerce and be administered by the superintendent of ~~labor~~ industrial compliance.

(J) There is hereby created in the department of commerce a division of unclaimed funds, which shall have all powers and perform all duties delegated to or vested by law in the superintendent of unclaimed funds. Wherever powers are conferred or duties imposed upon the superintendent of unclaimed funds, those powers and duties shall be construed as vested in the division of unclaimed funds. The division of unclaimed funds shall be under the control and supervision of the director of commerce and shall be administered by the superintendent of unclaimed funds. The superintendent of unclaimed funds shall exercise the powers and perform the functions and duties delegated to the superintendent by the director of commerce under section 121.07 and Chapter 169. of the Revised Code, and as may otherwise be provided by law.

(K) The department of commerce or a division of the department created by the Revised Code that is acting with authorization on the department's behalf may request from the bureau of criminal identification and investigation pursuant to section 109.572 of the Revised Code, or coordinate with appropriate federal, state, and local government agencies to accomplish, criminal records checks for the persons whose identities are required to be disclosed by an applicant for the issuance or transfer of a permit, license, certificate of registration, or certification issued or transferred by the department or division. At or before the time of making a request for a criminal records check, the department or division may require any person whose identity is required to be disclosed by an applicant for the issuance or transfer of such a license, permit, certificate of registration, or certification to submit to the department or division valid fingerprint impressions in a format and by any media or means acceptable to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation and, when applicable, the federal bureau of investigation. The department or division may cause the bureau of criminal identification and investigation to conduct a criminal records check through the federal bureau of investigation only if the person for whom the

criminal records check would be conducted resides or works outside of this state or has resided or worked outside of this state during the preceding five years, or if a criminal records check conducted by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation within this state indicates that the person may have a criminal record outside of this state.

In the case of a criminal records check under section 109.572 of the Revised Code, the department or division shall forward to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation the requisite form, fingerprint impressions, and fee described in division (C) of that section. When requested by the department or division in accordance with this section, the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall request from the federal bureau of investigation any information it has with respect to the person who is the subject of the requested criminal records check and shall forward the requisite fingerprint impressions and information to the federal bureau of investigation for that criminal records check. After conducting a criminal records check or receiving the results of a criminal records check from the federal bureau of investigation, the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall provide the results to the department or division.

The department or division may require any person about whom a criminal records check is requested to pay to the department or division the amount necessary to cover the fee charged to the department or division by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation under division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, including, when applicable, any fee for a criminal records check conducted by the federal bureau of investigation.

Sec. 121.083. The superintendent of ~~labor~~ industrial compliance in the department of commerce shall do all of the following:

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

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

(C) Collect and collate statistics as are necessary.

(D) Examine and license persons who desire to act as steam engineers, to operate steam boilers, and to act as inspectors of steam boilers, provide

for the scope, conduct, and time of such examinations, provide for, regulate, and enforce the renewal and revocation of such licenses, inspect and examine steam boilers and make, publish, and enforce rules and orders for the construction, installation, inspection, and operation of steam boilers, and do, require, and enforce all things necessary to make such examination, inspection, and requirement efficient.

(E) Rent and furnish offices as needed in cities in this state for the conduct of its affairs.

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

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

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

Sec. 121.084. (A) All moneys collected under sections 3783.05, 3791.07, 4104.07, 4104.18, 4104.44, 4105.17, 4105.20, 4169.03, 4171.04, and 5104.051 of the Revised Code, and any other moneys collected by the division of ~~labor~~ industrial compliance shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the ~~labor~~ industrial compliance operating fund, which is hereby created. The department of commerce shall use the moneys in the fund for paying the operating expenses of the division and the administrative assessment described in division (B) of this section.

(B) The director of commerce, with the approval of the director of budget and management, shall prescribe procedures for assessing the ~~labor~~ industrial compliance operating fund a proportionate share of the administrative costs of the department of commerce. The assessment shall be made in accordance with those procedures and be paid from the ~~labor~~ industrial compliance operating fund to the division of administration fund created in section 121.08 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 121.35. (A) Subject to division (B) of this section, the following state agencies shall collaborate to revise and make more uniform the eligibility standards and eligibility determination procedures of programs the state agencies administer:

(1) The department of aging;

(2) The department of alcohol and drug addiction services;

- (3) The department of development;
- (4) The department of developmental disabilities;
- (5) The department of education;
- (6) The department of health;
- (7) The department of job and family services;
- (8) The department of mental health;
- (9) The rehabilitation services commission.

(B) In revising eligibility standards and eligibility determination procedures, a state agency shall not make any program's eligibility standards or eligibility determination procedures inconsistent with state or federal law. To the extent authorized by state and federal law, the revisions may provide for the state agencies to share administrative operations.

Sec. 122.07. (A) The department of development may do ~~either~~ any of the following:

(1) Disseminate information concerning the industrial, commercial, governmental, educational, cultural, recreational, agricultural, and other advantages and attractions of the state;

(2) Provide technical assistance to public and private agencies in the preparation of promotional programs designed to attract business, industry, and tourists to the state;

(3) Enter into cooperative or contractual agreements, through the director of development, with any individual, organization, or business to create, administer, or otherwise be involved with Ohio tourism-related promotional programs. Compensation under such agreements shall be determined by the director and may include deferred compensation. This compensation is payable from the travel and tourism cooperative projects fund of the department. Any excess revenue generated under such a cooperative or contractual agreement shall be remitted to the fund to be reinvested in ongoing tourism marketing initiatives as authorized by law.

(B) Records related to tourism market research submitted to or generated by the research office of the division of travel and tourism of the department of development, and any information taken for any purpose from such research, are not public records for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code. The department may use, however, such tourism market research in a public report if the director of the department determines that issuing and distributing the report would promote or market the state's travel and tourism industry or otherwise advance the purposes of this section.

Sec. 122.862. There is hereby established in the state treasury the SellOhio global initiative fund.

Sec. 123.01. (A) The department of administrative services, in addition

to those powers enumerated in Chapters 124. and 125. of the Revised Code and provided elsewhere by law, shall exercise the following powers:

~~(1) To prepare, or contract to be prepared, by licensed engineers or architects, surveys, general and detailed plans, specifications, bills of materials, and estimates of cost for any projects, improvements, or public buildings to be constructed by state agencies that may be authorized by legislative appropriations or any other funds made available therefor, provided that the construction of the projects, improvements, or public buildings is a statutory duty of the department. This section does not require the independent employment of an architect or engineer as provided by section 153.01 of the Revised Code in the cases to which that section applies nor affect or alter the existing powers of the director of transportation.~~

~~(2) To have general supervision over the construction of any projects, improvements, or public buildings constructed for a state agency and over the inspection of materials previous to their incorporation into those projects, improvements, or buildings;~~

~~(3) To make contracts for and supervise the construction of any projects and improvements or the construction and repair of buildings under the control of a state agency, except contracts for the repair of buildings under the management and control of the departments of public safety, job and family services, mental health, developmental disabilities, rehabilitation and correction, and youth services, the bureau of workers' compensation, the rehabilitation services commission, and boards of trustees of educational and benevolent institutions and except contracts for the construction of projects that do not require the issuance of a building permit or the issuance of a certificate of occupancy and that are necessary to remediate conditions at a hazardous waste facility, solid waste facility, or other location at which the director of environmental protection has reason to believe there is a substantial threat to public health or safety or the environment. These contracts shall be made and entered into by the directors of public safety, job and family services, mental health, developmental disabilities, rehabilitation and correction, and youth services, the administrator of workers' compensation, the rehabilitation services commission, the boards of trustees of such institutions, and the director of environmental protection, respectively. All such contracts may be in whole or in part on unit price basis of maximum estimated cost, with payment computed and made upon actual quantities or units.~~

~~(4) To prepare and suggest comprehensive plans for the development of grounds and buildings under the control of a state agency;~~

~~(5)(2) To acquire, by purchase, gift, devise, lease, or grant, all real estate~~

required by a state agency, in the exercise of which power the department may exercise the power of eminent domain, in the manner provided by sections 163.01 to 163.22 of the Revised Code;

~~(6) To make and provide all plans, specifications, and models for the construction and perfection of all systems of sewerage, drainage, and plumbing for the state in connection with buildings and grounds under the control of a state agency;~~

~~(7)~~(3) To erect, supervise, and maintain all public monuments and memorials erected by the state, except where the supervision and maintenance is otherwise provided by law;

~~(8)~~(4) To procure, by lease, storage accommodations for a state agency;

~~(9)~~(5) To lease or grant easements or licenses for unproductive and unused lands or other property under the control of a state agency. Such leases, easements, or licenses shall may be granted to any person or entity, shall be for a period not to exceed fifteen years, and shall be executed for the state by the director of administrative services ~~and the governor and shall be approved as to form by the attorney general~~, provided that leases, easements, or licenses may be granted to any county, township, municipal corporation, port authority, water or sewer district, school district, library district, health district, park district, soil and water conservation district, conservancy district, or other political subdivision or taxing district, or any agency of the United States government, for the exclusive use of that agency, political subdivision, or taxing district, without any right of sublease or assignment, for a period not to exceed fifteen years, and, provided that the director shall grant leases, easements, or licenses of university land for periods not to exceed twenty-five years for purposes approved by the respective university's board of trustees wherein the uses are compatible with the uses and needs of the university and may grant leases of university land for periods not to exceed forty years for purposes approved by the respective university's board of trustees pursuant to section ~~123.77~~ 123.17 of the Revised Code.

~~(10)~~(6) To lease space for the use of a state agency;

~~(11)~~(7) To have general supervision and care of the storerooms, offices, and buildings leased for the use of a state agency;

~~(12)~~(8) To exercise general custodial care of all real property of the state;

~~(13)~~(9) To assign and group together state offices in any city in the state and to establish, in cooperation with the state agencies involved, rules governing space requirements for office or storage use;

~~(14)~~(10) To lease for a period not to exceed forty years, pursuant to a

contract providing for the construction thereof under a lease-purchase plan, buildings, structures, and other improvements for any public purpose, and, in conjunction therewith, to grant leases, easements, or licenses for lands under the control of a state agency for a period not to exceed forty years. The lease-purchase plan shall provide that at the end of the lease period, the buildings, structures, and related improvements, together with the land on which they are situated, shall become the property of the state without cost.

(a) Whenever any building, structure, or other improvement is to be so leased by a state agency, the department shall retain either basic plans, specifications, bills of materials, and estimates of cost with sufficient detail to afford bidders all needed information or, alternatively, all of the following plans, details, bills of materials, and specifications:

(i) Full and accurate plans suitable for the use of mechanics and other builders in the improvement;

(ii) Details to scale and full sized, so drawn and represented as to be easily understood;

(iii) Accurate bills showing the exact quantity of different kinds of material necessary to the construction;

(iv) Definite and complete specifications of the work to be performed, together with such directions as will enable a competent mechanic or other builder to carry them out and afford bidders all needed information;

(v) A full and accurate estimate of each item of expense and of the aggregate cost thereof.

(b) The department shall give public notice, in such newspaper, in such form, and with such phraseology as the director of administrative services prescribes, published once each week for four consecutive weeks, of the time when and place where bids will be received for entering into an agreement to lease to a state agency a building, structure, or other improvement. The last publication shall be at least eight days preceding the day for opening the bids. The bids shall contain the terms upon which the builder would propose to lease the building, structure, or other improvement to the state agency. The form of the bid approved by the department shall be used, and a bid is invalid and shall not be considered unless that form is used without change, alteration, or addition. Before submitting bids pursuant to this section, any builder shall comply with Chapter 153. of the Revised Code.

(c) On the day and at the place named for receiving bids for entering into lease agreements with a state agency, the director of administrative services shall open the bids and shall publicly proceed immediately to tabulate the bids upon duplicate sheets. No lease agreement shall be entered

into until the bureau of workers' compensation has certified that the person to be awarded the lease agreement has complied with Chapter 4123. of the Revised Code, until, if the builder submitting the lowest and best bid is a foreign corporation, the secretary of state has certified that the corporation is authorized to do business in this state, until, if the builder submitting the lowest and best bid is a person nonresident of this state, the person has filed with the secretary of state a power of attorney designating the secretary of state as its agent for the purpose of accepting service of summons in any action brought under Chapter 4123. of the Revised Code, and until the agreement is submitted to the attorney general and the attorney general's approval is certified thereon. Within thirty days after the day on which the bids are received, the department shall investigate the bids received and shall determine that the bureau and the secretary of state have made the certifications required by this section of the builder who has submitted the lowest and best bid. Within ten days of the completion of the investigation of the bids, the department shall award the lease agreement to the builder who has submitted the lowest and best bid and who has been certified by the bureau and secretary of state as required by this section. If bidding for the lease agreement has been conducted upon the basis of basic plans, specifications, bills of materials, and estimates of costs, upon the award to the builder the department, or the builder with the approval of the department, shall appoint an architect or engineer licensed in this state to prepare such further detailed plans, specifications, and bills of materials as are required to construct the building, structure, or improvement. The department shall adopt such rules as are necessary to give effect to this section. The department may reject any bid. Where there is reason to believe there is collusion or combination among bidders, the bids of those concerned therein shall be rejected.

~~(15)~~(11) To acquire by purchase, gift, devise, or grant and to transfer, lease, or otherwise dispose of all real property required to assist in the development of a conversion facility as defined in section 5709.30 of the Revised Code as that section existed before its repeal by Amended Substitute House Bill 95 of the 125th general assembly;

~~(16)~~(12) To lease for a period not to exceed forty years, notwithstanding any other division of this section, the state-owned property located at 408-450 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio, formerly the state school for the deaf, to a developer in accordance with this section. "Developer," as used in this section, has the same meaning as in section 123.77 of the Revised Code.

Such a lease shall be for the purpose of development of the land for use

by senior citizens by constructing, altering, renovating, repairing, expanding, and improving the site as it existed on June 25, 1982. A developer desiring to lease the land shall prepare for submission to the department a plan for development. Plans shall include provisions for roads, sewers, water lines, waste disposal, water supply, and similar matters to meet the requirements of state and local laws. The plans shall also include provision for protection of the property by insurance or otherwise, and plans for financing the development, and shall set forth details of the developer's financial responsibility.

The department may employ, as employees or consultants, persons needed to assist in reviewing the development plans. Those persons may include attorneys, financial experts, engineers, and other necessary experts. The department shall review the development plans and may enter into a lease if it finds all of the following:

- (a) The best interests of the state will be promoted by entering into a lease with the developer;
- (b) The development plans are satisfactory;
- (c) The developer has established the developer's financial responsibility and satisfactory plans for financing the development.

The lease shall contain a provision that construction or renovation of the buildings, roads, structures, and other necessary facilities shall begin within one year after the date of the lease and shall proceed according to a schedule agreed to between the department and the developer or the lease will be terminated. The lease shall contain such conditions and stipulations as the director considers necessary to preserve the best interest of the state. Moneys received by the state pursuant to this lease shall be paid into the general revenue fund. The lease shall provide that at the end of the lease period the buildings, structures, and related improvements shall become the property of the state without cost.

~~(17)~~(13) To manage the use of space owned and controlled by the department, including space in property under the jurisdiction of the Ohio building authority, by doing all of the following:

- (a) Biennially implementing, by state agency location, a census of agency employees assigned space;
- (b) Periodically in the discretion of the director of administrative services:
 - (i) Requiring each state agency to categorize the use of space allotted to the agency between office space, common areas, storage space, and other uses, and to report its findings to the department;
 - (ii) Creating and updating a master space utilization plan for all space

allotted to state agencies. The plan shall incorporate space utilization metrics.

(iii) Conducting a cost-benefit analysis to determine the effectiveness of state-owned buildings;

(iv) Assessing the alternatives associated with consolidating the commercial leases for buildings located in Columbus.

(c) Commissioning a comprehensive space utilization and capacity study in order to determine the feasibility of consolidating existing commercially leased space used by state agencies into a new state-owned facility.

(14) To adopt rules to ensure that energy efficiency and conservation is considered in the purchase of products and equipment, except motor vehicles, by any state agency, department, division, bureau, office, unit, board, commission, authority, quasi-governmental entity, or institution. The department may require minimum energy efficiency standards for purchased products and equipment based on federal testing and labeling if available or on standards developed by the department. When possible, the rules shall apply to the competitive selection of energy consuming systems, components, and equipment under Chapter 125. of the Revised Code.

(15) To ensure energy efficient and energy conserving purchasing practices by doing all of the following:

(a) Identifying available energy efficiency and conservation opportunities;

(b) Providing for interchange of information among purchasing agencies;

(c) Identifying laws, policies, rules, and procedures that should be modified;

(d) Monitoring experience with and the cost-effectiveness of this state's purchase and use of motor vehicles and of major energy-consuming systems, components, equipment, and products having a significant impact on energy consumption by the government;

(e) Providing technical assistance and training to state employees involved in the purchasing process;

(f) Working with the department of development to make recommendations regarding planning and implementation of purchasing policies and procedures that are supportive of energy efficiency and conservation.

(16) To require all state agencies, departments, divisions, bureaus, offices, units, commissions, boards, authorities, quasi-governmental entities, institutions, and state institutions of higher education to implement

procedures to ensure that all of the passenger automobiles they acquire in each fiscal year, except for those passenger automobiles acquired for use in law enforcement or emergency rescue work, achieve a fleet average fuel economy of not less than the fleet average fuel economy for that fiscal year as the department shall prescribe by rule. The department shall adopt the rule prior to the beginning of the fiscal year, in accordance with the average fuel economy standards established by federal law for passenger automobiles manufactured during the model year that begins during the fiscal year.

Each state agency, department, division, bureau, office, unit, commission, board, authority, quasi-governmental entity, institution, and state institution of higher education shall determine its fleet average fuel economy by dividing the total number of passenger vehicles acquired during the fiscal year, except for those passenger vehicles acquired for use in law enforcement or emergency rescue work, by a sum of terms, each of which is a fraction created by dividing the number of passenger vehicles of a given make, model, and year, except for passenger vehicles acquired for use in law enforcement or emergency rescue work, acquired during the fiscal year by the fuel economy measured by the administrator of the United States environmental protection agency, for the given make, model, and year of vehicle, that constitutes an average fuel economy for combined city and highway driving.

As used in division (A)(16) of this section, "acquired" means leased for a period of sixty continuous days or more, or purchased.

(B) This section and section 125.02 of the Revised Code shall not interfere with any of the following:

(1) The power of the adjutant general to purchase military supplies, or with the custody of the adjutant general of property leased, purchased, or constructed by the state and used for military purposes, or with the functions of the adjutant general as director of state armories;

(2) The power of the director of transportation in acquiring rights-of-way for the state highway system, or the leasing of lands for division or resident district offices, or the leasing of lands or buildings required in the maintenance operations of the department of transportation, or the purchase of real property for garage sites or division or resident district offices, or in preparing plans and specifications for and constructing such buildings as the director may require in the administration of the department;

(3) The power of the director of public safety and the registrar of motor vehicles to purchase or lease real property and buildings to be used solely as

locations to which a deputy registrar is assigned pursuant to division (B) of section 4507.011 of the Revised Code and from which the deputy registrar is to conduct the deputy registrar's business, the power of the director of public safety to purchase or lease real property and buildings to be used as locations for division or district offices as required in the maintenance of operations of the department of public safety, and the power of the superintendent of the state highway patrol in the purchase or leasing of real property and buildings needed by the patrol, to negotiate the sale of real property owned by the patrol, to rent or lease real property owned or leased by the patrol, and to make or cause to be made repairs to all property owned or under the control of the patrol;

(4) The power of the division of liquor control in the leasing or purchasing of retail outlets and warehouse facilities for the use of the division;

(5) The power of the director of development to enter into leases of real property, buildings, and office space to be used solely as locations for the state's foreign offices to carry out the purposes of section 122.05 of the Revised Code;

(6) The power of the director of environmental protection to enter into environmental covenants, to grant and accept easements, or to sell property pursuant to division (G) of section 3745.01 of the Revised Code.

(C) Purchases for, and the custody and repair of, buildings under the management and control of the capitol square review and advisory board, the rehabilitation services commission, the bureau of workers' compensation, or the departments of public safety, job and family services, mental health, developmental disabilities, and rehabilitation and correction; buildings of educational and benevolent institutions under the management and control of boards of trustees; and purchases or leases for, and the custody and repair of, office space used for the purposes of the joint legislative ethics committee are not subject to the control and jurisdiction of the department of administrative services.

If the joint legislative ethics committee so requests, the committee and the director of administrative services may enter into a contract under which the department of administrative services agrees to perform any services requested by the committee that the department is authorized under this section to perform.

(D) Any instrument by which real property is acquired pursuant to this section shall identify the agency of the state that has the use and benefit of the real property as specified in section 5301.012 of the Revised Code.

Sec. ~~123.04~~ 123.02. The director of administrative services shall be

appointed superintendent of public works and shall have the care and control of the public works of the state and shall protect, maintain, and keep them in repair.

Subject to the approval of the governor, the director may purchase on behalf of the state such real or personal property, rights, or privileges as are necessary, in the director's judgment, to acquire in the maintenance of the public works or their improvement.

Any instrument by which the state or an agency of the state acquires real property pursuant to this section shall identify the agency of the state that has the use and benefit of the real property as specified in section 5301.012 of the Revised Code.

Sec. ~~123.07~~ 123.03. The director of administrative services may maintain an action in the name of the state for violations of any law relating to the public works for an injury to property pertaining to the public works, or for any other cause which is necessary in the performance of ~~his~~ the director's duties.

Sec. ~~123.09~~ 123.04. The director of administrative services shall have supervision of the public works of the state and shall make such rules and regulations for the ~~improvement~~, maintenance, and operation of the public works as are necessary.

Sec. ~~123.10~~ 123.05. ~~(A)~~ The director of administrative services shall regulate the rate of tolls to be collected on the public works of the state, and shall fix all rentals and collect all tolls, rents, fines, commissions, fees, and other revenues arising from any source in the public works, including the sale, ~~construction~~, purchase, or rental of property, except that the director shall not collect a commission or fee from a real estate broker or the private owner when real property is leased or rented to the state.

~~(B) There is hereby created in the state treasury the state architect's fund which shall consist of money received by the department of administrative services under division (A) of this section, fees paid under section 123.17 of the Revised Code, transfers of money to the fund authorized by the general assembly, and such amount of the investment earnings of the administrative building fund created in division (F) of section 154.24 of the Revised Code as the director of budget and management determines to be appropriate and in excess of the amounts required to meet estimated federal arbitrage rebate requirements. Money in the fund shall be used by the department of administrative services for the following purposes:~~

- ~~(1) To pay personnel and other administrative expenses of the department;~~
- ~~(2) To pay the cost of conducting evaluations of public works;~~

- ~~(3) To pay the cost of building design specifications;~~
- ~~(4) To pay the cost of providing project management services;~~
- ~~(5) To pay the cost of operating the local administration competency certification program prescribed by section 123.17 of the Revised Code;~~
- ~~(6) Any other purposes that the director of administrative services determines to be necessary for the department to execute its duties under this chapter.~~

Sec. ~~123.024~~ 123.06. (A) The department of administrative services shall assign and make available, at state expense, suitable office space in state-owned facilities to accommodate the office operations of the state headquarters of both of the following:

(1) All veterans organizations in this state that either are incorporated and issued a charter by the congress of the United States or are recognized by the United States department of veterans affairs;

(2) The auxiliary organizations of veterans organizations described in division (A)(1) of this section.

(B) The department may situate office space for each auxiliary organization of a veterans organization with or near the office space of that veterans organization.

Sec. ~~123.11~~ 123.07. Each state agency and any county, township, or municipal corporation owning, leasing, or controlling the operation of parking spaces for use by its employees may provide preferential parking for those vehicles used in carpools, vanpools, and buspools. The department of administrative services shall coordinate the efforts of the state agencies in providing preferential parking for such vehicles.

Sec. ~~123.13~~ 123.08. The director of administrative services shall appoint such ~~foreman~~ forepersons, ~~patrolmen~~ patrol officers, lock tenders, inspectors, engineers, and all other employees as are necessary for the ~~improvement~~, maintenance, and operation of the public works. They shall be assigned to duty under the supervision of the director, under rules and regulations prescribed by ~~him~~ the director. Any such employee, when deemed necessary by the director, shall give proper bond to the state, conditioned for the faithful performance of ~~his~~ the employee's duties. Such bonds may, in the discretion of the director, be individual, schedule, or blanket bonds.

Sec. ~~123.14~~ 123.09. All claims against the state for the ~~improvement~~, repair, maintenance, and operation of the public works of Ohio, including salary and expenses of all employees engaged in such work, shall be paid upon the order of the director of administrative services.

Sec. ~~123.15~~ 123.10. (A) As used in this section and section ~~123.21~~

123.11 of the Revised Code, "public exigency" means an injury or obstruction that occurs in any public works of the state maintained by the director of administrative services and that materially impairs its immediate use or places in jeopardy property adjacent to it; an immediate danger of such an injury or obstruction; or an injury or obstruction, or an immediate danger of an injury or obstruction, that occurs ~~during the process of construction of~~ in any public works of the state maintained by the director of administrative services and that materially impairs its immediate use or places in jeopardy property adjacent to it.

(B) ~~The~~ When a declaration of public exigency is issued pursuant to division (C) of this section, the director of administrative services may request the Ohio facilities construction commission to enter into contracts with proper persons for the performance of labor, the furnishing of materials, or the construction of any structures and buildings necessary to the maintenance, control, and management of the public works of the state or any part of those public works. ~~Except as provided in division (C) of this section for public exigencies, the director shall advertise, award, and administer those~~ Any contracts in accordance with the requirements awarded for the work performed pursuant to the declaration of a public exigency may be awarded without competitive bidding or selection as set forth in Chapter 153. of the Revised Code.

(C) The director of administrative services may issue a declaration of a public exigency on the director's own initiative or upon the request of the director of any state agency. The director's declaration shall identify the specific injury, obstruction, or danger that is the subject of the declaration and shall set forth a dollar limitation for the repair, removal, or prevention of that exigency under the declaration.

Before any project to repair, remove, or prevent a public exigency under the director's declaration may begin, the director shall send notice of the project, in writing, to the director of budget and management and to the members of the controlling board. That notice shall detail the project to be undertaken to address the public exigency and shall include a copy of the director's declaration that establishes the monetary limitations on that project.

Sec. ~~123.21~~ 123.11. When a public exigency, as defined in division (A) of section ~~123.15~~ 123.10 of the Revised Code, exists, the director of administrative services may take possession of lands and use them, or materials and other property necessary for the maintenance, protection, or repair of the public works, in accordance with sections 163.01 to 163.22 of the Revised Code.

Sec. ~~123.46~~ 123.12. No land lease or sale of state lands shall be made by the director of administrative services except upon the written approval of the governor and the attorney general.

Sec. ~~123.47~~ 123.13. Except as otherwise provided by law, the director of administrative services shall have the custody and control of the books, records, papers, surveys, maps, plats, and documents that pertain to any of the public works of this state.

Sec. ~~123.48~~ 123.14. The director of administrative services shall make an annual report to the governor containing a statement of the expenses of the public works under ~~his~~ the director's supervision during the preceding year, setting forth an account of moneys expended on each of the public works during the year, and such other information and records as ~~he~~ the director deems proper. Such report shall contain a statement of the moneys received from all sources and an estimate of the appropriations necessary to maintain the public works and keep them in repair. The report shall also contain a list of all persons regularly employed, together with the salary, compensation, or allowance paid each.

~~He~~ The director shall further from time to time when ~~he~~ the director deems it necessary, or when called upon by the governor, to do so, make such other reports as are proper, touching on the general condition and welfare of the public works and the drainage, leaseholds, and water powers incident thereto.

Sec. ~~123.49~~ 123.15. The department of administrative services may adopt, amend, and rescind rules pertaining to lands under the supervision of the department in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 123.152. (A) As used in this section, "EDGE business enterprise" means a sole proprietorship, association, partnership, corporation, limited liability corporation, or joint venture certified as a participant in the encouraging diversity, growth, and equity program by the director of administrative services under this section of the Revised Code.

(B) The director of administrative services shall establish a business assistance program known as the encouraging diversity, growth, and equity program and shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to administer the program that do all of the following:

(1) Establish procedures by which a sole proprietorship, association, partnership, corporation, limited liability corporation, or joint venture may apply for certification as an EDGE business enterprise;

(2) Except as provided in division (B)(14) of this section, establish agency procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises in the award of contracts under Chapters 123., 125., and 153. of the Revised

Code based on the availability of eligible program participants by region or geographic area, as determined by the director, and by standard industrial code or equivalent code classification.

(a) Goals established under division (B)(2) of this section shall be based on a percentage level of participation and a percentage of contractor availability.

(b) Goals established under division (B)(2) of this section shall be applied at the contract level, relative to an overall dollar goal for each state agency, in accordance with the following certification categories: construction, architecture, and engineering; professional services; goods and services; and information technology services.

(3) Establish a system of certifying EDGE business enterprises based on a requirement that the business owner or owners show both social and economic disadvantage based on the following, as determined to be sufficient by the director:

(a) Relative wealth of the business seeking certification as well as the personal wealth of the owner or owners of the business;

(b) Social disadvantage based on any of the following:

(i) A rebuttable presumption when the business owner or owners demonstrate membership in a racial minority group or show personal disadvantage due to color, ethnic origin, gender, physical disability, long-term residence in an environment isolated from the mainstream of American society, location in an area of high unemployment;

(ii) Some other demonstration of personal disadvantage not common to other small businesses;

(iii) By business location in a qualified census tract.

(c) Economic disadvantage based on economic and business size thresholds and eligibility criteria designed to stimulate economic development through contract awards to businesses located in qualified census tracts.

(4) Establish standards to determine when an EDGE business enterprise no longer qualifies for EDGE business enterprise certification;

(5) Develop a process for evaluating and adjusting goals established by this section to determine what adjustments are necessary to achieve participation goals established by the director;

(6) Establish a point system or comparable system to evaluate bid proposals to encourage EDGE business enterprises to participate in the procurement of professional design and information technology services;

(7) Establish a system to track data and analyze each certification category established under division (B)(2)(b) of this section;

(8) Establish a process to mediate complaints and to review EDGE business enterprise certification appeals;

(9) Implement an outreach program to educate potential participants about the encouraging diversity, growth, and equity program;

(10) Establish a system to assist state agencies in identifying and utilizing EDGE business enterprises in their contracting processes;

(11) Implement a system of self-reporting by EDGE business enterprises as well as an on-site inspection process to validate the qualifications of an EDGE business enterprise;

(12) Establish a waiver mechanism to waive program goals or participation requirements for those companies that, despite their best-documented efforts, are unable to contract with certified EDGE business enterprises;

(13) Establish a process for monitoring overall program compliance in which equal employment opportunity officers primarily are responsible for monitoring their respective agencies;

(14) Establish guidelines for state universities as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code and the Ohio ~~school~~ facilities construction commission created in section ~~3318.30~~ 123.20 of the Revised Code for awarding contracts pursuant to Chapters 153., 3318., and 3345. of the Revised Code to allow the universities and commission to establish agency procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises.

(C) Business and personal financial information and trade secrets submitted by encouraging diversity, growth, and equity program applicants to the director pursuant to this section are not public records for purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code, unless the director presents the financial information or trade secrets at a public hearing or public proceeding regarding the applicant's eligibility to participate in the program.

Sec. ~~123.77~~ 123.17. The department of administrative services may lease land belonging to or under the control or jurisdiction of a state university, not required nor to be required for use of the university, to a developer in accordance with this section. "Developer," as used in this section, means a person, partnership, association, corporation, or community improvement corporation established pursuant to Chapter 1724. of the Revised Code who or which submits a development plan to the department as provided in this section and requests the department to enter into a lease.

Such a lease of university land shall be for the purpose of development of the land by establishing, constructing, altering, repairing, expanding, and improving industrial, distribution, commercial, or research facilities. A developer desiring to lease land of the university for such development shall

prepare and submit to the department of administrative services and to the board of trustees of the university a plan for such development. Plans shall include provisions for roads, streets, sewers, water lines, waste disposal, water supply, and similar matters to meet the requirements of state and local laws. The plans shall also include provision for protection of the property by insurance or otherwise and plans for financing the development, and shall set forth details of the developer's financial responsibility.

The department of administrative services may employ as employees or consultants, persons needed to assist it in reviewing the development plans. Such persons may include attorneys, financial experts, engineers, and other necessary experts. The department of administrative services shall review the development plans and may enter into a lease if it finds that:

(A) The best interests of the university will be promoted by entering into a lease with the developer.

(B) The development plans are satisfactory.

(C) The developer has established ~~his~~ the developer's financial responsibility and satisfactory plans for financing the development.

(D) The university board of trustees approves the lease.

A lease may be entered into pursuant to this section for an annual rent agreed to between the department and the developer for a maximum term of forty years and may be renewed for a like or lesser term. The lease shall contain a provision that construction of buildings, structures, roads, and other necessary facilities shall begin within one year after the date of the lease and shall proceed according to a schedule agreed to between the department and the developer or the lease will be terminated. Moneys received by the state pursuant to such leases shall be paid into the state treasury as an addition to the appropriation made to the university which has control or jurisdiction of the land or to which the land belongs.

Sec. ~~123.08~~ 123.18. The director of administrative services may administer oaths to persons required by law to file affidavits or statements in the department of administrative services and to witnesses who are examined in matters pertaining to the administration of the public works.

Sec. 123.20. (A) There is hereby created the Ohio facilities construction commission. The commission shall administer the design and construction of improvements to public facilities of the state in accordance with this chapter and other provisions of the Revised Code.

The commission is a body corporate and politic, an agency of state government and an instrumentality of the state, performing essential governmental functions of this state. The carrying out of the purposes and the exercise by the commission of its powers are essential public functions

and public purposes of the state. The commission may, in its own name, sue and be sued, enter into contracts, and perform all the powers and duties given to it by the Revised Code, but it does not have and shall not exercise the power of eminent domain. In its discretion and as it determines appropriate, the commission may delegate to any of its members, executive director, or other employees any of the commission's powers and duties to carry out its functions.

(B) The commission shall consist of three members: the director of the office of budget and management and the director of administrative services, or their designees, and a member whom the governor shall appoint.

Members of the commission shall serve without compensation.

Within sixty days after the effective date of this section, the commission shall meet and organize by electing voting members as the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the commission, who shall hold their offices until the next organizational meeting of the commission. Organizational meetings of the commission shall be held at the first meeting of each calendar year. At each organizational meeting, the commission shall elect from among its voting members a chairperson and vice-chairperson, who shall serve until the next annual organizational meeting. The commission shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for the conduct of its internal business and shall keep a journal of its proceedings. Including the organizational meeting, the commission shall meet at least once each calendar year.

Two members of the commission constitute a quorum, and the affirmative vote of two members is necessary for approval of any action taken by the commission. A vacancy in the membership of the commission does not impair a quorum from exercising all the rights and performing all the duties of the commission. Meetings of the commission may be held anywhere in the state and shall be held in compliance with section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

(C) Within sixty days after the effective date of this section, the governor shall appoint a member to the commission. The initial appointment shall be for a term ending three years after the effective date of this section, with subsequent terms ending three years after they begin, on the same day of the same month as the initial term.

A vacancy for the member appointed by the governor shall be filled in the same manner as provided for the original appointment. The appointed member shall hold office for the remainder of the term for which the vacancy existed. After the expiration of the term, the appointed member shall continue in office for a period of sixty days or until the appointed

member's successor takes office, whichever period is shorter.

(D) The commission shall file an annual report of its activities and finances with the governor, speaker of the house of representatives, president of the senate, and chairpersons of the house and senate finance committees.

(E) The commission shall be exempt from the requirements of sections 101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 123.201. There is hereby created in the state treasury the Ohio facilities construction commission fund, consisting of transfers of moneys authorized by the general assembly and revenues received by the Ohio facilities construction commission under section 123.21 of the Revised Code. Investment earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund. Moneys in the fund may be used by the commission, in performing its duties under this chapter, to pay personnel and other administrative expenses, to pay the cost of preparing building design specifications, to pay the cost of providing project management services, and for other purposes determined by the commission to be necessary to fulfill its duties under this chapter.

Sec. 123.21. (A) The Ohio facilities construction commission may perform any act and ensure the performance of any function necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of, and exercise the powers granted under this chapter or any other provision of the Revised Code, including any of the following:

(1) Prepare, or contract to be prepared, by licensed engineers or architects, surveys, general and detailed plans, specifications, bills of materials, and estimates of cost for any projects, improvements, or public buildings to be constructed by state agencies that may be authorized by legislative appropriations or any other funds made available therefor, provided that the construction of the projects, improvements, or public buildings is a statutory duty of the commission. This section does not require the independent employment of an architect or engineer as provided by section 153.01 of the Revised Code in the cases to which section 153.01 of the Revised Code applies. This section does not affect or alter the existing powers of the director of transportation, the director of public safety, or the superintendent of the state highway patrol.

(2) Have general supervision over the construction of any projects, improvements, or public buildings constructed for a state agency and over the inspection of materials prior to their incorporation into those projects, improvements, or buildings.

(3) Make contracts for and supervise the design and construction of any

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projects and improvements or the construction and repair of buildings under the control of a state agency. All such contracts may be based in whole or in part on the unit price or maximum estimated cost, with payment computed and made upon actual quantities or units.

(4) Adopt, amend, and rescind rules pertaining to the administration of the construction of the public works of the state as required by law, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(5) Contract with, retain the services of, or designate, and fix the compensation of, such agents, accountants, consultants, advisers, and other independent contractors as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the programs authorized under this chapter, or authorize the executive director to perform such powers and duties.

(6) Receive and accept any gifts, grants, donations, and pledges, and receipts therefrom, to be used for the programs authorized under this chapter.

(7) Make and enter into all contracts, commitments, and agreements, and execute all instruments, necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the execution of its rights and powers under this chapter, or authorize the executive director to perform such powers and duties.

(8) Debar a contractor as provided in section 153.02 of the Revised Code.

(B) The commission shall appoint and fix the compensation of an executive director who shall serve at the pleasure of the commission. The executive director shall exercise all powers that the commission possesses, supervise the operations of the commission, and perform such other duties as delegated by the commission. The executive director also shall employ and fix the compensation of such employees as will facilitate the activities and purposes of the commission, who shall serve at the pleasure of the executive director. The employees of the commission are exempt from Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code and are not considered public employees as defined in section 4117.01 of the Revised Code. Any agreement entered into prior to July 1, 2012, between the office of collective bargaining and the exclusive representative for employees of the commission is binding and shall continue to have effect.

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

Sec. ~~423.044~~ 123.22. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Construct" includes reconstruct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or otherwise alter.

(2) "Energy consumption analysis" means the evaluation of all energy consuming systems, components, and equipment by demand and type of energy, including the internal energy load imposed on a facility by its occupants and the external energy load imposed by climatic conditions.

(3) "Energy performance index" means a number describing the energy requirements of a facility per square foot of floor space or per cubic foot of occupied volume as appropriate under defined internal and external ambient conditions over an entire seasonal cycle.

(4) "Facility" means a building or other structure, or part of a building or other structure, that includes provision for a heating, refrigeration, ventilation, cooling, lighting, hot water, or other major energy consuming system, component, or equipment.

(5) "Life-cycle cost analysis" means a general approach to economic evaluation that takes into account all dollar costs related to owning, operating, maintaining, and ultimately disposing of a project over the appropriate study period.

(6) "Political subdivision" means a county, township, municipal corporation, board of education of any school district, or any other body corporate and politic that is responsible for government activities in a geographic area smaller than that of the state.

(7) "State funded" means funded in whole or in part through appropriation by the general assembly or through the use of any guarantee provided by this state.

(8) "State institution of higher education" has the same meaning as in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code.

~~(B) There is hereby created within the department of administrative services the office of energy services. The office shall be under the supervision of a manager, who shall be appointed by the director of administrative services. The director shall assign to the office such number of employees and furnish such equipment and supplies as are necessary for the performance of the office's duties.~~

The ~~office~~ Ohio facilities construction commission shall develop energy efficiency and conservation programs ~~in each of the following areas:~~

- ~~(1) New for new construction design and review;~~
- ~~(2) Existing and for existing building audit and retrofit;~~
- ~~(3) Energy efficient procurement;~~
- ~~(4) Alternative fuel vehicles.~~

The ~~office~~ commission may accept and administer grants from public and private sources for carrying out any of its duties under this section.

(C) No state agency, department, division, bureau, office, unit, board,

commission, authority, quasi-governmental entity, or institution, ~~including those agencies otherwise excluded from the jurisdiction of the department under division (A)(3) of section 123.01 of the Revised Code~~, shall lease, construct, or cause to be leased or constructed, within the limits prescribed in this section, a state-funded facility, without a proper life-cycle cost analysis or, in the case of a lease, an energy consumption analysis, as computed or prepared by a qualified architect or engineer in accordance with the rules required by division (D) of this section.

Construction shall proceed only upon the disclosure to the office, for the facility chosen, of the life-cycle costs as determined in this section and the capitalization of the initial construction costs of the building. The results of life-cycle cost analysis shall be a primary consideration in the selection of a building design. That analysis shall be required only for construction of buildings with an area of five thousand square feet or greater. An energy consumption analysis for the term of a proposed lease shall be required only for the leasing of an area of twenty thousand square feet or greater within a given building boundary. That analysis shall be a primary consideration in the selection of a facility to be leased.

Nothing in this section shall deprive or limit any state agency that has review authority over design, construction, or leasing plans from requiring a life-cycle cost analysis or energy consumption analysis.

(D) For the purposes of assisting the ~~department~~ commission in its responsibility for state-funded facilities pursuant to section ~~123.01~~ 123.21 of the Revised Code and of cost-effectively reducing the energy consumption of those and any other state-funded facilities, thereby promoting fiscal, economic, and environmental benefits to this state, the ~~office~~ commission shall promulgate rules specifying cost-effective, energy efficiency and conservation standards that may govern the lease, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of all state-funded facilities, except facilities of state institutions of higher education or facilities operated by a political subdivision. The office of energy efficiency in the department of development shall cooperate in providing information and technical expertise to the office of energy services to ensure promulgation of rules of maximum effectiveness. The standards prescribed by rules promulgated under this division may draw from or incorporate, by reference or otherwise and in whole or in part, standards already developed or implemented by any competent, public or private standards organization or program. The rules also may include any of the following:

(1) Specifications for a life-cycle cost analysis that shall determine, for the economic life of such state-funded facility, the reasonably expected costs

of facility ownership, operation, and maintenance including labor and materials. Life-cycle cost may be expressed as an annual cost for each year of the facility's use.

A life-cycle cost analysis additionally may include an energy consumption analysis that conforms to division (D)(2) of this section.

(2) Specifications for an energy consumption analysis of the facility's heating, refrigeration, ventilation, cooling, lighting, hot water, and other major energy consuming systems, components, and equipment.

A life-cycle cost analysis and energy consumption analysis shall be based on the best currently available methods of analysis, such as those of the national institute of standards and technology, the United States department of energy or other federal agencies, professional societies, and directions developed by the department.

(3) Specifications for energy performance indices, to be used to audit and evaluate competing design proposals submitted to the state.

(4) A requirement that, not later than two years after April 6, 2007, each state-funded facility, except a facility of a state institution of higher education or a facility operated by a political subdivision, is managed by at least one building operator certified under the building operator certification program or any equivalent program or standards as shall be prescribed in the rules and considered reasonably equivalent.

(5) An application process by which a manager of a specified state-funded facility, except a facility of a state institution of higher education or a facility operated by a political subdivision, may apply for a waiver of compliance with any provision of the rules required by divisions (D)(1) to (4) of this section.

~~(E) The office of energy services shall promulgate rules to ensure that energy efficiency and conservation will be considered in the purchase of products and equipment, except motor vehicles, by any state agency, department, division, bureau, office, unit, board, commission, authority, quasi-governmental entity, or institution. Minimum energy efficiency standards for purchased products and equipment may be required, based on federal testing and labeling where available or on standards developed by the office. The rules shall apply to the competitive selection of energy consuming systems, components, and equipment under Chapter 125. of the Revised Code where possible.~~

~~The office also shall ensure energy efficient and energy conserving purchasing practices by doing all of the following:~~

~~(1) Cooperatively with the office of energy efficiency, identifying available energy efficiency and conservation opportunities;~~

~~(2) Providing for interchange of information among purchasing agencies;~~

~~(3) Identifying laws, policies, rules, and procedures that need modification;~~

~~(4) Monitoring experience with and the cost effectiveness of this state's purchase and use of motor vehicles and of major energy-consuming systems, components, equipment, and products having a significant impact on energy consumption by government;~~

~~(5) Cooperatively with the office of energy efficiency, providing technical assistance and training to state employees involved in the purchasing process.~~

~~The department of development shall make recommendations to the office regarding planning and implementation of purchasing policies and procedures supportive of energy efficiency and conservation.~~

~~(F)(1) The office of energy services shall require all state agencies, departments, divisions, bureaus, offices, units, commissions, boards, authorities, quasi-governmental entities, institutions, and state institutions of higher education to implement procedures ensuring that all their passenger automobiles acquired in each fiscal year, except for those passenger automobiles acquired for use in law enforcement or emergency rescue work, achieve a fleet average fuel economy of not less than the fleet average fuel economy for that fiscal year as shall be prescribed by the office by rule. The office shall promulgate the rule prior to the beginning of the fiscal year in accordance with the average fuel economy standards established pursuant to federal law for passenger automobiles manufactured during the model year that begins during the fiscal year.~~

~~(2) Each state agency, department, division, bureau, office, unit, commission, board, authority, quasi-governmental entity, institution, and state institution of higher education shall determine its fleet average fuel economy by dividing:~~

~~(a) The total number of passenger vehicles acquired during the fiscal year, except for those passenger vehicles acquired for use in law enforcement or emergency rescue work, by~~

~~(b) A sum of terms, each of which is a fraction created by dividing:~~

~~(i) The number of passenger vehicles of a given make, model, and year, except for passenger vehicles acquired for use in law enforcement or emergency rescue work, acquired during the fiscal year, by~~

~~(ii) The fuel economy measured by the administrator of the United States environmental protection agency, for the given make, model, and year of vehicle, that constitutes an average fuel economy for combined city and~~

highway driving.

~~As used in division (F)(2) of this section, "acquired" means leased for a period of sixty continuous days or more, or purchased.~~

~~(G)(E)~~ Each state agency, department, division, bureau, office, unit, board, commission, authority, quasi-governmental entity, institution, and state institution of higher education shall comply with any applicable provision of this section or of a rule promulgated pursuant to division (D) ~~or (F)~~ of this section.

Sec. 123.23. (A) As used in this section, "public exigency" means an injury or obstruction that occurs in any public works of the state that materially impairs its immediate use or places in jeopardy property adjacent to it; an immediate danger of such an injury or obstruction; or an injury or obstruction, or an immediate danger of an injury or obstruction, that occurs during the process of construction of any public works and that materially impairs its immediate use or places in jeopardy property adjacent to it.

(B) When a declaration of a public exigency is issued pursuant to division (C) of this section, the executive director of the Ohio facilities construction commission may enter into contracts with proper persons for the performance of labor, the furnishing of materials, or the construction of any structures and buildings necessary to the maintenance, control, and management of the public works of the state or any part of those public works. Any contracts awarded for the work performed pursuant to the declaration of a public exigency may be awarded without competitive bidding or selection as otherwise required by Chapter 153. of the Revised Code.

(C) The executive director of the commission may issue a declaration of a public exigency on the executive director's own initiative, or upon the request of the director of any state agency, university, or instrumentality. The executive director's declaration shall identify the specific injury, obstruction, or danger that is the subject of the declaration and shall set forth a dollar limitation for the repair, removal, or prevention of that exigency under the declaration.

Before any project to repair, remove, or prevent a public exigency under the executive director's declaration may begin, the executive director shall send notice of the project, in writing, to the director of budget and management and to the members of the controlling board. The notice shall detail the project to be undertaken to address the public exigency and shall include a copy of the director's declaration that establishes the monetary limitations on that project.

~~Sec. 123.17~~ 123.24. (A) As used in this section, "institution of higher

education" means a state university or college, as defined in section 3345.12 of the Revised Code, or a state community college.

(B) ~~Not later than December 30, 2005, the state architect~~ The Ohio facilities construction commission shall establish a local administration competency certification program to certify institutions of higher education to administer capital facilities projects pursuant to section 3345.51 of the Revised Code without the supervision, control, or approval of the ~~department of administrative services~~ commission. The program shall offer instruction in the administration of capital facilities projects for employees of institutions of higher education who are responsible for such administration and who are selected by their employing institutions to participate in the program.

(C) The program shall provide instruction about the provisions of Chapters 9., 123., and 153. of the Revised Code and any rules or policies adopted by the ~~department~~ commission regarding the planning, design, and construction of capital facilities, including all of the following:

- (1) The planning, design, and construction process;
- (2) Contract requirements;
- (3) Construction management;
- (4) Project management.

(D) The ~~state architect~~ commission shall award local administration competency certification to any institution of higher education if all of the following apply:

(1) The institution applied for certification on a form and in a manner prescribed by the ~~state architect~~ commission.

(2) The ~~state architect~~ commission determines that a sufficient number of the institution's employees, representing a sufficient number of employee classifications, responsible for the administration of capital facilities projects have successfully completed the certification program to ensure that any capital facilities project undertaken by the institution will be administered successfully and in accordance with all provisions of the Revised Code, and the board of trustees of the institution provides written assurance to the ~~state architect~~ commission that the institution will select new employees to participate in the certification program as necessary to compensate for employee turnover.

(3) The ~~state architect~~ commission determines that the employees of the institution enrolled in the program demonstrate successful completion of the competency certification training and a satisfactory level of knowledge of and competency in the requirements for administering capital facilities projects.

(4) The institution pays the fee prescribed by division (F) of this section.

(5) The board of trustees of the institution provides written assurance to the ~~state architect~~ commission that the institution will conduct biennial audits of the institution's administration of capital facilities projects in accordance with division (C) of section 3345.51 of the Revised Code.

(6) The board of trustees of the institution agrees in writing to indemnify and hold harmless the state and the ~~department~~ commission for any claim of injury, loss, or damage that results from the institution's administration of a capital facilities project.

(E) Local administration competency certification granted under this section shall remain in effect for as long as the ~~state architect~~ commission determines that both of the following apply:

(1) The institution of higher education maintains a sufficient number of employees responsible for the administration of capital facilities projects who have successfully completed the certification program and have demonstrated a satisfactory level of knowledge of and competency in the requirements for administering capital facilities projects;

(2) The institution is performing the biennial audits prescribed in division (C) of section 3345.51 of the Revised Code.

If the ~~state architect~~ commission determines that an institution of higher education has failed to comply with the conditions of division (E)(1) or (2) of this section, the ~~state architect~~ commission shall revoke the institution's certification and shall notify the board of trustees of the institution in writing of the revocation.

(F) The ~~state architect~~ commission shall establish, subject to the approval of the director of budget and management, the amount of the fee required to be paid by any institution of higher education that seeks certification under this section. The amount of the fees shall be set to cover the costs to implement this section, including the costs for materials and the competency certification training sessions. Any fees received under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the ~~state architect's~~ commission's fund established under section ~~123.10~~ 123.201 of the Revised Code.

(G) Nothing in this section shall prohibit an institution that administers a capital facilities project under section 3345.51 of the Revised Code from requesting guidance or other services from the ~~department of administrative services~~ commission.

Sec. 123.26. (A) The executive director of the Ohio facilities construction commission shall regulate the rate of tolls to be collected on the construction or improvement of the public works of the state, and shall fix

all rentals and collect all tolls, rents, fines, commissions, fees, and other revenues arising from any source in the construction or improvement of the public works of the state.

(B) Deposits made to the commission's fund in the state treasury under section 123.201 of the Revised Code shall consist of money received by the commission under division (A) of this section, fees paid under section 123.24 of the Revised Code, transfers of money to the fund authorized by the general assembly, and such amount of the investment earnings of the administrative building fund created in division (F) of section 154.24 of the Revised Code as the director of budget and management determines to be appropriate and in excess of the amounts required to meet estimated federal arbitrage rebate requirements. Money in the fund shall be used by the commission for the following purposes:

(1) To pay personnel and other administrative expenses of the commission;

(2) To pay the cost of conducting evaluations of public works;

(3) To pay the cost of building design specifications;

(4) To pay the cost of providing project management services;

(5) To pay the cost of operating the local administration competency certification program prescribed by section 123.24 of the Revised Code; and

(6) Any other purposes that the executive director of the commission determines to be necessary for the commission to execute its duties under this chapter.

~~Sec. 123.101~~ 123.27. (A) As used in this section:

"Capital facilities project" means the construction, reconstruction, improvement, enlargement, alteration, or repair of a building by a public entity.

"Public entity" includes a state agency and a state institution of higher education.

"State institution of higher education" has the same meaning as in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code.

(B) Commencing not later than July 1, 2012, and upon completion of a capital facilities project that is funded wholly or in part using state funds, each public entity shall submit a report about the project to the executive director of administrative services the Ohio facilities construction commission. The report shall be submitted in Ohio administrative knowledge system capital improvement format or in a manner determined by the executive director and not later than thirty days after the project is complete. The report shall provide the total original contract bid, total cost of change orders, total actual cost of the project, total costs incurred for

mediation and litigation services, and any other data requested by the executive director. The first report submitted pursuant to this division shall include information about any capital facilities project completed on or after July 1, 2011. Any capital facilities project that is funded wholly or in part through appropriations made to the Ohio school facilities commission, the Ohio public works commission, or the Ohio cultural facilities commission, or for which a joint use agreement has been entered into with any public entity, is exempt from the reporting requirement prescribed under this division.

(C) Commencing not later than July 1, 2012, and annually thereafter, the attorney general shall report to the executive director of the Ohio facilities construction commission on any mediation and litigation costs associated with capital facilities projects for which a judgment has been rendered. The report shall be submitted in a manner prescribed by the executive director and shall contain any information requested by the executive director related to capital facilities project mediation and litigation costs.

