

AN ACT

To amend sections 111.15, 119.03, 119.032, 127.18, and 3375.01 and to enact sections 121.71 to 121.76 of the Revised Code to regulate incorporations by reference in administrative rules and to permit emergency rules to be readopted as such during the legislative review carry-over period.

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

SECTION 1. That sections 111.15, 119.03, 119.032, 127.18, and 3375.01 be amended and sections 121.71, 121.72, 121.73, 121.74, 121.75, and 121.76 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

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

(1) "Rule" includes any rule, regulation, bylaw, or standard having a general and uniform operation adopted by an agency under the authority of the laws governing the agency; any appendix to a rule; and any internal management rule. "Rule" does not include any guideline adopted pursuant to section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code, any order respecting the duties of employees, any finding, any determination of a question of law or fact in a matter presented to an agency, or any rule promulgated pursuant to Chapter 119., section 4141.14, division (C)(1) or (2) of section 5117.02, or section 5703.14 of the Revised Code. "Rule" includes any amendment or rescission of a rule.

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

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

(4) "Substantive revision" has the same meaning as in division (J) of section 119.01 of the Revised Code.

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

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

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

An agency that adopts or amends a rule that is subject to division (D) of this section shall assign a review date to the rule that is not later than five years after its effective date. 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 effective date. A rule with a review date is subject to review under section 119.032 of the Revised Code. This paragraph does not apply to a rule of a state college or university, community college district, technical college district, or state community college.

If all filings are not completed on the same day, the rule shall be effective on the tenth day after the day on which the latest filing is completed. If an agency in adopting a rule designates an effective date that is later than the effective date provided for by division (B)(1) of this section, the rule if filed as required by such division shall become effective on the later date designated by the agency.

Any rule that is required to be filed under division (B)(1) of this section is also subject to division (D) of this section if not exempted by division (D)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), or (8) of this section.

If a rule incorporates a text or other material by reference, the agency shall comply with sections 121.71 to 121.76 of the Revised Code.

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

day, designated by the agency.

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

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

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

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

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

(d) Each rule that amends or rescinds another rule shall clearly refer to the rule that is amended or rescinded. Each amendment shall fully restate the rule as amended.

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

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

(D) At least sixty-five days before a board, commission, department, division, or bureau of the government of the state files a rule under division (B)(1) of this section, it shall file the full text of the proposed rule in electronic form with the joint committee on agency rule review, and the proposed rule is subject to legislative review and invalidation under division (I) of section 119.03 of the Revised Code. If a state board, commission, department, division, or bureau makes a substantive revision in a proposed rule after it is filed with the joint committee, the state board, commission,

department, division, or bureau shall promptly file the full text of the proposed rule in its revised form in electronic form with the joint committee. The latest version of a proposed rule as filed with the joint committee supersedes each earlier version of the text of the same proposed rule. Except as provided in division (F) of this section, a state board, commission, department, division, or bureau shall also file the rule summary and fiscal analysis prepared under section 121.24 or 127.18 of the Revised Code, or both, in electronic form along with a proposed rule, and along with a proposed rule in revised form, that is filed under this division.

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

This division does not apply to any of the following:

- (1) A proposed rule of an emergency nature;
- (2) A rule proposed under section 1121.05, 1121.06, 1155.18, 1349.33, 1707.201, 1733.412, 4123.29, 4123.34, 4123.341, 4123.342, 4123.40, 4123.411, 4123.44, or 4123.442 of the Revised Code;
- (3) A rule proposed by an agency other than a board, commission, department, division, or bureau of the government of the state;
- (4) A proposed internal management rule of a board, commission, department, division, or bureau of the government of the state;
- (5) Any proposed rule that must be adopted verbatim by an agency pursuant to federal law or rule, to become effective within sixty days of adoption, in order to continue the operation of a federally reimbursed program in this state, so long as the proposed rule contains both of the following:
 - (a) A statement that it is proposed for the purpose of complying with a federal law or rule;
 - (b) A citation to the federal law or rule that requires verbatim compliance.
- (6) An initial rule proposed by the director of health to impose safety standards, quality-of-care standards, and quality-of-care data reporting requirements with respect to a health service specified in section 3702.11 of the Revised Code, or an initial rule proposed by the director to impose quality standards on a facility listed in division (A)(4) of section 3702.30 of the Revised Code, if section 3702.12 of the Revised Code requires that the rule be adopted under this section;
- (7) A rule of the state lottery commission pertaining to instant game rules.

If a rule is exempt from legislative review under division (D)(5) of this section, and if the federal law or rule pursuant to which the rule was adopted

expires, is repealed or rescinded, or otherwise terminates, the rule is thereafter subject to legislative review under division (D) of this section.

(E) Whenever a state board, commission, department, division, or bureau files a proposed rule or a proposed rule in revised form under division (D) of this section, it shall also file the full text of the same proposed rule or proposed rule in revised form in electronic form with the secretary of state and the director of the legislative service commission. Except as provided in division (F) of this section, a state board, commission, department, division, or bureau shall file the rule summary and fiscal analysis prepared under section 121.24 or 127.18 of the Revised Code, or both, in electronic form along with a proposed rule or proposed rule in revised form that is filed with the secretary of state or the director of the legislative service commission.

