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ABILL

То	amend sections 166.06, 166.07, 166.21, 725.04,	1
	1728.11, 1728.111, 3735.671, 5709.631, and	2
	5709.831 and to enact section 9.661 of the Revised	3
	Code to authorize liens that may be used to secure	4
	the performance of obligations by recipients of	5
	development loans and local property tax	6
	incentives	7

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

Section 1. That sections 166.06, 166.07, 166.21, 725.04,	8
1728.11, 1728.111, 3735.671, 5709.631, and 5709.831 be amended and	9
section 9.661 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	10
Sec. 9.661. (A) As used in this section:	11
(1) "Borrower" means any person obligated to repay a	12
development loan pursuant to a development loan agreement or	13
obligated to repay a loan quaranteed pursuant to a loan guarantee	14
agreement.	15
(2) "Development inducement agreement" means an agreement	16
making a grant or inducement under the authority of Section 13 of	17
Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, including an inducement made	18
under section 166.02 of the Revised Code or a grant made under	19
section 184.02 of the Revised Code.	20

(3) "Development loan" means any loan made under the	21
authority of Section 13 of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution,	22
including any loan made under the authority of Chapter 122., 165.,	23
166., 184., or 1724. of the Revised Code.	24
(4) "Development loan agreement" means an agreement making a	25
development loan.	26
(5) "Grantee" means any grantee or other recipient of	27
anything of value under a development inducement agreement.	28
(6) "Guaranteed loan" means a loan quaranteed by this state,	29
a state agency, or a political subdivision under the authority of	30
Section 13 of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, including any loan	31
guarantee authorized under Chapter 166. of the Revised Code.	32
(7) "Loan guarantee agreement" means an agreement providing	33
for the quarantee of a quaranteed loan.	34
(8) "Secured party" means the state, a state agency, or a	35
political subdivision that enters into a development loan	36
agreement, loan guarantee agreement, or development inducement	37
agreement.	38
(B) The obligations of a borrower under each development loan	39
agreement or loan guarantee agreement may be secured by a lien of	40
the secured party on the borrower's real property and personal	41
property the acquisition of which was funded in whole or in part	42
by the proceeds of the loan. Any such lien shall be in an amount	43
not exceeding the amount financed under the development loan	44
agreement, or the amount guaranteed under the loan guarantee	45
agreement, and used to fund acquisition of the property. The lien	46
may be in addition to any other security required by the	47
development loan agreement or loan guarantee agreement, but the	48
sum of the lien amount and the value of any such other security	49
shall not exceed the amount financed, or the amount guaranteed,	50
and used to fund acquisition of the property. Such a lien on real	51

property shall attach, and may be perfected, collected, and	52
enforced, in the same manner as a mortgage lien on real property,	53
and otherwise shall have the same force and effect as a mortgage	54
lien on real property. Such a lien on personal property shall	55
attach, and may be perfected, collected, and enforced, in the same	56
manner as a security interest in goods under Chapter 1309. of the	57
Revised Code, and shall otherwise have the same force and effect	58
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as such a security interest.	
(C) The obligations of a grantee under each development	60
inducement agreement may be secured by a lien of the secured party	61
on the grantee's real property and personal property the	62
acquisition of which was funded in whole or in part by the grant	63
or other thing of value. Any such lien shall be in an amount not	64
exceeding the amount of the grant or other thing of value granted	65
to the grantee under the agreement and used to fund acquisition of	66
the property. The lien may be in addition to any other security	67
required by the development inducement agreement, but the sum of	68
the lien amount and the value of any such other security shall not	69
exceed the amount of the grant, or the value of any other thing of	70
value granted, and used to fund acquisition of the property. Such	71
a lien on real property shall attach, and may be perfected,	72
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real property, and otherwise shall have the same force and effect	74
as a mortgage lien on real property. Such a lien on personal	75
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enforced, in the same manner as a security interest in goods under	77
Chapter 1309. of the Revised Code, and shall otherwise have the	78
same force and effect as such a security interest.	79
(D) A secured party may enforce such liens against real	80
property by civil action in the court of common pleas of the	81
county where the real property is located in the same manner as	82

mortgage liens are enforced. A secured party may enforce such

(3) The principal amount to be guaranteed has a satisfactory	115
maturity date or dates, which in no case shall be later than	116
twenty years from the effective date of the guarantee;	117
(4) The rate of interest on the loan to be guaranteed and on	118
any other loan made by the same parties or related persons for the	119
eligible project is not excessive;	120
(5) The principal obligor, or primary guarantor, is	121
responsible and is reasonably expected to be able to meet the	122
payments under the loan, bonds, notes, or other certificates;	123
(6) The loan or documents pertaining to the bonds, notes, or	124
other certificates to be guaranteed contains provisions for	125
payment by the principal obligor, and is in such form and contains	126
such terms and provisions for the protection of the lenders as are	127
generally consistent with commercial practice, including, where	128
applicable, provisions with respect to property insurance,	129
repairs, alterations, payment of taxes and assessments,	130
delinquency charges, default remedies, acceleration of maturity,	131
prior, additional and secondary liens, and other matters as the	132
director may approve.	133
(C) The contract of guarantee may make provision for the	134
conditions of, time for and manner of fulfillment of the guarantee	135
commitment, subrogation of the state to the rights of the parties	136
guaranteed and exercise of such parties' rights by the state,	137
giving the state the options of making payment of the principal	138
amount guaranteed in one or more installments and, if deferred, to	139
pay interest thereon from the loan guarantee fund and the	140
facilities establishment fund, any other terms or conditions	141
customary to such guarantees and as the director may approve, and	142
may contain provisions for securing the guarantee in the manner	143
consistent with this section, <u>including</u> , at the <u>discretion of the</u>	144

