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A BILL

То	amend sections 5120.10 and 5149.18, to enact	1
	sections 5149.21, 5149.22, and 5149.24, and to	2
	repeal section 5149.17 of the Revised Code to	3
	withdraw from the Interstate Compact for the	4
	Supervision of Parolees and Probationers, to join	5
	the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender	6
	Supervision, to enact related regulations, and to	7
	provide for the approval of plans for jails,	8
	workhouses, and lockups by the Division of Parole	9
	and Community Services.	10

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

in Ohio, including minimum security jails dedicated under section

- 341.34 or 753.21 of the Revised Code. Whenever the director files a rule or an amendment to a rule in final form with both the secretary of state and the director of the legislative service commission pursuant to section 111.15 of the Revised Code, the director of rehabilitation and correction promptly shall send a copy of the rule or amendment, if the rule or amendment pertains to minimum jail standards, by ordinary mail to the political subdivisions or affiliations of political subdivisions that operate jails to which the standards apply.
- (2) The rules promulgated in accordance with division (A)(1) of this section shall serve as criteria for the investigative and supervisory powers and duties vested by division (D) of this section in the division of parole and community services of the department of rehabilitation and correction or in another division of the department to which those powers and duties are assigned.
- (B) The director may initiate an action in the court of common pleas of the county in which a facility that is subject to the rules promulgated under division (A)(1) of this section is situated to enjoin compliance with the minimum standards for jails or with the minimum standards and minimum renovation, modification, and construction criteria for minimum security jails.
- (C) Upon the request of an administrator of a jail facility, the chief executive of a municipal corporation, or a board of county commissioners, the director of rehabilitation and correction or the director's designee shall grant a variance from the minimum standards for jails in Ohio for a facility that is subject to one of those minimum standards when the director determines that strict compliance with the minimum standards would cause unusual, practical difficulties or financial hardship, that existing or alternative practices meet the intent of the minimum standards, and that granting a variance would not seriously affect

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interstate movement of offenders in the community; to provide for
the effective tracking, supervision, and rehabilitation of these
offenders by the sending and receiving states; and to equitably
distribute the costs, benefits, and obligations of the compact
among the compacting states.

In addition, this compact will: create an interstate commission that will establish uniform procedures to manage the movement between states of adults placed under community supervision and released to the community under the jurisdiction of courts, paroling authorities, corrections, or other criminal justice agencies that will promulgate rules to achieve the purpose of this compact; ensure an opportunity for input and timely notice to victims and to jurisdictions where defined offenders are authorized to travel or to relocate across state lines; establish a system of uniform data collection, access to information on active cases by authorized criminal justice officials, and regular reporting of compact activities to heads of state councils, state executive, judicial, and legislative branches and criminal justice administrators; monitor compliance with rules governing interstate movement of offenders and initiate interventions to address and correct noncompliance; and coordinate training and education regarding regulations of interstate movement of offenders for officials involved in such activity.

The compacting states recognize that there is no "right" of any offender to live in another state and that duly accredited officers of a sending state may at all times enter a receiving state and in that state apprehend and retake any offender under supervision subject to the provisions of this compact and bylaws and rules promulgated under this compact. It is the policy of the compacting states that the activities conducted by the interstate commission created in this compact are the formation of public policies and are therefore public business.

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<u>DEFINITIONS</u>	174
As used in this compact, unless the context clearly requires	175
a different construction:	176
(A) "Adult" means both individuals legally classified as	177
adults and juveniles treated as adults by court order, statute, or	178
operation of law.	179
(B) "Bylaws" means those bylaws established by the interstate	180
commission for its governance, or for directing or controlling the	181
interstate commission's actions or conduct.	182
(C) "Compact administrator" means the individual in each	183
compacting state who is appointed pursuant to the terms of this	184
compact and who is responsible for the administration and	185
management of the state's supervision and transfer of offenders	186
subject to the terms of this compact, the rules adopted by the	187
interstate commission, and policies adopted by the state council	188
under this compact.	189
(D) "Compacting state" means any state that has enacted the	190
enabling legislation for this compact.	191
(E) "Commissioner" means the voting representative of each	192
compacting state appointed pursuant to Article III of this	193
compact.	194
(F) "Interstate commission" means the interstate commission	195
for adult offender supervision established by this compact.	196
(G) "Member" means the commissioner of a compacting state or	197
designee, who is a person officially connected with the	198
commissioner.	199
(H) "Noncompacting state" means any state that has not	200
enacted the enabling legislation for this compact.	201
(I) "Offender" means an adult placed under, or subject, to	202