(F) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the auditor of state or the auditor of state's designee is not required to file a rule summary and fiscal analysis along with a proposed rule, or proposed rule in revised form, that the auditor of state proposes under section 117.12, 117.19, 117.38, or 117.43 of the Revised Code and files under division (D) or (E) of this section. If, however, the auditor of state or the designee prepares a rule summary and fiscal analysis of the original version of such a proposed rule for purposes of complying with section 121.24 of the Revised Code, the auditor of state or designee shall file the rule summary and fiscal analysis in electronic form along with the original version of the proposed rule filed under division (D) or (E) of this section.

Sec. 119.03. In the adoption, amendment, or rescission of any rule, an agency shall comply with the following procedure:

(A) Reasonable public notice shall be given in the register of Ohio at least thirty days prior to the date set for a hearing, in the form the agency determines. The agency shall file copies of the public notice under division (B) of this section. (The agency gives public notice in the register of Ohio when the public notice is published in the register under that division.)

The public notice shall include:

(1) A statement of the agency's intention to consider adopting, amending, or rescinding a rule;

(2) A synopsis of the proposed rule, amendment, or rule to be rescinded or a general statement of the subject matter to which the proposed rule, amendment, or rescission relates;

(3) A statement of the reason or purpose for adopting, amending, or rescinding the rule;

(4) The date, time, and place of a hearing on the proposed action, which

shall be not earlier than the thirty-first nor later than the fortieth day after the proposed rule, amendment, or rescission is filed under division (B) of this section.

In addition to public notice given in the register of Ohio, the agency may give whatever other notice it reasonably considers necessary to ensure notice constructively is given to all persons who are subject to or affected by the proposed rule, amendment, or rescission.

The agency shall provide a copy of the public notice required under division (A) of this section to any person who requests it and pays a reasonable fee, not to exceed the cost of copying and mailing.

(B) The full text of the proposed rule, amendment, or rule to be rescinded, accompanied by the public notice required under division (A) of this section, shall be filed in electronic form with the secretary of state and with the director of the legislative service commission. (If in compliance with this division an agency files more than one proposed rule, amendment, or rescission at the same time, and has prepared a public notice under division (A) of this section that applies to more than one of the proposed rules, amendments, or rescissions, the agency shall file only one notice with the secretary of state and with the director for all of the proposed rules, amendments, or rescissions to which the notice applies.) The proposed rule, amendment, or rescission and public notice shall be filed as required by this division at least sixty-five days prior to the date on which the agency, in accordance with division (D) of this section, issues an order adopting the proposed rule, amendment, or rescission.

If the proposed rule, amendment, or rescission incorporates a text or other material by reference, the agency shall comply with sections 121.71 to 121.76 of the Revised Code.

The proposed rule, amendment, or rescission shall be available for at least thirty days prior to the date of the hearing at the office of the agency in printed or other legible form without charge to any person affected by the proposal. Failure to furnish such text to any person requesting it shall not invalidate any action of the agency in connection therewith.

If the agency files a substantive revision in the text of the proposed rule, amendment, or rescission under division (H) of this section, it shall also promptly file the full text of the proposed rule, amendment, or rescission in its revised form in electronic form with the secretary of state and with the director of the legislative service commission.

The agency shall file the rule summary and fiscal analysis prepared under section 121.24 or 127.18 of the Revised Code, or both, in electronic form along with a proposed rule, amendment, or rescission or proposed rule,

amendment, or rescission in revised form that is filed with the secretary of state or the director of the legislative service commission.

The director of the legislative service commission shall publish in the register of Ohio the full text of the original and each revised version of a proposed rule, amendment, or rescission; the full text of a public notice; and the full text of a rule summary and fiscal analysis that is filed with the director under this division.

(C) On the date and at the time and place designated in the notice, the agency shall conduct a public hearing at which any person affected by the proposed action of the agency may appear and be heard in person, by the person's attorney, or both, may present the person's position, arguments, or contentions, orally or in writing, offer and examine witnesses, and present evidence tending to show that the proposed rule, amendment, or rescission, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful. An agency may permit persons affected by the proposed rule, amendment, or rescission to present their positions, arguments, or contentions in writing, not only at the hearing, but also for a reasonable period before, after, or both before and after the hearing. A person who presents a position or arguments or contentions in writing before or after the hearing is not required to appear at the hearing.

At the hearing, the testimony shall be recorded. Such record shall be made at the expense of the agency. The agency is required to transcribe a record that is not sight readable only if a person requests transcription of all or part of the record and agrees to reimburse the agency for the costs of the transcription. An agency may require the person to pay in advance all or part of the cost of the transcription.

In any hearing under this section the agency may administer oaths or affirmations.

(D) After complying with divisions (A), (B), (C), and (H) of this section, and when the time for legislative review and invalidation under division (I) of this section has expired, the agency may issue an order adopting the proposed rule or the proposed amendment or rescission of the rule, consistent with the synopsis or general statement included in the public notice. At that time the agency shall designate the effective date of the rule, amendment, or rescission, which shall not be earlier than the tenth day after the rule, amendment, or rescission has been filed in its final form as provided in section 119.04 of the Revised Code.