(D) As soon as practicable after such information is made available, the executive director of ~~administrative services~~ the Ohio facilities construction commission shall incorporate the information reported pursuant to divisions (B) and (C) of this section into the Ohio administrative knowledge system.

Sec. 124.04. In addition to those powers enumerated in Chapters 123. and 125. of the Revised Code and as provided elsewhere by law, the powers, duties, and functions of the department of administrative services not specifically vested in and assigned to, or to be performed by, the state personnel board of review are hereby vested in and assigned to, and shall be performed by, the director of administrative services. These powers, duties, and functions shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following powers, duties, and functions:

(A) To prepare, conduct, and grade all competitive examinations for positions in the classified ~~state~~ service of the state;

(B) To prepare, conduct, and grade all noncompetitive examinations for positions in the classified ~~state~~ service of the state;

(C) To prepare eligible lists containing the names of persons qualified for appointment to positions in the classified ~~state~~ service of the state;

(D) To prepare or amend, in accordance with section 124.14 of the Revised Code, specifications descriptive of duties, responsibilities, requirements, and desirable qualifications of the various classifications of positions in the ~~state~~ service of the state;

(E) To allocate and reallocate, upon the motion of the director or upon

request of an appointing authority and in accordance with section 124.14 of the Revised Code, any position, office, or employment in the ~~state~~ service of the state to the appropriate classification on the basis of the duties, responsibilities, requirements, and qualifications of that position, office, or employment;

(F) To develop and conduct personnel recruitment services and assist appointing authorities in recruiting qualified applicants for positions in the ~~state~~ service of the state;

(G) To conduct research on specifications, classifications, and salaries of positions in the ~~state~~ service of the state;

(H) To develop and conduct personnel training programs, including supervisory training programs and best practices plans, and to develop merit hiring processes, in cooperation with appointing authorities for positions in the service of the state;

(I) To include periodically in communications sent to state employees both of the following:

(1) Information developed under section 2108.34 of the Revised Code promoting the donation of anatomical gifts under Chapter 2108. of the Revised Code;

(2) Information about the liver or kidney donor and bone marrow donor leave granted under section 124.139 of the Revised Code.

(J) To enter into agreements with universities and colleges for in-service training of officers and employees in the civil service ~~and to assist appointing authorities in recruiting qualified applicants~~;

(K) To appoint examiners, inspectors, clerks, and other assistants necessary in the exercise of the powers and performance of the duties and functions which the director is by law authorized and required to exercise and perform, and to prescribe the duties of all of those employees;

(L) To maintain a journal, which shall be open to public inspection, in which the director shall keep a record of the director's final decision pertaining to the classification or reclassification of positions in the classified civil service of the state and assignment or reassignment of employees in the classified civil service of the state to specific position classifications;

(M) To delegate any of the powers, functions, or duties granted or assigned to the director under this chapter to any other state agency of this state as the director considers necessary;

(N) To delegate any of the powers, functions, or duties granted or assigned to the director under this chapter to any political subdivision with the concurrence of the legislative authority of the political subdivision.

(O) To administer a state equal employment opportunity program.

Sec. 124.06. No person shall be appointed, removed, transferred, laid off, suspended, reinstated, promoted, or reduced as an officer or employee in the civil service, in any manner or by any means other than those prescribed in this chapter, and the rules of the director of administrative services for positions in the service of the state or the municipal or civil service township civil service commission within their respective jurisdictions.

Sec. 124.11. The civil service of the state and the several counties, cities, civil service townships, city health districts, general health districts, and city school districts of the state shall be divided into the unclassified service and the classified service.

(A) The unclassified service shall comprise the following positions, which shall not be included in the classified service, and which shall be exempt from all examinations required by this chapter:

(1) All officers elected by popular vote or persons appointed to fill vacancies in those offices;

(2) All election officers as defined in section 3501.01 of the Revised Code;

(3)(a) The members of all boards and commissions, and heads of principal departments, boards, and commissions appointed by the governor or by and with the governor's consent;

(b) The heads of all departments appointed by a board of county commissioners;

(c) The members of all boards and commissions and all heads of departments appointed by the mayor, or, if there is no mayor, such other similar chief appointing authority of any city or city school district;

Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(17) or (C) of this section, this chapter does not exempt the chiefs of police departments and chiefs of fire departments of cities or civil service townships from the competitive classified service.

(4) The members of county or district licensing boards or commissions and boards of revision, and not more than five deputy county auditors;

(5) All officers and employees elected or appointed by either or both branches of the general assembly, and employees of the city legislative authority engaged in legislative duties;

(6) All commissioned, warrant, and noncommissioned officers and enlisted persons in the Ohio organized militia, including military appointees in the adjutant general's department;

(7)(a) All presidents, business managers, administrative officers, superintendents, assistant superintendents, principals, deans, assistant deans,

instructors, teachers, and such employees as are engaged in educational or research duties connected with the public school system, colleges, and universities, as determined by the governing body of the public school system, colleges, and universities;

(b) The library staff of any library in the state supported wholly or in part at public expense.

(8) Four clerical and administrative support employees for each of the elective state officers, four clerical and administrative support employees for each board of county commissioners and one such employee for each county commissioner, and four clerical and administrative support employees for other elective officers and each of the principal appointive executive officers, boards, or commissions, except for civil service commissions, that are authorized to appoint such clerical and administrative support employees;

(9) The deputies and assistants of state agencies authorized to act for and on behalf of the agency, or holding a fiduciary or administrative relation to that agency and those persons employed by and directly responsible to elected county officials or a county administrator and holding a fiduciary or administrative relationship to such elected county officials or county administrator, and the employees of such county officials whose fitness would be impracticable to determine by competitive examination, provided that division (A)(9) of this section shall not affect those persons in county employment in the classified service as of September 19, 1961. Nothing in division (A)(9) of this section applies to any position in a county department of job and family services created pursuant to Chapter 329. of the Revised Code.

(10) Bailiffs, constables, official stenographers, and commissioners of courts of record, deputies of clerks of the courts of common pleas who supervise or who handle public moneys or secured documents, and such officers and employees of courts of record and such deputies of clerks of the courts of common pleas as the ~~director of administrative services~~ appointing authority finds it impracticable to determine their fitness by competitive examination;

(11) Assistants to the attorney general, special counsel appointed or employed by the attorney general, assistants to county prosecuting attorneys, and assistants to city directors of law;

(12) Such teachers and employees in the agricultural experiment stations; such students in normal schools, colleges, and universities of the state who are employed by the state or a political subdivision of the state in student or intern classifications; and such unskilled labor positions as the

director of administrative services, with respect to positions in the service of the state, or any municipal civil service commission may find it impracticable to include in the competitive classified service; provided such exemptions shall be by order of the commission or the director, duly entered on the record of the commission or the director with the reasons for each such exemption;

(13) Any physician or dentist who is a full-time employee of the department of mental health, the department of developmental disabilities, or an institution under the jurisdiction of either department; and physicians who are in residency programs at the institutions;

(14) Up to twenty positions at each institution under the jurisdiction of the department of mental health or the department of developmental disabilities that the department director determines to be primarily administrative or managerial; and up to fifteen positions in any division of either department, excluding administrative assistants to the director and division chiefs, which are within the immediate staff of a division chief and which the director determines to be primarily and distinctively administrative and managerial;

(15) Noncitizens of the United States employed by the state, or its counties or cities, as physicians or nurses who are duly licensed to practice their respective professions under the laws of this state, or medical assistants, in mental or chronic disease hospitals, or institutions;

(16) Employees of the governor's office;

(17) Fire chiefs and chiefs of police in civil service townships appointed by boards of township trustees under section 505.38 or 505.49 of the Revised Code;

(18) Executive directors, deputy directors, and program directors employed by boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services under Chapter 340. of the Revised Code, and secretaries of the executive directors, deputy directors, and program directors;

(19) Superintendents, and management employees as defined in section 5126.20 of the Revised Code, of county boards of developmental disabilities;

(20) Physicians, nurses, and other employees of a county hospital who are appointed pursuant to sections 339.03 and 339.06 of the Revised Code;

(21) The executive director of the state medical board, who is appointed pursuant to division (B) of section 4731.05 of the Revised Code;

(22) County directors of job and family services as provided in section 329.02 of the Revised Code and administrators appointed under section 329.021 of the Revised Code;

(23) A director of economic development who is hired pursuant to division (A) of section 307.07 of the Revised Code;

(24) Chiefs of construction and compliance, of operations and maintenance, of worker protection, and of licensing and certification in the division of ~~labor~~ industrial compliance in the department of commerce;

(25) The executive director of a county transit system appointed under division (A) of section 306.04 of the Revised Code;

(26) Up to five positions at each of the administrative departments listed in section 121.02 of the Revised Code and at the department of taxation, department of the adjutant general, department of education, Ohio board of regents, bureau of workers' compensation, industrial commission, state lottery commission, and public utilities commission of Ohio that the head of that administrative department or of that other state agency determines to be involved in policy development and implementation. The head of the administrative department or other state agency shall set the compensation for employees in these positions at a rate that is not less than the minimum compensation specified in pay range 41 but not more than the maximum compensation specified in pay range 44 of salary schedule E-2 in section 124.152 of the Revised Code. The authority to establish positions in the unclassified service under division (A)(26) of this section is in addition to and does not limit any other authority that an administrative department or state agency has under the Revised Code to establish positions, appoint employees, or set compensation.

(27) Employees of the department of agriculture employed under section 901.09 of the Revised Code;

(28) For cities, counties, civil service townships, city health districts, general health districts, and city school districts, the deputies and assistants of elective or principal executive officers authorized to act for and in the place of their principals or holding a fiduciary relation to their principals;

(29) Employees who receive intermittent or temporary appointments under division (B) of section 124.30 of the Revised Code;

(30) Employees appointed to administrative staff positions for which an appointing authority is given specific statutory authority to set compensation;

(31) Employees appointed to highway patrol cadet or highway patrol cadet candidate classifications;

(32) Employees placed in the unclassified service by another section of the Revised Code.

(B) The classified service shall comprise all persons in the employ of the state and the several counties, cities, city health districts, general health

districts, and city school districts of the state, not specifically included in the unclassified service. Upon the creation by the board of trustees of a civil service township civil service commission, the classified service shall also comprise, except as otherwise provided in division (A)(17) or (C) of this section, all persons in the employ of a civil service township police or fire department having ten or more full-time paid employees. The classified service consists of two classes, which shall be designated as the competitive class and the unskilled labor class.

(1) The competitive class shall include all positions and employments in the state and the counties, cities, city health districts, general health districts, and city school districts of the state, and, upon the creation by the board of trustees of a civil service township of a township civil service commission, all positions in a civil service township police or fire department having ten or more full-time paid employees, for which it is practicable to determine the merit and fitness of applicants by competitive examinations. Appointments shall be made to, or employment shall be given in, all positions in the competitive class that are not filled by promotion, reinstatement, transfer, or reduction, as provided in this chapter, and the rules of the director of administrative services, by appointment from those certified to the appointing officer in accordance with this chapter.

(2) The unskilled labor class shall include ordinary unskilled laborers. Vacancies in the labor class for positions in service of the state shall be filled by appointment from lists of applicants registered by the director or the director's designee. Vacancies in the labor class for all other positions shall be filled by appointment from lists of applicants registered by a commission. The director or the commission, as applicable, by rule, shall require an applicant for registration in the labor class to furnish evidence or take tests as the director or commission considers proper with respect to age, residence, physical condition, ability to labor, honesty, sobriety, industry, capacity, and experience in the work or employment for which application is made. Laborers who fulfill the requirements shall be placed on the eligible list for the kind of labor or employment sought, and preference shall be given in employment in accordance with the rating received from that evidence or in those tests. Upon the request of an appointing officer, stating the kind of labor needed, the pay and probable length of employment, and the number to be employed, the director or commission, as applicable, shall certify from the highest on the list double the number to be employed; from this number, the appointing officer shall appoint the number actually needed for the particular work. If more than one applicant receives the same rating, priority in time of application shall determine the order in which their names

shall be certified for appointment.

(C) A municipal or civil service township civil service commission may place volunteer firefighters who are paid on a fee-for-service basis in either the classified or the unclassified civil service.

(D)(1) This division does not apply to persons in the unclassified service who have the right to resume positions in the classified service under sections 4121.121, 5119.071, 5120.38, 5120.381, 5120.382, 5123.08, 5139.02, and 5501.19 of the Revised Code or to cities, counties, or political subdivisions of the state.

~~An appointing authority whose employees are paid directly by warrant of the director of budget and management may appoint a person who holds a certified position in the classified service within the appointing authority's agency to a position in the unclassified service within that agency.~~ (2) A person appointed pursuant to this division who holds a position in the classified service of the state and who is appointed to a position in the unclassified service shall retain the right to resume the position and status held by the person in the classified service immediately prior to the person's appointment to the position in the unclassified service, regardless of the number of positions the person held in the unclassified service. An employee's right to resume a position in the classified service may only be exercised when an appointing authority demotes the employee to a pay range lower than the employee's current pay range or revokes the employee's appointment to the unclassified service; and:

(a) That person held a certified position prior to July 1, 2007, in the classified service within the appointing authority's agency; or

(b) That person held a permanent position on or after July 1, 2007, in the classified service within the appointing authority's agency.

(3) An employee forfeits the right to resume a position in the classified service when ~~the~~:

(a) The employee is removed from the position in the unclassified service due to incompetence, inefficiency, dishonesty, drunkenness, immoral conduct, insubordination, discourteous treatment of the public, neglect of duty, violation of this chapter or the rules of the director of administrative services, any other failure of good behavior, any other acts of misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance in office, or conviction of a felony. An employee also forfeits the right to resume a position in the classified service upon; or

(b) Upon transfer to a different agency.

(4) Reinstatement to a position in the classified service shall be to a position substantially equal to that position in the classified service held

previously, as certified by the director of administrative services. If the position the person previously held in the classified service has been placed in the unclassified service or is otherwise unavailable, the person shall be appointed to a position in the classified service within the appointing authority's agency that the director of administrative services certifies is comparable in compensation to the position the person previously held in the classified service. Service in the position in the unclassified service shall be counted as service in the position in the classified service held by the person immediately prior to the person's appointment to the position in the unclassified service. When a person is reinstated to a position in the classified service as provided in this division, the person is entitled to all rights, status, and benefits accruing to the position in the classified service during the person's time of service in the position in the unclassified service.

Sec. 124.12. (A) Within ninety days after an appointing authority appoints an employee to an unclassified position in the service of the state, the appointing authority shall notify the department of administrative services of that appointment.

(B) On the date an appointing authority appoints an employee to an unclassified position in the state service, the appointing authority shall provide the employee with written information describing the nature of employment in the unclassified civil service. Within thirty days after the date an appointing authority appoints an employee to an unclassified position in the state service, the appointing authority shall provide the employee with written information describing the duties of that position. Failure of the appointing authority to provide the written information described in this division to the employee does not confer any additional rights upon the employee in any appellate body with jurisdiction over an appeal of the employee.

(C) The department shall develop and provide each appointing authority in the state service of the state with a general written description of the nature of employment in the unclassified civil service that shall be provided to employees under division (B) of this section.

Sec. 124.14. (A)(1) The director of administrative services shall establish, and may modify or rescind, by rule, a job classification plan for all positions, offices, and employments the salaries of which are paid in whole or in part by the state. The director shall group jobs within a classification so that the positions are similar enough in duties and responsibilities to be described by the same title, to have the same pay assigned with equity, and to have the same qualifications for selection applied. The director shall, by rule, assign a classification title to each classification within the

classification plan. However, the director shall consider in establishing classifications, including classifications with parenthetical titles, and assigning pay ranges such factors as duties performed only on one shift, special skills in short supply in the labor market, recruitment problems, separation rates, comparative salary rates, the amount of training required, and other conditions affecting employment. The director shall describe the duties and responsibilities of the class, establish the qualifications for being employed in each position in the class, and file with the secretary of state a copy of specifications for all of the classifications. The director shall file new, additional, or revised specifications with the secretary of state before they are used.

The director shall, by rule, assign each classification, either on a statewide basis or in particular counties or state institutions, to a pay range established under section 124.15 or section 124.152 of the Revised Code. The director may assign a classification to a pay range on a temporary basis for a period of six months. The director may establish, by rule adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, experimental classification plans for some or all employees paid directly by warrant of the director of budget and management. The rule shall include specifications for each classification within the plan and shall specifically address compensation ranges, and methods for advancing within the ranges, for the classifications, which may be assigned to pay ranges other than the pay ranges established under section 124.15 or 124.152 of the Revised Code.

(2) The director of administrative services may reassign to a proper classification those positions that have been assigned to an improper classification. If the compensation of an employee in such a reassigned position exceeds the maximum rate of pay for the employee's new classification, the employee shall be placed in pay step X and shall not receive an increase in compensation until the maximum rate of pay for that classification exceeds the employee's compensation.

(3) The director may reassign an exempt employee, as defined in section 124.152 of the Revised Code, to a bargaining unit classification if the director determines that the bargaining unit classification is the proper classification for that employee. Notwithstanding Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code or instruments and contracts negotiated under it, these placements are at the director's discretion.

(4) The director shall, by rule, assign related classifications, which form a career progression, to a classification series. The director shall, by rule, assign each classification in the classification plan a five-digit number, the first four digits of which shall denote the classification series to which the

classification is assigned. When a career progression encompasses more than ten classifications, the director shall, by rule, identify the additional classifications belonging to a classification series. The additional classifications shall be part of the classification series, notwithstanding the fact that the first four digits of the number assigned to the additional classifications do not correspond to the first four digits of the numbers assigned to other classifications in the classification series.

~~(5) The director may establish, modify, or rescind a classification plan for county agencies that elect not to use the services and facilities of a county personnel department. The director shall establish any such classification plan by means of rules adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The rules shall include a methodology for the establishment of titles unique to county agencies, the use of state classification titles and classification specifications for common positions, the criteria for a county to meet in establishing its own classification plan, and the establishment of what constitutes a classification series for county agencies. The director may assess a county agency that chooses to use the classification plan a usage fee the director determines. All usage fees the department of administrative services receives shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the human resources fund created in section 124.07 of the Revised Code.~~

(B) Division (A) of this section and sections 124.15 and 124.152 of the Revised Code do not apply to the following persons, positions, offices, and employments:

- (1) Elected officials;
- (2) Legislative employees, employees of the legislative service commission, employees in the office of the governor, employees who are in the unclassified civil service and exempt from collective bargaining coverage in the office of the secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, and attorney general, and employees of the supreme court;
- ~~(3) Employees of a county children services board that establishes compensation rates under section 5153.12 of the Revised Code;~~
- (4) Any position for which the authority to determine compensation is given by law to another individual or entity;
- ~~(5)~~(4) Employees of the bureau of workers' compensation whose compensation the administrator of workers' compensation establishes under division (B) of section 4121.121 of the Revised Code.

(C) The director may employ a consulting agency to aid and assist the director in carrying out this section.

(D)(1) When the director proposes to modify a classification or the assignment of classes to appropriate pay ranges, the director shall send

written notice of the proposed rule to the appointing authorities of the affected employees thirty days before a hearing on the proposed rule. The appointing authorities shall notify the affected employees regarding the proposed rule. The director also shall send those appointing authorities notice of any final rule that is adopted within ten days after adoption.

(2) When the director proposes to reclassify any employee in the service of the state so that the employee is adversely affected, the director shall give to the employee affected and to the employee's appointing authority a written notice setting forth the proposed new classification, pay range, and salary. Upon the request of any classified employee in the service of the state who is not serving in a probationary period, the director shall perform a job audit to review the classification of the employee's position to determine whether the position is properly classified. The director shall give to the employee affected and to the employee's appointing authority a written notice of the director's determination whether or not to reclassify the position or to reassign the employee to another classification. An employee or appointing authority desiring a hearing shall file a written request for the hearing with the state personnel board of review within thirty days after receiving the notice. The board shall set the matter for a hearing and notify the employee and appointing authority of the time and place of the hearing. The employee, the appointing authority, or any authorized representative of the employee who wishes to submit facts for the consideration of the board shall be afforded reasonable opportunity to do so. After the hearing, the board shall consider anew the reclassification and may order the reclassification of the employee and require the director to assign the employee to such appropriate classification as the facts and evidence warrant. As provided in division (A)(1) of section 124.03 of the Revised Code, the board may determine the most appropriate classification for the position of any employee coming before the board, with or without a job audit. The board shall disallow any reclassification or reassignment classification of any employee when it finds that changes have been made in the duties and responsibilities of any particular employee for political, religious, or other unjust reasons.

(E)(1) Employees of each county department of job and family services shall be paid a salary or wage established by the board of county commissioners. The provisions of section 124.18 of the Revised Code concerning the standard work week apply to employees of county departments of job and family services. A board of county commissioners may do either of the following:

(a) Notwithstanding any other section of the Revised Code, supplement

the sick leave, vacation leave, personal leave, and other benefits of any employee of the county department of job and family services of that county, if the employee is eligible for the supplement under a written policy providing for the supplement;

(b) Notwithstanding any other section of the Revised Code, establish alternative schedules of sick leave, vacation leave, personal leave, or other benefits for employees not inconsistent with the provisions of a collective bargaining agreement covering the affected employees.

(2) Division (E)(1) of this section does not apply to employees for whom the state employment relations board establishes appropriate bargaining units pursuant to section 4117.06 of the Revised Code, except in either of the following situations:

(a) The employees for whom the state employment relations board establishes appropriate bargaining units elect no representative in a board-conducted representation election.

(b) After the state employment relations board establishes appropriate bargaining units for such employees, all employee organizations withdraw from a representation election.

(F)(1) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of sections 124.01 to 124.64 of the Revised Code, the board of trustees of each state university or college, as defined in section 3345.12 of the Revised Code, shall carry out all matters of governance involving the officers and employees of the university or college, including, but not limited to, the powers, duties, and functions of the department of administrative services and the director of administrative services specified in this chapter. Officers and employees of a state university or college shall have the right of appeal to the state personnel board of review as provided in this chapter.

(2) Each board of trustees shall adopt rules under section 111.15 of the Revised Code to carry out the matters of governance described in division (F)(1) of this section. Until the board of trustees adopts those rules, a state university or college shall continue to operate pursuant to the applicable rules adopted by the director of administrative services under this chapter.

(G)(1) Each board of county commissioners may, by a resolution adopted by a majority of its members, establish a county personnel department to exercise the powers, duties, and functions specified in division (G) of this section. As used in division (G) of this section, "county personnel department" means a county personnel department established by a board of county commissioners under division (G)(1) of this section.

(2)(a) Each board of county commissioners, by a resolution adopted by a majority of its members, may designate the county personnel department

of the county to exercise the powers, duties, and functions specified in sections 124.01 to 124.64 and Chapter 325. of the Revised Code with regard to employees in the service of the county, except for the powers and duties of the state personnel board of review, which powers and duties shall not be construed as having been modified or diminished in any manner by division (G)(2) of this section, with respect to the employees for whom the board of county commissioners is the appointing authority or co-appointing authority.

(b) Nothing in division (G)(2) of this section shall be construed to limit the right of any employee who possesses the right of appeal to the state personnel board of review to continue to possess that right of appeal.

(c) Any board of county commissioners that has established a county personnel department may contract with the department of administrative services, in accordance with division (H) of this section, another political subdivision, or an appropriate public or private entity to provide competitive testing services or other appropriate services.

(3) After the county personnel department of a county has been established as described in division (G)(2) of this section, any elected official, board, agency, or other appointing authority of that county, upon written notification to the county personnel department, may elect to use the services and facilities of the county personnel department. Upon receipt of the notification by the county personnel department, the county personnel department shall exercise the powers, duties, and functions as described in division (G)(2) of this section with respect to the employees of that elected official, board, agency, or other appointing authority.

(4) Each board of county commissioners, by a resolution adopted by a majority of its members, may disband the county personnel department.

(5) Any elected official, board, agency, or appointing authority of a county may end its involvement with a county personnel department upon actual receipt by the department of a certified copy of the notification that contains the decision to no longer participate.

~~(6) The director of administrative services may, by rule adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, prescribe criteria and procedures for the following:~~

~~(a) A requirement that each county personnel department, in carrying out its duties, shall adhere to merit system principles with regard to employees of county departments of job and family services, child support enforcement agencies, and public child welfare agencies so that there is no threatened loss of federal funding for these agencies, and a requirement that the county be is financially liable to the state for any loss of federal funds due to the action or inaction of the county personnel department. The costs~~

~~associated with audits conducted to monitor compliance with division (G)(6)(a) of this section shall be reimbursed to the department of administrative services as determined by the director. All money the department receives for these audits shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the human resources fund created in section 124.07 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(b) Authorization for the director of administrative services to conduct periodic audits and reviews of county personnel departments to guarantee the uniform application of the powers, duties, and functions exercised pursuant to division (G)(2)(a) of this section. The costs of the audits and reviews shall be reimbursed to the department of administrative services as determined by the director by the county for which the services are performed. All money the department receives shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the human resources fund created in section 124.07 of the Revised Code.~~

(H) County agencies may contract with the department of administrative services for any human resources services, including, but not limited to, establishment and modification of job classification plans, competitive testing services, and periodic audits and reviews of the county's uniform application of the powers, duties, and functions specified in sections 124.01 to 124.64 and Chapter 325. of the Revised Code with regard to employees in the service of the county. Nothing in this division modifies the powers and duties of the state personnel board of review with respect to employees in the service of the county. Nothing in this division limits the right of any employee who possesses the right of appeal to the state personnel board of review to continue to possess that right of appeal.

(I) The director of administrative services shall establish the rate and method of compensation for all employees who are paid directly by warrant of the director of budget and management and who are serving in positions that the director of administrative services has determined impracticable to include in the state job classification plan. This division does not apply to elected officials, legislative employees, employees of the legislative service commission, employees who are in the unclassified civil service and exempt from collective bargaining coverage in the office of the secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, and attorney general, employees of the courts, employees of the bureau of workers' compensation whose compensation the administrator of workers' compensation establishes under division (B) of section 4121.121 of the Revised Code, or employees of an appointing authority authorized by law to fix the compensation of those employees.

(H)(J) The director of administrative services shall set the rate of compensation for all intermittent, seasonal, temporary, emergency, and casual employees in the service of the state who are not considered public employees under section 4117.01 of the Revised Code. Those employees are not entitled to receive employee benefits. This rate of compensation shall be equitable in terms of the rate of employees serving in the same or similar classifications. This division does not apply to elected officials, legislative employees, employees of the legislative service commission, employees who are in the unclassified civil service and exempt from collective bargaining coverage in the office of the secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, and attorney general, employees of the courts, employees of the bureau of workers' compensation whose compensation the administrator establishes under division (B) of section 4121.121 of the Revised Code, or employees of an appointing authority authorized by law to fix the compensation of those employees.

Sec. 124.231. (A) As used in this section, "legally blind person" means any person who qualifies as being blind under any Ohio or federal statute, or any rule adopted thereunder. As used in this section, "legally deaf person" means any person who qualifies as being deaf under any Ohio or federal statute, or any rule adopted thereunder.

(B) When an examination is to be administered under sections 124.01 to ~~124.64~~ 124.31 of the Revised Code, the director of administrative services or the director's designee shall whenever practicable arrange for special examinations to be administered to legally blind or legally deaf persons applying for positions in the classified service of the state to ensure that the abilities of such applicants are properly assessed and that such applicants are not subject to discrimination because they are legally blind or legally deaf persons.

Sec. 124.241. As used in this section, "professional employee" has the same meaning as in section 5126.20 of the Revised Code and "registered service employee" means a service employee, as defined in section 5126.20 of the Revised Code, who is registered under section 5126.25 of the Revised Code.

County boards of developmental disabilities may hire professional employees and registered service employees in the classified service on the basis of the candidates' qualifications rather than on the basis of the results of ~~an a civil service examination administered by the director of administrative services pursuant to, as described in division (D) of section 124.23 of the Revised Code.~~

Sec. 124.25. The director of administrative services shall require

persons applying for an examination for original appointment in the service of the state to file with the director or the director's designee, within reasonable time prior to the examination, a formal application, in which the applicant shall state the applicant's name, address, and such other information as may reasonably be required concerning the applicant's education and experience. No inquiry shall be made as to religious or political affiliations or as to racial or ethnic origin of the applicant, except as necessary to gather equal employment opportunity or other statistics that, when compiled, will not identify any specific individual.

Blank forms for applications shall be furnished by the director or the director's designee without charge to any person requesting the same. The director or the director's designee may require in connection with such application such certificate of persons having knowledge of the applicant as the good of the service demands. The director or the director's designee may refuse to appoint or examine an applicant, or, after an examination, refuse to certify the applicant as eligible, who is found to lack any of the established preliminary requirements for the examination, who is addicted to the habitual use of intoxicating liquors or drugs to excess, who has a pattern of poor work habits and performance with previous employers, who has been convicted of a felony, who has been guilty of infamous or notoriously disgraceful conduct, who has been dismissed from either branch of the civil service for delinquency or misconduct, or who has made false statements of any material fact, or practiced, or attempted to practice, any deception or fraud in the application or examination, in establishing eligibility, or securing an appointment.

Sec. 124.26. From the returns of ~~the~~ examinations for positions in the service of the state, the director of administrative services or the director's designee shall prepare an eligible list of the persons whose general average standing upon examinations for the class or position is not less than the minimum fixed by the rules of the director, and who are otherwise eligible. Those persons shall take rank upon the eligible list as candidates in the order of their relative excellence as determined by the examination without reference to priority of the time of examination. If two or more applicants receive the same mark in an open competitive examination, priority in the time of filing the application with the director or the director's designee shall determine the order in which their names shall be placed on the eligible list, except that applicants eligible for veteran's preference under section 124.23 of the Revised Code shall receive priority in rank on the eligible list over nonveterans on the list with a rating equal to that of the veteran. Ties among veterans shall be decided by priority of filing the application.

- An eligible list expires upon the filling or closing of the position. An expired eligible list may be used to fill a position of the same classification within the same appointing authority for which the list was created. But, in no event shall an expired list be used more than one year past its expiration date.

Sec. 124.27. (A) Appointments to all positions in the classified civil service, that are not filled by promotion, transfer, or reduction, as provided in sections 124.01 to 124.64 of the Revised Code and the rules of the director prescribed under those sections, shall be made only from those persons whose names take rank order on an eligible list, and no employment, except as provided in those sections, shall be otherwise given in the classified civil service ~~of this state or any political subdivision of the state~~. The appointing authority shall appoint in the following manner: each time a selection is made, it shall be from one of the names that ranks in the top ten names on the eligible list or the top twenty-five per cent of the eligible list, whichever is greater. ~~But, in~~ In the event that ten or fewer names are on the eligible list, the appointing authority may select any of the listed candidates. Each person who qualifies for the veteran's preference under section 124.23 of the Revised Code, who is a resident of this state, and whose name is on the eligible list for a position is entitled to preference in original appointment to any such competitive position in the classified civil service of the state and its civil divisions over all other persons who are eligible for those appointments and who are standing on the relevant eligible list with a rating equal to that of the person qualifying for the veteran's preference.

(B) All original and promotional appointments in the classified civil service, including appointments made pursuant to section 124.30 of the Revised Code, but not intermittent appointments, shall be for a probationary period, not less than sixty days nor more than one year, to be fixed by the rules of the director for appointments in the civil service of the state, except as provided in section 124.231 of the Revised Code, and except for original appointments to a police department as a police officer or to a fire department as a firefighter which shall be for a probationary period of one year. No appointment or promotion is final until the appointee has satisfactorily served the probationary period. If the service of the probationary employee is unsatisfactory, the employee may be removed or reduced at any time during the probationary period. If the appointing authority decides to remove a probationary employee in the service of the state, the appointing authority shall communicate the removal to the director. A probationary employee duly removed or reduced in position for

unsatisfactory service does not have the right to appeal the removal or reduction under section 124.34 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 124.30. (A) ~~Positions~~ Classified positions in the ~~classified~~ civil service may be filled without competition as follows:

(1) Whenever there are urgent reasons for filling a vacancy in any position in the classified civil service and the director of administrative services is unable to certify to the appointing authority, upon its request, a list of persons eligible for appointment to the position after a competitive examination, the appointing authority may fill the position by noncompetitive examination.

A temporary appointment may be made without regard to the rules of sections 124.01 to 124.64 of the Revised Code. Except as otherwise provided in this division, the temporary appointment may not continue longer than one hundred twenty days, and in no case shall successive temporary appointments be made. A temporary appointment longer than one hundred twenty days may be made if necessary by reason of sickness, disability, or other approved leave of absence of regular officers or employees, in which case it may continue during the period of sickness, disability, or other approved leave of absence, subject to the rules of the director.

(2) In case of a vacancy in a position in the classified civil service where peculiar and exceptional qualifications of a scientific, managerial, professional, or educational character are required, and upon satisfactory evidence that for specified reasons competition in this special case is impracticable and that the position can best be filled by a selection of some designated person of high and recognized attainments in those qualities, the director may suspend the provisions of sections 124.01 to 124.64 of the Revised Code that require competition in this special case, but no suspension shall be general in its application. All such cases of suspension shall be reported in the annual report of the director with the reasons for each suspension. The director shall suspend the provisions when the director of job and family services provides the certification under section 5101.051 of the Revised Code that a position with the department of job and family services can best be filled if the provisions are suspended.

(3) The acceptance or refusal by an eligible person of a temporary appointment shall not affect the person's standing on the eligible list for permanent appointment, nor shall the period of temporary service be counted as a part of the probationary service in case of subsequent appointment to a permanent position.

(B) Persons who receive temporary or intermittent appointments are in

the unclassified civil service and serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority.

Sec. 124.31. Vacancies in positions in the classified civil service of the state shall be filled insofar as practicable by promotions. The director of administrative services shall provide in the director's rules for keeping a record of efficiency for each employee in the classified civil service of the state, and for making promotions in the classified civil service of the state on the basis of merit and by conduct and capacity in office.

Sec. 125.082. (A) When purchasing equipment, materials, or supplies, the general assembly; the offices of all elected state officers; all departments, boards, offices, commissions, agencies, institutions, including, without limitation, state-supported institutions of higher education, and other instrumentalities of this state; the supreme court; all courts of appeals; and all courts of common pleas, may purchase recycled products in accordance with the guidelines adopted under division (B) of this section if the products are available and meet the performance specifications of the procuring entities. Purchases of recycled products shall comply with any rules adopted under division (C) of this section.

(B) The director of administrative services shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing guidelines for the procurement of recycled products pursuant to division (A) of this section. To the extent practicable, the guidelines shall do all of the following:

(1) Be consistent with and substantially equivalent to any relevant regulations adopted by the administrator of the United States environmental protection agency pursuant to the "Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976," 90 Stat. 2806, 42 U.S.C.A. 6921, as amended;

(2) Establish the minimum percentage of recycled materials the various products shall contain in order to be considered "recycled" for the purposes of division (A) of this section;

(3) So far as practicable and economically feasible, incorporate specifications for recycled-content materials to promote the use and purchase of recycled products by state agencies.

(C) The director may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing a maximum percentage by which the cost of recycled products purchased under division (A) of this section may exceed the cost of comparable products made of virgin materials.

(D) The department of administrative services and the ~~department of natural resources~~ environmental protection agency annually shall prepare and submit to the governor, president of the senate, and speaker of the house

of representatives a report that describes, so far as practicable, the value and types of recycled products that are purchased with moneys disbursed from the state treasury by the general assembly; the offices of all elected state officers; and all departments, boards, offices, commissions, agencies, and institutions of this state.

Sec. 125.14. (A) The director of administrative services shall allocate any proceeds from the transfer, sale, or lease of excess and surplus supplies in the following manner:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2) of this section, the proceeds of such a transfer, sale, or lease shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the investment recovery fund, which is hereby created.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2) of this section, when supplies originally were purchased with funds from nongeneral revenue fund sources, the director shall determine what fund or account originally was used to purchase the supplies, and the credit for the proceeds from any transfer, sale, or lease of those supplies shall be transferred to that fund or account. If the director cannot determine which fund or account originally was used to purchase the supplies, if the fund or account is no longer active, or if the proceeds from the transfer, sale, or lease of a unit of supplies are less than one hundred dollars or any larger amount the director may establish with the approval of the director of budget and management, then the proceeds from the transfer, sale, or lease of such supplies shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the investment recovery fund.

(B) The investment recovery fund shall be used to pay for the operating expenses of the state surplus property program. Any amounts in excess of these operating expenses shall periodically be transferred to the general revenue fund of the state. If proceeds paid into the investment recovery fund are insufficient to pay for the program's operating expenses, a service fee may be charged to state agencies to eliminate the deficit.

(C) Proceeds from the sale of recyclable goods and materials shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the recycled materials fund, which is hereby created, except that the director of ~~natural resources~~ environmental protection, upon request, may grant an exemption from this requirement. ~~The chief of the division of recycling and litter prevention in the department of natural resources~~ director shall administer the fund for the benefit of recycling programs in state agencies.

Sec. 126.14. The release of any money appropriated for the purchase of real estate shall be approved by the controlling board. The release of money appropriated for all other capital projects is also subject to the approval of the controlling board, except that the director of budget and management

may approve the release of money appropriated for specific projects in accordance with the requirements of this section and except that the director of budget and management may approve the release of unencumbered capital balances, for a project to repair, remove, or prevent a public exigency declared to exist by the director of administrative services under section ~~123.15~~ 123.10 of the Revised Code, or by the executive director of the Ohio facilities construction commission under section 123.23 of the Revised Code, in the amount designated in that declaration.

Within sixty days after the effective date of any act appropriating money for capital projects, the director shall determine which appropriations are for general projects and which are for specific projects. Specific projects may include specific higher education projects that are to be funded from general purpose appropriations from the higher education improvement fund or the higher education improvement taxable fund created in section 154.21 of the Revised Code. Upon determining which projects are general and which are specific, the director shall submit to the controlling board a list that includes a brief description of and the estimated expenditures for each specific project. The release of money for any specific higher education projects that are to be funded from general purpose appropriations from the higher education improvement fund or the higher education improvement taxable fund but that are not included on the list, and the release of money for any specific higher education projects included on the list that will exceed the estimated expenditures by more than ten per cent, are subject to the approval of the controlling board.

The director may create new appropriation items and make transfers of appropriations to them for specific higher education projects included on the list that are to be funded from general purpose appropriations for basic renovations that are made from the higher education improvement fund or the higher education improvement taxable fund.

Sec. 127.163. At the time an agency submits a request to the controlling board to approve the making of a purchase, if the requested purchase is to be made from a supplier who is not headquartered in this state but has a presence in this state, the agency shall include in the request the following information:

(A) The address or addresses of the supplier's places of business in this state;

(B) The total number of employees the supplier employs in each of its places of business in this state;

(C) The percentage of the requested purchase to be completed by employees of the supplier located in this state;

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(D) A list of any suppliers, subcontractors, or other entities the supplier intends to use to fulfill the requested purchase that includes all of the following:

(1) The address or addresses of the places of business in this state of each potential supplier, subcontractor, or entity;

(2) The number of employees that each potential supplier, subcontractor, or entity employs in each of its places of business in this state;

(3) The percentage of the requested purchase to be completed by employees of the potential supplier, subcontractor, or entity located in this state.

Sec. 127.164. (A) Prior to submitting a request to approve the making of a purchase to the controlling board, an agency shall contact any entity headquartered in this state that the agency approached related to the proposed purchase or to whom the agency sent a request for proposals but who did not respond to the request for proposals and ascertain why the entity did not respond.

(B) At the time an agency submits a request to the controlling board to approve the making of a purchase, the agency shall submit to the board, as part of the request, the information that the agency collected under division (A) of this section.

Sec. 135.35. (A) The investing authority shall deposit or invest any part or all of the county's inactive moneys and shall invest all of the money in the county public library fund when required by section 135.352 of the Revised Code. The following classifications of securities and obligations are eligible for such deposit or investment:

(1) United States treasury bills, notes, bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States treasury, any other obligation guaranteed as to principal or interest by the United States, or any book entry, zero-coupon United States treasury security that is a direct obligation of the United States.

Nothing in the classification of eligible securities and obligations set forth in divisions (A)(2) to (11) of this section shall be construed to authorize any investment in stripped principal or interest obligations of such eligible securities and obligations.

(2) Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including, but not limited to, the federal national mortgage association, federal home loan bank, federal farm credit bank, federal home loan mortgage corporation, government national mortgage association, and student loan marketing

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association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities.

(3) Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts, including, but not limited to, passbook accounts, in any eligible institution mentioned in section 135.32 of the Revised Code;

(4) Bonds and other obligations of this state or the political subdivisions of this state;

(5) No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (A)(1) or (2) of this section and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions mentioned in section 135.32 of the Revised Code;

(6) The Ohio subdivision's fund as provided in section 135.45 of the Revised Code;

(7) Securities lending agreements with any eligible institution mentioned in section 135.32 of the Revised Code that is a member of the federal reserve system or federal home loan bank or with any recognized United States government securities dealer meeting the description in division (J)(1) of this section, under the terms of which agreements the investing authority lends securities and the eligible institution or dealer agrees to simultaneously exchange similar securities or cash, equal value for equal value.

Securities and cash received as collateral for a securities lending agreement are not inactive moneys of the county or moneys of a county public library fund. The investment of cash collateral received pursuant to a securities lending agreement may be invested only in instruments specified by the investing authority in the written investment policy described in division (K) of this section.

(8) Up to twenty-five per cent of the county's total average portfolio in either of the following investments:

(a) Commercial paper notes issued by an entity that is defined in division (D) of section 1705.01 of the Revised Code and that has assets exceeding five hundred million dollars, to which notes all of the following apply:

(i) The notes are rated at the time of purchase in the highest classification established by at least two nationally recognized standard rating services.

(ii) The aggregate value of the notes does not exceed ten per cent of the aggregate value of the outstanding commercial paper of the issuing corporation.

(iii) The notes mature not later than two hundred seventy days after purchase.

(b) Bankers acceptances of banks that are insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation and to which both of the following apply:

(i) The obligations are eligible for purchase by the federal reserve system.

(ii) The obligations mature not later than one hundred eighty days after purchase.

No investment shall be made pursuant to division (A)(8) of this section unless the investing authority has completed additional training for making the investments authorized by division (A)(8) of this section. The type and amount of additional training shall be approved by the auditor of state and may be conducted by or provided under the supervision of the auditor of state.

(9) Up to fifteen per cent of the county's total average portfolio in notes issued by corporations that are incorporated under the laws of the United States and that are operating within the United States, or by depository institutions that are doing business under authority granted by the United States or any state and that are operating within the United States, provided both of the following apply:

(a) The notes are rated in the second highest or higher category by at least two nationally recognized standard rating services at the time of purchase.

(b) The notes mature not later than two years after purchase.

(10) No-load money market mutual funds rated in the highest category at the time of purchase by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service and consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (A)(1), (2), or (6) of section 135.143 of the Revised Code;

(11) Debt interests rated at the time of purchase in the three highest categories by two nationally recognized standard rating services and issued by foreign nations diplomatically recognized by the United States government. All interest and principal shall be denominated and payable in United States funds. The investments made under division (A)(11) of this section shall not exceed in the aggregate one per cent of a county's total average portfolio.

The investing authority shall invest under division (A)(11) of this section in a debt interest issued by a foreign nation only if the debt interest is backed by the full faith and credit of that foreign nation, there is no prior history of default, and the debt interest matures not later than five years after purchase. For purposes of division (A)(11) of this section, a debt interest is

rated in the three highest categories by two nationally recognized standard rating services if either the debt interest itself or the issuer of the debt interest is rated, or is implicitly rated, at the time of purchase in the three highest categories by two nationally recognized standard rating services.

(12) A current unpaid or delinquent tax line of credit authorized under division (G) of section 135.341 of the Revised Code, provided that all of the conditions for entering into such a line of credit under that division are satisfied, or bonds and other obligations of a county land reutilization corporation organized under Chapter 1724. of the Revised Code, if the county land reutilization corporation is located wholly or partly within the same county as the investing authority.

(B) Nothing in the classifications of eligible obligations and securities set forth in divisions (A)(1) to (11) of this section shall be construed to authorize investment in a derivative, and no investing authority shall invest any county inactive moneys or any moneys in a county public library fund in a derivative. For purposes of this division, "derivative" means a financial instrument or contract or obligation whose value or return is based upon or linked to another asset or index, or both, separate from the financial instrument, contract, or obligation itself. Any security, obligation, trust account, or other instrument that is created from an issue of the United States treasury or is created from an obligation of a federal agency or instrumentality or is created from both is considered a derivative instrument. An eligible investment described in this section with a variable interest rate payment, based upon a single interest payment or single index comprised of other eligible investments provided for in division (A)(1) or (2) of this section, is not a derivative, provided that such variable rate investment has a maximum maturity of two years. A treasury inflation-protected security shall not be considered a derivative, provided the security matures not later than five years after purchase.

(C) Except as provided in ~~divisions~~ division (D) and ~~(O)~~ of this section, any investment made pursuant to this section must mature within ~~ten~~ five years from the date of settlement, unless the investment is matched to a specific obligation or debt of the county or to a specific obligation or debt of a political subdivision of this state, and the investment is specifically approved by the investment advisory committee.

(D) The investing authority may also enter into a written repurchase agreement with any eligible institution mentioned in section 135.32 of the Revised Code or any eligible securities dealer pursuant to division (J) of this section, under the terms of which agreement the investing authority purchases and the eligible institution or dealer agrees unconditionally to

repurchase any of the securities listed in divisions (B)(1) to (5), except letters of credit described in division (B)(2), of section 135.18 of the Revised Code. The market value of securities subject to an overnight written repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the overnight written repurchase agreement by at least two per cent. A written repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the overnight written repurchase agreement, by at least two per cent. A written repurchase agreement shall not exceed thirty days, and the market value of securities subject to a written repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the written repurchase agreement by at least two per cent and be marked to market daily. All securities purchased pursuant to this division shall be delivered into the custody of the investing authority or the qualified custodian of the investing authority or an agent designated by the investing authority. A written repurchase agreement with an eligible securities dealer shall be transacted on a delivery versus payment basis. The agreement shall contain the requirement that for each transaction pursuant to the agreement the participating institution shall provide all of the following information:

- (1) The par value of the securities;
- (2) The type, rate, and maturity date of the securities;
- (3) A numerical identifier generally accepted in the securities industry that designates the securities.

No investing authority shall enter into a written repurchase agreement under the terms of which the investing authority agrees to sell securities owned by the county to a purchaser and agrees with that purchaser to unconditionally repurchase those securities.

(E) No investing authority shall make an investment under this section, unless the investing authority, at the time of making the investment, reasonably expects that the investment can be held until its maturity. The investing authority's written investment policy shall specify the conditions under which an investment may be redeemed or sold prior to maturity.

(F) No investing authority shall pay a county's inactive moneys or moneys of a county public library fund into a fund established by another subdivision, treasurer, governing board, or investing authority, if that fund was established by the subdivision, treasurer, governing board, or investing authority for the purpose of investing or depositing the public moneys of other subdivisions. This division does not apply to the payment of public moneys into either of the following:

- (1) The Ohio subdivision's fund pursuant to division (A)(6) of this section;
- (2) A fund created solely for the purpose of acquiring, constructing,

owning, leasing, or operating municipal utilities pursuant to the authority provided under section 715.02 of the Revised Code or Section 4 of Article XVIII, Ohio Constitution.

For purposes of division (F) of this section, "subdivision" includes a county.

(G) The use of leverage, in which the county uses its current investment assets as collateral for the purpose of purchasing other assets, is prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage is prohibited. Contracting to sell securities not owned by the county, for the purpose of purchasing such securities on the speculation that bond prices will decline, is prohibited.

(H) Any securities, certificates of deposit, deposit accounts, or any other documents evidencing deposits or investments made under authority of this section shall be issued in the name of the county with the county treasurer or investing authority as the designated payee. If any such deposits or investments are registrable either as to principal or interest, or both, they shall be registered in the name of the treasurer.

(I) The investing authority shall be responsible for the safekeeping of all documents evidencing a deposit or investment acquired under this section, including, but not limited to, safekeeping receipts evidencing securities deposited with a qualified trustee, as provided in section 135.37 of the Revised Code, and documents confirming the purchase of securities under any repurchase agreement under this section shall be deposited with a qualified trustee, provided, however, that the qualified trustee shall be required to report to the investing authority, auditor of state, or an authorized outside auditor at any time upon request as to the identity, market value, and location of the document evidencing each security, and that if the participating institution is a designated depository of the county for the current period of designation, the securities that are the subject of the repurchase agreement may be delivered to the treasurer or held in trust by the participating institution on behalf of the investing authority.

Upon the expiration of the term of office of an investing authority or in the event of a vacancy in the office for any reason, the officer or the officer's legal representative shall transfer and deliver to the officer's successor all documents mentioned in this division for which the officer has been responsible for safekeeping. For all such documents transferred and delivered, the officer shall be credited with, and the officer's successor shall be charged with, the amount of moneys evidenced by such documents.

(J)(1) All investments, except for investments in securities described in divisions (A)(5), (6), and (12) of this section, shall be made only through a

member of the national association of securities dealers, through a bank, savings bank, or savings and loan association regulated by the superintendent of financial institutions, or through an institution regulated by the comptroller of the currency, federal deposit insurance corporation, or board of governors of the federal reserve system.

(2) Payment for investments shall be made only upon the delivery of securities representing such investments to the treasurer, investing authority, or qualified trustee. If the securities transferred are not represented by a certificate, payment shall be made only upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian by the treasurer, governing board, or qualified trustee.

(K)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (K)(2) of this section, no investing authority shall make an investment or deposit under this section, unless there is on file with the auditor of state a written investment policy approved by the investing authority. The policy shall require that all entities conducting investment business with the investing authority shall sign the investment policy of that investing authority. All brokers, dealers, and financial institutions, described in division (J)(1) of this section, initiating transactions with the investing authority by giving advice or making investment recommendations shall sign the investing authority's investment policy thereby acknowledging their agreement to abide by the policy's contents. All brokers, dealers, and financial institutions, described in division (J)(1) of this section, executing transactions initiated by the investing authority, having read the policy's contents, shall sign the investment policy thereby acknowledging their comprehension and receipt.

(2) If a written investment policy described in division (K)(1) of this section is not filed on behalf of the county with the auditor of state, the investing authority of that county shall invest the county's inactive moneys and moneys of the county public library fund only in time certificates of deposits or savings or deposit accounts pursuant to division (A)(3) of this section, no-load money market mutual funds pursuant to division (A)(5) of this section, or the Ohio subdivision's fund pursuant to division (A)(6) of this section.

(L)(1) The investing authority shall establish and maintain an inventory of all obligations and securities acquired by the investing authority pursuant to this section. The inventory shall include a description of each obligation or security, including type, cost, par value, maturity date, settlement date, and any coupon rate.

(2) The investing authority shall also keep a complete record of all purchases and sales of the obligations and securities made pursuant to this

section.

(3) The investing authority shall maintain a monthly portfolio report and issue a copy of the monthly portfolio report describing such investments to the county investment advisory committee, detailing the current inventory of all obligations and securities, all transactions during the month that affected the inventory, any income received from the obligations and securities, and any investment expenses paid, and stating the names of any persons effecting transactions on behalf of the investing authority.

(4) The monthly portfolio report shall be a public record and available for inspection under section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

(5) The inventory and the monthly portfolio report shall be filed with the board of county commissioners. The monthly portfolio report also shall be filed with the treasurer of state.

(M) An investing authority may enter into a written investment or deposit agreement that includes a provision under which the parties agree to submit to nonbinding arbitration to settle any controversy that may arise out of the agreement, including any controversy pertaining to losses of public moneys resulting from investment or deposit. The arbitration provision shall be set forth entirely in the agreement, and the agreement shall include a conspicuous notice to the parties that any party to the arbitration may apply to the court of common pleas of the county in which the arbitration was held for an order to vacate, modify, or correct the award. Any such party may also apply to the court for an order to change venue to a court of common pleas located more than one hundred miles from the county in which the investing authority is located.

For purposes of this division, "investment or deposit agreement" means any agreement between an investing authority and a person, under which agreement the person agrees to invest, deposit, or otherwise manage, on behalf of the investing authority, a county's inactive moneys or moneys in a county public library fund, or agrees to provide investment advice to the investing authority.

(N) (1) An investment held in the county portfolio on September 27, 1996, that was a legal investment under the law as it existed before September 27, 1996, may be held until maturity, or if the investment does not have a maturity date the investment may be held until five years from September 27, 1996, regardless of whether the investment would qualify as a legal investment under the terms of this section as amended.

~~(O) Upon a majority affirmative vote of the county investment advisory committee in support of such action, an investment authority may invest up to twenty-five per cent of the county's total average portfolio of investments~~

~~made under this section in securities and obligations that mature on a date that is more than ten years from the date of settlement.~~

(2) An investment held in the county portfolio on the effective date of this amendment that was a legal investment under the law as it existed before the effective date of this amendment may be held until maturity.

Sec. 140.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Hospital agency" means any public hospital agency or any nonprofit hospital agency.

(B) "Public hospital agency" means any county, board of county hospital trustees established pursuant to section 339.02 of the Revised Code, county hospital commission established pursuant to section 339.14 of the Revised Code, municipal corporation, new community authority organized under Chapter 349. of the Revised Code, joint township hospital district, state or municipal university or college operating or authorized to operate a hospital facility, or the state.

(C) "Nonprofit hospital agency" means a corporation or association not for profit, no part of the net earnings of which inures or may lawfully inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, that has authority to own or operate a hospital facility or provides or is to provide services to one or more other hospital agencies.

