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A BILL

To amend sections 122.151, 122.152, 122.154, 166.01,	1
166.02, 166.08, 166.11, 166.13, 166.14, 166.16,	2
5733.98, and 5747.98 and to enact sections 166.17	3
to 166.21, 184.04, 5733.352, and 5747.331 to	4
increase the maximum amount of technology	5
investments eligible for a tax credit, to require	6
signatures on technology investment tax credit	7
certificates, to require the Director of	8
Development to develop the form of the tax credit	9
certificate, to require the Director to report	10
information regarding tax credit certificates to	11
the Tax Commissioner, to increase Edison Center	12
application fees, to create the Ohio Research	13
Commercialization Grant Program, to increase the	14
maximum amount of obligations that may be issued	15
to fund economic development programs, to create	16
the Research and Development Loan Fund, to	17
authorize the Director to make loans from the	18
Research and Development Loan Fund, and to grant	19
tax credits for qualified research and development	20
loan payments.	21

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

Section 1. That sections 122.151, 122.152, 122.154, 166.01,22166.02, 166.08, 166.11, 166.13, 166.14, 166.16, 5733.98, and235747.98 be amended and sections 166.17, 166.18, 166.19, 166.20,24166.21, 184.04, 5733.352, and 5747.331 of the Revised Code be25enacted to read as follows:26

Sec. 122.151. (A) An investor who proposes to make an 27 investment of money in an Ohio entity may apply to an Edison 28 center for a tax credit under this section. The Edison center 29 shall prescribe the form of the application and any information 30 that the investor must submit with the application. The investor 31 shall include with the application a fee of two hundred dollars. 32 The center, within three weeks after receiving the application, 33 shall review it, determine whether the investor should be 34 recommended for the tax credit, and send written notice of its 35 initial determination to the industrial technology and enterprise 36 advisory council and to the investor. If the center determines the 37 investor should not be recommended for the tax credit, it shall 38 include in the notice the reasons for the determination. Subject 39 to divisions (C) and (D) of this section, an investor is eligible 40 for a tax credit if all of the following requirements are met: 41

(1) The investor's investment of money is in an Ohio entity engaged in a qualified trade or business.

(2) The Ohio entity had less than one million dollars of
gross revenue during its most recently completed fiscal year or
had a net book value of less than one million dollars at the end
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of that fiscal year.

(3) The investment takes the form of the purchase of common
or preferred stock, a membership interest, a partnership interest,
or any other ownership interest.

(4) The amount of the investment for which the credit is 51

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dollars. 53 (5) The money invested is entirely at risk of loss, where 54 repayment depends upon the success of the business operations of 55 the Ohio entity. 56 (6) No repayment of principal invested will be made for at 57 least three years from the date the investment is made. 58 (7) The annual combined amount of any dividend and interest 59 payments to be made to the investor will not exceed ten per cent 60 of the amount of the investment for at least three years from the 61 date the investment is made. 62 (8) The investor is not an employee with proprietary 63 decision-making authority of the Ohio entity in which the 64 investment of money is proposed, or related to such an individual. 65 The Ohio entity is not an individual related to the investor. For 66 purposes of this division, the industrial technology and 67 enterprise advisory council shall define "an employee with 68 proprietary decision-making authority." 69 (9) The investor is not an insider. 70 For the purposes of determining the net book value of an Ohio 71 entity under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section, if the entity 72 is a member of an affiliated group, the combined net book values 73 of all of the members of that affiliated group shall be used. 74 Nothing in division (A)(6) or (7) of this section limits or 75 disallows the distribution to an investor in a pass-through entity 76 of a portion of the entity's profits equal to the investor's 77 federal, state, and local income tax obligations attributable to 78 the investor's allocable share of the entity's profits. Nothing in 79 division (A)(6) or (7) of this section limits or disallows the 80

sale by an investor of part or all of the investor's interests in

an Ohio entity by way of a public offering of shares in the Ohio

being claimed does not exceed one two hundred fifty thousand

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entity.

(B) A group of two but not more than twenty investors, each 84 of whom proposes to make an investment of money in the same Ohio 85 entity, may submit an application for tax credits under division 86 (A) of this section. The group shall include with the application 87 a fee of eight hundred dollars. The application shall identify 88 each investor in the group and the amount of money each investor 89 proposes to invest in the Ohio entity, and shall name a contact 90 person for the group. The Edison center, within three weeks after 91 receiving the application, shall review it, determine whether each 92 investor of the group should be recommended for a tax credit under 93 the conditions set forth in division (A) of this section, and send 94 written notice of its determination to the industrial technology 95 and enterprise advisory council and to the contact person. The 96 center shall not recommend that a group of investors receive a tax 97 credit unless each investor is eligible under those conditions. 98 The center may disqualify from a group any investor who is not 99 eligible under the conditions and recommend that the remaining 100 group of investors receive the tax credit. If the center 101 determines the group should not be recommended for the tax credit, 102 it shall include in the notice the reasons for the determination. 103

(C) The industrial technology and enterprise advisory council 104 shall establish from among its members a three-person committee. 105 Within four weeks after the council receives a notice of 106 recommendation from an Edison center, the committee shall review 107 the recommendation and issue a final determination of whether the 108 investor or group is eligible for a tax credit under the 109 conditions set forth in division (A) of this section. The 110 committee may require the investor or group to submit additional 111 information to support the application. The vote of at least two 112 members of the committee is necessary for the issuance of a final 113 determination or any other action of the committee. Upon making 114

the final determination, the committee shall send written notice 115 of approval or disapproval of the tax credit to the investor or 116 group contact person, the director of development, and the Edison 117 center. If the committee disapproves the tax credit, it shall 118 include in the notice the reasons for the disapproval. 119

(D)(1) The industrial technology and enterprise advisory 120 council committee shall not approve more than one million five 121 hundred thousand dollars of investments in any one Ohio entity. 122 However, if a proposed investment of money in an Ohio entity has 123 been approved but the investor does not actually make the 124 investment, the committee may reassign the amount of that 125 investment to another investor, as long as the total amount 126 invested in the entity under this section does not exceed one 127 million five hundred thousand dollars. 128

If the one-million-five-hundred-thousand-dollar limit for an 129 Ohio entity has not yet been reached and an application proposes 130 an investment of money that would exceed the limit for that 131 entity, the committee shall send written notice to the investor, 132 or for a group, the contact person, that the investment cannot be 133 approved as requested. Upon receipt of the notice, the investor or 134 group may amend the application to propose an investment of money 135 that does not exceed the limit. 136

(2) Not more than ten twenty million dollars of tax credits 137 shall be issued under sections 122.15 to 122.154 of the Revised 138 Code. 139

(E) If an investor makes an approved investment of money in 140 an Ohio entity of less than one two hundred fifty thousand 141 dollars, the investor may apply for approval of another investment 142 of money in that entity, as long as the total amount invested in 143 that entity by the investor under this section does not exceed one 144 two hundred fifty thousand dollars. An investor who receives 145 approval of an investment of money as part of a group may 146

subsequently apply on an individual basis for approval of an147additional investment of money in the Ohio entity.148

(F) The industrial technology and enterprise advisory council
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 committee shall approve or disapprove tax credit applications
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 under this section in the order in which they are received by the
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 council.

(G) The director of development may disapprove any 153 application recommended by an Edison center and approved by the 154 industrial technology and enterprise advisory council committee, 155 or may disapprove a credit for which a tax credit certificate has 156 been issued under section 122.152 of the Revised Code, if the 157 director determines that the entity in which the applicant 158 proposes to invest or has invested is not an Ohio entity eligible 159 to receive investments that qualify for the credit. If the 160 director disapproves an application, the director shall certify 161 the action to the investor, the Edison center that recommended the 162 application, the industrial technology and enterprise advisory 163 council, and the tax commissioner, together with a written 164 explanation of the reasons for the disapproval. If the director 165 disapproves a tax credit after a tax credit certificate is issued, 166 the investor shall not claim the credit for the taxable year that 167 includes the day the director disapproves the credit, or for any 168 subsequent taxable year. 169

The director of development, in accordance with section 170 111.15 of the Revised Code and with the advice of the industrial 171 technology and enterprise advisory council, may adopt, amend, and 172 rescind rules necessary to implement sections 122.15 to 122.154 of 173 the Revised Code. 174

(H) An Edison center shall use application fees received 175
under this section only for the costs of administering sections 176
122.15 to 122.154 of the Revised Code. 177

Sec. 122.152. (A) After receiving notice of approval for an 178 investment of money from the industrial technology and enterprise 179 advisory council committee under section 122.151 of the Revised 180 Code, an investor, within a period of time determined by the 181 council committee, may make the investment and apply to the 182 council committee for a tax credit certificate. If the council 183 committee is satisfied the investor has made the investment in the 184 proper form, it shall issue to the investor a tax credit 185 certificate signed by the chairperson of the council committee and 186 the director of development indicating that the investor is 187 allowed a tax credit in an amount equal to twenty-five per cent of 188 the investment. 189

An investor who receives approval of a proposed investment of 190 money through a group application, after making the investment, 191 shall apply for a tax credit certificate on an individual basis. 192

(B) An investor who is issued a tax credit certificate under
this section may claim a nonrefundable credit equal to the amount
indicated on the certificate against any state tax liability. The
investor shall claim the credit for the taxable year in which the
certificate is issued.

(1) If the credit to which a taxpayer otherwise would be 198 entitled under this section for any taxable year is greater than 199 the tax otherwise due under division (D) of section 5707.03 or 200 section 5727.24 or 5727.38 of the Revised Code, the excess shall 201 be allowed as a credit in each of the ensuing fifteen taxable 202 years, but the amount of any excess credit allowed in an ensuing 203 taxable year shall be deducted from the balance carried forward to 204 the next taxable year. 205

(2) If the credit to which a taxpayer otherwise would be
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entitled under this section for any taxable year is greater than
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the tax otherwise due under section 5747.02 or Chapter 5733. of
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the Revised Code, after allowing for any other credits that 209 precede the credit allowed under this section in the order 210 required under section 5733.98 or 5747.98 of the Revised Code, the 211 excess shall be allowed as a credit in each of the ensuing fifteen 212 taxable years, but the amount of any excess credit allowed in an 213 ensuing taxable year shall be deducted from the balance carried 214 forward to the next taxable year. 215

(C) Any portion of a credit allowed under this section that
is utilized by an investor to reduce the investor's state tax
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liability shall not be utilized by any other person.
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(D) To claim a tax credit allowed under this section, an
investor shall attach to the appropriate return a copy of the
certificate issued to the investor under this section.
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(E) Nothing in this section shall limit or disallow
pass-through treatment of a pass-through entity's income,
deductions, or credits, or other amounts necessary to compute a
state tax liability.

(F) A tax credit certificate issued to an investor under thissection may not be transferred by that investor to any otherperson.

(G)(1) The industrial technology and enterprise advisory
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council director of development shall develop the form of the tax
credit certificate and the industrial technology and enterprise
advisory council committee shall use that form when issuing a tax
credit certificate under this section.

(2) The industrial technology and enterprise advisory council
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 <u>director of development</u> shall report to the tax commissioner any
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 information requested by the commissioner concerning tax credit
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 certificates issued under this section.