(E) Prior to the effective date of a rule, amendment, or rescission, the agency shall make a reasonable effort to inform those affected by the rule, amendment, or rescission and to have available for distribution to those

requesting it the full text of the rule as adopted or as amended.

(F) If the governor, upon the request of an agency, determines that an emergency requires the immediate adoption, amendment, or rescission of a rule, the governor shall issue an order, the text of which shall be filed in electronic form with the agency, the secretary of state, the director of the legislative service commission, and the joint committee on agency rule review, that the procedure prescribed by this section with respect to the adoption, amendment, or rescission of a specified rule is suspended. The agency may then adopt immediately the emergency rule, amendment, or rescission and it becomes effective on the date the rule, amendment, or rescission, in final form and in compliance with division (A)(2) of section 119.04 of the Revised Code, are filed in electronic form with the secretary of state, the director of the legislative service commission, and the joint committee on agency rule review. If all filings are not completed on the same day, the emergency rule, amendment, or rescission shall be effective on the day on which the latest filing is completed. The director shall publish the full text of the emergency rule, amendment, or rescission in the register of Ohio.

The emergency rule, amendment, or rescission shall become invalid at the end of the ninetieth day it is in effect. Prior to that date the agency may adopt the emergency rule, amendment, or rescission as a nonemergency rule, amendment, or rescission by complying with the procedure prescribed by this section for the adoption, amendment, and rescission of nonemergency rules. The agency shall not use the procedure of this division to readopt the emergency rule, amendment, or rescission so that, upon the emergency rule, amendment, or rescission becoming invalid under this division, the emergency rule, amendment, or rescission will continue in effect without interruption for another ninety-day period, except when division (I)(2)(a) of this section prevents the agency from adopting the emergency rule, amendment, or rescission as a nonemergency rule, amendment, or rescission within the ninety-day period.

This division does not apply to the adoption of any emergency rule, amendment, or rescission by the tax commissioner under division (C)(2) of section 5117.02 of the Revised Code.

(G) Rules adopted by an authority within the department of job and family services for the administration or enforcement of Chapter 4141. of the Revised Code or of the department of taxation shall be effective without a hearing as provided by this section if the statutes pertaining to such agency specifically give a right of appeal to the board of tax appeals or to a higher authority within the agency or to a court, and also give the appellant a right

to a hearing on such appeal. This division does not apply to the adoption of any rule, amendment, or rescission by the tax commissioner under division (C)(1) or (2) of section 5117.02 of the Revised Code, or deny the right to file an action for declaratory judgment as provided in Chapter 2721. of the Revised Code from the decision of the board of tax appeals or of the higher authority within such agency.

(H) When any agency files a proposed rule, amendment, or rescission under division (B) of this section, it shall also file in electronic form with the joint committee on agency rule review the full text of the proposed rule, amendment, or rule to be rescinded in the same form and the public notice required under division (A) of this section. (If in compliance with this division an agency files more than one proposed rule, amendment, or rescission at the same time, and has given a public notice under division (A) of this section that applies to more than one of the proposed rules, amendments, or rescissions, the agency shall file only one notice with the joint committee for all of the proposed rules, amendments, or rescissions to which the notice applies.) If the agency makes a substantive revision in a proposed rule, amendment, or rescission after it is filed with the joint committee, the agency shall promptly file the full text of the proposed rule, amendment, or rescission in its revised form in electronic form with the joint committee. The latest version of a proposed rule, amendment, or rescission as filed with the joint committee supersedes each earlier version of the text of the same proposed rule, amendment, or rescission. An agency shall file the rule summary and fiscal analysis prepared under section 121.24 or 127.18 of the Revised Code, or both, in electronic form along with a proposed rule, amendment, or rescission, and along with a proposed rule, amendment, or rescission in revised form, that is filed under this division.

This division does not apply to:

- (1) An emergency rule, amendment, or rescission;
- (2) Any proposed rule, amendment, or rescission that must be adopted verbatim by an agency pursuant to federal law or rule, to become effective within sixty days of adoption, in order to continue the operation of a federally reimbursed program in this state, so long as the proposed rule contains both of the following:
 - (a) A statement that it is proposed for the purpose of complying with a federal law or rule;
 - (b) A citation to the federal law or rule that requires verbatim compliance.

If a rule or amendment is exempt from legislative review under division (H)(2) of this section, and if the federal law or rule pursuant to which the

rule or amendment was adopted expires, is repealed or rescinded, or otherwise terminates, the rule or amendment, or its rescission, is thereafter subject to legislative review under division (H) of this section.

(I)(1) The joint committee on agency rule review may recommend the adoption of a concurrent resolution invalidating a proposed rule, amendment, rescission, or part thereof if it finds any of the following:

(a) That the rule-making agency has exceeded the scope of its statutory authority in proposing the rule, amendment, or rescission;

(b) That the proposed rule, amendment, or rescission conflicts with another rule, amendment, or rescission adopted by the same or a different rule-making agency;

(c) That the proposed rule, amendment, or rescission conflicts with the legislative intent in enacting the statute under which the rule-making agency proposed the rule, amendment, or rescission;

(d) That the rule-making agency has failed to prepare a complete and accurate rule summary and fiscal analysis of the proposed rule, amendment, or rescission as required by section 121.24 or 127.18 of the Revised Code, or both, or that the proposed rule, amendment, or rescission incorporates a text or other material by reference and either the rule-making agency has failed to file the text or other material incorporated by reference as required by section 121.73 of the Revised Code or, in the case of a proposed rule or amendment, the incorporation by reference fails to meet the standards stated in section 121.72, 121.75, or 121.76 of the Revised Code.

