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A BILL

То	amend sections 9.98, 9.981, 9.982, 122.63, 133.01,	1
	133.08, 133.081, 133.10, 149.43, 169.05, 173.08,	2
	175.08, 175.09, 175.21, 175.22, 175.23, 175.24,	3
	175.25, 175.26, 176.05, 176.06, 176.07, 319.63,	4
	and 1349.11, to amend, for the purpose of adopting	5
	new section numbers as indicated in parentheses,	6
	sections 175.08 (175.09), 175.09 (175.10), 175.21	7
	(174.02), 175.22 (174.03), 175.23 (174.04), 175.24	8
	(174.05), 175.25 (174.06) , and 175.26 (174.07) , to	9
	enact new sections 175.01 to 175.08 and 175.11 to	10
	175.13 and section 174.01, and to repeal sections	11
	175.01, 175.02, 175.03, 175.04, 175.041, 175.05,	12
	175.06, 175.07, 175.10, 175.11, 175.12, 175.13,	13
	175.14, and 175.15 of the Revised Code to remove	14
	the Ohio Housing Finance Agency from the	15
	Department of Development, making the Ohio Housing	16
	Finance Agency an independent agency, to make	17
	other changes to the Ohio Housing Finance Agency	18
	Law, to make certain alternate provisions of the	19
	bond issuance law applicable to bonds issued under	20

the Uniform Public Securities Law, to amend the	21
definition of interest rate hedge to allow a	22
requirement that an issuer issue bonds at a future	23
date, and to add to certain financing and credit	24
enhancement techniques applicable to bonds	25
authority for the bond proceedings to provide for	26
the proceeds from the sale of bonds to be held in	27
escrow and invested in United States government	28
securities and used for the purpose of retiring	29
the bonds or other obligations of the bond issuer.	30

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

Section 1. That sections 9.98, 9.981, 9.982, 122.63, 133.01,	31
133.08, 133.081, 133.10, 149.43, 169.05, 173.08, 175.08, 175.09,	32
175.21, 175.22, 175.23, 175.24, 175.25, 175.26, 176.05, 176.06,	33
176.07, 319.63, and 1349.11 be amended, sections 175.08 (175.09),	34
175.09 (175.10),175.21 (174.02), 175.22 (174.03), 175.23 (174.04),	35
175.24 (174.05), 175.25 (174.06), and 175.26 (174.07) be amended	36
for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in	37
parentheses, and new sections 175.01, 175.02, 175.03, 175.04,	38
175.05, 175.06, 175.07, 175.08, 175.11, 175.12, and 175.13 and	39
section 174.01 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	40

- Sec. 9.98. As used in sections 9.98 to 9.983 of the Revised 41 Code:
- (A) "Absolute obligor" means the person, other than the
 issuer, ultimately responsible under a loan agreement, lease, or
 sale or installment sale agreement, or other contract with the
 issuer to make payments necessary to provide adequate moneys to
 meet the debt service on the bonds, whether or not such payments
 are also provided for pursuant to a credit facility.

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(B) "Administrative agent" means a bank, trust company, or	49
other person which has responsibility for authenticating,	50
delivering, or redeeming commercial paper on behalf of the issuer.	51
(C) "Agent" means, as applicable, one or more of the persons	52
who are administrative agents, indexing agents, remarketing	53
agents, or other persons having responsibility for performing	54
functions with respect to floating rate interest structures or put	55
arrangments arrangements.	56
(D) "Bonds" means bonds, notes, or other obligations	57
evidencing the borrowing of money, whether or not interest	58
bearing, or in coupon, registered, or book entry form, and	59
includes, as appropriate, coupons or interest, if any, pertaining	60
thereto.	61
(E) "Bond proceedings" means resolutions, ordinances, orders,	62
trust agreements, indentures, and bonds, loan, sale, or	63
installment sale agreements, agreements with administrative,	64
indexing, or remarketing agents, and agreements pertaining to	65
credit facilities, interest rate hedges, and put arrangements,	66
which authorize or provide for the terms, security, liquidity,	67
issuance, marketing, remarketing, delivery, carrying, redemption,	68
or payment of bonds, or the investment of moneys pertaining to	69
bonds.	70
(F) "Commercial paper" means bonds with one or more	71
maturities of three hundred sixty-five days or less which, under	72
the bond proceedings, are expected to be funded by the issuance of	73
additional bonds with maturities of three hundred sixty-five days	74
or less, whether or not ultimately to be funded with long term	75
bonds.	76
(G) "Credit facility" means letters of credit, lines of	77

credit, stand-by, contingent, or firm bond purchase agreements,

insurance or surety arrangements, and guarantees, and other

rates.

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Sec. 9.981. (A) Sections 9.98 to 9.983 of the Revised Code	142
are applicable to bonds:	143
(1) The payment of the debt service on which is to be	144
provided for directly or indirectly by payments contracted to be	145
made in the bond proceedings by the absolute obligors, being	146
persons other than the issuer; and	147
(2) Which are authorized to be issued under sections 122.39	148
to 122.62, Chapter 165., 902., 3377., 3706., division (A)(4) of	149
section 4582.06, division (A)(8) of section 4582.31, section	150
4582.48, or Chapter 6121. or 6123. of the Revised Code,	151
notwithstanding other provisions therein.	152
(B) Sections 9.98 to 9.983 of the Revised Code are applicable	153
to bonds issued under Chapters <u>133.,</u> 140., 152., 154., 175., and	154
349. of the Revised Code, and to any bonds authorized under laws	155
which expressly make those sections applicable.	156
(C) Subject to division (A) of this section, the authority	157
provided in sections 9.98 to 9.983 of the Revised Code is	158
supplemental to and not in derogation of any similar authority	159
provided by, derived from, or implied by, any law, the Ohio	160
Constitution, or any charter, resolution, or ordinance, and no	161
inference shall be drawn to negate the authority thereunder by	162
reason of the express provisions of sections 9.98 to 9.983 of the	163
Revised Code.	164
(D) Sections 9.98 to 9.983 of the Revised Code shall be	165
liberally construed to permit flexibility in the arrangements	166
therein provided to enhance the issuance of such bonds and provide	167
for terms most beneficial and satisfactory to the persons which	168
undertake to provide for their payment, security, and liquidity.	169
Sec. 9.982. (A) The bond proceedings for bonds referred to in	170
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division (A) or (B) of section 9.981 of the Revised Code may

provide for one or more of the following:	172
(1) Floating rate interest structures, which may, but need	173
not be, limited to maximum rates, with interest periods which may	174
be fixed or vary from time to time and which may contemporaneously	175
differ for portions of the bonds;	176
(2) Put arrangements, with times for puts fixed or varying	177
from time to time and which may contemporaneously differ for	178
portions of the bonds, which puts, when accompanied by remarketing	179
arrangements, shall not constitute the discharge of the bonds so	180
put, and which remarketing shall be a continuation of the original	181
obligation represented by the put bonds and not a reissuance or	182
new issuance of bonds;	183
(3) Special interest payment dates related to the floating	184
rate interest structure or put arrangements, different from	185
interest payment dates otherwise provided by law;	186
(4) Conversion of terms between floating and fixed interest	187
rates, between different interest rate periods, and between	188
different dates for exercising put arrangements, and for	189
termination of put arrangements, floating rate interest	190
structures, and credit facilities, upon stated conditions	191
occurring or upon the direction of the absolute obligor, or the	192
issuer, or other person providing the credit facility;	193
(5) Issuance of the bonds as commercial paper pursuant to	194
master bond proceedings without necessity for reauthorization of	195
successive series; and for otherwise facilitating such issuance	196
without need for further written authorization or execution of	197
bonds;	198
(6) Sale of the bonds at a discount, and with or without	199
interest to be separately payable on the bonds:	200
(7) Sale of bonds the proceeds of which are held in escrow	201

and invested in direct obligations of the United States or	202
obligations quaranteed as to payment by the United States. Those	203
obligations shall mature or be subject to redemption by and at the	204
option of the holders of the obligations not later than the dates	205
when the amounts held in escrow will be sufficient to pay the	206
principal of, and interest on, the bonds as they become due. The	207
amounts held in escrow may be used, at a specified date, to retire	208
either the bonds issued in accordance with division (A)(7) of this	209
section or other obligations of the issuer. No certificate of the	210
fiscal officer as to the maximum maturity of those bonds is	211
required. The maximum maturity of the bonds shall be forty years	212
after their issuance as set forth in division (B) of section 9.983	213
of the Revised Code. Further, the bonds shall not be subject to	214
the limitations of section 133.04, 133.05, 133.07, or 133.09 of	215
the Revised Code. The bonds are determined by the general assembly	216
to create a special obligation that is not bonded indebtedness	217
subject to Section 11 of Article XII, Ohio Constitution.	218
As used in division (A)(7) of this section, "amounts held in	219
escrow" include bond proceeds together with interest or other	220
investment income accrued on bond proceeds through investments in	221
obligations of the United States or obligations guaranteed as to	222
payment by the United States.	223
(B) The bond proceedings or other documents or agreements	224
pertaining to bonds referred to in division (A) or (B) of section	225
9.981 of the Revised Code may provide for one or more of the	226
following:	227
(1) Credit facilities;	228
(2) Agreements with indexing agents, remarketing agents, and	229
administrative agents, and for substitutions for such agents,	230
including substitution directed by the absolute obligor, or the	231

person providing the credit facility, or the issuer;

(2) Establish priorities for housing needs, taking into

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assistance;

provided for in section 5705.09 of the Revised Code, and also 293 means a sinking fund or any other special fund, regardless of the 294 name applied to it, established by or pursuant to law or the 295 proceedings for the payment of debt charges. Provision may be made 296 in the applicable proceedings for the establishment in a bond 297 retirement fund of separate accounts relating to debt charges on 298 particular securities, or on securities payable from the same or 299 common sources, and for the application of moneys in those 300 accounts only to specified debt charges on specified securities or 301 categories of securities. Subject to law and any provisions in the 302 applicable proceedings, moneys in a bond retirement fund or 303 separate account in a bond retirement fund may be transferred to 304 other funds and accounts. 305

- (E) "Capitalized interest" means all or a portion of the 306 interest payable on securities from their date to a date stated or 307 provided for in the applicable legislation, which interest is to 308 be paid from the proceeds of the securities. 309
- (F) "Chapter 133. securities" means securities authorized byor issued pursuant to or in accordance with this chapter.
- (G) "County auditor" means the county auditor of the county 312 in which the subdivision is located. If the subdivision is located 313 in more than one county, "county auditor" means the county auditor 314 of the county that contains the highest amount of the tax 315 valuation of the subdivision or that otherwise has jurisdiction in 316 practice over and customarily handles property tax matters 317 relating to the subdivision. In the case of a county that has 318 adopted a charter, "county auditor" means the officer who 319 generally has the duties and functions provided in the Revised 320 Code for a county auditor. 321
- (H) "Credit enhancement facilities" means letters of credit,lines of credit, stand-by, contingent, or firm securities purchaseagreements, insurance, or surety arrangements, guarantees, and323

other arrangements that provide for direct or contingent payment	325
of debt charges, for security or additional security in the event	326
of nonpayment or default in respect of securities, or for making	327
payment of debt charges to and at the option and on demand of	328
securities holders or at the option of the issuer or upon certain	329
conditions occurring under put or similar arrangements, or for	330
otherwise supporting the credit or liquidity of the securities,	331
and includes credit, reimbursement, marketing, remarketing,	332
indexing, carrying, interest rate hedge, and subrogation	333
agreements, and other agreements and arrangements for payment and	334
reimbursement of the person providing the credit enhancement	335
facility and the security for that payment and reimbursement.	336

- (I) "Current operating expenses" or "current expenses" means
 the lawful expenditures of a subdivision, except those for
 permanent improvements and for payments of debt charges of the
 subdivision.
- (J) "Debt charges" means the principal, including any

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 mandatory sinking fund deposits and mandatory redemption payments,
 interest, and any redemption premium, payable on securities as
 those payments come due and are payable. The use of "debt charges"
 for this purpose does not imply that any particular securities
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 constitute debt within the meaning of the Ohio Constitution or
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 other laws.
- (K) "Financing costs" means all costs and expenses relating 348 to the authorization, including any required election, issuance, 349 sale, delivery, authentication, deposit, custody, clearing, 350 registration, transfer, exchange, fractionalization, replacement, 351 payment, and servicing of securities, including, without 352 limitation, costs and expenses for or relating to publication and 353 printing, postage, delivery, preliminary and final official 354 statements, offering circulars, and informational statements, 355 travel and transportation, underwriters, placement agents, 356