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supervision as the result of the commission of a criminal offense	203
and released to the community under the jurisdiction of courts,	204
paroling authorities, corrections, or other criminal justice	205
agencies.	206
(J) "Person" means any individual, corporation, business	207
enterprise, or other legal entity, either public or private.	208
(K) "Rules" means acts of the interstate commission, duly	209
promulgated pursuant to Article VIII of this compact,	210
substantially affecting interested parties in addition to the	211
interstate commission.	212
The rules shall have the force and effect of law in the	213
compacting states.	214
(L) "State" means a state of the United States, the District	215
of Columbia, and any other territorial possessions of the United	216
<u>States.</u>	217
(M) "State council" means the resident members of the state	218
council for interstate adult offender supervision created by each	219
state under Article III of this compact.	220
ARTICLE III	221
THE COMPACT COMMISSION	222
The compacting states hereby create the "interstate	223
commission for adult offender supervision." The interstate	224
commission shall be a body corporate and joint agency of the	225
compacting states. The interstate commission shall have all the	226
responsibilities, powers, and duties set forth in this compact,	227
including the power to sue and be sued, and any additional powers	228
that may be conferred upon it by subsequent action of the	229
respective legislatures of the compacting states in accordance	230
with the terms of this compact.	231
The interstate commission shall consist of commissioners	232
selected and appointed by resident members of a state council for	233

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commission or set forth in the bylaws.	266
ARTICLE IV	267
THE STATE COUNCIL	268
Each member state shall create a state council for interstate	269
adult offender supervision. The compact administrator or the	270
administrator's designee shall be the commissioner of the state	271
council to serve on the interstate commission. While each member	272
state may determine the membership of its own state council, its	273
membership must include at least one representative from the	274
legislative, judicial, and executive branches of government,	275
victims groups, and compact administrators. Each compacting state	276
retains the right to determine the qualifications of the compact	277
administrator who shall be appointed by the governor. In addition	278
to appointment of its commissioner to the national interstate	279
commission, each state council shall exercise oversight and	280
advocacy concerning its participation in interstate commission	281
activities and other duties as may be determined by each member	282
state, including, but not limited to, development of policy	283
concerning operations and procedures of the compact within that	284
state.	285
<u>ARTICLE V</u>	286
POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION	287
The interstate commission shall have the following powers:	288
(A) To adopt a seal and suitable bylaws governing the	289
management and operation of the interstate commission;	290
(B) To promulgate rules that have the force and effect of	291
statutory law and are binding in the compacting states to the	292
extent and in the manner provided in this compact;	293
(C) To oversee, supervise, and coordinate the interstate	294
movement of offenders subject to the terms of this compact and any	295
bylaws adopted and rules promulgated by the compact commission;	296

(D) To enforce compliance with compact provisions, interstate	297
commission rules, and bylaws, using all necessary and proper	298
means, including, but not limited to, the use of judicial process;	299
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(E) To establish and maintain offices;	301
(F) To purchase and maintain insurance and bonds;	302
(G) To borrow, accept, or contract for services of personnel,	303
including, but not limited to, members and their staffs;	304
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(H) To establish and appoint committees and hire staff that	306
it considers necessary for the carrying out of its functions,	307
including, but not limited to, an executive committee as required	308
by Article III of this compact. The committees shall have the	309
power to act on behalf of the interstate commission in carrying	310
out its powers and duties under this compact.	311
(I) To elect or appoint any officers, attorneys, employees,	312
agents, or consultants, and to fix their compensation, define	313
their duties, and determine their qualifications; and to establish	314
the interstate commission's personnel policies and programs	315
relating to, among other things, conflicts of interest, rates of	316
compensation, and qualifications of personnel;	317
(J) To accept any and all donations and grants of money,	318
equipment, supplies, materials, and services, and to receive,	319
utilize, and dispose of those donations and grants;	320
(K) To lease, purchase, accept contributions or donations of,	321
or otherwise to own, hold, improve, or use any property, real,	322
personal, or mixed;	323
(L) To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange,	324
abandon, or otherwise dispose of any property, real, personal, or	325
mixed;	326