(D) "Governing body" means, in the case of a county, the board of county commissioners or other legislative body; in the case of a board of county hospital trustees, the board; in the case of a county hospital commission, the commission; in the case of a municipal corporation, the council or other legislative authority; in the case of a new community authority, its board of trustees; in the case of a joint township hospital district, the joint township district hospital board; in the case of a state or municipal university or college, its board of trustees or board of directors; in the case of a nonprofit hospital agency, the board of trustees or other body having general management of the agency; and, in the case of the state, the director of development or the Ohio higher educational facility commission.

(E) "Hospital facilities" means buildings, structures and other improvements, additions thereto and extensions thereof, furnishings, equipment, and real estate and interests in real estate, used or to be used for or in connection with one or more hospitals, emergency, intensive, intermediate, extended, long-term, or self-care facilities, diagnostic and treatment and out-patient facilities, facilities related to programs for home health services, clinics, laboratories, public health centers, research facilities, and rehabilitation facilities, for or pertaining to diagnosis, treatment, care, or rehabilitation of sick, ill, injured, infirm, impaired,

disabled, or handicapped persons, or the prevention, detection, and control of disease, and also includes education, training, and food service facilities for health professions personnel, housing facilities for such personnel and their families, and parking and service facilities in connection with any of the foregoing; and includes any one, part of, or any combination of the foregoing; and further includes site improvements, utilities, machinery, facilities, furnishings, and any separate or connected buildings, structures, improvements, sites, utilities, facilities, or equipment to be used in, or in connection with the operation or maintenance of, or supplementing or otherwise related to the services or facilities to be provided by, any one or more of such hospital facilities.

(F) "Costs of hospital facilities" means the costs of acquiring hospital facilities or interests in hospital facilities, including membership interests in nonprofit hospital agencies, costs of constructing hospital facilities, costs of improving one or more hospital facilities, including reconstructing, rehabilitating, remodeling, renovating, and enlarging, costs of equipping and furnishing such facilities, and all financing costs pertaining thereto, including, without limitation thereto, costs of engineering, architectural, and other professional services, designs, plans, specifications and surveys, and estimates of cost, costs of tests and inspections, the costs of any indemnity or surety bonds and premiums on insurance, all related direct or allocable administrative expenses pertaining thereto, fees and expenses of trustees, depositories, and paying agents for the obligations, cost of issuance of the obligations and financing charges and fees and expenses of financial advisors, attorneys, accountants, consultants and rating services in connection therewith, capitalized interest on the obligations, amounts necessary to establish reserves as required by the bond proceedings, the reimbursement of all moneys advanced or applied by the hospital agency or others or borrowed from others for the payment of any item or items of costs of such facilities, and all other expenses necessary or incident to planning or determining feasibility or practicability with respect to such facilities, and such other expenses as may be necessary or incident to the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, remodeling, renovation, enlargement, improvement, equipment, and furnishing of such facilities, the financing thereof, and the placing of the same in use and operation, including any one, part of, or combination of such classes of costs and expenses, and means the costs of refinancing obligations issued by, or reimbursement of money advanced by, nonprofit hospital agencies or others the proceeds of which were used for the payment of costs of hospital facilities, if the governing body of the public hospital agency determines

that the refinancing or reimbursement advances the purposes of this chapter, whether or not the refinancing or reimbursement is in conjunction with the acquisition or construction of additional hospital facilities.

(G) "Hospital receipts" means all moneys received by or on behalf of a hospital agency from or in connection with the ownership, operation, acquisition, construction, improvement, equipping, or financing of any hospital facilities, including, without limitation thereto, any rentals and other moneys received from the lease, sale, or other disposition of hospital facilities, and any gifts, grants, interest subsidies, or other moneys received under any federal program for assistance in financing the costs of hospital facilities, and any other gifts, grants, and donations, and receipts therefrom, available for financing the costs of hospital facilities.

(H) "Obligations" means bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness or obligation, including interest coupons pertaining thereto, issued or issuable by a public hospital agency to pay costs of hospital facilities.

(I) "Bond service charges" means principal, interest, and call premium, if any, required to be paid on obligations.

(J) "Bond proceedings" means one or more ordinances, resolutions, trust agreements, indentures, and other agreements or documents, and amendments and supplements to the foregoing, or any combination thereof, authorizing or providing for the terms, including any variable interest rates, and conditions applicable to, or providing for the security of, obligations and the provisions contained in such obligations.

(K) "Nursing home" has the same meaning as in division (A)(1) of section 5701.13 of the Revised Code.

(L) "Residential care facility" has the same meaning as in division (A)(2) of section 5701.13 of the Revised Code.

~~(M) "Adult care facility" has the same meaning as in division (A)(3) of section 5701.13 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(N)~~ "Independent living facility" means any self-care facility or other housing facility designed or used as a residence for elderly persons. An "independent living facility" does not include a residential facility, or that part of a residential facility, that is any of the following:

(1) A hospital required to be certified by section 3727.02 of the Revised Code;

(2) A nursing home or residential care facility;

(3) ~~An adult care facility;~~

~~(4)~~ A facility operated by a hospice care program licensed under section 3712.04 of the Revised Code and used for the program's hospice patients;

(4) A residential facility licensed by the department of mental health under section 5119.22 of the Revised Code that provides accommodations, supervision, and personal care services for three to sixteen unrelated adults;

(5) A residential facility ~~for the mentally ill~~ licensed by the department of mental health under section 5119.22 of the Revised Code that is not a residential facility described in division (M)(4) of this section;

(6) A facility licensed to provide methadone treatment under section 3793.11 of the Revised Code;

(7) A facility certified as an alcohol and drug addiction program under section 3793.06 of the Revised Code;

(8) A residential facility licensed under section 5123.19 of the Revised Code or a facility providing services under a contract with the department of developmental disabilities under section 5123.18 of the Revised Code;

(9) A residential facility used as part of a hospital to provide housing for staff of the hospital or students pursuing a course of study at the hospital.

Sec. 140.03. (A) Two or more hospital agencies may enter into agreements for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, remodeling, renovating, enlarging, equipping, and furnishing of hospital facilities, or the management, operation, occupancy, use, maintenance, and repair of hospital facilities, or for participation in programs, projects, activities, and services useful to, connected with, supplementing, or otherwise related to the services provided by, or the operation of, hospital facilities operated by one or more participating hospital agencies, including any combination of such purposes, all in such manner as to promote the public purpose stated in section 140.02 of the Revised Code. A city health district; general health district; board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services; county board of developmental disabilities; the department of mental health; the department of developmental disabilities; or any public body engaged in the education or training of health professions personnel may join in any such agreement for purposes related to its authority under laws applicable to it, and as such a participant shall be considered a public hospital agency or hospital agency for the purposes of this section.

(B) An agreement entered into under authority of this section shall, where appropriate, provide for:

(1) The manner in which the title to the hospital facilities, including the sites and interest in real estate pertaining thereto, is to be held, transferred, or disposed of;

(2) Unless provided for by lease pursuant to section 140.05 of the Revised Code, the method by which such hospital facilities are to be acquired, constructed, or otherwise improved and by which they shall be

managed, occupied, maintained, and repaired, including the designation of one of the hospital agencies to have charge of the details of acquisition, construction, or improvement pursuant to the contracting procedures prescribed under the law applicable to one of the participating public hospital agencies;

(3) The management or administration of any such programs, projects, activities, or services, which may include management or administration by one of said hospital agencies or a board or agency thereof;

(4) Annual, or more frequent, reports to the participating hospital agencies as to the revenues and receipts pertaining to the subject of the agreement, the expenditures thereof, the status and application of other funds contributed under such agreement, and such other matters as may be specified by or pursuant to such agreement;

(5) The manner of apportionment or sharing of costs of hospital facilities, any other applicable costs of management, operation, maintenance, and repair of hospital facilities, and costs for the programs, projects, activities, and services forming the subject of the agreement, which apportionment or sharing may be prescribed in fixed amounts, or determined by ratios, formulas, or otherwise, and paid as service charges, rentals, or in such other manner as provided in the agreement, and may include amounts sufficient to meet the bond service charges and other payments and deposits required under the bond proceedings for obligations issued to pay costs of hospital facilities. A hospital agency may commit itself to make such payments at least for so long as any such obligations are outstanding. In the apportionment, different classes of costs or expenses may be apportioned to one or more, all or less than all, of the participating hospital agencies as determined under such agreement.

(C) An agreement entered into under authority of this section may provide for:

(1) An orderly process for making determinations or advising as to planning, execution, implementation, and operation, which may include designating one of the hospital agencies, or a board thereof, for any of such purposes, provisions for a committee, board, or commission, and for representation thereon, or as may otherwise be provided;

(2) Securing necessary personnel, including participation of personnel from the respective hospital agencies;

(3) Standards or conditions for the admission or participation of patients and physicians;

(4) Conditions for admittance of other hospital agencies to participation under the agreement;

(5) Fixing or establishing the method of determining charges to be made for particular services;

(6) The manner of amending, supplementing, terminating, or withdrawal or removal of any party from, the agreement, and the term of the agreement, or an indefinite term;

(7) Designation of the applicants for or recipients of any federal, state, or other aid, assistance, or loans available by reason of any activities conducted under the agreement;

(8) Designation of one or more of the participating hospital agencies to maintain, prepare, and submit, on behalf of all parties to the agreement, any or all records and reports with regard to the activities conducted under the agreement;

(9) Any incidental use of the hospital facilities, or services thereof, by participating public hospital agencies for any of their lawful purposes, which incidental use does not impair the character of the facilities as hospital facilities for any purpose of this chapter;

(10) Such other matters as the parties thereto may agree upon for the purposes of division (A) of this section.

(D) For the purpose of paying or contributing its share under an agreement made under this section, a public hospital agency may:

(1) Expend any moneys from its general fund, and from any other funds not otherwise restricted by law, but including funds for permanent improvements of hospital facilities of such public hospital agency where the contribution is to be made toward the costs of hospital facilities under the agreement, and including funds derived from levies for, or receipts available for, operating expenses of hospital facilities or services of such public hospital agency where the contribution or payment is to be made toward operating expenses of the hospital facilities or services under the agreement or for the services provided thereby;

(2) Issue obligations under Chapter 133. or section 140.06, 339.14, 339.15, 513.12, or 3345.12 of the Revised Code, or Section 3 of Article XVIII, Ohio Constitution, if applicable to such public hospital agency, to pay costs of hospital facilities, or issue obligations under any other provision of law authorizing such public hospital agency to issue obligations for any costs of hospital facilities;

(3) Levy taxes under Chapter 5705. or section 513.13 or 3709.29 of the Revised Code, if applicable to such public hospital agency, provided that the purpose of such levy may include the provision of funds for either or both permanent improvements and current expenses if required for the contribution or payment of such hospital agency under such agreement, and

each such public hospital agency may issue notes in anticipation of any such levy, pursuant to the procedures provided in section 5705.191 of the Revised Code if the levy is solely for current expenses, and in section 5705.193 of the Revised Code if the levy is all or in part for permanent improvements;

(4) Contribute real and personal property or interest therein without necessity for competitive bidding or public auction on disposition of such property.

(E) Any funds provided by public hospital agencies that are parties to an agreement entered into under this section shall be transferred to and placed in a separate fund or funds of such participating public hospital agency as is designated under the agreement. The funds shall be applied for the purposes provided in such agreement and are subject to audit. Pursuant to any determinations to be made under such agreement, the funds shall be deposited, invested, and disbursed under the provisions of law applicable to the public hospital agency in whose custody the funds are held. This division is subject to the provisions of any applicable bond proceedings under section 133.08, 140.06, 339.15, or 3345.12 of the Revised Code or Section 3 of Article XVIII, Ohio Constitution. The records and reports of such public hospital agency under Chapter 117. of the Revised Code and sections 3702.51 to 3702.62 of the Revised Code, with respect to the funds shall be sufficient without necessity for reports thereon by the other public hospital agencies participating under such agreement.

(F)(1) Prior to its entry into any such agreement, the public hospital agency must determine, and set forth in a resolution or ordinance, that the contribution to be made by it under such agreement will be fair consideration for value and benefit to be derived by it under such agreement and that the agreement will promote the public purpose stated in section 140.02 of the Revised Code.

(2) If the agreement is with a board of county commissioners, board of county hospital trustees, or county hospital commission and is an initial agreement for the acquisition or operation of a county hospital operated by a board of county hospital trustees under section 339.06 of the Revised Code, the governing body of the public hospital agency shall submit the agreement, accompanied by the resolution or ordinance, to the board of county commissioners for review pursuant to section 339.091 of the Revised Code. The agreement may be entered into only if the board of county commissioners adopts a resolution under that section. The requirements of division (F)(2) of this section do not apply to the agreement if one or more hospitals classified as general hospitals by the ~~public~~ director of health ~~council~~ under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code are operating in the same

county as the county hospital.

Sec. 140.05. (A)(1) A public hospital agency may lease any hospital facility to one or more hospital agencies for use as a hospital facility, or to one or more city or general health districts; boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services; county boards of developmental disabilities; the department of mental health; or the department of developmental disabilities, for uses which they are authorized to make thereof under the laws applicable to them, or any combination of them, and they may lease such facilities to or from a hospital agency for such uses, upon such terms and conditions as are agreed upon by the parties. Such lease may be for a term of fifty years or less and may provide for an option of the lessee to renew for a term of fifty years or less, as therein set forth. Prior to entering into such lease, the governing body of any public hospital agency granting such lease must determine, and set forth in a resolution or ordinance, that such lease will promote the public purpose stated in section 140.02 of the Revised Code and that the lessor public hospital agency will be duly benefited thereby.

(2) If the lease is with a board of county commissioners, board of county hospital trustees, or county hospital commission and is an agreement for the initial lease of a county hospital operated by a board of county hospital trustees under section 339.06 of the Revised Code, the governing body of the public hospital agency shall submit the agreement, accompanied by the resolution or ordinance, to the board of county commissioners for review pursuant to section 339.091 of the Revised Code. The agreement may be entered into only if the board of county commissioners adopts a resolution under that section. The requirements of division (A)(2) of this section do not apply to the lease if one or more hospitals classified as general hospitals by the public director of health council under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code are operating in the same county as the county hospital.

(B) Any lease entered into pursuant to this section shall provide that in the event that the lessee fails faithfully and efficiently to administer, maintain, and operate such leased facilities as hospital facilities, or fails to provide the services thereof without regard to race, creed, color, or national origin, or fails to require that any hospital agency using such facilities or the services thereof shall not discriminate by reason of race, creed, color, or national origin, after an opportunity to be heard upon written charges, said lease may be terminated at the time, in the manner and with consequences therein provided. If any such lease does not contain terms to the effect provided in this division, it shall nevertheless be deemed to contain such

terms which shall be implemented as determined by the governing body of the lessor.

(C) Such lease may provide for rentals commencing at any time agreed upon, or advance rental, and continuing for such period therein provided, notwithstanding and without diminution, rebate, or setoff by reason of time of availability of the hospital facility for use, delays in construction, failure of completion, damage or destruction of the hospital facilities, or for any other reason.

(D) Such lease may provide for the sale or transfer of title of the leased facilities pursuant to an option to purchase, lease-purchase, or installment purchase upon terms therein provided or to be determined as therein provided, which may include provision for the continued use thereof as a hospital facility for some reasonable period, taking into account efficient useful life and other factors, as is provided therein.

(E) Such lease may be entered as part of or in connection with an agreement pursuant to section 140.03 of the Revised Code. Any hospital facilities which are the subject of an agreement entered into under section 140.03 of the Revised Code may be leased pursuant to this section.

(F) If land acquired by a public hospital agency for a hospital facility is adjacent to an existing hospital facility owned by another hospital agency, the public hospital agency may, in connection with such acquisition or the leasing of such land and hospital facilities thereon to one or more hospital agencies, enter into an agreement with the hospital agency which owns such adjacent hospital facility for the use of common walls in the construction, operation, or maintenance of hospital facilities of the public hospital agency. For the purpose of construction, operation, or maintenance of hospital facilities, a public hospital agency may acquire by purchase, gift, lease, lease with option to purchase, lease-purchase, or installment purchase, easement deed, or other agreement, real estate and interests in real estate, including rights to use space over, under or upon real property owned by others, and support, access, common wall, and other rights in connection therewith. Any public hospital agency or other political subdivision or any public agency, board, commission, institution, body, or instrumentality may grant such real estate, interests, or rights to any hospital agency upon such terms as are agreed upon without necessity for competitive bidding or public auction.

Sec. 140.08. (A) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section, all hospital facilities purchased, acquired, constructed, or owned by a public hospital agency, or financed in whole or in part by obligations issued by a public hospital agency, and used, or to be used when completed, as hospital facilities, and the income therefrom, are exempt from

all taxation within this state, including ad valorem and excise taxes, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, and hospital agencies are exempt from taxes levied under Chapters 5739. and 5741. of the Revised Code. The obligations issued hereafter under section 133.08, 140.06, or 339.15 of the Revised Code or Section 3 of Article XVIII, Ohio Constitution, to pay costs of hospital facilities or to refund such obligations, and the transfer thereof, and the interest and other income from such obligations, including any profit made on the sale thereof, is free from taxation within the state.

(B)(1) Division (A) of this section does not exempt independent living facilities from taxes levied on property or taxes levied under Chapters 5739. and 5741. of the Revised Code. If an independent living facility or part of such facility becomes ~~an adult care facility, nursing home, or residential care facility~~ on or after January 10, 1991, a nursing home, residential care facility, or residential facility described in division (M)(4) of section 140.01 of the Revised Code, that part of the independent living facility that is ~~an adult care facility, a nursing home, or residential care facility, or residential facility described in division (M)(4) of section 140.01 of the Revised Code~~ is exempt from taxation subject to division (B)(2) of this section on and after the date it becomes ~~an adult care facility, a nursing home, or residential care facility, or residential facility described in division (M)(4) of section 140.01 of the Revised Code~~.

(2) Division (A) of this section exempts nursing homes, residential care facilities, and ~~adult care residential~~ facilities described in division (M)(4) of section 140.01 of the Revised Code from taxes levied on property and taxes levied under Chapters 5739. and 5741. of the Revised Code only until all obligations issued to finance such homes or facilities, or all refunding or series of refundings of those obligations, are redeemed or otherwise retired.

Sec. 145.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Public employee" means:

(1) Any person holding an office, not elective, under the state or any county, township, municipal corporation, park district, conservancy district, sanitary district, health district, metropolitan housing authority, state retirement board, Ohio historical society, public library, county law library, union cemetery, joint hospital, institutional commissary, state university, or board, bureau, commission, council, committee, authority, or administrative body as the same are, or have been, created by action of the general assembly or by the legislative authority of any of the units of local government named in division (A)(1) of this section, or employed and paid in whole or in part by the state or any of the authorities named in division

(A)(1) of this section in any capacity not covered by section 742.01, 3307.01, 3309.01, or 5505.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) A person who is a member of the public employees retirement system and who continues to perform the same or similar duties under the direction of a contractor who has contracted to take over what before the date of the contract was a publicly operated function. The governmental unit with which the contract has been made shall be deemed the employer for the purposes of administering this chapter.

(3) Any person who is an employee of a public employer, notwithstanding that the person's compensation for that employment is derived from funds of a person or entity other than the employer. Credit for such service shall be included as total service credit, provided that the employee makes the payments required by this chapter, and the employer makes the payments required by sections 145.48 and 145.51 of the Revised Code.

(4) A person who elects in accordance with section 145.015 of the Revised Code to remain a contributing member of the public employees retirement system.

(5) A person who is an employee of the legal rights service on September 30, 2012, and continues to be employed by the nonprofit entity established under Section 319.20 of Am. Sub. H.B. 153 of the 129th general assembly. The nonprofit entity is the employer for the purpose of this chapter.

In all cases of doubt, the public employees retirement board shall determine whether any person is a public employee, and its decision is final.

(B) "Member" means any public employee, other than a public employee excluded or exempted from membership in the retirement system by section 145.03, 145.031, 145.032, 145.033, 145.034, 145.035, or 145.38 of the Revised Code. "Member" includes a PERS retirant who becomes a member under division (C) of section 145.38 of the Revised Code. "Member" also includes a disability benefit recipient.

(C) "Head of the department" means the elective or appointive head of the several executive, judicial, and administrative departments, institutions, boards, and commissions of the state and local government as the same are created and defined by the laws of this state or, in case of a charter government, by that charter.

(D) "Employer" or "public employer" means the state or any county, township, municipal corporation, park district, conservancy district, sanitary district, health district, metropolitan housing authority, state retirement board, Ohio historical society, public library, county law library, union

cemetery, joint hospital, institutional commissary, state medical university, state university, or board, bureau, commission, council, committee, authority, or administrative body as the same are, or have been, created by action of the general assembly or by the legislative authority of any of the units of local government named in this division not covered by section 742.01, 3307.01, 3309.01, or 5505.01 of the Revised Code. In addition, "employer" means the employer of any public employee.

(E) "Prior service" means all service as a public employee rendered before January 1, 1935, and all service as an employee of any employer who comes within the state teachers retirement system or of the school employees retirement system or of any other retirement system established under the laws of this state rendered prior to January 1, 1935, provided that if the employee claiming the service was employed in any capacity covered by that other system after that other system was established, credit for the service may be allowed by the public employees retirement system only when the employee has made payment, to be computed on the salary earned from the date of appointment to the date membership was established in the public employees retirement system, at the rate in effect at the time of payment, and the employer has made payment of the corresponding full liability as provided by section 145.44 of the Revised Code. "Prior service" also means all service credited for active duty with the armed forces of the United States as provided in section 145.30 of the Revised Code.

If an employee who has been granted prior service credit by the public employees retirement system for service rendered prior to January 1, 1935, as an employee of a board of education establishes, before retirement, one year or more of contributing service in the state teachers retirement system or school employees retirement system, then the prior service ceases to be the liability of this system.

If the board determines that a position of any member in any calendar year prior to January 1, 1935, was a part-time position, the board shall determine what fractional part of a year's credit shall be allowed by the following formula:

(1) When the member has been either elected or appointed to an office the term of which was two or more years and for which an annual salary is established, the fractional part of the year's credit shall be computed as follows:

First, when the member's annual salary is one thousand dollars or less, the service credit for each such calendar year shall be forty per cent of a year.

Second, for each full one hundred dollars of annual salary above one

thousand dollars, the member's service credit for each such calendar year shall be increased by two and one-half per cent.

(2) When the member is paid on a per diem basis, the service credit for any single year of the service shall be determined by using the number of days of service for which the compensation was received in any such year as a numerator and using two hundred fifty days as a denominator.

(3) When the member is paid on an hourly basis, the service credit for any single year of the service shall be determined by using the number of hours of service for which the compensation was received in any such year as a numerator and using two thousand hours as a denominator.

(F) "Contributor" means any person who has an account in the employees' savings fund created by section 145.23 of the Revised Code. When used in the sections listed in division (B) of section 145.82 of the Revised Code, "contributor" includes any person participating in a PERS defined contribution plan.

(G) "Beneficiary" or "beneficiaries" means the estate or a person or persons who, as the result of the death of a member, contributor, or retirant, qualify for or are receiving some right or benefit under this chapter.

(H)(1) "Total service credit," except as provided in section 145.37 of the Revised Code, means all service credited to a member of the retirement system since last becoming a member, including restored service credit as provided by section 145.31 of the Revised Code; credit purchased under sections 145.293 and 145.299 of the Revised Code; all the member's prior service credit; all the member's military service credit computed as provided in this chapter; all service credit established pursuant to section 145.297 of the Revised Code; and any other service credited under this chapter. In addition, "total service credit" includes any period, not in excess of three years, during which a member was out of service and receiving benefits under Chapters 4121. and 4123. of the Revised Code. For the exclusive purpose of satisfying the service credit requirement and of determining eligibility for benefits under sections 145.32, 145.33, 145.331, 145.35, 145.36, and 145.361 of the Revised Code, "five or more years of total service credit" means sixty or more calendar months of contributing service in this system.

(2) "One and one-half years of contributing service credit," as used in division (B) of section 145.45 of the Revised Code, also means eighteen or more calendar months of employment by a municipal corporation that formerly operated its own retirement plan for its employees or a part of its employees, provided that all employees of that municipal retirement plan who have eighteen or more months of such employment, upon establishing

membership in the public employees retirement system, shall make a payment of the contributions they would have paid had they been members of this system for the eighteen months of employment preceding the date membership was established. When that payment has been made by all such employee members, a corresponding payment shall be paid into the employers' accumulation fund by that municipal corporation as the employer of the employees.

(3) Where a member also is a member of the state teachers retirement system or the school employees retirement system, or both, except in cases of retirement on a combined basis pursuant to section 145.37 of the Revised Code or as provided in section 145.383 of the Revised Code, service credit for any period shall be credited on the basis of the ratio that contributions to the public employees retirement system bear to total contributions in all state retirement systems.

(4) Not more than one year of credit may be given for any period of twelve months.

(5) "Ohio service credit" means credit for service that was rendered to the state or any of its political subdivisions or any employer.

(I) "Regular interest" means interest at any rates for the respective funds and accounts as the public employees retirement board may determine from time to time.

(J) "Accumulated contributions" means the sum of all amounts credited to a contributor's individual account in the employees' savings fund together with any interest credited to the contributor's account under section 145.471 or 145.472 of the Revised Code.

(K)(1) "Final average salary" means the quotient obtained by dividing by three the sum of the three full calendar years of contributing service in which the member's earnable salary was highest, except that if the member has a partial year of contributing service in the year the member's employment terminates and the member's earnable salary for the partial year is higher than for any comparable period in the three years, the member's earnable salary for the partial year shall be substituted for the member's earnable salary for the comparable period during the three years in which the member's earnable salary was lowest.

(2) If a member has less than three years of contributing service, the member's final average salary shall be the member's total earnable salary divided by the total number of years, including any fraction of a year, of the member's contributing service.

(3) For the purpose of calculating benefits payable to a member qualifying for service credit under division (Z) of this section, "final average

salary" means the total earnable salary on which contributions were made divided by the total number of years during which contributions were made, including any fraction of a year. If contributions were made for less than twelve months, "final average salary" means the member's total earnable salary.

(L) "Annuity" means payments for life derived from contributions made by a contributor and paid from the annuity and pension reserve fund as provided in this chapter. All annuities shall be paid in twelve equal monthly installments.

(M) "Annuity reserve" means the present value, computed upon the basis of the mortality and other tables adopted by the board, of all payments to be made on account of any annuity, or benefit in lieu of any annuity, granted to a retiree as provided in this chapter.

(N)(1) "Disability retirement" means retirement as provided in section 145.36 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Disability allowance" means an allowance paid on account of disability under section 145.361 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Disability benefit" means a benefit paid as disability retirement under section 145.36 of the Revised Code, as a disability allowance under section 145.361 of the Revised Code, or as a disability benefit under section 145.37 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Disability benefit recipient" means a member who is receiving a disability benefit.

(O) "Age and service retirement" means retirement as provided in sections 145.32, 145.33, 145.331, 145.34, 145.37, and 145.46 of the Revised Code.

(P) "Pensions" means annual payments for life derived from contributions made by the employer that at the time of retirement are credited into the annuity and pension reserve fund from the employers' accumulation fund and paid from the annuity and pension reserve fund as provided in this chapter. All pensions shall be paid in twelve equal monthly installments.

(Q) "Retirement allowance" means the pension plus that portion of the benefit derived from contributions made by the member.

(R)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (R) of this section, "earnable salary" means all salary, wages, and other earnings paid to a contributor by reason of employment in a position covered by the retirement system. The salary, wages, and other earnings shall be determined prior to determination of the amount required to be contributed to the employees' savings fund under section 145.47 of the Revised Code and without regard

to whether any of the salary, wages, or other earnings are treated as deferred income for federal income tax purposes. "Earnable salary" includes the following:

(a) Payments made by the employer in lieu of salary, wages, or other earnings for sick leave, personal leave, or vacation used by the contributor;

(b) Payments made by the employer for the conversion of sick leave, personal leave, and vacation leave accrued, but not used if the payment is made during the year in which the leave is accrued, except that payments made pursuant to section 124.383 or 124.386 of the Revised Code are not earnable salary;

(c) Allowances paid by the employer for full maintenance, consisting of housing, laundry, and meals, as certified to the retirement board by the employer or the head of the department that employs the contributor;

(d) Fees and commissions paid under section 507.09 of the Revised Code;

(e) Payments that are made under a disability leave program sponsored by the employer and for which the employer is required by section 145.296 of the Revised Code to make periodic employer and employee contributions;

(f) Amounts included pursuant to divisions (K)(3) and (Y) of this section.

(2) "Earnable salary" does not include any of the following:

(a) Fees and commissions, other than those paid under section 507.09 of the Revised Code, paid as sole compensation for personal services and fees and commissions for special services over and above services for which the contributor receives a salary;

(b) Amounts paid by the employer to provide life insurance, sickness, accident, endowment, health, medical, hospital, dental, or surgical coverage, or other insurance for the contributor or the contributor's family, or amounts paid by the employer to the contributor in lieu of providing the insurance;

(c) Incidental benefits, including lodging, food, laundry, parking, or services furnished by the employer, or use of the employer's property or equipment, or amounts paid by the employer to the contributor in lieu of providing the incidental benefits;

(d) Reimbursement for job-related expenses authorized by the employer, including moving and travel expenses and expenses related to professional development;

(e) Payments for accrued but unused sick leave, personal leave, or vacation that are made at any time other than in the year in which the sick leave, personal leave, or vacation was accrued;

(f) Payments made to or on behalf of a contributor that are in excess of the annual compensation that may be taken into account by the retirement system under division (a)(17) of section 401 of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C.A. 401(a)(17), as amended;

(g) Payments made under division (B), (C), or (E) of section 5923.05 of the Revised Code, Section 4 of Substitute Senate Bill No. 3 of the 119th general assembly, Section 3 of Amended Substitute Senate Bill No. 164 of the 124th general assembly, or Amended Substitute House Bill No. 405 of the 124th general assembly;

(h) Anything of value received by the contributor that is based on or attributable to retirement or an agreement to retire, except that payments made on or before January 1, 1989, that are based on or attributable to an agreement to retire shall be included in earnable salary if both of the following apply:

(i) The payments are made in accordance with contract provisions that were in effect prior to January 1, 1986;

(ii) The employer pays the retirement system an amount specified by the retirement board equal to the additional liability resulting from the payments.

(3) The retirement board shall determine by rule whether any compensation not enumerated in division (R) of this section is earnable salary, and its decision shall be final.

(S) "Pension reserve" means the present value, computed upon the basis of the mortality and other tables adopted by the board, of all payments to be made on account of any retirement allowance or benefit in lieu of any retirement allowance, granted to a member or beneficiary under this chapter.

(T)(1) "Contributing service" means all service credited to a member of the system since January 1, 1935, for which contributions are made as required by sections 145.47, 145.48, and 145.483 of the Revised Code. In any year subsequent to 1934, credit for any service shall be allowed by the following formula:

(a) For each month for which the member's earnable salary is two hundred fifty dollars or more, allow one month's credit.

(b) For each month for which the member's earnable salary is less than two hundred fifty dollars, allow a fraction of a month's credit. The numerator of this fraction shall be the earnable salary during the month, and the denominator shall be two hundred fifty dollars, except that if the member's annual earnable salary is less than six hundred dollars, the member's credit shall not be reduced below twenty per cent of a year for a calendar year of employment during which the member worked each month.

Division (T)(1)(b) of this section shall not reduce any credit earned before January 1, 1985.

(2) Notwithstanding division (T)(1) of this section, an elected official who prior to January 1, 1980, was granted a full year of credit for each year of service as an elected official shall be considered to have earned a full year of credit for each year of service regardless of whether the service was full-time or part-time. The public employees retirement board has no authority to reduce the credit.

(U) "State retirement board" means the public employees retirement board, the school employees retirement board, or the state teachers retirement board.

(V) "Retirant" means any former member who retires and is receiving a monthly allowance as provided in sections 145.32, 145.33, 145.331, 145.34, and 145.46 of the Revised Code.

(W) "Employer contribution" means the amount paid by an employer as determined under section 145.48 of the Revised Code.

(X) "Public service terminates" means the last day for which a public employee is compensated for services performed for an employer or the date of the employee's death, whichever occurs first.

(Y) When a member has been elected or appointed to an office, the term of which is two or more years, for which an annual salary is established, and in the event that the salary of the office is increased and the member is denied the additional salary by reason of any constitutional provision prohibiting an increase in salary during a term of office, the member may elect to have the amount of the member's contributions calculated upon the basis of the increased salary for the office. At the member's request, the board shall compute the total additional amount the member would have contributed, or the amount by which each of the member's contributions would have increased, had the member received the increased salary for the office the member holds. If the member elects to have the amount by which the member's contribution would have increased withheld from the member's salary, the member shall notify the employer, and the employer shall make the withholding and transmit it to the retirement system. A member who has not elected to have that amount withheld may elect at any time to make a payment to the retirement system equal to the additional amount the member's contribution would have increased, plus interest on that contribution, compounded annually at a rate established by the board and computed from the date on which the last contribution would have been withheld from the member's salary to the date of payment. A member may make a payment for part of the period for which the increased contribution

was not withheld, in which case the interest shall be computed from the date the last contribution would have been withheld for the period for which the payment is made. Upon the payment of the increased contributions as provided in this division, the increased annual salary as provided by law for the office for the period for which the member paid increased contributions thereon shall be used in determining the member's earnable salary for the purpose of computing the member's final average salary.

(Z) "Five years of service credit," for the exclusive purpose of satisfying the service credit requirements and of determining eligibility for benefits under section 145.33 of the Revised Code, means employment covered under this chapter or under a former retirement plan operated, recognized, or endorsed by the employer prior to coverage under this chapter or under a combination of the coverage.

(AA) "Deputy sheriff" means any person who is commissioned and employed as a full-time peace officer by the sheriff of any county, and has been so employed since on or before December 31, 1965; any person who is or has been commissioned and employed as a peace officer by the sheriff of any county since January 1, 1966, and who has received a certificate attesting to the person's satisfactory completion of the peace officer training school as required by section 109.77 of the Revised Code; or any person deputized by the sheriff of any county and employed pursuant to section 2301.12 of the Revised Code as a criminal bailiff or court constable who has received a certificate attesting to the person's satisfactory completion of the peace officer training school as required by section 109.77 of the Revised Code.

(BB) "Township constable or police officer in a township police department or district" means any person who is commissioned and employed as a full-time peace officer pursuant to Chapter 505. or 509. of the Revised Code, who has received a certificate attesting to the person's satisfactory completion of the peace officer training school as required by section 109.77 of the Revised Code.

(CC) "Drug agent" means any person who is either of the following:

(1) Employed full time as a narcotics agent by a county narcotics agency created pursuant to section 307.15 of the Revised Code and has received a certificate attesting to the satisfactory completion of the peace officer training school as required by section 109.77 of the Revised Code;

(2) Employed full time as an undercover drug agent as defined in section 109.79 of the Revised Code and is in compliance with section 109.77 of the Revised Code.

(DD) "Department of public safety enforcement agent" means a

full-time employee of the department of public safety who is designated under section 5502.14 of the Revised Code as an enforcement agent and who is in compliance with section 109.77 of the Revised Code.

(EE) "Natural resources law enforcement staff officer" means a full-time employee of the department of natural resources who is designated a natural resources law enforcement staff officer under section 1501.013 of the Revised Code and is in compliance with section 109.77 of the Revised Code.

(FF) "Park officer" means a full-time employee of the department of natural resources who is designated a park officer under section 1541.10 of the Revised Code and is in compliance with section 109.77 of the Revised Code.

(GG) "Forest officer" means a full-time employee of the department of natural resources who is designated a forest officer under section 1503.29 of the Revised Code and is in compliance with section 109.77 of the Revised Code.

(HH) "Preserve officer" means a full-time employee of the department of natural resources who is designated a preserve officer under section 1517.10 of the Revised Code and is in compliance with section 109.77 of the Revised Code.

(II) "Wildlife officer" means a full-time employee of the department of natural resources who is designated a wildlife officer under section 1531.13 of the Revised Code and is in compliance with section 109.77 of the Revised Code.

(JJ) "State watercraft officer" means a full-time employee of the department of natural resources who is designated a state watercraft officer under section 1547.521 of the Revised Code and is in compliance with section 109.77 of the Revised Code.

(KK) "Park district police officer" means a full-time employee of a park district who is designated pursuant to section 511.232 or 1545.13 of the Revised Code and is in compliance with section 109.77 of the Revised Code.

(LL) "Conservancy district officer" means a full-time employee of a conservancy district who is designated pursuant to section 6101.75 of the Revised Code and is in compliance with section 109.77 of the Revised Code.

(MM) "Municipal police officer" means a member of the organized police department of a municipal corporation who is employed full time, is in compliance with section 109.77 of the Revised Code, and is not a member of the Ohio police and fire pension fund.

(NN) "Veterans' home police officer" means any person who is employed at a veterans' home as a police officer pursuant to section 5907.02 of the Revised Code and is in compliance with section 109.77 of the Revised Code.

(OO) "Special police officer for a mental health institution" means any person who is designated as such pursuant to section 5119.14 of the Revised Code and is in compliance with section 109.77 of the Revised Code.

(PP) "Special police officer for an institution for the mentally retarded and developmentally disabled" means any person who is designated as such pursuant to section 5123.13 of the Revised Code and is in compliance with section 109.77 of the Revised Code.

(QQ) "State university law enforcement officer" means any person who is employed full time as a state university law enforcement officer pursuant to section 3345.04 of the Revised Code and who is in compliance with section 109.77 of the Revised Code.

(RR) "House sergeant at arms" means any person appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives under division (B)(1) of section 101.311 of the Revised Code who has arrest authority under division (E)(1) of that section.

(SS) "Assistant house sergeant at arms" means any person appointed by the house sergeant at arms under division (C)(1) of section 101.311 of the Revised Code.

(TT) "Regional transit authority police officer" means a person who is employed full time as a regional transit authority police officer under division (Y) of section 306.35 of the Revised Code and is in compliance with section 109.77 of the Revised Code.

(UU) "State highway patrol police officer" means a special police officer employed full time and designated by the superintendent of the state highway patrol pursuant to section 5503.09 of the Revised Code or a person serving full time as a special police officer pursuant to that section on a permanent basis on October 21, 1997, who is in compliance with section 109.77 of the Revised Code.

(VV) "Municipal public safety director" means a person who serves full time as the public safety director of a municipal corporation with the duty of directing the activities of the municipal corporation's police department and fire department.

(WW) Notwithstanding section 2901.01 of the Revised Code, "PERS law enforcement officer" means a sheriff or any of the following whose primary duties are to preserve the peace, protect life and property, and enforce the laws of this state: a deputy sheriff, township constable or police

officer in a township police department or district, drug agent, department of public safety enforcement agent, natural resources law enforcement staff officer, park officer, forest officer, preserve officer, wildlife officer, state watercraft officer, park district police officer, conservancy district officer, veterans' home police officer, special police officer for a mental health institution, special police officer for an institution for the mentally retarded and developmentally disabled, state university law enforcement officer, municipal police officer, house sergeant at arms, assistant house sergeant at arms, regional transit authority police officer, or state highway patrol police officer. PERS law enforcement officer also includes a person serving as a municipal public safety director at any time during the period from September 29, 2005, to March 24, 2009, if the duties of that service were to preserve the peace, protect life and property, and enforce the laws of this state.

(XX) "Hamilton county municipal court bailiff" means a person appointed by the clerk of courts of the Hamilton county municipal court under division (A)(3) of section 1901.32 of the Revised Code who is employed full time as a bailiff or deputy bailiff, who has received a certificate attesting to the person's satisfactory completion of the peace officer basic training described in division (D)(1) of section 109.77 of the Revised Code.

(YY) "PERS public safety officer" means a Hamilton county municipal court bailiff, or any of the following whose primary duties are other than to preserve the peace, protect life and property, and enforce the laws of this state: a deputy sheriff, township constable or police officer in a township police department or district, drug agent, department of public safety enforcement agent, natural resources law enforcement staff officer, park officer, forest officer, preserve officer, wildlife officer, state watercraft officer, park district police officer, conservancy district officer, veterans' home police officer, special police officer for a mental health institution, special police officer for an institution for the mentally retarded and developmentally disabled, state university law enforcement officer, municipal police officer, house sergeant at arms, assistant house sergeant at arms, regional transit authority police officer, or state highway patrol police officer. "PERS public safety officer" also includes a person serving as a municipal public safety director at any time during the period from September 29, 2005, to March 24, 2009, if the duties of that service were other than to preserve the peace, protect life and property, and enforce the laws of this state.

(ZZ) "Fiduciary" means a person who does any of the following:

(1) Exercises any discretionary authority or control with respect to the management of the system or with respect to the management or disposition of its assets;

(2) Renders investment advice for a fee, direct or indirect, with respect to money or property of the system;

(3) Has any discretionary authority or responsibility in the administration of the system.

(AAA) "Actuary" means an individual who satisfies all of the following requirements:

(1) Is a member of the American academy of actuaries;

(2) Is an associate or fellow of the society of actuaries;

(3) Has a minimum of five years' experience in providing actuarial services to public retirement plans.

(BBB) "PERS defined benefit plan" means the plan described in sections 145.201 to 145.79 of the Revised Code.

(CCC) "PERS defined contribution plans" means the plan or plans established under section 145.81 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 145.012. (A) "Public employee," as defined in division (A) of section 145.01 of the Revised Code, does not include any person:

(1) Who is employed by a private, temporary-help service and performs services under the direction of a public employer or is employed on a contractual basis as an independent contractor under a personal service contract with a public employer;

(2) Who is an emergency employee serving on a temporary basis in case of fire, snow, earthquake, flood, or other similar emergency;

(3) Who is employed in a program established pursuant to the "Job Training Partnership Act," 96 Stat. 1322 (1982), 29 U.S.C.A. 1501;

(4) Who is an appointed member of either the motor vehicle salvage dealers board or the motor vehicle dealer's board whose rate and method of payment are determined pursuant to division (J) of section 124.15 of the Revised Code;

(5) Who is employed as an election worker and paid less than five hundred dollars per calendar year for that service;

(6) Who is employed as a firefighter in a position requiring satisfactory completion of a firefighter training course approved under former section 3303.07 or section 4765.55 of the Revised Code or conducted under section 3737.33 of the Revised Code except for the following:

(a) Any firefighter who has elected under section 145.013 of the Revised Code to remain a contributing member of the public employees retirement system;

(b) Any firefighter who was eligible to transfer from the public employees retirement system to the Ohio police and fire pension fund under section 742.51 or 742.515 of the Revised Code and did not elect to transfer;

(c) Any firefighter who has elected under section 742.516 of the Revised Code to transfer from the Ohio police and fire pension fund to the public employees retirement system.

(7) Who is a member of the board of health of a city or general health district, which pursuant to sections 3709.051 and 3709.07 of the Revised Code includes a combined health district, and whose compensation for attendance at meetings of the board is set forth in division (B) of section 3709.02 or division (B) of section 3709.05 of the Revised Code, as appropriate;

(8) Who participates in an alternative retirement plan established under Chapter 3305. of the Revised Code;

(9) Who is a member of the board of directors of a sanitary district established under Chapter 6115. of the Revised Code;

(10) Who is a member of the unemployment compensation advisory council;

(11) Who is an employee, officer, or governor-appointed member of the board of directors of the nonprofit corporation formed under section 187.01 of the Revised Code;

(12) Who is employed by the nonprofit entity established to provide advocacy services and a client assistance program for people with disabilities under Section 319.20 of Am. Sub. H.B. 153 of the 129th general assembly and whose employment begins on or after October 1, 2012.

(B) No inmate of a correctional institution operated by the department of rehabilitation and correction, no patient in a hospital for the mentally ill or criminally insane operated by the department of mental health, no resident in an institution for the mentally retarded operated by the department of developmental disabilities, no resident admitted as a patient of a veterans' home operated under Chapter 5907. of the Revised Code, and no resident of a county home shall be considered as a public employee for the purpose of establishing membership or calculating service credit or benefits under this chapter. Nothing in this division shall be construed to affect any service credit attained by any person who was a public employee before becoming an inmate, patient, or resident at any institution listed in this division, or the payment of any benefit for which such a person or such a person's beneficiaries otherwise would be eligible.

Sec. 149.43. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Public record" means records kept by any public office, including,

but not limited to, state, county, city, village, township, and school district units, and records pertaining to the delivery of educational services by an alternative school in this state kept by the nonprofit or for-profit entity operating the alternative school pursuant to section 3313.533 of the Revised Code. "Public record" does not mean any of the following:

- (a) Medical records;
- (b) Records pertaining to probation and parole proceedings or to proceedings related to the imposition of community control sanctions and post-release control sanctions;
- (c) Records pertaining to actions under section 2151.85 and division (C) of section 2919.121 of the Revised Code and to appeals of actions arising under those sections;
- (d) Records pertaining to adoption proceedings, including the contents of an adoption file maintained by the department of health under section 3705.12 of the Revised Code;
- (e) Information in a record contained in the putative father registry established by section 3107.062 of the Revised Code, regardless of whether the information is held by the department of job and family services or, pursuant to section 3111.69 of the Revised Code, the office of child support in the department or a child support enforcement agency;
- (f) Records listed in division (A) of section 3107.42 of the Revised Code or specified in division (A) of section 3107.52 of the Revised Code;
- (g) Trial preparation records;
- (h) Confidential law enforcement investigatory records;
- (i) Records containing information that is confidential under section 2710.03 or 4112.05 of the Revised Code;
- (j) DNA records stored in the DNA database pursuant to section 109.573 of the Revised Code;
- (k) Inmate records released by the department of rehabilitation and correction to the department of youth services or a court of record pursuant to division (E) of section 5120.21 of the Revised Code;
- (l) Records maintained by the department of youth services pertaining to children in its custody released by the department of youth services to the department of rehabilitation and correction pursuant to section 5139.05 of the Revised Code;
- (m) Intellectual property records;
- (n) Donor profile records;
- (o) Records maintained by the department of job and family services pursuant to section 3121.894 of the Revised Code;
- (p) Peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting

attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, community-based correctional facility employee, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT, or investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation residential and familial information;

(q) In the case of a county hospital operated pursuant to Chapter 339. of the Revised Code or a municipal hospital operated pursuant to Chapter 749. of the Revised Code, information that constitutes a trade secret, as defined in section 1333.61 of the Revised Code;

(r) Information pertaining to the recreational activities of a person under the age of eighteen;

(s) Records provided to, statements made by review board members during meetings of, and all work products of a child fatality review board acting under sections 307.621 to 307.629 of the Revised Code, and child fatality review data submitted by the child fatality review board to the department of health or a national child death review database, other than the report prepared pursuant to division (A) of section 307.626 of the Revised Code;

(t) Records provided to and statements made by the executive director of a public children services agency or a prosecuting attorney acting pursuant to section 5153.171 of the Revised Code other than the information released under that section;

(u) Test materials, examinations, or evaluation tools used in an examination for licensure as a nursing home administrator that the board of examiners of nursing home administrators administers under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code or contracts under that section with a private or government entity to administer;

(v) Records the release of which is prohibited by state or federal law;

(w) Proprietary information of or relating to any person that is submitted to or compiled by the Ohio venture capital authority created under section 150.01 of the Revised Code;

(x) Information reported and evaluations conducted pursuant to section 3701.072 of the Revised Code;

(y) Financial statements and data any person submits for any purpose to the Ohio housing finance agency or the controlling board in connection with applying for, receiving, or accounting for financial assistance from the agency, and information that identifies any individual who benefits directly or indirectly from financial assistance from the agency;

(z) Records listed in section 5101.29 of the Revised Code;

(aa) Discharges recorded with a county recorder under section 317.24 of the Revised Code, as specified in division (B)(2) of that section;

(bb) Usage information including names and addresses of specific residential and commercial customers of a municipally owned or operated public utility.

(2) "Confidential law enforcement investigatory record" means any record that pertains to a law enforcement matter of a criminal, quasi-criminal, civil, or administrative nature, but only to the extent that the release of the record would create a high probability of disclosure of any of the following:

(a) The identity of a suspect who has not been charged with the offense to which the record pertains, or of an information source or witness to whom confidentiality has been reasonably promised;

(b) Information provided by an information source or witness to whom confidentiality has been reasonably promised, which information would reasonably tend to disclose the source's or witness's identity;

(c) Specific confidential investigatory techniques or procedures or specific investigatory work product;

(d) Information that would endanger the life or physical safety of law enforcement personnel, a crime victim, a witness, or a confidential information source.

(3) "Medical record" means any document or combination of documents, except births, deaths, and the fact of admission to or discharge from a hospital, that pertains to the medical history, diagnosis, prognosis, or medical condition of a patient and that is generated and maintained in the process of medical treatment.

(4) "Trial preparation record" means any record that contains information that is specifically compiled in reasonable anticipation of, or in defense of, a civil or criminal action or proceeding, including the independent thought processes and personal trial preparation of an attorney.

(5) "Intellectual property record" means a record, other than a financial or administrative record, that is produced or collected by or for faculty or staff of a state institution of higher learning in the conduct of or as a result of study or research on an educational, commercial, scientific, artistic, technical, or scholarly issue, regardless of whether the study or research was sponsored by the institution alone or in conjunction with a governmental body or private concern, and that has not been publicly released, published, or patented.

(6) "Donor profile record" means all records about donors or potential donors to a public institution of higher education except the names and reported addresses of the actual donors and the date, amount, and conditions of the actual donation.

(7) "Peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, community-based correctional facility employee, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT, or investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation residential and familial information" means any information that discloses any of the following about a peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, community-based correctional facility employee, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT, or investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation:

(a) The address of the actual personal residence of a peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff, assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, community-based correctional facility employee, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT, or an investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, except for the state or political subdivision in which the peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff, assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, community-based correctional facility employee, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT, or investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation resides;

(b) Information compiled from referral to or participation in an employee assistance program;

(c) The social security number, the residential telephone number, any bank account, debit card, charge card, or credit card number, or the emergency telephone number of, or any medical information pertaining to, a peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, community-based correctional facility employee, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT, or investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation;

(d) The name of any beneficiary of employment benefits, including, but not limited to, life insurance benefits, provided to a peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, community-based correctional facility employee, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT, or investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation by the peace officer's, parole officer's, probation officer's, bailiff's, prosecuting attorney's, assistant prosecuting attorney's, correctional employee's, community-based correctional facility employee's, youth services employee's, firefighter's, EMT's, or investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation's employer;

(e) The identity and amount of any charitable or employment benefit deduction made by the peace officer's, parole officer's, probation officer's, bailiff's, prosecuting attorney's, assistant prosecuting attorney's, correctional employee's, community-based correctional facility employee's, youth services employee's, firefighter's, EMT's, or investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation's employer from the peace officer's, parole officer's, probation officer's, bailiff's, prosecuting attorney's, assistant prosecuting attorney's, correctional employee's, community-based correctional facility employee's, youth services employee's, firefighter's, EMT's, or investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation's compensation unless the amount of the deduction is required by state or federal law;

(f) The name, the residential address, the name of the employer, the address of the employer, the social security number, the residential telephone number, any bank account, debit card, charge card, or credit card number, or the emergency telephone number of the spouse, a former spouse, or any child of a peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, community-based correctional facility employee, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT, or investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation;

(g) A photograph of a peace officer who holds a position or has an assignment that may include undercover or plain clothes positions or assignments as determined by the peace officer's appointing authority.

As used in divisions (A)(7) and (B)(9) of this section, "peace officer" has the same meaning as in section 109.71 of the Revised Code and also includes the superintendent and troopers of the state highway patrol; it does not include the sheriff of a county or a supervisory employee who, in the absence of the sheriff, is authorized to stand in for, exercise the authority of, and perform the duties of the sheriff.

As used in divisions (A)(7) and (B)(5) of this section, "correctional employee" means any employee of the department of rehabilitation and correction who in the course of performing the employee's job duties has or has had contact with inmates and persons under supervision.

As used in divisions (A)(7) and (B)(5) of this section, "youth services employee" means any employee of the department of youth services who in the course of performing the employee's job duties has or has had contact with children committed to the custody of the department of youth services.

As used in divisions (A)(7) and (B)(9) of this section, "firefighter" means any regular, paid or volunteer, member of a lawfully constituted fire

department of a municipal corporation, township, fire district, or village.

As used in divisions (A)(7) and (B)(9) of this section, "EMT" means EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, and paramedics that provide emergency medical services for a public emergency medical service organization. "Emergency medical service organization," "EMT-basic," "EMT-I," and "paramedic" have the same meanings as in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code.

As used in divisions (A)(7) and (B)(9) of this section, "investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation" has the meaning defined in section 2903.11 of the Revised Code.

(8) "Information pertaining to the recreational activities of a person under the age of eighteen" means information that is kept in the ordinary course of business by a public office, that pertains to the recreational activities of a person under the age of eighteen years, and that discloses any of the following:

(a) The address or telephone number of a person under the age of eighteen or the address or telephone number of that person's parent, guardian, custodian, or emergency contact person;

(b) The social security number, birth date, or photographic image of a person under the age of eighteen;

(c) Any medical record, history, or information pertaining to a person under the age of eighteen;

(d) Any additional information sought or required about a person under the age of eighteen for the purpose of allowing that person to participate in any recreational activity conducted or sponsored by a public office or to use or obtain admission privileges to any recreational facility owned or operated by a public office.

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

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

(11) "Redaction" means obscuring or deleting any information that is exempt from the duty to permit public inspection or copying from an item that otherwise meets the definition of a "record" in section 149.011 of the Revised Code.