The joint committee shall not hold its public hearing on a proposed rule, amendment, or rescission earlier than the forty-first day after the original version of the proposed rule, amendment, or rescission was filed with the joint committee.

The house of representatives and senate may adopt a concurrent resolution invalidating a proposed rule, amendment, rescission, or part thereof. The concurrent resolution shall state which of the specific rules, amendments, rescissions, or parts thereof are invalidated. A concurrent resolution invalidating a proposed rule, amendment, or rescission shall be adopted not later than the sixty-fifth day after the original version of the text of the proposed rule, amendment, or rescission is filed with the joint committee, except that if more than thirty-five days after the original version is filed the rule-making agency either files a revised version of the text of the proposed rule, amendment, or rescission, or revises the rule summary and fiscal analysis in accordance with division (I)(4) of this section, a concurrent resolution invalidating the proposed rule, amendment, or rescission shall be adopted not later than the thirtieth day after the revised

version of the proposed rule or rule summary and fiscal analysis is filed. If, after the joint committee on agency rule review recommends the adoption of a concurrent resolution invalidating a proposed rule, amendment, rescission, or part thereof, the house of representatives or senate does not, within the time remaining for adoption of the concurrent resolution, hold five floor sessions at which its journal records a roll call vote disclosing a sufficient number of members in attendance to pass a bill, the time within which that house may adopt the concurrent resolution is extended until it has held five such floor sessions.

Within five days after the adoption of a concurrent resolution invalidating a proposed rule, amendment, rescission, or part thereof, the clerk of the senate shall send the rule-making agency, the secretary of state, and the director of the legislative service commission in electronic form a certified text of the resolution together with a certification stating the date on which the resolution takes effect. The secretary of state and the director of the legislative service commission shall each note the invalidity of the proposed rule, amendment, rescission, or part thereof, and shall each remove the invalid proposed rule, amendment, rescission, or part thereof from the file of proposed rules. The rule-making agency shall not proceed to adopt in accordance with division (D) of this section, or to file in accordance with division (B)(1) of section 111.15 of the Revised Code, any version of a proposed rule, amendment, rescission, or part thereof that has been invalidated by concurrent resolution.

Unless the house of representatives and senate adopt a concurrent resolution invalidating a proposed rule, amendment, rescission, or part thereof within the time specified by this division, the rule-making agency may proceed to adopt in accordance with division (D) of this section, or to file in accordance with division (B)(1) of section 111.15 of the Revised Code, the latest version of the proposed rule, amendment, or rescission as filed with the joint committee. If by concurrent resolution certain of the rules, amendments, rescissions, or parts thereof are specifically invalidated, the rule-making agency may proceed to adopt, in accordance with division (D) of this section, or to file in accordance with division (B)(1) of section 111.15 of the Revised Code, the latest version of the proposed rules, amendments, rescissions, or parts thereof as filed with the joint committee that are not specifically invalidated. The rule-making agency may not revise or amend any proposed rule, amendment, rescission, or part thereof that has not been invalidated except as provided in this chapter or in section 111.15 of the Revised Code.

(2)(a) A proposed rule, amendment, or rescission that is filed with the

joint committee under division (H) of this section or division (D) of section 111.15 of the Revised Code shall be carried over for legislative review to the next succeeding regular session of the general assembly if the original or any revised version of the proposed rule, amendment, or rescission is filed with the joint committee on or after the first day of December of any year.

(b) The latest version of any proposed rule, amendment, or rescission that is subject to division (I)(2)(a) of this section, as filed with the joint committee, is subject to legislative review and invalidation in the next succeeding regular session of the general assembly in the same manner as if it were the original version of a proposed rule, amendment, or rescission that had been filed with the joint committee for the first time on the first day of the session. A rule-making agency shall not adopt in accordance with division (D) of this section, or file in accordance with division (B)(1) of section 111.15 of the Revised Code, any version of a proposed rule, amendment, or rescission that is subject to division (I)(2)(a) of this section until the time for legislative review and invalidation, as contemplated by division (I)(2)(b) of this section, has expired.

(3) Invalidation of any version of a proposed rule, amendment, rescission, or part thereof by concurrent resolution shall prevent the rule-making agency from instituting or continuing proceedings to adopt any version of the same proposed rule, amendment, rescission, or part thereof for the duration of the general assembly that invalidated the proposed rule, amendment, rescission, or part thereof unless the same general assembly adopts a concurrent resolution permitting the rule-making agency to institute or continue such proceedings.

The failure of the general assembly to invalidate a proposed rule, amendment, rescission, or part thereof under this section shall not be construed as a ratification of the lawfulness or reasonableness of the proposed rule, amendment, rescission, or any part thereof or of the validity of the procedure by which the proposed rule, amendment, rescission, or any part thereof was proposed or adopted.