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(M) To establish a budget and make expenditures and levy dues	327
as provided in Article X of this compact;	328
(N) To sue and be sued;	329
(0) To provide for dispute resolution among compacting	330
states;	331
(P) To perform any functions that may be necessary or	332
appropriate to achieve the purposes of this compact;	333
(Q) To report annually to the legislatures, governors,	334
judiciary, and state councils of the compacting states concerning	335
the activities of the interstate commission during the preceding	336
year. The reports shall also include any recommendations that may	337
have been adopted by the interstate commission.	338
(R) To coordinate education, training, and public awareness	339
regarding the interstate movement of offenders for officials	340
involved in such activity;	341
(S) To establish uniform standards for the reporting,	342
collecting, and exchanging of data.	343
ARTICLE VI	344
ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION	345
(A) Bylaws	346
The interstate commission shall, by a majority of the	347
members, within twelve months of the first interstate commission	348
meeting, adopt bylaws to govern its conduct as may be necessary or	349
appropriate to carry out the purposes of the compact, including,	350
but, not limited to all of the following:	351
(1) Establishing the fiscal year of the interstate	352
<pre>commission;</pre>	353
(2) Establishing an executive committee and any other	354
committees that may be necessary;	355

Each member of the interstate commission shall have the right

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and power to cast a vote to which that compacting state is
entitled and to participate in the business and affairs of the
interstate commission. A member shall vote in person on behalf of
the state and shall not delegate a vote to another member state.
However, a state council shall appoint another authorized
representative, in the absence of the commissioner from that
state, to cast a vote on behalf of the member state at a specified
meeting. The bylaws may provide for members' participation in
meetings by telephone or other means of telecommunication or
electronic communication. Any voting conducted by telephone or
other means of telecommunication or electronic communication shall
be subject to the same quorum requirements of meetings where
members are present in person.

The interstate commission shall meet at least once during each calendar year. The chairperson of the interstate commission may call additional meetings at any time and, upon the request of a majority of the members, shall call additional meetings.

The interstate commission's bylaws shall establish conditions and procedures under which the interstate commission shall make its information and official records available to the public for inspection or copying. The interstate commission may exempt from disclosure any information or official records to the extent they would adversely affect personal privacy rights or proprietary interests. In promulgating those rules, the interstate commission may make available to law enforcement agencies records and information otherwise exempt from disclosure and may enter into agreements with law enforcement agencies to receive or exchange information or records subject to nondisclosure and confidentiality provisions.

Public notice shall be given of all meetings, and all meetings shall be open to the public, except as set forth in the rules or as otherwise provided in the compact. The interstate

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commission shall promulgate rules consistent with the principles	481
contained in the "Government in Sunshine Act," 5 U.S.C. Section	482
552(b), as amended. The interstate commission and any of its	483
committees may close a meeting to the public if it determines by	484
two-thirds vote that an open meeting would be likely to do any of	485
the following:	486
(1) Relate solely to the interstate commission's internal	487
personnel practices and procedures;	488
(2) Disclose matters specifically exempted from disclosure by	489
statute;	490
(3) Disclose trade secrets or commercial or financial	491
information that is privileged or confidential;	492
(4) Involve accusing any person of a crime or formally	493
censuring any person;	494
(5) Disclose information of a personal nature if disclosure	495
would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal	496
<pre>privacy;</pre>	497
(6) Disclose investigatory records compiled for law	498
enforcement purposes;	499
(7) Disclose information contained in or related to	500
examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on	501
behalf of, or for the use of the interstate commission with	502
respect to a regulated entity for the purpose of regulation or	503
supervision of the regulated entity;	504
(8) Disclose information, the premature disclosure of which	505
would significantly endanger the life of a person or the stability	506
of a regulated entity;	507
(9) Specifically relate to the interstate commission's	508
issuance of a subpoena or its participation in a civil action or	509
proceeding.	510