(12) "Designee" and "elected official" have the same meanings as in section 109.43 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) Upon request and subject to division (B)(8) of this section, all public records responsive to the request shall be promptly prepared and made available for inspection to any person at all reasonable times during regular business hours. Subject to division (B)(8) of this section, upon

request, a public office or person responsible for public records shall make copies of the requested public record available at cost and within a reasonable period of time. If a public record contains information that is exempt from the duty to permit public inspection or to copy the public record, the public office or the person responsible for the public record shall make available all of the information within the public record that is not exempt. When making that public record available for public inspection or copying that public record, the public office or the person responsible for the public record shall notify the requester of any redaction or make the redaction plainly visible. A redaction shall be deemed a denial of a request to inspect or copy the redacted information, except if federal or state law authorizes or requires a public office to make the redaction.

(2) To facilitate broader access to public records, a public office or the person responsible for public records shall organize and maintain public records in a manner that they can be made available for inspection or copying in accordance with division (B) of this section. A public office also shall have available a copy of its current records retention schedule at a location readily available to the public. If a requester makes an ambiguous or overly broad request or has difficulty in making a request for copies or inspection of public records under this section such that the public office or the person responsible for the requested public record cannot reasonably identify what public records are being requested, the public office or the person responsible for the requested public record may deny the request but shall provide the requester with an opportunity to revise the request by informing the requester of the manner in which records are maintained by the public office and accessed in the ordinary course of the public office's or person's duties.

(3) If a request is ultimately denied, in part or in whole, the public office or the person responsible for the requested public record shall provide the requester with an explanation, including legal authority, setting forth why the request was denied. If the initial request was provided in writing, the explanation also shall be provided to the requester in writing. The explanation shall not preclude the public office or the person responsible for the requested public record from relying upon additional reasons or legal authority in defending an action commenced under division (C) of this section.

(4) Unless specifically required or authorized by state or federal law or in accordance with division (B) of this section, no public office or person responsible for public records may limit or condition the availability of public records by requiring disclosure of the requester's identity or the

intended use of the requested public record. Any requirement that the requester disclose the requestor's identity or the intended use of the requested public record constitutes a denial of the request.

(5) A public office or person responsible for public records may ask a requester to make the request in writing, may ask for the requester's identity, and may inquire about the intended use of the information requested, but may do so only after disclosing to the requester that a written request is not mandatory and that the requester may decline to reveal the requester's identity or the intended use and when a written request or disclosure of the identity or intended use would benefit the requester by enhancing the ability of the public office or person responsible for public records to identify, locate, or deliver the public records sought by the requester.

(6) If any person chooses to obtain a copy of a public record in accordance with division (B) of this section, the public office or person responsible for the public record may require that person to pay in advance the cost involved in providing the copy of the public record in accordance with the choice made by the person seeking the copy under this division. The public office or the person responsible for the public record shall permit that person to choose to have the public record duplicated upon paper, upon the same medium upon which the public office or person responsible for the public record keeps it, or upon any other medium upon which the public office or person responsible for the public record determines that it reasonably can be duplicated as an integral part of the normal operations of the public office or person responsible for the public record. When the person seeking the copy makes a choice under this division, the public office or person responsible for the public record shall provide a copy of it in accordance with the choice made by the person seeking the copy. Nothing in this section requires a public office or person responsible for the public record to allow the person seeking a copy of the public record to make the copies of the public record.

(7) Upon a request made in accordance with division (B) of this section and subject to division (B)(6) of this section, a public office or person responsible for public records shall transmit a copy of a public record to any person by United States mail or by any other means of delivery or transmission within a reasonable period of time after receiving the request for the copy. The public office or person responsible for the public record may require the person making the request to pay in advance the cost of postage if the copy is transmitted by United States mail or the cost of delivery if the copy is transmitted other than by United States mail, and to pay in advance the costs incurred for other supplies used in the mailing,

delivery, or transmission.

Any public office may adopt a policy and procedures that it will follow in transmitting, within a reasonable period of time after receiving a request, copies of public records by United States mail or by any other means of delivery or transmission pursuant to this division. A public office that adopts a policy and procedures under this division shall comply with them in performing its duties under this division.

In any policy and procedures adopted under this division, a public office may limit the number of records requested by a person that the office will transmit by United States mail to ten per month, unless the person certifies to the office in writing that the person does not intend to use or forward the requested records, or the information contained in them, for commercial purposes. For purposes of this division, "commercial" shall be narrowly construed and does not include reporting or gathering news, reporting or gathering information to assist citizen oversight or understanding of the operation or activities of government, or nonprofit educational research.

(8) A public office or person responsible for public records is not required to permit a person who is incarcerated pursuant to a criminal conviction or a juvenile adjudication to inspect or to obtain a copy of any public record concerning a criminal investigation or prosecution or concerning what would be a criminal investigation or prosecution if the subject of the investigation or prosecution were an adult, unless the request to inspect or to obtain a copy of the record is for the purpose of acquiring information that is subject to release as a public record under this section and the judge who imposed the sentence or made the adjudication with respect to the person, or the judge's successor in office, finds that the information sought in the public record is necessary to support what appears to be a justiciable claim of the person.

(9)(a) Upon written request made and signed by a journalist on or after December 16, 1999, a public office, or person responsible for public records, having custody of the records of the agency employing a specified peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, community-based correctional facility employee, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT, or investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall disclose to the journalist the address of the actual personal residence of the peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, community-based correctional facility employee, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT, or investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and

investigation and, if the peace officer's, parole officer's, probation officer's, bailiff's, prosecuting attorney's, assistant prosecuting attorney's, correctional employee's, community-based correctional facility employee's, youth services employee's, firefighter's, EMT's, or investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation's spouse, former spouse, or child is employed by a public office, the name and address of the employer of the peace officer's, parole officer's, probation officer's, bailiff's, prosecuting attorney's, assistant prosecuting attorney's, correctional employee's, community-based correctional facility employee's, youth services employee's, firefighter's, EMT's, or investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation's spouse, former spouse, or child. The request shall include the journalist's name and title and the name and address of the journalist's employer and shall state that disclosure of the information sought would be in the public interest.

(b) Division (B)(9)(a) of this section also applies to journalist requests for customer information maintained by a municipally owned or operated public utility, other than social security numbers and any private financial information such as credit reports, payment methods, credit card numbers, and bank account information.

(c) As used in division (B)(9) of this section, "journalist" means a person engaged in, connected with, or employed by any news medium, including a newspaper, magazine, press association, news agency, or wire service, a radio or television station, or a similar medium, for the purpose of gathering, processing, transmitting, compiling, editing, or disseminating information for the general public.

(C)(1) If a person allegedly is aggrieved by the failure of a public office or the person responsible for public records to promptly prepare a public record and to make it available to the person for inspection in accordance with division (B) of this section or by any other failure of a public office or the person responsible for public records to comply with an obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section, the person allegedly aggrieved may commence a mandamus action to obtain a judgment that orders the public office or the person responsible for the public record to comply with division (B) of this section, that awards court costs and reasonable attorney's fees to the person that instituted the mandamus action, and, if applicable, that includes an order fixing statutory damages under division (C)(1) of this section. The mandamus action may be commenced in the court of common pleas of the county in which division (B) of this section allegedly was not complied with, in the supreme court pursuant to its original jurisdiction under Section 2 of Article IV, Ohio Constitution, or in the court of appeals

for the appellate district in which division (B) of this section allegedly was not complied with pursuant to its original jurisdiction under Section 3 of Article IV, Ohio Constitution.

If a requestor transmits a written request by hand delivery or certified mail to inspect or receive copies of any public record in a manner that fairly describes the public record or class of public records to the public office or person responsible for the requested public records, except as otherwise provided in this section, the requestor shall be entitled to recover the amount of statutory damages set forth in this division if a court determines that the public office or the person responsible for public records failed to comply with an obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section.

The amount of statutory damages shall be fixed at one hundred dollars for each business day during which the public office or person responsible for the requested public records failed to comply with an obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section, beginning with the day on which the requester files a mandamus action to recover statutory damages, up to a maximum of one thousand dollars. The award of statutory damages shall not be construed as a penalty, but as compensation for injury arising from lost use of the requested information. The existence of this injury shall be conclusively presumed. The award of statutory damages shall be in addition to all other remedies authorized by this section.

The court may reduce an award of statutory damages or not award statutory damages if the court determines both of the following:

(a) That, based on the ordinary application of statutory law and case law as it existed at the time of the conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible for the requested public records that allegedly constitutes a failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section and that was the basis of the mandamus action, a well-informed public office or person responsible for the requested public records reasonably would believe that the conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible for the requested public records did not constitute a failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section;

(b) That a well-informed public office or person responsible for the requested public records reasonably would believe that the conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible for the requested public records would serve the public policy that underlies the authority that is asserted as permitting that conduct or threatened conduct.

(2)(a) If the court issues a writ of mandamus that orders the public office or the person responsible for the public record to comply with

division (B) of this section and determines that the circumstances described in division (C)(1) of this section exist, the court shall determine and award to the relator all court costs.

(b) If the court renders a judgment that orders the public office or the person responsible for the public record to comply with division (B) of this section, the court may award reasonable attorney's fees subject to reduction as described in division (C)(2)(c) of this section. The court shall award reasonable attorney's fees, subject to reduction as described in division (C)(2)(c) of this section when either of the following applies:

(i) The public office or the person responsible for the public records failed to respond affirmatively or negatively to the public records request in accordance with the time allowed under division (B) of this section.

(ii) The public office or the person responsible for the public records promised to permit the relator to inspect or receive copies of the public records requested within a specified period of time but failed to fulfill that promise within that specified period of time.

(c) Court costs and reasonable attorney's fees awarded under this section shall be construed as remedial and not punitive. Reasonable attorney's fees shall include reasonable fees incurred to produce proof of the reasonableness and amount of the fees and to otherwise litigate entitlement to the fees. The court may reduce an award of attorney's fees to the relator or not award attorney's fees to the relator if the court determines both of the following:

(i) That, based on the ordinary application of statutory law and case law as it existed at the time of the conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible for the requested public records that allegedly constitutes a failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section and that was the basis of the mandamus action, a well-informed public office or person responsible for the requested public records reasonably would believe that the conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible for the requested public records did not constitute a failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section;

(ii) That a well-informed public office or person responsible for the requested public records reasonably would believe that the conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible for the requested public records as described in division (C)(2)(c)(i) of this section would serve the public policy that underlies the authority that is asserted as permitting that conduct or threatened conduct.

(D) Chapter 1347. of the Revised Code does not limit the provisions of

this section.

(E)(1) To ensure that all employees of public offices are appropriately educated about a public office's obligations under division (B) of this section, all elected officials or their appropriate designees shall attend training approved by the attorney general as provided in section 109.43 of the Revised Code. In addition, all public offices shall adopt a public records policy in compliance with this section for responding to public records requests. In adopting a public records policy under this division, a public office may obtain guidance from the model public records policy developed and provided to the public office by the attorney general under section 109.43 of the Revised Code. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the policy may not limit the number of public records that the public office will make available to a single person, may not limit the number of public records that it will make available during a fixed period of time, and may not establish a fixed period of time before it will respond to a request for inspection or copying of public records, unless that period is less than eight hours.

(2) The public office shall distribute the public records policy adopted by the public office under division (E)(1) of this section to the employee of the public office who is the records custodian or records manager or otherwise has custody of the records of that office. The public office shall require that employee to acknowledge receipt of the copy of the public records policy. The public office shall create a poster that describes its public records policy and shall post the poster in a conspicuous place in the public office and in all locations where the public office has branch offices. The public office may post its public records policy on the internet web site of the public office if the public office maintains an internet web site. A public office that has established a manual or handbook of its general policies and procedures for all employees of the public office shall include the public records policy of the public office in the manual or handbook.

(F)(1) The bureau of motor vehicles may adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to reasonably limit the number of bulk commercial special extraction requests made by a person for the same records or for updated records during a calendar year. The rules may include provisions for charges to be made for bulk commercial special extraction requests for the actual cost of the bureau, plus special extraction costs, plus ten per cent. The bureau may charge for expenses for redacting information, the release of which is prohibited by law.

(2) As used in division (F)(1) of this section:

(a) "Actual cost" means the cost of depleted supplies, records storage

media costs, actual mailing and alternative delivery costs, or other transmitting costs, and any direct equipment operating and maintenance costs, including actual costs paid to private contractors for copying services.

(b) "Bulk commercial special extraction request" means a request for copies of a record for information in a format other than the format already available, or information that cannot be extracted without examination of all items in a records series, class of records, or data base by a person who intends to use or forward the copies for surveys, marketing, solicitation, or resale for commercial purposes. "Bulk commercial special extraction request" does not include a request by a person who gives assurance to the bureau that the person making the request does not intend to use or forward the requested copies for surveys, marketing, solicitation, or resale for commercial purposes.

(c) "Commercial" means profit-seeking production, buying, or selling of any good, service, or other product.

(d) "Special extraction costs" means the cost of the time spent by the lowest paid employee competent to perform the task, the actual amount paid to outside private contractors employed by the bureau, or the actual cost incurred to create computer programs to make the special extraction. "Special extraction costs" include any charges paid to a public agency for computer or records services.

(3) For purposes of divisions (F)(1) and (2) of this section, "surveys, marketing, solicitation, or resale for commercial purposes" shall be narrowly construed and does not include reporting or gathering news, reporting or gathering information to assist citizen oversight or understanding of the operation or activities of government, or nonprofit educational research.

Sec. 151.01. (A) As used in sections 151.01 to 151.11 and 151.40 of the Revised Code and in the applicable bond proceedings unless otherwise provided:

(1) "Bond proceedings" means the resolutions, orders, agreements, and credit enhancement facilities, and amendments and supplements to them, or any one or more or combination of them, authorizing, awarding, or providing for the terms and conditions applicable to or providing for the security or liquidity of, the particular obligations, and the provisions contained in those obligations.

(2) "Bond service fund" means the respective bond service fund created by section 151.03, 151.04, 151.05, 151.06, 151.07, 151.08, 151.09, 151.10, 151.11, or 151.40 of the Revised Code, and any accounts in that fund, including all moneys and investments, and earnings from investments, credited and to be credited to that fund and accounts as and to the extent

provided in the applicable bond proceedings.

(3) "Capital facilities" means capital facilities or projects as referred to in section 151.03, 151.04, 151.05, 151.06, 151.07, 151.08, 151.09, 151.10, 151.11, or 151.40 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Costs of capital facilities" means the costs of acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, rehabilitating, remodeling, renovating, enlarging, improving, equipping, or furnishing capital facilities, and of the financing of those costs. "Costs of capital facilities" includes, without limitation, and in addition to costs referred to in section 151.03, 151.04, 151.05, 151.06, 151.07, 151.08, 151.09, 151.10, 151.11, or 151.40 of the Revised Code, the cost of clearance and preparation of the site and of any land to be used in connection with capital facilities, the cost of any indemnity and surety bonds and premiums on insurance, all related direct administrative expenses and allocable portions of direct costs of the issuing authority, costs of engineering and architectural services, designs, plans, specifications, surveys, and estimates of cost, financing costs, interest on obligations, including but not limited to, interest from the date of their issuance to the time when interest is to be paid from sources other than proceeds of obligations, amounts necessary to establish any reserves as required by the bond proceedings, the reimbursement of all moneys advanced or applied by or borrowed from any person or governmental agency or entity for the payment of any item of costs of capital facilities, and all other expenses necessary or incident to planning or determining feasibility or practicability with respect to capital facilities, and such other expenses as may be necessary or incident to the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, remodeling, renovation, enlargement, improvement, equipment, and furnishing of capital facilities, the financing of those costs, and the placing of the capital facilities in use and operation, including any one, part of, or combination of those classes of costs and expenses. For purposes of sections 122.085 to 122.0820 of the Revised Code, "costs of capital facilities" includes "allowable costs" as defined in section 122.085 of the Revised Code.

(5) "Credit enhancement facilities," "financing costs," and "interest" or "interest equivalent" have the same meanings as in section 133.01 of the Revised Code.

(6) "Debt service" means principal, including any mandatory sinking fund or redemption requirements for retirement of obligations, interest and other accreted amounts, interest equivalent, and any redemption premium, payable on obligations. If not prohibited by the applicable bond proceedings, debt service may include costs relating to credit enhancement

facilities that are related to and represent, or are intended to provide a source of payment of or limitation on, other debt service.

(7) "Issuing authority" means the Ohio public facilities commission created in section 151.02 of the Revised Code for obligations issued under section 151.03, 151.04, 151.05, 151.07, 151.08, 151.09, 151.10, or 151.11 of the Revised Code, or the treasurer of state, or the officer who by law performs the functions of that office, for obligations issued under section 151.06 or 151.40 of the Revised Code.

(8) "Net proceeds" means amounts received from the sale of obligations, excluding amounts used to refund or retire outstanding obligations, amounts required to be deposited into special funds pursuant to the applicable bond proceedings, and amounts to be used to pay financing costs.

(9) "Obligations" means bonds, notes, or other evidences of obligation of the state, including any appertaining interest coupons, issued under Section 2k, 2l, 2m, 2n, 2o, 2p, 2q, or 15 of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, and pursuant to sections 151.01 to 151.11 or 151.40 of the Revised Code or other general assembly authorization.

(10) "Principal amount" means the aggregate of the amount as stated or provided for in the applicable bond proceedings as the amount on which interest or interest equivalent on particular obligations is initially calculated. Principal amount does not include any premium paid to the state by the initial purchaser of the obligations. "Principal amount" of a capital appreciation bond, as defined in division (C) of section 3334.01 of the Revised Code, means its face amount, and "principal amount" of a zero coupon bond, as defined in division (J) of section 3334.01 of the Revised Code, means the discounted offering price at which the bond is initially sold to the public, disregarding any purchase price discount to the original purchaser, if provided for pursuant to the bond proceedings.

(11) "Special funds" or "funds," unless the context indicates otherwise, means the bond service fund, and any other funds, including any reserve funds, created under the bond proceedings and stated to be special funds in those proceedings, including moneys and investments, and earnings from investments, credited and to be credited to the particular fund. Special funds do not include the school building program assistance fund created by section 3318.25 of the Revised Code, the higher education improvement fund created by division (F) of section 154.21 of the Revised Code, the higher education improvement taxable fund created by division (G) of section 154.21 of the Revised Code, the highway capital improvement bond fund created by section 5528.53 of the Revised Code, the state parks and natural resources fund created by section 1557.02 of the Revised Code, the

coal research and development fund created by section 1555.15 of the Revised Code, the clean Ohio conservation fund created by section 164.27 of the Revised Code, the clean Ohio revitalization fund created by section 122.658 of the Revised Code, the job ready site development fund created by section 122.0820 of the Revised Code, the third frontier research and development fund created by section 184.19 of the Revised Code, the third frontier research and development taxable bond fund created by section 184.191 of the Revised Code, or other funds created by the bond proceedings that are not stated by those proceedings to be special funds.

(B) Subject to Section 2l, 2m, 2n, 2o, 2p, 2q, or 15, and Section 17, of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, the state, by the issuing authority, is authorized to issue and sell, as provided in sections 151.03 to 151.11 or 151.40 of the Revised Code, and in respective aggregate principal amounts as from time to time provided or authorized by the general assembly, general obligations of this state for the purpose of paying costs of capital facilities or projects identified by or pursuant to general assembly action.

(C) Each issue of obligations shall be authorized by resolution or order of the issuing authority. The bond proceedings shall provide for or authorize the manner for determining the principal amount or maximum principal amount of obligations of an issue, the principal maturity or maturities, the interest rate or rates, the date of and the dates of payment of interest on the obligations, their denominations, and the place or places of payment of debt service which may be within or outside the state. Unless otherwise provided by law, the latest principal maturity may not be later than the earlier of the thirty-first day of December of the twenty-fifth calendar year after the year of issuance of the particular obligations or of the twenty-fifth calendar year after the year in which the original obligation to pay was issued or entered into. Sections 9.96, 9.98, 9.981, 9.982, and 9.983 of the Revised Code apply to obligations. The purpose of the obligations may be stated in the bond proceedings in general terms, such as, as applicable, "financing or assisting in the financing of projects as provided in Section 2l of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution," "financing or assisting in the financing of highway capital improvement projects as provided in Section 2m of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution," "paying costs of capital facilities for a system of common schools throughout the state as authorized by Section 2n of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution," "paying costs of capital facilities for state-supported and state-assisted institutions of higher education as authorized by Section 2n of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution," "paying costs of coal research and development as authorized by Section 15 of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution," "financing or assisting in the financing of local subdivision

capital improvement projects as authorized by Section 2m of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution," "paying costs of conservation projects as authorized by Sections 2o and 2q of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution," "paying costs of revitalization projects as authorized by Sections 2o and 2q of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution," "paying costs of preparing sites for industry, commerce, distribution, or research and development as authorized by Section 2p of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution," or "paying costs of research and development as authorized by Section 2p of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution."

(D) The issuing authority may appoint or provide for the appointment of paying agents, bond registrars, securities depositories, clearing corporations, and transfer agents, and may without need for any other approval retain or contract for the services of underwriters, investment bankers, financial advisers, accounting experts, marketing, remarketing, indexing, and administrative agents, other consultants, and independent contractors, including printing services, as are necessary in the judgment of the issuing authority to carry out the issuing authority's functions under this chapter. When the issuing authority is the Ohio public facilities commission, the issuing authority also may without need for any other approval retain or contract for the services of attorneys and other professionals for that purpose. Financing costs are payable, as may be provided in the bond proceedings, from the proceeds of the obligations, from special funds, or from other moneys available for the purpose.

(E) The bond proceedings may contain additional provisions customary or appropriate to the financing or to the obligations or to particular obligations including, but not limited to, provisions for:

(1) The redemption of obligations prior to maturity at the option of the state or of the holder or upon the occurrence of certain conditions, and at particular price or prices and under particular terms and conditions;

(2) The form of and other terms of the obligations;

(3) The establishment, deposit, investment, and application of special funds, and the safeguarding of moneys on hand or on deposit, in lieu of the applicability of provisions of Chapter 131. or 135. of the Revised Code, but subject to any special provisions of sections 151.01 to 151.11 or 151.40 of the Revised Code with respect to the application of particular funds or moneys. Any financial institution that acts as a depository of any moneys in special funds or other funds under the bond proceedings may furnish indemnifying bonds or pledge securities as required by the issuing authority.

(4) Any or every provision of the bond proceedings being binding upon the issuing authority and upon such governmental agency or entity, officer,

board, commission, authority, agency, department, institution, district, or other person or body as may from time to time be authorized to take actions as may be necessary to perform all or any part of the duty required by the provision;

(5) The maintenance of each pledge or instrument comprising part of the bond proceedings until the state has fully paid or provided for the payment of the debt service on the obligations or met other stated conditions;

(6) In the event of default in any payments required to be made by the bond proceedings, or by any other agreement of the issuing authority made as part of a contract under which the obligations were issued or secured, including a credit enhancement facility, the enforcement of those payments by mandamus, a suit in equity, an action at law, or any combination of those remedial actions;

(7) The rights and remedies of the holders or owners of obligations or of book-entry interests in them, and of third parties under any credit enhancement facility, and provisions for protecting and enforcing those rights and remedies, including limitations on rights of individual holders or owners;

(8) The replacement of mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen obligations;

(9) The funding, refunding, or advance refunding, or other provision for payment, of obligations that will then no longer be outstanding for purposes of this section or of the applicable bond proceedings;

(10) Amendment of the bond proceedings;

(11) Any other or additional agreements with the owners of obligations, and such other provisions as the issuing authority determines, including limitations, conditions, or qualifications, relating to any of the foregoing.

(F) The great seal of the state or a facsimile of it may be affixed to or printed on the obligations. The obligations requiring execution by or for the issuing authority shall be signed as provided in the bond proceedings. Any obligations may be signed by the individual who on the date of execution is the authorized signer although on the date of these obligations that individual is not an authorized signer. In case the individual whose signature or facsimile signature appears on any obligation ceases to be an authorized signer before delivery of the obligation, that signature or facsimile is nevertheless valid and sufficient for all purposes as if that individual had remained the authorized signer until delivery.

(G) Obligations are investment securities under Chapter 1308. of the Revised Code. Obligations may be issued in bearer or in registered form, registrable as to principal alone or as to both principal and interest, or both, or in certificated or uncertificated form, as the issuing authority determines.

Provision may be made for the exchange, conversion, or transfer of obligations and for reasonable charges for registration, exchange, conversion, and transfer. Pending preparation of final obligations, the issuing authority may provide for the issuance of interim instruments to be exchanged for the final obligations.

(H) Obligations may be sold at public sale or at private sale, in such manner, and at such price at, above or below par, all as determined by and provided by the issuing authority in the bond proceedings.

(I) Except to the extent that rights are restricted by the bond proceedings, any owner of obligations or provider of a credit enhancement facility may by any suitable form of legal proceedings protect and enforce any rights relating to obligations or that facility under the laws of this state or granted by the bond proceedings. Those rights include the right to compel the performance of all applicable duties of the issuing authority and the state. Each duty of the issuing authority and that authority's officers, staff, and employees, and of each state entity or agency, or using district or using institution, and its officers, members, staff, or employees, undertaken pursuant to the bond proceedings, is hereby established as a duty of the entity or individual having authority to perform that duty, specifically enjoined by law and resulting from an office, trust, or station within the meaning of section 2731.01 of the Revised Code. The individuals who are from time to time the issuing authority, members or officers of the issuing authority, or those members' designees acting pursuant to section 151.02 of the Revised Code, or the issuing authority's officers, staff, or employees, are not liable in their personal capacities on any obligations or otherwise under the bond proceedings.

(J)(1) Subject to Section 2k, 2l, 2m, 2n, 2o, 2p, 2q, or 15, and Section 17, of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution and sections 151.01 to 151.11 or 151.40 of the Revised Code, the issuing authority may, in addition to the authority referred to in division (B) of this section, authorize and provide for the issuance of:

(a) Obligations in the form of bond anticipation notes, and may provide for the renewal of those notes from time to time by the issuance of new notes. The holders of notes or appertaining interest coupons have the right to have debt service on those notes paid solely from the moneys and special funds that are or may be pledged to that payment, including the proceeds of bonds or renewal notes or both, as the issuing authority provides in the bond proceedings authorizing the notes. Notes may be additionally secured by covenants of the issuing authority to the effect that the issuing authority and the state will do all things necessary for the issuance of bonds or renewal

notes in such principal amount and upon such terms as may be necessary to provide moneys to pay when due the debt service on the notes, and apply their proceeds to the extent necessary, to make full and timely payment of debt service on the notes as provided in the applicable bond proceedings. In the bond proceedings authorizing the issuance of bond anticipation notes the issuing authority shall set forth for the bonds anticipated an estimated schedule of annual principal payments the latest of which shall be no later than provided in division (C) of this section. While the notes are outstanding there shall be deposited, as shall be provided in the bond proceedings for those notes, from the sources authorized for payment of debt service on the bonds, amounts sufficient to pay the principal of the bonds anticipated as set forth in that estimated schedule during the time the notes are outstanding, which amounts shall be used solely to pay the principal of those notes or of the bonds anticipated.

(b) Obligations for the refunding, including funding and retirement, and advance refunding with or without payment or redemption prior to maturity, of any obligations previously issued. Refunding obligations may be issued in amounts sufficient to pay or to provide for repayment of the principal amount, including principal amounts maturing prior to the redemption of the remaining prior obligations, any redemption premium, and interest accrued or to accrue to the maturity or redemption date or dates, payable on the prior obligations, and related financing costs and any expenses incurred or to be incurred in connection with that issuance and refunding. Subject to the applicable bond proceedings, the portion of the proceeds of the sale of refunding obligations issued under division (J)(1)(b) of this section to be applied to debt service on the prior obligations shall be credited to an appropriate separate account in the bond service fund and held in trust for the purpose by the issuing authority or by a corporate trustee. Obligations authorized under this division shall be considered to be issued for those purposes for which the prior obligations were issued.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in sections 151.01 to 151.11 or 151.40 of the Revised Code, bonds or notes authorized pursuant to division (J) of this section are subject to the provisions of those sections pertaining to obligations generally.

(3) The principal amount of refunding or renewal obligations issued pursuant to division (J) of this section shall be in addition to the amount authorized by the general assembly as referred to in division (B) of the following sections: section 151.03, 151.04, 151.05, 151.06, 151.07, 151.08, 151.09, 151.10, 151.11, or 151.40 of the Revised Code.

(K) Obligations are lawful investments for banks, savings and loan

associations, credit union share guaranty corporations, trust companies, trustees, fiduciaries, insurance companies, including domestic for life and domestic not for life, trustees or other officers having charge of sinking and bond retirement or other special funds of the state and political subdivisions and taxing districts of this state, the sinking fund, the administrator of workers' compensation subject to the approval of the workers' compensation board, the state teachers retirement system, the public employees retirement system, the school employees retirement system, and the Ohio police and fire pension fund, notwithstanding any other provisions of the Revised Code or rules adopted pursuant to those provisions by any state agency with respect to investments by them, and are also acceptable as security for the repayment of the deposit of public moneys. The exemptions from taxation in Ohio as provided for in particular sections of the Ohio Constitution and section 5709.76 of the Revised Code apply to the obligations.

(L)(1) Unless otherwise provided or provided for in any applicable bond proceedings, moneys to the credit of or in a special fund shall be disbursed on the order of the issuing authority. No such order is required for the payment, from the bond service fund or other special fund, when due of debt service or required payments under credit enhancement facilities.

(2) Payments received by the state under interest rate hedges entered into as credit enhancement facilities under this chapter shall be deposited to the credit of the bond service fund for the obligations to which those credit enhancement facilities relate.

(M) The full faith and credit, revenue, and taxing power of the state are and shall be pledged to the timely payment of debt service on outstanding obligations as it comes due, all in accordance with Section 2k, 2l, 2m, 2n, 2o, 2p, 2q, or 15 of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, and section 151.03, 151.04, 151.05, 151.06, 151.07, 151.08, 151.09, 151.10, or 151.11 of the Revised Code. Moneys referred to in Section 5a of Article XII, Ohio Constitution, may not be pledged or used for the payment of debt service except on obligations referred to in section 151.06 of the Revised Code. Net state lottery proceeds, as provided for and referred to in section 3770.06 of the Revised Code, may not be pledged or used for the payment of debt service except on obligations referred to in section 151.03 of the Revised Code. The state covenants, and that covenant shall be controlling notwithstanding any other provision of law, that the state and the applicable officers and agencies of the state, including the general assembly, shall, so long as any obligations are outstanding in accordance with their terms, maintain statutory authority for and cause to be levied, collected and applied sufficient pledged excises, taxes, and revenues of the state so that the

revenues shall be sufficient in amounts to pay debt service when due, to establish and maintain any reserves and other requirements, and to pay financing costs, including costs of or relating to credit enhancement facilities, all as provided for in the bond proceedings. Those excises, taxes, and revenues are and shall be deemed to be levied and collected, in addition to the purposes otherwise provided for by law, to provide for the payment of debt service and financing costs in accordance with sections 151.01 to 151.11 of the Revised Code and the bond proceedings.

(N) The general assembly may from time to time repeal or reduce any excise, tax, or other source of revenue pledged to the payment of the debt service pursuant to Section 2k, 2l, 2m, 2n, 2o, 2p, 2q, or 15 of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, and sections 151.01 to 151.11 or 151.40 of the Revised Code, and may levy, collect and apply any new or increased excise, tax, or revenue to meet the pledge, to the payment of debt service on outstanding obligations, of the state's full faith and credit, revenue and taxing power, or of designated revenues and receipts, except fees, excises or taxes referred to in Section 5a of Article XII, Ohio Constitution, for other than obligations referred to in section 151.06 of the Revised Code and except net state lottery proceeds for other than obligations referred to in section 151.03 of the Revised Code. Nothing in division (N) of this section authorizes any impairment of the obligation of this state to levy and collect sufficient excises, taxes, and revenues to pay debt service on obligations outstanding in accordance with their terms.

(O) Each bond service fund is a trust fund and is hereby pledged to the payment of debt service on the applicable obligations. Payment of that debt service shall be made or provided for by the issuing authority in accordance with the bond proceedings without necessity for any act of appropriation. The bond proceedings may provide for the establishment of separate accounts in the bond service fund and for the application of those accounts only to debt service on specific obligations, and for other accounts in the bond service fund within the general purposes of that fund.

(P) Subject to the bond proceedings pertaining to any obligations then outstanding in accordance with their terms, the issuing authority may in the bond proceedings pledge all, or such portion as the issuing authority determines, of the moneys in the bond service fund to the payment of debt service on particular obligations, and for the establishment and maintenance of any reserves for payment of particular debt service.

(Q) The issuing authority shall by the fifteenth day of July of each fiscal year, certify or cause to be certified to the office of budget and management the total amount of moneys required during the current fiscal year to meet in

full all debt service on the respective obligations and any related financing costs payable from the applicable bond service fund and not from the proceeds of refunding or renewal obligations. The issuing authority shall make or cause to be made supplemental certifications to the office of budget and management for each debt service payment date and at such other times during each fiscal year as may be provided in the bond proceedings or requested by that office. Debt service, costs of credit enhancement facilities, and other financing costs shall be set forth separately in each certification. If and so long as the moneys to the credit of the bond service fund, together with any other moneys available for the purpose, are insufficient to meet in full all payments when due of the amount required as stated in the certificate or otherwise, the office of budget and management shall at the times as provided in the bond proceedings, and consistent with any particular provisions in sections 151.03 to 151.11 and 151.40 of the Revised Code, transfer a sufficient amount to the bond service fund from the pledged revenues in the case of obligations issued pursuant to section 151.40 of the Revised Code, and in the case of other obligations from the revenues derived from excises, taxes, and other revenues, including net state lottery proceeds in the case of obligations referred to in section 151.03 of the Revised Code.

(R) Unless otherwise provided in any applicable bond proceedings, moneys to the credit of special funds may be invested by or on behalf of the state only in one or more of the following:

(1) Notes, bonds, or other direct obligations of the United States or of any agency or instrumentality of the United States, or in no-front-end-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of those obligations, or in repurchase agreements, including those issued by any fiduciary, secured by those obligations, or in collective investment funds consisting exclusively of those obligations;

(2) Obligations of this state or any political subdivision of this state;

(3) Certificates of deposit of any national bank located in this state and any bank, as defined in section 1101.01 of the Revised Code, subject to inspection by the superintendent of financial institutions;

(4) The treasurer of state's pooled investment program under section 135.45 of the Revised Code.

The income from investments referred to in division (R) of this section shall, unless otherwise provided in sections 151.01 to 151.11 or 151.40 of the Revised Code, be credited to special funds or otherwise as the issuing authority determines in the bond proceedings. Those investments may be sold or exchanged at times as the issuing authority determines, provides for,

or authorizes.

(S) The treasurer of state shall have responsibility for keeping records, making reports, and making payments, relating to any arbitrage rebate requirements under the applicable bond proceedings.

Sec. 152.18. Whenever the Ohio building authority constructs, reconstructs, rehabilitates, remodels, renovates, enlarges, improves, alters, maintains, equips, furnishes, repairs, paints, or decorates capital facilities pursuant to section 152.19, 152.21, or 152.31 of the Revised Code or buildings, facilities, and other properties for use and occupancy of persons pursuant to section 152.04 of the Revised Code, the authority shall make the necessary plans and specifications, and shall advertise for bids for all work to be placed under contract once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county within which the work is to be done, and shall award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in accordance with section 9.312 of the Revised Code. When the authority determines, subject to approval by the controlling board, that a real and present emergency exists or if the cost of such a contract does not exceed fifty thousand dollars, such a contract may be awarded without advertising and receipt of bids. A bid guaranty pursuant to sections 153.54 to 153.571 of the Revised Code shall be required for any contract under this section.

In all other cases of capital facilities financed by the authority, the construction, reconstruction, ~~rehabilitation, remodeling, renovation,~~ enlargement, improvement, alteration, ~~maintenance, equipping, furnishing,~~ repair, painting, or decoration of capital facilities by or for the state or any governmental entity shall be the responsibility of the ~~department of administrative services~~ Ohio facilities construction commission or, with the consent of the ~~department of administrative services~~ Ohio facilities construction commission, shall be the responsibility of the state agency using the capital facility, or the governmental entity with which a state agency is participating pursuant to section 152.33 of the Revised Code, and shall be undertaken by the ~~department~~ commission in compliance with Chapter 153. of the Revised Code, or by such state agency or governmental entity in accordance with otherwise applicable law. The rehabilitation, remodeling, renovation, maintenance, equipping, or furnishing of capital facilities by or for the state or any governmental entity shall be the responsibility of the department of administrative services or, with the consent of the department, the state agency or other governmental entity that is using the capital facility.

Sec. 152.24. (A) Except as otherwise provided with respect to leasing of

capital facilities in sections 152.241, 152.242, 152.31, and 152.33 of the Revised Code, the department of administrative services or, with the consent of the department of administrative services, the state agency using an office facility and related storage and parking facilities, or participating in such facilities pursuant to section 152.33 of the Revised Code, shall lease any office facility and related storage and parking facility acquired, purchased, constructed, reconstructed, rehabilitated, remodeled, renovated, enlarged, improved, altered, operated, maintained, equipped, furnished, repaired, painted, decorated, or financed by the Ohio building authority for housing any state agencies. An agreement between the authority and the department of administrative services or such using or participating agency may provide for the transfer of the property to the state after bonds and notes issued by the authority for the purpose of the acquisition, purchase, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, remodeling, renovation, enlargement, improvement, alteration, equipping, furnishing, repair, painting, decorating, or financing of such building or facility have been repaid. A lease between the authority and the department of administrative services or a using or participating agency shall be for a period not exceeding the then current two-year period for which appropriations have been made by the general assembly to the department of administrative services and the state agencies which will occupy or participate in the office facility and related storage and parking facility being leased, and such lease may contain such other terms as the department of administrative services, or a using or participating agency, and the authority agree notwithstanding any other provision of law, including provision that rental payments in amounts at least sufficient to pay bond service charges payable during the current two-year lease term shall be an absolute and unconditional obligation of the department of administrative services, or the using or participating agency, independent of all other duties under the lease without setoff or deduction or any other similar rights or defenses. Such an agreement may provide for renewal of a lease at the end of each term for another term, not exceeding two years, provided that no renewal shall be effective until the effective date of an appropriation enacted by the general assembly from which the department of administrative services, or the using or participating agency, may lawfully pay rentals under such lease. For purposes of this section, the term "lease" may include, without limitation, any agreement between the department of administrative services, or the using or participating agency, and the authority with respect to any costs of capital facilities to be incurred prior to land acquisition.

(B) If the director of administrative services or the director of a state agency using or participating in an office facility and related storage and

parking facility certifies that space in such facility acquired, purchased, constructed, reconstructed, rehabilitated, remodeled, renovated, enlarged, improved, altered, operated, maintained, equipped, furnished, repaired, painted, decorated, or financed by the authority has become unnecessary for state use, the authority may lease any excess space in such facility and related storage and parking facility to any governmental entity.

(C) If space in any office facility leased by the authority to the department of administrative services is not immediately necessary for state use, the department of administrative services may exercise its authority under division (A)~~(9)~~(5) of section 123.01 of the Revised Code with respect to such space.

(D) Capital facilities acquired, purchased, constructed, reconstructed, rehabilitated, remodeled, renovated, enlarged, improved, altered, operated, maintained, equipped, furnished, repaired, painted, decorated, or financed by the Ohio building authority, other than any office facility and related storage and parking facility required to be leased pursuant to division (A) of this section, shall be leased to the department of administrative services, the state agency using the capital facilities, or the state agency participating in the capital facilities pursuant to section 152.33 of the Revised Code. The department of administrative services or the using or participating state agency may sublease such capital facilities to other state agencies or other governmental entities. Such parties, including other state agencies or state-supported or state-assisted institutions of higher education, may make other agreements for the use, construction, or operation of such capital facilities in any manner permitted by the lease or agreement with the authority and for the charging, collection, and deposit of such revenues and receipts of the using or participating state agency constituting available receipts, all upon such terms and conditions as the parties may agree upon and pursuant to this chapter notwithstanding other provisions of law affecting the leasing, acquisition, operation, or disposition of capital facilities by such parties. Any such lease between the authority and the department of administrative services or a using or participating state agency shall be for a period not to exceed the then current two-year period for which appropriations have been made by the general assembly to the department of administrative services or such using or participating state agency. The lease between the authority and the department of administrative services or the using or participating state agency may provide for renewal of the lease at the end of each term for another term, not exceeding two years, but no renewal shall be effective until the effective date of an appropriation enacted by the general assembly from which the

department of administrative services or the using or participating state agency may lawfully pay rentals under such lease. Any such leases, subleases, or agreements may set forth the responsibilities of the authority, state agencies, state-supported, or state-assisted institutions of higher education, or other governmental entities as to the financing, assessment, planning, acquisition, purchase, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, remodeling, renovation, enlargement, improvement, alteration, subleasing, management, operation, maintenance, equipping, furnishing, repair, painting, decorating, and insuring of such capital facilities and other terms and conditions applicable thereto, and any other provisions mutually agreed upon for the purposes of this chapter. Promptly upon execution thereof, a signed or conformed copy of each such lease or sublease or agreement, and any supplement thereto, between the authority and a governmental entity shall be filed by the authority with the department of administrative services and the director of budget and management, and, promptly upon execution thereof, a signed or conformed copy of each such sublease or agreement between two governmental entities, not including the authority, shall be filed with the authority and the director of budget and management. For purposes of this section, the term "lease" may include, without limitation, any agreement between the department of administrative services or the state agency using or participating in such capital facilities and the authority with respect to any costs of capital facilities to be incurred prior to land acquisition.

(E) The transfer of tangible personal property by lease under authority of this chapter is not a sale as used in Chapter 5739. of the Revised Code. Any agreement of a governmental entity to make rental, use, or other payments or payment of purchase price, in installments or otherwise, or repayments to or on account of the authority and the obligations issued by the authority, shall not be deemed to constitute indebtedness, bonded or otherwise, or bonds, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness of such governmental entity for the purpose of Chapter 133. of the Revised Code or any other purpose; such leases and agreements requiring payments beyond the current fiscal year are continuing contracts for the purposes of sections 5705.41 and 5705.44 of the Revised Code.

(F) Any agreement between the department of administrative services or the state agency using or participating in such capital facilities and the authority that includes provision for the use of space by such using or participating state agency or the department of administrative services, even if executed prior to land acquisition or completion of construction, improvements, or financing, shall be a lease for purposes of this chapter and

for all other purposes. No such lease need be recorded or recordable for purposes of determining its validity or legal sufficiency.

Sec. 153.01. (A) Whenever any building or structure for the use of the state or any institution supported in whole or in part by the state or in or upon the public works of the state that is administered by the ~~director of administrative services~~ Ohio facilities construction commission or by any other state officer or state agency authorized by law to administer a project, including an educational institution listed in section 3345.50 of the Revised Code, is to be erected or constructed, whenever additions, alterations, or structural or other improvements are to be made, or whenever heating, cooling, or ventilating plants or other equipment is to be installed or material supplied therefor, the estimated cost of which amounts to two hundred thousand dollars or more, or the amount determined pursuant to section 153.53 of the Revised Code or more, each officer, board, or other authority upon which devolves the duty of constructing, erecting, altering, or installing the same, referred to in sections 153.01 to 153.60 of the Revised Code as the public authority, shall cause to be made, by an architect or engineer whose contract of employment shall be prepared and approved by the attorney general, the following:

(1) Full and accurate plans, suitable for the use of mechanics and other builders in the construction, improvement, addition, alteration, or installation;

(2) Details to scale and full-sized, so drawn and represented as to be easily understood;

(3) Definite and complete specifications of the work to be performed, together with directions that will enable a competent mechanic or other builder to carry them out and afford bidders all needful information;

(4) A full and accurate estimate of each item of expense and the aggregate cost of those items of expense;

(5) A life-cycle cost analysis;

(6) Further data as may be required by the ~~department of administrative services~~ Ohio facilities construction commission.

(B) Division (A) of this section shall not be required with respect to a construction management contract entered into with a construction manager at risk as described in section 9.334 of the Revised Code or a design-build contract entered into with a design-build firm as described in section 153.693 of the Revised Code.

No such construction management contract or design-build contract shall be entered into until the contract and bond, if any, are submitted to the attorney general and the attorney general's approval certified thereon.

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The above boxed and initialed text was disapproved.

Date: JUNE 11 2012

[Signature]
John R. Kasich, Governor

Sec. 153.011. (A) Except as provided in division (D) of this section, whenever any building or structure, including highway improvements, in whole or in part supported by state capital funds, including moneys from the education facilities trust fund, is to be erected or constructed, or whenever additions, alterations, or structural or other improvements are to be made, if any steel products are to be purchased for or provided in the construction, repair, or improvement project, only steel products as defined in division (F) of this section shall be purchased for or provided in the project.

(B)(1) No person shall purchase or provide steel products in violation of division (A) of this section.

(2) Notwithstanding division (B) of section 153.99 of the Revised Code, no person who purchases steel products in violation of division (A) of this section shall be held liable in a civil action commenced under division (C) of this section, or pay a civil penalty under division (B) of section 153.99 of the Revised Code, if that person can demonstrate the person's compliance with division (E) of this section.

(C) Whenever the executive director of ~~administrative services~~ the Ohio facilities construction commission has reasonable cause to believe that any person has purchased or provided steel products in violation of division (A) of this section, the executive director shall conduct an investigation to determine whether the person has purchased or provided or is purchasing or providing steel products in violation of division (A) of this section. Upon conducting the investigation, if the executive director finds that the person has purchased or provided or is purchasing or providing steel products in violation of division (A) of this section, the executive director shall request the attorney general to commence a civil action under this section against the person for violating division (A) of this section. The remedy provided in this section is concurrent with any other remedy provided in this chapter, and the existence or exercise of one remedy does not prevent the exercise of any other. Upon collection of the civil penalty under division (B) of section 153.99 of the Revised Code, pursuant to an action authorized under this section, the attorney general shall pay the money collected to the treasurer of the board of education of the city, local, or exempted village school district and joint vocational school district, if one exists, in which the construction, repair, or improvement project for which the steel products used in violation of division (A) of this section is located. The treasurer shall deposit the civil penalty in equal amounts into the school district's general fund and the joint vocational school district's general fund. If a joint vocational school district does not exist where the violation occurred, then the entire sum of the civil penalty shall be deposited into the school district's general fund.

(D) Pursuant to section 5525.21 of the Revised Code, the director of transportation may authorize the purchase or provision or both of a minimal amount of foreign steel products for use in contracts for public bridge projects.

The executive director of ~~administrative services~~ the Ohio facilities construction commission may waive the requirements of division (A) of this section if the executive director determines that either division (A) or (B) of section 5525.21 of the Revised Code is true in connection with a public bridge project. The executive director shall issue this determination in writing.

(E) The following notice shall be included in boldface type and capital letters in all bid notifications and specifications between all parties to any contract authorized under Chapter 153. of the Revised Code or subject to this section and section 153.99 of the Revised Code: "Domestic steel use requirements as specified in section 153.011 of the Revised Code apply to this project. Copies of section 153.011 of the Revised Code can be obtained from ~~any of the offices~~ office of the ~~department of administrative services~~ Ohio facilities construction commission."

(F) As used in this section:

(1) "Steel products" means products rolled, formed, shaped, drawn, extruded, forged, cast, fabricated or otherwise similarly processed, or processed by a combination of two or more of such operations, and used for load-bearing structural purposes, from steel made in the United States by the open hearth, basic oxygen, electric furnace, bessemer or other steel making process.

(2) "United States" means the United States of America and includes all territory, continental or insular, subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

Sec. 153.013. If a project for the construction, alteration, or other improvement of a building or structure is administered by the executive director of ~~administrative services~~ the Ohio facilities construction commission or by another state agency authorized to administer a project under this chapter, if the project is located in a municipal corporation with a population of at least four hundred thousand that is in a county with a population of at least one million two hundred thousand, and if a political subdivision contributes at least one hundred thousand dollars to the project, then a contractor for the project shall comply with regulations or ordinances of the political subdivision that are in effect before July 1, 2009, and that specifically relate to the employment of residents and local businesses of the political subdivision in the performance of the work of the project, and such

ordinances or regulations shall be included by reference unambiguously in the contract between the administering state agency and the contractor for the project.

Sec. 153.02. (A) The executive director of ~~administrative services, on the director's own initiative or upon request of the Ohio school facilities~~ construction commission, may debar a contractor from contract awards for public improvements as referred to in section 153.01 of the Revised Code or for projects as defined in section 3318.01 of the Revised Code, upon proof that the contractor has done any of the following:

(1) Defaulted on a contract requiring the execution of a takeover agreement as set forth in division (B) of section 153.17 of the Revised Code;

(2) Knowingly failed during the course of a contract to maintain the coverage required by the bureau of workers' compensation;

(3) Knowingly failed during the course of a contract to maintain the contractor's drug-free workplace program as required by the contract;

(4) Knowingly failed during the course of a contract to maintain insurance required by the contract or otherwise by law, resulting in a substantial loss to the owner, as owner is referred to in section 153.01 of the Revised Code, or to the commission and school district board, as provided in division (F) of section 3318.08 of the Revised Code;

(5) Misrepresented the firm's qualifications in the selection process set forth in sections 153.65 to 153.71 or section 3318.10 of the Revised Code;

(6) Been convicted of a criminal offense related to the application for or performance of any public or private contract, including, but not limited to, embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property, and any other offense that directly reflects on the contractor's business integrity;

(7) Been convicted of a criminal offense under state or federal antitrust laws;

(8) Deliberately or willfully submitted false or misleading information in connection with the application for or performance of a public contract;

(9) Been debarred from bidding on or participating in a contract with any state or federal agency.

(B) When the executive director reasonably believes that grounds for debarment exist, the executive director shall send the contractor a notice of proposed debarment indicating the grounds for the proposed debarment and the procedure for requesting a hearing on the proposed debarment. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. If the contractor does not respond with a request for a hearing in the manner specified in Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the executive

director shall issue the debarment decision without a hearing and shall notify the contractor of the decision by certified mail, return receipt requested.

(C) The executive director shall determine the length of the debarment period and may rescind the debarment at any time upon notification to the contractor. During the period of debarment, the contractor is not eligible to bid for or participate in any contract for a public improvement as referred to in section 153.01 of the Revised Code or for a project as defined in section 3318.01 of the Revised Code. After the debarment period expires, the contractor shall be eligible to bid for and participate in such contracts.

(D) The executive director, ~~through the office of the state architect,~~ shall maintain a list of all contractors currently debarred under this section. Any governmental entity awarding a contract for construction of a public improvement or project may use a contractor's presence on the debarment list to determine whether a contractor is responsible or best under section 9.312 or any other section of the Revised Code in the award of a contract.

Sec. 153.04. The plans, details, bills of material, specifications of work, estimates of cost in detail and in the aggregate, life-cycle cost analysis, form of bid, bid guaranty, and other data that may be required shall be prepared on such material and in such manner and form as are prescribed by the ~~department of administrative services~~ Ohio facilities construction commission. The life-cycle costs shall be a primary consideration in the selection of a design. The same shall be deposited and safely kept in the office of the owner as defined in section 153.01 of the Revised Code as the property of the state.

Sec. 153.06. After the proceedings required by sections 153.01 and 153.04 of the Revised Code have been complied with, the owner referred to in section 153.01 of the Revised Code shall give public notice of the time and place when and where bids will be received for performing the labor and furnishing the materials of such construction, improvement, alteration, addition, or installation, and a contract awarded, except for materials manufactured by the state or labor supplied by a county department of job and family services that may enter into the same. The form of bid approved by the ~~department of administrative services~~ Ohio facilities construction commission shall be used, and a bid shall be invalid and not considered unless such form is used without change, alteration, or addition. Bidders may be permitted to bid upon all the branches of work and materials to be furnished and supplied, or upon any thereof, or alternately upon all or any thereof.

Sec. 153.07. The notice provided for in section 153.06 of the Revised Code shall be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in a

newspaper of general circulation, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, in the county where the activity for which bids are submitted is to occur and in such other newspapers as ordered by the ~~department of administrative services~~ Ohio facilities construction commission, the last publication to be at least eight days preceding the day for opening the bids, and in such form and with such phraseology as the ~~department~~ commission orders. Copies of the plans, details, estimates of cost, and specifications shall be open to public inspection at all business hours between the day of the first publication and the day for opening the bids, at the office of the ~~department~~ commission where the bids are received, and such other place as may be designated in such notice.

Sec. 153.08. On the day and at the place named in the notice provided for in section 153.06 of the Revised Code, the owner referred to in section 153.01 of the Revised Code shall open the bids and shall publicly, with the assistance of the architect or engineer, immediately proceed to tabulate the bids upon duplicate sheets. The public bid opening may be broadcast by electronic means pursuant to rules established by the ~~director of administrative services~~ Ohio facilities construction commission. A bid shall be invalid and not considered unless a bid guaranty meeting the requirements of section 153.54 of the Revised Code and in the form approved by the ~~department of administrative services~~ commission is filed with such bid. For a bid that is not filed electronically, the bid and bid guaranty shall be filed in one sealed envelope. If the bid and bid guaranty are filed electronically, they must be received electronically before the deadline published pursuant to section 153.06 of the Revised Code. For all bids filed electronically, the original, unaltered bid guaranty shall be made available to the public authority after the public bid opening. After investigation, which shall be completed within thirty days, the contract shall be awarded by such owner to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in accordance with section 9.312 of the Revised Code.

No contract shall be entered into until the industrial commission has certified that the person so awarded the contract has complied with sections 4123.01 to 4123.94 of the Revised Code, until, if the bidder so awarded the contract is a foreign corporation, the secretary of state has certified that such corporation is authorized to do business in this state, until, if the bidder so awarded the contract is a person nonresident of this state, such person has filed with the secretary of state a power of attorney designating the secretary of state as its agent for the purpose of accepting service of summons in any action brought under section 153.05 of the Revised Code or under sections 4123.01 to 4123.94 of the Revised Code, and until the contract and bond, if

any, are submitted to the attorney general and the attorney general's approval certified thereon.