(4) In lieu of recommending a concurrent resolution to invalidate a proposed rule, amendment, rescission, or part thereof because the rule-making agency has failed to prepare a complete and accurate fiscal analysis, the joint committee on agency rule review may issue, on a one-time basis, for rules, amendments, rescissions, or parts thereof that have a fiscal effect on school districts, counties, townships, or municipal corporations, a finding that the rule summary and fiscal analysis is incomplete or inaccurate and order the rule-making agency to revise the rule summary and fiscal analysis and refile it with the proposed rule,

nt, rescission, or part thereof. If an emergency rule is filed as a nonemergency rule before the end of the ninetieth day of the emergency rule's effectiveness, and the joint committee issues a finding and orders the rule-making agency to refile under division (I)(4) of this section, the governor may also issue an order stating that the emergency rule shall remain in effect for an additional sixty days after the ninetieth day of the emergency rule's effectiveness. The governor's orders shall be filed in accordance with division (F) of this section. The joint committee shall send in electronic form to the rule-making agency, the secretary of state, and the director of the legislative service commission a certified text of the finding and order to revise the rule summary and fiscal analysis, which shall take immediate effect.

An order issued under division (I)(4) of this section shall prevent the rule-making agency from instituting or continuing proceedings to adopt any version of the proposed rule, amendment, rescission, or part thereof until the rule-making agency revises the rule summary and fiscal analysis and refiles it in electronic form with the joint committee along with the proposed rule, amendment, rescission, or part thereof. If the joint committee finds the rule summary and fiscal analysis to be complete and accurate, the joint committee shall issue a new order noting that the rule-making agency has revised and refiled a complete and accurate rule summary and fiscal analysis. The joint committee shall send in electronic form to the rule-making agency, the secretary of state, and the director of the legislative service commission a certified text of this new order. The secretary of state and the director of the legislative service commission shall each link this order to the proposed rule, amendment, rescission, or part thereof. The rule-making agency may then proceed to adopt in accordance with division (D) of this section, or to file in accordance with division (B)(1) of section 111.15 of the Revised Code, the proposed rule, amendment, rescission, or part thereof that was subject to the finding and order under division (I)(4) of this section. If the joint committee determines that the revised rule summary and fiscal analysis is still inaccurate or incomplete, the joint committee shall recommend the adoption of a concurrent resolution in accordance with division (I)(1) of this section.

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.

(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 either of the following applies:

(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.

(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. 121.71. As used in sections 121.71 to 121.76 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Agency" means an "agency" as defined in section 111.15 or 119.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Rule" means a new rule or an amendment to an existing rule. "Rule" includes an appendix or an attachment to a rule.

Sec. 121.72. An agency incorporates a text or other material into a rule by reference when it states in the rule that a text or other material not contained in the rule is to be treated as if it were contained in the rule. The agency shall explain in the rule how persons who reasonably can be expected to be affected by the rule can obtain copies of the text or other material that has been incorporated by reference. As part of the explanation, the agency shall state whether the incorporated text or other material is or is to be deposited in depository libraries or is or is to be displayed on a web site. If the text or other material incorporated by reference was, is, or reasonably can be expected to be subject to change, the agency, as part of the explanation, shall identify, and specify the date of, the particular edition or other version of the text or other material that is incorporated by reference.

Sec. 121.73. As used in this section, "rule" has the same meaning as in section 121.71 of the Revised Code and also includes the rescission of an existing rule.

(A) When an agency files the original or a revised version of a rule in proposed form under division (D) of section 111.15 or division (H) of section 119.03, or a rule for review under section 119.032 of the Revised Code, that incorporates a text or other material by reference, the agency also shall file in electronic form, one complete and accurate copy of the text or other material incorporated by reference with the joint committee on agency rule review. An agency is not, however, required to file a text or other material incorporated by reference with the joint committee if the agency

revises a rule in proposed form that incorporates a text or other material by reference and the incorporation by reference in the revised version of the rule is identical to the incorporation by reference in the preceding version of the rule.

If it is infeasible for the agency to file a text or other material incorporated by reference electronically, the agency, as soon as possible, but not later than three days after completing the electronic filing, shall deliver one complete and accurate copy of the text or other material incorporated by reference to the joint committee, and shall attach a memorandum to the text or other material identifying the filing to which it relates.

An agency is not required to file a text or other material incorporated by reference into a rule that is proposed for rescission if it is infeasible for the agency to do so.

An agency shall not file a copy of a text or other material incorporated by reference with the secretary of state or with the director of the legislative service commission.

(B) Upon completing its review of a rule in proposed form, or its review of a rule, that incorporates a text or other material by reference, the joint committee shall forward its copy of the text or other material incorporated by reference to the director of the legislative service commission. The director shall maintain a file of texts and other materials that are or were incorporated by reference into rules.

Sec. 121.74. As used in this section, "rule" has the same meaning as in section 121.71 of the Revised Code and also includes the rescission of an existing rule.