(H) An investment made by an investor or group of investorswho enter into a contractual agreement with an Ohio entity to239

of the following conditions are met: 241 (1) The investment is made pursuant to a subscription 242 agreement providing that the investor or group of investors is 243 entitled to receive a refund of funds if the investment is not 244 approved by the industrial technology and enterprise advisory 245 council <u>committee</u>. 246 (2) The investment is placed in escrow until the investment 247 is approved by the industrial technology and enterprise advisory 248 council committee. 249 (3) The investor or group of investors shows proof of the 250 withdrawal of the funds by the Ohio entity after the investment is 251 approved by the industrial technology and enterprise advisory 252 council committee. 253 Sec. 122.154. (A) A business may apply to an Edison center 254 for a determination as to whether the business is an Ohio entity 255 eligible to receive investments of money under section 122.151 of 256 the Revised Code that qualify the investor for a tax credit under 257 section 122.152 of the Revised Code. The business shall include 258 with the application a fee of one two hundred fifty dollars and a 259 business plan. The Edison center shall prescribe any other 260 information the business must submit with the application and the 261

invest money in the Ohio entity is an acceptable investment if all

form of the application. The center, within three weeks after 262 receiving the application, shall review it, determine whether the 263 business is an Ohio entity eligible to receive investments of 264 money that qualify for the tax credit, and send written notice to 265 the industrial technology and enterprise advisory council and the 266 business of its initial determination. If the center determines 267 that the business is not an Ohio entity eligible to receive 268 investments of money that qualify for the tax credit, it shall 269 include in the notice the reasons for the determination. 270

Within four weeks after the council receives a notice of 271 recommendation from an Edison center, the industrial technology 272 and enterprise advisory council committee established under 273 section 122.152 of the Revised Code shall review the 274 recommendation and issue a final determination of whether the 275 business is an Ohio entity eligible to receive investments of 276 money under section 122.151 of the Revised Code that qualify an 277 investor for a tax credit under section 122.152 of the Revised 278 Code. The council committee may require the business to submit 279 additional information to support the application. The vote of at 280 least two members of the council committee is necessary for the 281 issuance of a final determination. On making the final 282 determination, the council committee shall send written notice of 283 approval or disapproval to the business, the director of 284 development, and the Edison center. If the council committee 285 determines that the business is not an Ohio entity eligible to 286 receive investments of money that qualify for the tax credit, it 287 shall include in the notice the reasons for the determination. 288

(B) The department of development shall maintain a list of 289
the businesses that have been determined to be Ohio entities 290
eligible to receive investments of money that qualify for the tax 291
credit. The department shall furnish copies of the list to the 292
public upon request. 293

(C) The department of development may prescribe a schedule 294 under which businesses periodically must submit information to 295 enable the center to maintain the accuracy of the list. At the 296 times required in the schedule, each business on the list shall 297 submit any information the center requires to determine if the 298 business continues to be an Ohio entity eligible to receive 299 investments of money that qualify for the tax credit. 300

(D) An Edison center shall use fees received under this301 section only for the costs of administering sections 122.15 to302

122.154 of the Revised Code.

(E) The Edison centers and the industrial technology and
 and its committees do not assume any
 responsibility for the accuracy or truthfulness of information
 furnished by an Ohio entity or its agents.
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An investor in an Ohio entity is solely responsible for due308diligence in verifying information submitted by an Ohio entity. An309Edison center is not liable for any action resulting from its310provision of such information to investors in accordance with311sections 122.15 to 122.154 of the Revised Code.312

Sec. 166.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Allowable costs" means all or part of the costs of 314 project facilities or, eligible innovation projects, or eligible 315 research and development projects, including costs of acquiring, 316 constructing, reconstructing, rehabilitating, renovating, 317 enlarging, improving, equipping, or furnishing project facilities 318 or, eligible innovation projects, or eligible research and 319 development projects, site clearance and preparation, 320 supplementing and relocating public capital improvements or 321 utility facilities, designs, plans, specifications, surveys, 322 studies, and estimates of costs, expenses necessary or incident to 323 determining the feasibility or practicability of assisting an 324 eligible project or, an eligible innovation project, or an 325 eligible research and development project, or providing project 326 facilities or facilities related to an eligible innovation project 327 or an eligible research and development project, architectural, 328 engineering, and legal services fees and expenses, the costs of 329 conducting any other activities as part of a voluntary action, and 330 such other expenses as may be necessary or incidental to the 331 establishment or development of an eligible project or, an 332 eligible innovation project, or an eligible research and 333

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development project, and reimbursement of moneys advanced or 334 applied by any governmental agency or other person for allowable 335 costs. 336

(B) "Allowable innovation costs" includes allowable costs of 337 eligible innovation projects and, in addition, includes the costs 338 of research and development of eligible innovation projects; 339 obtaining or creating any requisite software or computer hardware 340 related to an eligible innovation project or the products or 341 services associated therewith; testing (including, without 342 limitation, quality control activities necessary for initial 343 production), perfecting, and marketing of such products and 344 services; creating and protecting intellectual property related to 345 an eligible innovation project or any products or services related 346 thereto, including costs of securing appropriate patent, 347 trademark, trade secret, trade dress, copyright, or other form of 348 intellectual property protection for an eligible innovation 349 project or related products and services; all to the extent that 350 such expenditures could be capitalized under then-applicable 351 generally accepted accounting principles; and the reimbursement of 352 moneys advanced or applied by any governmental agency or other 353 person for allowable innovation costs. 354

(C) "Eligible innovation project" includes an eligible 355 project, including any project facilities associated with an 356 eligible innovation project and, in addition, includes all 357 tangible and intangible property related to a new product or 358 process based on new technology or the creative application of 359 existing technology, including research and development, product 360 or process testing, quality control, market research, and related 361 activities, that is to be acquired, established, expanded, 362 remodeled, rehabilitated, or modernized for industry, commerce, 363 distribution, or research, or any combination thereof, the 364 operation of which, alone or in conjunction with other eligible 365 projects, eligible innovation projects, or innovation property, 366 will create new jobs or preserve existing jobs and employment 367 opportunities and improve the economic welfare of the people of 368 the state. 369

(D) "Eligible project" means project facilities to be 370 acquired, established, expanded, remodeled, rehabilitated, or 371 modernized for industry, commerce, distribution, or research, or 372 any combination thereof, the operation of which, alone or in 373 conjunction with other facilities, will create new jobs or 374 preserve existing jobs and employment opportunities and improve 375 the economic welfare of the people of the state. "Eligible 376 project" includes, without limitation, a voluntary action. For 377 purposes of this division, "new jobs" does not include existing 378 jobs transferred from another facility within the state, and 379 "existing jobs" includes only those existing jobs with work places 380 within the municipal corporation or unincorporated area of the 381 county in which the eligible project is located. 382

"Eligible project" does not include project facilities to be 383 acquired, established, expanded, remodeled, rehabilitated, or 384 modernized for industry, commerce, distribution, or research, or 385 any combination of industry, commerce, distribution, or research, 386 if the project facilities consist solely of 387 point-of-final-purchase retail facilities. If the project 388 facilities consist of both point-of-final-purchase retail 389 facilities and nonretail facilities, only the portion of the 390 project facilities consisting of nonretail facilities is an 391 eligible project. If a warehouse facility is part of a 392 point-of-final-purchase retail facility and supplies only that 393 facility, the warehouse facility is not an eligible project. 394 Catalog distribution facilities are not considered 395 point-of-final-purchase retail facilities for purposes of this 396 paragraph, and are eligible projects. 397

(E) <u>"Eligible research and development project" means an</u>	398							
eligible project, including project facilities, comprising,	399							
within, or related to, a facility or portion of a facility at								
which research is undertaken for the purpose of discovering	401							
information that is technological in nature and the application of	402							
which is intended to be useful in the development of a new or	403							
improved product, process, technique, formula, invention, or a new								
product or process based on new technology, or the creative								
application of existing technology.								
(F) "Financial assistance" means inducements under division	407							
(B) of section 166.02 of the Revised Code, loan guarantees under	408							
section 166.06 of the Revised Code, and direct loans under section	409							
166.07 of the Revised Code.	410							
(F)(G) "Governmental action" means any action by a	411							
governmental agency relating to the establishment, development, or	412							
operation of an eligible project or, eligible innovation project,	413							
or eligible research and development project, and project	414							
facilities that the governmental agency acting has authority to	415							
take or provide for the purpose under law, including, but not								
limited to, actions relating to contracts and agreements, zoning,								
building, permits, acquisition and disposition of property, public								
capital improvements, utility and transportation service,	419							
taxation, employee recruitment and training, and liaison and								
coordination with and among governmental agencies.	421							
$\frac{(G)}{(H)}$ "Governmental agency" means the state and any state	422							
department, division, commission, institution or authority; a	423							
municipal corporation, county, or township, and any agency	424							
thereof, and any other political subdivision or public corporation	425							
or the United States or any agency thereof; any agency,	426							
commission, or authority established pursuant to an interstate	427							
compact or agreement; and any combination of the above.	428							

(H)(I) "Innovation financial assistance" means inducements 429
under division (B) of section 166.12 of the Revised Code, 430
innovation Ohio loan guarantees under section 166.15 of the 431
Revised Code, and innovation Ohio loans under section 166.16 of 432
the Revised Code. 433

(I)(J) "Innovation Ohio loan guarantee reserve requirement" 434 means, at any time, with respect to innovation loan guarantees 435 made under section 166.15 of the Revised Code, a balance in the 436 innovation Ohio loan guarantee fund equal to the greater of twenty 437 per cent of the then-outstanding principal amount of all 438 outstanding innovation loan guarantees made pursuant to section 439 166.15 of the Revised Code or fifty per cent of the principal 440 amount of the largest outstanding guarantee made pursuant to 441 section 166.15 of the Revised Code. 442

(J)(K) "Innovation property" includes property and also 443 includes software, inventory, licenses, contract rights, goodwill, 444 intellectual property, including without limitation, patents, 445 patent applications, trademarks and service marks, and trade 446 secrets, and other tangible and intangible property, and any 447 rights and interests in or connected to the foregoing. 448

(K)(L) "Loan guarantee reserve requirement" means, at any 449 time, with respect to loan guarantees made under section 166.06 of 450 the Revised Code, a balance in the loan guarantee fund equal to 451 the greater of twenty per cent of the then-outstanding principal 452 amount of all outstanding guarantees made pursuant to section 453 166.06 of the Revised Code or fifty per cent of the principal 454 amount of the largest outstanding guarantee made pursuant to 455 section 166.06 of the Revised Code. 456

(L)(M)"Person" means any individual, firm, partnership,457association, corporation, or governmental agency, and any458combination thereof.459

(M)(N) "Project facilities" means buildings, structures, and 460 other improvements, and equipment and other property, excluding 461 small tools, supplies, and inventory, and any one, part of, or 462 combination of the above, comprising all or part of, or serving or 463 being incidental to, an eligible project or, an eligible 464 innovation project, or an eligible research and development 465 project, including, but not limited to, public capital 466 improvements. 467

(N)(O) "Property" means real and personal property and 468 interests therein. 469

(O)(P) "Public capital improvements" means capital 470 improvements or facilities that any governmental agency has 471 authority to acquire, pay the costs of, own, maintain, or operate, 472 or to contract with other persons to have the same done, 473 including, but not limited to, highways, roads, streets, water and 474 sewer facilities, railroad and other transportation facilities, 475 and air and water pollution control and solid waste disposal 476 facilities. 477

(P)(Q)"Research and development financial assistance" means478inducements under section 166.17 of the Revised Code, research and479development loans under section 166.21 of the Revised Code, and480research and development tax credits under sections 5733.352 and4815747.331 of the Revised Code.482

(R) "Targeted innovation industry sectors" means industry
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sectors involving the production or use of advanced materials,
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instruments, controls and electronics, power and propulsion,
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biosciences, and information technology, or such other sectors as
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may be designated by the director of development.

(Q)(S)"Voluntary action" means a voluntary action, as488defined in section 3746.01 of the Revised Code, that is conducted489under the voluntary action program established in Chapter 3746. of490

the Revised Code.