director, a lien provided for under section 9.661 of the Revised

Code, and may contain covenants on behalf of the state for the	146
maintenance of the loan guarantee fund created by this section and	147
of receipts to it permitted by this chapter, including covenants	148
on behalf of the state to issue obligations under section 166.08	149
of the Revised Code to provide moneys to the loan guarantee fund	150
to fulfill such guarantees and covenants authorized by division	151
(R)(1) of section 166.08 of the Revised Code, and covenants	152
restricting the aggregate amount of guarantees that may be	153
contracted under this section and obligations that may be issued	154
under section 166.08 of the Revised Code, and terms pertinent to	155
either, to better secure the parties guaranteed.	156

- (D) The "loan guarantee fund" of the economic development 157 program is hereby created as a special revenue fund and a trust 158 fund which shall be in the custody of the treasurer of state but 159 shall be separate and apart from and not a part of the state 160 treasury to consist of all grants, gifts, and contributions of 161 moneys or rights to moneys lawfully designated for or deposited in 162 such fund, all moneys and rights to moneys lawfully appropriated 163 and transferred to such fund, including moneys received from the 164 issuance of obligations under section 166.08 of the Revised Code, 165 and moneys deposited to such fund pursuant to division (F) of this 166 section; provided that the loan guarantee fund shall not be 167 comprised, in any part, of moneys raised by taxation. 168
- (E) The director may fix service charges for making a 169 guarantee. Such charges shall be payable at such times and place 170 and in such amounts and manner as may be prescribed by the 171 director.
- (F) The treasurer of state shall serve as agent for the 173 director in the making of deposits and withdrawals and maintenance 174 of records pertaining to the loan guarantee fund. Prior to the 175 director's entry into a contract providing for the making of a 176 guarantee payable from the loan guarantee fund, the treasurer of 177

state shall cause to be transferred from the facilities 178 establishment fund to the loan quarantee fund an amount sufficient 179 to make the aggregate balance therein, taking into account the 180 proposed loan guarantee, equal to the loan guarantee reserve 181 requirement. Thereafter, the treasurer of state shall cause the 182 balance in the loan guarantee fund to be at least equal to the 183 loan guarantee reserve requirement. Funds from the loan guarantee 184 fund shall be disbursed under a guarantee made pursuant to this 185 section to satisfy a guaranteed repayment or payment which is in 186 default. The treasurer of state shall first withdraw and transfer 187 moneys then on deposit in the loan guarantee fund. Whenever these 188 moneys are inadequate to meet the requirements of a guarantee, the 189 treasurer of state shall, without need of appropriation or further 190 action by the director, provide for a withdrawal and transfer to 191 the loan guarantee fund and then to the guaranteed party of moneys 192 in such amount as is necessary to meet the guarantee from 193 unencumbered and available moneys in the facilities establishment 194 fund. Such disbursements shall be made in the manner and at the 195 times provided in such quarantees. Within ninety days following a 196 disbursement of moneys from the loan guarantee fund, the treasurer 197 of state, without need of appropriation or further action by the 198 director, shall provide for a withdrawal and transfer to the loan 199 guarantee fund from unencumbered and available moneys in the 200 facilities establishment fund, including moneys from the repayment 201 of loans made from that fund, of an amount sufficient to cause the 202 balance in the loan guarantee fund to be at least equal to the 203 loan guarantee reserve requirement. 204

(G) Any guaranteed parties under this section, except to the extent that their rights are restricted by the guarantee 206 documents, may by any suitable form of legal proceedings, protect 207 and enforce any rights under the laws of this state or granted by 208 such guarantee or guarantee documents. Such rights include the 209 right to compel the performance of all duties of the director and 210

the treasurer of state required by this section or the guarantee	211
or guarantee documents; and in the event of default with respect	212
to the payment of any guarantees, to apply to a court having	213
jurisdiction of the cause to appoint a receiver to receive and	214
administer the moneys pledged to such guarantee with full power to	215
pay, and to provide for payment of, such guarantee, and with such	216
powers, subject to the direction of the court, as are accorded	217
receivers in general equity cases, excluding any power to pledge	218
or apply additional revenues or receipts or other income or moneys	219
of the state or governmental agencies of the state to the payment	220
of such guarantee. Each duty of the director and the treasurer of	221
state and their officers and employees, and of each governmental	222
agency and its officers, members, or employees, required or	223
undertaken pursuant to this section or a guarantee made under	224
authority of this section, is hereby established as a duty of the	225
director and the treasurer of state, and of each such officer,	226
member, or employee having authority to perform such duty,	227
specifically enjoined by the law resulting from an office, trust,	228
or station within the meaning of section 2731.01 of the Revised	229
Code. The persons who are at the time the director and treasurer	230
of state, or their officers or employees, are not liable in their	231
personal capacities on any guarantees or contracts to make	232
guarantees by the director.	233

(H) The determinations of the director under divisions (B) 234 and (C) of this section shall be conclusive for purposes of the 235 validity of a guarantee evidenced by a contract signed by the 236 director, and such guarantee shall be incontestable as to moneys 237 advanced under loans to which such guarantees are by their terms 238 applicable.