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(N) "Fractionalized interests in public obligations" means	418
participations, certificates of participation, shares, or other	419
instruments or agreements, separate from the public obligations	420
themselves, evidencing ownership of interests in public	421
obligations or of rights to receive payments of, or on account of,	422
principal or interest or their equivalents payable by or on behalf	423
of an obligor pursuant to public obligations.	424
(0) "Fully registered securities" means securities in	425
certificated or uncertificated form, registered as to both	426
principal and interest in the name of the owner.	427
(P) "Fund" means to provide for the payment of debt charges	428
and expenses related to that payment at or prior to retirement by	429
purchase, call for redemption, payment at maturity, or otherwise.	430
(Q) "General obligation" means securities to the payment of	431
debt charges on which the full faith and credit and the general	432
property taxing power, including taxes within the tax limitation	433
if available to the subdivision, of the subdivision are pledged.	434
(R) "Interest" or "interest equivalent" means those payments	435
or portions of payments, however denominated, that constitute or	436
represent consideration for forbearing the collection of money, or	437
for deferring the receipt of payment of money to a future time.	438
(S) "Internal Revenue Code" means the "Internal Revenue Code	439
of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C.A. 1 et seq., as amended, and	440
includes any laws of the United States providing for application	441
of that code.	442
(T) "Issuer" means any public issuer and any nonprofit	443
corporation authorized to issue securities for or on behalf of any	444
public issuer.	445

(U) "Legislation" means an ordinance or resolution passed by

a majority affirmative vote of the then members of the taxing

includes, but is not limited to, in any case any off-street

parking facilities relating to another permanent improvement, and:

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companies, or other financial institutions or qualified persons, 509 including an appropriate office or officer of the subdivision, 510 designated as a paying agent or place of payment of debt charges 511 on the particular securities. 512

- (CC) "Permanent improvement" or "improvement" means any 513 property, asset, or improvement certified by the fiscal officer, 514 which certification is conclusive, as having an estimated life or 515 period of usefulness of five years or more, and includes, but is 516 not limited to, real estate, buildings, and personal property and 517 interests in real estate, buildings, and personal property, 518 equipment, furnishings, and site improvements, and reconstruction, 519 rehabilitation, renovation, installation, improvement, 520 enlargement, and extension of property, assets, or improvements so 521 certified as having an estimated life or period of usefulness of 522 five years or more. The acquisition of all the stock ownership of 523 a corporation is the acquisition of a permanent improvement to the 524 extent that the value of that stock is represented by permanent 525 improvements. A permanent improvement for parking, highway, road, 526 and street purposes includes resurfacing, but does not include 527 ordinary repair. 528
- (DD) "Person" has the same meaning as in section 1.59 of the 529
 Revised Code and also includes any federal, state, interstate, 530
 regional, or local governmental agency, any subdivision, and any 531
 combination of those persons. 532
- (EE) "Proceedings" means the legislation, certifications, 533 notices, orders, sale proceedings, trust agreement or indenture, 534 mortgage, lease, lease-purchase agreement, assignment, credit 535 enhancement facility agreements, and other agreements, 536 instruments, and documents, as amended and supplemented, and any 537 election proceedings, authorizing, or providing for the terms and 538 conditions applicable to, or providing for the security or sale or 539 award of, public obligations, and includes the provisions set 540

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(8) A joint solid waste management district organized under	662
section 343.01 or 343.012 of the Revised Code, the board of	663
directors of the district;	664
(9) A subdivision described in division (MM)(17) of this	665
section, the legislative or governing body or official.	666
(00) "Tax limitation" means the "ten-mill limitation" as	667
defined in section 5705.02 of the Revised Code without diminution	668
by reason of section 5705.313 of the Revised Code or otherwise,	669
or, in the case of a municipal corporation or county with a	670
different charter limitation on property taxes levied to pay debt	671
charges on unvoted securities, that charter limitation. Those	672
limitations shall be respectively referred to as the "ten-mill	673
limitation" and the "charter tax limitation."	674
(PP) "Tax valuation" means the aggregate of the valuations of	675
property subject to ad valorem property taxation by the	676
subdivision on the real property, personal property, and public	677
utility property tax lists and duplicates most recently certified	678
for collection, and shall be calculated without deductions of the	679
valuations of otherwise taxable property exempt in whole or in	680
part from taxation by reason of exemptions of certain amounts of	681
taxable value under division (C) of section 5709.01 or section	682
323.152 of the Revised Code, or similar laws now or in the future	683
in effect.	684
(QQ) "Year" means the calendar year.	685
(RR) "Interest rate hedge" means any arrangement by:	686
(1) By which either:	687
$\frac{(1)(a)}{(a)}$ The different interest costs or receipts at fixed	688
interest rates and at floating interest rates, or at different	689
maturities, are exchanged on stated amounts of bonds or	690
investments, or on notional amounts; or	691

$\frac{(2)}{(b)}$ A party will pay interest costs in excess of an agreed	692
limitation; and	693
(2) Which also may include a requirement for the issuer to	694
issue bonds at a future date. This requirement shall be deemed to	695
be part of the bond proceedings at the time the interest rate	696
hedge is entered into. Issuance of bonds at a future date shall	697
not require further legislative action, but shall be a ministerial	698
act.	699
(SS) "Administrative agent," "agent," "commercial paper,"	700
"floating rate interest structure," "indexing agent," "interest	701
rate period," "put arrangement," and "remarketing agent" have the	702
same meanings as in section 9.98 of the Revised Code.	703
(TT) "Sales tax supported" means obligations to the payment	704
of debt charges on which an additional sales tax or additional	705
sales taxes have been pledged by the taxing authority of a county	706
pursuant to section 133.081 of the Revised Code.	707
Sec. 133.08. (A) In addition to any power to issue securities	708
under other provisions of the Revised Code for the purposes, a	709
county may issue revenue securities as authorized in this section.	710
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(B) A county may issue revenue securities to fund or refund	712
revenue securities previously issued, or for any purposes for	713
which it could issue self-supporting securities and, without	714
limitation, any of the following general purposes:	715
(1) For one or more established sewer districts, any of the	716
purposes provided in divisions (C)(2)(a) and (b) of section 133.07	717
of the Revised Code;	718
(2) Hospital facilities as defined in division (E) of section	719
140.01 of the Revised Code;	720
(3) Facilities described in division (C)(10) of section	721

133.07 of the Revised Code;

- (4) Off-street parking facilities pursuant to section 307.02 723 of the Revised Code. 724
- (C) The county shall establish rates or charges for the use, 725 availability, or rental of the facilities to which the financing 726 relates, being the improvement, enterprise, system, project, or 727 categories of improvements or the operation or function that the 728 facilities serve, which rates or charges shall be designed to 729 provide revenues to the county sufficient to pay the costs of all 730 current expenses of the facilities payable by the county and to 731 pay the debt charges on the securities and to establish and 732 maintain any contractually required special funds relating to the 733 securities or the facilities. 734
- (D) Revenue securities issued under this section shall not be 735 general obligations of the county. Revenue securities issued under 736 this section shall be secured only by a pledge of and lien upon 737 the revenues of the county, derived from its ownership or 738 operation of the facilities, including those rates or charges or 739 rents and any interest subsidies or debt charges, grants, or other 740 payments by federal or state agencies available therefor, and the 741 covenants of the county to maintain sufficient rentals, rates, and 742 charges to produce revenues sufficient to pay all current expenses 743 of the facilities payable by the county and to pay the debt 744 charges on the securities and to establish and maintain any 745 contractually required special funds relating to the securities or 746 the facilities, and, if the securities are anticipatory 747 securities, to issue the revenue securities in anticipation of the 748 issuance of which the revenue securities are issued. Revenue 749 securities may also be secured by a pledge of and lien on the 750 proceeds of any securities issued to fund or refund those revenue 751 securities. 752
 - (E) The county officers authorized by the county taxing

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authority shall execute the necessary documents, including but not	754
limited to trust agreements and leases, to provide for the pledge,	755
protection, and disposition of the pledged revenues from which	756
debt charges and any special fund deposits are to be paid.	757
(F) As long as any of these revenue securities, in either	758
original or refunded form, remain outstanding, except as otherwise	759
provided in those documents, all parts of the facilities the	760
revenues from which are pledged, shall remain under the control of	761
the county taxing authority, whether any parts of the facilities	762
are leased to or operated by others or are in or thereafter come	763
within the boundaries of any municipal corporation, and the	764
facilities shall remain subject to the power and duty of the	765
taxing authority to fix and collect rates or charges or rents for	766
the use of facilities.	767
(G) The authority to issue securities of the county under	768
this section for permanent improvements described in division	769
(B)(2) of this section or division (C)(2)(d) of section 133.07 of	770
the Revised Code may separately and independently be exercised by	771
a board of county hospital trustees established under section	772
339.02 of the Revised Code for those permanent improvements and	773
related operations under the control of that board.	774
(H) Sections 9.98 to 9.983 of the Revised Code apply to	775
securities issued under this section, notwithstanding any other	776
provision in this chapter.	777
Sec. 133.081. (A) As used in this section:	778
Sec. 133.061. (A) As used in this section.	110
(1) "Anticipation notes" means notes issued in anticipation	779
of the sales tax supported bonds authorized by this section;	780
(2) "Authorizing proceedings" means the resolution,	781
legislation, trust agreement, certification, and other agreements,	782

instruments, and documents, as amended and supplemented,

authorizing, or providing for the security or sale or award of, 784 sales tax supported bonds, and includes the provisions set forth 785 or incorporated in those bonds and proceedings; 786

- (3) "County sales tax" means any sales tax levied by the 787 taxing authority of a county pursuant to section 5739.021 or 788 5739.026 of the Revised Code, and any tax levied by that taxing 789 authority upon storage, use, or consumption under section 5741.021 790 or 5741.023 of the Revised Code. However, "county sales tax" does 791 not include a sales tax subject to referendum or a sales tax that 792 was adopted as an emergency measure and is subject to initiative 793 petition under section 5739.022 of the Revised Code. 794
- (4) "Sales tax supported bonds" means the sales tax supported 795 bonds authorized by this section, including anticipation notes; 796
- (5) "Refunding bonds" means sales tax supported bonds issued 797
 to provide for the refunding of the sales tax supported bonds 798
 referred to in this section as refunded obligations. 799
- (B) The taxing authority of a county which has levied a 800 county sales tax for the purpose of providing additional general 801 revenues of the county pursuant to Chapter 5739. of the Revised 802 Code may anticipate the receipts of such tax and issue sales tax 803 supported bonds of the county in the principal amount necessary to 804 pay the costs of financing any permanent improvement as defined in 805 division (CC) of section 133.01 of the Revised Code, or to refund 806 any refunded obligations, provided that the taxing authority 807 certifies that the annual debt charges on the sales tax supported 808 bonds, or on the sales tax supported bonds being anticipated by 809 anticipation notes, do not exceed the estimated annual county 810 sales tax. The maximum aggregate amount of sales tax supported 811 bonds that may be outstanding at any time in accordance with their 812 terms shall not exceed an amount which requires or is estimated to 813 require payments from sales tax receipts of debt charges on the 814 sales tax supported bonds, or, in the case of anticipation notes, 815

projected debt charges on the sales tax supported bonds 816 anticipated, in any calendar year in an amount exceeding the 817 county sales tax in anticipation of which the bonds or 818 anticipation notes are issued as estimated by the fiscal officer 819 based on general sales tax receipts averaged for the prior two 820 calendar years prior to the year in which the sales tax supported 821 bonds are issued, and annualized for any increase in the county 822 sales tax which may have been levied in part during such period or 823 levied after such period. A taxing authority may at any time issue 824 renewal anticipation notes, issue sales tax supported bonds to pay 825 renewal anticipation notes, and, if it considers refunding 826 expedient, issue refunding sales tax supported bonds whether the 827 refunded obligations have or have not matured. The refunding sales 828 tax supported bonds shall be sold and the proceeds needed for such 829 purpose applied in the manner provided in the authorizing 830 proceedings of the taxing authority. The maximum maturity of sales 831 tax supported bonds shall be calculated by the fiscal officer in 832 accordance with section 133.20 of the Revised Code, and such 833 calculation shall be filed with the taxing authority of the county 834 prior to passage of a bond authorizing resolution. If the county 835 sales tax pledged to the payment of the sales tax supported bonds 836 has a stated expiration date, the final principal maturity date of 837 the sales tax supported bonds shall not extend beyond the final 838 year of collection of the county sales tax pledged to the payment 839 of the sales tax supported bonds. 840

(C) Every issue of sales tax supported bonds outstanding in 841 accordance with their terms shall be payable out of the sales tax 842 receipts received by the county or proceeds of sales tax supported 843 bonds, renewal anticipation notes, or refunding sales tax 844 supported bonds which may be pledged for such payment in the 845 authorizing proceedings. The pledge shall be valid and binding 846 from the time the pledge is made, and the county sales tax 847 receipts and proceeds so pledged and thereafter received by the 848

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849 county shall immediately be subject to the lien of that pledge without any physical delivery of the county sales tax receipts or 850 proceeds or further act. The lien of any pledge is valid and 851 binding as against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, 852 contract, or otherwise against the county, whether or not such 853 parties have notice of the lien. Neither the resolution nor any 854 trust agreement by which a pledge is created or further evidenced 855 need be filed or recorded except in the records of the taxing 856 authority. 857