(R)(T) "Project financing obligations" means obligations 492 issued pursuant to section 166.08 of the Revised Code other than 493 obligations for which the bond proceedings provide that bond 494 service charges shall be paid from receipts of the state 495 representing gross profit on the sale of spirituous liquor as 496 referred to in division (B)(4) of section 4310.10 of the Revised 497 Code. 498

(S)(U)"Regional economic development entity" means an entity499that is under contract with the director of development to500administer a loan program under this chapter in a particular area501of this state.502

Sec. 166.02. (A) The general assembly finds that many local 503 areas throughout the state are experiencing economic stagnation or 504 decline, and that the economic development program provided for in 505 sections 166.01 to 166.11 of the Revised Code will constitute a 506 deserved, necessary reinvestment by the state in those areas, 507 materially contribute to their economic revitalization, and result 508 in improving the economic welfare of all the people of the state. 509 Accordingly, it is declared to be the public policy of the state, 510 through the operations under sections 166.01 to 166.11 of the 511 Revised Code and other applicable laws adopted pursuant to Section 512 13 of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, and other authority vested 513 in the general assembly, to assist in and facilitate the 514 establishment or development of eligible projects or assist and 515 cooperate with any governmental agency in achieving such purpose. 516

(B) In furtherance of such public policy and to implement 517such purpose, the director of development may: 518

(1) After consultation with appropriate governmental
 agencies, enter into agreements with persons engaged in industry,
 commerce, distribution, or research and with governmental agencies
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to induce such persons to acquire, construct, reconstruct, 522 rehabilitate, renovate, enlarge, improve, equip, or furnish, or 523 otherwise develop, eligible projects and make provision therein 524 for project facilities and governmental actions, as authorized by 525 this chapter and other applicable laws, subject to any required 526 actions by the general assembly or the controlling board and 527 subject to applicable local government laws and regulations; 528

(2) Provide for the guarantees and loans as provided for in529sections 166.06 and 166.07 of the Revised Code;530

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(4) Subject to release thereof by the controlling board, from 537 moneys in the facilities establishment fund acquire or contract to 538 acquire by gift, exchange, or purchase, including the obtaining 539 and exercise of purchase options, property, and convey or 540 otherwise dispose of, or provide for the conveyance or disposition 541 of, property so acquired or contracted to be acquired by sale, 542 exchange, lease, lease purchase, conditional or installment sale, 543 transfer, or other disposition, including the grant of an option 544 to purchase, to any governmental agency or to any other person 545 without necessity for competitive bidding and upon such terms and 546 conditions and manner of consideration pursuant to and as the 547 director determines to be appropriate to satisfy the objectives of 548 sections 166.01 to 166.11 of the Revised Code; 549

(5) Retain the services of or employ financial consultants,
appraisers, consulting engineers, superintendents, managers,
construction and accounting experts, attorneys, and employees,
agents, and independent contractors as are necessary in the

director's judgment and fix the compensation for their services; 554

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(7) Enter into appropriate arrangements and agreements with 559
any governmental agency for the taking or provision by that 560
governmental agency of any governmental action; 561

(8) Do all other acts and enter into contracts and execute
all instruments necessary or appropriate to carry out the
provisions of Chapter 166. of the Revised Code;
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(9) Adopt rules to implement any of the provisions of Chapter166. of the Revised Code applicable to the director.566

(C) The determinations by the director that facilities 567 constitute eligible projects, that facilities are project 568 facilities, that costs of such facilities are allowable costs, and 569 all other determinations relevant thereto or to an action taken or 570 agreement entered into shall be conclusive for purposes of the 571 validity and enforceability of rights of parties arising from 572 actions taken and agreements entered into under this chapter. 573

(D) Except as otherwise prescribed in Chapter 166. of the 574 Revised Code, all expenses and obligations incurred by the 575 director in carrying out the director's powers and in exercising 576 577 the director's duties under Chapter 166. of the Revised Code, shall be payable solely from, as appropriate, moneys in the 578 facilities establishment fund, the loan guarantee fund, the 579 innovation Ohio loan guarantee fund, the innovation Ohio loan 580 fund, the research and development loan fund, or moneys 581 appropriated for such purpose by the general assembly. Chapter 582 166. of the Revised Code does not authorize the director or the 583 issuing authority under section 166.08 of the Revised Code to 584

incur bonded indebtedness of the state or any political 585 subdivision thereof, or to obligate or pledge moneys raised by 586 taxation for the payment of any bonds or notes issued or 587 guarantees made pursuant to Chapter 166. of the Revised Code. 588

(E) No financial assistance for project facilities shall be 589 provided under this chapter unless the provisions of the agreement 590 providing for such assistance specify that all wages paid to 591 laborers and mechanics employed on such project facilities for 592 which the assistance is granted shall be paid at the prevailing 593 rates of wages of laborers and mechanics for the class of work 594 called for by such project facilities, which wages shall be 595 determined in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 4115. of 596 the Revised Code for determination of prevailing wage rates, 597 provided that the requirements of this division do not apply where 598 the federal government or any of its agencies provides financing 599 assistance as to all or any part of the funds used in connection 600 with such project facilities and prescribes predetermined minimum 601 wages to be paid to such laborers and mechanics; and provided 602 further that should a nonpublic user beneficiary of the eligible 603 project undertake, as part of the eligible project, construction 604 to be performed by its regular bargaining unit employees who are 605 covered under a collective bargaining agreement which was in 606 existence prior to the date of the document authorizing such 607 assistance then, in that event, the rate of pay provided under the 608 collective bargaining agreement may be paid to such employees. 609

(F) Any governmental agency may enter into an agreement with
the director, any other governmental agency, or a person to be
assisted under this chapter, to take or provide for the purposes
of this chapter any governmental action it is authorized to take
or provide, and to undertake on behalf and at the request of the
director any action which the director is authorized to undertake
pursuant to divisions (B)(3), (4), and (5) of this section or

divisions (B)(3), (4), and (5) of section 166.12 of the Revised
Code. Governmental agencies of the state shall cooperate with and
provide assistance to the director of development and the
controlling board in the exercise of their respective functions
under this chapter.

Sec.	166.08.	(A)	As	used	in	this	chapter:	622
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(1) "Bond proceedings" means the resolution, order, trust
agreement, indenture, lease, and other agreements, amendments and
supplements to the foregoing, or any one or more or combination
thereof, authorizing or providing for the terms and conditions
applicable to, or providing for the security or liquidity of,
obligations issued pursuant to this section, and the provisions
contained in such obligations.

(2) "Bond service charges" means principal, including
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mandatory sinking fund requirements for retirement of obligations,
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and interest, and redemption premium, if any, required to be paid
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by the state on obligations.
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(3) "Bond service fund" means the applicable fund and
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accounts therein created for and pledged to the payment of bond
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service charges, which may be, or may be part of, the economic
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development bond service fund created by division (S) of this
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section including all moneys and investments, and earnings from
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investments, credited and to be credited thereto.

(4) "Issuing authority" means the treasurer of state, or theofficer who by law performs the functions of such officer.641

(5) "Obligations" means bonds, notes, or other evidence of
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obligation including interest coupons pertaining thereto, issued
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pursuant to this section.
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(6) "Pledged receipts" means all receipts of the state645representing the gross profit on the sale of spirituous liquor, as646

referred to in division (B)(4) of section 4301.10 of the Revised 647 Code, after paying all costs and expenses of the division of 648 liquor control and providing an adequate working capital reserve 649 for the division of liquor control as provided in that division, 650 but excluding the sum required by the second paragraph of section 651 4301.12 of the Revised Code, as in effect on May 2, 1980, to be 652 paid into the state treasury; moneys accruing to the state from 653 the lease, sale, or other disposition, or use, of project 654 facilities, and from the repayment, including interest, of loans 655 made from proceeds received from the sale of obligations; accrued 656 interest received from the sale of obligations; income from the 657 investment of the special funds; and any gifts, grants, donations, 658 and pledges, and receipts therefrom, available for the payment of 659 bond service charges. 660

(7) "Special funds" or "funds" means, except where the
context does not permit, the bond service fund, and any other
funds, including reserve funds, created under the bond
proceedings, and the economic development bond service fund
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created by division (S) of this section to the extent provided in
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the bond proceedings, including all moneys and investments, and
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earnings from investment, credited and to be credited thereto.

(B) Subject to the limitations provided in section 166.11 of 668 the Revised Code, the issuing authority, upon the certification by 669 the director of development to the issuing authority of the amount 670 of moneys or additional moneys needed in the facilities 671 establishment fund, the loan guarantee fund, the innovation Ohio 672 loan fund, or the innovation Ohio loan guarantee fund<u>, or the</u> 673 research and development loan fund for the purpose of paying, or 674 making loans for, allowable costs from the facilities 675 establishment fund or, allowable innovation costs from the 676 innovation Ohio loan fund, or allowable costs from the research 677 and development loan fund, or needed for capitalized interest, for 678

679 funding reserves, and for paying costs and expenses incurred in connection with the issuance, carrying, securing, paying, 680 redeeming, or retirement of the obligations or any obligations 681 refunded thereby, including payment of costs and expenses relating 682 to letters of credit, lines of credit, insurance, put agreements, 683 standby purchase agreements, indexing, marketing, remarketing and 684 administrative arrangements, interest swap or hedging agreements, 685 and any other credit enhancement, liquidity, remarketing, renewal, 686 or refunding arrangements, all of which are authorized by this 687 section, or providing moneys for the loan guarantee fund or the 688 innovation Ohio loan guarantee fund, as provided in this chapter 689 or needed for the purposes of funds established in accordance with 690 or pursuant to sections 122.35, 122.42, 122.54, 122.55, 122.56, 691 122.561, 122.57, and 122.80 of the Revised Code which are within 692 the authorization of Section 13 of Article VIII, Ohio 693 Constitution, shall issue obligations of the state under this 694 section in the required amount; provided that such obligations may 695 be issued to satisfy the covenants in contracts of guarantee made 696 under section 166.06 or 166.15 of the Revised Code, 697 notwithstanding limitations otherwise applicable to the issuance 698 of obligations under this section. The proceeds of such 699 obligations, except for the portion to be deposited in special 700 funds, including reserve funds, as may be provided in the bond 701 proceedings, shall as provided in the bond proceedings be 702 deposited by the director of development to the facilities 703 establishment fund, the loan guarantee fund, the innovation Ohio 704 loan guarantee fund, or the innovation Ohio loan fund, or the 705 research and development loan fund. Bond proceedings for project 706 financing obligations may provide that the proceeds derived from 707 the issuance of such obligations shall be deposited into such fund 708 or funds provided for in the bond proceedings and, to the extent 709 provided for in the bond proceedings, such proceeds shall be 710

deemed to have been deposited into the facilities establishment

fund and transferred to such fund or funds. The issuing authority 712 may appoint trustees, paying agents, and transfer agents and may 713 retain the services of financial advisors, accounting experts, and 714 attorneys, and retain or contract for the services of marketing, 715 remarketing, indexing, and administrative agents, other 716 consultants, and independent contractors, including printing 717 services, as are necessary in the issuing authority's judgment to 718 carry out this section. The costs of such services are allowable 719 costs payable from the facilities establishment fund or the 720

research and development loan fund or allowable innovation costs 721 payable from the innovation Ohio loan fund. 722

(C) The holders or owners of such obligations shall have no 723 right to have moneys raised by taxation obligated or pledged, and 724 moneys raised by taxation shall not be obligated or pledged, for 725 the payment of bond service charges. Such holders or owners shall 726 have no rights to payment of bond service charges from any moneys 727 accruing to the state from the lease, sale, or other disposition, 728 or use, of project facilities, or from payment of the principal of 729 or interest on loans made, or fees charged for guarantees made, or 730 from any money or property received by the director, treasurer of 731 state, or the state under Chapter 122. of the Revised Code, or 732 from any other use of the proceeds of the sale of the obligations, 733 and no such moneys may be used for the payment of bond service 734 charges, except for accrued interest, capitalized interest, and 735 reserves funded from proceeds received upon the sale of the 736 obligations and except as otherwise expressly provided in the 737 applicable bond proceedings pursuant to written directions by the 738 director. The right of such holders and owners to payment of bond 739 service charges is limited to all or that portion of the pledged 740 receipts and those special funds pledged thereto pursuant to the 741 bond proceedings in accordance with this section, and each such 742 obligation shall bear on its face a statement to that effect. 743

(D) Obligations shall be authorized by resolution or order of 744 the issuing authority and the bond proceedings shall provide for 745 the purpose thereof and the principal amount or amounts, and shall 746 provide for or authorize the manner or agency for determining the 747 principal maturity or maturities, not exceeding twenty-five years 748 from the date of issuance, the interest rate or rates or the 749 maximum interest rate, the date of the obligations and the dates 750 of payment of interest thereon, their denomination, and the 751 establishment within or without the state of a place or places of 752 payment of bond service charges. Sections 9.98 to 9.983 of the 753 Revised Code are applicable to obligations issued under this 754 section, subject to any applicable limitation under section 166.11 755 of the Revised Code. The purpose of such obligations may be stated 756 in the bond proceedings in terms describing the general purpose or 757 purposes to be served. The bond proceedings also shall provide, 758 subject to the provisions of any other applicable bond 759 proceedings, for the pledge of all, or such part as the issuing 760 authority may determine, of the pledged receipts and the 761 applicable special fund or funds to the payment of bond service 762 charges, which pledges may be made either prior or subordinate to 763 other expenses, claims, or payments, and may be made to secure the 764 obligations on a parity with obligations theretofore or thereafter 765 issued, if and to the extent provided in the bond proceedings. The 766 pledged receipts and special funds so pledged and thereafter 767 received by the state are immediately subject to the lien of such 768 pledge without any physical delivery thereof or further act, and 769 the lien of any such pledges is valid and binding against all 770 parties having claims of any kind against the state or any 771 governmental agency of the state, irrespective of whether such 772 parties have notice thereof, and shall create a perfected security 773 interest for all purposes of Chapter 1309. of the Revised Code, 774 without the necessity for separation or delivery of funds or for 775 the filing or recording of the bond proceedings by which such 776 pledge is created or any certificate, statement or other document 777 with respect thereto; and the pledge of such pledged receipts and 778 special funds is effective and the money therefrom and thereof may 779 be applied to the purposes for which pledged without necessity for 780 any act of appropriation. Every pledge, and every covenant and 781 agreement made with respect thereto, made in the bond proceedings 782 may therein be extended to the benefit of the owners and holders 783 of obligations authorized by this section, and to any trustee 784 therefor, for the further security of the payment of the bond 785 service charges. 786