Sec. 166.07. (A) The director of development, with the 240 approval of the controlling board and subject to the other 241 applicable provisions of this chapter, may lend moneys in the 242

facilities establishment fund to persons for the purpose of paying	243
allowable costs of an eligible project if the director determines	244
that:	245
(1) The project is an eligible project and is economically	246
sound;	247
(2) The borrower is unable to finance the necessary allowable	248
costs through ordinary financial channels upon comparable terms;	249
(3) The amount to be lent from the facilities establishment	250
fund will not exceed seventy-five per cent of the total allowable	251
costs of the eligible project, except that if any part of the	252
amount to be lent from the facilities establishment fund is	253
derived from the issuance and sale of project financing	254
obligations the amount to be lent will not exceed ninety per cent	255
of the total allowable costs of the eligible project;	256
(4) The eligible project could not be achieved in the local	257
area in which it is to be located if the portion of the project to	258
be financed by the loan instead were to be financed by a loan	259
guaranteed under section 166.06 of the Revised Code;	260
(5) The repayment of the loan from the facilities	261
establishment fund will be adequately secured by a mortgage, lien,	262
assignment, or pledge, <u>or lien provided for under section 9.661 of</u>	263
the Revised Code, at such level of priority as the director may	264
require;	265
(6) The borrower will hold at least a ten per cent equity	266
interest in the eligible project at the time the loan is made.	267
(B) The determinations of the director under division (A) of	268
this section shall be conclusive for purposes of the validity of a	269
loan commitment evidenced by a loan agreement signed by the	270
director.	271
(C) Fees, charges, rates of interest, times of payment of	272

assignment, pledge, <u>lien provided for under section 9.661 of the</u>	303
Revised Code, or other interest in property or other assets of the	304
borrower, at such level of priority and value as the director	305
considers necessary, provided that, in making such a	306
determination, the director shall take into account the value of	307
any rights granted by the borrower to the director to control the	308
use of any assets of the borrower under the circumstances	309
described in the loan documents.	310
(B) The determinations of the director under division (A) of	311

- (B) The determinations of the director under division (A) of 311 this section shall be conclusive for purposes of the validity of a 312 loan commitment evidenced by a loan agreement signed by the 313 director.
- (C) Fees, charges, rates of interest, times of payment of 315 interest and principal, and other terms and conditions of, and 316 security for, loans made from the research and development loan 317 fund shall be such as the director determines to be appropriate 318 and in furtherance of the purpose for which the loans are made. 319 The moneys used in making loans shall be disbursed from the fund 320 upon order of the director. Unless otherwise specified in any 321 indenture or other instrument securing obligations under division 322 (D) of section 166.08 of the Revised Code, any payments of 323 principal and interest from loans made from the fund shall be paid 324 to the fund and used for the purpose of making loans under this 325 section. 326
- (D)(1) As used in this division, "qualified research and 327 development loan payments" means payments of principal and 328 interest on a loan made from the research and development loan 329 fund. 330
- (2) Each year, the director may, upon request, issue a 331 certificate to a borrower of moneys from the research and 332 development loan fund indicating the amount of the qualified 333 research and development loan payments made by or on behalf of the 334

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borrower during the calendar year immediately preceding the tax year, as defined in section 5733.04 of the Revised Code, or taxable year, as defined in section 5747.01 of the Revised Code, for which the certificate is issued. In addition to indicating the amount of qualified research and development loan payments, the certificate shall include a determination of the director that as of the thirty-first day of December of the calendar year for which the certificate is issued, the borrower is not in default under the loan agreement, lease, or other instrument governing repayment of the loan, including compliance with the job creation and retention commitments that are part of the qualified research and development project. The director shall not issue a certificate in an amount that exceeds one hundred fifty thousand dollars.