No contract shall be entered into unless the bidder possesses a valid certificate of compliance with affirmative action programs issued pursuant to section 9.47 of the Revised Code and dated no earlier than one hundred eighty days prior to the date fixed for the opening of bids for a particular project.

Sec. 153.09. If in the opinion of the owner referred to in section 153.01 of the Revised Code, the award of a contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder is not in the best interests of the state, the owner may accept another bid so opened or reject all bids, and advertise for other bids. Such advertisement shall be for such time, in such form, and in such newspaper as the ~~department~~ Ohio facilities construction commission directs. All contracts shall provide that such owner may make any change in work or materials on the conditions and in the manner provided in sections 153.10 and 153.11 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 153.11. Whenever the change referred to in section 153.10 of the Revised Code is approved by the owner as defined in section 153.01 of the Revised Code, accepted in writing by the contractor, and filed, the same shall be considered as being a part of the original contract, and the bond theretofore executed shall be ~~held~~ increased or decreased accordingly to include and cover the ~~same~~ change in the contract.

Sec. 153.12. (A) With respect to award of any contract for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, enlargement, alteration, repair, painting, or decoration of a public improvement made by the state, or any county, township, municipal corporation, school district, or other political subdivision, or any public board, commission, authority, instrumentality, or special purpose district of or in the state or a political subdivision or that is authorized by state law, the award, and execution of the contract, shall be made within sixty days after the date on which the bids are opened. The failure to award and execute the contract within sixty days invalidates the entire bid proceedings and all bids submitted, unless the time for awarding and executing the contract is extended by mutual consent of the owner or its representatives and the bidder whose bid the owner accepts and with respect to whom the owner subsequently awards and executes a contract. The public owners referred to in this section shall include, in the plans and specifications for the project for which bids are solicited, the estimate of cost. The bid for which the award is to be made shall be opened at the time and place named in the advertisement for bids, unless extended by the owner or its representative or unless, within seventy-two hours prior to the

published time for the opening of bids, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, any modification of the plans or specifications and estimates of cost for the project for which bids are solicited is issued and mailed or otherwise furnished to persons who have obtained plans or specifications for the project, for which the time for opening of bids shall be extended one week, with no further advertising of bids required. The contractor, upon request, is entitled to a notice to proceed with the work by the owner or its representative upon execution of the contract. No contract to which this section applies shall be entered into if the price of the contract, or, if the project involves multiple contracts where the total price of all contracts for the project, is in excess of ten per cent above the entire estimate thereof, nor shall the entire cost of the construction, reconstruction, repair, painting, decorating, improvement, alteration, addition, or installation, including changes and estimates of expenses for architects or engineers, exceed in the aggregate the amount authorized by law.

The unit or lump sum price stated in the contract shall be used in determining the amount to be paid and shall constitute full and final compensation for all the work.

Partial payment to the contractor for work performed under the lump sum price shall be based on a schedule prepared by the contractor and approved by the architect or engineer who shall apportion the lump sum price to the major components entering into or forming a part of the work under the lump sum price.

Partial payments to the contractor for labor performed under either a unit or lump sum price contract shall be made at the rate of ninety-two per cent of the estimates prepared by the contractor and approved by the architect or engineer. All labor performed after the job is fifty per cent completed shall be paid for at the rate of one hundred per cent of the estimates submitted by the contractor and approved by the architect or engineer.

The amounts and time of payments of any public improvements contract made by the state or any county, township, municipal corporation, school district, or other political subdivision, or any public board, commission, authority, instrumentality, or special purpose district of or in the state or a political subdivision or that is authorized by state law, except as provided in section 5525.19 of the Revised Code, shall be governed by this section and sections 153.13 and 153.14 of the Revised Code. If the time for awarding the contract is extended by mutual consent, or if the owner or its representative fails to issue a timely notice to proceed as required by this section, the owner or its representative shall issue a change order

authorizing delay costs to the contractor, which does not invalidate the contract. The amount of such a change order to the owner shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of the contract for change orders or force accounts or, if no such provision is set forth in the contract, the cost to the owner shall be the contractor's actual costs including wages, labor costs other than wages, wage taxes, materials, equipment costs and rentals, insurance, and subcontracts attributable to the delay, plus a reasonable sum for overhead. In the event of a dispute between the owner and the contractor concerning such change order, procedures shall be commenced under the applicable terms of the contract, or, if the contract contains no provision for resolving the dispute, it shall be resolved pursuant to the procedures for arbitration in Chapter 2711. of the Revised Code, except as provided in division (B) of this section. Nothing in this division shall be construed as a limitation upon the authority of the director of transportation granted in Chapter 5525. of the Revised Code.

(B) If a dispute arises between the state and a contractor concerning the terms of a public improvement contract let by the state or concerning a breach of the contract, and after administrative remedies provided for in such contract and any alternative dispute resolution procedures provided in accordance with guidelines established by the executive director of ~~administrative services~~ the Ohio facilities construction commission are exhausted, the contractor may bring an action to the court of claims in accordance with Chapter 2743. of the Revised Code. The state or the contractor may request the chief justice of the supreme court to appoint a referee or panel of referees in accordance with division (C)(3) of section 2743.03 of the Revised Code. As used in this division, "dispute" means a disagreement between the state and the contractor concerning a public improvement contract let by the state.

Sec. 153.14. For the construction of those projects, improvements, and public buildings over which the ~~director of administrative services~~ Ohio facilities construction commission has general supervision pursuant to section ~~123.01~~ 123.21 of the Revised Code, the estimates referred to in section 153.13 of the Revised Code shall be filed with the executive director by the owner referred to in section 153.01 or 153.12 of the Revised Code. Upon completion of a project referred to in section 153.13 of the Revised Code or any divisible part thereof, the maintenance and repair of such project or divisible part shall be assumed by the owner referred to in section 153.01 or 153.12 of the Revised Code.

In addition to all other payments on account of work performed, there shall be allowed by the owner referred to in section 153.01 or 153.12 of the

Revised Code and paid to the contractor a sum at the rate of ninety-two per cent of the invoice costs, not to exceed the bid price in a unit price contract, of material delivered on the site of the work, or a railroad station, siding, or other point in the vicinity of the work, or other approved storage site, provided such materials have been inspected and found to meet the specifications. The balance of such invoiced value shall be paid when such material is incorporated into and becomes a part of such building, construction, addition, improvement, alteration, or installation. When an estimate is allowed on account of material delivered on the site of the work or in the vicinity thereof or under the possession and control of the contractor but not yet incorporated therein, such material shall become the property of the owner under the contract, but if such material is stolen, destroyed, or damaged by casualty before being used, the contractor shall be required to replace it at ~~his~~ the contractor's own expense.

When the rate of work and amounts involved are so large that it is considered advisable by the owner or contractor, estimates and payments shall be made twice each month.

Payment on approved estimates filed with the owner or its representative shall be made within thirty days. Upon the failure of the owner or its representative to make such payments within thirty days, or upon an unauthorized withholding of retainage, there shall be allowed to the contractor, in addition to any other remedies allowed by law, interest on such moneys not paid within thirty days. Interest on the unauthorized withholding of retainage shall be in addition to any interest earned in the escrow account set forth in section 153.13 of the Revised Code. The rate of such interest shall be the average of the prime rate established at the commercial banks in the city of over one hundred thousand population that is nearest the construction project. Nothing in this section shall be construed as a limitation upon the authority of the director of transportation granted in Chapter 5525. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 153.16. (A) The executive director of ~~administrative services~~ the Ohio facilities construction commission shall establish policy and procedure guidelines for contract documents in conjunction with the administration of public works contracts that the state or any institution supported in whole or in part by the state enters into for any project subject to sections 153.01 to 153.11 of the Revised Code.

(B) Notwithstanding any contract provision to the contrary, any claim submitted under a public works contract that the state or any institution supported in whole or in part by the state enters into for any project subject to sections 153.01 to 153.11 of the Revised Code shall be resolved within

one hundred twenty days. After the end of this one hundred twenty-day period, the contractor shall be deemed to have exhausted all administrative remedies for purposes of division (B) of section 153.12 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 153.17. (A) When in the opinion of the owner referred to in section 153.01 of the Revised Code, the work under any contract made under any law of the state is neglected by the contractor or such work is not prosecuted with the diligence and force specified or intended in the contract, such owner may make requisition upon the contractor for such additional specific force or materials to be brought into the work under such contract or to remove improper materials from the grounds as in their judgment the contract and its faithful fulfillment requires.

Not less than five days' notice in writing of such action shall be served upon the contractor or the contractor's agent in charge of the work. If the contractor fails to comply with such requisition within fifteen days, such owner with the written consent of the ~~department of administrative services~~ Ohio facilities construction commission, may employ upon the work the additional force, or supply the special materials or such part of either as is considered proper, and may remove improper materials from the grounds.

(B) When the original contractor has defaulted on a contract and the surety has declined to take over the project, the owner may contract with one or more takeover contractors to complete work that was not finished because of the default of the original contractor. The owner may enter into a contract with a takeover contractor without competitive bidding or controlling board approval. Upon execution of a takeover contract, the owner shall notify the director of budget and management.

When the owner has taken over a project after a default has occurred, any moneys that the owner receives from the surety as a settlement for completion of the project shall be deposited in the original fund from which the capital appropriation for the project was made. The executive director, without controlling board approval, may authorize specified additional uses for the moneys related to completion of the project and may increase the appropriation authority in the appropriation line item used to fund the project by an amount equal to the moneys received from the surety.

Sec. 153.502. (A) Each construction manager at risk and design-build firm shall establish criteria by which it will prequalify prospective bidders on subcontracts awarded for work to be performed under the construction management or design-build contract. The criteria established by a construction manager at risk or design-build firm shall be subject to the approval of the public authority involved in the project and shall be

consistent with the rules adopted by the ~~department of administrative services~~ Ohio facilities construction commission pursuant to section 153.503 of the Revised Code.

(B) For each subcontract to be awarded, the construction manager at risk or design-build firm shall identify at least three prospective bidders that are prequalified to bid on that subcontract, except that the construction manager at risk or design-build firm shall identify fewer than three if the construction manager at risk or design-build firm establishes to the satisfaction of the public authority that fewer than three prequalified bidders are available. The public authority shall verify that each prospective bidder meets the prequalification criteria and may eliminate any bidder it determines is not qualified.

(C) Once the prospective bidders are prequalified and found acceptable by the public authority, the construction manager at risk or design-build firm shall solicit proposals from each of those bidders. The solicitation and selection of a subcontractor shall be conducted under an open book pricing method. As used in this division, "open book pricing method" has the same meaning as in section 9.33 of the Revised Code, in the case of a construction manager at risk, and the same meaning as in section 153.65 of the Revised Code, in the case of a design-build firm.

(D) A construction manager at risk or design-build firm shall not be required to award a subcontract to a low bidder.

Sec. 153.503. The ~~department of administrative services~~ Ohio facilities construction commission, pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code ~~and not later than June 30, 2012~~, shall adopt rules to do all of the following:

(A) Prescribe the procedures and criteria for determining the best value selection of a construction manager at risk or design-build firm;

(B) ~~In consultation with the state architect's office, set~~ Set forth standards to be followed by construction managers at risk and design-build firms when establishing prequalification criteria pursuant to section 153.502 of the Revised Code;

(C) Prescribe the form for the contract documents to be used by a construction manager at risk, design-build firm, or general contractor when entering into a subcontract;

(D) Prescribe the form for the contract documents to be used by a public authority when entering into a contract with a construction manager at risk or design-build firm.

Sec. 153.53. (A) As used in this section, "rate of inflation" has the same meaning as in section 107.032 of the Revised Code.

(B) Five years after ~~the effective date of this section~~ September 29,

2011, and every five years thereafter, the executive director of ~~administrative services~~ the Ohio facilities construction commission shall evaluate the monetary threshold specified in section 153.01 of the Revised Code and adopt rules adjusting that amount based on the average rate of inflation during each of the previous five years immediately preceding such adjustment.

Sec. 154.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Commission" means the Ohio public facilities commission created in section 151.02 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Obligations" means bonds, notes, or other evidences of obligation, including interest coupons pertaining thereto, issued pursuant to Chapter 154. of the Revised Code.

(C) "Bond proceedings" means the order or orders, resolution or resolutions, trust agreement, indenture, lease, and other agreements, amendments and supplements to the foregoing, or any combination thereof, authorizing or providing for the terms and conditions applicable to, or providing for the security of, obligations issued pursuant to Chapter 154. of the Revised Code, and the provisions contained in such obligations.

(D) "State agencies" means the state of Ohio and officers, boards, commissions, departments, divisions, or other units or agencies of the state.

(E) "Governmental agency" means state agencies, state supported and assisted institutions of higher education, municipal corporations, counties, townships, school districts, and any other political subdivision or special district in this state established pursuant to law, and, except where otherwise indicated, also means the United States or any department, division, or agency thereof, and any agency, commission, or authority established pursuant to an interstate compact or agreement.

(F) "Institutions of higher education" and "state supported or state assisted institutions of higher education" means the state universities identified in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, the northeast Ohio medical university, state universities or colleges at any time created, community college districts, university branch districts, and technical college districts at any time established or operating under Chapter 3354., 3355., or 3357. of the Revised Code, and other institutions for education, including technical education, beyond the high school, receiving state support or assistance for their expenses of operation.

(G) "Governing body" means:

(1) In the case of institutions of higher education, the board of trustees, board of directors, commission, or other body vested by law with the general management, conduct, and control of one or more institutions of

higher education;

(2) In the case of a county, the board of county commissioners or other legislative body; in the case of a municipal corporation, the council or other legislative body; in the case of a township, the board of township trustees; in the case of a school district, the board of education;

(3) In the case of any other governmental agency, the officer, board, commission, authority or other body having the general management thereof or having jurisdiction or authority in the particular circumstances.

(H) "Person" means any person, firm, partnership, association, or corporation.

(I) "Bond service charges" means principal, including mandatory sinking fund requirements for retirement of obligations, and interest, and redemption premium, if any, required to be paid by the state on obligations. If not prohibited by the applicable bond proceedings, bond service charges may include costs relating to credit enhancement facilities that are related to and represent, or are intended to provide a source of payment of or limitation on, other bond service charges.

(J) "Capital facilities" means buildings, structures, and other improvements, and equipment, real estate, and interests in real estate therefor, within the state, and any one, part of, or combination of the foregoing, to serve the general purposes for which the issuing authority is authorized to issue obligations pursuant to Chapter 154. of the Revised Code, including, but not limited to, drives, roadways, parking facilities, walks, lighting, machinery, furnishings, utilities, landscaping, wharves, docks, piers, reservoirs, dams, tunnels, bridges, retaining walls, riprap, culverts, ditches, channels, watercourses, retention basins, standpipes and water storage facilities, waste treatment and disposal facilities, heating, air conditioning and communications facilities, inns, lodges, cabins, camping sites, golf courses, boat and bathing facilities, athletic and recreational facilities, and site improvements.

(K) "Costs of capital facilities" means the costs of acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, rehabilitating, remodeling, renovating, enlarging, improving, equipping, or furnishing capital facilities, and the financing thereof, including the cost of clearance and preparation of the site and of any land to be used in connection with capital facilities, the cost of any indemnity and surety bonds and premiums on insurance, all related direct administrative expenses and allocable portions of direct costs of the commission or issuing authority and department of administrative services, or other designees of the commission under section 154.17 of the Revised Code, cost of engineering and architectural services, designs, plans,

specifications, surveys, and estimates of cost, legal fees, fees and expenses of trustees, depositories, and paying agents for the obligations, cost of issuance of the obligations and financing charges and fees and expenses of financial advisers and consultants in connection therewith, interest on obligations, including but not limited to, interest from the date thereof of their issuance to the time when interest is to be covered from sources other than proceeds of obligations, amounts necessary to establish reserves as required by the bond proceedings, costs of audits, the reimbursement of all moneys advanced or applied by or borrowed from any governmental agency, whether to or by the commission or others, from whatever source provided, for the payment of any item or items of cost of the capital facilities, any share of the cost undertaken by the commission pursuant to arrangements made with governmental agencies under division (H) of section 154.06 of the Revised Code, and all other expenses necessary or incident to planning or determining feasibility or practicability with respect to capital facilities, and such other expenses as may be necessary or incident to the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, remodeling, renovation, enlargement, improvement, equipment, and furnishing of capital facilities, the financing thereof and the placing of the same in use and operation, including any one, part of, or combination of such classes of costs and expenses.

(L) "Public service facilities" means inns, lodges, hotels, cabins, camping sites, scenic trails, picnic sites, restaurants, commissaries, golf courses, boating and bathing facilities and other similar facilities in state parks.

(M) "State parks" means:

(1) State reservoirs described and identified in section 1541.06 of the Revised Code;

(2) All lands or interests therein of the state identified as administered by the division of parks and recreation in the "inventory of state owned lands administered by the department of natural resources as of June 1, 1963," as recorded in the journal of the director, which inventory was prepared by the real estate section of the department and is supported by maps now on file in said real estate section;

(3) All lands or interests in lands of the state designated after June 1, 1963, as state parks in the journal of the director with the approval of the recreation and resources council.

State parks do not include any lands or interest in lands of the state administered jointly by two or more divisions of the department of natural resources. The designation of lands as state parks under divisions (M)(1) to

(3) of this section is conclusive and such lands shall be under the control of and administered by the division of parks and recreation. No order or proceeding designating lands as state parks or park purchase areas is subject to any appeal or review by any officer, board, commission, or court.

(N) "Bond service fund" means the applicable fund created for and pledged to the payment of bond service charges under section 154.20, 154.21, 154.22, or 154.23 of the Revised Code, including all moneys and investments, and earnings from investments, credited and to be credited thereto.

(O) "Improvement fund" means the applicable fund created for the payment of costs of capital facilities under section 154.20, 154.21, 154.22, or 3383.09 of the Revised Code, including all moneys and investments, and earnings from investments, credited and to be credited thereto.

(P) "Special funds" or "funds" means, except where the context does not permit, the bond service funds, the improvements funds, and any other funds for similar or different purposes created under bond proceedings, including all moneys and investments, and earnings from investments, credited and to be credited thereto.

(Q) "Year" unless the context indicates a different meaning or intent, means a calendar year beginning on the first day of January and ending on the thirty-first day of December.

(R) "Fiscal year" means the period of twelve months beginning on the first day of July and ending on the thirtieth day of June.

(S) "Issuing authority" means the treasurer of state or the officer or employee who by law performs the functions of that office.

(T) "Credit enhancement facilities" has the same meaning as in section 133.01 of the Revised Code.

(U) "Ohio cultural facility" and "Ohio sports facility" have the same meanings as in section 3383.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 166.35. There is hereby created in the state treasury the economic development support fund. The fund shall consist of excess money received by the state representing gross profit on the sale of spirituous liquor that is credited or transferred to it. Money in the fund shall be used to carry out economic development activities.

Sec. 167.04. (A) The regional council of governments shall adopt by-laws, by a majority vote of its members, designating the officers of the council and the method of their selection, creating a governing board that may act for the council as provided in the by-laws, and providing for the conduct of its business.

(B) The by-laws of the regional council of governments shall provide

for the appointment of a fiscal officer, who may hold any other office or employment with the council, and who shall receive, deposit, invest, and disburse the funds of the council in the manner authorized by the by-laws or action by the council.

(C) The by-laws of a regional council of governments the members of which include, under sections 167.01 and 167.02 of the Revised Code, at least eight counties may include a provision authorizing member attendance and voting at council meetings either in person or by proxy.

(D)(1) Within ten business days after forming a regional council of governments, the officers of the council shall notify the auditor of state of the regional council's formation and shall provide on a form prescribed by the auditor of state the information regarding the regional council that the auditor of state considers necessary.

(2) As used in this division, "business day" means a day of the week, excluding Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday as defined in section 1.14 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 173.14. As used in sections 173.14 to 173.27 of the Revised Code:

(A)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2) of this section, "long-term care facility" includes any residential facility that provides personal care services for more than twenty-four hours for ~~two~~ one or more unrelated adults, including all of the following:

(a) A "nursing home," "residential care facility," or "home for the aging" as defined in section 3721.01 of the Revised Code;

(b) A facility authorized to provide extended care services under Title XVIII of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C. 301, as amended, including a long-term acute care hospital that provides medical and rehabilitative care to patients who require an average length of stay greater than twenty-five days and is classified by the centers for medicare and medicaid services as a long-term care hospital pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 412.23(e);

(c) A county home or district home operated pursuant to Chapter 5155. of the Revised Code;

~~(d) An "adult care~~ A residential facility" as defined in licensed under section 5119.70 5119.22 of the Revised Code that provides accommodations, supervision, and personal care services for three to sixteen unrelated adults or accommodations and personal care services for only one or two adults who are recipients under the residential state supplement program;

(e) A facility approved by the veterans administration under section 104(a) of the "Veterans Health Care Amendments of 1983," 97 Stat. 993, 38

U.S.C. 630, as amended, and used exclusively for the placement and care of veterans;

~~(f) An adult foster home certified under section 5119.692 of the Revised Code.~~

(2) "Long-term care facility" does not include a ~~"residential facility" as defined in section 5119.22 of the Revised Code or a "residential facility" as defined in~~ licensed under section 5123.19 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Resident" means a resident of a long-term care facility and, where appropriate, includes a prospective, previous, or deceased resident of a long-term care facility.

(C) "Community-based long-term care services" means health and social services provided to persons in their own homes or in community care settings, and includes any of the following:

- (1) Case management;
- (2) Home health care;
- (3) Homemaker services;
- (4) Chore services;
- (5) Respite care;
- (6) Adult day care;
- (7) Home-delivered meals;
- (8) Personal care;
- (9) Physical, occupational, and speech therapy;
- (10) Transportation;
- (11) Any other health and social services provided to persons that allow them to retain their independence in their own homes or in community care settings.

(D) "Recipient" means a recipient of community-based long-term care services and, where appropriate, includes a prospective, previous, or deceased recipient of community-based long-term care services.

(E) "Sponsor" means an adult relative, friend, or guardian who has an interest in or responsibility for the welfare of a resident or a recipient.

(F) "Personal care services" has the same meaning as in section 3721.01 of the Revised Code.

(G) "Regional long-term care ombudsperson program" means an entity, either public or private and nonprofit, designated as a regional long-term care ombudsperson program by the state long-term care ombudsperson.

(H) "Representative of the office of the state long-term care ombudsperson program" means the state long-term care ombudsperson or a member of the ombudsperson's staff, or a person certified as a representative of the office under section 173.21 of the Revised Code.

(I) "Area agency on aging" means an area agency on aging established under the "Older Americans Act of 1965," 79 Stat. 219, 42 U.S.C.A. 3001, as amended.

Sec. 173.21. (A) The office of the state long-term care ombudsperson program, through the state long-term care ombudsperson and the regional long-term care ombudsperson programs, shall require each representative of the office to complete a training and certification program in accordance with this section and to meet the continuing education requirements established under this section.

(B) The department of aging shall adopt rules under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code specifying the content of training programs for representatives of the office of the state long-term care ombudsperson program. Training for representatives other than those who are volunteers providing services through regional long-term care ombudsperson programs shall include instruction regarding federal, state, and local laws, rules, and policies on long-term care facilities and community-based long-term care services; investigative techniques; and other topics considered relevant by the department and shall consist of the following:

(1) A minimum of forty clock hours of basic instruction, which shall be completed before the trainee is permitted to handle complaints without the supervision of a representative of the office certified under this section;

(2) An additional sixty clock hours of instruction, which shall be completed within the first fifteen months of employment;

(3) An internship of twenty clock hours, which shall be completed within the first twenty-four months of employment, including instruction in, and observation of, basic nursing care and long-term care provider operations and procedures. The internship shall be performed at a site that has been approved as an internship site by the state long-term care ombudsperson.

(4) One of the following, which shall be completed within the first twenty-four months of employment:

(a) Observation of a survey conducted by the director of health to certify a facility to receive funds under sections 5111.20 to 5111.32 of the Revised Code;

(b) Observation of an inspection conducted by the director of mental health to license ~~an adult care~~ a residential facility under section ~~5119.73~~ 5119.22 of the Revised Code that provides accommodations, supervision, and personal care services for three to sixteen unrelated adults.

(5) Any other training considered appropriate by the department.

(C) Persons who for a period of at least six months prior to June 11,

1990, served as ombudsmen through the long-term care ombudsperson program established by the department of aging under division (M) of section 173.01 of the Revised Code shall not be required to complete a training program. These persons and persons who complete a training program shall take an examination administered by the department of aging. On attainment of a passing score, the person shall be certified by the department as a representative of the office. The department shall issue the person an identification card, which the representative shall show at the request of any person with whom the representative deals while performing the representative's duties and which shall be surrendered at the time the representative separates from the office.

(D) The state ombudsperson and each regional program shall conduct training programs for volunteers on their respective staffs in accordance with the rules of the department of aging adopted under division (B) of this section. Training programs may be conducted that train volunteers to complete some, but not all, of the duties of a representative of the office. Each regional office shall bear the cost of training its representatives who are volunteers. On completion of a training program, the representative shall take an examination administered by the department of aging. On attainment of a passing score, a volunteer shall be certified by the department as a representative authorized to perform services specified in the certification. The department shall issue an identification card, which the representative shall show at the request of any person with whom the representative deals while performing the representative's duties and which shall be surrendered at the time the representative separates from the office. Except as a supervised part of a training program, no volunteer shall perform any duty unless he is certified as a representative having received appropriate training for that duty.

(E) The state ombudsperson shall provide technical assistance to regional programs conducting training programs for volunteers and shall monitor the training programs.

(F) Prior to scheduling an observation of a certification survey or licensing inspection for purposes of division (B)(4) of this section, the state ombudsperson shall obtain permission to have the survey or inspection observed from both the director of health and the long-term care facility at which the survey or inspection is to take place.

(G) The department of aging shall establish continuing education requirements for representatives of the office.

Sec. 173.23. (A) Representatives of the office of the state long-term care ombudsperson program are immune from civil or criminal liability for any

action taken in the good faith performance of their official duties under sections 173.14 to 173.26 of the Revised Code. ~~The department of aging shall ensure that adequate legal counsel is available to the office of the state long-term care ombudsperson program for advice and consultation and that legal representation is provided to any representative of the office against whom any legal action is brought in connection with the representative's official duties under sections 173.14 to 173.26 of the Revised Code.~~

(B) A person acting in good faith is immune from civil or criminal liability incident to any of the following: providing information to the office, participating in registration of a complaint with the office, participating in investigation of a complaint by the office, or participating in an administrative or judicial proceeding resulting from a complaint.

(C) No person shall knowingly register a false complaint with the office, or knowingly swear or affirm the truth of a false complaint previously registered, when the statement is made with purpose to incriminate another.

(D) The attorney general shall provide legal counsel to the office of the state long-term care ombudsperson program and to the regional long-term care ombudsperson programs. The attorney general shall represent any representative of the office and any representative of a regional program against whom any legal action is brought in connection with the representative's official duties under sections 173.14 to 173.26 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 173.26. (A) Each of the following facilities shall annually pay to the department of aging six dollars for each bed maintained by the facility for use by a resident during any part of the previous year:

(1) Nursing homes, residential care facilities, and homes for the aging as defined in section 3721.01 of the Revised Code;

(2) Facilities authorized to provide extended care services under Title XVIII of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C. 301, as amended, including a long-term acute care hospital that provides medical and rehabilitative care to patients who require an average length of stay greater than twenty-five days and is classified by the centers for medicare and medicaid services as a long-term care hospital pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 412.23(e);

(3) County homes and district homes operated pursuant to Chapter 5155. of the Revised Code;

(4) ~~Adult care~~ Residential facilities as defined in licensed under section 5119.70 5119.22 of the Revised Code that provide accommodations, supervision, and personal care services for three to sixteen unrelated adults;

(5) Facilities approved by the Veterans Administration under Section

104(a) of the "Veterans Health Care Amendments of 1983," 97 Stat. 993, 38 U.S.C. 630, as amended, and used exclusively for the placement and care of veterans.

The department shall, by rule adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, establish deadlines for payments required by this section. A facility that fails, within ninety days after the established deadline, to pay a payment required by this section shall be assessed at two times the original invoiced payment.

(B) All money collected under this section shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the office of the state long-term care ombudsperson program fund, which is hereby created. Money credited to the fund shall be used solely to pay the costs of operating the regional long-term care ombudsperson programs.

(C) The state long-term care ombudsperson and the regional programs may solicit and receive contributions to support the operation of the office or a regional program, except that no contribution shall be solicited or accepted that would interfere with the independence or objectivity of the office or program.

Sec. 173.27. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Applicant" means a person who is under final consideration for employment with the office of the state long-term care ombudsperson program in a full-time, part-time, or temporary position that involves providing ombudsperson services to residents and recipients. "Applicant" includes, ~~but is not limited to,~~ a person who is under final consideration for employment as the state long-term care ombudsperson or the head of a regional long-term care ombudsperson program. "Applicant" does not include a person ~~who provides~~ seeking to provide ombudsperson services to residents and recipients as a volunteer without receiving or expecting to receive any form of remuneration other than reimbursement for actual expenses.

(2) "Criminal records check" has the same meaning as in section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Disqualifying offense" means any of the offenses listed or described in divisions (A)(3)(a) to (e) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Employee" means a person employed by the office of the state long-term care ombudsperson program in a full-time, part-time, or temporary position that involves providing ombudsperson services to residents and recipients. "Employee" includes the person employed as the state long-term care ombudsperson and a person employed as the head of a

regional long-term care ombudsperson program. "Employee" does not include a person who provides ombudsperson services to residents and recipients as a volunteer without receiving or expecting to receive any form of remuneration other than reimbursement for actual expenses.

(5) "Responsible entity" means the following:

(a) In the case of an applicant who is under final consideration for employment as the state long-term care ombudsperson or the person employed as the state long-term care ombudsperson, the director of aging:

(b) In the case of any other applicant or employee, the state long-term care ombudsperson or the ombudsperson's designee.

(B) The office of the state long-term care ombudsperson program may not employ an applicant or continue to employ an employee in a position that involves providing ombudsperson services to residents and recipients if any of the following apply:

(1) A review of the databases listed in division (D) of this section reveals any of the following:

(a) That the applicant or employee is included in one or more of the databases listed in divisions (D)(1) to (5) of this section;

(b) That there is in the state nurse aide registry established under section 3721.32 of the Revised Code a statement detailing findings by the director of health that the applicant or employee neglected or abused a long-term care facility or residential care facility resident or misappropriated property of such a resident;

(c) That the applicant or employee is included in one or more of the databases, if any, specified in rules adopted under this section and the rules prohibit the office from employing an applicant or continuing to employ an employee included in such a database in a position that involves providing ombudsperson services to residents and recipients.

(2) After the applicant or employee is provided, pursuant to division (E)(2)(a) of this section, a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and the standard impression sheet prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section, the applicant or employee fails to complete the form or provide the applicant's or employee's fingerprint impressions on the standard impression sheet.

(3) Except as provided in rules adopted under this section, the applicant or employee is found by a criminal records check required by this section to have been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense.

(C) The responsible entity shall inform each applicant of both of the following at the time of the applicant's initial application for employment in

a position that involves providing ombudsperson services to residents and recipients:

(1) That a review of the databases listed in division (D) of this section will be conducted to determine whether the office of the state long-term care ombudsperson program is prohibited by division (B)(1) of this section from employing the applicant in the position;

(2) That, unless the database review reveals that the applicant may not be employed in the position, a criminal records check of the applicant will be conducted and the applicant is required to provide a set of the applicant's fingerprint impressions as part of the criminal records check.

(D) As a condition of any applicant's being employed by the office of the state long-term care ombudsperson program in a position that involves providing ombudsperson services to residents and recipients, the responsible entity shall conduct a database review of the applicant in accordance with rules adopted under this section. If rules adopted under this section so require, the responsible entity shall conduct a database review of an employee in accordance with the rules as a condition of the office's continuing to employ the employee in a position that involves providing ombudsperson services to residents and recipients. A database review shall determine whether the applicant or employee is included in any of the following:

(1) The excluded parties list system maintained by the United States general services administration pursuant to subpart 9.4 of the federal acquisition regulation;

(2) The list of excluded individuals and entities maintained by the office of inspector general in the United States department of health and human services pursuant to section 1128 of the "Social Security Act," 94 Stat. 2619 (1980), 42 U.S.C. 1320a-7, as amended, and section 1156 of the "Social Security Act," 96 Stat. 388 (1982), 42 U.S.C. 1320c-5, as amended;

(3) The registry of MR/DD employees established under section 5123.52 of the Revised Code;

(4) The internet-based sex offender and child-victim offender database established under division (A)(11) of section 2950.13 of the Revised Code;

(5) The internet-based database of inmates established under section 5120.66 of the Revised Code;

(6) The state nurse aide registry established under section 3721.32 of the Revised Code;

(7) Any other database, if any, specified in rules adopted under this section.

~~(E)(1) The state long-term care ombudsperson or the ombudsperson's~~

~~designee~~ As a condition of any applicant's being employed by the office of the state long-term care ombudsperson program in a position that involves providing ombudsperson services to residents and recipients, the responsible entity shall request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation conduct a criminal records check with respect to each of the applicant. If rules adopted under this section so require, the responsible entity shall request that the superintendent conduct a criminal records check of an employee at times specified in the rules as a condition of the office's continuing to employ the employee in a position that involves providing ombudsperson services to residents and recipients. However, if the applicant is under final consideration for employment as the state long-term care ombudsperson, the director of aging shall request that the superintendent conduct the criminal records check the responsible entity is not required to request the criminal records check of the applicant or employee if the office is prohibited by division (B)(1) of this section from employing the applicant or continuing to employ the employee in a position that involves providing ombudsperson services to residents and recipients. If an applicant or employee for whom a criminal records check request is required ~~under by this division~~ section does not present proof of having been a resident of this state for the five-year period immediately prior to the date the criminal records check is requested or provide evidence that within that five-year period the superintendent has requested information about the applicant or employee from the federal bureau of investigation in a criminal records check, the ~~ombudsperson, designee, or director~~ responsible entity shall request that the superintendent obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as part of the criminal records check of the applicant. Even if an applicant or employee for whom a criminal records check request is required ~~under by this division~~ section presents proof of having been a resident of this state for the five-year period, the ~~ombudsperson, designee, or director~~ responsible entity may request that the superintendent include information from the federal bureau of investigation in the criminal records check.

(2) ~~A person required by division (B)(1) of this section to request a criminal records check~~ The responsible entity shall do both all of the following:

(a) Provide to each applicant and employee for whom a criminal records check request is required ~~under that division by this section~~ a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and a standard fingerprint impression sheet prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section, ~~and obtain;~~

(b) Obtain the completed form and standard impression sheet from the applicant or employee;

~~(b)(c)~~ Forward the completed form and standard impression sheet to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation.

~~(3) An applicant provided the form and fingerprint impression sheet under division (B)(2)(a) of this section who fails to complete the form or provide fingerprint impressions shall not be employed in any position for which a criminal records check is required by this section.~~

~~(C)(1) Except as provided in rules adopted by the director of aging in accordance with division (F) of this section and subject to division (C)(2) of this section, the office of the state long-term care ombudsperson may not employ a person in a position that involves providing ombudsperson services to residents and recipients if the person has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following:~~

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

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

~~(2)(a) The office of the state long-term care ombudsperson program shall pay to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation the fee prescribed pursuant to division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code for each criminal records check the responsible entity requests under this section. The office may charge an applicant a fee not exceeding the amount the office pays to the bureau under this section if the responsible entity notifies the applicant at the time of initial application for employment of the amount of the fee.~~

~~(F)(1) The office of the state long-term care ombudsperson program may employ conditionally an applicant for whom a criminal records check request is required under division (B) of by this section prior to obtaining the results of a the criminal records check regarding the individual, provided that the state long-term care ombudsperson, ombudsperson's designee, or director of aging shall request a if the office is not prohibited by division (B)(1) of this section from employing the applicant in a position that~~

involves providing ombudsperson services to residents and recipients and the responsible entity requests the criminal records check regarding the individual in accordance with division ~~(B)(1)(E)~~ of this section not later than five business days after the individual applicant begins conditional employment.

~~(b)(2)~~ The office of the state long-term care ombudsperson program shall terminate the employment of an individual applicant employed conditionally under division ~~(C)(2)(a)(F)(1)~~ of this section if the results of the criminal records check ~~request under division (B) of this section~~, other than the results of any request for information from the federal bureau of investigation, are not obtained within the period ending sixty days after the date the request for the criminal records check is made. Regardless of when the results of the criminal records check are obtained, if the results indicate that the individual applicant has been convicted of or, pleaded guilty to any of the offenses listed or described in division (C)(1) of this section, or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense, the office shall terminate the individual's applicant's employment unless circumstances specified in rules adopted under this section that permit the office to employ the applicant exist and the office chooses to employ the individual pursuant to division (F) of this section applicant. Termination of employment under this division shall be considered just cause for discharge for purposes of division (D)(2) of section 4141.29 of the Revised Code if the individual applicant makes any attempt to deceive the office about the individual's applicant's criminal record.

~~(D)(1)~~ The office of the state long-term care ombudsperson program shall pay to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation the fee prescribed pursuant to division ~~(C)(3)~~ of section 109.572 of the Revised Code for each criminal records check conducted pursuant to a request made under division ~~(B)~~ of this section.

~~(2)~~ The office of the state long-term care ombudsperson program may charge an applicant a fee not exceeding the amount the office pays under division ~~(D)(1)~~ of this section. The office may collect a fee only if the office notifies the applicant at the time of initial application for employment of the amount of the fee.

~~(E)(G)~~ The report of any criminal records check conducted pursuant to a request made under this section is not a public record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall not be made available to any person other than the following:

(1) The individual applicant or employee who is the subject of the criminal records check or the individual's applicant's or employee's

representative;

(2) ~~The state long-term care ombudsperson, ombudsperson's designee, director of aging, responsible entity or the ombudsperson, designee, or director's responsible entity's~~ representative;

(3) If the state long-term care ombudsperson designates the head or other employee of a regional long-term care ombudsperson program to request a criminal records check under this section, a representative of the office of the state long-term care ombudsperson program who is responsible for monitoring the regional program's compliance with this section;

(4) A court, hearing officer, or other necessary individual involved in a case dealing with a any of the following:

(a) A denial of employment of the applicant or dealing with employment employee;

(b) Employment or unemployment benefits of the applicant or employee;

(c) A civil or criminal action regarding the medicaid program or a program the department of aging administers.

~~(F) The director of aging shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section. The rules shall specify circumstances under which the office of the state long-term care ombudsperson program may employ a person who has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense listed or described in division (C)(1) of this section but meets personal character standards set by the director.~~

~~(G) The office of the state long-term care ombudsperson program shall inform each person, at the time of initial application for a position that involves providing ombudsperson services to residents and recipients, that the person is required to provide a set of fingerprint impressions and that a criminal records check is required to be conducted if the person comes under final consideration for employment.~~

(H) In a tort or other civil action for damages that is brought as the result of an injury, death, or loss to person or property caused by an individual applicant or employee who the office of the state long-term care ombudsperson program employs in a position that involves providing ombudsperson services to residents and recipients, all of the following shall apply:

(1) If the office employed the individual applicant or employee in good faith and reasonable reliance on the report of a criminal records check requested under this section, the office shall not be found negligent solely because of its reliance on the report, even if the information in the report is determined later to have been incomplete or inaccurate.

(2) If the office employed the individual applicant in good faith on a conditional basis pursuant to division ~~(C)(2)(F)~~ of this section, the office shall not be found negligent solely because it employed the individual applicant prior to receiving the report of a criminal records check requested under this section.

(3) If the office in good faith employed the individual applicant or employee according to the personal character standards established in rules adopted under ~~division (F)~~ of this section, the office shall not be found negligent solely because the individual prior to being employed had applicant or employee has been convicted of ~~or~~, pleaded guilty to ~~an offense listed or described in division (C)(1) of this section,~~ or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense.

(I) The director of aging shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section.

(1) The rules may do the following:

(a) Require employees to undergo database reviews and criminal records checks under this section;

(b) If the rules require employees to undergo database reviews and criminal records checks under this section, exempt one or more classes of employees from the requirements;

(c) For the purpose of division (D)(7) of this section, specify other databases that are to be checked as part of a database review conducted under this section.

(2) The rules shall specify all of the following:

(a) The procedures for conducting database reviews under this section;

(b) If the rules require employees to undergo database reviews and criminal records checks under this section, the times at which the database reviews and criminal records checks are to be conducted;

(c) If the rules specify other databases to be checked as part of the database reviews, the circumstances under which the office of the state long-term care ombudsperson program is prohibited from employing an applicant or continuing to employ an employee who is found by a database review to be included in one or more of those databases;

(d) Circumstances under which the office of the state long-term care ombudsperson program may employ an applicant or employee who is found by a criminal records check required by this section to have been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense but meets personal character standards.

Sec. 173.391. (A) The department of aging or its designee shall do all of

the following in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code:

(1) Certify a person or government entity to provide community-based long-term care services under a program the department administers if the person or government entity satisfies the requirements for certification established by rules adopted under division (B) of this section and pays the fee, if any, established by rules adopted under division (G) of this section;

(2) When required to do so by rules adopted under division (B) of this section, take one or more of the following disciplinary actions against a person or government entity certified under division (A)(1) of this section:

- (a) Issue a written warning;
- (b) Require the submission of a plan of correction or evidence of compliance with requirements identified by the department;
- (c) Suspend referrals;
- (d) Remove clients;
- (e) Impose a fiscal sanction such as a civil monetary penalty or an order that unearned funds be repaid;
- (f) Suspend the certification;
- (g) Revoke the certification;
- (h) Impose another sanction.

(3) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, hold hearings when there is a dispute between the department or its designee and a person or government entity concerning actions the department or its designee takes regarding a decision not to certify the person or government entity under division (A)(1) of this section or a disciplinary action under ~~division~~ divisions (A)(2)(e) to (h) of this section.

(B) The director of aging shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing certification requirements and standards for determining which type of disciplinary action to take under division (A)(2) of this section in individual situations. The rules shall establish procedures for all of the following:

(1) Ensuring that community-based long-term care agencies comply with section 173.394 of the Revised Code;

(2) Evaluating the services provided by the agencies to ensure that the services are provided in a quality manner advantageous to the individual receiving the services;

(3) Determining when to take disciplinary action under division (A)(2) of this section and which disciplinary action to take;

(4) Determining what constitutes another sanction for purposes of division (A)(2)(h) of this section.

(C) The procedures established in rules adopted under division (B)(2) of

this section shall require that all of the following be considered as part of an evaluation described in division (B)(2) of this section:

(1) The community-based long-term care agency's experience and financial responsibility;

(2) The agency's ability to comply with standards for the community-based long-term care services that the agency provides under a program the department administers;

(3) The agency's ability to meet the needs of the individuals served;

(4) Any other factor the director considers relevant.

(D) The rules adopted under division (B)(3) of this section shall specify that the reasons disciplinary action may be taken under division (A)(2) of this section include good cause, including misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance, confirmed abuse or neglect, financial irresponsibility, or other conduct the director determines is injurious, or poses a threat, to the health or safety of individuals being served.

(E) Subject to division (F) of this section, the department is not required to hold hearings under division (A)(3) of this section if any of the following conditions apply:

(1) Rules adopted by the director of aging pursuant to this chapter require the community-based long-term care agency to be a party to a provider agreement; hold a license, certificate, or permit; or maintain a certification, any of which is required or issued by a state or federal government entity other than the department of aging, and either of the following is the case:

(a) The provider agreement has not been entered into or the license, certificate, permit, or certification has not been obtained or maintained.

(b) The provider agreement, license, certificate, permit, or certification has been denied, revoked, not renewed, or suspended or has been otherwise restricted.

(2) The agency's certification under this section has been denied, suspended, or revoked for any of the following reasons:

(a) A government entity of this state, other than the department of aging, has terminated or refused to renew any of the following held by, or has denied any of the following sought by, a community-based long-term care agency: a provider agreement, license, certificate, permit, or certification. Division (E)(2)(a) of this section applies regardless of whether the agency has entered into a provider agreement in, or holds a license, certificate, permit, or certification issued by, another state.

(b) The agency or a principal owner or manager of the agency who provides direct care has entered a guilty plea for, or has been convicted of,

an offense materially related to the medicaid program.

(c) The agency or a principal owner or manager of the agency who provides direct care has entered a guilty plea for, ~~or~~ been convicted of, or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for an offense listed or described in division (C)(1)(a) divisions (A)(3)(a) to (e) of section 173.394 109.572 of the Revised Code, but only if none of the personal character standards established by the ~~department~~ director in rules adopted under ~~division (F)~~ of section 173.394 of the Revised Code apply.

(d) The United States department of health and human services has taken adverse action against the agency and that action impacts the agency's participation in the medicaid program.

(e) The agency has failed to enter into or renew a provider agreement with the PASSPORT administrative agency, as that term is defined in section 173.42 of the Revised Code, that administers programs on behalf of the department of aging in the region of the state in which the agency is certified to provide services.

(f) The agency has not billed or otherwise submitted a claim to the department for payment under the medicaid program in at least two years.

(g) The agency denied or failed to provide the department or its designee access to the agency's facilities during the agency's normal business hours for purposes of conducting an audit or structural compliance review.

(h) The agency has ceased doing business.

(i) The agency has voluntarily relinquished its certification for any reason.

(3) The agency's provider agreement with the department of job and family services has been suspended under division (C) of section 5111.031 of the Revised Code.

(4) The agency's provider agreement with the department of job and family services is denied or revoked because the agency or its owner, officer, authorized agent, associate, manager, or employee has been convicted of an offense that caused the provider agreement to be suspended under section 5111.031 of the Revised Code.

(F) If the department does not hold hearings when any condition described in division (E) of this section applies, the department may send a notice to the agency describing a decision not to certify the agency under division (A)(1) of this section or the disciplinary action the department proposes to take under division (A)(2)(e) to (h) of this section. The notice shall be sent to the agency's address that is on record with the department and may be sent by regular mail.

(G) The director of aging may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing a fee to be charged by the department of aging or its designee for certification issued under this section.

All fees collected by the department or its designee under this section shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the provider certification fund, which is hereby created. Money credited to the fund shall be used to pay for community-based long-term care services, administrative costs associated with community-based long-term care agency certification under this section, and administrative costs related to the publication of the Ohio long-term care consumer guide.

Sec. 173.394. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Applicant" means a person who is under final consideration for employment with a community-based long-term care agency in a full-time, part-time, or temporary position that involves providing direct care to an individual or is referred to a community-based long-term care agency by an employment service for such a position. "Applicant" does not include a person who provides direct care to an individual as a volunteer without receiving or expecting to receive any form of remuneration other than reimbursement for actual expenses.

(2) "Criminal records check" has the same meaning as in section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

"Disqualifying offense" means any of the offenses listed or described in divisions (A)(3)(a) to (e) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

"Employee" means a person employed by a community-based long-term care agency in a full-time, part-time, or temporary position that involves providing direct care to an individual and a person who works in such a position due to being referred to a community-based long-term care agency by an employment service. "Employee" does not include a person who provides direct care to an individual as a volunteer without receiving or expecting to receive any form of remuneration other than reimbursement for actual expenses.

"Waiver agency" has the same meaning as in section 5111.033 of the Revised Code.

(B) This section does not apply to any individual who is subject to a database review or criminal records check under section 3701.881 of the Revised Code. If a community-based long-term care agency also is a waiver agency, the agency may provide for applicants and employees to undergo database reviews and criminal records checks in accordance with section 5111.033 of the Revised Code rather than this section.

(C) No community-based long-term care agency shall employ an

applicant or continue to employ an employee in a position that involves providing direct care to an individual if any of the following apply:

(1) A review of the databases listed in division (E) of this section reveals any of the following:

(a) That the applicant or employee is included in one or more of the databases listed in divisions (E)(1) to (5) of this section;

(b) That there is in the state nurse aide registry established under section 3721.32 of the Revised Code a statement detailing findings by the director of health that the applicant or employee neglected or abused a long-term care facility or residential care facility resident or misappropriated property of such a resident;

(c) That the applicant or employee is included in one or more of the databases, if any, specified in rules adopted under this section and the rules prohibit the agency from employing an applicant or continuing to employ an employee included in such a database in a position that involves providing direct care to an individual.

(2) After the applicant or employee is provided, pursuant to division (F)(2)(a) of this section, a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and the standard impression sheet prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section, the applicant or employee fails to complete the form or provide the applicant's or employee's fingerprint impressions on the standard impression sheet.

(3) Except as provided in rules adopted under this section, the applicant or employee is found by a criminal records check required by this section to have been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense.

(D) Except as provided by division (G) of this section, the chief administrator of a community-based long-term care agency shall inform each applicant of both of the following at the time of the applicant's initial application for employment or referral to the agency by an employment service for a position that involves providing direct care to an individual:

(1) That a review of the databases listed in division (E) of this section will be conducted to determine whether the agency is prohibited by division (C)(1) of this section from employing the applicant in the position;

(2) That, unless the database review reveals that the applicant may not be employed in the position, a criminal records check of the applicant will be conducted and the applicant is required to provide a set of the applicant's fingerprint impressions as part of the criminal records check.

(E) As a condition of employing any applicant in a position that involves providing direct care to an individual, the chief administrator of a

community-based long-term care agency shall conduct a database review of the applicant in accordance with rules adopted under this section. If rules adopted under this section so require, the chief administrator of a community-based long-term care agency shall conduct a database review of an employee in accordance with the rules as a condition of continuing to employ the employee in a position that involves providing direct care to an individual. However, a chief administrator is not required to conduct a database review of an applicant or employee if division (G) of this section applies. A database review shall determine whether the applicant or employee is included in any of the following:

(1) The excluded parties list system maintained by the United States general services administration pursuant to subpart 9.4 of the federal acquisition regulation;

(2) The list of excluded individuals and entities maintained by the office of inspector general in the United States department of health and human services pursuant to section 1128 of the "Social Security Act," 94 Stat. 2619 (1980), 42 U.S.C. 1320a-7, as amended, and section 1156 of the "Social Security Act," 96 Stat. 388 (1982), 42 U.S.C. 1320c-5, as amended;

(3) The registry of MR/DD employees established under section 5123.52 of the Revised Code;

(4) The internet-based sex offender and child-victim offender database established under division (A)(11) of section 2950.13 of the Revised Code;

(5) The internet-based database of inmates established under section 5120.66 of the Revised Code;

(6) The state nurse aide registry established under section 3721.32 of the Revised Code;

(7) Any other database, if any, specified in rules adopted under this section.

(F)(1) Except as provided in division (I) of this section As a condition of employing any applicant in a position that involves providing direct care to an individual, the chief administrator of a community-based long-term care agency shall request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation conduct a criminal records check with respect to each of the applicant. If rules adopted under this section so require, the chief administrator of a community-based long-term care agency shall request that the superintendent conduct a criminal records check of an employee at times specified in the rules as a condition of continuing to employ the employee in a position that involves providing direct care to an individual. However, the chief administrator is not required to request the criminal records check of the applicant or employee if

division (G) of this section applies or the agency is prohibited by division (C)(1) of this section from employing the applicant or continuing to employ the employee in a position that involves providing direct care to an individual. If an applicant or employee for whom a criminal records check request is required ~~under by this division section~~ does not present proof of having been a resident of this state for the five-year period immediately prior to the date the criminal records check is requested or provide evidence that within that five-year period the superintendent has requested information about the applicant or employee from the federal bureau of investigation in a criminal records check, the chief administrator shall request that the superintendent obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as part of the criminal records check ~~of the applicant~~. Even if an applicant or employee for whom a criminal records check request is required ~~under by this division section~~ presents proof of having been a resident of this state for the five-year period, the chief administrator may request that the superintendent include information from the federal bureau of investigation in the criminal records check.

~~(2) A person required by division (B)(1) of this section to request a criminal records check~~ The chief administrator shall do both all of the following:

(a) Provide to each applicant and employee for whom a criminal records check request is required ~~under that division by this section~~ a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and a standard ~~finger~~ print impression sheet prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section; ~~and obtain;~~

(b) Obtain the completed form and standard impression sheet from the applicant or employee;

~~(b)(c)~~ (c) Forward the completed form and standard impression sheet to the superintendent ~~of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation.~~

~~(3) An applicant provided the form and fingerprint impression sheet under division (B)(2)(a) of this section who fails to complete the form or provide fingerprint impressions shall not be employed in any position for which a criminal records check is required by this section.~~

~~(C)(1) Except as provided in rules adopted by the department of aging in accordance with division (F) of this section and subject to division (C)(2) of this section, no community-based long-term care agency shall employ a person in a position that involves providing direct care to an individual if the person has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following:~~

~~(a) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.34, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.11,~~

~~2905.12, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.12, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2911.13, 2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.04, 2913.11, 2913.21, 2913.31, 2913.40, 2913.43, 2913.47, 2913.51, 2919.25, 2921.36, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.11, 2925.13, 2925.22, 2925.23, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code.~~

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

(2)(a) A community-based long-term care agency shall pay to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation the fee prescribed pursuant to division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code for each criminal records check the agency requests under this section. An agency may charge an applicant a fee not exceeding the amount the agency pays to the bureau under this section if both of the following apply:

(a) The agency notifies the applicant at the time of initial application for employment of the amount of the fee and that, unless the fee is paid, the applicant will not be considered for employment.

(b) The medicaid program established under Chapter 5111. of the Revised Code does not reimburse the agency for the fee it pays to the bureau under this section.

(G) Divisions (D) to (F) of this section do not apply with regard to an applicant or employee if the applicant or employee is referred to a community-based long-term agency by an employment service that supplies full-time, part-time, or temporary staff for positions that involve providing direct care to an individual and both of the following apply:

(1) The chief administrator of the agency receives from the employment service confirmation that a review of the databases listed in division (E) of this section was conducted of the applicant or employee.

