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## A BILL

To amend section 513.17 of the Revised Code to remove  
the limit on the amount of a secured line of  
credit for which the directors of a joint township  
hospital district board may contract.

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

**Section 1.** That section 513.17 of the Revised Code be amended  
to read as follows:

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**Sec. 513.17.** (A) The board of hospital governors shall, with  
the consent and approval of the joint township district hospital  
board and as provided by sections 513.07 to 513.18 of the Revised  
Code, prepare plans and specifications, and may employ technical  
assistance if necessary, and proceed to erect, furnish, and equip  
necessary buildings for a joint township general hospital. Except  
where the hospital of the district is leased pursuant to section  
513.171 of the Revised Code, such board of governors shall appoint  
and fix the compensation of a suitable person to be superintendent  
of the hospital for such period of time as it determines, and  
shall employ and fix the compensation for such nurses and other  
employees as are necessary for the proper conduct of the hospital.  
Subject to the direction of the board of governors and to the  
rules prescribed by it, any such superintendent shall have

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complete charge and control of the operation of such hospital. He 21  
The superintendent shall prepare and submit to the board of 22  
governors, quarterly, a statement showing the average daily per 23  
capita cost for the current expense of maintaining and operating 24  
such hospital, including the cost of ordinary repairs. 25

(B)(1) For purposes of this division: 26

(a) "Bank" has the same meaning as in section 1101.01 of the 27  
Revised Code. 28

(b) "Savings and loan association" has the same meaning as in 29  
section 1151.01 of the Revised Code. 30

(c) "Savings bank" has the same meaning as in section 1161.01 31  
of the Revised Code. 32

(2) The board of hospital governors may enter into a contract 33  
for a secured line of credit with a bank, savings and loan 34  
association, or savings bank if the contract meets all of the 35  
following requirements: 36

(a) The term of the contract does not exceed one hundred 37  
eighty days~~±~~. 38

(b) ~~The board's secured line of credit does not exceed five~~ 39  
~~hundred thousand dollars±~~ 40

~~(e)~~ The contract provides that any amount extended must be 41  
repaid in full before any additional credit can be extended~~±~~. 42

~~(d)~~(c) The contract provides that the bank, savings and loan 43  
association, or savings bank shall not commence a civil action 44  
against the joint township district hospital board, any member of 45  
the board, board of township trustees, township, or board of 46  
county commissioners to recover the principal, interest, or any 47  
charges or other amounts that remain outstanding on the secured 48  
line of credit at the time of any default by the board of hospital 49  
governors~~±~~. 50

~~(e)~~(d) The contract provides that no assets other than those 51  
of the hospital can be used to secure the line of credit~~+~~. 52

~~(f)~~(e) The terms and conditions of the contract comply with 53  
all state and federal statutes and rules governing the extension 54  
of a secured line of credit. 55

(3) Any obligation incurred by a board of hospital governors 56  
under this division is an obligation of that board only and not a 57  
general obligation of the joint township district hospital board, 58  
board of county commissioners, county, board of township trustees, 59  
or township within the meaning of division (Q) of section 133.01 60  
of the Revised Code. 61

(4) No board of hospital governors shall at any time have 62  
more than one secured line of credit under this section. 63

(C) The board of hospital governors may grant to its 64  
employees such of the following as it determines to be customary 65  
and usual in the nonprofit hospital field in its community: 66

(1) Paid vacation and holiday leave, for holidays listed in 67  
section 511.10 of the Revised Code, and other benefits for 68  
full-time employees; 69

(2) Vacation leave and holiday pay for part-time employees on 70  
a pro rata basis; 71

(3) Leave with full pay due to death in the employee's 72  
immediate family, which shall not be deducted from the employee's 73  
accumulated sick leave; 74

(4) Premium pay for working on holidays listed in section 75  
511.10 of the Revised Code; 76

(5) Moving expenses for new employees; 77

(6) Discounts on purchases from the hospital pharmacy; 78

(7) Discounts on hospital supplies and services. 79

The board of hospital governors may provide employee 80  
recognition awards and hold employee recognition dinners. 81

The board of hospital governors may provide scholarships for 82  
education in the health care professions, tuition reimbursement, 83  
and other staff development programs to enhance the skills of 84  
health care professionals for the purpose of recruiting or 85  
retaining qualified employees. 86

The board of hospital governors may pay reasonable expenses 87  
for recruiting physicians into the district or for retaining them 88  
if all or part of the district has been designated as an area with 89  
a shortage of personal health services under the "Health 90  
Maintenance Organization Act of 1973," 87 Stat. 914, 42 U.S.C. 91  
300e, as amended. 92

(D) The members of the board of governors shall serve without 93  
compensation, but their necessary expenses, when engaged in the 94  
business of the hospital board, shall be paid by the joint 95  
township district hospital board. 96

(E) The board of hospital governors with the approval of the 97  
county commissioners may employ counsel and institute legal action 98  
in its own name for the collection of delinquent accounts. The 99  
board may also employ any other lawful means for the collection of 100  
delinquent accounts. Counsel employed under this section shall be 101  
paid from the hospital's funds. 102

**Section 2.** That existing section 513.17 of the Revised Code 103  
is hereby repealed. 104