- (D) Sales tax supported bonds issued under this section do 858 not constitute a debt, or a pledge of the faith and credit, of the 859 state, the county, or any other political subdivision of the 860 state, and the holders or owners of the notes have no right to 861 have taxes levied by the general assembly or by the taxing 862 authority of any political subdivision of the state, including the 863 taxing authority of the county, for the payment of debt charges. 864 Unless paid from other sources, sales tax supported bonds are 865 payable from the sales tax receipts pledged for their payment as 866 authorized by this section. All sales tax supported bonds shall 867 contain on their face a statement to the effect that the sales tax 868 supported bonds, as to debt charges, are not debts or obligations 869 of the state and are not debts of any political subdivision of the 870 state, but, unless paid from other sources, are payable from the 871 sales tax receipts pledged for their payment. The utilization and 872 pledge of the sales tax receipts and proceeds of sales tax 873 supported bonds, renewal anticipation notes, or refunding sales 874 tax supported bonds for the payment of debt charges is determined 875 by the general assembly to create a special obligation which is 876 not a bonded indebtedness subject to Section 11 of Article XII, 877 Ohio Constitution. 878
- (E) The sales tax supported bonds shall bear such date or dates, shall be executed in the manner, and shall mature at such

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time or times, in the case of any anticipation notes not exceeding	881
ten years from the date of issue of the original anticipation	882
notes and in the case of any sales tax supported bonds or of any	883
refunding sales tax supported bonds, not exceeding the maximum	884
maturity certified to the taxing authority pursuant to division	885
(B) of this section, all as the authorizing proceedings may	886
provide. The sales tax supported bonds shall bear interest at such	887
rates, or at variable rate or rates changing from time to time, in	888
accordance with provisions in the authorizing proceedings, be in	889
such denominations and form, either coupon or registered, carry	890
such registration privileges, be payable in such medium of payment	891
and at such place or places, and be subject to such terms of	892
redemption, as the taxing authority may authorize or provide. The	893
sales tax supported bonds may be sold at public or private sale,	894
and at, or at not less than, the price or prices as the taxing	895
authority determines. If any officer whose signature or a	896
facsimile of whose signature appears on any sales tax supported	897
bonds or coupons ceases to be such officer before delivery of the	898
sales tax supported bonds or anticipation notes, the signature or	899
facsimile shall nevertheless be sufficient for all purposes as if	900
that officer had remained in office until delivery of the sales	901
tax supported bonds. Whether or not the sales tax supported bonds	902
are of such form and character as to be negotiable instruments	903
under Title XIII of the Revised Code, the sales tax supported	904
bonds shall have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable	905
instruments, subject only to any provisions for registration.	906
Neither the members of the board of the taxing authority nor any	907
person executing the sales tax supported bonds shall be liable	908
personally on the sales tax supported bonds or be subject to any	909
personal liability or accountability by reason of their issuance.	910

(F) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, sections 9.98 to 9.983, 133.02, 133.70, and 5709.76, and division

(A) of section 133.03 of the Revised Code apply to the sales tax

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supported bonds. Sales tax supported bonds issued under this 914 section need not comply with any other law applicable to notes or 915 bonds but the authorizing proceedings may provide that divisions 916 (B) to (E) of section 133.25 of the Revised Code apply to the 917 sales tax supported bonds or anticipation notes. 918

(G) Any authorized proceedings may contain provisions, 919 subject to any agreements with holders as may then exist, which 920 shall be a part of the contract with the holders, as to the 921 pledging of any or all of the county's anticipated sales tax 922 receipts to secure the payment of the sales tax supported bonds; 923 the use and disposition of the sales tax receipts of the county; 924 the crediting of the proceeds of the sale of sales tax supported 925 bonds to and among the funds referred to or provided for in the 926 authorizing proceedings; limitations on the purpose to which the 927 proceeds of the sales tax supported bonds may be applied and the 928 pledging of portions of such proceeds to secure the payment of the 929 sales tax supported bonds or of anticipation notes; the agreement 930 of the county to do all things necessary for the authorization, 931 issuance, and sale of those notes anticipated in such amounts as 932 may be necessary for the timely payment of debt charges on any 933 anticipation notes; limitations on the issuance of additional 934 sales tax supported bonds; the terms upon which additional sales 935 tax supported bonds may be issued and secured; the refunding of 936 refunded obligations; the procedure by which the terms of any 937 contract with holders may be amended, and the manner in which any 938 required consent to amend may be given; securing any sales tax 939 supported bonds by a trust agreement or other agreement; and any 940 other matters, of like or different character, that in any way 941 affect the security or protection of the sales tax supported bonds 942 or anticipation notes. 943

(H) The taxing authority of a county may not repeal, rescind, or reduce any portion of a county sales tax pledged to the payment

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Sec. 133.10. (A) In anticipation of the collection of current 953 property tax revenues in and for any fiscal year, the taxing 954 authority of any subdivision may issue securities, but the 955 aggregate principal amount of such securities shall not exceed 956 one-half of the amount that the budget commission estimates the 957 subdivision will receive from property taxes in that fiscal year 958 and prior to the last day of the sixth month following the month 959 in which the securities are issued, other than taxes to be 960 received for the payment of debt charges or allocated to debt 961 charges on securities issued pursuant to division (C) of this 962 section, and less all advances. When a partial, semiannual, or 963 final property tax settlement is delayed, securities may also be 964 issued in anticipation of the receipt of property taxes levied or 965 collected for debt charges to the extent necessary to meet such 966 debt charges but not in excess of such estimated receipts, less 967 all advances. The securities issued pursuant to this division (A) 968 shall mature not later than the last day of the sixth month 969 following the month in which the securities are issued and in any 970 case not later than the last day of the fiscal year in which they 971 972 are issued.

(B) In anticipation of the collection of current revenues in and for any fiscal year from any source or combination of sources, including distributions of any federal or state moneys, other than the proceeds of property taxes levied by the subdivision, the taxing authority of any subdivision may issue securities, but the

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aggregate principal amount of such securities shall not exceed	978
one-half of the amount estimated by the fiscal officer to be	979
received by the subdivision from such sources during the remainder	980
of such fiscal year, less advances and prior collections.	981

- (C) In anticipation of the collection of current property tax 982 revenues in and for any fiscal year, the taxing authority of a 983 county, municipal corporation, township, or school district may 984 issue securities, but the aggregate principal amount of those 985 securities and of any securities issued pursuant to division (A) 986 of this section outstanding at the time of issuance shall not 987 exceed one-half of the amount that the budget commission estimates 988 the subdivision will receive from all property taxes that are to 989 be distributed to the subdivision from all settlements of taxes 990 that are to be made in the remainder of that fiscal year, other 991 than taxes to be received for the payment of debt charges, and 992 less all advances. 993
- (D) When the tax settlement scheduled under division (B) of 994 section 321.24 of the Revised Code is delayed pursuant to division 995 (E) of that section, the taxing authority of a school district may 996 issue property tax anticipation securities against the taxes to be 997 included in that settlement, but the aggregate principal amount of 998 all securities outstanding against those taxes shall not exceed 999 ninety per cent of the amount estimated to be received from that 1000 settlement by the budget commission, other than taxes to be 1001 received for the payment of debt charges, and less all advances. 1002 The securities issued pursuant to this division (D) shall mature 1003 on or before the next ensuing thirty-first day of August. 1004
- (E) This division applies to all securities authorized by 1005 this section.
- (1) The amounts from the sources anticipated needed to pay debt charges and financing costs shall be considered appropriated for that purpose, and other appropriations from those sources by

the taxing authority shall be limited to the balance available	1010
after deducting the amount to pay those debt charges and financing	1011
costs. The portions of those amounts as received and to be applied	1012
to those debt charges shall be deposited and set aside in an	1013
account for the purpose in the bond retirement fund in the amounts	1014
and at the times required to pay those debt charges as provided	1015
for by the authorizing legislation or otherwise provided by law.	1016

- (2) Except as otherwise provided in division (H) of this 1017 section, the securities shall not be issued prior to the first day 1018 and, except as otherwise provided in divisions (A) and (D) of this 1019 section, shall mature not later than the last day of the fiscal 1020 year for which the revenues are anticipated. 1021
- (3) The proceeds of the principal amount of the securities 1022 shall be used only for the purposes for which the amounts 1023 anticipated were levied, collected, distributed, and appropriated, 1024 and for financing costs related to those securities. 1025
- (4) Property taxes include distributions from the state in 1026 payment of credits against or partial exemptions from, or 1027 reduction of, property taxes.
- (5) If for any reason debt charges on securities authorized 1029 by this section are not paid by the subdivision in the fiscal year 1030 when due, the taxing authority of the subdivision shall include in 1031 its next annual appropriation measure an amount sufficient to pay 1032 those debt charges, and the county auditor and county treasurer 1033 shall withhold, in a custodial account, amounts due the 1034 subdivision from the sources anticipated until such amount is 1035 accumulated by those officers and they directly pay or provide, 1036 through the paying agent or otherwise, for the payment of those 1037 debt charges. 1038
- (F) The authority to issue securities under divisions (A) and 1039
 (B) of this section may be exercised by any board of library 1040

section 2317.023 or 4112.05 of the Revised Code;

section 109.573 of the Revised Code;

(j) DNA records stored in the DNA database pursuant to

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(k) Inmate records released by the department of	1101
rehabilitation and correction to the department of youth services	1102
or a court of record pursuant to division (E) of section 5120.21	1103
of the Revised Code;	1104
(1) Records maintained by the department of youth services	1105
pertaining to children in its custody released by the department	1106
of youth services to the department of rehabilitation and	1107
correction pursuant to section 5139.05 of the Revised Code;	1108
(m) Intellectual property records;	1109
(n) Donor profile records;	1110
(o) Records maintained by the department of job and family	1111
services pursuant to section 3121.894 of the Revised Code;	1112
(p) Peace officer, firefighter, or EMT residential and	1113
familial information;	1114
(q) In the case of a county hospital operated pursuant to	1115
Chapter 339. of the Revised Code, information that constitutes a	1116
trade secret, as defined in section 1333.61 of the Revised Code;	1117
(r) Information pertaining to the recreational activities of	1118
a person under the age of eighteen;	1119
(s) Records provided to, statements made by review board	1120
members during meetings of, and all work products of a child	1121
fatality review board acting under sections 307.621 to 307.629 of	1122
the Revised Code, other than the report prepared pursuant to	1123
section 307.626 of the Revised Code;	1124
(t) Records provided to and statements made by the executive	1125
director of a public children services agency or a prosecuting	1126
attorney acting pursuant to section 5153.171 of the Revised Code	1127
other than the information released under that section;	1128
(u) Test materials, examinations, or evaluation tools used in	1129
an examination for licensure as a nursing home administrator that	1130

(7) "Peace officer, firefighter, or EMT residential and

(a) Any information maintained in a personnel record of a

peace officer, firefighter, or EMT that discloses any of the

familial information" means either of the following:

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As used in divisions $(A)(7)$ and $(B)(5)$ of this section,	1222
"peace officer" has the same meaning as in section 109.71 of the	1223
Revised Code and also includes the superintendent and troopers of	1224
the state highway patrol; it does not include the sheriff of a	1225
county or a supervisory employee who, in the absence of the	1226
sheriff, is authorized to stand in for, exercise the authority of,	1227
and perform the duties of the sheriff.	1228
As used in divisions $(A)(7)$ and $(B)(5)$ of this section,	1229
"firefighter" means any regular, paid or volunteer, member of a	1230
lawfully constituted fire department of a municipal corporation,	1231
township, fire district, or village.	1232
As used in divisions $(A)(7)$ and $(B)(5)$ of this section, "EMT"	1233
means EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, and paramedics that provide emergency	1234
medical services for a public emergency medical service	1235
organization. "Emergency medical service organization,"	1236
"EMT-basic," "EMT-I," and "paramedic" have the same meanings as in	1237
section 4765.01 of the Revised Code.	1238
(8) "Information pertaining to the recreational activities of	1239
a person under the age of eighteen" means information that is kept	1240
in the ordinary course of business by a public office, that	1241
pertains to the recreational activities of a person under the age	1242
of eighteen years, and that discloses any of the following:	1243
(a) The address or telephone number of a person under the age	1244
of eighteen or the address or telephone number of that person's	1245
parent, guardian, custodian, or emergency contact person;	1246
(b) The social security number, birth date, or photographic	1247
image of a person under the age of eighteen;	1248
(c) Any medical record, history, or information pertaining to	1249
a person under the age of eighteen;	1250

(d) Any additional information sought or required about a 1251

person under the age of eighteen for the purpose of allowing that 1252 person to participate in any recreational activity conducted or 1253 sponsored by a public office or to use or obtain admission 1254 privileges to any recreational facility owned or operated by a 1255 public office.