- (E) The director may take actions necessary or appropriate to 348 collect or otherwise deal with any loan made under this section. 349
- (F) The director may fix service charges for the making of a 350 loan. The charges shall be payable at such times and place and in 351 such amounts and manner as may be prescribed by the director. 352
- (G)(1) There shall be credited to the research and 353 development loan fund moneys received by this state from the 354 repayment of loans, including interest thereon, made from the 355 fund, and moneys received from the sale, lease, or other 356 disposition of property acquired or constructed with moneys in the 357 fund derived from the proceeds of the sale of obligations under 358 section 166.08 of the Revised Code. Moneys in the fund shall be 359 applied as provided in this chapter pursuant to appropriations 360 made by the general assembly. 361
- (2) In addition to the requirements in division (G)(1) of 362 this section, moneys referred to in that division may be deposited 363 to the credit of separate accounts established by the director of 364 development within the research and development loan fund or in 365

366 the bond service fund and pledged to the security of obligations, 367 applied to the payment of bond service charges without need for 368 appropriation, released from any such pledge and transferred to 369 the research and development loan fund, all as and to the extent 370 provided in the bond proceedings pursuant to written directions of 371 the director of development. Accounts may be established by the 372 director in the research and development loan fund for particular 373 projects or otherwise. The director may withdraw from the fund or, 374 subject to provisions of the applicable bond proceedings, from any 375 special funds established pursuant to the bond proceedings, or 376 from any accounts in such funds, any amounts of investment income 377 required to be rebated and paid to the federal government in order 378 to maintain the exemption from federal income taxation of interest 379 on obligations issued under this chapter, which withdrawal and 380 payment may be made without the necessity for appropriation.

Sec. 725.04. A development agreement shall contain an 381 agreement binding on the owner or owners of the improvements, and 382 all subsequent owners of the improvements, to make semiannual 383 urban renewal service payments, in lieu of taxes upon the 384 improvements during the exemption period, equal annually in the 385 aggregate to the amount of real property taxes that would have 386 been paid on the portion of the assessed valuation of the 387 improvements declared to be a public purpose had an exemption 388 period not been specified by the municipal corporation. All 389 semiannual urban renewal service payments shall be collected at 390 the same time that real property taxes are collected. The entire 391 amount of these urban renewal service payments, when collected, 392 shall be deposited in an urban renewal debt retirement fund 393 established pursuant to section 725.03 of the Revised Code. 394

If the municipal corporation owns the improvements, it may
require the lessee of the improvements to make the semiannual
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urban renewal service payments required under this section.

The legislative authority of the municipal corporation may

secure the urban renewal service payments by a lien on the

improvements. Such a lien shall attach, and may be perfected,

collected, and enforced, in the same manner as a mortgage lien on

real property, and shall otherwise have the same force and effect

as a mortgage lien on real property.

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Sec. 1728.11. The community urban redevelopment corporation 404 entering into a financial agreement with a municipal corporation 405 other than an impacted city shall make payment to the county 406 treasurer on or before the final date for payment of real estate 407 taxes in the county for each half year of a semi-annual service 408 charge in lieu of taxes on the real property of the corporation in 409 the project, whether acquired by purchase or lease, in a 410 semi-annual amount of not less than seven and one-half per cent of 411 the annual gross revenues from each unit of the project, if the 412 project is undertaken in units, or from the total project if the 413 project is not to be undertaken in units, for each of the years of 414 operation commencing with the date of the completion of such unit 415 or of the project, as the case may be. Where, because of the 416 nature of the development, ownership, use, or occupancy of the 417 project or any unit thereof if the project is to be undertaken in 418 units, the total annual gross rental cannot be reasonably 419 ascertained, the governing body shall provide in the financial 420 agreement that the annual service charge shall be a sum of not 421 less than two per cent of the total project cost or total project 422 unit cost, calculated from the first day of the month following 423 the substantial completion of the project or any unit thereof if 424 the project is undertaken in units. In no event shall such payment 425 together with the taxes on the land, in any year after first 426 occupancy of the project, be less than the total taxes assessed on 427 all real property in the area covered by the project in the 428

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Against such annual charge the corporation is entitled to 431 credit for the amount, without interest, of the real estate taxes 432 on land paid by it in the last two preceding semi-annual 433 installments. On or before the fifteenth of January in each year 434 each taxing district shall report to the county auditor, in such 435 form as is approved by the tax commissioner, the amount of the 436 service charge in excess of the taxes on the land chargeable for 437 the preceding calendar year for each project or unit thereof 438 subject to Chapter 1728. of the Revised Code. Such payments shall 439 be distributed by the county auditor to the taxing subdivision 440 levying taxes in the subdivisions in which the property is 441 located, in the same proportions in which the current general 442 property tax is distributed. The county treasurer may secure the 443 service charge payments, minus the credit, by a lien on the real 444 property of the corporation in the project. Such a lien shall 445 attach, and may be perfected, collected, and enforced, in the same 446 manner as a mortgage lien on real property, and shall otherwise 447 have the same force and effect as a mortgage lien on real 448 property. 449

At the end of thirty years for one, two, or three family 450 residential dwelling units and twenty years for all other uses of 451 the improvements from the date of the execution of a financial 452 agreement or earlier by agreement of the parties thereto, the tax 453 exemption upon any unit, if the project is undertaken in units, or 454 upon the entire project, if the project is not undertaken in 455 units, ceases and the improvements and any other property of the 456 corporation as well as the land shall be assessed and taxed, 457 according to general law, like other property within the municipal 458 corporation. 459

At the same date all restrictions and limitations upon the	460
corporation shall terminate and be at an end upon the	461
corporation's rendering its final account with the municipal	462
corporation.	463