(E) The bond proceedings may contain additional provisions as 787 to: 788

(1) The redemption of obligations prior to maturity at the
option of the issuing authority at such price or prices and under
such terms and conditions as are provided in the bond proceedings;
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- (2) Other terms of the obligations; 792
- (3) Limitations on the issuance of additional obligations; 793

(4) The terms of any trust agreement or indenture securing794the obligations or under which the same may be issued;795

(5) The deposit, investment and application of special funds, 796 and the safeguarding of moneys on hand or on deposit, without 797 regard to Chapter 131. or 135. of the Revised Code, but subject to 798 any special provisions of this chapter, with respect to particular 799 funds or moneys, provided that any bank or trust company which 800 acts as depository of any moneys in the special funds may furnish 801 such indemnifying bonds or may pledge such securities as required 802 by the issuing authority; 803

(6) Any or every provision of the bond proceedings being
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binding upon such officer, board, commission, authority, agency,
department, or other person or body as may from time to time have
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the authority under law to take such actions as may be necessary
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to perform all or any part of the duty required by such provision; 808

(7) Any provision that may be made in a trust agreement or 809indenture; 810

(8) Any other or additional agreements with the holders of
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the obligations, or the trustee therefor, relating to the
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obligations or the security therefor, including the assignment of
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mortgages or other security obtained or to be obtained for loans
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under section 122.43, 166.07, or 166.16 of the Revised Code.
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(F) The obligations may have the great seal of the state or a 816 facsimile thereof affixed thereto or printed thereon. The 817 obligations and any coupons pertaining to obligations shall be 818 signed or bear the facsimile signature of the issuing authority. 819 Any obligations or coupons may be executed by the person who, on 820 the date of execution, is the proper issuing authority although on 821 the date of such bonds or coupons such person was not the issuing 822 authority. If the issuing authority whose signature or a facsimile 823 of whose signature appears on any such obligation or coupon ceases 824 to be the issuing authority before delivery thereof, such 825 signature or facsimile is nevertheless valid and sufficient for 826 all purposes as if the former issuing authority had remained the 827 issuing authority until such delivery; and if the seal to be 828 affixed to obligations has been changed after a facsimile of the 829 seal has been imprinted on such obligations, such facsimile seal 830 shall continue to be sufficient as to such obligations and 831 obligations issued in substitution or exchange therefor. 832

(G) All obligations are negotiable instruments and securities 833 under Chapter 1308. of the Revised Code, subject to the provisions 834 of the bond proceedings as to registration. The obligations may be 835 issued in coupon or in registered form, or both, as the issuing 836 authority determines. Provision may be made for the registration 837 of any obligations with coupons attached thereto as to principal 838 alone or as to both principal and interest, their exchange for 839

obligations so registered, and for the conversion or reconversion 840 into obligations with coupons attached thereto of any obligations 841 registered as to both principal and interest, and for reasonable 842 charges for such registration, exchange, conversion, and 843 reconversion. 844

(H) Obligations may be sold at public sale or at private845sale, as determined in the bond proceedings.846

Obligations issued to provide moneys for the loan guarantee847fund or the innovation Ohio loan guarantee fund may, as determined848by the issuing authority, be sold at private sale, and without849publication of a notice of sale.850

(I) Pending preparation of definitive obligations, the
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 issuing authority may issue interim receipts or certificates which
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 shall be exchanged for such definitive obligations.
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(J) In the discretion of the issuing authority, obligations 854 may be secured additionally by a trust agreement or indenture 855 between the issuing authority and a corporate trustee which may be 856 any trust company or bank having its principal place of business 857 within the state. Any such agreement or indenture may contain the 858 resolution or order authorizing the issuance of the obligations, 859 any provisions that may be contained in any bond proceedings, and 860 other provisions which are customary or appropriate in an 861 agreement or indenture of such type, including, but not limited 862 to: 863

(1) Maintenance of each pledge, trust agreement, indenture, 864
or other instrument comprising part of the bond proceedings until 865
the state has fully paid the bond service charges on the 866
obligations secured thereby, or provision therefor has been made; 867

(2) In the event of default in any payments required to be
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made by the bond proceedings, or any other agreement of the
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issuing authority made as a part of the contract under which the
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obligations were issued, enforcement of such payments or agreement 871 by mandamus, the appointment of a receiver, suit in equity, action 872 at law, or any combination of the foregoing; 873

(3) The rights and remedies of the holders of obligations and 874 of the trustee, and provisions for protecting and enforcing them, 875 including limitations on rights of individual holders of 876 obligations; 877

(4) The replacement of any obligations that become mutilated or are destroyed, lost, or stolen; 879

(5) Such other provisions as the trustee and the issuing 880 authority agree upon, including limitations, conditions, or 881 qualifications relating to any of the foregoing. 882

(K) Any holders of obligations or trustees under the bond 883 proceedings, except to the extent that their rights are restricted 884 by the bond proceedings, may by any suitable form of legal 885 proceedings, protect and enforce any rights under the laws of this 886 state or granted by such bond proceedings. Such rights include the 887 right to compel the performance of all duties of the issuing 888 authority, the director of development, or the division of liquor 889 control required by this chapter or the bond proceedings; to 890 enjoin unlawful activities; and in the event of default with 891 respect to the payment of any bond service charges on any 892 obligations or in the performance of any covenant or agreement on 893 the part of the issuing authority, the director of development, or 894 the division of liquor control in the bond proceedings, to apply 895 to a court having jurisdiction of the cause to appoint a receiver 896 to receive and administer the pledged receipts and special funds, 897 other than those in the custody of the treasurer of state, which 898 are pledged to the payment of the bond service charges on such 899 obligations or which are the subject of the covenant or agreement, 900 with full power to pay, and to provide for payment of bond service 901 charges on, such obligations, and with such powers, subject to the 902

direction of the court, as are accorded receivers in general 903 equity cases, excluding any power to pledge additional revenues or 904 receipts or other income or moneys of the issuing authority or the 905 state or governmental agencies of the state to the payment of such 906 principal and interest and excluding the power to take possession 907 of, mortgage, or cause the sale or otherwise dispose of any 908 project facilities. 909

Each duty of the issuing authority and the issuing 910 authority's officers and employees, and of each governmental 911 agency and its officers, members, or employees, undertaken 912 pursuant to the bond proceedings or any agreement or lease, 913 lease-purchase agreement, or loan made under authority of this 914 chapter, and in every agreement by or with the issuing authority, 915 is hereby established as a duty of the issuing authority, and of 916 each such officer, member, or employee having authority to perform 917 such duty, specifically enjoined by the law resulting from an 918 office, trust, or station within the meaning of section 2731.01 of 919 the Revised Code. 920

The person who is at the time the issuing authority, or the 921 issuing authority's officers or employees, are not liable in their 922 personal capacities on any obligations issued by the issuing 923 authority or any agreements of or with the issuing authority. 924

(L) The issuing authority may authorize and issue obligations 925 for the refunding, including funding and retirement, and advance 926 refunding with or without payment or redemption prior to maturity, 927 of any obligations previously issued by the issuing authority. 928 Such obligations may be issued in amounts sufficient for payment 929 of the principal amount of the prior obligations, any redemption 930 premiums thereon, principal maturities of any such obligations 931 maturing prior to the redemption of the remaining obligations on a 932 parity therewith, interest accrued or to accrue to the maturity 933 dates or dates of redemption of such obligations, and any 934

allowable costs including expenses incurred or to be incurred in 935 connection with such issuance and such refunding, funding, and 936 retirement. Subject to the bond proceedings therefor, the portion 937 of proceeds of the sale of obligations issued under this division 938 to be applied to bond service charges on the prior obligations 939 shall be credited to an appropriate account held by the trustee 940 for such prior or new obligations or to the appropriate account in 941 the bond service fund for such obligations. Obligations authorized 942 under this division shall be deemed to be issued for those 943 purposes for which such prior obligations were issued and are 944 subject to the provisions of this section pertaining to other 945 obligations, except as otherwise provided in this section; 946 provided that, unless otherwise authorized by the general 947 assembly, any limitations imposed by the general assembly pursuant 948 to this section with respect to bond service charges applicable to 949 the prior obligations shall be applicable to the obligations 950 issued under this division to refund, fund, advance refund or 951 retire such prior obligations. 952

(M) The authority to issue obligations under this section 953 includes authority to issue obligations in the form of bond 954 anticipation notes and to renew the same from time to time by the 955 issuance of new notes. The holders of such notes or interest 956 coupons pertaining thereto shall have a right to be paid solely 957 from the pledged receipts and special funds that may be pledged to 958 the payment of the bonds anticipated, or from the proceeds of such 959 bonds or renewal notes, or both, as the issuing authority provides 960 in the resolution or order authorizing such notes. Such notes may 961 be additionally secured by covenants of the issuing authority to 962 the effect that the issuing authority and the state will do such 963 or all things necessary for the issuance of such bonds or renewal 964 notes in appropriate amount, and apply the proceeds thereof to the 965 extent necessary, to make full payment of the principal of and 966 interest on such notes at the time or times contemplated, as 967 provided in such resolution or order. For such purpose, the 968 issuing authority may issue bonds or renewal notes in such 969 principal amount and upon such terms as may be necessary to 970 provide funds to pay when required the principal of and interest 971 on such notes, notwithstanding any limitations prescribed by or 972 for purposes of this section. Subject to this division, all 973 provisions for and references to obligations in this section are 974 applicable to notes authorized under this division. 975

The issuing authority in the bond proceedings authorizing the 976 issuance of bond anticipation notes shall set forth for such bonds 977 an estimated interest rate and a schedule of principal payments 978 for such bonds and the annual maturity dates thereof, and for 979 purposes of any limitation on bond service charges prescribed 980 under division (A) of section 166.11 of the Revised Code, the 981 amount of bond service charges on such bond anticipation notes is 982 deemed to be the bond service charges for the bonds anticipated 983 thereby as set forth in the bond proceedings applicable to such 984 notes, but this provision does not modify any authority in this 985 section to pledge receipts and special funds to, and covenant to 986 issue bonds to fund, the payment of principal of and interest and 987 any premium on such notes. 988

(N) Obligations issued under this section are lawful 989 investments for banks, societies for savings, savings and loan 990 associations, deposit guarantee associations, trust companies, 991 trustees, fiduciaries, insurance companies, including domestic for 992 life and domestic not for life, trustees or other officers having 993 charge of sinking and bond retirement or other special funds of 994 political subdivisions and taxing districts of this state, the 995 commissioners of the sinking fund of the state, the administrator 996 of workers' compensation, the state teachers retirement system, 997 the public employees retirement system, the school employees 998 retirement system, and the Ohio police and fire pension fund, 999

notwithstanding any other provisions of the Revised Code or rules 1000 adopted pursuant thereto by any governmental agency of the state 1001 with respect to investments by them, and are also acceptable as 1002 security for the deposit of public moneys. 1003