(B) For every meeting closed pursuant to this provision, the	511
interstate commission's chief legal officer shall publicly certify	512
that, in the legal officer's opinion, the meeting may be closed to	513
the public, and shall reference each relevant exemptive provision.	514
The interstate commission shall keep minutes, and the minutes	515
shall fully and clearly describe all matters discussed in any	516
meeting and shall provide a full and accurate summary of any	517
actions taken, and the reasons for the actions, including a	518
description of each of the views expressed on any item and the	519
record of any roll call vote (reflected in the vote of each member	520
on the question). All documents considered in connection with any	521
action shall be identified in the minutes.	522
The interstate commission shall collect standardized data	523
concerning the interstate movement of offenders as directed	524
through its bylaws and rules. The bylaws and rules shall specify	525
the data to be collected, the means of collection and data	526
exchange, and reporting requirements.	527
ARTICLE VIII	528
RULEMAKING FUNCTIONS OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION	529
(A) The interstate commission shall promulgate rules in order	530
to effectively and efficiently achieve the purposes of the compact	531
including transition rules governing administration of the compact	532
during the period in which it is being considered and enacted by	533
the states.	534
Rulemaking shall occur pursuant to the criteria set forth in	535
this article and the bylaws and rules adopted pursuant to this	536
article. The rulemaking shall substantially conform to the	537
principles of the "Federal Administrative Procedure Act," 5	538
U.S.C.S. section 551 et seq., and the "Federal Advisory Committee	539
Act, " 5 U.S.C.S. app. 2, section 1 et seq., as amended	540
(hereinafter "APA"). All rules and amendments shall become binding	541
as of the date specified in each rule or amendment.	542

(5) Eligibility for transfer;

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and appropriate to effectuate the compact's purposes and intent.	602
In any judicial or administrative proceeding in a compacting state	603
pertaining to the subject matter of this compact that may affect	604
the powers, responsibilities, or actions of the interstate	605
commission, the interstate commission shall be entitled to receive	606
all service of process in any such proceeding and shall have	607
standing to intervene in the proceeding for all purposes.	608
(B) Dispute Resolution	609
The compacting states shall report to the interstate	610
commission on issues or activities of concern to them and	611
cooperate with and support the interstate commission in the	612
discharge of its duties and responsibilities.	613
The interstate commission shall attempt to resolve any	614
disputes or other issues that are subject to the compact and that	615
may arise among compacting states and noncompacting states.	616
The interstate commission shall enact a bylaw or promulgate a	617
rule providing for both mediation and binding dispute resolution	618
for disputes among the compacting states.	619
(C) Enforcement	620
The interstate commission, in the reasonable exercise of its	621
discretion, shall enforce the provisions of this compact using any	622
or all means set forth in Article XII, division B, of this	623
compact.	624
ARTICLE X	625
FINANCE	626
The interstate commission shall pay or provide for the	627
payment of the reasonable expenses of its establishment,	628
organization, and ongoing activities.	629
The interstate commission shall levy on and collect an annual	630
assessment from each compacting state to cover the cost of the	631

enactment into law by the thirty-fifth jurisdiction. After the

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within which the defaulting state must cure its default. If the
defaulting state fails to cure the default within the time period
specified by the interstate commission, in addition to any other
penalties imposed in this compact, the defaulting state may be
terminated from the compact upon an affirmative vote of a majority
of the compacting states and all rights, privileges, and benefits
conferred by this compact shall be terminated from the effective
date of suspension. Within sixty days of the effective date of
termination of a defaulting state, the interstate commission shall
notify the governor, the chief justice or chief judicial officer,
the majority and minority leaders of the defaulting state's
legislature, and the state council of the termination.

The defaulting state is responsible for all assessments, obligations and liabilities incurred through the effective date of termination including any obligations, the performance of which extends beyond the effective date of termination.