- (9) "Community control sanction" has the same meaning as in 1257 section 2929.01 of the Revised Code.
- (10) "Post-release control sanction" has the same meaning as 1259 in section 2967.01 of the Revised Code.
- (B)(1) Subject to division (B)(4) of this section, all public 1261 records shall be promptly prepared and made available for 1262 inspection to any person at all reasonable times during regular 1263 business hours. Subject to division (B)(4) of this section, upon 1264 request, a public office or person responsible for public records 1265 shall make copies available at cost, within a reasonable period of 1266 time. In order to facilitate broader access to public records, 1267 public offices shall maintain public records in a manner that they 1268 can be made available for inspection in accordance with this 1269 division. 1270
- (2) If any person chooses to obtain a copy of a public record 1271 in accordance with division (B)(1) of this section, the public 1272 office or person responsible for the public record shall permit 1273 that person to choose to have the public record duplicated upon 1274 paper, upon the same medium upon which the public office or person 1275 responsible for the public record keeps it, or upon any other 1276 medium upon which the public office or person responsible for the 1277 public record determines that it reasonably can be duplicated as 1278 an integral part of the normal operations of the public office or 1279 person responsible for the public record. When the person seeking 1280 the copy makes a choice under this division, the public office or 1281 person responsible for the public record shall provide a copy of 1282 it in accordance with the choice made by the person seeking the 1283

copy. 1284

(3) Upon a request made in accordance with division (B)(1) of 1285 this section, a public office or person responsible for public 1286 records shall transmit a copy of a public record to any person by 1287 United States mail within a reasonable period of time after 1288 receiving the request for the copy. The public office or person 1289 responsible for the public record may require the person making 1290 the request to pay in advance the cost of postage and other 1291 supplies used in the mailing. 1292

Any public office may adopt a policy and procedures that it 1293 will follow in transmitting, within a reasonable period of time 1294 after receiving a request, copies of public records by United 1295 States mail pursuant to this division. A public office that adopts 1296 a policy and procedures under this division shall comply with them 1297 in performing its duties under this division.

In any policy and procedures adopted under this division, a 1299 public office may limit the number of records requested by a 1300 person that the office will transmit by United States mail to ten 1301 per month, unless the person certifies to the office in writing 1302 that the person does not intend to use or forward the requested 1303 records, or the information contained in them, for commercial 1304 purposes. For purposes of this division, "commercial" shall be 1305 narrowly construed and does not include reporting or gathering 1306 news, reporting or gathering information to assist citizen 1307 oversight or understanding of the operation or activities of 1308 government, or nonprofit educational research. 1309

(4) A public office or person responsible for public records

is not required to permit a person who is incarcerated pursuant to

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a criminal conviction or a juvenile adjudication to inspect or to

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obtain a copy of any public record concerning a criminal

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investigation or prosecution or concerning what would be a

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criminal investigation or prosecution if the subject of the

investigation or prosecution were an adult, unless the request to	1316
inspect or to obtain a copy of the record is for the purpose of	1317
acquiring information that is subject to release as a public	1318
record under this section and the judge who imposed the sentence	1319
or made the adjudication with respect to the person, or the	1320
judge's successor in office, finds that the information sought in	1321
the public record is necessary to support what appears to be a	1322
justiciable claim of the person.	1323

(5) Upon written request made and signed by a journalist on 1324 or after December 16, 1999, a public office, or person responsible 1325 for public records, having custody of the records of the agency 1326 employing a specified peace officer, firefighter, or EMT shall 1327 disclose to the journalist the address of the actual personal 1328 residence of the peace officer, firefighter or EMT and, if the 1329 peace officer's, firefighter's or EMT's spouse, former spouse, or 1330 child is employed by a public office, the name and address of the 1331 employer of the peace officer's, firefighter's, or EMT's spouse, 1332 former spouse, or child. The request shall include the 1333 journalist's name and title and the name and address of the 1334 journalist's employer and shall state that disclosure of the 1335 information sought would be in the public interest. 1336

As used in division (B)(5) of this section, "journalist"

means a person engaged in, connected with, or employed by any news

medium, including a newspaper, magazine, press association, news

agency, or wire service, a radio or television station, or a

similar medium, for the purpose of gathering, processing,

transmitting, compiling, editing, or disseminating information for

the general public.

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(C) If a person allegedly is aggrieved by the failure of a 1344 public office to promptly prepare a public record and to make it 1345 available to the person for inspection in accordance with division 1346 (B) of this section, or if a person who has requested a copy of a 1347

public record allegedly is aggrieved by the failure of a public	1348
office or the person responsible for the public record to make a	1349
copy available to the person allegedly aggrieved in accordance	1350
with division (B) of this section, the person allegedly aggrieved	1351
may commence a mandamus action to obtain a judgment that orders	1352
the public office or the person responsible for the public record	1353
to comply with division (B) of this section and that awards	1354
reasonable attorney's fees to the person that instituted the	1355
mandamus action. The mandamus action may be commenced in the court	1356
of common pleas of the county in which division (B) of this	1357
section allegedly was not complied with, in the supreme court	1358
pursuant to its original jurisdiction under Section 2 of Article	1359
IV, Ohio Constitution, or in the court of appeals for the	1360
appellate district in which division (B) of this section allegedly	1361
was not complied with pursuant to its original jurisdiction under	1362
Section 3 of Article IV, Ohio Constitution.	1363

- (D) Chapter 1347. of the Revised Code does not limit the provisions of this section. 1365
- (E)(1) The bureau of motor vehicles may adopt rules pursuant 1366 to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to reasonably limit the number 1367 of bulk commercial special extraction requests made by a person 1368 for the same records or for updated records during a calendar 1369 year. The rules may include provisions for charges to be made for 1370 bulk commercial special extraction requests for the actual cost of 1371 the bureau, plus special extraction costs, plus ten per cent. The 1372 bureau may charge for expenses for redacting information, the 1373 release of which is prohibited by law. 1374
 - (2) As used in divisions (B)(3) and (E)(1) of this section: 1375
- (a) "Actual cost" means the cost of depleted supplies, 1376 records storage media costs, actual mailing and alternative 1377 delivery costs, or other transmitting costs, and any direct 1378 equipment operating and maintenance costs, including actual costs 1379

paid to private contractors for copying services. 1380

- (b) "Bulk commercial special extraction request" means a 1381 request for copies of a record for information in a format other 1382 than the format already available, or information that cannot be 1383 extracted without examination of all items in a records series, 1384 class of records, or data base by a person who intends to use or 1385 forward the copies for surveys, marketing, solicitation, or resale 1386 for commercial purposes. "Bulk commercial special extraction 1387 request" does not include a request by a person who gives 1388 assurance to the bureau that the person making the request does 1389 not intend to use or forward the requested copies for surveys, 1390 marketing, solicitation, or resale for commercial purposes. 1391
- (c) "Commercial" means profit-seeking production, buying, orselling of any good, service, or other product.
- (d) "Special extraction costs" means the cost of the time 1394 spent by the lowest paid employee competent to perform the task, 1395 the actual amount paid to outside private contractors employed by 1396 the bureau, or the actual cost incurred to create computer 1397 programs to make the special extraction. "Special extraction 1398 costs" include any charges paid to a public agency for computer or 1399 records services.
- (3) For purposes of divisions (E)(1) and (2) of this section, 1401
 "commercial surveys, marketing, solicitation, or resale" shall be 1402
 narrowly construed and does not include reporting or gathering 1403
 news, reporting or gathering information to assist citizen 1404
 oversight or understanding of the operation or activities of 1405
 government, or nonprofit educational research. 1406
- Sec. 169.05. (A) Every holder required to file a report under section 169.03 of the Revised Code shall, at the time of filing, 1408 pay to the director of commerce ten per cent of the aggregate 1409 amount of unclaimed funds as shown on such the report, except for 1410

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aggregate amounts of fifty dollars or less in which case one	1411
hundred per cent shall be paid. Such The funds may be deposited by	1412
the director in the state treasury to the credit of the unclaimed	1413
funds trust fund, which is hereby created, or placed with a	1414
financial organization. Any interest earned on money in the trust	1415
fund shall be credited to the trust fund. The remainder of such	1416
the aggregate amount of unclaimed funds as shown on such the	1417
report, plus earnings accrued to date of payment to the director,	1418
shall, at the option of the director, be retained by the holder or	1419
paid to the director for deposit as agent for the mortgage funds	1420
with a financial organization as defined in section 169.01 of the	1421
Revised Code, such with the funds to be in income-bearing accounts	1422
to the credit of the mortgage funds, or the holder may enter into	1423
an agreement with the director specifying the obligations of the	1424
United States in which funds are to be invested, and agree to pay	1425
the interest on such <u>the</u> obligations to the state. Holders	1426
retaining such any funds not in obligations of the United States	1427
shall enter into an agreement with the director specifying the	1428
classification of income-bearing account in which the funds will	1429
be held and pay the state interest thereon on the funds at a rate	1430
equal to the prevailing market rate for similar funds. Moneys	1431
which that the holder is required to pay to the director rather	1432
than to retain may be deposited with the treasurer of state, or	1433
placed with a financial organization.	1434

Securities and other intangible property transferred to the director shall, within a reasonable time, be converted to cash and the proceeds deposited as provided for other funds.

One-half of the funds evidenced by such agreements or, in 1438 such income-bearing accounts, or on deposit with the treasurer of 1439 state shall be allocated on the records of the director to the 1440 mortgage insurance fund created by section 122.561 of the Revised 1441 Code. Out of the remaining half, after allocation of sufficient 1442

moneys to the minority business bonding fund to meet the 1443 provisions of division (B) of this section, an equal amount the 1444 remainder shall be allocated on the records of the director to the 1445 housing guarantee fund created by division (D) of section 175.10 1446 of the Revised Code and the housing development fund created by 1447 division (C)(A) of section 175.10 175.11 of the Revised Code. 1448

(B) The director shall serve as agent for the director of 1449 development, and as agent for the Ohio housing finance agency, in 1450 the making of deposits and withdrawals and maintenance of 1451 maintaining records pertaining to the minority business bonding 1452 fund created by section 122.88 of the Revised Code, the mortgage 1453 insurance fund, the housing guarantee fund, and the housing 1454 development fund created by division (C) of section 175.10 175.11 1455 of the Revised Code. Funds from the mortgage insurance fund shall 1456 be are available to the director of development when such those 1457 funds are to be disbursed to prevent or cure, or upon the 1458 occurrence of, a default of a mortgage insured pursuant to section 1459 122.451 of the Revised Code. Funds from the housing guarantee fund 1460 shall be available to the Ohio housing finance agency when such 1461 funds are to be disbursed under a guarantee authorized by section 1462 175.04 of the Revised Code to satisfy a guaranteed mortgage which 1463 is in default. Funds from the housing development fund shall be 1464 <u>are</u> available <u>upon request</u> to the Ohio housing finance agency<u>, in</u> 1465 an amount not to exceed the funds allocated on the records of the 1466 director, for the purposes of section 175.04 175.05 of the Revised 1467 Code when it so requests. Funds from the minority business bonding 1468 fund shall be are available to the director of development upon 1469 request for the purpose of paying to pay obligations on bonds 1470 written by the director writes pursuant to section 122.88 of the 1471 Revised Code; except that, unless the general assembly authorizes 1472 additional amounts are authorized by the general assembly, the 1473 total maximum amount of moneys that may be allocated to the 1474 minority business bonding fund under this division is ten million 1475 dollars. 1476

When such funds are to be so disbursed, the appropriate 1477 agency shall call upon the director to transfer to it the 1478 necessary funds to it. The director shall first withdraw the funds 1479 paid by the holders and deposited with the treasurer of state or 1480 in a financial institution as agent for such the funds. Whenever 1481 these funds are inadequate to meet the request, the director shall 1482 provide for a withdrawal of funds, within a reasonable time, and 1483 in such the amount as is necessary to meet the request, from 1484 financial institutions in which such the funds were retained or 1485 placed by a holder and from other holders who have retained funds, 1486 in an equitable manner as prescribed by the director prescribes. 1487 In the event that the amount to be withdrawn from any one such 1488 holder is less than five hundred dollars, the amount to be 1489 withdrawn shall be is at the director's discretion of the 1490 director. The director shall then transfer to the agency the 1491 amount of funds requested. 1492

Funds which are deposited in the unclaimed funds trust fund 1493 shall be are subject to call by the director when necessary to pay 1494 claims allowed by the director allows under section 169.08 of the 1495 Revised Code, in accordance with the director's rules of the 1496 director, to defray the necessary costs of making publications 1497 required by this chapter, requires and to pay other operating and 1498 administrative expenses incurred by the department of commerce 1499 <u>incurs</u> in the administration and enforcement of this chapter. 1500

The unclaimed funds trust fund shall be assessed a 1501 proportionate share of the administrative costs of the department 1502 of commerce in accordance with procedures prescribed by the 1503 director of commerce prescribes and approved by the director of 1504 budget and management approves. Such The assessment shall be paid 1505 from the unclaimed funds trust fund to the division of 1506 administration fund.