(0) Unless otherwise provided in any applicable bond 1004 proceedings, moneys to the credit of or in the special funds 1005 established by or pursuant to this section may be invested by or 1006 on behalf of the issuing authority only in notes, bonds, or other 1007 obligations of the United States, or of any agency or 1008 instrumentality of the United States, obligations guaranteed as to 1009 principal and interest by the United States, obligations of this 1010 state or any political subdivision of this state, and certificates 1011 of deposit of any national bank located in this state and any 1012 bank, as defined in section 1101.01 of the Revised Code, subject 1013 to inspection by the superintendent of banks. If the law or the 1014 instrument creating a trust pursuant to division (J) of this 1015 section expressly permits investment in direct obligations of the 1016 United States or an agency of the United States, unless expressly 1017 prohibited by the instrument, such moneys also may be invested in 1018 no-front-end-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively 1019 of obligations of the United States or an agency of the United 1020 States and in repurchase agreements, including those issued by the 1021 fiduciary itself, secured by obligations of the United States or 1022 an agency of the United States; and in common trust funds 1023 established in accordance with section 1111.20 of the Revised Code 1024 and consisting exclusively of any such securities, notwithstanding 1025 division (A)(4) of that section. The income from such investments 1026 shall be credited to such funds as the issuing authority 1027 determines, and such investments may be sold at such times as the 1028 issuing authority determines or authorizes. 1029

(P) Provision may be made in the applicable bond proceedings 1030 for the establishment of separate accounts in the bond service 1031

fund and for the application of such accounts only to the 1032 specified bond service charges on obligations pertinent to such 1033 accounts and bond service fund and for other accounts therein 1034 within the general purposes of such fund. Unless otherwise 1035 provided in any applicable bond proceedings, moneys to the credit 1036 of or in the several special funds established pursuant to this 1037 section shall be disbursed on the order of the treasurer of state, 1038 provided that no such order is required for the payment from the 1039

(Q) The issuing authority may pledge all, or such portion as 1041 the issuing authority determines, of the pledged receipts to the 1042 payment of bond service charges on obligations issued under this 1043 section, and for the establishment and maintenance of any 1044 reserves, as provided in the bond proceedings, and make other 1045 provisions therein with respect to pledged receipts as authorized 1046 by this chapter, which provisions are controlling notwithstanding 1047 any other provisions of law pertaining thereto. 1048

bond service fund when due of bond service charges on obligations.

(R) The issuing authority may covenant in the bond
proceedings, and any such covenants are controlling
notwithstanding any other provision of law, that the state and
applicable officers and governmental agencies of the state,
including the general assembly, so long as any obligations are
outstanding, shall:

(1) Maintain statutory authority for and cause to be charged 1055 and collected wholesale and retail prices for spirituous liquor 1056 sold by the state or its agents so that the pledged receipts are 1057 sufficient in amount to meet bond service charges, and the 1058 establishment and maintenance of any reserves and other 1059 requirements provided for in the bond proceedings, and, as 1060 necessary, to meet covenants contained in contracts of guarantee 1061 made under section 166.06 of the Revised Code; 1062

(2) Take or permit no action, by statute or otherwise, that 1063

interest on the obligations.

would impair the exemption from federal income taxation of the 1064

(S) There is hereby created the economic development bond 1066 service fund, which shall be in the custody of the treasurer of 1067 state but shall be separate and apart from and not a part of the 1068 state treasury. All moneys received by or on account of the 1069 issuing authority or state agencies and required by the applicable 1070 bond proceedings, consistent with this section, to be deposited, 1071 transferred, or credited to a bond service fund or the economic 1072 development bond service fund, and all other moneys transferred or 1073 allocated to or received for the purposes of the fund, shall be 1074 deposited and credited to such fund and to any separate accounts 1075 therein, subject to applicable provisions of the bond proceedings, 1076 but without necessity for any act of appropriation. During the 1077 period beginning with the date of the first issuance of 1078 obligations and continuing during such time as any such 1079 obligations are outstanding, and so long as moneys in the 1080 pertinent bond service funds are insufficient to pay all bond 1081 services charges on such obligations becoming due in each year, a 1082 sufficient amount of the gross profit on the sale of spirituous 1083 liquor included in pledged receipts are committed and shall be 1084 paid to the bond service fund or economic development bond service 1085 fund in each year for the purpose of paying the bond service 1086 charges becoming due in that year without necessity for further 1087 act of appropriation for such purpose and notwithstanding anything 1088 to the contrary in Chapter 4301. of the Revised Code. The economic 1089 development bond service fund is a trust fund and is hereby 1090 pledged to the payment of bond service charges to the extent 1091 provided in the applicable bond proceedings, and payment thereof 1092 from such fund shall be made or provided for by the treasurer of 1093 state in accordance with such bond proceedings without necessity 1094 for any act of appropriation. 1095

(T) The obligations, the transfer thereof, and the income 1096therefrom, including any profit made on the sale thereof, shall at 1097all times be free from taxation within the state. 1098

Sec. 166.11. (A) The aggregate principal amount of project 1099 financing obligations that may be issued under section 166.08 of 1100 the Revised Code is three hundred million dollars, plus the 1101 principal amount of such project financing obligations retired by 1102 payments. The aggregate principal amount of obligations, exclusive 1103 of project financing obligations, that may be issued under section 1104 166.08 of the Revised Code is three five hundred million dollars, 1105 plus the principal amount of any such obligations retired by 1106 payment, the amounts held or obligations pledged for the payment 1107 of the principal amount of any such obligations outstanding, 1108 amounts in special funds held as reserves to meet bond service 1109 charges, and amounts of obligations issued to provide moneys 1110 required to meet payments from the loan guarantee fund created in 1111 section 166.06 of the Revised Code and the innovation Ohio loan 1112 guarantee fund created in section 166.15 of the Revised Code, and 1113 minus the amount if any by which four per cent of the unpaid 1114 principal amount of loan repayments guaranteed under section 1115 166.06 of the Revised Code exceeds the amount in the loan 1116 guarantee fund. The terms of the obligations issued under section 1117 166.08 of the Revised Code, other than obligations issued to meet 1118 guarantees that cannot be satisfied from amounts then held in the 1119 loan guarantee fund, shall be such that the aggregate amount of 1120 moneys used from profit from the sale of spirituous liquor, and 1121 not from other sources, in any fiscal year shall not exceed 1122 twenty five forty-five million dollars. For purposes of the 1123 preceding sentence, "other sources" include the annual investment 1124 income on special funds to the extent it will be available for 1125 payment of any bond service charges in lieu of use of profit from 1126 the sale of spirituous liquor, and shall be estimated on the basis 1127

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of the expected funding of those special funds and assumed 1128 investment earnings thereon at a rate equal to the weighted 1129 average yield on investments of those special funds determined as 1130 of any date within sixty days immediately preceding the date of 1131 issuance of the bonds in respect of which the determination is 1132 being made. The determinations required by this division shall be 1133 made by the treasurer of state at the time of issuance of an issue 1134 of obligations and shall be conclusive for purposes of such issue 1135 of obligations from and after their issuance and delivery. 1136

(B) The aggregate amount of the guaranteed portion of the 1137 unpaid principal of loans guaranteed under sections 166.06 and 1138 166.15 of the Revised Code and the unpaid principal of loans made 1139 under sections 166.07 and, 166.16, and 166.21 of the Revised Code 1140 may not at any time exceed seven eight hundred million dollars. Of 1141 that seven eight hundred million dollars, the aggregate amount of 1142 the guaranteed portion of the unpaid principal of loans guaranteed 1143 under sections 166.06 and 166.15 of the Revised Code shall not at 1144 any time exceed two hundred million dollars. However, the 1145 limitations established under this division do not apply to loans 1146 made with proceeds from the issuance and sale of project financing 1147 obligations. 1148

Sec. 166.13. (A) Prior to entering into each agreement to 1149 provide innovation financial assistance under sections 166.12, 1150 166.15, and 166.16 of the Revised Code, the director of 1151 development shall determine whether the assistance will conform to 1152 the requirements of sections 166.12 to 166.16 of the Revised Code. 1153 Such determination, and the facts upon which it is based, shall be 1154 set forth by the director in submissions made to the controlling 1155 board for purposes of section 166.16 of the Revised Code and to 1156 the development finance financing advisory council under section 1157 166.14 of the Revised Code. An agreement to provide assistance 1158 under sections 166.12, 166.15, and 166.16 of the Revised Code 1159

shall set forth the determination, which shall be conclusive for 1160
purposes of the validity and enforceability of the agreement and 1161
any innovation loan guarantees, innovation loans, or other 1162
agreements entered into pursuant to the agreement to provide 1163
innovation financial assistance. 1164

(B) Whenever a person applies for innovation financial 1165 assistance under sections 166.12, 166.15, and 166.16 of the 1166 Revised Code and the eliqible innovation project for which 1167 innovation financial assistance is requested is to relocate an 1168 eligible innovation project that is currently being operated by 1169 the person and that is located in another county, municipal 1170 corporation, or township, the director shall provide written 1171 notification to the appropriate local governmental bodies and 1172 state officials. The notification shall contain the following 1173 information: 1174

(1) The name of the person applying for innovation financial 1175assistance; 1176

(2) The county, and the municipal corporation or township, in 1177
which the eligible innovation project for which innovation 1178
financial assistance is requested is located; and 1179

(3) The county, and the municipal corporation or township, in 1180which the eligible innovation project to be replaced is located. 1181

The director shall provide the written notification to the 1182 appropriate local governmental bodies and state officials so that 1183 they receive the notification at least five days before the 1184 development finance financing advisory council meeting at which 1185 the council considers the request for innovation financial 1186 assistance pursuant to sections 166.12, 166.15, and 166.16 of the 1187 Revised Code. 1188

- (C) As used in division (B) of this section: 1189
- (1) "Appropriate local governmental bodies" means: 1190

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(a) The boards of county commissioners or legislative
authorities of the county in which the project for which
innovation financial assistance is requested is located and of the
county in which the eligible innovation project to be replaced is
located;

(b) The legislative authority of the municipal corporation or 1196
the board of township trustees of the township in which the 1197
eligible innovation project for which innovation financial 1198
assistance is requested is located; and 1199

(c) The legislative authority of the municipal corporation or 1200
the board of township trustees of the township in which the 1201
eligible innovation project to be replaced is located. 1202

(2) "State officials" means:

(a) The state representative and state senator in whose
 districts the project for which innovation financial assistance is
 requested is located;
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(b) The state representative and state senator in whose 1207 districts the innovation project to be replaced is located. 1208

Sec. 166.14. (A) In determining the eligible innovation 1209 projects to be assisted and the nature, amount, and terms of 1210 innovation financial assistance to be provided for an eligible 1211 innovation project under sections 166.12 to 166.16 of the Revised 1212 Code: 1213

(1) The director of development shall take into consideration 1214all of the following: 1215

(a) The number of jobs to be created or preserved by theeligible innovation project, directly or indirectly;1217

(b) Payrolls, and the taxes generated, at both state and 1218 local levels, by or in connection with the eligible innovation 1219

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project and by the employment created or preserved by or in	1220
connection with the eligible innovation project;	1221

(c) The size, nature, and cost of the eligible innovation 1222
project, including the prospect of the eligible innovation project 1223
for providing long-term jobs in enterprises consistent with the 1224
changing economics of the state and the nation; 1225

(d) The needs of any private sector enterprise to be 1226 assisted; 1227

(e) The amount and kind of assistance, if any, to be provided 1228 to the private sector enterprise by other governmental agencies 1229 through tax exemption or abatement, financing assistance with 1230 industrial development bonds, and otherwise, with respect to the 1231 eligible innovation project or with respect to any providers of 1232 innovation property to be included as part of the eligible 1233 innovation project; 1234

(f) The likelihood of the successful implementation of the 1235proposed eligible innovation project; 1236

(g) Whether the eligible innovation project involves the use1237of technology in a targeted innovation industry sector.1238

(2) The benefits to the local area, including taxes, jobs, 1239
and reduced unemployment and reduced welfare costs, among others, 1240
may be accorded value in the leasing or sales of innovation 1241
project facilities and in loan and guarantee arrangements. 1242

(3) In making determinations under division (A)(1) of this
section, the director may consider the effect of an eligible
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innovation project upon any entity engaged to provide innovation
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property to be acquired, leased, or licensed in connection with
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such assistance.

(B) The director shall submit to the development finance 1248 financing advisory council data pertinent to the considerations 1249

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proposed innovation financial assistance, and such other relevant information as the council may request.