The interstate commission shall not bear any costs relating to the defaulting state unless otherwise mutually agreed upon between the interstate commission and the defaulting state.

Reinstatement following termination of any compacting state requires both a reenactment of the compact by the defaulting state and the approval of the interstate commission pursuant to the rules.

(C) Judicial enforcement

The interstate commission may, by majority vote of the members, initiate legal action in the United States district court for the District of Columbia or, at the discretion of the interstate commission, in the federal district where the interstate commission has its offices to enforce compliance with the provisions of the compact, its duly promulgated rules, and bylaws, against any compacting state in default. In the event judicial enforcement is necessary, the prevailing party shall be

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awarded all costs of the litigation including reasonable attorneys fees.	758 759
(D) Dissolution of compact	760
The compact dissolves effective upon the date of the	761
withdrawal or default of the compacting state that reduces	762
membership in the compact to one compacting state.	762
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Upon the dissolution of this compact, the compact becomes	
null and void and shall be of no further force or effect, and the	765
business and affairs of the interstate commission shall be wound	766
up, and any surplus funds shall be distributed in accordance with	767
the bylaws.	768
ARTICLE XIII	769
SEVERABILITY AND CONSTRUCTION	770
The provisions of this compact shall be severable, and, if	771
any phrase, clause, sentence, or provision is deemed	772
unenforceable, the remaining provisions of the compact shall be	773
enforceable.	774
The provisions of this compact shall be liberally constructed	775
to effectuate its purposes.	776
ARTICLE XIV	777
BINDING EFFECT OF COMPACT AND OTHER LAWS	778
(A) Other laws	779
Nothing in this compact prevents the enforcement of any other	780
law of a compacting state that is not inconsistent with this	781
compact.	782
All compacting states' laws conflicting with this compact are	783
superseded to the extent of the conflict.	784
(B) Binding effect of the compact	785
All lawful actions of the interstate commission, including	786
all rules and bylaws promulgated by the interstate commission, are	787

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council for interstate adult offender supervision is not subject	819
to section 101.84 of the Revised Code.	820
Each appointee to the state council shall be appointed in	821
consultation with the department of rehabilitation and correction	822
and shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.	823
The compact administrator for this state for the interstate	824
compact for adult offender supervision, or the administrator's	825
designee shall serve as commissioner of the state council and as	826
this state's representative to the interstate commission	827
established under Article III of that compact.	828
Sec. 5149.24. (A) When a sending state places a hold warrant	829
or a detainer warrant on an offender supervised under the	830
interstate compact for adult offender supervision who is in	831
custody in this state and that warrant does not provide that the	832
offender may be released on bond pending return to the sending	833
state, no court of record in this state has authority to release	834
the offender on bond until the sending state withdraws the	835
warrant.	836
(B) A receiving state has no authority to grant a final	837
release from supervision to any offender supervised under the	838
interstate compact for adult offender supervision unless and until	839
the final release has been approved by the supervising authority	840
of the sending state. The sending state shall not unreasonably	841
withhold such a final release and shall promptly communicate the	842
release to the supervising authorities of the receiving state.	843
Section 2. That existing sections 5120.10 and 5149.18 and	844
section 5149.17 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.	845
Section 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect	846
upon the later of one hundred eighty days after the effective date	847

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of this act or the effective date of the Interstate Compact for	848
the Supervision of Adult Offenders as described in Article XI of	849
the compact.	850
Section 4. By amending section 5149.18 and repealing section	851
5149.17 of the Revised Code in this act, Ohio hereby withdraws	852
from the Interstate Compact for the Supervision of Parolees and	853
Probationers. As described in division (G) of section 5149.17 of	854
the Revised Code, Ohio's duties under that compact shall continue	855
as to parolees or probationers residing in Ohio at the time of	856
withdrawal until they are retaken or finally discharged by the	857
sending state. Pursuant to division (G) of section 5149.17 of the	858
Revised Code, the governor shall immediately send notice in	859
writing of Ohio's intention to withdraw from the Interstate	860
Compact for the Supervision of Parolees and Probationers to the	861
other states that are parties to the compact.	862