(C) Earnings on the accounts in financial organizations to	1508
the credit of the mortgage funds $shall_{\perp}$ at the option of $such_{\parallel}$	1509
the financial organization, be credited to such the accounts at	1510
such times and at such rates as earnings are paid on other	1511
accounts of the same classification held in the financial	1512
organization or paid to the director. The director shall be	1513
notified annually, and at such other times as the director may	1514
request, of the amount of such the earnings credited to the	1515
accounts. Interest on unclaimed funds retained by a holder <u>retains</u>	1516
shall be paid to the director or credited as specified in the	1517
agreement under which the organization retains the funds. Interest	1518
payable to the director under an agreement to invest unclaimed	1519
funds and obligations of the United States shall be paid annually	1520
by such <u>the</u> holder to the director. Any earnings or interest	1521
received by the director receives under this division shall be	1522
deposited in and credited to the mortgage funds.	1523

- Sec. 173.08. (A) The resident services coordinator program is 1524 established in the department of aging to fund resident services 1525 coordinators. The coordinators shall provide information to 1526 low-income and special-needs tenants, including the elderly, who 1527 live in subsidized financially assisted rental housing complexes, 1528 and assist those tenants in identifying and obtaining community 1529 and program services and other benefits for which they are 1530 eligible. 1531
- (B) The resident services coordinator program fund is hereby

 created in the state treasury to support the resident services

 coordinator program established pursuant to this section. The fund

 consists of all moneys the department of development sets aside

 pursuant to division (A)(4) of section 175.21 174.02 of the

 Revised Code and moneys the general assembly appropriates to the

 fund.

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Sec. 174.01. As used in this chapter:	1539
(A) "Financial assistance" means grants, loans, loan	1540
guarantees, an equity position in a project, or loan subsidies.	1541
(B) "Grant" means funding the department of development or	1542
the Ohio housing finance agency provides for which the department	1543
or the agency does not require repayment.	1544
(C) "Housing" means housing for owner-occupancy and	1545
multifamily rental housing.	1546
(D) "Housing for owner-occupancy" means housing that is	1547
intended for occupancy by an owner as a principal residence.	1548
"Housing for owner-occupancy" may be any type of structure and may	1549
be owned in any type of ownership.	1550
(E) "Housing trust fund" means the low- and moderate-income	1551
housing trust fund created and administered pursuant to Chapter	1552
174. of the Revised Code.	1553
(F) "Lending institution" means any financial institution	1554
qualified to conduct business in this state, a subsidiary	1555
corporation that is wholly owned by a financial institution	1556
qualified to conduct business in this state, and a mortgage lender	1557
whose regular business is originating, servicing, or brokering	1558
real estate loans and who is qualified to do business in this	1559
state.	1560
(G) "Loan" means any extension of credit or other form of	1561
financing or indebtedness directly or indirectly to a borrower	1562
with the expectation that it will be repaid in accordance with the	1563
terms of the underlying loan agreement or other pertinent	1564
document. "Loan" includes financing extended to lending	1565
institutions and indebtedness purchased from lending institutions.	1566
(H) "Loan guarantee" means any agreement in favor of a	1567
lending institution or other lender in which the credit and	1568

resources of the housing trust fund are pledged to secure the	1569
payment or collection of financing extended to a borrower for the	1570
acquisition, construction, improvement, rehabilitation or	1571
preservation of housing, or to refinance any financing previously	1572
extended for those purposes by any lender.	1573
(I) "Loan subsidy" means any deposit of funds into a lending	1574
institution with the authorization or direction that the income or	1575
revenues the deposit earns, or could have earned at competitive	1576
rates, be applied directly or indirectly to the benefit of housing	1577
assistance or financial assistance.	1578
(J) "Low and moderate income persons" means individuals and	1579
families who qualify as low- and moderate-income persons pursuant	1580
to guidelines the department of development establishes.	1581
(K) "Multifamily rental housing" means multiple unit housing	1582
intended for rental occupancy.	1583
(L) "Nonprofit organization" means a nonprofit organization	1584
in good standing and qualified to conduct business in this state	1585
including any corporation whose members are members of a	1586
metropolitan housing authority.	1587
Sec. 175.21 174.02. (A) The low- and moderate-income housing	1588
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trust fund is hereby created in the state treasury. The fund shall	
consist consists of all appropriations made to the fund, housing	1590
trust fund fees collected by county recorders pursuant to section	1591
317.36 of the Revised Code and deposited into the fund pursuant to	1592
section 319.63 of the Revised Code, and all grants, gifts, loan	1593
repayments, and contributions of money made from any source to the	1594
department of development for deposit in the fund. All investment	1595
earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund. The director	1596
of development shall allocate a portion of the money in the fund	1597

to an account of the Ohio housing finance agency. The department

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shall administer the fund. The agency shall use money allocated to	1599
it in the fund for implementing and administering its programs and	1600
duties under sections $\frac{175.22}{174.03}$ and $\frac{175.24}{174.05}$ of the	1601
Revised Code, and the department shall use the remaining money in	1602
the fund for implementing and administering its programs and	1603
duties under sections $\frac{175.22}{174.03}$ to $\frac{175.25}{174.06}$ of the	1604
Revised Code. Use of all money in drawn from the fund is subject	1605
to the following restrictions:	1606
(1) Not more than six per cent of any current year	1607
appropriation authority for the fund shall be used for the	1608
transitional and permanent housing program to make grants to	1609
municipal corporations, counties, townships, and nonprofit	1610
organizations for the acquisition, rehabilitation, renovation,	1611
construction, conversion, operation, and cost of supportive	1612
services for new and existing transitional and permanent housing	1613
for homeless persons.	1614
(2)(a) Not more than five per cent of any the current year	1615
appropriation authority for the fund shall be used for grants and	1616
loans allocated between grants to community development	1617
corporations for the community development corporation grant	1618
program and grants and loans to the Ohio community development	1619
finance fund, a private nonprofit corporation.	1620
(b) In any year in which the amount in the fund exceeds one	1621
hundred thousand dollars and at least that much is allocated for	1622
the uses described in this section, not less than one hundred	1623
thousand dollars shall be used to provide training, technical	1624
assistance, and capacity building assistance to nonprofit	1625
development organizations in areas of the state the director	1626
designates as underserved.	1627

(c) For monies awarded in any fiscal year, priority shall be

given to proposals submitted by nonprofit development

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organizations from areas of the state the director designates as	1630
underserved.	1631
(3) Not more than seven per cent of any current year	1632
appropriation authority for the fund shall be used for the	1633
emergency shelter housing grants program to make grants to	1634
private, nonprofit organizations and municipal corporations,	1635
counties, and townships for emergency shelter housing for the	1636
homeless. The grants shall be distributed pursuant to rules the	1637
director adopts and qualify as matching funds for funds obtained	1638
pursuant to the McKinney Act, 101 Stat. 85 (1987), 42 U.S.C.A.	1639
11371 to 11378.	1640
(4) In any fiscal year in which the amount in the fund	1641
exceeds the amount awarded pursuant to division (A)(2)(b) of this	1642
section by at least two hundred fifty thousand dollars, at least	1643
two hundred fifty thousand dollars from the fund shall be provided	1644
to the department of aging for the resident services coordinator	1645
program as established in section 173.08 of the Revised Code.	1646
(5) Of all current year appropriation authority for the fund,	1647
not more than five per cent shall be used for administration.	1648
(6) Not less than forty-five per cent of the funds awarded	1649
during any one fiscal year shall be for grants and loans to	1650
nonprofit organizations under section $\frac{175.22}{174.03}$ of the Revised	1651
Code.	1652
(7) Not less than fifty per cent of the funds awarded during	1653
any one fiscal year, excluding the amounts awarded pursuant to	1654
divisions (A)(1), $\frac{(A)}{(2)}$, and $\frac{(A)}{(3)}$ of this section, shall be for	1655
grants and loans for activities that provide housing and housing	1656
assistance to families and individuals in rural areas and small	1657
cities that are not eligible to participate as a participating	1658

jurisdiction under the "HOME Investment Partnerships Act," 104

Stat. 4094 (1990), 42 U.S.C. 12701 note, 12721.

- (8) No money in the fund shall be used to pay for any legalservices other than the usual and customary legal servicesassociated with the acquisition of housing.
- (9) Except as otherwise provided by the director under

 division (B) of this section, money Money in the fund may be used

 as matching money for federal funds received by the state,

 counties, municipal corporations, and townships for the activities

 listed in section 175.22 174.03 of the Revised Code.

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- (B) If, after the second quarter of any year, it appears to 1669 the director that the full amount of the money in the fund 1670 designated in that year for activities that provide housing and 1671 housing assistance to families and individuals in rural areas and 1672 small cities under division (A) of this section will not be used 1673 for that purpose, the director may reallocate all or a portion of 1674 that amount for other housing activities. In determining whether 1675 or how to reallocate money under this division, the director may 1676 consult with and shall receive advice from the housing trust fund 1677 advisory committee. 1678
- Sec. 175.22 174.03. (A) The department of development and the 1679 Ohio housing finance agency shall each develop programs under 1680 which, in accordance with rules adopted under this section, they 1681 may make grants, loans, loan guarantees, and loan subsidies to 1682 counties, municipal corporations, townships, local housing 1683 authorities, and nonprofit organizations and may make loans, loan 1684 guarantees, and loan subsidies to private developers and private 1685 lenders to assist in activities that provide housing and housing 1686 assistance for specifically targeted low- and moderate-income 1687 families and individuals. There is no minimum housing project size 1688 for awards under this division for any project that is developed 1689 for a special needs population and that is supported by a social 1690 service agency where the housing project is located. Activities 1691

for which grants, loans, loan guarantees, and loan subsidies may	1692
be made under this section include all of the following:	1693
(1) Acquiring, financing, constructing, leasing,	1694
rehabilitating, remodeling, improving, and equipping publicly or	1695
privately owned housing;	1696
(2) Providing supportive services related to housing and the	1697
homeless, including housing counseling. Not more than twenty per	1698
cent of the current year appropriation authority for the low- and	1699
moderate-income housing trust fund that remains after the award of	1700
funds made pursuant to divisions $(A)(1)$, $(A)(2)$, and $(A)(3)$ of	1701
section $\frac{175.21}{174.02}$ of the Revised Code, shall be awarded in any	1702
fiscal year for supportive services.	1703
(3) Providing rental assistance payments or other project	1704
operating subsidies that lower tenant rents.	1705
(B) Grants, loans, loan guarantees, and loan subsidies may be	1706
made to counties, municipal corporations, townships, and nonprofit	1707
organizations for the additional purposes of providing technical	1708
assistance, design and finance services and consultation, and	1709
payment of pre-development and administrative costs related to any	1710
of the activities listed above.	1711
(C) In developing programs under this section, the department	1712
and the agency shall invite, accept, and consider public comment,	1713
and recommendations from the housing trust fund advisory committee	1714
created under section $\frac{175.25}{174.06}$ of the Revised Code, on how	1715
the programs should be designed to most effectively benefit low-	1716
and moderate-income families and individuals. The programs	1717
developed under this section shall respond collectively to housing	1718
and housing assistance needs of low- and moderate-income families	1719
and individuals statewide.	1720

(D) The department and the agency, in accordance with Chapter

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- 119. of the Revised Code, shall each adopt rules to administer 1722 programs developed under this section. The rules shall prescribe 1723 procedures and forms that counties, municipal corporations, 1724 townships, local housing authorities, and nonprofit organizations 1725 shall use in applying for grants, loans, loan guarantees, and loan 1726 subsidies and that private developers and private lenders shall 1727 use in applying for loans, loan guarantees, and loan subsidies; 1728 eligibility criteria for the receipt of funds; procedures for 1729 reviewing and granting or denying applications; procedures for 1730 paying out funds; conditions on the use of funds; procedures for 1731 monitoring the use of funds; and procedures under which a 1732 recipient shall be required to repay funds that are improperly 1733 used. The rules shall do both of the following: 1734
- (1) Require each recipient of a grant or loan made from the low- and moderate-income housing trust fund for activities that provide, or assist in providing, a rental housing project, to reasonably ensure that the rental housing project will remain affordable to those families and individuals targeted for the rental housing project for the useful life of the rental housing project or for thirty years, whichever is longer;
- (2) Require each recipient of a grant or loan made from the 1742 low- and moderate-income housing trust fund for activities that 1743 provide, or assist in providing, a housing project to prepare and 1744 implement a plan to reasonably assist any families and individuals 1745 displaced by the housing project in obtaining decent affordable 1746 housing.
- (E) In prescribing eligibility criteria and conditions for 1748 the use of funds, neither the department nor the agency is limited 1749 to the criteria and conditions specified in this section and each 1750 may prescribe additional eligibility criteria and conditions that 1751 relate to the purposes for which grants, loans, loan guarantees, 1752 and loan subsidies may be made. However, the department and agency 1753

individuals persons in each county.	1785
(B) The director of development shall determine appropriate	1786
income limits for identifying or classifying low- and	1787
moderate-income persons for the purposes of sections 174.01 to	1788
174.07 of the Revised Code. In making the determination, the	1789
director shall take into consideration the amount of income	1790
available for housing, family size, the cost and condition of	1791
available housing, ability to pay the amounts the private market	1792
charges for decent, safe, and sanitary housing without federal	1793
subsidy or state assistance, and the income eligibility standards	1794
of federal programs. Income limits may vary from area to area	1795
within the state.	1796
Sec. 175.24 174.05. (A) Annually, the department of	1797
development shall submit a report to the president of the senate	1798
and the speaker of the house of representatives describing the	1799
activities of the department under sections $\frac{175.21}{174.01}$ to	1800
$\frac{175.25}{174.07}$ of the Revised Code during the previous state fiscal	1801
year.	1802
(B) Annually, the Ohio housing finance agency shall submit a	1803
report to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house	1804
of representatives describing the activities of the agency under	1805
sections $\frac{175.21}{174.02}$, $\frac{175.22}{174.03}$, and $\frac{175.24}{174.05}$ of the	1806
Revised Code during the previous state fiscal year.	1807
Sec. $\frac{175.25}{174.06}$. (A) There is hereby created the housing	1808
trust fund advisory committee. The committee shall consist	1809
<pre>consists of fourteen members appointed by the governor appoints as</pre>	1810
follows, each of whom shall to represent an organization	1811
organizations committed to housing and housing assistance for low-	1812
and moderate-income persons:	1813
$\frac{(A)}{(1)}$ One member shall to represent lenders.	1814