Sec. 1728.111. The community urban redevelopment corporation 464 entering into a financial agreement with an impacted city shall 465 pay to the county treasurer of an annual service charge in lieu of 466 taxes on the improvements made by the corporation in the project 467 that are exempted from taxation pursuant to section 1728.10 of the 468 Revised Code. The annual service charge shall be charged and paid 469 in two equal installments at the same time and in the same manner 470 as real property taxes. The amount of the annual service charge 471 shall be set forth in the financial agreement and shall be not 472 more than the annual amount of real property taxes that would have 473 been charged against the percentage of the assessed valuation of 474 such improvements exempted from taxation had that percentage not 475 been exempted from taxation, and not less than an amount which, 476 together with the taxes on the land in any year, equals the total 477 taxes assessed on all real property in the area covered by the 478 project in the calendar year immediately preceding the initial 479 acquisition of the area or any part thereof by the municipality or 480 the corporation, whichever occurred first. The county treasurer 481 may secure the service charge payments by a lien on the exempted 482 improvements. Such a lien shall attach, and may be perfected, 483 collected, and enforced, in the same manner as a mortgage lien on 484 real property, and shall otherwise have the same force and effect 485 as a mortgage lien on real property. 486

The service charge in lieu of taxes shall be distributed by
the county auditor to the taxing subdivision levying taxes in the
subdivisions in which the property is located, in the same
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proportions in which the current general property tax is
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distributed, or upon the adoption of a resolution by the municipal	491
legislative authority, which shall be certified to the county	492
auditor, the full amount of the service charge shall be	493
distributed at the same time and in the same manner as real	494
property tax payments to the municipal corporation, and shall be	495
deposited in an urban redevelopment tax increment equivalent fund	496
established pursuant to section 1728.112 of the Revised Code.	497

At the end of thirty years for one, two, or three family 498 residential dwelling units and twenty years for all other uses of 499 the improvements from the date of the execution of a financial 500 agreement, or earlier by agreement of the parties thereto, the 501 exemption from taxation of any unit if the project is undertaken 502 in units, or of the entire project if the project is not 503 undertaken in units, ceases and the improvements and any other 504 property of the corporation as well as the land shall be assessed 505 and taxed like other property within the municipal corporation. 506

At the same date all restrictions and limitation upon the 507 corporation shall terminate upon the corporation's rendering its 508 final account with the municipal corporation. 509

Sec. 3735.671. (A) If construction or remodeling of 510 commercial or industrial property is to be exempted from taxation 511 pursuant to section 3735.67 of the Revised Code, the legislative 512 authority and the owner of the property, prior to the commencement 513 of construction or remodeling, shall enter into a written 514 agreement, binding on both parties for a period of time that does 515 not end prior to the end of the period of the exemption, that 516 517 includes all of the information and statements prescribed by this section. Agreements may include terms not prescribed by this 518 section, but such terms shall in no way derogate from the 519 information and statements prescribed by this section. 520

(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2) or (3) of 521

this section, an agreement entered into under this section shall 522 not be approved by the legislative authority unless the board of 523 education of the city, local, or exempted village school district 524 within the territory of which the property is or will be located 525 approves the agreement. For the purpose of obtaining such 526 approval, the legislative authority shall certify a copy of the 527 agreement to the board of education not later than forty-five days 528 prior to approving the agreement, excluding Saturday, Sunday, and 529 a legal holiday as defined in section 1.14 of the Revised Code. 530 The board of education, by resolution adopted by a majority of the 531 board, shall approve or disapprove the agreement and certify a 532 copy of the resolution to the legislative authority not later than 533 fourteen days prior to the date stipulated by the legislative 534 authority as the date upon which approval of the agreement is to 535 be formally considered by the legislative authority. The board of 536 education may include in the resolution conditions under which the 537 board would approve the agreement. The legislative authority may 538 approve an agreement at any time after the board of education 539 certifies its resolution approving the agreement to the 540 legislative authority, or, if the board approves the agreement 541 conditionally, at any time after the conditions are agreed to by 542 the board and the legislative authority. 543

- (2) Approval of an agreement by the board of education is not 544 required under division (A)(1) of this section if, for each tax 545 year the real property is exempted from taxation, the sum of the 546 following quantities, as estimated at or prior to the time the 547 agreement is formally approved by the legislative authority, 548 equals or exceeds fifty per cent of the amount of taxes, as 549 estimated at or prior to that time, that would have been charged 550 and payable that year upon the real property had that property not 551 been exempted from taxation: 552
 - (a) The amount of taxes charged and payable on any portion of

the assessed valuation of the new structure or remodeling that 554 will not be exempted from taxation under the agreement; 555

- (b) The amount of taxes charged and payable on tangible 556 personal property located on the premises of the new structure or 557 of the structure to be remodeled under the agreement, whether 558 payable by the owner of the structure or by a related member, as 559 defined in section 5733.042 of the Revised Code without regard to 600 division (B) of that section.
- (c) The amount of any cash payment by the owner of the new 562 structure or structure to be remodeled to the school district, the 563 dollar value, as mutually agreed to be the owner and the board of 64 education, of any property or services provided by the owner of 565 the property to the school district, whether by gift, loan, or 566 otherwise, and any payment by the legislative authority to the 567 school district pursuant to section 5709.82 of the Revised Code. 568