(2) The chief administrator of the agency receives from the employment service, applicant, or employee a report of the results of a criminal records check of the applicant or employee that has been conducted by the superintendent within the one-year period immediately preceding the following:

(a) In the case of an applicant, the date of the applicant's referral by the employment service to the agency;

(b) In the case of an employee, the date by which the agency would otherwise have to request a criminal records check of the employee under division (F) of this section.

(H)(1) A community-based long-term care agency may employ

conditionally an applicant for whom a criminal records check request is required ~~under division (B) of~~ by this section prior to obtaining the results of a the criminal records check regarding the individual, provided that if the agency is not prohibited by division (C)(1) of this section from employing the applicant in a position that involves providing direct care to an individual and either of the following applies:

(a) The chief administrator of the agency shall request a requests the criminal records check regarding the individual in accordance with division (B)(1)(F) of this section not later than five business days after the individual applicant begins conditional employment.

(b) The applicant is referred to the agency by an employment service, the employment service or the applicant provides the chief administrator of the agency a letter that is on the letterhead of the employment service, the letter is dated and signed by a supervisor or another designated official of the employment service, and the letter states all of the following:

(i) That the employment service has requested the superintendent to conduct a criminal records check regarding the applicant;

(ii) That the requested criminal records check is to include a determination of whether the applicant has been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense;

(iii) That the employment service has not received the results of the criminal records check as of the date set forth on the letter;

(iv) That the employment service promptly will send a copy of the results of the criminal records check to the chief administrator of the agency when the employment service receives the results. In the circumstances described in division (I)(2) of this section, a community-based long-term care agency may employ conditionally an applicant who has been referred to the agency by an employment service that supplies full time, part time, or temporary staff for positions involving the direct care of individuals and for whom, pursuant to that division, a criminal records check is not required under division (B) of this section.

(b)(2) If a community-based long-term care agency employs an applicant conditionally pursuant to division (H)(1)(b) of this section, the employment service, on its receipt of the results of the criminal records check, promptly shall send a copy of the results to the chief administrator of the agency.

(3) A community-based long-term care agency that employs an individual applicant conditionally under authority of pursuant to division (C)(2)(a)(H)(1)(a) or (b) of this section shall terminate the individual's

applicant's employment if the results of the criminal records check ~~request under division (B) of this section or described in division (I)(2) of this section~~, other than the results of any request for information from the federal bureau of investigation, are not obtained within the period ending sixty days after the date the request for the criminal records check is made. Regardless of when the results of the criminal records check are obtained, if the results indicate that the individual applicant has been convicted of ~~or~~ pleaded guilty to any of the offenses listed or described in division (C)(1) of this section, or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense, the agency shall terminate the ~~individual's~~ applicant's employment unless circumstances specified in rules adopted under this section that permit the agency to employ the applicant exist and the agency chooses to employ the individual pursuant to division (F) of this section applicant. Termination of employment under this division shall be considered just cause for discharge for purposes of division (D)(2) of section 4141.29 of the Revised Code if the individual applicant makes any attempt to deceive the agency about the individual's applicant's criminal record.

~~(D)(1) Each community-based long-term care agency shall pay to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation the fee prescribed pursuant to division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code for each criminal records check conducted pursuant to a request made under division (B) of this section.~~

~~(2) A community-based long-term care agency may charge an applicant a fee not exceeding the amount the agency pays under division (D)(1) of this section. An agency may collect a fee only if both of the following apply:~~

~~(a) The agency notifies the person at the time of initial application for employment of the amount of the fee and that, unless the fee is paid, the person will not be considered for employment;~~

~~(b) The medicaid program established under Chapter 5111. of the Revised Code does not reimburse the agency the fee it pays under division (D)(1) of this section.~~

~~(E)(I)~~ The report of any criminal records check conducted pursuant to a request made under this section is not a public record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall not be made available to any person other than the following:

(1) The individual applicant or employee who is the subject of the criminal records check or the individual's applicant's or employee's representative;

(2) The chief administrator of the community-based long-term care agency requesting the criminal records check or the administrator's

representative;

(3) The administrator of any other facility, agency, or program that provides direct care to individuals that is owned or operated by the same entity that owns or operates the community-based long-term care agency that requested the criminal records check;

(4) The employment service that requested the criminal records check;

(5) The director of aging or a person authorized by the director to monitor a community-based long-term care agency's compliance with this section;

(5)(6) The director of job and family services and the staff of the department of job and family services who are involved in the administration of the medicaid program if either of the following apply:

(a) In the case of a criminal records check requested by a community-based long-term care agency, the agency also is a waiver agency;

(b) In the case of a criminal records check requested by an employment service, the employment service makes the request for an applicant or employee the employment service refers to a community-based long-term care agency that also is a waiver agency.

(7) A court, hearing officer, or other necessary individual involved in a case dealing with a any of the following:

(a) A denial of employment of the applicant or dealing with employment employee;

(b) Employment or unemployment benefits of the applicant or employee;

(6) Any person to whom the report is provided pursuant to, and in accordance with, division (I)(1) or (2) of this section (c) A civil or criminal action regarding the medicaid program or a program the department of aging administers.

(F) The department of aging shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section. The rules shall specify circumstances under which a community-based long-term care agency may employ a person who has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense listed or described in division (C)(1) of this section but meets personal character standards set by the department.

(G) The chief administrator of a community based long-term care agency shall inform each person, at the time of initial application for a position that involves providing direct care to an individual, that the person is required to provide a set of fingerprint impressions and that a criminal records check is required to be conducted if the person comes under final

~~consideration for employment.~~

~~(H)(J)~~ In a tort or other civil action for damages that is brought as the result of an injury, death, or loss to person or property caused by an individual applicant or employee who a community-based long-term care agency employs in a position that involves providing direct care to individuals, all of the following shall apply:

(1) If the agency employed the individual applicant or employee in good faith and reasonable reliance on the report of a criminal records check requested under this section, the agency shall not be found negligent solely because of its reliance on the report, even if the information in the report is determined later to have been incomplete or inaccurate;.

(2) If the agency employed the individual applicant in good faith on a conditional basis pursuant to division ~~(C)(2)~~(H) of this section, the agency shall not be found negligent solely because it employed the individual applicant prior to receiving the report of a criminal records check requested under this section;.

(3) If the agency in good faith employed the individual applicant or employee according to the personal character standards established in rules adopted under ~~division (F)~~ of this section, the agency shall not be found negligent solely because the individual prior to being employed had applicant or employee has been convicted of or, pleaded guilty to an offense listed or described in division (C)(1) of this section, or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense.

~~(I)(1) The chief administrator of a community-based long-term care agency is not required to request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation conduct a criminal records check of an applicant if the applicant has been referred to the agency by an employment service that supplies full-time, part-time, or temporary staff for positions involving the direct care of individuals and both of the following apply:~~

~~(a) The chief administrator receives from the employment service or the applicant a report of the results of a criminal records check regarding the applicant that has been conducted by the superintendent within the one-year period immediately preceding the applicant's referral;~~

~~(b) The report of the criminal records check demonstrates that the person has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense listed or described in division (C)(1) of this section, or the report demonstrates that the person has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one or more of those offenses, but the community-based long-term care agency chooses to employ the individual pursuant to division (F) of this section.~~

~~(2) The chief administrator of a community-based long-term care agency is not required to request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation conduct a criminal records check of an applicant and may employ the applicant conditionally as described in this division, if the applicant has been referred to the agency by an employment service that supplies full-time, part-time, or temporary staff for positions involving the direct care of individuals and if the chief administrator receives from the employment service or the applicant a letter from the employment service that is on the letterhead of the employment service, dated, and signed by a supervisor or another designated official of the employment service and that states that the employment service has requested the superintendent to conduct a criminal records check regarding the applicant, that the requested criminal records check will include a determination of whether the applicant has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense listed or described in division (C)(1) of this section, that, as of the date set forth on the letter, the employment service had not received the results of the criminal records check, and that, when the employment service receives the results of the criminal records check, it promptly will send a copy of the results to the community-based long-term care agency. If a community-based long-term care agency employs an applicant conditionally in accordance with this division, the employment service, upon its receipt of the results of the criminal records check, promptly shall send a copy of the results to the community-based long-term care agency, and division (C)(2)(b) of this section applies regarding the conditional employment.~~

(K) The director of aging shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section.

(1) The rules may do the following:

(a) Require employees to undergo database reviews and criminal records checks under this section;

(b) If the rules require employees to undergo database reviews and criminal records checks under this section, exempt one or more classes of employees from the requirements;

(c) For the purpose of division (E)(7) of this section, specify other databases that are to be checked as part of a database review conducted under this section.

(2) The rules shall specify all of the following:

(a) The procedures for conducting database reviews under this section;

(b) If the rules require employees to undergo database reviews and criminal records checks under this section, the times at which the database

reviews and criminal records checks are to be conducted;

(c) If the rules specify other databases to be checked as part of the database reviews, the circumstances under which a community-based long-term care agency is prohibited from employing an applicant or continuing to employ an employee who is found by a database review to be included in one or more of those databases;

(d) Circumstances under which a community-based long-term care agency may employ an applicant or employee who is found by a criminal records check required by this section to have been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense but meets personal character standards.

Sec. 173.40. (A) As used in sections 173.40 to 173.402 of the Revised Code:

"Medicaid waiver component" has the same meaning as in section 5111.85 of the Revised Code.

"PASSPORT program" means the program created under this section.

"PASSPORT waiver" means the federal medicaid waiver granted by the United States secretary of health and human services that authorizes the medicaid-funded component of the PASSPORT program.

"Unified long-term services and support medicaid waiver component" means the medicaid waiver component authorized by section 5111.864 of the Revised Code.

(B) There is hereby created the preadmission screening system providing options and resources today program, or PASSPORT. The PASSPORT program shall provide home and community-based services as an alternative to nursing facility placement for individuals who are aged and disabled and meet the program's applicable eligibility requirements. Subject to division (C) of this section, the program shall have a medicaid-funded component and a state-funded component.

(C)(1) Unless the medicaid-funded component of the PASSPORT program is terminated under division (C)(2) of this section, all of the following apply:

(a) The department of aging shall administer the medicaid-funded component through a contract entered into with the department of job and family services under section 5111.91 of the Revised Code.

(b) The medicaid-funded component shall be operated as a separate medicaid waiver component.

(c) For an individual to be eligible for the medicaid-funded component, the individual must be a medicaid recipient and meet the additional eligibility requirements applicable to the individual established in rules

adopted under division (C)(1)(d) of this section.

(d) The director of job and family services shall adopt rules under section 5111.85 of the Revised Code and the director of aging shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement the medicaid-funded component.

(2) If the unified long-term services and support medicaid waiver component is created, the departments of aging and job and family services shall work together to determine whether the medicaid-funded component of the PASSPORT program should continue to operate as a separate medicaid waiver component or be terminated. If the departments determine that the medicaid-funded component of the PASSPORT program should be terminated, the medicaid-funded component shall cease to exist on a date the departments shall specify.

(D)(1) The department of aging shall administer the state-funded component of the PASSPORT program. The state-funded component shall not be administered as part of the medicaid program.

(2) For an individual to be eligible for the state-funded component, the individual must meet one of the following requirements and meet the additional eligibility requirements applicable to the individual established in rules adopted under division (D)(4) of this section:

(a) The individual must have been enrolled in the state-funded component on September 1, 1991, (as the state-funded component was authorized by uncodified law in effect at that time) and have had one or more applications for enrollment in the medicaid-funded component (or, if the medicaid-funded component is terminated under division (C)(2) of this section, the unified long-term services and support medicaid waiver component) denied.

(b) The individual must have had the individual's enrollment in the medicaid-funded component (or, if the medicaid-funded component is terminated under division (C)(2) of this section, the unified long-term services and support medicaid waiver component) terminated and the individual must still need the home and community-based services provided under the PASSPORT program to protect the individual's health and safety.

(c) The individual must have an application for the medicaid-funded component (or, if the medicaid-funded component is terminated under division (C)(2) of this section, the unified long-term services and support medicaid waiver component) pending and the department or the department's designee must have determined that the individual meets the nonfinancial eligibility requirements of the medicaid-funded component (or, if the medicaid-funded component is terminated under division (C)(2) of

this section, the unified long-term services and support medicaid waiver component) and not have reason to doubt that the individual meets the financial eligibility requirements of the medicaid-funded component (or, if the medicaid-funded component is terminated under division (C)(2) of this section, the unified long-term services and support medicaid waiver component).

(3) An individual who is eligible for the state-funded component because the individual meets the requirement of division (D)(2)(c) of this section may participate in the component on that basis for not more than ~~three months~~ ninety days.

(4) The director of aging shall adopt rules in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code to implement the state-funded component. The additional eligibility requirements established in the rules may vary for the different groups of individuals specified in divisions (D)(2)(a), (b), and (c) of this section.

Sec. 173.42. (A) As used in sections 173.42 to 173.434 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Area agency on aging" means a public or private nonprofit entity designated under section 173.011 of the Revised Code to administer programs on behalf of the department of aging.

(2) "Department of aging-administered medicaid waiver component" means each of the following:

(a) The medicaid-funded component of the PASSPORT program created under section 173.40 of the Revised Code;

(b) The choices program created under section 173.403 of the Revised Code;

(c) The medicaid-funded component of the assisted living program created under section 5111.89 of the Revised Code;

(d) Any other medicaid waiver component, as defined in section 5111.85 of the Revised Code, that the department of aging administers pursuant to an interagency agreement with the department of job and family services under section 5111.91 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Home and community-based services covered by medicaid components the department of aging administers" means all of the following:

(a) Medicaid waiver services available to a participant in a department of aging-administered medicaid waiver component;

(b) The following medicaid state plan services available to a participant in a department of aging-administered medicaid waiver component as specified in rules adopted under section 5111.02 of the Revised Code:

- (i) Home health services;
- (ii) Private duty nursing services;
- (iii) Durable medical equipment;
- (iv) Services of a clinical nurse specialist;
- (v) Services of a certified nurse practitioner.
- (c) Services available to a participant of the PACE program.
- (4) "Long-term care consultation" or "consultation" means the consultation service made available by the department of aging or a program administrator through the long-term care consultation program established pursuant to this section.
- (5) "Medicaid" means the medical assistance program established under Chapter 5111. of the Revised Code.
- (6) "Nursing facility" has the same meaning as in section 5111.20 of the Revised Code.
- (7) "PACE program" means the component of the medicaid program the department of aging administers pursuant to section 173.50 of the Revised Code.
- (8) "PASSPORT administrative agency" means an entity under contract with the department of aging to provide administrative services regarding the PASSPORT program.
- (9) "Program administrator" means an area agency on aging or other entity under contract with the department of aging to administer the long-term care consultation program in a geographic region specified in the contract.
- (10) "Representative" means a person acting on behalf of an individual specified in division (G) of this section. A representative may be a family member, attorney, hospital social worker, or any other person chosen to act on behalf of the individual.
- (B) The department of aging shall develop a long-term care consultation program whereby individuals or their representatives are provided with long-term care consultations and receive through these professional consultations information about options available to meet long-term care needs and information about factors to consider in making long-term care decisions. The long-term care consultations provided under the program may be provided at any appropriate time, as permitted or required under this section and the rules adopted under it, including either prior to or after the individual who is the subject of a consultation has been admitted to a nursing facility or granted assistance in receiving home and community-based services covered by medicaid components the department of aging administers.

(C) The long-term care consultation program shall be administered by the department of aging, except that the department may have the program administered on a regional basis by one or more program administrators. The department and each program administrator shall administer the program in such a manner that all of the following are included:

(1) Coordination and collaboration with respect to all available funding sources for long-term care services;

(2) Assessments of individuals regarding their long-term care service needs;

(3) Assessments of individuals regarding their on-going eligibility for long-term care services;

(4) Procedures for assisting individuals in obtaining access to, and coordination of, health and supportive services, including department of aging-administered medicaid waiver components;

(5) Priorities for using available resources efficiently and effectively.

(D) The program's long-term care consultations shall be provided by individuals certified by the department under section 173.422 of the Revised Code.

(E) The information provided through a long-term care consultation shall be appropriate to the individual's needs and situation and shall address all of the following:

(1) The availability of any long-term care options open to the individual;

(2) Sources and methods of both public and private payment for long-term care services;

(3) Factors to consider when choosing among the available programs, services, and benefits;

(4) Opportunities and methods for maximizing independence and self-reliance, including support services provided by the individual's family, friends, and community.

(F) An individual's long-term care consultation may include an assessment of the individual's functional capabilities. The consultation may incorporate portions of the determinations required under sections 5111.202, 5119.061, and 5123.021 of the Revised Code and may be provided concurrently with the assessment required under section 5111.204 of the Revised Code.

(G)(1) Unless an exemption specified in division (I) of this section is applicable, each of the following shall be provided with a long-term care consultation:

(a) An individual who applies or indicates an intention to apply for admission to a nursing facility, regardless of the source of payment to be

used for the individual's care in a nursing facility;

(b) An individual who requests a long-term care consultation;

(c) An individual identified by the department or a program administrator as being likely to benefit from a long-term care consultation.

(2) In addition to the individuals specified in division (G)(1) of this section, a long-term care consultation may be provided to a nursing facility resident regardless of the source of payment being used for the resident's care in the nursing facility.

(H)(1) Except as provided in division (H)(2) or (3) of this section, a long-term care consultation provided pursuant to division (G) of this section shall be provided as follows:

(a) If the individual for whom the consultation is being provided has applied for medicaid and the consultation is being provided concurrently with the assessment required under section 5111.204 of the Revised Code, the consultation shall be completed in accordance with the applicable time frames specified in that section for providing a level of care determination based on the assessment.

(b) In all other cases, the consultation shall be provided not later than five calendar days after the department or program administrator receives notice of the reason for which the consultation is to be provided pursuant to division (G) of this section.

(2) An individual or the individual's representative may request that a long-term care consultation be provided on a date that is later than the date required under division (H)(1)(a) or (b) of this section.

(3) If a long-term care consultation cannot be completed within the number of days required by division (H)(1) or (2) of this section, the department or program administrator may do any of the following:

(a) In the case of an individual specified in division (G)(1) of this section, exempt the individual from the consultation pursuant to rules that may be adopted under division (L) of this section;

(b) In the case of an applicant for admission to a nursing facility, provide the consultation after the individual is admitted to the nursing facility;

(c) In the case of a resident of a nursing facility, provide the consultation as soon as practicable.

(I) An individual is not required to be provided a long-term care consultation under division (G)(1) of this section if any of the following apply:

(1) The department or program administrator has attempted to provide the consultation, but the individual or the individual's representative refuses

to cooperate;

(2) The individual is to receive care in a nursing facility under a contract for continuing care as defined in section 173.13 of the Revised Code;

(3) The individual has a contractual right to admission to a nursing facility operated as part of a system of continuing care in conjunction with one or more facilities that provide a less intensive level of services, including a residential care facility licensed under Chapter 3721. of the Revised Code, ~~an adult care~~ a residential facility licensed under ~~sections 5119.70 to 5119.88~~ section 5119.22 of the Revised Code that provides accommodations, supervision, and personal care services for three to sixteen unrelated adults, or an independent living arrangement;

(4) The individual is to receive continual care in a home for the aged exempt from taxation under section 5701.13 of the Revised Code;

(5) The individual is seeking admission to a facility that is not a nursing facility with a provider agreement under section 5111.22, 5111.671, or 5111.672 of the Revised Code;

(6) The individual is exempted from the long-term care consultation requirement by the department or the program administrator pursuant to rules that may be adopted under division (L) of this section.

(J) As part of the long-term care consultation program, the department or program administrator shall assist an individual or individual's representative in accessing all sources of care and services that are appropriate for the individual and for which the individual is eligible, including all available home and community-based services covered by medicaid components the department of aging administers. The assistance shall include providing for the conduct of assessments or other evaluations and the development of individualized plans of care or services under section 173.424 of the Revised Code.

(K) No nursing facility for which an operator has a provider agreement under section 5111.22, 5111.671, or 5111.672 of the Revised Code shall admit any individual as a resident, unless the nursing facility has received evidence that a long-term care consultation has been completed for the individual or division (I) of this section is applicable to the individual.

(L) The director of aging may adopt any rules the director considers necessary for the implementation and administration of this section. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and may specify any or all of the following:

(1) Procedures for providing long-term care consultations pursuant to this section;

(2) Information to be provided through long-term care consultations

regarding long-term care services that are available;

(3) Criteria and procedures to be used to identify and recommend appropriate service options for an individual receiving a long-term care consultation;

(4) Criteria for exempting individuals from the long-term care consultation requirement;

(5) Circumstances under which it may be appropriate to provide an individual's long-term care consultation after the individual's admission to a nursing facility rather than before admission;

(6) Criteria for identifying nursing facility residents who would benefit from the provision of a long-term care consultation;

(7) A description of the types of information from a nursing facility that is needed under the long-term care consultation program to assist a resident with relocation from the facility;

(8) Standards to prevent conflicts of interest relative to the referrals made by a person who performs a long-term care consultation, including standards that prohibit the person from being employed by a provider of long-term care services;

(9) Procedures for providing notice and an opportunity for a hearing under division (N) of this section.

(M) To assist the department and each program administrator with identifying individuals who are likely to benefit from a long-term care consultation, the department and program administrator may ask to be given access to nursing facility resident assessment data collected through the use of the resident assessment instrument specified in rules adopted under section 5111.02 of the Revised Code for purposes of the medicaid program. Except when prohibited by state or federal law, the department of health, department of job and family services, or nursing facility holding the data shall grant access to the data on receipt of the request from the department of aging or program administrator.

(N)(1) The director of aging, after providing notice and an opportunity for a hearing, may fine a nursing facility an amount determined by rules the director shall adopt in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for any of the following reasons:

(a) The nursing facility admits an individual, without evidence that a long-term care consultation has been provided, as required by this section;

(b) The nursing facility denies a person attempting to provide a long-term care consultation access to the facility or a resident of the facility;

(c) The nursing facility denies the department of aging or program administrator access to the facility or a resident of the facility, as the

department or administrator considers necessary to administer the program.

(2) In accordance with section 5111.62 of the Revised Code, all fines collected under division (N)(1) of this section shall be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the residents protection fund.

Sec. 173.45. As used in this section and in sections 173.46 to 173.49 of the Revised Code:

(A) "~~Adult care~~ Residential facility" ~~has the same meaning as in~~ means a residential facility licensed under section 5119.70 5119.22 of the Revised Code that provides accommodations, supervision, and personal care services for three to sixteen unrelated adults.

(B) "Community-based long-term care services" has the same meaning as in section 173.14 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Long-term care facility" means a nursing home or residential care facility.

(D) "Nursing home" and "residential care facility" have the same meanings as in section 3721.01 of the Revised Code.

(E) "Nursing facility" has the same meaning as in section 5111.20 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 173.46. (A) The department of aging shall develop and publish a guide to long-term care facilities for use by individuals considering long-term care facility admission and their families, friends, and advisors. The guide, which shall be titled the Ohio long-term care consumer guide, may be published in printed form or in electronic form for distribution over the internet. The guide may be developed as a continuation or modification of the guide published by the department prior to September 29, 2005, under rules adopted under section 173.02 of the Revised Code.

(B) The Ohio long-term care consumer guide shall include information on each long-term care facility in this state. For each facility, the guide shall include the following information, as applicable to the facility:

(1) Information regarding the facility's compliance with state statutes and rules and federal statutes and regulations;

(2) Information generated by the centers for medicare and medicaid services of the United States department of health and human services from the quality measures developed as part of its nursing home quality initiative;

(3) Results of the customer satisfaction surveys conducted under section 173.47 of the Revised Code;

(4) Any other information the department specifies in rules adopted under section 173.49 of the Revised Code.

(C) The Ohio long-term care consumer guide may include information on ~~adult care~~ residential facilities and providers of community-based

long-term care services. The department may adopt rules under section 173.49 of the Revised Code to specify the information to be included in the guide pursuant to this division.

Sec. 191.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Administrative safeguards," "availability," "confidentiality," "integrity," "physical safeguards," and "technical safeguards" have the same meanings as in 45 C.F.R. 164.304.

(B) "Business associate," "covered entity," "health plan," "individually identifiable health information," and "protected health information" have the same meanings as in 45 C.F.R. 160.103.

(C) "Executive director of the office of health transformation" or "executive director" means the executive director of the office of health transformation or the chief administrative officer of a successor governmental entity responsible for health system oversight in this state.

(D) "Government program providing public benefits" means any program administered by a state agency that has been identified, pursuant to section 191.02 of the Revised Code, by the executive director of the office of health transformation in consultation with the individuals specified in that section.

(E) "Office of health transformation" means the office of health transformation created by executive order 2011-02K.

(F) "Operating protocol" means a protocol adopted by the executive director of the office of health transformation or the executive director's designee under division (D) of section 191.06 of the Revised Code.

(G) "Participating agency" means a state agency that participates in a health transformation initiative as specified in the one or more operating protocols adopted for the initiative under division (D) of section 191.06 of the Revised Code.

(H) "Personally identifiable information" means information that meets both of the following criteria:

(1) It identifies an individual or there is a reasonable basis to believe that it may be used to identify an individual;

(2) It relates to an individual's eligibility for, application for, or receipt of public benefits from a government program providing public benefits.

(I) "State agency" means each of the following:

(1) The department of aging;

(2) The department of alcohol and drug addiction services;

(3) The department of development;

(4) The department of developmental disabilities;

(5) The department of education;

- (6) The department of health;
- (7) The department of insurance;
- (8) The department of job and family services;
- (9) The department of mental health;
- (10) The department of rehabilitation and correction;
- (11) The department of taxation;
- (12) The department of veterans services;
- (13) The department of youth services.
- (J) "Unsecured" has the same meaning as in 16 C.F.R. 318.2.

Sec. 191.02. The executive director of the office of health transformation, in consultation with all of the following individuals, shall identify each government program administered by a state agency that is to be considered a government program providing public benefits for purposes of section 191.04 of the Revised Code:

- (A) The director of aging;
- (B) The director of alcohol and drug addiction services;
- (C) The director of development;
- (D) The director of developmental disabilities;
- (E) The director of health;
- (F) The director job and family services;
- (G) The director of mental health;
- (H) The director of rehabilitation and correction;
- (I) The director of veterans services;
- (J) The director of youth services;
- (K) The administrator of the rehabilitation services commission;
- (L) The administrator of workers' compensation;
- (M) The superintendent of insurance;
- (N) The superintendent of public instruction;
- (O) The tax commissioner.

Sec. 191.04. (A) In accordance with federal laws governing the confidentiality of individually identifiable health information, including the "Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996," 104 Pub. L. No. 191, 110 Stat. 2021, 42 U.S.C. 1320d et seq., as amended, and regulations promulgated by the United States department of health and human services to implement the act, a state agency may exchange protected health information with another state agency relating to eligibility for or enrollment in a health plan or relating to participation in a government program providing public benefits if the exchange of information is necessary for either or both of the following:

- (1) Operating a health plan;

(2) Coordinating, or improving the administration or management of the health care-related functions of at least one government program providing public benefits.

(B) For fiscal year 2013 only, a state agency also may exchange personally identifiable information with another state agency for purposes related to and in support of a health transformation initiative identified by the executive director of the office of health transformation pursuant to division (C) of section 191.06 of the Revised Code.

(C) With respect to a state agency that uses or discloses personally identifiable information, all of the following conditions apply:

(1) The state agency shall use or disclose the information only as permitted or required by state and federal law. In addition, if the information is obtained during fiscal year 2013 from an exchange of personally identifiable information permitted under division (B) of this section, the agency shall also use or disclose the information in accordance with all operating protocols that apply to the use or disclosure.

(2) If the state agency is a state agency other than the department of job and family services and it uses or discloses protected health information that is related to a medicaid recipient and obtained from the department of job and family services or another agency operating a component of the medicaid program, the state agency shall comply with all state and federal laws that apply to the department of job and family services when that department, as the state's single state agency to supervise the medicaid program as specified in section 5111.01 of the Revised Code, uses or discloses protected health information.

(3) A state agency shall implement administrative, physical, and technical safeguards for the purpose of protecting the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of personally identifiable information the creation, receipt, maintenance, or transmittal of which is affected or governed by this section.

(4) If a state agency discovers an unauthorized use or disclosure of unsecured protected health information or unsecured individually identifiable health information, the state agency shall, not later than seventy-two hours after the discovery, do all of the following:

(a) Identify the individuals who are the subject of the protected health information or individually identifiable health information;

(b) Report the discovery and the names of all individuals identified pursuant to division (C)(4)(a) of this section to all other state agencies and the executive director of the office of health transformation or the executive director's designee;

(c) Mitigate, to the extent reasonably possible, any potential adverse effects of the unauthorized use or disclosure.

(5) A state agency shall make available to the executive director of the office of health transformation or the executive director's designee, and to any other state or federal governmental entity required by law to have access on that entity's request, all internal practices, records, and documentation relating to personally identifiable information it receives, uses, or discloses that is affected or governed by this section.

(6) On termination or expiration of an operating protocol and if feasible, a state agency shall return or destroy all personally identifiable information received directly from or received on behalf of another state agency. If the personally identifiable information is not returned or destroyed, the state agency maintaining the information shall extend the protections set forth in this section for as long as it is maintained.

(7) If a state agency enters into a subcontract or, when required by 45 C.F.R. 164.502(e)(2), a business associate agreement, the subcontract or business associate agreement shall require the subcontractor or business associate to comply with the terms of this section as if the subcontractor or business associate were a state agency.

Sec. 191.06. (A) The provisions of this section shall apply only for fiscal year 2013.

(B) The executive director of the office of health transformation or the executive director's designee may facilitate the coordination of operations and exchange of information between state agencies. The purpose of the executive director's authority under this section is to support agency collaboration for health transformation purposes, including modernization of the medicaid program, streamlining of health and human services programs in this state, and improving the quality, continuity, and efficiency of health care and health care support systems in this state.

(C) In furtherance of the authority of the executive director of the office of health transformation under division (B) of this section, the executive director or the executive director's designee shall identify each health transformation initiative in this state that involves the participation of two or more state agencies and that permits or requires an interagency agreement to be entered into for purposes of specifying each participating agency's role in coordinating, operating, or funding the initiative, or facilitating the exchange of data or other information for the initiative. The executive director shall publish a list of the identified health transformation initiatives on the internet web site maintained by the office of health transformation.

(D) For each health transformation initiative that is identified under

division (C) of this section, the executive director or the executive director's designee shall, in consultation with each participating agency, adopt one or more operating protocols. Notwithstanding any law enacted by the general assembly or rule adopted by a state agency, the provisions in a protocol shall supersede any provisions in an interagency agreement, including an interagency agreement entered into under section 5101.10 or 5111.91 of the Revised Code, that differ from the provisions of the protocol.

(E)(1) An operating protocol adopted under division (D) of this section shall include both of the following:

(a) All terms necessary to meet the requirements of "other arrangements" between a covered entity and a business associate that are referenced in 45 C.F.R. 164.314(a)(2)(ii):

(b) If known, the date on which the protocol will terminate or expire.

(2) In addition, a protocol may specify the extent to which each participating agency is responsible and accountable for completing the tasks necessary for successful completion of the initiative, including tasks relating to the following components of the initiative:

(a) Workflow;

(b) Funding;

(c) Exchange of data or other information that is confidential pursuant to state or federal law.

(F) An operating protocol adopted under division (D) of this section shall have the same force and effect as an interagency agreement or data sharing agreement, and each participating agency shall comply with it.

(G) The director of job and family services shall determine whether a waiver of federal medicaid requirements or a medicaid state plan amendment is necessary to fulfill the requirements of this section. If the director determines a waiver or medicaid state plan amendment is necessary, the director shall apply to the United States secretary of health and human services for the waiver or amendment.

Sec. 306.04. (A) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of this section, employees of a county transit board or a board of county commissioners operating a transit system are employees of the county. If the system is operated by the board of county commissioners, the board shall appoint an executive director, who shall be in the unclassified service.

(B) Any county transit board that established its own civil service organization and procedure prior to ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ October 25, 1995, shall continue to operate under that organization. Appointments and promotions in that system shall be made, as far as practicable, by competitive examination.

A board that established its own civil service organization prior to ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ October 25, 1995, shall establish by rule the seniority provisions relating to street railway and motor bus employees in effect at the time of the acquisition of the transit system by the county. The vacation, holiday, and sick leave privileges shall not be regulated by other provisions of law relating to public employees of the state or county, except that the transit board, its officers and employees, shall be subject to the public employees retirement system of the state and the transit board shall assume any pension obligations which have been assumed by any publicly owned transit system which the county may acquire.

(C) A county transit board or board of county commissioners operating a transit system may:

(1) Acquire in its name by gift, grant, purchase, or condemnation and hold and operate real estate and interests therein and personal property suitable for its purposes;

(2) In its name purchase, acquire, construct, enlarge, improve, equip, repair, maintain, sell, exchange, lease as lessee or lessor, receive a right of use of, and manage, control, and operate, in or out of the county, a county transit system consisting of all real estate and interests therein, personal property, and a combination thereof, for or related to the movement of persons including but not limited to street railway, tramline, subways, rapid transits, monorails, and passenger bus systems but excluding therefrom trucks, the movement of property by truck, and facilities designed for use in the movement of property by truck for hire;

(3) Issue, with the approval of the county commissioners when the issuance is made by the transit board, revenue bonds of the county as provided in division (B) of section 306.09 of the Revised Code, to secure funds to accomplish its purposes. The principal of and interest on such bonds, together with all other payments required to be made by the trust agreement or indenture securing such bonds, shall be paid solely from revenues or other income accruing to the board from facilities of the county transit system designated in said agreement or indenture.

(4) Enter into contracts in the exercise of the rights, powers, and duties conferred upon it, and execute all instruments necessary in the conduct of its business;

(5) Fix, alter, and charge rates and other charges for the use of its real estate and interests therein, personal property, and combinations thereof;

(6) Employ such financial consultants, accountants, appraisers, consulting engineers, architects, construction experts, attorneys-at-law, managers and other supervisory personnel, and other officers, employees,

and agents as it determines necessary to conduct its business, and fix their compensation and duties;

(7) Pledge, hypothecate, or otherwise encumber its revenues and other income as security for its obligations and enter into trust agreements or indentures for the benefit of revenue bondholders;

(8) Borrow money or accept or contract to accept advances, loans, gifts, grants, devises, or bequests from and enter into contracts or agreements with any federal, state, or other governmental or private source and hold and apply advances, loans, gifts, grants, devises, or bequests according to the terms thereof including provisions which are required by such federal, state, or other governmental or private source to protect the interest of employees affected by such advances, loans, gifts, grants, devises, or bequests. Such advances, loans, gifts, grants, or devises may be subject to any reasonable reservation and any gift, grant, or devise or real estate may be in fee simple or any lesser estate. Any advances or loans received from any federal, state, or other governmental or private source may be repaid in accordance with the terms of such advance or loan.

(9) Conduct investigations and surveys into the needs of the public within or without the county for transportation services to provide for the movement of persons within, into, or from the area serviced or to be serviced by the county transit system;

(10) Enter into lawful arrangements with the appropriate federal or state department or agency, county, township, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision or public agency for the planning and installation of any public facilities which are determined necessary in the conduct of its business;

(11) Purchase fire, extended coverage, and liability insurance for the real estate and interests therein, personal property and any combination thereof, used by or in connection with the county transit system and insurance covering the board and the county transit system and its officers and employees for liability for damage or injury to persons or property;

(12) Procure and pay all or any part of the cost of group hospitalization, surgical, major medical, or sickness and accident insurance, or a combination thereof, for the officers and employees of the county transit system and their immediate dependents, issued by an insurance company, duly authorized to do business in this state;

(13) Sell, lease, release, or otherwise dispose of real estate or interests therein or personal property owned by it and grant such easements across its real estate and interests therein as will not interfere with its use by the county transit system;

(14) Establish rules for the use and operation of the county transit system including the real estate or interests therein, personal property or a combination of the foregoing used by or in connection with such system;

(15) Exercise the power of eminent domain to appropriate any real estate or interests therein, personal property, franchises, or any combination thereof, within or without the county, necessary or proper in the exercise of its powers provided in sections 306.01 to 306.13 of the Revised Code, as provided in sections 163.01 to 163.22 of the Revised Code, and subject to divisions (15)(a), (b), and (c) of this section, provided that a county transit board or a board of county commissioners operating a transit system shall not proceed to so appropriate real property outside its territorial boundaries, until it has served at the office of the county commissioners of the county in which it is proposed to appropriate real property, a notice describing the real property to be taken and the purpose for which it is proposed to be taken, and such county commissioners have entered on their journal within thirty days after such service a resolution approving such appropriation;

(a) Nothing contained in this division authorizes a county transit board or a board of county commissioners to appropriate any land, rights, rights-of-way, franchises, or easements belonging to the state or to a municipal corporation without the consent of the state or of the municipal corporation, and no county transit board or board of county commissioners shall exercise the right of eminent domain to acquire any certificate of public convenience and necessity, or any part thereof, issued to a for-hire motor transportation company carrier by the public utilities commission of Ohio or by the ~~interstate commerce commission~~ federal motor carrier safety administration of the United States, or to take or disturb other real estate or interests therein, personal property, or any combination thereof belonging to any municipal corporation without the consent of the legislative authority of such municipal corporation, or take or disturb real estate or interests therein, personal property, or any combination thereof belonging to any other political subdivision, public corporation, public utility, or common carrier, which is necessary and convenient in the operation of such political subdivision, public corporation, public utility, or common carrier unless provision is made for the restoration, relocation, or duplication of that taken or upon the election of such political subdivision, public corporation, public utility, or common carrier for the payment of compensation, if any, at the sole cost of the county transit system.

(b) If any restoration or duplication proposed to be made under this division involves a relocation, the new location shall have at least comparable utilitarian value and effectiveness, and such relocation shall not

impair the ability of the public utility or common carrier to compete in its original area of operation.

(c) If such restoration or duplication proposed to be made under this division involves a relocation, the county transit board or board of county commissioners shall acquire no interest or right in or to the appropriated property or facility until the relocated property or facility is available for use and until marketable title thereto has been transferred to the political subdivision, public corporation, public utility, or common carrier. Nothing in this division shall require any board of county commissioners or county transit board operating a county transit system to so restore, relocate, or duplicate, if all of the real estate and interests therein, personal property, and any combination of the foregoing which is owned by a public utility or common carrier and used by it or in connection with the movement of persons, is acquired by exercise of the power of eminent domain.

(16) When real property is acquired that is located outside the county and is removed from the tax duplicate, the county transit board or board of county commissioners operating a transit system shall pay annually to the county treasurer of the county in which that property is located, commencing with the first tax year in which that property is removed from the tax duplicate, an amount of money in lieu of taxes equal to the smaller of the following:

(a) The last annual installment of taxes due from the acquired property before removal from the tax duplicate;

(b) An amount equal to the difference between the combined revenue from real estate taxes of all the taxing districts in which the property is located in the tax year immediately prior to the removal of the acquired property from the tax duplicate, and either:

(i) The total revenue which would be produced by the tax rate of each such taxing district in the tax year immediately prior to the removal of the acquired property from the tax duplicate, applied to the real estate tax duplicate of each of such taxing districts in each tax year subsequent to the year of removal; or

(ii) The combined revenue from real estate taxes of all such taxing districts in each tax year subsequent to the year of removal, whichever is the greater.

The county transit board or board of county commissioners may be exempted from such payment by agreement of the affected taxing district or districts in the county in which the property is located.

The county auditor of the county in which that property is located shall apportion each such annual payment to each taxing district as if the annual

payment had been levied and collected as a tax.

Those annual payments shall never again be made after they have ceased.

(17) Sue or be sued, plead or be impleaded, and be held liable in any court of proper jurisdiction for damages received by reason of negligence, in the same manner and to the same extent as if the county transit system were privately operated, provided, that no funds of a county other than those of the county transit board or, if the transit system is operated by the board of county commissioners, other than those in the account for the county transit system created under division (C) of section 306.01 of the Revised Code, shall be available for the satisfaction of judgments rendered against that system;

(18) Annually prepare and make available for public inspection a report in condensed form showing the financial results of the operation of the county transit system. For systems operated by a county transit board, copies of this report shall be furnished to the county commissioners as well as a monthly summary statement of revenues and expenses for the preceding month sufficient to show the exact financial condition of the county transit system as of the last day of the preceding month.

(19) With the approval of the county commissioners when the action is taken by the transit board, and without competitive bidding, sell, lease, or grant the right of use of all or a portion of the county transit system to any other political subdivision, taxing district, or other public body or agency having the power to operate a transit system;

(20) Enter into and supervise franchise agreements for the operation of a county transit system;

(21) Accept the assignment of and then supervise an existing franchise agreement for the operation of a county transit system.

Sec. 306.36. (A) The board of trustees of a regional transit authority may exercise the power of eminent domain to appropriate any land, rights, rights-of-way, franchise, power lines, easements, or other property, within or without the territorial boundaries of the regional transit authority, necessary or proper for the construction or efficient operation of any transit facility or access thereto under its jurisdiction pursuant to the procedure provided in sections 163.01 to 163.22, inclusive, of the Revised Code, and subject to division (B) of this section, provided that a regional transit authority shall not proceed to so appropriate real property outside its territorial boundaries, until it has served at the office of the county commissioners of the county in which it is proposed to appropriate real property, a notice describing the real property to be taken and the purpose

for which it is proposed to be taken, and such county commissioners have entered on their journal within thirty days after such service a resolution approving such appropriation.

(B) Nothing contained in sections 306.30 to 306.53, inclusive, of the Revised Code authorizes a regional transit authority to appropriate any land, rights, rights-of-way, franchises, or easements belonging to the state or a municipal corporation without the consent of the state or municipal corporation, and no regional transit authority shall exercise the right of eminent domain to acquire any certificate of public convenience and necessity, or any part thereof, issued to a for-hire motor transportation company carrier by the public utilities commission of Ohio or by the ~~interstate commerce commission of the United States~~ federal motor carrier safety administration, or to take or disturb other property or facilities belonging to any political subdivision, public corporation, public utility, or common carrier, which property or facility is necessary and convenient in the operation of such political subdivision, public corporation, public utility, or common carrier, unless provision is made for the restoration, relocation, or duplication of such property or facility, or upon the election of such political subdivision, public corporation, public utility, or common carrier, for the payment of compensation, if any, at the sole cost of the regional transit authority, provided:

(1) If any restoration or duplication of any property or facility proposed to be made under this division involves a relocation of such property or facility the new facility and location thereof shall be of at least comparable utilitarian value and effectiveness and such relocation shall not impair the ability of the public utility or common carrier to compete in its original area of operation.

(2) If any restoration or duplication of any property or facility proposed to be made under this division involves a relocation of such property or facility, the regional transit authority shall acquire no interest or right in or to the appropriated property or facility until the relocated property or facility is available for use and until marketable title thereto has been transferred to the public utility or common carrier.

(C) When real property is acquired which is located outside the territorial boundaries of the regional transit authority and which is removed from the tax duplicate, the regional transit authority shall pay annually to the county treasurer of the county in which such property is located, commencing with the first tax year in which such property is removed from the tax duplicate, an amount of money in lieu of taxes equal to the smaller of the following:

(1) The last annual installment of taxes due from the acquired property before removal from the tax duplicate;

(2) An amount equal to the difference between the combined revenue from real estate taxes of all the taxing districts in which such property is located in the tax year immediately prior to the removal of such acquired property from the tax duplicate, and either:

(a) The total revenue which would be produced by the tax rate of each such taxing district in the tax year immediately prior to the removal of such acquired property from the tax duplicate, applied to the real estate tax duplicate of each of such taxing districts in each tax year subsequent to the year of removal; or

(b) The combined revenue from real estate taxes of all such taxing districts in each tax year subsequent to the year of removal, whichever is the greater.

The county auditor of each county in which such property is located shall apportion each such annual payment to each taxing district as if such annual payment has been levied and collected as a tax.

Such annual payments shall never again be made after they have ceased.

The regional transit authority may be exempted from such payment by agreement of the affected taxing district or districts in the county in which such property is located.

Sec. 306.55. Beginning July 1, 2011 and until November 5, 2013, the legislative authority of any municipal corporation or the board of township trustees of any township that has created or joined a regional transit authority that levies a property tax and that includes in its membership political subdivisions that are located in a county having a population of at least four hundred thousand according to the most recent federal census, may withdraw the municipal corporation or the unincorporated territory of the township from the regional transit authority in the manner provided in this section. The legislative authority ~~of the municipal corporation~~ or board of township trustees ~~of the township~~ proposing to withdraw shall adopt a resolution to submit the question of withdrawing from the regional transit authority to the electors of the ~~territory~~ municipal corporation or the unincorporated area of the township to be withdrawn and shall certify the proposal to the board of elections for the purpose of having the proposal placed on the ballot at the next general election or at a special election conducted on the day of the next primary election that occurs not less than ninety days after the resolution is certified to the board of elections.

Upon certification of a proposal to the board of elections pursuant to this section, the board of elections shall make the necessary arrangements

for the submission of the question to the electors of the territory to be withdrawn from the regional transit authority qualified to vote on the question, ~~and the~~. For a municipal corporation, the election shall be held, canvassed, and certified in the same manner as regular elections for the election of officers of the ~~subdivision~~ municipal corporation proposing to withdraw from the regional transit authority, except that the question appearing on the ballot of a municipal corporation shall read:

"Shall the territory within the (~~Name name of political subdivision~~ municipal corporation to be withdrawn) be withdrawn from (~~Name name of~~) regional transit authority)?"

For the unincorporated area of a township, the election shall be held, canvassed, and certified in the same manner as regular elections for the election of officers of the township, except that question shall only be presented to electors of the unincorporated area of the township and the question appearing on the ballot of the unincorporated area of the township shall read:

"Shall the territory of the unincorporated area of (name of township to be withdrawn) be withdrawn from (name of regional transit authority)?"

The legislative authority of a municipal corporation or board of trustees of a township, by vote of two-thirds of all members of the legislative authority or board, may adopt a resolution and certify that resolution to the board of elections for the combined purpose of withdrawing from a regional transit authority as provided in this section and levying a property tax pursuant to division (XX) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code for a municipal corporation and section 5705.72 of the Revised Code for a township. If the questions are combined, the question appearing on the ballot shall be as provided in section 5705.252 of the Revised Code.

~~If the question is approved by at least a majority of the electors voting on the question, the withdrawal is effective six months from the date of the certification of its passage.~~

The board of elections to which the resolution was certified shall certify the results of the election to the board or legislative authority of the subdivision that submitted the resolution to withdraw and to the board of trustees of the regional transit authority from which the subdivision proposed to withdraw. If the question is approved by at least a majority of the electors voting on the question, the municipal corporation's or unincorporated area of the township's membership in the regional transit authority terminates on the thirty-first day of December of the calendar year in which the election is held.

If the question of withdrawing from the regional transit authority is approved, the power of the regional transit authority to levy a tax on taxable property in the affected area of the withdrawing subdivision terminates beginning with the tax year in which the election is held, and no taxes from the levy may be charged for collection against such property for that tax year.

Sec. 313.121. (A) As used in this section, "parent" means either parent, except that if one parent has been designated the residential parent and legal custodian of the child, "parent" means the designated residential parent and legal custodian, and if a person other than a parent is the child's legal guardian, "parent" means the legal guardian.

(B) If a child under two years of age dies suddenly when in apparent good health, the death shall be reported immediately to the coroner of the county in which the death occurred, as required by section 313.12 of the Revised Code. Except as provided in division (C) of this section, the coroner or deputy coroner shall perform an autopsy on the child. The autopsy shall be performed in accordance with ~~public health council~~ rules adopted by the director of health under section 313.122 of the Revised Code. The coroner or deputy coroner may perform research procedures and tests when performing the autopsy.

(C) A coroner or deputy coroner is not required to perform an autopsy if the coroner of the county in which the death occurred or a court with jurisdiction over the deceased body determines under section 313.131 of the Revised Code that an autopsy is contrary to the religious beliefs of the child. If the coroner or the court makes such a determination, the coroner shall notify the health district or department of health with jurisdiction in the area in which the child's parent resides. For purposes of this division, the religious beliefs of the parents of a child shall be considered to be the religious beliefs of the child.

(D) If the child's parent makes a written or verbal request for the preliminary results of the autopsy after the results are available, the coroner, or a person designated by ~~him~~ the coroner, shall give the parent an oral statement of the preliminary results.

The coroner, within a reasonable time after the final results of the autopsy are reported, shall send written notice of the results to the state department of health, the health district or department with jurisdiction in the area in which the child's parent resides, and, upon the request of a parent of the child, to the child's attending physician. Upon the written request of a parent of the child and the payment of the transcript fee required by section 313.10 of the Revised Code, the coroner shall send written notice of the

final results to that parent. The notice sent to the state department of health shall include all of the information specified ~~by rule of the public health council~~ in rules adopted under section 313.122 of the Revised Code.

(E) On the occurrence of any of the following, the health district or department with jurisdiction in the area in which the child's parent resides shall offer the parent any counseling or other supportive services it has available:

(1) When it learns through any source that an autopsy is being performed on a child under two years of age who died suddenly when in apparent good health;

(2) When it receives notice that the final result of an autopsy performed pursuant to this section concluded that the child died of sudden infant death syndrome;

(3) When it is notified by the coroner that, pursuant to division (C) of this section, an autopsy was not performed.

(F) When a health district or department receives notice that the final result of an autopsy performed pursuant to this section concluded that the child died of sudden infant death syndrome or that, pursuant to division (C) of this section, an autopsy was not performed but sudden infant death syndrome may have been the cause of death, it shall offer the child's parent information about sudden infant death syndrome. The state department of health shall ensure that current information on sudden infant death syndrome is available for distribution by health districts and departments.

Sec. 313.122. The ~~public director of health council~~, after reviewing and considering any recommendations made by the Ohio state coroners association, shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing a protocol governing the performance of autopsies under section 313.121 of the Revised Code. The rules shall specify the information derived from an autopsy that a coroner is required to report to the state department of health. The ~~public health council director~~ shall not amend the rules adopted under this section unless it notifies the Ohio state coroners association of the proposed changes and consults with the association.

Sec. 313.16. In counties where no coroner's laboratory has been established or where the coroner's laboratory does not have the equipment or personnel to follow the protocol established ~~by rule of~~ in rules adopted by the public director of health council ~~adopted~~ under section 313.122 of the Revised Code, the coroner may request a coroner of a county in which such a laboratory is established or that has a laboratory able to follow the ~~public health council's~~ director's protocol to perform necessary laboratory examinations, the cost of which shall be no greater than the actual value of

the services of technicians and the materials used in performing such examination. Money derived from the fees paid for these examinations shall be kept in a special fund, for the use of the coroner's laboratory, from which fund replacements can be made. Such funds shall be used to purchase necessary supplies and equipment for the laboratory and to pay any associated costs incurred in the administration of this section at the coroner's discretion.

Sec. 329.01. In each county, except as provided in section 329.40 of the Revised Code, there shall be a county department of job and family services which, when so established, shall be governed by this chapter. The department shall consist of a county director of job and family services appointed by the board of county commissioners, and such assistants and other employees as are necessary for the efficient performance of the functions of the county department. Before entering upon the discharge of the director's official duties, the director shall give a bond, conditioned for the faithful performance of those official duties, in such sum as fixed by the board. The director may require any assistant or employee under the director's jurisdiction to give a bond in such sum as determined by the board. All bonds given under this section shall be with a surety or bonding company authorized to do business in this state, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of such director, assistant, or employee. The expense or premium for any bond required by this section shall be paid from the appropriation for administrative expenses of the department. Such bond shall be deposited with the county treasurer and kept in the treasurer's office.

As used in the Revised Code:

(A) "County department of job and family services" means the county department of job and family services established under this section, including an entity designated a county department of job and family services under section 307.981 of the Revised Code, or ~~the~~ a joint county department of job and family services established under section 329.40 of the Revised Code.

(B) "County director of job and family services" means the county director of job and family services appointed under this section or under section 329.41 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 329.40. (A)(1) The boards of county commissioners of ~~the~~ any two or more counties of ~~Hoeking, Ross, and Vinton~~, by entering into a written agreement, may form a joint county department of job and family services to perform the duties, provide the services, and operate the programs required under this chapter. ~~The formation of this joint county department of job and family services is a pilot project.~~ The agreement shall be ratified by

resolution of the board of county commissioners of each county that entered into the agreement. Each board of county commissioners that enters into ~~the~~ an agreement shall give notice of the agreement to the Ohio department of job and family services at least ninety days before the agreement's effective date. The agreement shall take effect not earlier than the first day of the calendar quarter following the ninety-day notice period. The director of job and family services shall adopt, as an internal management rule under section 111.15 of the Revised Code, the form in which the notice shall be given.

(2) The boards of county commissioners of the counties forming ~~the~~ a joint county department shall constitute, collectively, the board of directors of the joint county department of job and family services. On the effective date of the agreement, the board of directors shall take control of and manage the joint county department subject to this chapter and all other sections of the Revised Code that govern the authority and responsibilities of a single board of county commissioners in the operation of a single county department of job and family services.

(B)(1) ~~The~~ An agreement to establish ~~the~~ a joint county department shall specify all of the following:

(a) The obligations of each board of county commissioners in operating the joint county department, including requiring each board to provide state, federal, and county funds to the operation of the joint county department and the schedule for provision of those funds;

(b) How and which facilities, equipment, and personnel will be shared;

(c) Procedures for the division of resources and obligations ~~should a~~ county if one or more counties withdraw from the joint county department, or ~~should the department cease~~ ceases to exist;

(d) Any contributions of participating counties establishing the joint county department and the rights of those counties in lands or personal property, or rights or interests therein, contributed to or otherwise acquired by the joint county department.