$\frac{(B)(2)}{(B)}$ One member shall to represent for-profit builders and	1815
developers.	1816
$\frac{(C)(3)}{(3)}$ One member shall to represent the families and	1817
individuals included in the income groups targeted for housing and	1818
housing assistance under divisions (E) and (F) of section 175.22	1819
174.03 of the Revised Code.	1820
$\frac{(D)}{(4)}$ One member shall to represent religious, civic, or	1821
social service organizations.	1822
$\frac{(E)(5)}{(5)}$ One member shall to represent counties.	1823
$\frac{(F)(6)}{(6)}$ One member shall to represent municipal corporations.	1824
$\frac{(G)}{(7)}$ One member shall to represent townships.	1825
$\frac{(H)(8)}{(8)}$ One member shall to represent local housing	1826
authorities.	1827
$\frac{(1)(9)}{(9)}$ One member shall to represent fair housing	1828
organizations.	1829
$\frac{(J)}{(10)}$ Three members shall to represent nonprofit	1830
organizations.	1831
$\frac{(K)(11)}{(11)}$ One member shall to represent real estate brokers	1832
licensed under Chapter 4735. of the Revised Code.	1833
$\frac{(L)(12)}{(12)}$ One member shall to represent the for-profit rental	1834
housing industry.	1835
(B)(1) Terms of office shall be are for four years, with each	1836
term ending on the same day of the same month as did the term that it succeeds. Each member shall hold office from the date of his	1837
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appointment until the end of the term for which he the member was	1839
appointed. Vacancies shall be filled in the manner prescribed for	1840
the original appointment. A member appointed to fill a vacancy	1841
occurring prior to the expiration of the <u>a</u> term for which his	1842
predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the remainder of	1843

controlling board approval prior to making any grant, loan, loan

from or allocated from the low- and moderate-income housing trust

guarantee, or loan subsidy greater than fifty thousand dollars

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(0) "Multifamily rental housing" means multiple unit housing

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to guidelines the agency establishes.

(B) It is hereby declared to be the public purpose of this	1965
state to improve and promote the public health, safety,	1966
convenience, welfare, and prosperity of the people of the state by	1967
the production and preservation of housing.	1968
Sec. 175.03. (A)(1) The Ohio housing finance agency consists	1969
of eleven members. The governor, with the advice and consent of	1970
the senate, shall appoint nine of the members. The other two	1971
members are the director of commerce and the director of	1972
development or their respective designees.	1973
(2) The governor shall appoint one member with experience in	1974
residential housing construction; one with experience in	1975
residential housing mortgage lending, loan servicing, or brokering	1976
at an institution insured by the federal deposit insurance	1977
corporation; one with experience in the licensed residential	1978
housing brokerage business; one with experience with the housing	1979
needs of senior citizens; one with a background in labor	1980
representation in the construction industry; one to represent the	1981
interests of nonprofit multifamily housing development	1982
organizations; one to represent the interests of for-profit	1983
multifamily housing development organizations; and two who are	1984
public members.	1985
(3) The governor shall receive recommendations from the Ohio	1986
housing council for appointees to represent the interests of	1987
nonprofit multifamily housing development organizations and	1988
for-profit multifamily housing development organizations.	1989
(4) Not more than six of the appointed members of the agency	1990
may be of the same political party.	1991
(B)(1) Of the initial appointments the governor makes, one	1992
member representing the public has an initial term ending January	1993
31, 2010, the other member representing the public has an initial	1994

term ending January 31, 2008, the member with a background in	1995
labor representation in the construction industry has an initial	1996
term ending January 31, 2005, the member with experience in	1997
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residential housing mortgage lending, loan servicing, or brokering	1999
has an initial term ending January 31, 2008, the member with	2000
experience with the housing needs of senior citizens has an	2000
initial term ending January 31, 2006, the member representing the	
interests of nonprofit multifamily housing development	2002
organizations has an initial term ending January 31, 2007, the	2003
member representing the interests of for-profit multifamily	2004
housing development organizations has an initial term ending	2005
January 31, 2006, and the member with experience in residential	2006
housing construction and the member with experience in licensed	2007
residential housing brokerage each has an initial term ending	2008
January 31, 2009. Thereafter, each appointed member shall serve	2009
for a term of six years with each term ending on the thirty-first	2010
day of January, six years following the termination date of the	2011
term it succeeds. There is no limit on the number of terms a	2012
member may serve.	2013
(2) Each member shall hold office from the date of	2014
appointment until the end of the term for which the member is	2015
appointed. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior	2016
to the expiration of a term continues in office for the remainder	2017
of that term. Any appointed member shall continue in office	2018
subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the	2019
member's successor takes office or until sixty days have elapsed,	2020
whichever occurs first.	2021
(3) The governor may remove an appointed member from office	2022
for misfeasance, nonfeasance, or malfeasance in office.	2023
(C)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, members	2024
and agency employees shall comply with Chapter 102. and sections	2025

2921.42 and 2921.43 of the Revised Code.

(2) An agency member who is a director, officer, employee, or	2027
owner of a lending institution is not in violation of Chapter 102.	2028
and is not subject to section 2921.42 of the Revised Code with	2029
respect to a loan to an applicant from the lending institution or	2030
a contract between the agency and the lending institution for the	2031
purchase, administration, or servicing of loans if the member	2032
abstains from participation in any matter that affects the	2033
interests of the member's lending institution.	2034
(3) An agency member who represents multifamily housing	2035
interests is not in violation of division (D) or (E) of section	2036
102.03 or division (A) of section 2921.42 of the Revised Code in	2037
regard to a contract the agency enters into if both of the	2038
following apply:	2039
(a) The contract is entered into for a loan, grant, or	2040
participation in a program the agency administers or funds and the	2041
contract is awarded pursuant to rules or guidelines the agency	2042
adopts.	2043
(b) The member does not participate in the discussion or vote	2044
on the contract if the contract secures a grant or loan that	2045
directly benefits the member, a family member, or a business	2046
associate of the member.	2047
(4)(a) Each appointed agency member shall receive	2048
compensation at the rate of two hundred fifty dollars per agency	2049
meeting attended in person, not to exceed a maximum of four	2050
thousand dollars per year.	2051
(b) The compensation rate for appointed members applies until	2052
six years after the effective date of this section, at which time	2053
the members may increase the compensation for members who are	2054
appointed or reappointed after that time. All members are entitled	2055
to reimbursement in accordance with section 126.31 of the Revised	2056
Code for expenses incurred in the discharge of official duties.	2057

Sec. 175.04. (A) The governor shall appoint a chairperson	2058
from among the members. The agency members shall elect a member as	2059
vice-chairperson. The agency members may appoint other officers,	2060
who need not be members of the agency, as the agency deems	2061
necessary.	2062
(B) Six members of the agency constitute a quorum and the	2063
affirmative vote of six members is necessary for any action the	2064
agency takes. No vacancy in agency membership impairs the right of	2065
a quorum to exercise all of the agency's rights and perform all	2066
the agency's duties. Agency meetings may be held at any place	2067
within the state. Meetings shall comply with section 121.22 of the	2068
Revised Code.	2069
(C) The agency shall maintain accounting records in	2070
accordance with generally accepted accounting principals and other	2071
required accounting standards.	2072
(D) The agency shall develop policies and guidelines for the	2073
administration of its programs and annually shall conduct at least	2074
one public hearing to obtain input from any interested party	2075
regarding the administration of its programs. The hearing shall be	2076
held at a time and place as the agency determines and when a	2077
quorum of the agency is present.	2078
(E) The agency shall appoint committees and subcommittees	2079
comprised of members of the agency to handle matters it deems	2080
appropriate.	2081
(1) The agency shall adopt an annual plan to address this	2082
state's housing needs. The agency shall appoint an annual plan	2083
committee to develop the plan and present it to the agency for	2084
consideration.	2085
(2) The annual plan committee shall select an advisory board	2086
from a list of interested individuals the executive director	2087

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provides or on its own recommendation. The advisory board shall	2088
provide input on the plan at committee meetings prior to the	2089
annual public hearing. At the public hearing, the committee shall	2090
discuss advisory board comments. The advisory board may include,	2091
but is not limited to, persons who represent state agencies, local	2092
governments, public corporations, nonprofit organizations,	2093
community development corporations, housing advocacy organizations	2094
for low- and moderate-income persons, realtors, syndicators,	2095
investors, lending institutions as recommended by a statewide	2096
banking organization, and other entities participating in the	2097
agency's programs.	2098
Each agency program that allows for loans to be made to	2099
finance housing for owner occupancy that benefits other than low-	2100
and moderate-income households, or for loans to be made to	2101
individuals under bonds issued pursuant to division (B) of section	2102
175.08 of the Revised Code, shall be presented to the advisory	2103
board and included in the annual plan as approved by the agency	2104
before the program's implementation.	2105
(F) The agency shall prepare an annual financial report	2106
describing its activities during the reporting year and submit	2107
that report to the governor, the speaker of the house of	2108
representatives, and the president of the senate within three	2109
months after the end of the reporting year. The report shall	2110
include the agency's audited financial statements, prepared in	2111
accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and	2112
appropriate accounting standards.	2113
(G) The agency shall prepare an annual report of its programs	2114
describing how the programs have met this state's housing needs.	2115
The agency shall submit the report to the governor, the speaker of	2116
the house of representatives, and the president of the senate	2117
within three months after the end of the reporting year.	2118

Sec. 175.05. (A) The Ohio housing finance agency shall do all	2119
of the following related to the agency's operation:	2120
(1) Adopt bylaws for the conduct of its business;	2121
(2) Employ and fix the compensation of an executive director	2122
who serves at the pleasure of the agency to administer the	2123
agency's programs and activities. The executive director may	2124
employ and fix the compensation of employees in the unclassified	2125
civil service as necessary to carry out this chapter and may	2126
employ other personnel who are governed by collective bargaining	2127
law and classified under that law. The executive director shall	2128
file financial disclosure statements as described in section	2129
102.02 of the Revised Code.	2130
(3) Establish an operating budget for the agency;	2131
(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised Code,	2132
hold all moneys, funds, properties, and assets the agency acquires	2133
or that are directly or indirectly within the agency's control,	2134
including proceeds from the sale of bonds, revenues, and	2135
otherwise, in trust for the purpose of exercising its powers and	2136
carrying out its duties pursuant to this chapter. Notwithstanding	2137
any other provision of the Revised Code, at no time shall the	2138
agency's moneys, funds, properties, or assets be considered public	2139
moneys, public funds, public properties, or public assets or	2140
subject to Chapters 131. and 135. of the Revised Code.	2141
(5) Maintain a principal office and other offices within the	2142
state.	2143
(B) The Ohio housing finance agency may do any of the	2144
following related to the agency's operation:	2145
(1) Except as otherwise provided in section 174.04 of the	2146
Revised Code, determine income limits for low- and moderate-income	2147
persons and establish periodic reviews of income limits. In	2148

carried out by other agencies in a manner that is satisfactory for

administer programs for which the agency receives sufficient

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revenues for its services or the agency supports with uncommitted	2210
agency resources that pay the agency's operating costs;	2211
(b) Administer state and federal programs for which the	2212
governor designates the agency to act as administrator. The agency	2213
may charge administrative fees to the state, the federal	2214
government, or a program recipient.	2215
(14) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised Code,	2216
establish, maintain, administer, and close funds and accounts as	2217
convenient or appropriate to the agency's operations;	2218
(15) Establish a policy to permit the investment of agency	2219
funds in securities and obligations;	2220
(16) Establish rules and procedures that the agency	2221
determines are appropriate to appeal the agency's actions and	2222
decisions;	2223
(17) Serve housing needs in instances that the agency	2224
determines necessary as a public purpose;	2225
(18) Provide coverage for its employees under Chapters 145.,	2226
4123., and 4141. of the Revised Code;	2227
(19) Adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised	2228
Code;	2229
(20) Do anything necessary or appropriate to exercise the	2230
powers of this chapter and carry out the purposes of this chapter	2231
and Section 14, Article VIII and Section 16, Article VIII, Ohio	2232
Constitution.	2233
(C) The attorney general shall serve as the legal	2234
representative for the Ohio housing finance agency and may appoint	2235
special counsel for that purpose in accordance with section 109.07	2236
of the Revised Code.	2237
Sec. 175.06. (A) The Ohio housing finance agency shall do all	2238

of the following related to carrying out its programs:	2239
(1) Upon the governor's designation, serve as the housing	2240
credit agency for the state and perform all responsibilities of a	2241
housing credit agency pursuant to Section 42 of the Internal	2242
Revenue Code and similar applicable laws;	2243
(2) Require that housing that benefits from the agency's	2244
assistance be available without discrimination in accordance with	2245
Chapter 4112. of the Revised Code and applicable provisions of	2246
federal law.	2247
(B) The Ohio housing finance agency may do any of the	2248
following related to carrying out its programs:	2249
(1) Issue bonds, provide security for assets, make deposits,	2250
purchase or make loans, provide economic incentives for the	2251
development of housing, and provide financial assistance for	2252
<pre>emergency housing;</pre>	2253
(2) Serve as a public housing agency and contract with the	2254
United States department of housing and urban development to	2255
administer the department's rent subsidy program, housing subsidy	2256
program, and monitoring programs for low- and moderate-income	2257
persons. The agency shall ensure that any contract into which it	2258
enters provides for sufficient compensation to the agency for its	2259
services.	2260
(3) Develop and administer programs under which the agency	2261
uses moneys from the housing trust fund as allocated by the	2262
department of development to extend financial assistance pursuant	2263
to sections 174.01 to 174.07 of the Revised Code;	2264
(4) Make financial assistance available;	2265
(5) Guarantee and commit to guarantee the repayment of	2266
financing that a lending institution extends for housing,	2267
quaranteeing that debt with any of the agency's reserve funds not	2268

substantially damaged or destroyed housing in the area of the

emergency or disaster.