When an agency files a rule in final form under division (B)(1) of section 111.15, division (A)(1) of section 119.04, division (B)(1) of section 4141.14, or division (A) of section 5703.14 of the Revised Code that incorporates or incorporated a text or other material by reference, the agency, prior to the effective date of the rule, shall either:

(A) Deposit one complete and accurate copy of the text or other material incorporated by reference in each of the five depository libraries designated by the state library board; or

(B) Display a complete and accurate copy of the text or other material incorporated by reference on a web site maintained or made available by the agency.

An agency is not required to comply with this section if the text or other material incorporated by reference is identical to a text or other material the agency, at the time compliance with this section otherwise would be required, already is depositing or displaying under this section.

Sec. 121.75. Sections 121.71 to 121.74 of the Revised Code do not apply with regard to the incorporation by reference into a rule of any of the following so long as the incorporation by reference consists of a citation that will be intelligible to the persons who reasonably can be expected to be affected by the rule and that, if the incorporated text or other material was, is, or reasonably can be expected to be subject to change, identifies, and specifies the date of, the particular edition or other version that is incorporated:

(A) A section of the United States Code;

(B) An uncodified federal statute, if it has been appended as a legislative note to a section in the United States Code;

(C) An act of this state in the Laws of Ohio or a federal act in the Statutes at Large;

(D) A regulation in the Federal Register or Code of Federal Regulations;
or

(E) A text or other material, including, without limitation, generally accepted industry standards, that is generally available to persons who reasonably can be expected to be affected by the rule.

Sec. 121.76. (A) Sections 121.71 to 121.75 of the Revised Code do not apply to the incorporation by reference of:

(1) A section of the Revised Code;

(2) An uncodified statute of this state; or

(3) A rule in the Administrative Code.

(B) Sections 121.71 to 121.75 of the Revised Code do not apply to either:

(1) An internal management rule as defined in section 111.15 of the Revised Code; or

(2) A rule insofar as it is necessary to obtain or maintain authorization of a federally delegated program in Ohio, or insofar as it is necessary to maintain compliance with federal requirements in order to receive federal funds for a federally funded program, and, in regard to that authorization or compliance, incorporates a text or other material by reference.

It is recommended that a rule exempt from complying with sections 121.71 to 121.75 of the Revised Code under division (B)(2) of this section nevertheless incorporate by reference a particular edition or other version of the text or other material.

Sec. 127.18. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Rule-making agency" has the same meaning as in division (I) of section 119.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Rule" includes the adoption, amendment, or rescission of a rule.

(3) "Proposed rule" means the original version of a proposed rule, and each revised version of the same proposed rule, that is filed with the joint committee on agency rule review under division (D) of section 111.15 or division (H) of section 119.03 of the Revised Code.

(B) A rule-making agency shall prepare, in the form prescribed by the joint committee on agency rule review under division (E) of this section, a complete and accurate rule summary and fiscal analysis of each proposed rule that it files under division (D) of section 111.15 or division (H) of section 119.03 of the Revised Code. The rule summary and fiscal analysis shall include all of the following information:

(1) The name, address, and telephone number of the rule-making agency, and the name and telephone number of an individual or office within the agency designated by that agency to be responsible for coordinating and making available information in the possession of the agency regarding the proposed rule;

(2) The Ohio ~~administrative code~~ Administrative Code rule number of the proposed rule;

(3) A brief summary of, and the legal basis for, the proposed rule, including citations identifying the statute that prescribes the procedure in accordance with which the rule-making agency is required to adopt the proposed rule, the statute that authorizes the agency to adopt the proposed rule, and the statute that the agency intends to amplify or implement by adopting the proposed rule;

(4) An estimate, in dollars, of the amount by which the proposed rule would increase or decrease revenues or expenditures during the current biennium;

(5) A citation identifying the appropriation that authorizes each expenditure that would be necessitated by the proposed rule;

(6) A summary of the estimated cost of compliance with the rule to all directly affected persons;

(7) The reasons why the rule is being proposed;

(8) If the rule has a fiscal effect on school districts, counties, townships, or municipal corporations, an estimate in dollars of the cost of compliance with the rule, or, if dollar amounts cannot be determined, a written explanation of why it was not possible to ascertain dollar amounts;

(9) If the rule has a fiscal effect on school districts, counties, townships, or municipal corporations and is the result of a federal requirement, a clear explanation that the proposed state rule does not exceed the scope and intent of the requirement, or, if the state rule does exceed the minimum necessary federal requirement, a justification of the excess cost, and an estimate of the

costs, including those costs for local governments, exceeding the federal requirement;

(10) If the rule has a fiscal effect on school districts, counties, townships, or municipal corporations, a comprehensive cost estimate that includes the procedure and method of calculating the costs of compliance and identifies major cost categories including personnel costs, new equipment or other capital costs, operating costs, and indirect central service costs related to the rule. The fiscal analysis shall also include a written explanation of the agency's and the affected local government's ability to pay for the new requirements and a statement of any impact the rule will have on economic development.

(11) If the rule incorporates a text or other material by reference, and the agency claims the incorporation by reference is exempt from compliance with sections 121.71 to 121.74 of the Revised Code because the text or other material is generally available to persons who reasonably can be expected to be affected by the rule, an explanation of how the text or other material is generally available to those persons;

(12) If the rule incorporates a text or other material by reference, and it was infeasible for the agency to file the text or other material electronically, an explanation of why filing the text or other material electronically was infeasible;

(13) If the rule is being rescinded and incorporates a text or other material by reference, and it was infeasible for the agency to file the text or other material, an explanation of why filing the text or other material was infeasible;

(14) Any other information the joint committee on agency rule review considers necessary to make the proposed rule or the fiscal effect of the proposed rule fully understandable.