The estimates of quantities used for purposes of division 569

(A)(2) of this section shall be estimated by the legislative 570

authority. The legislative authority shall certify to the board of 571

education that the estimates have been made in good faith. 572

Departures of the actual quantities from the estimates subsequent 573

to approval of the agreement by the board of education do not 574

invalidate the agreement. 575

(3) If a board of education has adopted a resolution waiving 576 its right to approve agreements and the resolution remains in 577 effect, approval of an agreement by the board is not required 578 under this division. If a board of education has adopted a 579 resolution allowing a legislative authority to deliver the notice 580 required under this division fewer than forty-five business days 581 prior to the legislative authority's execution of the agreement, 582 the legislative authority shall deliver the notice to the board 583 not later than the number of days prior to such execution as 584 prescribed by the board in its resolution. If a board of education 585 adopts a resolution waiving its right to approve agreements or 586 shortening the notification period, the board shall certify a copy 587 of the resolution to the legislative authority. If the board of 588 education rescinds such a resolution, it shall certify notice of 589 the rescission to the legislative authority. 590

- (B) Each agreement shall include the following information: 591
- (1) The names of all parties to the agreement; 592
- (2) A description of the remodeling or construction, whether 593 or not to be exempted from taxation, including existing or new 594 structure size and cost thereof; the value of machinery, 595 equipment, furniture, and fixtures, including an itemization of 596 the value of machinery, equipment, furniture, and fixtures used at 597 another location in this state prior to the agreement and 598 relocated or to be relocated from that location to the property, 599 and the value of machinery, equipment, furniture, and fixtures at 600 the facility prior to the execution of the agreement; the value of 601 inventory at the property, including an itemization of the value 602 of inventory held at another location in this state prior to the 603 agreement and relocated or to be relocated from that location to 604 the property, and the value of inventory held at the property 605 prior to the execution of the agreement; 606
- (3) The scheduled starting and completion dates of remodeling
 or construction of real property or of investments made in
 machinery, equipment, furniture, fixtures, and inventory;
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- (4) Estimates of the number of employee positions to be

 created each year of the agreement and of the number of employee

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- (5) Estimates of the dollar amount of payroll attributable to 615 the positions set forth in division (B)(4) of this section, 616

5747., or 5753. of the Ohio Revised Code, or, if such delinquent	648
taxes are owed, (insert name of owner) currently is	649
paying the delinquent taxes pursuant to an undertaking enforceable	650
by the State of Ohio or an agent or instrumentality thereof, has	651
filed a petition in bankruptcy under 11 U.S.C.A. 101, et seq., or	652
such a petition has been filed against (insert name of	653
owner). For the purposes of this certification, delinquent taxes	654
are taxes that remain unpaid on the latest day prescribed for	655
payment without penalty under the chapter of the Revised Code	656
governing payment of those taxes."	657

- (4) "...... (insert name of municipal corporation or 658 county) shall perform such acts as are reasonably necessary or 659 appropriate to effect, claim, reserve, and maintain exemptions 660 from taxation granted under this agreement including, without 661 limitation, joining in the execution of all documentation and 662 providing any necessary certificates required in connection with 663 such exemptions."
- (5) "If for any reason (insert name of municipal 665 corporation or county) revokes the designation of the area, 666 entitlements granted under this agreement shall continue for the 667 number of years specified under this agreement, unless 668 (insert name of owner) materially fails to fulfill its obligations 669 under this agreement and (insert name of 670 municipal corporation or county) terminates or modifies the 671 exemptions from taxation pursuant to this agreement." 672
- (6) "If (insert name of owner) materially fails to 673 fulfill its obligations under this agreement, or if 674 (insert name of municipal corporation or county) determines that 675 the certification as to delinquent taxes required by this 676 agreement is fraudulent, (insert name of municipal 677 corporation or county) may terminate or modify the exemptions from 678 taxation granted under this agreement."

(7) " (insert name of owner) shall provide to the	680
proper tax incentive review council any information reasonably	681
required by the council to evaluate the applicant's compliance	682
with the agreement, including returns filed pursuant to section	683
5711.02 of the Ohio Revised Code if requested by the council."	684
(8) "This agreement is not transferable or assignable without	685
the express, written approval of (insert name of	686
municipal corporation or county)."	687
(9) "Exemptions from taxation granted under this agreement	688
shall be revoked if it is determined that (insert name	689
of owner), any successor to that person, or any related member (as	690
those terms are defined in division (E) of section 3735.671 of the	691
Ohio Revised Code) has violated the prohibition against entering	692
into this agreement under division (E) of section 3735.671 or	693
section 5709.62 or 5709.63 of the Ohio Revised Code prior to the	694
time prescribed by that division or either of those sections."	695
(10) " (insert name of owner) and	696
(insert name of municipal corporation or county) acknowledge that	697
this agreement must be approved by formal action of the	698
legislative authority of (insert name of municipal	699
corporation or county) as a condition for the agreement to take	700
effect. This agreement takes effect upon such approval."	701
The statement described in division (C)(6) of this section	702
may include the following statement, appended at the end of the	703
statement: ", and may require the repayment of the amount of taxes	704
that would have been payable had the property not been exempted	705
from taxation under this agreement." <u>If the agreement includes a</u>	706
statement requiring repayment of exempted taxes, it also may	707
authorize the legislative authority to secure repayment of such	708
taxes by a lien on the exempted property in the amount required to	709
be repaid. Such a lien shall attach, and may be perfected,	710