(C) The development finance financing advisory council, on 1253 the basis of such data, shall make recommendations as to the 1254 appropriateness of the innovation financial assistance to be 1255 provided. The recommendations may be revised to reflect any 1256 changes in the proposed innovation financial assistance as the 1257 director may submit to the council. The recommendations, as 1258 amended, of the council as to the appropriateness of the proposed 1259 innovation financial assistance shall be submitted to the 1260 controlling board. 1261

(D) Financial statements and other data submitted to the 1262 director of development, the development finance financing 1263 advisory council, or the controlling board by any private sector 1264 person in connection with innovation financial assistance under 1265 sections 166.12, 166.15, and 166.16 of the Revised Code, or any 1266 information taken from such statements or data for any purpose, 1267 shall not be open to public inspection. The development finance 1268 financing advisory council in considering confidential information 1269 in connection with innovation financial assistance under this 1270 chapter may, only for consideration of the confidential 1271 information referred to, and in the manner provided in division 1272 (E) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code, close the meeting 1273 during such consideration. 1274

Sec. 166.16. (A) The director of development, with the 1275 approval of the controlling board and subject to the other 1276 applicable provisions of this chapter, may lend moneys in the 1277 innovation Ohio loan fund to persons for the purpose of paying 1278 allowable innovation costs of an eligible innovation project if 1279 the director determines that: 1280

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(1) The project is an eligible innovation project and is 1281economically sound. 1282

(2) The borrower is unable to finance the necessary allowable1283costs through ordinary financial channels upon comparable terms.1284

(3) The amount to be lent from the innovation Ohio loan fund1285will not exceed ninety per cent of the total costs of the eligible1286innovation project.

(4) The repayment of the loan from the innovation Ohio loan 1288 fund will be secured by a mortgage, lien, assignment, or pledge, 1289 or other interest in property or innovation property at such level 1290 of priority and value as the director may determine necessary, 1291 provided that, in making such a determination, the director may 1292 take into account the value of any rights granted by the borrower 1293 to the director to control the use of any property or innovation 1294 property of the borrower under the circumstances described in the 1295 loan documents. 1296

(B) The determinations of the director under division (A) of 1297
 this section shall be conclusive for purposes of the validity of a 1298
 loan commitment evidenced by a loan agreement signed by the 1299
 director. 1300

(C) Fees, charges, rates of interest, times of payment of 1301 interest and principal, and other terms, conditions, and 1302 provisions of and security for loans made from the innovation Ohio 1303 loan fund shall be such as the director determines to be 1304 appropriate and in furtherance of the purpose for which the loans 1305 are made. The moneys used in making the loans shall be disbursed 1306 from the innovation Ohio loan fund upon order of the director. 1307 Unless otherwise specified in any indenture or other instrument 1308 securing obligations under division (D) of section 166.08 of the 1309 Revised Code, any payments of principal and interest from loans 1310 made from the innovation Ohio loan fund shall be paid to the 1311

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innovation Ohio loan fund and used for the purpose of making 1312 loans. 1313 (D) The innovation Ohio loan fund is hereby created as a 1314 special revenue fund and a trust fund which shall be in the 1315 custody of the treasurer of state but shall be separate and apart 1316 from and not a part of the state treasury. The fund shall consist 1317 of all grants, gifts, and contributions of moneys or rights to 1318 moneys lawfully designated for or deposited in such fund, all 1319 moneys and rights to moneys lawfully appropriated and transferred 1320 to such fund, including moneys received from the issuance of 1321 obligations under section 166.08 of the Revised Code, and moneys 1322 deposited to such fund pursuant to divisions (C) and $\frac{(G)(H)}{(H)}$ of 1323 this section. The innovation Ohio loan fund shall not be 1324 comprised, in any part, of moneys raised by taxation. 1325

(E) The director may take actions necessary or appropriate to 1326 collect or otherwise deal with any loan made under this section. 1327

(F) The director may fix service charges for the making of a 1328loan. The charges shall be payable at such times and place and in 1329such amounts and manner as may be prescribed by the director. 1330

(G) The treasurer of state shall serve as an agent for thedirector in the making of deposits and withdrawals and maintenanceof records pertaining to the innovation Ohio loan fund.1333

(H)(1) There shall be credited to the innovation Ohio loan 1334 fund the moneys received by this state from the repayment of 1335 innovation Ohio loans and recovery on loan guarantees, including 1336 interest thereon, made from the innovation Ohio loan fund or from 1337 the innovation Ohio loan guarantee fund and from the sale, lease, 1338 or other disposition of property acquired or constructed from with 1339 moneys in the innovation Ohio loan fund with moneys derived from 1340 the proceeds of the sale of obligations under section 166.08 of 1341 the Revised Code. Such moneys shall be applied as provided in this 1342 chapter pursuant to appropriations made by the general assembly. 1343

(2) Notwithstanding division (H)(1) of this section, any 1344 amounts recovered on innovation Ohio loan guarantees shall be 1345 deposited to the credit of the innovation Ohio loan guarantee fund 1346 to the extent necessary to restore that fund to the innovation 1347 Ohio loan guarantee reserve requirement or any level in excess 1348 thereof required by any guarantee contract. Money in the 1349 innovation Ohio loan quarantee fund in excess of the innovation 1350 Ohio loan guarantee reserve requirement, but subject to the 1351 provisions and requirements of any guarantee contracts, may be 1352 transferred to the innovation Ohio loan fund by the treasurer of 1353 state upon the order of the director of development. 1354

(3) In addition to the requirements of division (H)(1) of 1355 this section, moneys referred to in that division may be deposited 1356 to the credit of separate accounts within the innovation Ohio loan 1357 fund or in the bond service fund and pledged to the security of 1358 obligations, applied to the payment of bond service charges 1359 without need for appropriation, released from any such pledge and 1360 transferred to the innovation Ohio loan fund, all as and to the 1361 extent provided in the bond proceedings pursuant to written 1362 directions by the director of development. Accounts may be 1363 established by the director in the innovation Ohio loan fund for 1364 particular projects or otherwise. Income from the investment of 1365 moneys in the innovation Ohio loan fund shall be credited to that 1366 fund and, as may be provided in bond proceedings, to particular 1367 accounts in that fund. The treasurer of state may withdraw from 1368 the innovation Ohio loan fund or, subject to provisions of the 1369 applicable bond proceedings, from any special funds established 1370 pursuant to the bond proceedings, or from any accounts in such 1371 funds, any amounts of investment income required to be rebated and 1372 paid to the federal government in order to maintain the exemption 1373 from federal income taxation of interest on obligations issued 1374 under this chapter, which withdrawal and payment may be made 1375 without necessity for appropriation. 1376

Sec. 166.17. (A) The general assembly finds that in order to 1377 enhance the economic opportunities available to all the people of 1378 the state and to maintain and enhance the competitiveness of the 1379 Ohio economy and to improve the economic welfare of the people of 1380 the state, it is necessary to ensure that the people of the state 1381 will continue to have access to high-value jobs in technology, and 1382 that in order to facilitate such continued access, it is necessary 1383 to provide incentives to ensure the retention and attraction of 1384 businesses that will develop new or improved technologies, 1385 processes, and products, or apply existing technologies in new 1386 ways. Further, the general assembly finds that the attraction of 1387 such jobs and their presence in this state will materially 1388 contribute to the economic welfare of all the people of the state. 1389 Accordingly, it is declared to be the public policy of this state, 1390 through the operations under sections 166.17 to 166.21, 5733.352, 1391 and 5747.331 of the Revised Code, and the provisions for financial 1392 assistance contained in those sections, applicable laws adopted 1393 pursuant to Ohio Constitution, Article VIII, Section 13, and other 1394 authority vested in the general assembly, to assist in and 1395 facilitate the establishment or development of eligible research 1396 and development projects or assist and cooperate with any 1397 governmental agency in achieving that purpose. 1398

(B) In furtherance of that public policy and to implement1399that purpose, the director of development may do any of the1400following:1401

(1) After consultation with appropriate governmental	1402
agencies, enter into agreements with persons engaged in industry,	1403
commerce, distribution, or research and with governmental agencies	1404
to induce such persons to acquire, construct, reconstruct,	1405
<u>rehabilitate, renovate, enlarge, improve, equip, or furnish, or</u>	1406
otherwise develop, eligible research and development projects, or	1407
to enable governmental agencies to acquire, construct,	1408
<u>reconstruct, rehabilitate, renovate, enlarge, improve, equip, or</u>	1409
furnish, or otherwise develop, eligible research and development	1410
projects for lease to persons engaged in industry, commerce,	1411
distribution, or research;	1412

(2) Provide for loans under section 166.21 of the Revised1413Code to finance eligible research and development projects;1414

(3) Subject to the release of such moneys by the controlling1415board, contract for labor and materials needed for, or contract1416with others, including governmental agencies, to provide eligible1417research and development projects, the allowable costs of which1418are to be paid for or reimbursed from moneys in the research and1419development loan fund, and contract for the operation of such1420eligible research and development projects;1421

(4) Subject to release thereof by the controlling board, from	1422
moneys in the research and development loan fund, acquire or	1423
contract to acquire by gift, exchange, or purchase, including the	1424
obtaining and exercise of purchase options, property, and convey	1425
or otherwise dispose of, or provide for the conveyance or	1426
disposition of, property so acquired or contracted to be acquired	1427
by sale, exchange, lease, lease purchase, conditional or	1428
installment sale, transfer, or other disposition, including the	1429
grant of an option to purchase, to any governmental agency or to	1430
any other person without necessity for competitive bidding and	1431
upon such terms and conditions and manner of consideration	1432
pursuant to, and as the director determines to be appropriate to	1433
satisfy the objectives of, Chapter 166. of the Revised Code;	1434
(5) Retain the services of or employ financial consultants,	1435
appraisers, consulting engineers, superintendents, managers,	1436
construction and accounting experts, attorneys, and employees,	1437
agents, and independent contractors as are necessary in the	1438
director's judgment and fix the compensation for their services;	1439
(6) Receive and accept from any person, grants, gifts, and	1440
contributions of money, property, labor, and other things of	1441
value, to be held, used, and applied only for the purpose for	1442
which such grants, gifts, and contributions are made;	1443
(7) Enter into appropriate arrangements and agreements with	1444
any governmental agency for the taking or provision by that	1445
governmental agency of any governmental action with respect to	1446
eligible research and development projects;	1447

(8) Do all other acts and enter into contracts, execute all1448instruments, and make all certifications necessary or appropriate1449to carry out sections 166.01, 166.17 to 166.20, 5733.352, and14505747.331 of the Revised Code;1451

related to research and development rinancial assistance, take	T400
such interests, including, but not limited to, mortgages, security	1454
interests, leasehold interests, assignments, and exclusive or	1455
non-exclusive licenses, as may be necessary or appropriate under	1456
the circumstances, to ensure that such property is used within	1457
this state and that products or services associated with that	1458
property are produced or, in the case of services, delivered, by	1459
persons employed within this state;	1460
(10) Adopt rules necessary to implement any of the provisions	1461
<u>of sections 166.17 to 166.21, 5733.352, and 5747.331 of the</u>	1462

Revised Code applicable to the director.