(C) The rule-making agency shall file the rule summary and fiscal analysis in electronic form along with the proposed rule that it files under divisions (D) and (E) of section 111.15 or divisions (B) and (H) of section 119.03 of the Revised Code. The joint committee on agency rule review shall not accept any proposed rule for filing unless a copy of the rule summary and fiscal analysis of the proposed rule, completely and accurately prepared, is filed along with the proposed rule.

(D) The joint committee on agency rule review shall review the fiscal effect of each proposed rule that is filed under division (D) of section 111.15 or division (H) of section 119.03 of the Revised Code.

(E) The joint committee on agency rule review shall prescribe the form in which each rule-making agency shall prepare its rule summary and fiscal

analysis of a proposed rule.

(F) This section does not require the auditor of state or the auditor of state's designee to prepare or attach a rule summary and fiscal analysis to any copy of a rule proposed under section 117.12, 117.19, 117.38, or 117.43 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3375.01. A state library board is hereby created to be composed of five members to be appointed by the state board of education. One member shall be appointed each year for a term of five years. No one is eligible to membership on the state library board who is or has been for a year previous to ~~his~~ appointment a member of the state board of education. A member of the state library board shall not during ~~his~~ the member's term of office be a member of the board of library trustees for any library in any subdivision in the state. Before entering on ~~the official~~ duties of ~~his appointment~~, each member shall subscribe to the official oath of office. All vacancies on the state library board shall be filled by the state board of education by appointment for the unexpired term. The members shall receive no compensation, but shall be paid their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties or in the conduct of authorized board business, within or without the state.

At its regular meeting next prior to the beginning of each fiscal biennium the state library board shall elect a president and vice-president each of whom shall serve for two years or until ~~his~~ a successor is elected and qualified.

The state library board is responsible for the state library of Ohio and a statewide program of development and coordination of library services, and its powers include the following:

(A) Maintain the state library, holding custody of books, periodicals, pamphlets, films, recordings, papers, and other materials and equipment. The board may purchase or procure from an insurance company licensed to do business in this state policies of insurance insuring the members of the board and the officers, employees, and agents of the state library against liability on account of damage or injury to persons or property resulting from any act or omission of the board members, officers, employees, and agents of the state library in their official capacity.

(B) Accept, receive, administer, and expend, in accordance with the terms thereof, any moneys, materials, or other aid granted, appropriated, or made available to it for library purposes, by the United States, or any of its agencies, or by any other source, public or private;

(C) Administer such funds as the general assembly may make available to it for the improvement of public library services, interlibrary cooperation,

or for other library purposes;

(D) Contract with other agencies, organizations, libraries, library schools, boards of education, universities, public and private, within or without the state, for library services, facilities, research, or any allied or related purpose;

(E) In accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, approve, disapprove, or modify resolutions for establishment of county district libraries, and approve, disapprove, or modify resolutions to determine the boundaries of such districts, along county lines or otherwise, and approve, disapprove, or modify resolutions to redefine boundaries, along county lines or otherwise, where questions subsequently arise as a result of school district consolidations;

(F) Upon consolidation of two or more school districts and in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, to define and adjust the boundaries of the new public library district resulting from such consolidation and to resolve any disputes or questions pertaining to the boundaries, organization, and operation of the new library district;

(G) Upon application of one or more boards of library trustees and in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, to amend, define, and adjust the boundaries of the library districts making such application and the boundaries of adjacent library districts. A library district boundary change made by the state library board pursuant to this division shall take effect sixty days after the day on which two certified copies of the boundary change order in final form are filed on the same date with the secretary of state and with the director of the legislative service commission unless a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 3375.03 of the Revised Code.

(H) Certify its actions relating to boundaries authorized in this section, to boards of election, taxing authorities, the boards of trustees of libraries affected and other appropriate bodies;

(I) Encourage and assist the efforts of libraries and local governments to develop mutual and cooperative solutions to library service problems;

(J) Designate by rule five depository libraries so as to provide statewide, geographically distributed accessibility to agency deposits of texts or other materials that have been incorporated by reference into rules;

(K) Recommend to the governor and to the general assembly such changes in the law as will strengthen and improve library services and operations;

~~(K)~~(L) In accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, adopt such rules as are necessary for the carrying out of any function imposed on

it by law, and provide such rules as are necessary for its government and the government of its employees. The board may delegate to the state librarian the management and administration of any function imposed on it by law.

SECTION 2. That existing sections 111.15, 119.03, 119.032, 127.18, and 3375.01 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. (A)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2) of this section, sections 111.15, 119.03, and 119.032, as amended by this act, and sections 121.71, 121.72, 121.73, 121.74, 121.75, and 121.76 of the Revised Code first apply one month after the effective date of this act. The State Library Board shall use the emergency rule-making procedure of division (F) of section 119.03 of the Revised Code to designate depository libraries under division (J) of section 3375.01 of the Revised Code in anticipation of section 121.74 of the Revised Code becoming first applicable.