(2) ~~The~~ An agreement to establish ~~the~~ a joint county department may set forth any or all of the following:

(a) Quality, timeliness, and other standards to be met by each county;

(b) Which family service programs and functions are to be included in the joint county department;

(c) Procedures for the operation of the board of directors, including procedures governing the frequency of meetings and the number of members of the board required to constitute a quorum to take action;

(d) Any other procedures or standards necessary for the joint county

department to perform its duties and operate efficiently.

(C) ~~The~~ An agreement may be amended by a majority vote of the board of directors of the joint county department, but no amendment shall divest a participating county of any right or interest in lands or personal property without its consent.

(D) Costs incurred in operating ~~the~~ a joint county department shall be paid from a joint general fund created by the board of directors, except as may be otherwise provided in the agreement.

(E) A joint county department established under this section is a public office as defined in section 117.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 329.41. (A) The board of directors of ~~the~~ a joint county department of job and family services formed under section 329.40 of the Revised Code shall appoint and fix the compensation of ~~a~~ the director of the department. The director shall serve at the pleasure of the board of directors. Under the direction and control of the board, the director shall have full charge of the department as set forth in section 329.02 of the Revised Code for the director of a single county department of job and family services.

(B) The board of directors may appoint up to three administrators to oversee services provided by the joint county department. Administrators shall be in the unclassified service.

(C) Employees of ~~the~~ a joint county department of job and family services shall be appointed by the director of the joint county department and, except as provided in this section, shall be in the classified service. The employees of ~~the~~ a joint county department shall be considered county employees for the purposes of Chapter 124. of the Revised Code and other provisions of state law applicable to county employees. Instead of or in addition to appointing these employees, ~~the~~ a board of directors may agree to use the employees of one or more of the counties that formed ~~the~~ a joint county department in the service of the joint county department and to share in their compensation in any manner that may be agreed upon.

(D) Notwithstanding any other section of the Revised Code, if an employee's separation from county service occurs in connection with a county joining or withdrawing from ~~the~~ a joint county department of job and family services, the board of county commissioners that initially appointed the employee shall have no obligation to pay any compensation with respect to unused vacation or sick leave accrued to the credit of the employee if the employee accepts employment with the joint county department or a withdrawing county. At the effective time of separation from county service, the joint county department or the withdrawing county, as the case may be, shall assume such unused vacation and sick leave accrued to the employee's

credit.

Sec. 329.42. The county auditor of the county with the largest population that formed ~~the~~ a joint county department of job and family services under section 329.40 of the Revised Code shall serve as the fiscal officer of the joint county department, and the county treasurer of that county shall serve as the treasurer of the joint county department, unless the counties that formed the joint county department agree to appoint the county auditor and county treasurer of another county that formed the department. In either case, these county officers shall perform any applicable duties for the joint county department as each typically performs for the county of which the individual is an officer. The board of directors of the joint county department may pay to that county any amount agreed upon by the board of directors and the board of county commissioners of that county to reimburse the county for the costs that are properly allocable to the service of its officers as fiscal officer and treasurer of the joint county department.

Sec. 329.43. (A) The prosecuting attorney of the county with the largest population that formed ~~the~~ a joint county department of job and family services under section 329.40 of the Revised Code shall serve as the legal advisor of the board of directors of the joint county department, unless the counties that formed the joint county department agree to appoint the prosecuting attorney of another county that formed the joint county department as legal advisor of the board. The board of directors may pay to the county of the prosecuting attorney who is the legal advisor of the board any amount agreed upon by the board of directors and the board of county commissioners of that county to reimburse that county for the costs that are properly allocable to the service of its prosecuting attorney as the legal advisor of the board of directors.

(B) The prosecuting attorney shall provide such services to the board of directors as are required or authorized to be provided to other county boards under Chapter 309. of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) If the board of directors of ~~the~~ a joint county department wishes to employ other legal counsel on an annual basis to serve as the board's legal advisor in place of the prosecuting attorney, the board may do so with the agreement of the prosecuting attorney. If the prosecuting attorney does not agree, the board of directors may apply to the court of common pleas of the county with the largest population that formed the joint county department for authority to employ other legal counsel on an annual basis.

(2) If the board of directors of ~~the~~ a joint county department wishes to employ other legal counsel to represent or advise the board on a particular matter in place of the prosecuting attorney, the board may do so with the

agreement of the prosecuting attorney. If the prosecuting attorney does not agree, the board of directors may apply to the court of common pleas of the county with the largest population that formed the joint county department for authority to employ other legal counsel for that particular matter.

(3) The prosecuting attorney who is the legal advisor of the board of directors shall be given notice of an application filed under division (C)(1) or (2) of this section and shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard. After the hearing, the court may authorize the board of directors to employ other legal counsel on an annual basis or for a particular matter only if it finds that the prosecuting attorney refuses or is unable to provide the legal services that the board requires. If the board of directors employs other legal counsel on an annual basis or for a particular matter, the board may not require the prosecuting attorney to provide legal advice, opinions, or other legal services during the period or to the extent that the board employs the other legal counsel.

Sec. 329.44. (A) ~~A~~ The board of directors of ~~the~~ a joint county department of job and family services formed under section 329.40 of the Revised Code may acquire, by purchase or lease, real property, equipment, and systems to improve, maintain, or operate family service programs within the territory served by the joint county department. A board of county commissioners may acquire, within its county, real property or any estate, interest, or right therein, by appropriation or any other method, for use by the joint county department in connection with its provision of services. Appropriation proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 163. of the Revised Code.

(B) A board of county commissioners that formed ~~the~~ a joint county department may contribute lands or rights or interests therein, money, other personal property or rights or interests therein, or services to the joint county department. The board of county commissioners may issue bonds or bond anticipation notes of the county to pay the cost of acquiring real property and of constructing, modifying, or upgrading a facility to house employees of the joint county department. The board of directors of ~~the~~ a joint county department may reimburse the county for the use of such a facility if it is required to do so under the agreement entered into under section 329.40 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 329.45. (A)(1) A board of county commissioners that has entered into an agreement under section 329.40 of the Revised Code establishing a joint county department of job and family services may ~~pass~~ adopt a resolution requesting to withdraw from the agreement ~~establishing the joint county department of job and family services formed under section 329.40~~

~~of the Revised Code.~~ Upon adopting such a resolution, the board of county commissioners shall deliver a copy of the resolution to the board of directors of the joint county department. Upon receiving the resolution, the board of directors shall deliver written notice of the requested withdrawal to the boards of county commissioners of the other county or counties that formed the joint county department. ~~Within~~ Not later than thirty days after receiving the notice, each of those boards of county commissioners shall adopt a resolution either accepting the withdrawal or objecting to the withdrawal, and shall deliver a copy of the resolution to the board of directors.

(2) If any of the boards of county commissioners that formed ~~the a~~ joint county department adopts a resolution objecting to the requested withdrawal, the board of directors shall deliver written notice of the objection to each other board of county commissioners of the counties that formed the joint county department, including the board of county commissioners of the county proposing withdrawal, ~~and shall schedule. Not later than thirty days after sending the notice, the board of directors shall hold a meeting of the board of directors to be held within thirty days to~~ discuss the objection. After the meeting, the board of directors shall determine whether the county requesting withdrawal desires to proceed with the withdrawal and, if the county does, the board of directors shall accept the withdrawal. Not later than thirty days after the determination was made, the board of directors shall deliver written notice of the withdrawal to the boards of county commissioners that formed the joint county department and to the board of county commissioners that requested withdrawal, and shall commence the withdrawal process under this section.

(3) If all of the boards of county commissioners that formed ~~the a~~ joint county department, except for the board of county commissioners requesting the withdrawal, each adopt a resolution accepting the withdrawal, the board of directors shall declare the withdrawal to be accepted. Not later than thirty days after the declaration, the board of directors shall deliver written notice of the withdrawal to all of the boards of county commissioners that formed the joint county department, including the board of county commissioners of the county requesting withdrawal, and shall commence the withdrawal process under this section.

(4) The board of directors shall give notice to the Ohio department of job and family services of the withdrawal of a county under this section at least ninety days before the withdrawal becomes final. The director of job and family services shall adopt, as an internal management rule under section 111.15 of the Revised Code, the form in which the notice shall be given.

(5) If a county requesting to withdraw decides to remain as a party to the agreement establishing ~~the~~ a joint county department, the board of county commissioners of that county shall rescind its original resolution requesting withdrawal and shall deliver a copy of the rescission to the board of directors of the joint county department ~~within~~ not later than thirty days after adopting the rescission.

(B) If a county withdraws from ~~the~~ an agreement under this section, the board of directors shall ascertain, apportion, and order a division of the funds on hand, credits, and real and personal property of the joint county department, either in money or in kind, on an equitable basis between the joint county department and the withdrawing county according to the agreement entered into under section 329.40 of the Revised Code and consistent with any prior contributions of the withdrawing county to the joint county department. Any debt incurred individually shall remain the responsibility of that county, unless otherwise specified in the agreement establishing the joint county department.

(C) A withdrawal becomes final not earlier than the first day of the calendar quarter following the ninety-day notice period required by division (A)(4) of this section. On and after that day, the withdrawing county ceases to be a part of the joint county department, and its members of the board of directors shall cease to be members of that board.

(D) If the withdrawal of one or more counties would leave only one county participating in ~~the~~ a joint county department, the board of directors shall ascertain, apportion, and order a final division of the funds on hand, credits, and real and personal property of the joint county department. On and after the day on which the latest withdrawal of a county becomes final, the joint county department is dissolved. When ~~the~~ a joint county department is dissolved and any indebtedness remains unpaid, the boards of county commissioners that formed the joint county department shall pay the indebtedness of the joint county department in the amounts established by the agreement at the time the indebtedness was incurred.

Sec. 329.46. (A) A board of county commissioners that formed ~~the~~ a joint county department of job and family services under section 329.40 of the Revised Code, by adopting a resolution, may propose the removal of another county that formed the joint county department. The board of county commissioners shall send a copy of such a resolution to the board of directors of the joint county department. ~~Within~~ Not later than ten days after receiving the copy of the resolution, the board of directors shall send a copy of the resolution to each board of county commissioners that formed the joint county department, except the board of county commissioners

proposing removal. ~~Within~~ Not later than thirty days after sending a copy of the resolution, the board of directors shall hold a hearing at which any county commissioner whose county formed the joint county department may present arguments for or against the removal. At the hearing, approval or disapproval of the removal shall be determined by a two-thirds vote of the county commissioners of the counties that formed the joint county department, with the exception of the county commissioners of the county proposed for removal.

(B) The board of directors of the a joint county department of job and family services, by adopting a resolution by a majority vote of the members of the board, may propose removal of a county that formed the joint county department. ~~Within~~ Not later than ten days after adopting such a resolution, the board of directors shall send a copy of the resolution to the board of county commissioners of each county that formed the joint county department, including the board of county commissioners of the county proposed for removal. ~~Within~~ Not later than thirty days after sending the copy of the resolution, the board of directors shall hold a hearing at which any member of the board may present arguments for or against the removal. At this hearing, approval or disapproval of the resolution proposing removal shall be determined by a two-thirds vote of the members of the board of directors, with the exception of the board members who represent the county proposed for removal.

(C) If removal of a county is approved under this section, the board of directors shall give written notice of the approval to the Ohio department of job and family services at least ninety days before the removal takes effect. The director of job and family services shall adopt, as an internal management rule under section 111.15 of the Revised Code, the form in which the notice shall be given.

(D) Removal of a county under this section shall take effect not earlier than the first day of the calendar quarter following the ninety-day notice period required by division (C) of this section.

(E) If, at any time, the county proposed for removal under division (A) or (B) of this section notifies the board of directors, by a majority vote of that county's board of county commissioners, that it chooses to withdraw from the joint county department, the withdrawal procedure established under section 329.45 of the Revised Code shall be put immediately into motion.

Sec. 330.04. If, for the purpose of Chapter 6301. of the Revised Code, a county is the type of local area defined in division (A)(2) of section 6301.01 of the Revised Code, the board of county commissioners serving the county

shall adopt a resolution establishing or designating a workforce development agency to provide workforce development activities for the county. The board shall adopt the resolution not later than July 1, 2000.

The board may establish or designate any of the following as the workforce development agency:

- (A) The county department of job and family services;
- (B) A separate agency under the direct control of the board and administered by an official appointed by the board;
- (C) An entity serving the county on ~~the effective date of this section~~ March 14, 2000, in a capacity similar to the capacity in which a workforce development agency is to serve the county on and after ~~the effective date of this section~~ March 14, 2000;
- (D) An entity located in or outside the county that provides workforce development activities in the county on ~~the effective date of this section~~ March 14, 2000;
- (E) Any private or government entity designated under section 307.981 of the Revised Code;
- (F) ~~The~~ A joint county department of job and family services established under section 329.40 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 339.091. Before the board of county commissioners, board of county hospital trustees, or county hospital commission may enter into an initial agreement for the acquisition, operation, or lease under section 140.03, 140.05, 339.09, or 339.14 of the Revised Code of a county hospital operated by a board of county hospital trustees under section 339.06 of the Revised Code, the board of county commissioners shall review the agreement. If it finds that the agreement will meet the needs of the residents of the county for hospital service, the board of county commissioners may adopt a resolution authorizing the board of county commissioners, board of county hospital trustees, or county hospital commission to enter into the agreement. On adoption of the resolution, the board of county commissioners, board of county hospital trustees, or county hospital commission may enter into the agreement.

The requirements of this section do not apply to an agreement if one or more hospitals classified as general hospitals by the ~~public~~ director of health ~~council~~ under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code are operating in the same county as the county hospital.

Sec. 340.03. (A) Subject to rules issued by the director of mental health after consultation with relevant constituencies as required by division (L) of section 5119.06 of the Revised Code, with regard to mental health services, the board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services shall:

(1) Serve as the community mental health planning agency for the county or counties under its jurisdiction, and in so doing it shall:

(a) Evaluate the need for facilities and community mental health services;

(b) In cooperation with other local and regional planning and funding bodies and with relevant ethnic organizations, assess the community mental health needs, set priorities, and develop plans for the operation of facilities and community mental health services;

(c) In accordance with guidelines issued by the director of mental health after consultation with board representatives, annually develop and submit to the department of mental health a community mental health plan listing community mental health needs, including the needs of all residents of the district now residing in state mental institutions and severely mentally disabled adults, children, and adolescents; all children subject to a determination made pursuant to section 121.38 of the Revised Code; and all the facilities and community mental health services that are or will be in operation or provided during the period for which the plan will be in operation in the service district to meet such needs.

The plan shall include, but not be limited to, a statement of which of the services listed in section 340.09 of the Revised Code the board intends to make available. The board must include crisis intervention services for individuals in an emergency situation in the plan and explain how the board intends to make such services available. The plan must also include a statement of the inpatient and community-based services the board proposes that the department operate, an assessment of the number and types of residential facilities needed, such other information as the department requests, and a budget for moneys the board expects to receive. The department shall approve or disapprove the plan, in whole or in part, according to the criteria developed pursuant to section 5119.61 of the Revised Code. The department's statement of approval or disapproval shall specify the inpatient and the community-based services that the department will operate for the board. Eligibility for state and federal funding shall be contingent upon an approved plan or relevant part of a plan.

If a board determines that it is necessary to amend a plan or an allocation request that has been approved under division (A)(1)(c) of this section, the board shall submit a proposed amendment to the director. The director may approve or disapprove all or part of the amendment. The director shall inform the board of the reasons for disapproval of all or part of an amendment and of the criteria that must be met before the amendment may be approved. The director shall provide the board an opportunity to

present its case on behalf of the amendment. The director shall give the board a reasonable time in which to meet the criteria, and shall offer the board technical assistance to help it meet the criteria.

The board shall implement the plan approved by the department.

(d) Promote, arrange, and implement working agreements with social agencies, both public and private, and with judicial agencies.

(2) Investigate, or request another agency to investigate, any complaint alleging abuse or neglect of any person receiving services from a community mental health agency as defined in section 5122.01 of the Revised Code; or ~~from alleging abuse or neglect of a person with mental illness or severe mental disability residing in~~ a residential facility licensed under section 5119.22 of the Revised Code. If the investigation substantiates the charge of abuse or neglect, the board shall take whatever action it determines is necessary to correct the situation, including notification of the appropriate authorities. Upon request, the board shall provide information about such investigations to the department.

(3) For the purpose of section 5119.611 of the Revised Code, cooperate with the director of mental health in visiting and evaluating whether the services of a community mental health agency satisfy the certification standards established by rules adopted under that section;

(4) In accordance with criteria established under division (E) of section 5119.61 of the Revised Code, review and evaluate the quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of services provided through its community mental health plan and submit its findings and recommendations to the department of mental health;

(5) In accordance with section 5119.22 of the Revised Code, review ~~applications~~ an application for a residential facility ~~licenses~~ license and ~~recommend~~ provide to the department of mental health ~~approval or disapproval of applications~~ any information about the applicant or facility that the board would like the department to consider in reviewing the application;

(6) Audit, in accordance with rules adopted by the auditor of state pursuant to section 117.20 of the Revised Code, at least annually all programs and services provided under contract with the board. In so doing, the board may contract for or employ the services of private auditors. A copy of the fiscal audit report shall be provided to the director of mental health, the auditor of state, and the county auditor of each county in the board's district.

(7) Recruit and promote local financial support for mental health programs from private and public sources;

(8)(a) Enter into contracts with public and private facilities for the operation of facility services included in the board's community mental health plan and enter into contracts with public and private community mental health agencies for the provision of community mental health services that are listed in section 340.09 of the Revised Code and included in the board's community mental health plan. The board may not contract with a community mental health agency to provide community mental health services included in the board's community mental health plan unless the services are certified by the director of mental health under section 5119.611 of the Revised Code. Section 307.86 of the Revised Code does not apply to contracts entered into under this division. In contracting with a community mental health agency, a board shall consider the cost effectiveness of services provided by that agency and the quality and continuity of care, and may review cost elements, including salary costs, of the services to be provided. A utilization review process shall be established as part of the contract for services entered into between a board and a community mental health agency. The board may establish this process in a way that is most effective and efficient in meeting local needs. Until July 1, 2012, a contract with a community mental health agency or facility, as defined in section 5111.023 of the Revised Code, to provide services listed in division (B) of that section shall provide for the agency or facility to be paid in accordance with the contract entered into between the departments of job and family services and mental health under section 5111.91 of the Revised Code and any rules adopted under division (A) of section 5119.61 of the Revised Code.

If either the board or a facility or community mental health agency with which the board contracts under division (A)(8)(a) of this section proposes not to renew the contract or proposes substantial changes in contract terms, the other party shall be given written notice at least one hundred twenty days before the expiration date of the contract. During the first sixty days of this one hundred twenty-day period, both parties shall attempt to resolve any dispute through good faith collaboration and negotiation in order to continue to provide services to persons in need. If the dispute has not been resolved sixty days before the expiration date of the contract, either party may ~~request that~~ notify the department of mental health of the unresolved dispute. The director may require both parties to submit the dispute to a third party with the cost to be shared by the board and the facility or community mental health agency. The third party shall issue to the board ~~and, the~~ and the facility or agency, and the department recommendations on how the dispute may be resolved twenty days prior to the expiration date of the contract, unless both

parties agree to a time extension. The director shall adopt rules establishing the procedures of this dispute resolution process.

(b) With the prior approval of the director of mental health, a board may operate a facility or provide a community mental health service as follows, if there is no other qualified private or public facility or community mental health agency that is immediately available and willing to operate such a facility or provide the service:

(i) In an emergency situation, any board may operate a facility or provide a community mental health service in order to provide essential services for the duration of the emergency;

(ii) In a service district with a population of at least one hundred thousand but less than five hundred thousand, a board may operate a facility or provide a community mental health service for no longer than one year;

(iii) In a service district with a population of less than one hundred thousand, a board may operate a facility or provide a community mental health service for no longer than one year, except that such a board may operate a facility or provide a community mental health service for more than one year with the prior approval of the director and the prior approval of the board of county commissioners, or of a majority of the boards of county commissioners if the district is a joint-county district.

The director shall not give a board approval to operate a facility or provide a community mental health service under division (A)(8)(b)(ii) or (iii) of this section unless the director determines that it is not feasible to have the department operate the facility or provide the service.

The director shall not give a board approval to operate a facility or provide a community mental health service under division (A)(8)(b)(iii) of this section unless the director determines that the board will provide greater administrative efficiency and more or better services than would be available if the board contracted with a private or public facility or community mental health agency.

The director shall not give a board approval to operate a facility previously operated by a person or other government entity unless the board has established to the director's satisfaction that the person or other government entity cannot effectively operate the facility or that the person or other government entity has requested the board to take over operation of the facility. The director shall not give a board approval to provide a community mental health service previously provided by a community mental health agency unless the board has established to the director's satisfaction that the agency cannot effectively provide the service or that the agency has requested the board take over providing the service.

The director shall review and evaluate a board's operation of a facility and provision of community mental health service under division (A)(8)(b) of this section.

Nothing in division (A)(8)(b) of this section authorizes a board to administer or direct the daily operation of any facility or community mental health agency, but a facility or agency may contract with a board to receive administrative services or staff direction from the board under the direction of the governing body of the facility or agency.

(9) Approve fee schedules and related charges or adopt a unit cost schedule or other methods of payment for contract services provided by community mental health agencies in accordance with guidelines issued by the department as necessary to comply with state and federal laws pertaining to financial assistance;

(10) Submit to the director and the county commissioners of the county or counties served by the board, and make available to the public, an annual report of the programs under the jurisdiction of the board, including a fiscal accounting;

(11) Establish, to the extent resources are available, a community support system, which provides for treatment, support, and rehabilitation services and opportunities. The essential elements of the system include, but are not limited to, the following components in accordance with section 5119.06 of the Revised Code:

(a) To locate persons in need of mental health services to inform them of available services and benefits mechanisms;

(b) Assistance for clients to obtain services necessary to meet basic human needs for food, clothing, shelter, medical care, personal safety, and income;

(c) Mental health care, including, but not limited to, outpatient, partial hospitalization, and, where appropriate, inpatient care;

(d) Emergency services and crisis intervention;

(e) Assistance for clients to obtain vocational services and opportunities for jobs;

(f) The provision of services designed to develop social, community, and personal living skills;

(g) Access to a wide range of housing and the provision of residential treatment and support;

(h) Support, assistance, consultation, and education for families, friends, consumers of mental health services, and others;

(i) Recognition and encouragement of families, friends, neighborhood networks, especially networks that include racial and ethnic minorities,

churches, community organizations, and meaningful employment as natural supports for consumers of mental health services;

(j) Grievance procedures and protection of the rights of consumers of mental health services;

(k) Case management, which includes continual individualized assistance and advocacy to ensure that needed services are offered and procured.

(12) Designate the treatment program, agency, or facility for each person involuntarily committed to the board pursuant to Chapter 5122. of the Revised Code and authorize payment for such treatment. The board shall provide the least restrictive and most appropriate alternative that is available for any person involuntarily committed to it and shall assure that the services listed in section 340.09 of the Revised Code are available to severely mentally disabled persons residing within its service district. The board shall establish the procedure for authorizing payment for services, which may include prior authorization in appropriate circumstances. The board may provide for services directly to a severely mentally disabled person when life or safety is endangered and when no community mental health agency is available to provide the service.

(13) Establish a method for evaluating referrals for involuntary commitment and affidavits filed pursuant to section 5122.11 of the Revised Code in order to assist the probate division of the court of common pleas in determining whether there is probable cause that a respondent is subject to involuntary hospitalization and what alternative treatment is available and appropriate, if any;

(14) Ensure that apartments or rooms built, subsidized, renovated, rented, owned, or leased by the board or a community mental health agency have been approved as meeting minimum fire safety standards and that persons residing in the rooms or apartments are receiving appropriate and necessary services, including culturally relevant services, from a community mental health agency. This division does not apply to residential facilities licensed pursuant to section 5119.22 of the Revised Code.

(15) Establish a mechanism for involvement of consumer recommendation and advice on matters pertaining to mental health services in the alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health service district;

(16) Perform the duties ~~under section 5119.88 of the Revised Code~~ required by rules adopted under section 5119.61 of the Revised Code regarding referrals by the board or mental health agencies under contract with the board of individuals with mental illness or severe mental disability to ~~adult care~~ residential facilities as defined in division (A)(9)(b) of section

5119.22 of the Revised Code and effective arrangements for ongoing mental health services for the individuals. The board is accountable in the manner specified in the rules for ensuring that the ongoing mental health services are effectively arranged for the individuals.

(B) The board shall establish such rules, operating procedures, standards, and bylaws, and perform such other duties as may be necessary or proper to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(C) A board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services may receive by gift, grant, devise, or bequest any moneys, lands, or property for the benefit of the purposes for which the board is established, and may hold and apply it according to the terms of the gift, grant, or bequest. All money received, including accrued interest, by gift, grant, or bequest shall be deposited in the treasury of the county, the treasurer of which is custodian of the alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services funds to the credit of the board and shall be available for use by the board for purposes stated by the donor or grantor.

(D) No board member or employee of a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services shall be liable for injury or damages caused by any action or inaction taken within the scope of the board member's official duties or the employee's employment, whether or not such action or inaction is expressly authorized by this section, section 340.033, or any other section of the Revised Code, unless such action or inaction constitutes willful or wanton misconduct. Chapter 2744. of the Revised Code applies to any action or inaction by a board member or employee of a board taken within the scope of the board member's official duties or employee's employment. For the purposes of this division, the conduct of a board member or employee shall not be considered willful or wanton misconduct if the board member or employee acted in good faith and in a manner that the board member or employee reasonably believed was in or was not opposed to the best interests of the board and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the conduct was unlawful.

(E) The meetings held by any committee established by a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services shall be considered to be meetings of a public body subject to section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 340.05. A community mental health agency that receives a complaint ~~under section 5119.87 of the Revised Code~~ alleging abuse or neglect of an individual with mental illness or severe mental disability who resides in ~~an adult care~~ a residential facility as defined in division (A)(9)(b) of section 5119.22 of the Revised Code shall report the complaint to the

board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services serving the alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health service district in which the ~~adult care~~ residential facility is located. A board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services that receives such a complaint or a report from a community mental health agency of such a complaint shall report the complaint to the director of mental health for the purpose of the director conducting an investigation under section ~~5119.87~~ 5119.22 of the Revised Code. The board may enter the ~~adult care~~ facility with or without the director and, if the health and safety of a resident is in immediate danger, take any necessary action to protect the resident. The board's action shall not violate any resident's rights ~~under section 5119.81 of the Revised Code and specified in~~ rules adopted by the department of mental health under ~~sections 5119.70 to 5119.88~~ section 5119.22 of the Revised Code. The board shall immediately report to the director regarding the board's actions under this section.

Sec. 340.091. Each board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services shall contract with a community mental health agency under division (A)(7)(a) of section 340.03 of the Revised Code for the agency to do all of the following in accordance with rules adopted under section 5119.61 of the Revised Code for an individual referred to the agency under division ~~(C)(D)~~ (2) of section 5119.69 of the Revised Code:

(A) Assess the individual ~~to determine whether to recommend that a residential state supplement administrative agency designated under section 5119.69 of the Revised Code determine and, if the agency determines that the environment in which the individual will be living while receiving residential state supplement payments is appropriate for the individual's needs and, if it determines the environment is appropriate, issue the a recommendation to the referring residential state supplement administrative agency that the referring agency should conclude that the living environment is appropriate when it makes its determination regarding the appropriateness of the environment;~~

(B) Provide ongoing monitoring to ensure that services provided under section 340.09 of the Revised Code are available to the individual;

(C) Provide discharge planning to ensure the individual's earliest possible transition to a less restrictive environment.

Sec. 505.59. The board of township trustees of a township that withdraws or proposes by resolution to withdraw the unincorporated territory of the township from a regional transit authority under section 306.55 of the Revised Code may levy a tax on taxable property in the unincorporated area of the township under section 5705.72 of the Revised

Code to provide transportation services for the movement of persons within, from, or to the unincorporated area of the township.

Sec. 705.18. An annual appropriation ordinance shall be prepared by the legislative authority of a municipal corporation from estimates submitted by the mayor, the ~~chairman~~ chairperson of the commission, or the city manager, as the case may be, in the manner provided in section 705.17 of the Revised Code for the annual tax ordinance. The annual appropriation ordinance shall be submitted to the legislative authority at its first meeting ~~in January~~ after the beginning of the municipal corporation's fiscal year, and the total of any appropriation ordinance passed by such legislative authority shall not exceed the total balances carried over from the previous fiscal year plus the estimated revenue of the current fiscal year. Supplemental appropriations shall not be made during the current fiscal year except from an contingent fund regularly set aside by the legislative authority in the annual appropriation ordinance or unless by an ordinance passed as an emergency measure.

Sec. 749.04. When the legislative authority of a municipal corporation enters upon and takes possession of grounds purchased, appropriated, or otherwise obtained for hospital purposes, and, by resolution or ordinance, determines to erect thereon or rebuild a hospital, the erection and repair thereof or any addition thereto shall be vested in ~~a board of five commissioners, called the board of hospital commissioners, as established under this section.~~

Such board shall consist of the mayor, ~~who, by virtue of his office, shall be its president,~~ and ~~four~~ at least three trustees; to be appointed by the mayor with the consent of the legislative authority. The members of such board shall be resident freehold electors of the municipal corporation, and they shall receive no compensation for their services.

Sec. 749.05. The term of office of the appointed members of the board of hospital commissioners shall be four years, but the members first appointed shall hold their offices, respectively, as determined by lot at the first meeting of the board, for the periods of one, two, three, and four years, and thereafter one member shall be appointed each year for the full term of four years. A The mayor with the consent of the legislative authority shall fill any vacancy on the board of hospital commissioners not later than sixty days after the vacancy occurs. If the vacancy remains unfilled on that date, the legislative authority shall have thirty additional days to fill the vacancy. If the vacancy remains unfilled for ninety days after the vacancy occurs, the remaining members of the board, by majority vote, shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy

occurring prior to the expiration date of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office as a member for the remainder of that term.

A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 749.18. If an agreement under section 749.16 of the Revised Code concerns or includes participation of a joint township hospital district, or of a county, in the maintenance and operation of a municipal hospital, the municipal corporation may establish a board of governors to exercise, subject to such further limitations as are imposed by the agreement, the powers vested in the board of hospital commissioners, provided that any such limitations shall not deny the board of governors the authority to retain counsel, to institute legal action in its own name, or to employ any other lawful means, for the collection of delinquent accounts. The board of governors may include in its membership representatives of a participating district who are electors of the district, or of a participating county who are electors of that county or an adjacent county, as are provided for in the agreement.

Except as otherwise provided in this section, the municipal members of the board of governors shall consist of the mayor, ~~who by virtue of that office shall be its president,~~ and ~~four~~ at least three resident freeholders of the municipal corporation, at least one of whom shall be a doctor of medicine, to be appointed by the mayor with the consent of the legislative authority. However, if necessary to secure qualified individuals to serve on the board of governors, the municipal members of the board may be residents of the county in which the municipal corporation is located or of an adjacent county. ~~The~~

The term of office of these municipal members of the board of governors shall be as provided in section 749.05 of the Revised Code and vacancies on the board with respect to those members shall be filled as provided in that section. Unless otherwise provided in the agreement, any vacancy on the board with respect to a member appointed by a participating joint township hospital district or county shall be filled by the appointing body not later than ninety days after the vacancy occurs and if the vacancy remains unfilled on that date, the remaining members of the board, by majority vote, shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy. Unless otherwise provided in the agreement, vacancies on the board with respect to any other members shall be filled by the remaining members of the board, by majority vote. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration date of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office as a member for the remainder of that term.

The board of governors, subject to the terms of the agreement, shall establish regulations and elect officers, ~~other than president~~, as its members determine. The members shall be entitled to the compensation for their services provided by the agreement.

Sec. 901.53. (A) As used in this section, "agricultural structure" means any building or structure that is used in production, growing, harvesting, or housing for the purposes of agriculture.

(B) With regard to fire prevention and safety, agriculture and agricultural structures are subject only to the state fire code established in rules adopted under section 3737.82 of the Revised Code and not to any other requirements governing fire prevention and safety.

Sec. 901.54. ~~(A)~~ There is hereby created the office of farmland preservation within the department of agriculture. The office shall do all of the following:

~~(1)(A)~~ Prepare guidelines and criteria for use in the development of comprehensive local land use plans that encourage the efficient use of public infrastructure and the preservation of farmland;

~~(2)(B)~~ Establish a farmland preservation program to coordinate and assist local farmland preservation initiatives;

~~(3) Administer the pilot farmland preservation fund established in division (B) of this section;~~

~~(4)(C)~~ Educate existing agencies and organizations on the importance of farmland preservation and on the significance of agriculture and agribusiness to this state's economy;

~~(5)(D)~~ Serve as a liaison with other farmland preservation entities operating on a state, regional, or national level;

~~(6)(E)~~ Prepare an inventory of farmland within this state to monitor the development of lands within this state having prime soils or unique microclimates.

~~(B) There is hereby created in the state treasury the pilot farmland preservation fund consisting of moneys received by the office of farmland preservation for the purposes of the fund. The fund shall be administered by the office of farmland preservation. Moneys in the fund shall be used to leverage or match other farmland preservation funds provided from federal, local, or private sources.~~

Sec. 924.51. (A) There is hereby created the Ohio grape industries committee consisting of nine members. The members shall be the director of agriculture or the director's designee, who shall chair the committee, the superintendent of liquor control or the superintendent's designee, the chief of the division of markets of the department of agriculture, the viticulture

extension specialist of the Ohio agricultural research and development center, who shall be a nonvoting member, and five members who shall be residents of this state and appointed by the director of agriculture in accordance with division (B) of this section. At no time shall the director appoint more than five members to the committee.

(B) Of the five members of the committee appointed by the director of agriculture, not less than two, but not more than three shall be persons who receive ~~the major portion of their~~ income from the production of grapes or grape products. ~~The term of one of these members shall begin January 1, 1982, and end December 31, 1982, and the second member's term shall begin January 1, 1982, and end December 31, 1983. Two~~ Not less than two, but not more than three members shall be persons who receive ~~the major portion of their~~ income from the production of wine from raw grape or fruit products in either raw fruit or fresh juice form. ~~The term of one of these members shall begin January 1, 1982, and end December 31, 1982, and the second member's term shall begin January 1, 1982, and end December 31, 1983. One member shall be a person the major portion of whose income is from the production of grape products other than wine, such as juice, jams, or jellies; that member's term shall begin January 1, 1982, and end December 31, 1984. Thereafter, the terms for each appointed member of the committee shall be for three years, commencing on the first day of January and ending on the thirty-first day of December. No appointed member shall serve more than two consecutive terms. The director may remove any appointed member for cause.~~

(C) Members shall be appointed to fill vacancies caused by death, resignation, or removal in the same manner prescribed for regular appointment to the committee. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the remainder of the term. Any member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of that member's term until that member's successor takes office, or until a period of ~~sixty~~ one hundred eighty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first.

(D) All members of the committee are entitled to their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members, payable from moneys received from the Ohio grape industries fund created under section 924.54 of the Revised Code.

(E) A majority of the committee constitutes a quorum.

Sec. 955.16. (A) Dogs that have been seized by the county dog warden and impounded shall be kept, housed, and fed for three days for the purpose of redemption, as provided by section 955.18 of the Revised Code, unless

any of the following applies:

(1) Immediate humane destruction of the dog is necessary because of obvious disease or injury. If the diseased or injured dog is registered, as determined from the current year's registration list maintained by the warden and the county auditor of the county where the dog is registered, the necessity of destroying the dog shall be certified by a licensed veterinarian or a registered veterinary technician. If the dog is not registered, the decision to destroy it shall be made by the warden.

(2) The dog is currently registered on the registration list maintained by the warden and the auditor of the county where the dog is registered and the attempts to notify the owner, keeper, or harborer under section 955.12 of the Revised Code have failed, in which case the dog shall be kept, housed, and fed for fourteen days for the purpose of redemption.

(3) The warden has contacted the owner, keeper, or harborer under section 955.12 of the Revised Code, and the owner, keeper, or harborer has requested that the dog remain in the pound or animal shelter until the owner, harborer, or keeper redeems the dog. The time for such redemption shall be not more than forty-eight hours following the end of the appropriate redemption period.

At any time after such periods of redemption, any dog not redeemed shall be donated to any nonprofit special agency that is engaged in the training of any type of assistance dogs and that requests that the dog be donated to it. Any dog not redeemed that is not requested by such an agency may be sold, except that no dog sold to a person other than a nonprofit teaching or research institution or organization of the type described in division (B) of this section shall be discharged from the pound or animal shelter until the animal has been registered and furnished with a valid registration tag.

(B) Any dog that is not redeemed within the applicable period as specified in this section or section 955.12 of the Revised Code from the time notice is mailed to its owner, keeper, or harborer or is posted at the pound or animal shelter, as required by section 955.12 of the Revised Code, and that is not required to be donated to a nonprofit special agency engaged in the training of any type of assistance dogs may, upon payment to the dog warden or poundkeeper of the sum of three dollars, be sold to any nonprofit Ohio institution or organization that is certified by the Ohio public director of health council as being engaged in teaching or research concerning the prevention and treatment of diseases of human beings or animals. Any dog that is donated to a nonprofit special agency engaged in the training of any type of assistance dogs in accordance with division (A) of this section and

any dog that is sold to any nonprofit teaching or research institution or organization shall be discharged from the pound or animal shelter without registration and may be kept by the agency or by the institution or organization without registration so long as the dog is being trained, or is being used for teaching and research purposes.

Any institution or organization certified by the ~~Ohio public health council~~ director that obtains dogs for teaching and research purposes pursuant to this section shall, at all reasonable times, make the dogs available for inspection by agents of the Ohio humane society, appointed pursuant to section 1717.04 of the Revised Code, and agents of county humane societies, appointed pursuant to section 1717.06 of the Revised Code, in order that the agents may prevent the perpetration of any act of cruelty, as defined in section 1717.01 of the Revised Code, to the dogs.

(C) Any dog that the dog warden or poundkeeper is unable to dispose of, in the manner provided by this section and section 955.18 of the Revised Code, may be humanely destroyed, except that no dog shall be destroyed until twenty-four hours after it has been offered to a nonprofit teaching or research institution or organization, as provided in this section, that has made a request for dogs to the dog warden or poundkeeper.

(D) An owner of a dog that is wearing a valid registration tag who presents the dog to the dog warden or poundkeeper may specify in writing that the dog shall not be offered to a nonprofit teaching or research institution or organization, as provided in this section.

(E) A record of all dogs impounded, the disposition of the same, the owner's name and address, if known, and a statement of costs assessed against the dogs shall be kept by the poundkeeper, and the poundkeeper shall furnish a transcript thereof to the county treasurer quarterly.

A record of all dogs received and the source that supplied them shall be kept, for a period of three years from the date of acquiring the dogs, by all institutions or organizations engaged in teaching or research concerning the prevention and treatment of diseases of human beings or animals.

(F) No person shall destroy any dog by the use of a high altitude decompression chamber or by any method other than a method that immediately and painlessly renders the dog initially unconscious and subsequently dead.

Sec. 955.26. Whenever, in the judgment of the director of health, any city or general health district board of health, or persons performing the duties of a board of health, rabies is prevalent, the director of health, the board, or those persons shall declare a quarantine of all dogs in the health district or in a part of it. During the quarantine, the owner, keeper, or

harborer of any dog shall keep it confined on the premises of the owner, keeper, or harborer, or in a suitable pound or kennel, at the expense of the owner, keeper, or harborer, except that a dog may be permitted to leave the premises of its owner, keeper, or harborer if it is under leash or under the control of a responsible person. The quarantine order shall be considered an emergency and need not be published.

When the quarantine has been declared, the director of health, the board, or those persons may require vaccination for rabies of all dogs within the health district or part of it. Proof of rabies vaccination within a satisfactory period shall be demonstrated to the county auditor before any registration is issued under section 955.01 of the Revised Code for any dog that is required to be vaccinated.

The ~~public health council~~ director shall determine appropriate methods of rabies vaccination and satisfactory periods for purposes of quarantines under this section.

When a quarantine of dogs has been declared in any health district or part of a health district, the county dog warden and all other persons having the authority of police officers shall assist the health authorities in enforcing the quarantine order. When rabies vaccination has been declared compulsory in any health district or part of a health district, the dog warden shall assist the health authorities in enforcing the vaccination order.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a city or general health district board of health may make orders pursuant to sections 3709.20 and 3709.21 of the Revised Code requiring the vaccination of dogs.

Sec. 991.02. (A) There is hereby created the Ohio expositions commission, which shall consist of the following ~~thirteen~~ fourteen members: nine members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate; the director of development, the director of natural resources, and the director of agriculture, or their designated representatives, who shall be ex officio members with voting rights of ~~such~~ the commission; and the ~~chairman~~ chairperson of the standing committee in the house of representatives to which matters dealing with agriculture are generally referred and the ~~chairman~~ chairperson of the standing committee in the senate to which matters dealing with agriculture are generally referred, who shall be nonvoting members. If the senate is not in session, recess appointments shall be made by the governor.

(B) Of the nine members of the commission appointed by the governor, not more than five shall be from one political party, at least three members shall receive the major portion of their income from farming, and at least one member shall, at the time of ~~his~~ appointment, be a member of the board

of directors of an agricultural society ~~which~~ that was organized in compliance with section 1711.01 or 1711.02 of the Revised Code. Terms of office shall be for six years, commencing on the second day of December and ending on the first day of December. Each member shall hold office from the date of ~~his~~ appointment until the end of the term for which ~~he~~ the member was appointed. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which ~~his~~ the member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the remainder of ~~such~~ that term. Any member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of ~~his~~ the member's term until ~~his~~ the member's successor takes office, or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first.

The term of each nonvoting, legislative member of the commission shall be for two years or until the end of the member's legislative term, whichever occurs first.

(C) The commission shall annually, during the month of December, select from among its members a ~~chairman~~ chairperson, a ~~vice-chairman~~ vice-chairperson, who in the absence of the ~~chairman~~ chairperson shall carry out ~~his~~ the chairperson's duties, and a secretary, who may be a member or employee of the commission, to record the minutes of its meetings and to carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the commission, its ~~chairman~~ chairperson, or ~~vice-chairman~~ its vice-chairperson.

(D) The director of agriculture, the director of natural resources, and the director of development, or their designated representatives, and the two legislators appointed to the commission, as members of the commission shall serve without compensation.

(E) Each of the members of the commission appointed by the governor shall be paid the rate established pursuant to division (J) of section 124.15 of the Revised Code. All members of the commission are entitled to their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as such members, payable from the appropriations for the commission.

(F) The commission shall hold at least one regular meeting in each quarter of each calendar year, and shall keep a record of its proceedings, which shall be open to the public for inspection. Special meetings may be called by the ~~chairman~~ chairperson and shall be called by ~~him~~ the chairperson upon receipt of a written request therefor signed by two or more members of the commission. Written notice of the time and place of each meeting shall be sent to each member of the commission. Six of the voting members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

(G) The commission shall employ and prescribe the powers and duties of a general manager who shall serve in the unclassified civil service at a

salary fixed pursuant to section 124.14 of the Revised Code. The general manager may employ such assistant managers as ~~he~~ the general manager and the commission may approve. At no time shall such assistant managers exceed four in number, one of whom shall be appointed in the classified civil service. The general manager may, subject to the approval of the commission, employ a fiscal officer and such other officers, employees, and consultants with such powers and duties as are necessary to carry out ~~sections 991.01 to 991.07 of the Revised Code~~ this chapter. With the approval of the commission and in order to implement this chapter, the general manager may employ and fix the compensation of seasonal employees; these employees shall be in the unclassified civil service, and the overtime pay requirements of section 124.18 of the Revised Code do not apply to them. The general manager shall be considered the appointing authority of the commission for purposes of Chapter 124. of the Revised Code.

(H) The governor may remove any appointed voting member of the commission at any time for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office.

Sec. 1121.23. Whenever the approval of the superintendent of financial institutions is required under Chapters 1101. to 1127. of the Revised Code, or under an order or supervisory action issued or taken under those chapters, for a person to serve as an organizer, incorporator, director, executive officer, or controlling shareholder of a bank, or to otherwise have a substantial interest in or participate in the management of a bank, the superintendent shall request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, or a vendor approved by the bureau, to conduct a criminal records check based on the person's fingerprints in accordance with ~~division (A)(14) of~~ section 109.572 of the Revised Code. The superintendent of financial institutions shall request that criminal record information from the federal bureau of investigation be obtained as part of the criminal records check. Any fee required under division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code shall be paid by the person who is the subject of the request.

Sec. 1155.03. Whenever the approval of the superintendent of financial institutions is required under Chapters 1151. to 1157. of the Revised Code, or under an order or supervisory action issued or taken under those chapters, for a person to serve as an organizer, incorporator, director, executive officer, or controlling person of a savings and loan association, or to otherwise have a substantial interest in or participate in the management of a savings and loan association, the superintendent shall request the

superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, or a vendor approved by the bureau, to conduct a criminal records check based on the person's fingerprints in accordance with ~~division (A)(14)~~ of section 109.572 of the Revised Code. The superintendent of financial institutions shall request that criminal record information from the federal bureau of investigation be obtained as part of the criminal records check. Any fee required under division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code shall be paid by the person who is the subject of the request.

Sec. 1163.05. Whenever the approval of the superintendent of financial institutions is required under Chapters 1161. to 1165. of the Revised Code, or under an order or supervisory action issued or taken under those chapters, for a person to serve as an organizer, incorporator, director, executive officer, or controlling person of a savings bank, or to otherwise have a substantial interest in or participate in the management of a savings bank, the superintendent shall request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, or a vendor approved by the bureau, to conduct a criminal records check based on the person's fingerprints in accordance with ~~division (A)(14)~~ of section 109.572 of the Revised Code. The superintendent of financial institutions shall request that criminal record information from the federal bureau of investigation be obtained as part of the criminal records check. Any fee required under division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code shall be paid by the person who is the subject of the request.

Sec. 1315.141. Whenever the approval of the superintendent of financial institutions is required under sections 1315.01 to 1315.18 of the Revised Code, or under an order or supervisory action issued or taken under those sections, for a person to serve as an organizer, incorporator, director, executive officer, or controlling person of a licensee, or to otherwise have a substantial interest in or participate in the management of a licensee, the superintendent shall request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, or a vendor approved by the bureau, to conduct a criminal records check based on the person's fingerprints in accordance with ~~division (A)(14)~~ of section 109.572 of the Revised Code. The superintendent of financial institutions shall request that criminal record information from the federal bureau of investigation be obtained as part of the criminal records check. Any fee required under division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code shall be paid by the person who is the subject of the request.

Sec. 1317.05. (A) Any retail seller who, in any retail installment contract, has agreed to purchase insurance for the retail buyer and to extend

credit for the price thereof, shall, prior to the due date of the first installment of the retail installment contract, deliver to the retail buyer personally, or mail or cause to be mailed to ~~him~~ the retail buyer at ~~his~~ the retail buyer's address as shown on the retail installment contract, the policy of insurance, or in lieu thereof a certificate of insurance, or the retail buyer is not liable on ~~his~~ the retail buyer's retail installment contract until the policy, or certificate of insurance, is received, or full refund is made of the insurance premium.

If the premium for insurance of like kind and amount, as fixed in the published manual of a recognized standard rating bureau designated by the retail seller, is less than the amount charged the retail buyer as fixed in the written instrument in compliance with division (D) of section 1317.04 of the Revised Code, the retail buyer may deduct an amount equal to three times the difference from the amount owed the retail seller, or ~~his~~ the retail seller's successor in interest. Sections 1317.01 to 1317.11, inclusive, of the Revised Code do not impair the authority of the superintendent of insurance to grant, renew, or revoke licenses, nor do said sections authorize anyone other than a licensee of the division of insurance to directly or indirectly receive any part of the amount charged for insurance in connection with any retail installment sale.

(B) As used in this division, "debt cancellation or debt suspension product" means a contractual agreement in which a retail seller, or its assignee, agrees for a separate charge to cancel or waive all or a part of amounts due on a retail buyer's retail installment contract in the event of a total physical damage loss or unrecovered theft of the motor vehicle that is the subject of the contract. "Debt cancellation or debt suspension product" includes a guaranteed asset protection waiver, guaranteed auto protection waiver, or other similarly named agreement.

A debt cancellation or debt suspension product, and an addendum to a retail installment contract containing a debt cancellation or debt suspension product, shall be considered a part of the retail installment contract and shall remain a part of that contract upon the assignment, sale, or transfer of that contract. The charge for any debt cancellation or debt suspension product shall be listed as a specific good. The purchase price and the terms of the debt cancellation or debt suspension product shall be disclosed in writing to the buyer. The extension of credit, terms of the credit, or the terms of the related motor vehicle sale or lease shall not be conditioned on the purchase of the debt cancellation or debt suspension product. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a debt cancellation or debt suspension product shall not be considered insurance.

Sec. 1321.37. (A) Application for an original or renewal license to make

short-term loans shall be in writing, under oath, and in the form prescribed by the superintendent of financial institutions, and shall contain the name and address of the applicant, the location where the business of making loans is to be conducted, and any further information as the superintendent requires. At the time of making an application for an original license, the applicant shall pay to the superintendent a nonrefundable investigation fee of two hundred dollars. No investigation fee or any portion thereof shall be refunded after an original license has been issued. The application for an original or renewal license shall be accompanied by an original or renewal license fee, for each business location of one thousand dollars, except that applications for original licenses issued on or after the first day of July for any year shall be accompanied by an original license fee of five hundred dollars, and except that an application for an original or renewal license, for a nonprofit corporation that is incorporated under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code, shall be accompanied by an original or renewal license fee, for each business location, that is one-half of the fee otherwise required. All fees paid to the superintendent pursuant to this division shall be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the consumer finance fund.

(B) Upon the filing of an application for an original license and, with respect to an application filed for a renewal license, on a schedule determined by the superintendent by rule adopted pursuant to section 1321.43 of the Revised Code, and the payment of fees in accordance with division (A) of this section, the superintendent shall investigate the facts concerning the applicant and the requirements provided by this division. The superintendent shall request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, or a vendor approved by the bureau, to conduct a criminal records check based on the applicant's fingerprints in accordance with ~~division (A)(12) of~~ section 109.572 of the Revised Code. Notwithstanding division (K) of section 121.08 of the Revised Code, the superintendent of financial institutions shall request that criminal record information from the federal bureau of investigation be obtained as part of the criminal records check. The superintendent of financial institutions shall conduct a civil records check. The superintendent shall approve an application and issue an original or renewal license to the applicant if the superintendent finds all of the following:

(1) The financial responsibility, experience, reputation, and general fitness of the applicant are such as to warrant the belief that the business of making loans will be operated lawfully, honestly, and fairly under sections 1321.35 to 1321.48 of the Revised Code and within the purposes of those sections; that the applicant has fully complied with those sections and any

rule or order adopted or issued pursuant to section 1321.43 of the Revised Code; and that the applicant is qualified to engage in the business of making loans under sections 1321.35 to 1321.48 of the Revised Code.

(2) The applicant is financially sound and has a net worth of not less than one hundred thousand dollars, or in the case of a nonprofit corporation that is incorporated under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code, a net worth of not less than fifty thousand dollars. The applicant's net worth shall be computed according to generally accepted accounting principles.

(3) The applicant has never had revoked a license to make loans under sections 1321.35 to 1321.48 of the Revised Code, under former sections 1315.35 to 1315.44 of the Revised Code, or to do business under sections 1315.21 to 1315.30 of the Revised Code.

(4) Neither the applicant nor any senior officer, or partner of the applicant, has pleaded guilty to or been convicted of any criminal offense involving theft, receiving stolen property, embezzlement, forgery, fraud, passing bad checks, money laundering, or drug trafficking, or any criminal offense involving money or securities or any violation of an existing or former law of this state, any other state, or the United States that substantially is equivalent to a criminal offense described in that division. However, if the applicant or any of those other persons has pleaded guilty to or been convicted of any such offense other than theft, the superintendent shall not consider the offense if the applicant has proven to the superintendent, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the applicant's or other person's activities and employment record since the conviction show that the applicant or other person is honest, truthful, and of good reputation, and there is no basis in fact for believing that the applicant or other person will commit such an offense again.

(5) Neither the applicant nor any senior officer, or partner of the applicant, has been subject to any adverse judgment for conversion, embezzlement, misappropriation of funds, fraud, misfeasance or malfeasance, or breach of fiduciary duty, or if the applicant or any of those other persons has been subject to such a judgment, the applicant has proven to the superintendent, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the applicant's or other person's activities and employment record since the judgment show that the applicant or other person is honest, truthful, and of good reputation, and there is no basis in fact for believing that the applicant or other person will be subject to such a judgment again.

(C) If the superintendent finds that the applicant does not meet the requirements of division (B) of this section, or the superintendent finds that the applicant knowingly or repeatedly contracts with or employs persons to

directly engage in lending activities who have been convicted of a felony crime listed in division (B)(5) of this section, the superintendent shall issue an order denying the application for an original or renewal license and giving the applicant an opportunity for a hearing on the denial in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The superintendent shall notify the applicant of the denial, the grounds for the denial, and the applicant's opportunity for a hearing. If the application is denied, the superintendent shall return the annual license fee but shall retain the investigation fee.

(D) No person licensed under sections 1321.35 to 1321.48 of the Revised Code shall conduct business in this state unless the licensee has obtained and maintains in effect at all times a corporate surety bond issued by a bonding company or insurance company authorized to do business in this state. The bond shall be in favor of the superintendent and in the penal sum of at least one hundred thousand dollars, or in the case of a nonprofit corporation that is incorporated under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code, in the amount of fifty thousand dollars. The term of the bond shall coincide with the term of the license. The licensee shall file a copy of the bond with the superintendent. The bond shall be for the exclusive benefit of any borrower injured by a violation by a licensee or any employee of a licensee, of any provision of sections 1321.35 to 1321.48 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1321.53. (A)(1) An application for a certificate of registration under sections 1321.51 to 1321.60 of the Revised Code shall contain an undertaking by the applicant to abide by those sections. The application shall be in writing, under oath, and in the form prescribed by the division of financial institutions, and shall contain any information that the division may require. Applicants that are foreign corporations shall obtain and maintain a license pursuant to Chapter 1703. of the Revised Code before a certificate is issued or renewed.