(C) The determination by the director that facilities or 1464 property constitute eligible research and development projects and 1465 that the costs of such facilities or property are allowable costs 1466 related to an eligible research and development project, and all 1467 other determinations relevant thereto or to an action taken or 1468 agreement entered into, shall be conclusive for purposes of the 1469 validity and enforceability of rights of parties arising from 1470 actions taken and agreements entered into under sections 166.17 to 1471 166.21, 5733.352, and 5747.331 of the Revised Code. 1472

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Sec. 166.18. (A) Prior to entering into each agreement to	1473
provide research and development financial assistance, the	1474
director of development shall determine whether the assistance	1475
will conform to the requirements of sections 166.17 to 166.21,	1476
5733.352, and 5747.331 of the Revised Code. Such determination,	1477
and the facts upon which it is based, shall be set forth by the	1478
director in submissions made to the controlling board for purposes	1479
of section 166.17 of the Revised Code and to the development	1480
financing advisory council under section 166.19 of the Revised	1481
Code. An agreement to provide research and development financial	1482
assistance under section 166.17 or 166.21 of the Revised Code	1483
shall set forth the determination, which shall be conclusive for	1484
purposes of the validity and enforceability of the agreement and	1485
any loans or other agreements entered into pursuant to the	1486
agreement to provide research and development financial	1487
assistance.	1488
(B) Whenever a person applies for research and development	1489
financial assistance and the eligible research and development	1490
project for which the research and development financial	1491
assistance is requested is to relocate an eligible research and	1492
development project that is currently being operated by the person	1493
and that is located in another county, municipal corporation, or	1494
township within the state, the director shall provide written	1495
notification to the appropriate local governmental bodies and	1496
state officials. The notification shall state:	1497
(1) The name of the person applying for research and	1498
development financial assistance;	1499
(2) The county, and the municipal corporation or township, in	1500
which the project for which research and development financial	1501
assistance is requested is located; and	1502

(3) The county, and the municipal corporation or township, in	1503
which the eligible research and development project to be replaced	1504
is located.	1505
The director shall provide the written notification to the	1506
appropriate local governmental bodies and state officials so that	1507
they receive the notification at least five days before the	1508
development financing advisory council meeting at which the	1509
council considers the request for research and development	1510
financial assistance.	1511
(C) As used in division (B) of this section:	1512
(1) "Appropriate local governmental bodies" means:	1513
(a) The board of county commissioners of or legislative	1514
authorities of special districts in the county in which the	1515
project for which research and development financial assistance is	1516
requested is located and of the county in which the eligible	1517
research and development project to be replaced is located;	1518
(b) The legislative authority of the municipal corporation or	1519
the board of township trustees of the township in which the	1520
eligible research and development project for which research and	1521
development financial assistance is requested is located; and	1522
(c) The legislative authority of the municipal corporation or	1523
the board of township trustees of the township in which the	1524
eligible research and development project to be replaced is	1525
located.	1526
(2) "State officials" means:	1527
(a) The state representative and state senator in whose	1528
district the eligible research and development project for which	1529
research and development financial assistance is requested is	1530
<u>located; and</u>	1531

(b) The state representative and state senator in whose	1532
district the eligible research and development project to be	1533
replaced is located.	1534
Sec. 166.19. (A) In determining the eligible research and	1535
development projects to be assisted and the nature, amount, and	1536
terms of the research and development financial assistance to be	1537
provided:	1538
(1) The director of development shall consider:	1539
(a) The number of jobs to be created or preserved, directly	1540
or indirectly, by or in connection with the eligible research and	1541
<u>development project;</u>	1542
(b) Payrolls, and the taxes generated at both state and local	1543
levels, by the eligible research and development project and by	1544
the employment created or preserved by or in connection with the	1545
eligible research and development project;	1546
(c) The size, nature, and cost of the eligible research and	1547
<u>development project;</u>	1548
(d) The likelihood that the eligible research and development	1549
project will create long-term jobs in enterprises consistent with	1550
the changing economics of the state and nation;	1551
(e) The needs of any private sector enterprise to be	1552
assisted, taking into consideration the amount and kind of	1553
assistance, if any, to be provided to the private sector	1554
enterprise by other governmental agencies through tax exemption or	1555
abatement, financing assistance with industrial development bonds,	1556
and otherwise, with respect to the eligible research and	1557
development project or with respect to any providers of research	1558
and development property to be included as part of the eligible	1559
research and development project; and	1560

(f) The likelihood that the eligible research and development	1561
project will be successfully implemented.	1562
(2) The director may consider the benefits to the local area,	1563
including taxes, jobs, and reduced unemployment and reduced	1564
welfare costs, in the leasing or sale of eligible research and	1565
development project facilities and in loan arrangements.	1566
(3) The director may consider the effect of an eligible	1567
research and development project upon any entity engaged to	1568
provide research and development property to be acquired, leased,	1569
or licensed in connection with research and development financial	1570
assistance.	1571
(B) The director shall submit to the development financing	1572
advisory council data pertinent to the considerations set forth in	1573
division (A) of this section, the terms of the proposed research	1574
and development assistance, and such other relevant information as	1575
the council may request.	1576
(C) The development financing advisory council, on the basis	1577
of the data submitted under division (B) of this section, shall	1578
make recommendations as to the appropriateness of the research and	1579
development financial assistance to be provided. The	1580
recommendations may be revised to reflect any changes in the	1581
proposed research and development financial assistance as the	1582
director may submit to the council. The recommendations, as	1583
amended, of the council as to the appropriateness of the proposed	1584
research and development financial assistance shall be submitted	1585
to the controlling board.	1586

(D) Financial statements and other data submitted to the	1587
director of development, the development financing advisory	1588
council, or the controlling board by any private sector person in	1589
connection with research and development financial assistance, or	1590
any information taken from such statements or data for any	1591
purpose, shall not be open to public inspection. The development	1592
financing advisory council in considering confidential information	1593
in connection with research and development financial assistance	1594
may, only for consideration of the confidential information	1595
referred to, and in the manner provided in division (E) of section	1596
121.22 of the Revised Code, close the meeting during such	1597
consideration.	1598
Sec. 166.20. The research and development loan fund is hereby	1599
created as a special revenue fund and a trust fund which shall be	1600
in the custody of the treasurer of state but shall be separate and	1601
apart from and not a part of the state treasury. The fund shall	1602

<u>apart from and not a part of the state treasury. The fund shall</u>	1602
consist of moneys derived from the sale of obligations under	1603
section 166.08 of the Revised Code; moneys deposited to the	1604
research and development fund under section 166.21 of the Revised	1605
Code; and any grants, gifts, or contributions of money received by	1606
the director of development to be used for making loans under	1607
section 166.21 of the Revised Code. The fund shall not be	1608
comprised, in any part, of moneys raised by taxation. The	1609
treasurer of state shall serve as an agent for the director in the	1610
making of deposits and withdrawals and maintenance of records	1611
pertaining to the fund.	1612

Sec. 166.21. (A) The director of development, with the	1613
approval of the controlling board and subject to other applicable	1614
provisions of this chapter, may lend moneys in the research and	1615
development loan fund to persons for the purpose of paying	1616
allowable costs of eligible research and development projects if	1617
the director determines that:	1618
(1) The project is an eligible research and development	1619
project and is economically sound;	1620
(2) The amount to be lent from the research and development	1621
loan fund will not exceed seventy-five per cent of the total costs	1622
of the eligible research and development project; and	1623
(3) The repayment of the loan from the research and	1624
development fund will be secured by a mortgage, lien, assignment,	1625
pledge, or other interest in property or other assets of the	1626
borrower at such level of priority and value as the director	1627
considers necessary, provided that, in making such a	1628
determination, the director shall take into account the value of	1629
any rights granted by the borrower to the director to control the	1630
use of any assets of the borrower under the circumstances	1631
described in the loan documents.	1632
(B) The determinations of the director under division (A) of	1633
this section shall be conclusive for purposes of the validity of a	1634
loan commitment evidenced by a loan agreement signed by the	1635
director.	1636

(C) Fees, charges, rates of interest, times of payment of	1637
interest and principal, and other terms, conditions, and	1638
provisions of and security for loans made from the research and	1639
development loan fund shall be such as the director determines to	1640
be appropriate and in furtherance of the purpose for which the	1641
loans are made. The moneys used in making loans shall be disbursed	1642
from the research and development loan fund upon order of the	1643
director. Unless otherwise specified in any indenture or other	1644
instrument securing obligations under division (D) of section	1645
166.08 of the Revised Code, any payments of principal and interest	1646
from loans made from the research and development loan fund shall	1647
be paid to the research and development loan fund and used for the	1648
purpose of making loans under this section.	1649
(D)(1) As used in this division, "qualified research and	1650
development loan payments" means payments of principal due on a	1651
loan made from the research and development loan fund.	1652
(2) Each year, the director shall issue a certificate to each	1653
borrower from the research and development loan fund indicating	1654
the amount of the qualified research and development loan payments	1655
made by the borrower during the tax year. The certificate shall	1656
state that the borrower's qualified research and development	1657
project alone, or in conjunction with other projects, creates new	1658
jobs and that as of the thirty-first day of December of the tax	1659
year for which the certificate is issued, the borrower is not in	1660
default under the loan agreement, lease, or other instrument	1661
governing repayment of the loan.	1662
(E) The director may take actions necessary or appropriate to	1663
collect or otherwise deal with any loan made under this section.	1664
(F) The director may fix service charges for the making of a	1665
loan. The charges shall be payable at such times and place and in	1666
such amounts and manner as may be prescribed by the director.	1667

(G)(1) There shall be credited to the research and 1668 development loan fund moneys received by this state from the 1669 repayment of loans, including interest thereon, made from the 1670 research and development loan fund and moneys received from the 1671 sale, lease, or other disposition of property acquired or 1672 constructed with moneys in the research and development loan fund 1673 derived from the proceeds of the sale of obligations under section 1674 166.08 of the Revised Code. Such moneys shall be applied as 1675 1676

provided	<u>l in</u>	this	chapter	pursuant	to	appropriations	made by	<u>the</u>	1676
general	asse	embly.	<u>-</u>						1677

(2) In addition to the requirements of division (G)(1) of	1678
this section, moneys referred to in that division may be deposited	1679
to the credit of separate accounts within the research and	1680
development loan fund or in the bond service fund and pledged to	1681
the security of obligations, applied to the payment of bond	1682
service charges without need for appropriation, released from any	1683
such pledge and transferred to the research and development loan	1684
fund, all as and to the extent provided in the bond proceedings	1685
pursuant to written directions by the director of development.	1686
Accounts may be established by the director in the research and	1687
development loan fund for particular projects or otherwise. Income	1688
from the investment of moneys in the research and development loan	1689
fund shall be credited to that fund and, as may be provided in	1690
bond proceedings, to particular accounts in that fund. The	1691
treasurer of state may withdraw from the research and development	1692
loan fund or, subject to provisions of the applicable bond	1693
proceedings, from any special funds established pursuant to the	1694
bond proceedings, or from any accounts in such funds, any amounts	1695
of investment income required to be rebated and paid to the	1696
federal government in order to maintain the exemption from federal	1697
income taxation of interest on obligations issued under this	1698
chapter, which withdrawal and payment may be made without the	1699
necessity for appropriation.	1700

Sec. 184.04. (A) The Ohio research commercialization grant 1701 program is hereby created to improve the commercial viability of 1702 research projects by improving the ability of small technology 1703 companies to assess commercial potential and by promoting the 1704 competitiveness of these companies through the augmentation of 1705 federal research and development funding. The department of 1706 development shall award grants to eligible applicants on a 1707 competitive basis for the following purposes: 1708

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(1) Commercialization of a core competency technology,	1709
including, but not limited to, advanced materials, instruments,	1710
controls, electronics, biosciences, power and propulsion, and	1711
information technology; and	1712
(2) Other related business activities related to the	1713
commercialization of core competency technology.	1714
(B) In order to be eligible for an Ohio research	1715
commercialization grant, the applicant shall demonstrate both of	1716
the following to the director of development:	1717
(1) It is located in Ohio.	1718
(2) It has received an award of funds under (a) the small	1719
business innovation research program or small business technology	1720
<u>transfer program established in 15 U.S.C. 638 or other similar</u>	1721
federal award of funds designated by the director of development	1722
as qualifying an applicant for a grant under this section, or (b)	1723
if the applicant has not received a federal award of funds, the	1724
applicant demonstrates eligibility for an award of funds under the	1725
federal advanced technology program established in 15 U.S.C. 278n	1726
or other similar federal program designated by the director of	1727
development as qualifying an applicant for a grant under this	1728
section.	1729
(C) If an applicant demonstrates eligibility for an award of	1730
funds under the federal advanced technology program or other	1731
similar federal program designated by the director of development	1732
under division (B)(2)(b) of this section, the director of	1733
development shall not make a grant to the applicant until the	1734
director has received notification from the applicant, in such	1735
form as the director prescribes, that the applicant has received	1736
an award of federal funds under the federal advanced technology	1737
program or other similar federal program designated by the	1738
<u>director.</u>	1739

(D) An eligible applicant that receives a grant under the	1740
Ohio research commercialization grant program is not precluded	1741
from being considered for or participating in other financial	1742
assistance programs offered by the department of development.	1743
(E) The director of development shall adopt rules in	1744
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing all	1745
<u>of the following:</u>	1746
(a) Forms and procedures by which eligible applicants may	1747
apply for grants under this section;	1748
(b) Criteria for reviewing, evaluating, and ranking	1749
applications, and for approving applications from eligible	1750
applicants that best serve the goals of the Ohio research	1751
commercialization grant program;	1752
(c) Reporting requirements and monitoring procedures;	1753
(d) The federal awards and programs that make an applicant	1754
eligible for a grant under division (B) of this section;	1755
(e) Any other rules necessary to implement and administer the	1756
Ohio research commercialization grant program.	1757
Sec. 5733.352. (A) As used in this section:	1758
(1) "Related member" has the same meaning as in section	1759
5733.042 of the Revised Code.	1760
(2) "Qualified research and development loan payments" has	1761
the same meaning as in division (D)(1) of section 166.21 of the	1762
Revised Code.	1763