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real property, and shall otherwise have the same force and effect 712

as a mortgage lien on real property. 713

- (D) Except as otherwise provided in this division, an agreement entered into under this section shall require that the owner pay an annual fee equal to the greater of one per cent of the amount of taxes exempted under the agreement or five hundred dollars; provided, however, that if the value of the incentives exceeds two hundred fifty thousand dollars, the fee shall not exceed two thousand five hundred dollars. The fee shall be payable to the legislative authority once per year for each year the agreement is effective on the days and in the form specified in the agreement. Fees paid shall be deposited in a special fund created for such purpose by the legislative authority and shall be used by the legislative authority exclusively for the purpose of complying with section 3735.672 of the Revised Code and by the tax incentive review council created under section 5709.85 of the Revised Code exclusively for the purposes of performing the duties prescribed under that section. The legislative authority may waive or reduce the amount of the fee, but such waiver or reduction does not affect the obligations of the legislative authority or the tax incentive review council to comply with section 3735.672 or 5709.85 of the Revised Code.
- (E) If any person that is party to an agreement granting an 734 exemption from taxation discontinues operations at the structure 735 to which that exemption applies prior to the expiration of the 736 term of the agreement, that person, any successor to that person, 737 and any related member shall not enter into an agreement under 738 this section or section 5709.62, 5709.63, or 5709.632 of the 739 Revised Code, and no legislative authority shall enter into such 740 an agreement with such a person, successor, or related member, 741 prior to the expiration of five years after the discontinuation of 742

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773 or not the investments are exempted from taxation, including existing or new building size and cost thereof; the value of 774 machinery, equipment, furniture, and fixtures, including an 775 itemization of the value of machinery, equipment, furniture, and 776 fixtures used at another location in this state prior to the 777 agreement and relocated or to be relocated from that location to 778 the facility and the value of machinery, equipment, furniture, and 779 fixtures at the facility prior to the execution of the agreement 780 that will not be exempted from taxation; the value of inventory at 781 the facility, including an itemization of the value of inventory 782 held at another location in this state prior to the agreement and 783 relocated or to be relocated from that location to the facility, 784 and the value of inventory held at the facility prior to the 785 execution of the agreement that will not be exempted from 786 taxation; 787

- (3) The scheduled starting and completion dates of investments made in building, machinery, equipment, furniture, fixtures, and inventory;
- (4) Estimates of the number of employee positions to be 791 created each year of the agreement and of the number of employee 792 positions retained by the applicant enterprise due to the project, 793 itemized as to the number of full-time, part-time, permanent, and 794 temporary positions; 795
- (5) Estimates of the dollar amount of payroll attributable to 796 the positions set forth in division (A)(4) of this section, 797 similarly itemized; 798
- (6) The number of employee positions, if any, at the project 799 site and at any other location in the state at the time the 800 agreement is executed, itemized as to the number of full-time, 801 part-time, permanent, and temporary positions. 802
 - (B) Each agreement shall set forth the following information

and incorporate the following statements:

(1) A description of real property to be exempted from 805 taxation under the agreement, the percentage of the assessed 806 valuation of the real property exempted from taxation, and the 807 period for which the exemption is granted, accompanied by the 808 statement: "The exemption commences the first year for which the 809 real property would first be taxable were that property not 810 exempted from taxation. No exemption shall commence after 811 (insert date) nor extend beyond (insert 812 date). The tax commissioner shall adopt rules prescribing the 813 form the description of such property shall assume to ensure that 814 the property to be exempted from taxation under the agreement is 815 distinguishable from property that is not to be exempted under 816 817 that agreement.

(2) A description of tangible personal property to be 818 exempted from taxation under the agreement, the percentage of the 819 assessed value of the tangible personal property exempted from 820 taxation, and the period for which the exemption is granted, 821 accompanied by the statement: "The minimum investment for tangible 822 personal property to qualify for the exemption is \$...... 823 (insert dollar amount) to purchase machinery and equipment first 824 used in business at the facility as a result of the project, 825 \$..... (insert dollar amount) for furniture and fixtures and 826 other noninventory personal property first used in business at the 827 facility as a result of the project, and \$..... (insert 828 dollar amount) for new inventory. The maximum investment for 829 tangible personal property to qualify for the exemption is 830 \$..... (insert dollar amount) to purchase machinery and 831 equipment first used in business at the facility as a result of 832 the project, \$..... (insert dollar amount) for furniture and 833 fixtures and other noninventory personal property first used in 834 business at the facility as a result of the project, and 835