(2) The amendment by this act to division (F) of section 119.03 of the Revised Code first applies on the effective date of this act.

(B) As used in Sections 4, 5, 6, and 7 of this act, "date of first applicability" means the date of first applicability specified in division (A)(1) of this section.

SECTION 4. As used in this section, "rule" means a new rule or the amendment of an existing rule.

(A) If, on the date of first applicability, an agency has a proposed rule that incorporates a text or other material by reference pending in a rule-making proceeding, the agency is not required to revise the proposed rule solely to bring the incorporation by reference into compliance with the standards stated in sections 121.72, 121.75, and 121.76 of the Revised Code. But if the agency on or after the date of first applicability otherwise revises the proposed rule, the agency shall ensure the incorporation by reference meets the standards stated in sections 121.72, 121.75, and 121.76 of the Revised Code, and shall file, and eventually deposit or display, the text or other material incorporated by reference as required by sections 121.73 and 121.74 of the Revised Code.

(B) An agency may adopt and file in final form a proposed rule that, on the date of first applicability, incorporates a text or other material by reference, is pending in a rule-making proceeding, and is not on or after the

date of first applicability otherwise revised. The agency is not required to have filed, 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, and the incorporation by reference is not required to meet the standards stated in sections 121.72, 121.75, and 121.76 of the Revised Code. So long as all other applicable rule-making procedures have been complied with, the rule as adopted and filed in final form is ratified. Sections 121.71 to 121.76 of the Revised Code first apply with regard to the incorporation by reference when the rule is next amended or next reviewed under section 119.032 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 5. As used in this section, "rule" means a new rule or the amendment of an existing rule.

A rule that incorporates a text or other material by reference and that is effective, or that has been adopted and filed in final form, on or before the date of first applicability, is ratified. The adopting agency is not required to amend the rule solely to bring the incorporation by reference into compliance with the standards stated in sections 121.72, 121.75, and 121.76 of the Revised Code and is not required to deposit or display the text or other material incorporated by reference as required by section 121.74 of the Revised Code. But when the rule is next otherwise amended, or next otherwise reviewed under section 119.032 of the Revised Code, the agency shall ensure that the incorporation by reference meets the standards stated in sections 121.72, 121.75, and 121.76 of the Revised Code, and that the text or other material incorporated by reference is filed, and eventually deposited or displayed, as required by sections 121.73 and 121.74 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 6. As used in this section, except where context refers to a pre-existing rule, "rule" means the rescission of an existing rule.

(A)(1)(a) If, on the date of first applicability, an agency has a proposed rescission of a rule that incorporates a text or other material by reference pending in a rule-making proceeding, the agency is not required to file the incorporated text or other material as required by section 121.73 of the Revised Code. But if the agency on or after the date of first applicability otherwise revises the proposed rescission, the agency shall file, and eventually deposit or display, the incorporated text or other material as required by sections 121.73 and 121.74 of the Revised Code.

(b) An agency may adopt and file in final form a proposed rescission of

a rule that on the date of first applicability incorporates a text or other material by reference, is pending in a rule-making proceeding, and is not on or after the date of first applicability otherwise revised. The agency is not required to have filed, 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. So long as all other applicable rule-making procedures have been complied with, rescission of the rule is ratified.

(2) A rescission of a rule that incorporates a text or other material by reference that has been adopted and filed in final form on or before the date of first applicability is ratified. The adopting agency is not required to have filed, or to deposit or display, the incorporated text or other material as required by section 121.73 or 121.74 of the Revised Code.

(3) If an agency rescinds a rule subject to division (B) of Section 4 or to Section 5 of this act that is not amended or reviewed after the date of first applicability as contemplated by those sections, the agency shall file the incorporated text or other material as required by section 121.73 of the Revised Code and shall deposit or display the incorporated text or other material as required by section 121.74 of the Revised Code.

(B) A rescinded rule as contemplated by division (A)(1)(b), (2), or (3) of this section that, while previously effective, incorporated a text or other material by reference without conforming in essence to what sections 121.71 to 121.76 of the Revised Code provide, is ratified insofar as the incorporation by reference might raise a question of the rule's validity as applied to facts occurring while the rule was effective.

SECTION 7. As used in this section, "rule" means a pre-existing rule that has been rescinded, or a provision, formerly part of an existing rule, that has been removed from the existing rule by amendment.

A previously effective rule or version of a rule, not effective on the date of first applicability, that, while previously effective, incorporated a text or other material by reference without conforming in essence to what sections 121.71 to 121.76 of the Revised Code in future would provide, is ratified insofar as the incorporation by reference might raise a question of the rule's or version's validity as applied to facts occurring while the rule or version previously was effective.

This section is cumulative to Section 59 of Am. Sub. H.B. 524 of the 124th General Assembly, and is a remedial law as that term is used in section 1.11 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 8. Section 111.15 of the Revised Code is presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended by both Sub. H.B. 386 and Am. Sub. S.B. 138 of the 124th General Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section as presented in this act.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

Approved _____, 20____

Governor.

The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

Director, Legislative Service Commission.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio, on the ___ day of _____, A. D. 20____.

Secretary of State.

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