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(D) The agency shall establish guidelines for extending	2299
financial assistance for emergency housing. The guidelines shall	2300
include eligibility criteria for assistance and the terms and	2301
conditions under which the agency may extend financial assistance.	2302
Sec. 175.07. (A)(1) The Ohio housing finance agency shall not	2303
approve funding for any multifamily rental housing to be	2304
constructed with agency assistance or pursuant to any program the	2305
agency operates or administers unless the applicant provides	2306
notice of the proposed project as this section requires.	2307
(2) Any notice shall be in writing and delivered by certified	2308
mail. The notice shall include the proposed project's address, the	2309
number of units in the project, a description of the project, a	2310
statement of whether the project is new construction,	2311
rehabilitation, or other, a summary of the programs that the	2312
project will utilize, and the address of the agency and the person	2313
to whom to direct comments. The notice shall inform recipients of	2314
their right to submit, within thirty days of the mailing date of	2315
the notice, comments to the agency regarding the proposed	2316
project's impact on the community and that objection to the	2317
project must be submitted in writing and signed by a majority of	2318
the voting members of the legislative body.	2319
(3) An applicant requesting funds for a project of more than	2320
ten units shall provide the notice to all of the following:	2321
(a) The chief executive officer and the clerk of the	2322
legislative body of any municipal corporation in which the project	2323
is proposed to be constructed or that is within one-half mile of	2324
the project's boundaries;	2325
(b) The clerk of any township in which the project is	2326
proposed to be constructed or that is within one-half mile of the	2327
project's boundaries;	2328

(c) The clerk of the board of county commissioners of any	2329
county in which the project is proposed to be constructed or that	2330
is within one-half mile of the project's boundaries.	2331
(4) An applicant requesting funds for a project with ten or	2332
fewer units shall provide the notice to the chief elected official	2333
of the jurisdiction in which the project is proposed to be	2334
constructed, except that if more than one individual serves as the	2335
chief elected official, the applicant shall deliver the notice to	2336
the clerk of the legislative body of that jurisdiction.	2337
(5) To object to a proposed project, a recipient of a notice	2338
shall do both of the following:	2339
(a) Submit a written objection that is signed by a majority	2340
of the voting members of the legislative body in which the project	2341
is proposed to be constructed or that is within one-half mile of	2342
the project's boundaries;	2343
(b) Send a copy of the written objection to the executive	2344
director of the agency by certified mail, return receipt	2345
requested, so that the agency receives the objection within	2346
forty-five days after the applicant mailed the notice to the	2347
recipient.	2348
(6) The agency shall provide a written response to any	2349
objections that it receives pursuant to division (A)(5) of this	2350
section.	2351
(7) The agency shall hold a public hearing to receive	2352
comments of residents of any political subdivision in which the	2353
multifamily rental housing is proposed to be constructed with the	2354
assistance of the agency's multifamily bond program. The applicant	2355
shall provide notice of the hearing to all persons listed in	2356
divisions (A)(3) and (4) of this section and ten days in advance	2357
of the hearing shall publish a notice of the hearing in a	2358
newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the	2359

levy taxes for the payment of the principal or interest on the	2390
agency's bonds. Money raised by taxation shall not be obligated or	2391
pledged for the payment of the principal or interest on bonds the	2392
agency issues pursuant to this chapter.	2393
(2) Bonds issued pursuant to this chapter are payable solely	2394
from the revenues and security interests pledged for their payment	2395
as authorized by this chapter, except for bonds the agency issues	2396
in anticipation of the issuance of bonds and bonds that are	2397
refunded by refunding bonds. Refunding bonds are payable solely	2398
from revenues and security interests pledged for their payment as	2399
authorized by this chapter.	2400
(E)(1) Any pledge on bonds is valid and binding from the time	2401
the pledge is made, and the revenues and security interests	2402
pledged and received are immediately subject to the lien of the	2403
pledge without any physical delivery or further act. The lien of	2404
the pledge is valid and binding as against all parties having	2405
claims of any kind in tort, contract, or otherwise against the	2406
agency, irrespective of whether the parties have notice of the	2407
lien of the pledge.	2408
(2) Any resolution or trust agreement by which a pledge is	2409
created need not be filed or recorded except in the records of the	2410
agency. Any bond shall contain on its face a statement to the	2411
effect that the bond, as to both principal and interest, is not a	2412
debt of this state or any political subdivision of this state, but	2413
is payable solely from the revenues and security interests pledged	2414
for its payment.	2415
(F) The agency may issue bonds for any term, at any interest	2416
rate, use any method of calculating interest including a variable	2417
interest rate, and include any provision or condition authorized	2418
pursuant to resolutions the agency adopts. The agency may	2419
authorize bonds of any denomination, form, registration privilege,	2420

medium of payment, place of payment, and term of redemption.	2421
(G) The agency may sell bonds at public or private sale, for	2422
an amount not less than the price that the agency establishes. The	2423
agency chairperson or vice chairperson and any other officer that	2424
the agency designates shall execute the bonds manually or by	2425
facsimile signature. The agency may affix or print the agency's	2426
official seal or a facsimile on the bonds. Any coupons attached to	2427
the bonds shall bear the signature or facsimile signature of the	2428
chairperson or vice chairperson and any other officer the agency	2429
designates. If an officer whose signature appears on bonds or	2430
coupons ceases to be an officer before the delivery of the bonds,	2431
that signature or facsimile is sufficient for all purposes as if	2432
the officer had remained in office. If the agency changes its seal	2433
after a facsimile is imprinted on the bonds, the imprinted	2434
facsimile seal is sufficient for all purposes. The agency may	2435
execute bonds in book entry form in any manner appropriate to that	2436
form.	2437
(H)(1) Any resolution that authorizes bonds or an issue of	2438
bonds may do any of the following:	2439
(a) Pledge any of the agency's revenues and security	2440
interests to secure the payment of bonds or any issue of bonds;	2441
(b) Specify the use, investment, and disposition of the	2442
agency's revenues;	2443
(c) Agree to establish, alter, and collect fees and other	2444
charges in an amount that pledged revenues are sufficient to pay	2445
the costs of operation and pay the principal and interest on bonds	2446
secured by the pledge of the revenues;	2447
(d) Provide reserves that the resolution or trust agreement	2448
requires;	2449
(e) Set aside reserve funds or sinking funds and regulate and	2450

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liability by reason of the issuance of the bonds.	2480
(J) Bonds issued pursuant to this chapter are deemed to be	2481
negotiable instruments, subject only to the provisions of the	2482
bonds for registration, and possessing the qualities and incidents	2483
of negotiable instruments, notwithstanding whether those bonds are	2484
of the form or character otherwise to be negotiable instruments.	2485
Sec. $\frac{175.08}{175.09}$. (A) $\frac{1}{10}$ (1) At the discretion of the Ohio	2486
housing finance agency, any bonds issued under pursuant to this	2487
chapter may be secured by a trust agreement between the agency and	2488
a corporate trustee, which may be any trust company or financial	2489
institution having that has the powers of a trust company within	2490
or without the state but authorized and is qualified to exercise	2491
those trust powers within the this state. Any such A trust	2492
agreement may pledge or assign the agency's revenues and security	2493
interests of the agency held or to be received holds or is to	2494
receive. Any such trust agreement or any resolution providing that	2495
provides for the issuance of such bonds may contain such	2496
reasonable and proper provisions for protecting and enforcing that	2497
protect and enforce the rights and remedies of the bondholders as	2498
are reasonable and proper and not in violation of do not violate	2499
any law, including covenants setting or covenant that sets forth	2500
the agency's duties of the agency in relation to the fees,	2501
interest rates, or other charges to be imposed for the loans made	2502
or purchased or the agency makes or purchases, services rendered	2503
by the agency renders, and the custody, safekeeping, and	2504
application of all moneys. Any	2505
(2) Any financial institution or trust company which may act	2506
that acts as a depository of the proceeds of bonds or of,	2507
revenues, or reserve funds may furnish $\frac{1}{2}$ such indemnifying bonds or	2508
may pledge such securities as are required by that the agency	2509

 $\underline{\text{requires}}$. Any such $\underline{\text{The}}$ trust agreement may set forth the rights

and remedies of the bondholders and of the trustee, and may	2511
restrict the individual right of action by bondholders as is	2512
customary in trust agreements or trust indentures securing similar	2513
bonds. Such	2514

- (3) A trust agreement may contain such other provisions as 2515 the agency considers reasonable and proper for the security of the 2516 bondholders, including any provision that may be contained in 2517 resolutions a resolution under this section, with that provision 2518 having the same effect as if contained it were in such a 2519 resolution. 2520
- (B) Any holder of the bonds or any of the coupons 2521 appertaining thereto and the trustee under any trust agreement 2522 executed pursuant to division (A) of this section, except to the 2523 extent the to which the resolution or trust agreement restricts 2524 rights given are restricted by the applicable resolution or trust 2525 agreement, may by suit, action, mandamus, or other proceedings-2526 protect and enforce any rights under the laws of the this state or 2527 granted under the trust agreement, or included in the resolution 2528 authorizing that authorizes the issuance of such the bonds, and 2529 may enforce and compel the performance of all duties required by 2530 this chapter, the trust agreement, or and the resolution to be 2531 performed by the agency or any agency officer thereof, including 2532 the fixing establishing, charging, and collecting of fees, 2533 interest rates, or other charges. 2534
- (C) Moneys in the funds of the agency agency's trust estates 2535 may be invested as provided in any resolution authorizing that 2536 authorizes the issuance of its bonds or in any trust agreement 2537 securing the same that secures those bonds. Income from all such 2538 investments of moneys in any fund shall be credited to such funds 2539 as the agency determines, subject to the provisions of any such 2540 resolution or trust agreement, and such investments may be sold at 2541 such times as that the agency determines. 2542