(2) Upon the filing of the application and the payment by the applicant of a nonrefundable two-hundred-dollar investigation fee, a nonrefundable three-hundred-dollar annual registration fee, and any additional fee required by the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry, the division shall investigate the relevant facts. If the application involves investigation outside this state, the applicant may be required by the division to advance sufficient funds to pay any of the actual expenses of such investigation, when it appears that these expenses will exceed two hundred dollars. An itemized statement of any of these expenses which the applicant is required to pay shall be furnished to the applicant by the division. No certificate shall be issued unless all the required fees have been submitted to the division.

(3) All applicants making loans secured by an interest in real estate shall

designate an employee or owner of the applicant as the applicant's primary point of contact. While acting as the primary point of contact, the employee or owner shall not be employed by any other registrant or mortgage broker.

(4) The investigation undertaken upon application shall include both a civil and criminal records check of the applicant including any individual whose identity is required to be disclosed in the application. Where the applicant is a business entity the superintendent shall have the authority to require a civil and criminal background check of those persons that in the determination of the superintendent have the authority to direct and control the operations of the applicant.

(5)(a) Notwithstanding division (K) of section 121.08 of the Revised Code, the superintendent of financial institutions shall obtain a criminal history records check and, as part of that records check, request that criminal record information from the federal bureau of investigation be obtained. To fulfill this requirement, the superintendent shall do either of the following:

(i) Request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, or a vendor approved by the bureau, to conduct a criminal records check based on the applicant's fingerprints or, if the fingerprints are unreadable, based on the applicant's social security number, in accordance with ~~division (A)(12)~~ of section 109.572 of the Revised Code;

(ii) Authorize the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry to request a criminal history background check as set forth in division (C) of section 1321.531 of the Revised Code.

(b) Any fee required under division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code or by the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry shall be paid by the applicant.

(6) If an application for a certificate of registration does not contain all of the information required under division (A) of this section, and if such information is not submitted to the division or to the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry within ninety days after the superintendent or the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry requests the information in writing, including by electronic transmission or facsimile, the superintendent may consider the application withdrawn.

(7) If the division finds that the financial responsibility, experience, character, and general fitness of the applicant command the confidence of the public and warrant the belief that the business will be operated honestly and fairly in compliance with the purposes of sections 1321.51 to 1321.60 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted thereunder, and that the applicant has the requisite bond or applicable net worth and assets required by division (B) of this section, the division shall thereupon issue a certificate of

registration to the applicant. The superintendent shall not use a credit score as the sole basis for a registration denial.

(a)(i) Certificates of registration issued on or after July 1, 2010, shall annually expire on the thirty-first day of December, unless renewed by the filing of a renewal application and payment of a three-hundred-dollar nonrefundable annual registration fee, any assessment as determined by the superintendent pursuant to division (A)(7)(a)(ii) of this section, and any additional fee required by the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry, on or before the last day of December of each year. No other fee or assessment shall be required of a registrant by the state or any political subdivision of this state.

(ii) If the renewal fees billed by the superintendent pursuant to division (A)(7)(a)(i) of this section are less than the estimated expenditures of the consumer finance section of the division of financial institutions, as determined by the superintendent, for the following fiscal year, the superintendent may assess each registrant at a rate sufficient to equal in the aggregate the difference between the renewal fees billed and the estimated expenditures. Each registrant shall pay the assessed amount to the superintendent prior to the last day of June. In no case shall the assessment exceed ten cents per each one hundred dollars of interest (excluding charge-off recoveries), points, loan origination charges, and credit line charges collected by that registrant during the previous calendar year. If such an assessment is imposed, it shall not be less than two hundred fifty dollars per registrant and shall not exceed thirty thousand dollars less the total renewal fees paid pursuant to division (A)(7)(a)(i) of this section by each registrant.

(b) Registrants shall timely file renewal applications on forms prescribed by the division and provide any further information that the division may require. If a renewal application does not contain all of the information required under this section, and if that information is not submitted to the division or to the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry within ninety days after the superintendent or the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry requests the information in writing, including by electronic transmission or facsimile, the superintendent may consider the application withdrawn.

(c) Renewal shall not be granted if the applicant's certificate of registration is subject to an order of suspension, revocation, or an unpaid and past due fine imposed by the superintendent.

(d) If the division finds the applicant does not meet the conditions set forth in this section, it shall issue a notice of intent to deny the application,

and forthwith notify the applicant of the denial, the grounds for the denial, and the applicant's reasonable opportunity to be heard on the action in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(8) If there is a change of five per cent or more in the ownership of a registrant, the division may make any investigation necessary to determine whether any fact or condition exists that, if it had existed at the time of the original application for a certificate of registration, the fact or condition would have warranted the division to deny the application under division (A)(7) of this section. If such a fact or condition is found, the division may, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, revoke the registrant's certificate.

(B) Each registrant that engages in lending under sections 1321.51 to 1321.60 of the Revised Code shall, if not otherwise required to be bonded pursuant to section 1321.533 of the Revised Code, maintain both of the following:

- (1) A net worth of at least fifty thousand dollars;
- (2) For each certificate of registration, assets of at least fifty thousand dollars either in use or readily available for use in the conduct of the business.

(C) Not more than one place of business shall be maintained under the same certificate, but the division may issue additional certificates to the same registrant upon compliance with sections 1321.51 to 1321.60 of the Revised Code, governing the issuance of a single certificate. No change in the place of business of a registrant to a location outside the original municipal corporation shall be permitted under the same certificate without the approval of a new application, the payment of the registration fee and, if required by the superintendent, the payment of an investigation fee of two hundred dollars. When a registrant wishes to change its place of business within the same municipal corporation, it shall give written notice of the change in advance to the division, which shall provide a certificate for the new address without cost. If a registrant changes its name, prior to making loans under the new name it shall give written notice of the change to the division, which shall provide a certificate in the new name without cost. Sections 1321.51 to 1321.60 of the Revised Code do not limit the loans of any registrant to residents of the community in which the registrant's place of business is situated. Each certificate shall be kept conspicuously posted in the place of business of the registrant and is not transferable or assignable.

(D) Sections 1321.51 to 1321.60 of the Revised Code do not apply to any of the following:

- (1) Entities chartered and lawfully doing business under the authority of

any law of this state, another state, or the United States as a bank, savings bank, trust company, savings and loan association, or credit union, or a subsidiary of any such entity, which subsidiary is regulated by a federal banking agency and is owned and controlled by such a depository institution;

(2) Life, property, or casualty insurance companies licensed to do business in this state;

(3) Any person that is a lender making a loan pursuant to sections 1321.01 to 1321.19 of the Revised Code or a business loan as described in division (B)(6) of section 1343.01 of the Revised Code;

(4) Any political subdivision, or any governmental or other public entity, corporation, instrumentality, or agency, in or of the United States or any state of the United States, or any entity described in division (B)(3) of section 1343.01 of the Revised Code;

(5) A college or university, or controlled entity of a college or university, as those terms are defined in section 1713.05 of the Revised Code;

(6) A credit union service organization, provided the organization utilizes services provided by registered mortgage loan originators or the organization complies with section 1321.522 of the Revised Code and holds a valid letter of exemption issued by the superintendent.

(E) No person engaged in the business of selling tangible goods or services related to tangible goods may receive or retain a certificate under sections 1321.51 to 1321.60 of the Revised Code for such place of business.

Sec. 1321.531. (A) An application for a mortgage loan originator license shall be in writing, under oath, and in the form prescribed by the superintendent of financial institutions. The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee of one hundred fifty dollars and all other required fees, including any fees required by the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry.

(B) The superintendent may establish relationships or enter into contracts with the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry, or any entities designated by it, to collect and maintain records and process transaction fees or other fees related to mortgage loan originator licensees or other persons subject to or involved in their licensure.

(C) In connection with applying for a mortgage loan originator license, the applicant shall furnish to the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry the following information concerning the applicant's identity:

(1) The applicant's fingerprints for submission to the federal bureau of investigation, and any other governmental agency or entity authorized to

receive such information, for purposes of a state, national, and international criminal history background check;

(2) Personal history and experience in a form prescribed by the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry, along with authorization for the superintendent and the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry to obtain the following:

- (a) An independent credit report from a consumer reporting agency;
- (b) Information related to any administrative, civil, or criminal findings by any governmental jurisdiction.

(D) In order to effectuate the purposes of divisions (C)(1) and (C)(2)(b) of this section, the superintendent may use the conference of state bank supervisors, or a wholly owned subsidiary, as a channeling agent for requesting information from and distributing information to the United States department of justice or any other governmental agency. The superintendent may also use the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry as a channeling agent for requesting information from and distributing information to any source related to matters subject to divisions (C)(2)(a) and (b) of this section.

(E) Upon the filing of the application, payment of the application fee, and payment of any additional fee, including any fee required by the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry, the superintendent shall investigate the applicant as set forth in division (E) of this section.

(1)(a) Notwithstanding division (K) of section 121.08 of the Revised Code, the superintendent shall obtain a criminal history records check and, as part of that records check, request that criminal record information from the federal bureau of investigation be obtained. To fulfill this requirement, the superintendent shall do either of the following:

(i) Request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, or a vendor approved by the bureau, to conduct a criminal records check based on the applicant's fingerprints or, if the fingerprints are unreadable, based on the applicant's social security number in accordance with ~~division (A)(12) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code;~~

(ii) Authorize the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry to request a criminal history background check as set forth in division (C) of this section.

(b) Any fee required under division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code or by the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry shall be paid by the applicant.

(2) The superintendent of financial institutions shall conduct a civil records check.

(3) If, in order to issue a license to an applicant, additional investigation by the superintendent outside this state is necessary, the superintendent may require the applicant to advance sufficient funds to pay the actual expenses of the investigation, if it appears that these expenses will exceed one hundred dollars. The superintendent shall provide the applicant with an itemized statement of the actual expenses that the applicant is required to pay.

(F) If an application for a mortgage loan originator license does not contain all of the information required under this section, and if that information is not submitted to the superintendent or to the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry within ninety days after the superintendent or the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry requests the information in writing, including by electronic transmission or facsimile, the superintendent may consider the application withdrawn.

Sec. 1322.03. (A) An application for a certificate of registration as a mortgage broker shall be in writing, under oath, and in the form prescribed by the superintendent of financial institutions. The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee of five hundred dollars for each location of an office to be maintained by the applicant in accordance with division (A) of section 1322.02 of the Revised Code and any additional fee required by the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry. The application shall provide all of the following:

(1) The location or locations where the business is to be transacted and whether any location is a residence. If any location where the business is to be transacted is a residence, the superintendent may require that the application be accompanied by a copy of a zoning permit authorizing the use of the residence for commercial purposes, or by a written opinion or other document issued by the county or political subdivision where the residence is located certifying that the use of the residence to transact business as a mortgage broker is not prohibited by the county or political subdivision.

(2)(a) In the case of a sole proprietor, the name and address of the sole proprietor;

(b) In the case of a partnership, the name and address of each partner;

(c) In the case of a corporation, the name and address of each shareholder owning five per cent or more of the corporation;

(d) In the case of any other entity, the name and address of any person that owns five per cent or more of the entity that will transact business as a mortgage broker.

(3) Each applicant shall designate an employee or owner of the

applicant as the applicant's operations manager. While acting as the operations manager, the employee or owner shall be licensed as a loan originator under sections 1322.01 to 1322.12 of the Revised Code and shall not be employed by any other mortgage broker.

(4) Evidence that the person designated on the application pursuant to division (A)(3) of this section possesses at least three years of experience in the residential mortgage and lending field, which experience may include employment with or as a mortgage broker or with a depository institution, mortgage lending institution, or other lending institution, or possesses at least three years of other experience related specifically to the business of residential mortgage loans that the superintendent determines meets the requirements of division (A)(4) of this section;

(5) Evidence that the person designated on the application pursuant to division (A)(3) of this section has successfully completed the pre-licensing instruction requirements set forth in section 1322.031 of the Revised Code;

(6) Evidence of compliance with the surety bond requirements of section 1322.05 of the Revised Code and with sections 1322.01 to 1322.12 of the Revised Code;

(7) In the case of a foreign business entity, evidence that it maintains a license or registration pursuant to Chapter 1703., 1705., 1775., 1776., 1777., 1782., or 1783. of the Revised Code to transact business in this state;

(8) Evidence that the applicant's operations manager has successfully completed the written test required under division (A) of section 1322.051 of the Revised Code;

(9) Any further information that the superintendent requires.

(B) Upon the filing of the application and payment of the nonrefundable application fee and any fee required by the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry, the superintendent of financial institutions shall investigate the applicant, and any individual whose identity is required to be disclosed in the application, as set forth in division (B) of this section.

(1)(a) Notwithstanding division (K) of section 121.08 of the Revised Code, the superintendent shall obtain a criminal history records check and, as part of that records check, request that criminal record information from the federal bureau of investigation be obtained. To fulfill this requirement, the superintendent shall do either of the following:

(i) Request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, or a vendor approved by the bureau, to conduct a criminal records check based on the applicant's fingerprints or, if the fingerprints are unreadable, based on the applicant's social security number, in accordance with ~~division (A)(12) of~~ section 109.572 of the Revised Code;

(ii) Authorize the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry to request a criminal history background check.

(b) Any fee required under division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code or by the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry shall be paid by the applicant.

(2) The superintendent shall conduct a civil records check.

(3) If, in order to issue a certificate of registration to an applicant, additional investigation by the superintendent outside this state is necessary, the superintendent may require the applicant to advance sufficient funds to pay the actual expenses of the investigation, if it appears that these expenses will exceed five hundred dollars. The superintendent shall provide the applicant with an itemized statement of the actual expenses that the applicant is required to pay.

(C) The superintendent shall pay all funds advanced and application and renewal fees and penalties the superintendent receives pursuant to this section and section 1322.04 of the Revised Code to the treasurer of state to the credit of the consumer finance fund created in section 1321.21 of the Revised Code.

(D) If an application for a mortgage broker certificate of registration does not contain all of the information required under division (A) of this section, and if that information is not submitted to the superintendent or to the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry within ninety days after the superintendent or the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry requests the information in writing, including by electronic transmission or facsimile, the superintendent may consider the application withdrawn.

(E) A mortgage broker certificate of registration and the authority granted under that certificate is not transferable or assignable and cannot be franchised by contract or any other means.

(F) The registration requirements of this chapter apply to any person acting as a mortgage broker, and no person is exempt from the requirements of this chapter on the basis of prior work or employment as a mortgage broker.

(G) The superintendent may establish relationships or enter into contracts with the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry, or any entities designated by it, to collect and maintain records and process transaction fees or other fees related to mortgage broker certificates of registration or the persons associated with a mortgage broker.

Sec. 1322.031. (A) An application for a license as a loan originator shall be in writing, under oath, and in the form prescribed by the superintendent

of financial institutions. The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee of one hundred fifty dollars and any additional fee required by the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry.

(B)(1) The application shall provide evidence, acceptable to the superintendent, that the applicant has successfully completed at least twenty-four hours of pre-licensing instruction consisting of all of the following:

(a) Twenty hours of instruction in a course or program of study reviewed and approved by the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry;

(b) Four hours of instruction in a course or program of study reviewed and approved by the superintendent concerning state lending laws and the Ohio consumer sales practices act, Chapter 1345. of the Revised Code, as it applies to registrants and licensees.

(2) Notwithstanding division (B)(1) of this section, until the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry implements a review and approval program, the application shall provide evidence, as determined by the superintendent, that the applicant has successfully completed at least twenty-four hours of instruction in a course or program of study approved by the superintendent that consists of at least all of the following:

(a) Four hours of instruction concerning state and federal mortgage lending laws, which shall include no less than two hours on this chapter;

(b) Four hours of instruction concerning the Ohio consumer sales practices act, Chapter 1345. of the Revised Code, as it applies to registrants and licensees;

(c) Four hours of instruction concerning the loan application process;

(d) Two hours of instruction concerning the underwriting process;

(e) Two hours of instruction concerning the secondary market for mortgage loans;

(f) Four hours of instruction concerning the loan closing process;

(g) Two hours of instruction covering basic mortgage financing concepts and terms;

(h) Two hours of instruction concerning the ethical responsibilities of a registrant and a licensee, including with respect to confidentiality, consumer counseling, and the duties and standards of care created in section 1322.081 of the Revised Code.

(3) For purposes of division (B)(1)(a) of this section, the review and approval of a course or program of study includes the review and approval of the provider of the course or program of study.

(4) If an applicant held a valid loan originator license issued by this state at any time during the immediately preceding five-year period, the applicant shall not be required to complete any additional pre-licensing instruction. For this purpose, any time during which the individual is a registered loan originator shall not be taken into account.

(5) A person having successfully completed the pre-licensing education requirement reviewed and approved by the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry for any state within the previous five years shall be granted credit toward completion of the pre-licensing education requirement of this state.

(C) In addition to the information required under division (B) of this section, the application shall provide both of the following:

(1) Evidence that the applicant passed a written test that meets the requirements described in division (B) of section 1322.051 of the Revised Code;

(2) Any further information that the superintendent requires.

(D) Upon the filing of the application and payment of the application fee and any fee required by the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry, the superintendent of financial institutions shall investigate the applicant as set forth in division (D) of this section.

(1)(a) Notwithstanding division (K) of section 121.08 of the Revised Code, the superintendent shall obtain a criminal history records check and, as part of the records check, request that criminal record information from the federal bureau of investigation be obtained. To fulfill this requirement, the superintendent shall do either of the following:

(i) Request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, or a vendor approved by the bureau, to conduct a criminal records check based on the applicant's fingerprints or, if the fingerprints are unreadable, based on the applicant's social security number, in accordance with ~~division (A)(12) of~~ section 109.572 of the Revised Code;

(ii) Authorize the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry to request a criminal history background check.

(b) Any fee required under division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code or by the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry shall be paid by the applicant.

(2) The superintendent shall conduct a civil records check.

(3) If, in order to issue a license to an applicant, additional investigation by the superintendent outside this state is necessary, the superintendent may require the applicant to advance sufficient funds to pay the actual expenses of the investigation, if it appears that these expenses will exceed one

hundred fifty dollars. The superintendent shall provide the applicant with an itemized statement of the actual expenses that the applicant is required to pay.

(E)(1) In connection with applying for a loan originator license, the applicant shall furnish to the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry the following information concerning the applicant's identity:

(a) The applicant's fingerprints for submission to the federal bureau of investigation, and any other governmental agency or entity authorized to receive such information, for purposes of a state, national, and international criminal history background check;

(b) Personal history and experience in a form prescribed by the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry, along with authorization for the superintendent and the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry to obtain the following:

(i) An independent credit report from a consumer reporting agency;

(ii) Information related to any administrative, civil, or criminal findings by any governmental jurisdiction.

(2) In order to effectuate the purposes of divisions (E)(1)(a) and (E)(1)(b)(ii) of this section, the superintendent may use the conference of state bank supervisors, or a wholly owned subsidiary, as a channeling agent for requesting information from and distributing information to the United States department of justice or any other governmental agency. The superintendent may also use the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry as a channeling agent for requesting information from and distributing information to any source related to matters subject to those divisions of this section.

(F) The superintendent shall pay all funds advanced and application and renewal fees and penalties the superintendent receives pursuant to this section and section 1322.041 of the Revised Code to the treasurer of state to the credit of the consumer finance fund created in section 1321.21 of the Revised Code.

(G) If an application for a loan originator license does not contain all of the information required under this section, and if that information is not submitted to the superintendent or to the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry within ninety days after the superintendent or the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry requests the information in writing, including by electronic transmission or facsimile, the superintendent may consider the application withdrawn.

(H)(1) The business of a loan originator shall principally be transacted at an office of the mortgage broker with whom the licensee is employed or

associated, which office is registered in accordance with division (A) of section 1322.02 of the Revised Code. Each original loan originator license shall be deposited with and maintained by the mortgage broker at the mortgage broker's main office. A copy of the license shall be maintained and displayed at the office where the loan originator principally transacts business.

(2) If a loan originator's employment or association is terminated for any reason, the mortgage broker shall return the original loan originator license to the superintendent within five business days after the termination. The licensee may request the transfer of the license to another mortgage broker by submitting a transfer application, along with a fifteen dollar fee and any fee required by the national mortgage licensing system and registry, to the superintendent or may request the superintendent in writing to hold the license in escrow. Any licensee whose license is held in escrow shall cease activity as a loan originator. A licensee whose license is held in escrow shall be required to apply for renewal annually and to comply with the annual continuing education requirement.

(3) A mortgage broker may employ or be associated with a loan originator on a temporary basis pending the transfer of the loan originator's license to the mortgage broker, if the mortgage broker receives written confirmation from the superintendent that the loan originator is licensed under sections 1322.01 to 1322.12 of the Revised Code.

(4) Notwithstanding divisions (H)(1) to (3) of this section, if a licensee is employed by or associated with a person or entity listed in division (G)(2) of section 1322.01 of the Revised Code, all of the following apply:

(a) The licensee shall maintain and display the original loan originator license at the office where the licensee principally transacts business;

(b) If the loan originator's employment or association is terminated, the loan originator shall return the original loan originator license to the superintendent within five business days after termination. The licensee may request the transfer of the license to a mortgage broker or another person or entity listed in division (G)(2) of section 1322.01 of the Revised Code by submitting a transfer application, along with a fifteen-dollar fee and any fee required by the national mortgage licensing system and registry, to the superintendent or may request the superintendent in writing to hold the license in escrow. A licensee whose license is held in escrow shall cease activity as a loan originator. A licensee whose license is held in escrow shall be required to apply for renewal annually and to comply with the annual continuing education requirement.

(c) The licensee may seek to be employed or associated with a mortgage

broker or person or entity listed in division (G)(2) of section 1322.01 of the Revised Code if the mortgage broker or person or entity receives written confirmation from the superintendent that the loan originator is licensed under sections 1322.01 to 1322.12 of the Revised Code.

(I) The superintendent may establish relationships or enter into contracts with the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry, or any entities designated by it, to collect and maintain records and process transaction fees or other fees related to loan originator licenses or the persons associated with a licensee.

(J) A loan originator license, or the authority granted under that license, is not assignable and cannot be franchised by contract or any other means.

Sec. 1345.05. (A) The attorney general shall:

(1) Adopt, amend, and repeal procedural rules;

(2) Adopt as a rule a description of the organization of the attorney general's office, stating the general courses and methods of operation of the section of the office of the attorney general, which is to administer Chapter 1345. of the Revised Code and methods whereby the public may obtain information or make submissions or requests, including a description of all forms and instructions used by that office;

(3) Make available for public inspection all rules and all other written statements of policy or interpretations adopted or used by the attorney general in the discharge of the attorney general's functions, together with all judgments, including supporting opinions, by courts of this state that determine the rights of the parties and concerning which appellate remedies have been exhausted, or lost by the expiration of the time for appeal, determining that specific acts or practices violate section 1345.02, 1345.03, or 1345.031 of the Revised Code;

(4) Inform consumers and suppliers on a continuing basis of acts or practices that violate Chapter 1345. of the Revised Code by, among other things, publishing an informational document describing acts and practices in connection with residential mortgages that are unfair, deceptive, or unconscionable, and by making that information available on the attorney general's official web site;

(5) Cooperate with state and local officials, officials of other states, and officials of the federal government in the administration of comparable statutes;

(6) Report annually on or before the ~~first~~ thirty-first day of January to the governor and the general assembly on the operations of the attorney general in respect to Chapter 1345. of the Revised Code, and on the acts or practices occurring in this state that violate such chapter. The report shall

include a statement of investigatory and enforcement procedures and policies, of the number of investigations and enforcement proceedings instituted and of their disposition, and of other activities of the state and of other persons to promote the purposes of Chapter 1345. of the Revised Code.

(7) In carrying out official duties, the attorney general shall not disclose publicly the identity of suppliers investigated or the facts developed in investigations unless these matters have become a matter of public record in enforcement proceedings, in public hearings conducted pursuant to division (B)(1) of this section, or the suppliers investigated have consented in writing to public disclosure.

(B) The attorney general may:

(1) Conduct research, make inquiries, hold public hearings, and publish studies relating to consumer transactions;

(2) Adopt, amend, and repeal substantive rules defining with reasonable specificity acts or practices that violate sections 1345.02, 1345.03, and 1345.031 of the Revised Code. In adopting, amending, or repealing substantive rules defining acts or practices that violate section 1345.02 of the Revised Code, due consideration and great weight shall be given to federal trade commission orders, trade regulation rules and guides, and the federal courts' interpretations of subsection 45(a)(1) of the "Federal Trade Commission Act," 38 Stat. 717 (1914), 15 U.S.C.A. 41, as amended.

In adopting, amending, or repealing such rules concerning a consumer transaction in connection with a residential mortgage, the attorney general shall consult with the superintendent of financial institutions and shall give due consideration to state and federal statutes, regulations, administrative agency interpretations, and case law.

(C) In the conduct of public hearings authorized by this section, the attorney general may administer oaths, subpoena witnesses, adduce evidence, and require the production of relevant material. Upon failure of a person without lawful excuse to obey a subpoena or to produce relevant matter, the attorney general may apply to a court of common pleas for an order compelling compliance.

(D) The attorney general may request that an individual who refuses to testify or to produce relevant material on the ground that the testimony or matter may incriminate the individual be ordered by the court to provide the testimony or matter. With the exception of a prosecution for perjury and an action for damages under section 1345.07 or 1345.09 of the Revised Code, an individual who complies with a court order to provide testimony or matter, after asserting a privilege against self incrimination to which the

individual is entitled by law, shall not be subjected to a criminal proceeding on the basis of the testimony or matter discovered through that testimony or matter.

(E) Any person may petition the attorney general requesting the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule. The attorney general shall prescribe by rule the form for such petitions and the procedure for their submission, consideration, and disposition. Within sixty days of submission of a petition, the attorney general shall either deny the petition in writing, stating the reasons for the denial, or initiate rule-making proceedings. There is no right to appeal from such denial of a petition.

(F) All rules shall be adopted subject to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(G) The informational document published in accordance with division (A)(4) of this section shall be made available for distribution to consumers who are applying for a mortgage loan. An acknowledgement of receipt shall be retained by the lender, mortgage broker, and loan officer, as applicable, subject to review by the attorney general and the department of commerce.

Sec. 1501.04. There is hereby created in the department of natural resources a recreation and resources commission composed of the chairperson of the wildlife council created under section 1531.03 of the Revised Code, the chairperson of the parks and recreation council created under section 1541.40 of the Revised Code, the chairperson of the waterways safety council created under section 1547.73 of the Revised Code, the chairperson of the technical advisory council on oil and gas created under section 1509.38 of the Revised Code, the chairperson of the forestry advisory council created under section 1503.40 of the Revised Code, the chairperson of the Ohio soil and water conservation commission created under section 1515.02 of the Revised Code, the chairperson of the Ohio natural areas council created under section 1517.03 of the Revised Code, the chairperson of the Ohio water advisory council created under section 1521.031 of the Revised Code, ~~the chairperson of the recycling and litter prevention advisory council created under section 1502.04 of the Revised Code,~~ the chairperson of the Ohio geology advisory council created under section 1505.11 of the Revised Code, and five members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, not more than three of whom shall belong to the same political party. The director of natural resources shall be an ex officio member of the commission, with a voice in its deliberations, but without the power to vote.

Terms of office of members of the commission appointed by the governor shall be for five years, commencing on the second day of February

and ending on the first day of February. Each member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the end of the term for which the member was appointed.

In the event of the death, removal, resignation, or incapacity of a member of the commission, the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, shall appoint a successor who shall hold office for the remainder of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed. Any member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the member's successor takes office, or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first.

The governor may remove any appointed member of the commission for misfeasance, nonfeasance, or malfeasance in office.

The commission shall exercise no administrative function, but may do any of the following:

(A) Advise with and recommend to the director as to plans and programs for the management, development, utilization, and conservation of the natural resources of the state;

(B) Advise with and recommend to the director as to methods of coordinating the work of the divisions of the department;

(C) Consider and make recommendations upon any matter that the director may submit to it;

(D) Submit to the governor biennially recommendations for amendments to the conservation laws of the state.

Each member of the commission, before entering upon the discharge of the member's duties, shall take and subscribe to an oath of office, which oath, in writing, shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state.

The members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to receive their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

The commission, by a majority vote of all its members, shall adopt and amend bylaws.

To be eligible for appointment, a person shall be a citizen of the United States and an elector of the state and shall possess a knowledge of and have an interest in the natural resources of this state.

The commission shall hold at least four regular quarterly meetings each year. Special meetings shall be held at such times as the bylaws of the commission provide. Notices of all meetings shall be given in such manner as the bylaws provide. The commission shall choose annually from among its members a chairperson to preside over its meetings and a secretary to keep a record of its proceedings. A majority of the members of the

commission constitutes a quorum. No advice shall be given or recommendation made without a majority of the members of the commission concurring in it.

Sec. 1503.012. There is hereby created in the state treasury the forestry mineral royalties fund. The fund shall consist of money deposited into it under section 1509.73 of the Revised Code. Any investment proceeds earned on money in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

Money in the fund shall be used by the division of forestry to acquire land and to pay capital costs, including equipment and repairs and renovations of facilities, that are owned by the state and administered by the division. Expenditures from the fund for those purposes shall be approved by the director of natural resources.

The director of natural resources also may request the director of budget and management to transfer money from the forestry mineral royalties fund to the parks mineral royalties fund created in section 1541.26 of the Revised Code. The director of budget and management shall transfer the money pursuant to the request if the director consents to the request. Money that is transferred to the parks mineral royalties fund shall be used for the purposes specified in section 1541.26 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1503.43. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Wilderness area" means a contiguous area of relatively undeveloped state-owned land administered by the division of forestry and consisting of not less than five thousand acres or of sufficient size as to make practicable its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition that either has retained its natural character and influence or has been substantially restored to a near natural appearance and that meets both of the following qualifications:

(a) The area is one in which humankind's past influences are largely unnoticed;

(b) The area has outstanding opportunities for solitude or for a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.

(2) "Utility facility" includes, without limitation, towers, poles, pipes, sewers, tubing, conduits, conductors, cables, valves, lines, wires, manholes, and appurtenances thereto owned by a utility facility operator.

(3) "Utility facility operator" means a person or public authority that supplies any of the following materials or services by means of a utility facility:

(a) Flammable, toxic, or corrosive gas;

(b) Crude oil, petroleum products, or hazardous liquids;

(c) Coal;

- (d) Electricity;
- (e) Electronic, telephonic, or telegraphic communications;
- (f) Television signals;
- (g) Sewage disposal or drainage;
- (h) Potable water;
- (i) Steam or hot water.

(B) That portion of contiguous state lands located in Scioto and Adams counties and within the Shawnee state forest and bounded by forest road seventeen and sunshine ridge to the north, by upper Twin Creek road to the east and northeast, by United States route fifty-two to the south, and by lower Twin Creek road to the west and southwest is hereby designated the Shawnee wilderness area. Except as otherwise specifically provided by this section or by rule adopted under this chapter, the provisions of this chapter apply to the Shawnee wilderness area, and that area shall continue to be a part of the Shawnee state forest.

(C) The Shawnee wilderness area shall be managed to preserve natural conditions and ensure the continuance of natural processes. The chief of the division of forestry, with the approval of the director of natural resources, shall administer the Shawnee wilderness area in accordance with a management plan, which the chief shall develop and adopt within one year after September 14, 1988. Sixty days prior to adopting a plan, the chief shall solicit public review and comment on a draft plan. At least once every ten years, the chief shall conduct a review of the plan, with public input, and revise the plan as appropriate. The chief shall make the plan available for review by any person upon request.

(D) Notwithstanding any other authority granted to the chief under this chapter, the chief shall include within the management plan adopted under division (C) of this section prohibitions of the following activities within the Shawnee wilderness area except for the areas exempted in division (E) of this section:

(1) Picking, removal, cutting, or alteration in any manner of any vegetation unless the person first has obtained written consent from the chief for that activity and the action is necessary for appropriate public access, the preservation or restoration of a plant or wildlife species, or the documentation of scientific values;

(2) Granting of any easement or license, or sale or lease of any of the land, for any purpose. Division (D)(2) of this section does not apply to any private easement or license in existence on September 14, 1988.

(3) Exploration for or extraction of any coal, oil, gas, or minerals;

(4) Operation, construction, or installation of a utility facility above or

below the surface of the land;

(5) Operation of a commercial enterprise;

(6) Except as provided in division (D)(7) of this section, construction of a road upon any of the land or use of the land as a road;

(7) Except as is necessary to meet emergency requirements for administration of the area:

(a) Landing of an aircraft;

(b) Operation of a motor vehicle, motor boat, other form of mechanical transport, or motorized equipment;

(c) Construction of any building or other structure;

(d) Use of the land as a temporary road.

(E)(1) The following areas, which now are necessary for the administration of the Shawnee state forest and the state forest system, are not subject to the prohibitions of division (D) of this section:

(a) The Buena Vista manager's residence;

(b) The Buena Vista walnut seed orchard;

~~(c) The Twin Creek fire tower.~~

(2) The following areas, which now are necessary for the administration of the Shawnee state forest and the state forest system, are not subject to the prohibition established in division (D)(7)(b) of this section for the purpose of trail maintenance:

(a) The hiking trail west of upper Twin Creek road known as the wilderness loop;

(b) Buckhorn ridge bridle trail;

(c) Cabbage patch bridle trail.

(3) At any time that the chief makes a determination that it is no longer necessary for the administration of the Shawnee state forest or the state forest system for an area excluded in division (E)(1) or (2) of this section to be excluded, the area shall become subject to the prohibitions of established in division (D) of this section or the prohibition established in division (D)(7)(b) of this section, as applicable.

(F) The chief, in developing a management plan under division (C) of this section, may not prohibit any hunting, fishing, or trapping that is done in conformity with Chapters 1531. and 1533. of the Revised Code or any rules adopted under those chapters.

Sec. 1506.42. The state, acting through the director of natural resources, subject to section 1506.46 of the Revised Code, may enter into agreements with counties, townships, municipal corporations, park boards, and conservancy districts, other political subdivisions, or any state departments or divisions for the purpose of constructing and maintaining projects to

control erosion along the Ohio shoreline of Lake Erie and in any rivers and bays that are connected with Lake Erie and any other watercourses that flow into Lake Erie. Such projects also may be constructed on any Lake Erie island that is situated within the boundaries of the state.

The cost of such shore erosion projects that are for the benefit of public littoral property shall be prorated on the basis of two-thirds of the total cost to the state through appropriations made to the department of natural resources and one-third of the cost to the counties, townships, municipal corporations, park boards, conservancy districts, or other political subdivisions.

If a shore erosion emergency is declared by the governor, the state, acting through the director, may spend whatever state funds are available to alleviate shore erosion, without participation by any political subdivision, regardless of whether the project will benefit public or private littoral property.

A board of county commissioners, acting for the county over which it has jurisdiction, may enter into and carry out agreements with the director for the construction and maintenance of projects to control shore erosion. In providing the funds for the county's proportionate share of the cost of constructing and maintaining the projects referred to in this section, the board shall be governed by and may issue and refund bonds in accordance with Chapter 133. of the Revised Code.

A municipal corporation or a township, acting through the legislative authority or the board of township trustees, may enter into and carry out agreements with the director for the purpose of constructing and maintaining projects to control shore erosion. In providing the funds for the municipal corporation's or township's proportionate share of the cost of constructing and maintaining the projects referred to in this section, a municipal corporation or township may issue and refund bonds in accordance with Chapter 133. of the Revised Code. The contract shall be executed on behalf of the municipal corporation or township by the mayor, city manager, or other chief executive officer who has the authority to act for the municipal corporation or township.

Conservancy districts may enter into and carry out agreements with the director, in accordance with the intent of this section, under the powers conferred upon conservancy districts under Chapter 6101. of the Revised Code.

Park boards may enter into and carry out agreements with the director, in accordance with the intent of this section, and issue bonds for that purpose under the powers conferred upon park districts under Chapter 1545.

of the Revised Code.

The director shall approve and supervise all projects that are to be constructed in accordance with this section. The director shall not proceed with the construction of any project until all funds that are to be paid by the county, township, municipal corporation, park board, or conservancy district, in accordance with the terms of the agreement entered into between the director and the county, township, municipal corporation, park board, or conservancy district, are in the director's possession and deposited in the shore erosion fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury. If the director finds it to be in the best interests of the state to construct projects as set forth in this section by the state itself, without the financial contribution of counties, townships, municipal corporations, park boards, or conservancy districts, the director may construct the projects.

In deciding whether to assist a county or municipal corporation in constructing and maintaining a project under this section, the state, acting through the director, shall consider, among other factors, whether the county or municipal corporation has adopted or is in the process of adopting a Lake Erie coastal erosion area resolution or ordinance under division (D) of section 1506.07 of the Revised Code.

All projects constructed by the state in conformity with sections 1506.38 to 1506.46 of the Revised Code shall be constructed subject to sections 153.01 to 153.20 of the Revised Code, except that the ~~state architect and engineer~~ Ohio facilities construction commission is not required to prepare the plans and specifications for those projects.

Sec. 1509.071. (A) When the chief of the division of oil and gas resources management finds that an owner has failed to comply with a final nonappealable order issued or compliance agreement entered into under section 1509.04, the restoration requirements of section 1509.072, plugging requirements of section 1509.12, or permit provisions of section 1509.13 of the Revised Code, or rules and orders relating thereto, the chief shall make a finding of that fact and declare any surety bond filed to ensure compliance with those sections and rules forfeited in the amount set by rule of the chief. The chief thereupon shall certify the total forfeiture to the attorney general, who shall proceed to collect the amount of the forfeiture. In addition, the chief may require an owner, operator, producer, or other person who forfeited a surety bond to post a new surety bond in the amount of fifteen thousand dollars for a single well, thirty thousand dollars for two wells, or fifty thousand dollars for three or more wells.

In lieu of total forfeiture, the surety or owner, at the surety's or owner's option, may cause the well to be properly plugged and abandoned and the

area properly restored or pay to the treasurer of state the cost of plugging and abandonment.

(B) All moneys collected because of forfeitures of bonds as provided in this section shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the oil and gas well fund created in section 1509.02 of the Revised Code.

The chief annually shall spend not less than fourteen per cent of the revenue credited to the fund during the previous fiscal year for the following purposes:

(1) In accordance with division (D) of this section, to plug idle and orphaned wells or to restore the land surface properly as required in section 1509.072 of the Revised Code;

(2) In accordance with division (E) of this section, to correct conditions that the chief reasonably has determined are causing imminent health or safety risks at an idle and orphaned well or a well for which the owner cannot be contacted in order to initiate a corrective action within a reasonable period of time as determined by the chief.

Expenditures from the fund shall be made only for lawful purposes. In addition, expenditures from the fund shall not be made to purchase real property or to remove a dwelling in order to access a well.

(C)(1) Upon determining that the owner of a well has failed to properly plug and abandon it or to properly restore the land surface at the well site in compliance with the applicable requirements of this chapter and applicable rules adopted and orders issued under it or that a well is an abandoned well for which no funds are available to plug the well in accordance with this chapter, the chief shall do all of the following:

(a) Determine from the records in the office of the county recorder of the county in which the well is located the identity of the owner of the land on which the well is located, the identity of the owner of the oil or gas lease under which the well was drilled or the identity of each person owning an interest in the lease, and the identities of the persons having legal title to, or a lien upon, any of the equipment appurtenant to the well;

(b) Mail notice to the owner of the land on which the well is located informing the landowner that the well is to be plugged. If the owner of the oil or gas lease under which the well was drilled is different from the owner of the well or if any persons other than the owner of the well own interests in the lease, the chief also shall mail notice that the well is to be plugged to the owner of the lease or to each person owning an interest in the lease, as appropriate.

(c) Mail notice to each person having legal title to, or a lien upon, any equipment appurtenant to the well, informing the person that the well is to

be plugged and offering the person the opportunity to plug the well and restore the land surface at the well site at the person's own expense in order to avoid forfeiture of the equipment to this state.

(2) If none of the persons described in division (C)(1)(c) of this section plugs the well within sixty days after the mailing of the notice required by that division, all equipment appurtenant to the well is hereby declared to be forfeited to this state without compensation and without the necessity for any action by the state for use to defray the cost of plugging and abandoning the well and restoring the land surface at the well site.

(D) Expenditures from the fund for the purpose of division (B)(1) of this section shall be made in accordance with either of the following:

(1) The expenditures may be made pursuant to contracts entered into by the chief with persons who agree to furnish all of the materials, equipment, work, and labor as specified and provided in such a contract for activities associated with the restoration or plugging of a well as determined by the chief. The activities may include excavation to uncover a well, geophysical methods to locate a buried well when clear evidence of leakage from the well exists, cleanout of wellbores to remove material from a failed plugging of a well, plugging operations, installation of vault and vent systems, including associated engineering certifications and permits, restoration of property, and repair of damage to property that is caused by such activities. Expenditures shall not be used for salaries, maintenance, equipment, or other administrative purposes, except for costs directly attributed to the plugging of an idle and orphaned well. Agents or employees of persons contracting with the chief for a restoration or plugging project may enter upon any land, public or private, on which the well is located for the purpose of performing the work. Prior to such entry, the chief shall give to the following persons written notice of the existence of a contract for a project to restore or plug a well, the names of the persons with whom the contract is made, and the date that the project will commence: the owner of the well, the owner of the land upon which the well is located, the owner or agents of adjoining land, and, if the well is located in the same township as or in a township adjacent to the excavations and workings of a mine and the owner or lessee of that mine has provided written notice identifying those townships to the chief at any time during the immediately preceding three years, the owner or lessee of the mine.

(2)(a) The owner of the land on which a well is located who has received notice under division (C)(1)(b) of this section may plug the well and be reimbursed by the division of oil and gas resources management for the reasonable cost of plugging the well. In order to plug the well, the

landowner shall submit an application to the chief on a form prescribed by the chief and approved by the technical advisory council on oil and gas created in section 1509.38 of the Revised Code. The application, at a minimum, shall require the landowner to provide the same information as is required to be included in the application for a permit to plug and abandon under section 1509.13 of the Revised Code. The application shall be accompanied by a copy of a proposed contract to plug the well prepared by a contractor regularly engaged in the business of plugging oil and gas wells. The proposed contract shall require the contractor to furnish all of the materials, equipment, work, and labor necessary to plug the well properly and shall specify the price for doing the work, including a credit for the equipment appurtenant to the well that was forfeited to the state through the operation of division (C)(2) of this section. Expenditures under division (D)(2)(a) of this section shall be consistent with the expenditures for activities described in division (D)(1) of this section. The application also shall be accompanied by the permit fee required by section 1509.13 of the Revised Code unless the chief, in the chief's discretion, waives payment of the permit fee. The application constitutes an application for a permit to plug and abandon the well for the purposes of section 1509.13 of the Revised Code.

(b) Within thirty days after receiving an application and accompanying proposed contract under division (D)(2)(a) of this section, the chief shall determine whether the plugging would comply with the applicable requirements of this chapter and applicable rules adopted and orders issued under it and whether the cost of the plugging under the proposed contract is reasonable. If the chief determines that the proposed plugging would comply with those requirements and that the proposed cost of the plugging is reasonable, the chief shall notify the landowner of that determination and issue to the landowner a permit to plug and abandon the well under section 1509.13 of the Revised Code. Upon approval of the application and proposed contract, the chief shall transfer ownership of the equipment appurtenant to the well to the landowner. The chief may disapprove an application submitted under division (D)(2)(a) of this section if the chief determines that the proposed plugging would not comply with the applicable requirements of this chapter and applicable rules adopted and orders issued under it, that the cost of the plugging under the proposed contract is unreasonable, or that the proposed contract is not a bona fide, arm's length contract.

(c) After receiving the chief's notice of the approval of the application and permit to plug and abandon a well under division (D)(2)(b) of this

section, the landowner shall enter into the proposed contract to plug the well.

(d) Upon determining that the plugging has been completed in compliance with the applicable requirements of this chapter and applicable rules adopted and orders issued under it, the chief shall reimburse the landowner for the cost of the plugging as set forth in the proposed contract approved by the chief. The reimbursement shall be paid from the oil and gas well fund. If the chief determines that the plugging was not completed in accordance with the applicable requirements, the chief shall not reimburse the landowner for the cost of the plugging, and the landowner or the contractor, as applicable, promptly shall transfer back to this state title to and possession of the equipment appurtenant to the well that previously was transferred to the landowner under division (D)(2)(b) of this section. If any such equipment was removed from the well during the plugging and sold, the landowner shall pay to the chief the proceeds from the sale of the equipment, and the chief promptly shall pay the moneys so received to the treasurer of state for deposit into the oil and gas well fund.

The chief may establish an annual limit on the number of wells that may be plugged under division (D)(2) of this section or an annual limit on the expenditures to be made under that division.

As used in division (D)(2) of this section, "plug" and "plugging" include the plugging of the well and the restoration of the land surface disturbed by the plugging.

(E) Expenditures from the oil and gas well fund for the purpose of division (B)(2) of this section may be made pursuant to contracts entered into by the chief with persons who agree to furnish all of the materials, equipment, work, and labor as specified and provided in such a contract. The competitive bidding requirements of Chapter 153. of the Revised Code do not apply if the chief reasonably determines that an emergency situation exists requiring immediate action for the correction of the applicable health or safety risk requires immediate action. A contract or purchase of materials for purposes of addressing the emergency situation is not subject to division (B) of section 127.16 of the Revised Code. The chief, designated representatives of the chief, and agents or employees of persons contracting with the chief under this division may enter upon any land, public or private, for the purpose of performing the work.

(F) Contracts entered into by the chief under this section are not subject to ~~either any~~ any of the following:

- (1) Chapter 4115. of the Revised Code;
- (2) Section 153.54 of the Revised Code, except that the contractor shall

obtain and provide to the chief as a bid guaranty a surety bond or letter of credit in an amount equal to ten per cent of the amount of the contract;

(3) Section 4733.17 of the Revised Code.

(G) The owner of land on which a well is located who has received notice under division (C)(1)(b) of this section, in lieu of plugging the well in accordance with division (D)(2) of this section, may cause ownership of the well to be transferred to an owner who is lawfully doing business in this state and who has met the financial responsibility requirements established under section 1509.07 of the Revised Code, subject to the approval of the chief. The transfer of ownership also shall be subject to the landowner's filing the appropriate forms required under section 1509.31 of the Revised Code and providing to the chief sufficient information to demonstrate the landowner's or owner's right to produce a formation or formations. That information may include a deed, a lease, or other documentation of ownership or property rights.

The chief shall approve or disapprove the transfer of ownership of the well. If the chief approves the transfer, the owner is responsible for operating the well in accordance with this chapter and rules adopted under it, including, without limitation, all of the following:

(1) Filing an application with the chief under section 1509.06 of the Revised Code if the owner intends to drill deeper or produce a formation that is not listed in the records of the division for that well;

(2) Taking title to and possession of the equipment appurtenant to the well that has been identified by the chief as having been abandoned by the former owner;

(3) Complying with all applicable requirements that are necessary to drill deeper, plug the well, or plug back the well.

(H) The chief shall issue an order that requires the owner of a well to pay the actual documented costs of a corrective action that is described in division (B)(2) of this section concerning the well. The chief shall transmit the money so recovered to the treasurer of state who shall deposit the money in the state treasury to the credit of the oil and gas well fund.

(I) The chief may engage in cooperative projects under this section with any agency of this state, another state, or the United States; any other governmental agencies; or any state university or college as defined in section 3345.27 of the Revised Code. A contract entered into for purposes of a cooperative project is not subject to division (B) of section 127.16 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1509.36. Any person adversely affected by an order by the chief of the division of oil and gas resources management may appeal to the oil and

gas commission for an order vacating or modifying the order.

The person so appealing to the commission shall be known as appellant and the chief shall be known as appellee. Appellant and appellee shall be deemed to be parties to the appeal.

The appeal shall be in writing and shall set forth the order complained of and the grounds upon which the appeal is based. The appeal shall be filed with the commission within thirty days after the date upon which the appellant received notice by certified mail and, for all other persons adversely affected by the order, within thirty days after the date of the order complained of. Notice of the filing of the appeal shall be filed with the chief within three days after the appeal is filed with the commission.

Upon the filing of the appeal the commission promptly shall fix the time and place at which the hearing on the appeal will be held, and shall give the appellant and the chief at least ten days' written notice thereof by mail. The commission may postpone or continue any hearing upon its own motion or upon application of the appellant or of the chief.

The filing of an appeal provided for in this section does not automatically suspend or stay execution of the order appealed from, but upon application by the appellant the commission may suspend or stay the execution pending determination of the appeal upon such terms as the commission considers proper.

Either party to the appeal or any interested person who, pursuant to commission rules has been granted permission to appear, may submit such evidence as the commission considers admissible.

For the purpose of conducting a hearing on an appeal, the commission may require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, records, and papers, and it may, and at the request of any party it shall, issue subpoenas for witnesses or subpoenas duces tecum to compel the production of any books, records, or papers, directed to the sheriffs of the counties where the witnesses are found. The subpoenas shall be served and returned in the same manner as subpoenas in criminal cases are served and returned. The fees of sheriffs shall be the same as those allowed by the court of common pleas in criminal cases. Witnesses shall be paid the fees and mileage provided for under section 119.094 of the Revised Code. Such fees and mileage expenses incurred at the request of appellant shall be paid in advance by the appellant, and the remainder of those expenses shall be paid out of funds appropriated for the expenses of the division of oil and gas resources management.

In case of disobedience or neglect of any subpoena served on any person, or the refusal of any witness to testify to any matter regarding which

the witness may be lawfully interrogated, the court of common pleas of the county in which the disobedience, neglect, or refusal occurs, or any judge thereof, on application of the commission or any member thereof, shall compel obedience by attachment proceedings for contempt as in the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from that court or a refusal to testify therein. Witnesses at such hearings shall testify under oath, and any member of the commission may administer oaths or affirmations to persons who so testify.

At the request of any party to the appeal, a ~~stenographic~~ record of the testimony and other evidence submitted shall be taken by an official court ~~shorthand~~ reporter at the expense of the party making the request ~~therefor~~ for the record. The record shall include all of the testimony and other evidence and the rulings on the admissibility thereof presented at the hearing. The commission shall pass upon the admissibility of evidence, but any party may at the time object to the admission of any evidence and except to the rulings of the commission thereon, and if the commission refuses to admit evidence the party offering same may make a proffer thereof, and such proffer shall be made a part of the record of the hearing.

If upon completion of the hearing the commission finds that the order appealed from was lawful and reasonable, it shall make a written order affirming the order appealed from; if the commission finds that the order was unreasonable or unlawful, it shall make a written order vacating the order appealed from and making the order that it finds the chief should have made. Every order made by the commission shall contain a written finding by the commission of the facts upon which the order is based.

Notice of the making of the order shall be given forthwith to each party to the appeal by mailing a certified copy thereof to each such party by certified mail.

The order of the commission is final unless vacated by the court of common pleas of Franklin county in an appeal as provided for in section 1509.37 of the Revised Code. Sections 1509.01 to 1509.37 of the Revised Code, providing for appeals relating to orders by the chief or by the commission, or relating to rules adopted by the chief, do not constitute the exclusive procedure that any person who believes the person's rights to be unlawfully affected by those sections or any official action taken thereunder must pursue in order to protect and preserve those rights, nor do those sections constitute a procedure that that person must pursue before that person may lawfully appeal to the courts to protect and preserve those rights.

Sec. 1533.081. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Energy" has the same meaning as in section 1551.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Energy facility" means a facility at which energy is produced.

(B) A person operating an energy facility whose operation may result in the incidental taking of a wild animal shall obtain a permit to do so from the chief of the division of wildlife under this section. The chief shall adopt rules under section 1531.10 of the Revised Code that are necessary to administer this section.

Sec. 1533.10. Except as provided in this section or division (A)(2) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code, no person shall hunt any wild bird or wild quadruped without a hunting license. Each day that any person hunts within the state without procuring such a license constitutes a separate offense. Except as otherwise provided in this section, every applicant for a hunting license who is a resident of the state and eighteen years of age or more shall procure a resident hunting license or an apprentice resident hunting license, the fee for which shall be eighteen dollars unless the rules adopted under division (B) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code provide for issuance of a resident hunting license to the applicant free of charge. Except as provided in rules adopted under division (B)(2) of that section, each applicant who is a resident of this state and who at the time of application is sixty-six years of age or older shall procure a special senior hunting license, the fee for which shall be one-half of the regular hunting license fee. Every applicant who is under the age of eighteen years shall procure a special youth hunting license or an apprentice youth hunting license, the fee for which shall be one-half of the regular hunting license fee.

A resident of this state who owns lands in the state and the owner's children of any age and grandchildren under eighteen years of age may hunt on the lands without a hunting license. A resident of any other state who owns real property in this state, and the spouse and children living with the property owner, may hunt on that property without a license, provided that the state of residence of the real property owner allows residents of this state owning real property in that state, and the spouse and children living with the property owner, to hunt without a license. If the owner of land in this state is a limited liability company or a limited liability partnership that consists of three or fewer individual members or partners, as applicable, an individual member or partner who is a resident of this state and the member's or partner's children of any age and grandchildren under eighteen years of age may hunt on the land owned by the limited liability company or limited liability partnership without a hunting license. In addition, if the owner of land in this state is a trust that has a total of three or fewer trustees