\$ (insert dollar amount) for new inventory. The	836
exemption commences the first year for which the tangible personal	837
property would first be taxable were that property not exempted	838
from taxation. No exemption shall commence after tax return year	839
(insert year) nor extend beyond tax return year	840
(insert year). In no instance shall any tangible	841
personal property be exempted from taxation for more than ten	842
return years unless the project that is part of the agreement	843
involves the enrichment and commercialization of uranium or	844
uranium products or the research and development activities	845
related to that enrichment or commercialization, in which case the	846
tangible personal property may be exempted from taxation for up to	847
fifteen return years." No exemption shall be allowed for any type	848
of tangible personal property if the total investment is less than	849
the minimum dollar amount specified for that type of property. If,	850
for a type of tangible personal property, there are no minimum or	851
maximum investment dollar amounts specified in the statement or	852
the dollar amounts are designated in the statement as not	853
applicable, the exemption shall apply to the total cost of that	854
type of tangible personal property first used in business at the	855
facility as a result of the project. The tax commissioner shall	856
adopt rules prescribing the form the description of such property	857
shall assume to ensure that the property to be exempted from	858
taxation under the agreement is distinguishable from property that	859
is not to be exempted under that agreement.	860

(3) "..... (insert name of enterprise) shall pay such 861 real and tangible personal property taxes as are not exempted 862 under this agreement and are charged against such property and 863 shall file all tax reports and returns as required by law. If 864 (insert name of enterprise) fails to pay such taxes or 865 file such returns and reports, all incentives granted under this 866 agreement are rescinded beginning with the year for which such 867 taxes are charged or such reports or returns are required to be 868

filed and thereafter."

(4) " (insert name of enterprise) hereby certifies	870
that at the time this agreement is executed, (insert	871
name of enterprise) does not owe any delinquent real or tangible	872
personal property taxes to any taxing authority of the State of	873
Ohio, and does not owe delinquent taxes for which	874
(insert name of enterprise) is liable under Chapter 5727., 5733.,	875
5735., 5739., 5741., 5743., 5747., or 5753. of the Revised Code,	876
or, if such delinquent taxes are owed, (insert name of	877
enterprise) currently is paying the delinquent taxes pursuant to a	878
delinquent tax contract enforceable by the State of Ohio or an	879
agent or instrumentality thereof, has filed a petition in	880
bankruptcy under 11 U.S.C.A. 101, et seq., or such a petition has	881
been filed against (insert name of enterprise). For the	882
purposes of the certification, delinquent taxes are taxes that	883
remain unpaid on the latest day prescribed for payment without	884
penalty under the chapter of the Revised Code governing payment of	885
those taxes."	886

- (5) "...... (insert name of municipal corporation or 887 county) shall perform such acts as are reasonably necessary or 888 appropriate to effect, claim, reserve, and maintain exemptions 889 from taxation granted under this agreement including, without 890 limitation, joining in the execution of all documentation and 891 providing any necessary certificates required in connection with 892 such exemptions."
- (6) "If for any reason the enterprise zone designation 894 expires, the Director of the Ohio Department of Development 895 revokes certification of the zone, or (insert name of 896 municipal corporation or county) revokes the designation of the 897 zone, entitlements granted under this agreement shall continue for 898 the number of years specified under this agreement, unless 899 (insert name of enterprise) materially fails to fulfill 900

Revised Code) has violated the prohibition against entering into

this agreement under division (E) of section 3735.671 or section

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5709.62, 5709.63, or 5709.632 of the Ohio Revised Code prior to	932
the time prescribed by that division or either of those sections."	933
The statement described in division (B)(7) of this section	934
may include the following statement, appended at the end of the	935
statement: "and may require the repayment of the amount of taxes	936
that would have been payable had the property not been exempted	937
from taxation under this agreement." <u>If the agreement includes a</u>	938
statement requiring repayment of exempted taxes, it also may	939
authorize the legislative authority to secure repayment of such	940
taxes by a lien on the exempted property in the amount required to	941
be repaid. Such a lien on exempted real property shall attach, and	942
may be perfected, collected, and enforced, in the same manner as a	943
mortgage lien on real property, and shall otherwise have the same	944
force and effect as a mortgage lien on real property.	945
Notwithstanding section 5719.01 of the Revised Code, such a lien	946
on exempted tangible personal property shall attach, and may be	947
perfected, collected, and enforced, in the same manner as a	948
security interest in goods under Chapter 1309. of the Revised	949
Code, and shall otherwise have the same force and effect as such a	950
security interest.	951
(C) If the director of development had to issue a waiver	952
under section 5709.633 of the Revised Code as a condition for the	953
agreement to be executed, the agreement shall include the	954
following statement:	955
"Continuation of this agreement is subject to the validity of	956
the circumstance upon which (insert name of enterprise)	957
applied for, and the Director of the Ohio Department of	958
Development issued, the waiver pursuant to section 5709.633 of the	959
Ohio Revised Code. If, after formal approval of this agreement by	960
(insert name of municipal corporation or county), the	961
Director or (insert name of municipal corporation or	962
county) discovers that such a circumstance did not exist,	963

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otherwise have the same force and effect as a mortgage lien on	995
real property.	996
Section 2. That existing sections 166.06, 166.07, 166.21,	997
725.04, 1728.11, 1728.111, 3735.671, 5709.631, and 5709.831 of the	998
Revised Code are hereby repealed.	999