Sec. 175.09 175.10. (A) All bonds issued under this chapter	2543
are lawful investments of banks, societies for savings, savings	2544
and loan associations, deposit guarantee associations, trust	2545
companies, trustees, fiduciaries, insurance companies, including	2546
domestic for life and domestic not for life, trustees or other	2547
officers having charge of sinking and bond retirement or other	2548
special funds of political subdivisions and taxing districts of	2549
this state, the treasurer of state, the administrator of workers'	2550
compensation, the state teachers retirement system, the public	2551
employees retirement system, the school employees retirement	2552
system, and the Ohio police and fire pension fund, notwithstanding	2553
any other provision of the Revised Code or rules adopted pursuant	2554
thereto by any governmental agency of the this state with respect	2555
to investments by them , and are acceptable as security for the	2556
deposit of public moneys.	2557
(B) The exercise of the powers granted by this chapter will	2558
be grants is in all respects for the benefit of the people of the	2559
state, for the improvement of their health, safety, convenience,	2560
and economic welfare, and for the enhancement of the opportunities	2561
for safe and sanitary housing and is a public purpose. The	2562
(C) The programs undertaken by the Ohio housing finance	2563
agency constitute the performance of essential public functions,	2564
and the bonds issued under this chapter, their transfer, and the	2565
income therefrom from those bonds, including any profit made on	2566
the their sale thereof, is at all times free from taxation within	2567
the this state.	2568
Sec. 175.11. (A) The housing development fund is hereby	2569
created. The fund consists of all appropriations made to the fund,	2570
all grants, gifts, loan repayments, and contributions of money	2571

made from any source to the Ohio housing finance agency for

deposit in the fund in addition to amounts loaned to the Ohio	2573
housing finance agency pursuant to section 169.05 of the Revised	2574
Code. The amounts may be deposited in the state treasury to the	2575
credit of the housing development fund or placed with financial	2576
organizations. The agency shall administer the fund. The agency	2577
may request funds as needed pursuant to section 169.05 of the	2578
Revised Code to fund loans, loan quarantees, and loan subsidies.	2579
The agency may request funds for a loan quarantee only to satisfy	2580
a mortgage guarantee that is in default.	2581
(B) The agency shall use moneys in the housing development	2582
fund solely for the purposes this chapter authorizes and at no	2583
time shall the fund be considered a part of the public moneys or	2584
subject to Chapters 131. and 135. of the Revised Code.	2585
Sec. 175.12. (A) This chapter, being necessary for the	2586
welfare of the state and its inhabitants, shall be liberally	2587
construed to effect its purposes and the purposes of Section 14,	2588
of Article VIII and Section 16, Article VIII, Ohio Constitution.	2589
(B) The following are not public records subject to section	2590
149.43 of the Revised Code:	2591
(1) Financial statements and data submitted for any purpose	2592
to the Ohio housing finance agency or the controlling board by any	2593
person in connection with applying for, receiving, or accounting	2594
for financial assistance the agency provides;	2595
(2) Information that identifies any individual who benefits	2596
directly or indirectly from financial assistance the agency	2597
provides.	2598
(C)(1) The agencies of this state shall cooperate fully with	2599
the Ohio housing finance agency and shall provide information the	2600
Ohio housing finance agency determines is necessary or helpful for	2601
its operation.	2602

(2) The Ohio housing finance agency may arrange with and	2603
enter into contracts with other entities to perform functions this	2604
chapter authorizes the agency to perform and compensate those	2605
entities for performing those functions.	2606
(3) The agency may enter into contracts with state entities	2607
as described in this chapter.	2608
(D) Any state agency may enter into an agreement with the	2609
Ohio housing finance agency to furnish supplies, equipment, or	2610
services pursuant to terms both agencies agree upon for	2611
compensation to the state agency.	2612
(E) The Ohio housing finance agency is exempt from the	2613
requirements of Chapters 123., 125., and 153. and sections 127.16	2614
and 5147.07 of the Revised Code.	2615
Sec. 175.13. (A) Any agreement the Ohio housing finance	2616
agency enters into with bondholders is a contract that the agency	2617
shall enforce and no action of the general assembly or any state	2618
agency may limit or alter the terms of that agreement or the	2619
authority of the agency or its successors to fulfill the terms of	2620
that agreement. No state agency may impair any right or remedy of	2621
the holders of bonds until the agency has fully met and discharged	2622
its bond obligations, together with interest, interest on any	2623
unpaid installments of interest, and costs and expenses related to	2624
any bondholder action or proceeding. The agency may include in any	2625
bond agreement a statement that sets forth the agency's authority	2626
to enforce agreements pursuant to this section.	2627
(B) Bonds the agency issues are at all times bonds of the	2628
state, subject to this chapter. The agency and officers of the	2629
state may do all things necessary so that the interest on bonds	2630
the agency intends to be exempt from federal taxation remains	2631

exempt from federal income taxation. Any error or failure in

Code;

(3) The residential prevailing rate of wages established	2663
under division $(A)(1)$ or (2) of this section shall not be equal to	2664
or greater than the prevailing rate of wages determined by the	2665
director pursuant to sections 4115.03 to 4115.16 of the Revised	2666
Code for any of the occupations covered by those sections.	2667
(B) Except for the prevailing rate of wages determined by the	2668
director pursuant to sections 4115.03 to 4115.16 of the Revised	2669
Code, those sections and section 4115.99 of the Revised Code apply	2670
to projects.	2671
(C) The residential prevailing rate of wages established	2672
under division (A) of this section is not payable to any	2673
individual or member of that individual's family who provides	2674
labor in exchange for acquisition of the property for	2675
homeownership or who provides labor in place of or as a supplement	2676
to any rental payments for the property.	2677
(D) For the purposes of this section:	2678
(1) "Project" means any construction, rehabilitation,	2679
remodeling, or improvement of residential housing, whether on a	2680
single or multiple site for which a person, as defined in section	2681
1.59 of the Revised Code, or municipal corporation, county, or	2682
township receives financing, that is financed in whole or in part	2683
from state moneys or pursuant to this chapter, section 133.51 or	2684
307.698 of the Revised Code, <u>Chapter 174.</u> , or Chapter 175. of the	2685
Revised Code, except for any of the following:	2686
(a) The single-family mortgage revenue bonds homeownership	2687
program under Chapter 175. of the Revised Code, including	2688
owner-occupied dwellings of one to four units;	2689
(b) Projects consisting of fewer than six units developed by	2690
any entity that is not a nonprofit organization exempt from	2691
federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue	2692

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(c) Projects of fewer than twenty-five units developed by any	2694
nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal income tax	2695
under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;	2696
(d) Programs undertaken by any municipal corporation, county,	2697
or township, including lease-purchase programs, using mortgage	2698
revenue bond financing;	2699
(e) Any individual project, that is sponsored or developed by	2700
a nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal income tax	2701
under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, for which	2702
the federal government or any of its agencies furnishes by loan,	2703
grant, low-income housing tax credit, or insurance more than	2704
twelve per cent of the costs of the project. For purposes of	2705
division (D)(2)(e) of this section, the value of the low-income	2706
housing tax credits shall be calculated as the proceeds from the	2707
sale of the tax credits, less the costs of the sale.	2708
As used in division (D)(1)(e) of this section, "sponsored"	2709
means that the general partner of a limited partnership owning the	2710
project is either a nonprofit organization that is exempt from	2711
federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue	2712
Code or a person, as defined in section 1.59 of the Revised Code,	2713
in which such a nonprofit organization maintains controlling	2714
interest.	2715
Nothing in division (D)(1)(e) of this section shall be	2716
construed as permitting unrelated projects to be combined for the	2717
sole purpose of determining the total percentage of project costs	2718
furnished by the federal government or any of its agencies.	2719
(2) A "project" is a "public improvement" and the state or a	2720
political subdivision that undertakes or participates in the	2721
financing of a project is a "public authority," as both of the	2722
last two terms are defined in section 4115.03 of the Revised Code.	2723

(3) "Qualified volunteers" are volunteers who are working

these regulations to each local housing advisory board to serve as	2786
a guideline for carrying out the requirements of divisions (D)(2)	2787
and (3) of section 176.04 of the Revised Code.	2788

- Sec. 319.63. (A) During the first thirty days of each 2789 calendar quarter, the county auditor shall pay to the treasurer of 2790 state all amounts that the county recorder collected as housing 2791 trust fund fees pursuant to section 317.36 of the Revised Code 2792 during the previous calendar quarter. If payment is made to the 2793 treasurer of state within the first thirty days of the quarter, 2794 the county auditor may retain an administrative fee of one per 2795 cent of the amount of the trust fund fees collected during the 2796 previous calendar quarter. 2797
- (B) The treasurer of state shall deposit the first fifty 2798 million dollars of housing trust fund fees received each year 2799 pursuant to this section into the low- and moderate-income housing 2800 trust fund, created under section 175.21 174.02 of the Revised 2801 Code, and shall deposit any amounts received each year in excess 2802 of fifty million dollars into the state general revenue fund. 2803
- (C) The county auditor shall deposit the administrative fee 2804 that the auditor is permitted to retain pursuant to division (A) 2805 of this section into the county general fund for the county 2806 recorder to use in administering the trust fund fee. 2807
- Sec. 1349.11. (A) No lending institution, as defined in 2808 division (E) of section 175.01 of the Revised Code, that is 2809 affiliated with or authorized to be affiliated with a real estate 2810 broker and that provides real estate brokerage services to third 2811 parties shall fix or vary the terms and conditions on a mortgage 2812 loan, or the granting of $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ mortgage loan, on the 2813 condition or requirement that the customer of the lending 2814 institution use or employ the services of the affiliated real 2815

estate broker.	2816
(B) A lending institution, service corporation, or any person	2817
engaged in providing real estate brokerage services to third	2818
parties at all times shall be identified as separate and distinct	2819
from any lending institution with which it is affiliated or	2820
associated and shall hold itself out as such separate and distinct	2821
by doing both of the following:	2822
(1) Providing full and complete disclosure in writing of its	2823
relationship with the lending institution to persons who employ it	2824
to provide real estate brokerage services;	2825
(2) Separately identifying any office space it uses in any	2826
building also used by the lending institution.	2827
(C) No such service corporation, real estate broker, or	2828
person associated with a lending institution shall represent to	2829
the public or to any person employing the corporation, real estate	2830
broker, or person to provide real estate brokerage services that	2831
the lending institution offers or will offer different terms and	2832
conditions on mortgage loans to those who employ the corporation,	2833
real estate broker, or person for real estate brokerage services	2834
than to persons who do not so employ the corporation, real estate	2835
broker, or person.	2836
(D) This section does not apply to real estate owned by	2837
lending institutions.	2838
(E) Subject to division (F) of this section, the director of	2839
commerce and appropriate division superintendents within the	2840
department of commerce shall enforce this section.	2841
(F)(1)(a) The superintendent of real estate shall enforce and	2842
administer this section insofar as it relates to persons licensed	2843
as real estate brokers pursuant to Chapter 4735. of the Revised	2844
Code. In that enforcement and administration, the superintendent	2845

pertain to its functions, powers, duties, and obligations related	d 2876
to the Ohio Housing Finance Agency are transferred to the Ohio	2877
Housing Finance Agency on the effective date of this act.	2878

The Ohio Housing Finance Agency shall conduct and complete 2879 any business or matter of the Department of Development that 2880 pertains to the functions, powers, duties, and obligations this 2881 act transfers to the Agency or that is assigned and pending on the 2882 effective date of this act. The Agency shall conduct any business 2883 or matter transferred to it in the same manner, under the same 2884 terms and conditions, and with the same effect as if conducted by 2885 the Department of Development. 2886

All of the Department of Development's criteria, acts,

determinations, certifications, and decisions pertaining to

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functions this act transfers and assigns to the Ohio Housing

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Finance Agency shall continue in force as the agency's criteria,

acts, determinations, certifications, and decisions until the

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agency modifies or terminates them.

Any reference in a law, contract, or other document to a 2893 function, power, duty, or obligation of the Department of 2894 Development that this act transfers to the Ohio Housing Finance 2895 Agency is deemed to be a reference to a function, power, duty, or 2896 obligation of the Ohio Housing Finance Agency. 2897

This act does not affect any existing right or remedy of any 2898 character except that the Ohio Housing Finance Agency shall 2899 administer those rights and remedies instead of the Department of 2900 Development.

Beginning the first pay period after the effective date of 2902 this act in which personal services expenses are charged against 2903 appropriations, all employees of the Ohio Housing Finance Agency 2904 of the Department of Development are transferred to the Ohio 2905 Housing Finance Agency. All employees retain their respective 2906

civil service classifications and status, together with all	2907
rights, benefits, and privileges provided by collective bargaining	2908
agreements negotiated pursuant to Chapter 4117. of the Revised	2909
Code. Notwithstanding section 124.13 of the Revised Code, all	2910
vacation time and other benefits earned by those employees are	2911
deemed to have been earned by them as employees of the Ohio	2912
Housing Finance Agency. Any employee who, at the time of transfer,	2913
has a temporary or provisional appointment is transferred subject	2914
to the same right of removal, examination, or termination as	2915
though the transfer had not been made.	2916

Employees not governed by collective bargaining agreements 2917 negotiated pursuant to Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code retain 2918 their respective status, and are governed by Chapter 124. of the 2919 Revised Code.

No action or proceeding brought by the Department of 2921 Development that is pending on the effective date of this act and 2922 that pertains to a function, power, duty, or obligation that this 2923 act transfers to the Ohio Housing Finance Agency is affected by 2924 this act but may be prosecuted or defended in the name of the Ohio 2925 Housing Finance Agency. In any action or proceeding, the Ohio 2926 Housing Finance Agency shall be substituted as a party upon 2927 application to the court. 2928

Not later than one hundred twenty days after the effective 2929 date of this act, the Auditor of State shall provide to the 2930 Executive Director of the Ohio Housing Finance Agency a 2931 comprehensive audit of all funds, assets, and liabilities of the 2932 Department of Development that are related to Ohio Housing Finance 2933 Agency programs. Upon receipt of the audit, the Executive Director 2934 shall submit a copy of the audit to the Office of Budget and 2935 Management which shall request the Controlling Board to transfer 2936 to the Ohio Housing Finance Agency any funds, assets, and 2937 liabilities that this act does not otherwise transfer to the 2938

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agency.	2939
Section 4. Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this act take effect	2940
January 1, 2005.	2941