(B) A nonrefundable credit is allowed against the tax imposed 1764 by section 5733.06 of the Revised Code for a taxpaver's gualified 1765 research and development loan payments during the tax year for 1766 which the credit is claimed. The amount of the credit for a tax 1767 year shall not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars. The 1768 credit shall be claimed in the order required under section 1769 5733.98 of the Revised Code. The credit, to the extent it exceeds 1770 the taxpayer's tax liability for the tax year after allowance for 1771 any other credits that precede the credit under this section in 1772 that order, shall be carried forward to the next succeeding tax 1773 year or years until fully utilized. The credit is disallowed if 1774 the taxpayer fails to file with the taxpayer's franchise tax 1775 report a copy of the certificate issued under section 166.21 of 1776 the Revised Code. 1777 (C) A taxpayer entitled to the credit allowed under this 1778 section may assign the credit, or a portion thereof, to: 1779 (1) A related member of the taxpayer; 1780 (2) The owner or lessee of the eligible research and 1781 development project; or 1782 (3) A related member of the owner or lessee of the eligible 1783 research and development project. 1784 A taxpayer making an assignment under this division shall 1785 provide written notice of the assignment to the tax commissioner 1786 and the director of development, in such form as the tax 1787 commissioner prescribes. The assignee may apply the credit against 1788 the tax imposed under section 5733.06 of the Revised Code to the 1789 same extent as if that taxpayer were the taxpayer originally 1790

earning the credit. The credit is disallowed if the assignee fails1791to file with the assignee's franchise tax report a copy of the1792certificate issued under section 166.21 of the Revised Code.1793

Sec. 5733.98. (A) To provide a uniform procedure for 1794 calculating the amount of tax imposed by section 5733.06 of the 1795 Revised Code that is due under this chapter, a taxpayer shall 1796 claim any credits to which it is entitled in the following order, 1797 except as otherwise provided in section 5733.058 of the Revised 1798 Code: 1799

(1) The credit for taxes paid by a qualifying pass-through 1800 entity allowed under section 5733.0611 of the Revised Code; 1801

(2) The credit allowed for financial institutions under 1802 section 5733.45 of the Revised Code; 1803

(3) The credit for qualifying affiliated groups under section 1804 5733.068 of the Revised Code; 1805

(4) The subsidiary corporation credit under section 5733.067 1806 of the Revised Code; 1807

(5) The savings and loan assessment credit under section 1808 5733.063 of the Revised Code; 1809

(6) The credit for recycling and litter prevention donations 1810 under section 5733.064 of the Revised Code; 1811

(7) The credit for employers that enter into agreements with 1812 child day-care centers under section 5733.36 of the Revised Code; 1813

(8) The credit for employers that reimburse employee child 1814 day-care expenses under section 5733.38 of the Revised Code; 1815

(9) The credit for maintaining railroad active grade crossing 1816 warning devices under section 5733.43 of the Revised Code; 1817

(10) The credit for purchases of lights and reflectors under 1818 section 5733.44 of the Revised Code; 1819

(11) The job retention credit under division (B) of section 1820 5733.0610 of the Revised Code; 1821

(12) The credit for manufacturing investments under section	1822
5733.061 of the Revised Code;	1823
(13) The credit for purchases of new manufacturing machinery	1824
and equipment under section 5733.31 or section 5733.311 of the	1825
Revised Code;	1826
(14) The second credit for purchases of new manufacturing	1827
machinery and equipment under section 5733.33 of the Revised Code;	1828
(15) The job training credit under section 5733.42 of the	1829
Revised Code;	1830
(16) The credit for qualified research expenses under section	1831
5733.351 of the Revised Code;	1832
(17) The research and development credit under section	1833
5733.352 of the Revised Code;	1834
(18) The enterprise zone credit under section 5709.66 of the	1835
Revised Code;	1836
(18)(19) The credit for the eligible costs associated with a	1837
voluntary action under section 5733.34 of the Revised Code;	1838
$\frac{(19)(20)}{(20)}$ The credit for employers that establish on-site	1839
child day-care under section 5733.37 of the Revised Code;	1840
$\frac{(20)(21)}{(21)}$ The ethanol plant investment credit under section	1841
5733.46 of the Revised Code;	1842
(21)(22) The credit for purchases of qualifying grape	1843
production property under section 5733.32 of the Revised Code;	1844
$\frac{(22)(23)}{(23)}$ The export sales credit under section 5733.069 of	1845
the Revised Code;	1846
(23)(24) The credit for research and development and	1847
technology transfer investors under section 5733.35 of the Revised	1848
Code;	1849
(24)(25) The enterprise zone credits under section 5709.65 of	1850
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the Revised Code;	1851	
(25)(26) The credit for using Ohio coal under section 5733.39	1852	
of the Revised Code;	1853	
$\frac{(26)(27)}{(27)}$ The refundable jobs creation credit under division	1854	
(A) of section 5733.0610 of the Revised Code;	1855	
(27)(28) The refundable credit for tax withheld under	1856	
division (B)(2) of section 5747.062 of the Revised Code.	1857	
(B) For any credit except the refundable credits enumerated	1858	
in this section, the amount of the credit for a tax year shall not	1859	
exceed the tax due after allowing for any other credit that	1860	
precedes it in the order required under this section. Any excess	1861	
amount of a particular credit may be carried forward if authorized	1862	
under the section creating that credit.		
Sec. 5747.331. (A) As used in this section:	1864	
(1) "Related member" has the same meaning as in section	1865	
5733.042 of the Revised Code.		
(2) "Qualified research and development loan payments" has	1867	
the same meaning as in division (D)(1) of section 166.21 of the	1868	
Revised Code.		

(B) A nonrefundable credit is allowed against the tax imposed	1870
by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code for a taxpayer's qualified	1871
research and development loan payments during the tax year for	1872
which the credit is claimed. The amount of the credit for a tax	1873
year shall not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars. The	1874
credit shall be claimed in the order required under section	1875
5747.98 of the Revised Code. The credit, to the extent it exceeds	1876
the taxpayer's tax liability for the tax year after allowance for	1877
any other credits that precede the credit under this section in	1878
that order, shall be carried forward to the next succeeding tax	1879
year or years until fully utilized. The credit is disallowed if	1880
the taxpayer fails to file with the taxpayer's income tax return a	1881
copy of the certificate issued under section 166.21 of the Revised	1882
Code.	1883
(C) A taxpayer entitled to the credit allowed under this	1884
section may assign the credit, or a portion thereof, to:	1885
(1) A related member of the taxpayer;	1886
(2) The owner or lessee of the eligible research and	1887
<u>development project; or</u>	1888
(3) A related member of the owner or lessee of the eligible	1889
research and development project.	1890
<u>A taxpayer making an assignment under this division shall</u>	1891
provide written notice of the assignment to the tax commissioner	1892
and the director of development, in such form as the tax	1893
commissioner prescribes. The assignee may apply the credit against	1894
the tax imposed under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code to the	1895
same extent as if that taxpayer were the taxpayer originally	1896
earning the credit. The credit is disallowed if the assignee fails	1897
to file with the assignee's income tax return a copy of the	1898
certificate issued under section 166.21 of the Revised Code.	1899

Sec. 5747.98. (A) To provide a uniform procedure for 1900 calculating the amount of tax due under section 5747.02 of the 1901 Revised Code, a taxpayer shall claim any credits to which the 1902 taxpayer is entitled in the following order: 1903 (1) The retirement income credit under division (B) of 1904 section 5747.055 of the Revised Code; 1905 (2) The senior citizen credit under division (C) of section 1906 5747.05 of the Revised Code; 1907 (3) The lump sum distribution credit under division (D) of 1908 section 5747.05 of the Revised Code; 1909 (4) The dependent care credit under section 5747.054 of the 1910 Revised Code; 1911 (5) The lump sum retirement income credit under division (C) 1912 of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code; 1913 (6) The lump sum retirement income credit under division (D) 1914 of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code; 1915 (7) The lump sum retirement income credit under division (E) 1916 of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code; 1917 1918 (8) The credit for displaced workers who pay for job training under section 5747.27 of the Revised Code; 1919 (9) The campaign contribution credit under section 5747.29 of 1920 the Revised Code; 1921 (10) The twenty-dollar personal exemption credit under 1922 section 5747.022 of the Revised Code; 1923 (11) The joint filing credit under division (G) of section 1924 5747.05 of the Revised Code; 1925 (12) The nonresident credit under division (A) of section 1926 5747.05 of the Revised Code; 1927

(13) The credit for a resident's out-of-state income under 1928 division (B) of section 5747.05 of the Revised Code; 1929 (14) The credit for employers that enter into agreements with 1930 child day-care centers under section 5747.34 of the Revised Code; 1931 (15) The credit for employers that reimburse employee child 1932 day-care expenses under section 5747.36 of the Revised Code; 1933 (16) The credit for adoption of a minor child under section 1934 5747.37 of the Revised Code; 1935 (17) The credit for purchases of lights and reflectors under 1936 section 5747.38 of the Revised Code; 1937 (18) The job retention credit under division (B) of section 1938 5747.058 of the Revised Code; 1939 (19) The credit for manufacturing investments under section 1940 5747.051 of the Revised Code; 1941 (20) The credit for purchases of new manufacturing machinery 1942 and equipment under section 5747.26 or section 5747.261 of the 1943 Revised Code; 1944 (21) The second credit for purchases of new manufacturing 1945 machinery and equipment and the credit for using Ohio coal under 1946 section 5747.31 of the Revised Code; 1947 (22) The job training credit under section 5747.39 of the 1948 Revised Code; 1949 (23) The enterprise zone credit under section 5709.66 of the 1950 Revised Code; 1951 (24) The credit for the eligible costs associated with a 1952 voluntary action under section 5747.32 of the Revised Code; 1953

(25) The credit for employers that establish on-site child 1954 day-care centers under section 5747.35 of the Revised Code; 1955

(26) The ethanol plant investment credit under section 1956

5747.75 of the Revised Code;	1957
(27) The credit for purchases of qualifying grape production	1958
property under section 5747.28 of the Revised Code;	1959
(28) The export sales credit under section 5747.057 of the	1960
Revised Code;	1961
(29) The credit for research and development and technology	1962
transfer investors under section 5747.33 of the Revised Code;	1963
(30) The research and development credit under section	1964
5747.331 of the Revised Code;	1965
(31) The enterprise zone credits under section 5709.65 of the	1966
Revised Code;	1967
(31)(32) The refundable jobs creation credit under division	1968
(A) of section 5747.058 of the Revised Code;	1969
(32)(33) The refundable credit for taxes paid by a qualifying	1970
entity granted under section 5747.059 of the Revised Code;	1971
	1972
(33)(34) The refundable credits for taxes paid by a qualifying pass-through entity granted under division (J) of	1972
section 5747.08 of the Revised Code;	1974
(34)(35) The refundable credit for tax withheld under	1975
division (B)(1) of section 5747.062 of the Revised Code.	1976
(B) For any credit, except the refundable credits enumerated	1977
in this section and the credit granted under division (I) of	1978
section 5747.08 of the Revised Code, the amount of the credit for	1979
a taxable year shall not exceed the tax due after allowing for any	1980
other credit that precedes it in the order required under this	1981
section. Any excess amount of a particular credit may be carried	1982
forward if authorized under the section creating that credit.	1983
Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to allow a taxpayer to	1984
claim, directly or indirectly, a credit more than once for a	1985
taxable year.	1986

Section 2. That existing sections 122.151, 122.152, 122.154,1987166.01, 166.02, 166.08, 166.11, 166.13, 166.14, 166.16, 5733.98,1988and 5747.98 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.1989

Section 3. Sections 5733.352 and 5747.331 of the Revised 1990 Code, as enacted by this act, apply to tax years beginning on and 1991 after January 1, 2003. 1992