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A BILL

То	amend sections 123.024, 141.02, 2108.72, 2108.73,	1
	3313.616, 3721.50, 4503.46, 5111.21, 5533.785,	2
	5902.02, 5907.01, 5907.02, 5907.021, 5907.04,	3
	5907.08, 5907.10, 5907.11, 5907.12, 5907.13,	4
	5911.10, 5913.01, 5913.011, 5913.02, 5913.021,	5
	5919.06, 5919.26, 5919.28, 5919.29, 5919.34,	6
	5923.05, and 5924.136, and to repeal sections	7
	5907.023, 5907.05, and 5913.04 of the Revised Code	8
	and to amend Section 409.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 1 of	9
	the 128th General Assembly, as subsequently	10
	amended, to make changes to the law regarding the	11
	Ohio Veterans' Home Agency and the Department of	12
	Veterans Services, to allow a DD Form 93, Record	13
	of Emergency Data, to satisfy the written	14
	declaration requirements for designating a person	15
	authorized to direct disposition of human remains,	16
	to modify the membership of the Veterans Advisory	17

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Committee, to provide publicly employed	18
firefighters and emergency medical technicians	19
with a minimum paid military leave of seventeen	20
24-hour days, to make changes to the salaries of,	21
and other laws regarding, the Adjutant General and	22
assistant adjutants, and to make an appropriation.	23
BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:	
Section 1. That sections 123.024, 141.02, 2108.72, 2108.73,	24
3313.616, 3721.50, 4503.46, 5111.21, 5533.785, 5902.02, 5907.01,	25
5907.02, 5907.021, 5907.04, 5907.08, 5907.10, 5907.11, 5907.12,	26
5907.13, 5911.10, 5913.01, 5913.011, 5913.02, 5913.021, 5919.06,	27
5919.26, 5919.28, 5919.29, 5919.34, 5923.05, and 5924.136 of the	28
Revised Code be amended to read as follows:	29
Sec. 123.024. (A) The department of administrative services	30
shall assign and make available, at state expense, suitable office	31
space in state-owned facilities to accommodate the office	32
operations of the state headquarters of all both of the following:	33
(1) All veterans organizations in this state that either are	34
incorporated and issued a charter by the congress of the United	35
States or are recognized by the United States department of	36
veterans affairs;	37
(2) The auxiliary organizations of veterans organizations	38
described in division (A)(1) of this section \div	39
(3) The Ohio veterans' home agency.	40
(B) The department may situate office space for each	41
auxiliary organization of a veterans organization with or near the	42
office space of that veterans organization.	43
Sec. 141.02. (A) The salaries of the adjutant general, the	44

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quartermaster general is not a federally recognized officer, the	77
assistant quartermaster general shall accrue leave as other	78
permanent state employees do.	79
(E) Notwithstanding Chapter 102. of the Revised Code and any	80
other provision of law, the adjutant general, assistant adjutant	81
general for army, assistant adjutant general for air, and	82
assistant quartermaster general may retain, in addition to any	83
state compensation, any federal pay, allowances, and compensation	84
received because of any federally recognized officer status.	85
Sec. 2108.72. (A) The written declaration described in	86
section 2108.70 of the Revised Code shall include all of the	87
following:	88
(1) The declarant's legal name and present address;	89
(2) A statement that the declarant, an adult being of sound	90
mind, willfully and voluntarily appoints a representative to have	91
the declarant's right of disposition for the declarant's body upon	92
the declarant's death;	93
(3) A statement that all decisions made by the declarant's	94
representative with respect to the right of disposition are	95
binding;	96
(4) The name, last known address, and last known telephone	97
number of the representative or, if the representative is a group	98
of persons, the name, last known address, and last known telephone	99
number of each person in the group;	100
(5) If the declarant chooses to have a successor	101
representative, a statement that if any person or group of persons	102
named as the declarant's representative is disqualified from	103
serving in such position as described in section 2108.75 of the	104
Revised Code, the declarant appoints a successor representative;	105
(6) If applicable, the name, last known address, and last	106

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known telephone number of the successor representative or, if the	107
successor representative is a group of persons, the name, last	108
known address, and last known telephone number of each person in	109
the group;	110
(7) A space where the declarant may indicate the declarant's	111
preferences regarding how the right of disposition should be	112
exercised, including any religious observances the declarant	113
wishes the person with the right of disposition to consider;	114
(8) A space where the declarant may indicate one or more	115
sources of funds that may be used to pay for goods and services	116
associated with the exercise of the right of disposition;	117
(9) A statement that the declarant's written declaration	118
becomes effective on the declarant's death;	119
(10) A statement that the declarant revokes any written	120
declaration that the declarant executed, in accordance with	121
section 2108.70 of the Revised Code, prior to the execution of the	122
present written declaration \div <i>i</i>	123
(11) A space where the declarant can sign and date the	124
written declaration;	125
(12) A space where a notary public or two witnesses can sign	126
and date the written declaration as described in section 2108.73	127
of the Revised Code.	128
(B) A written declaration may take the following form:	129
APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE FOR DISPOSITION OF BODILY	130
REMAINS, FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS, AND BURIAL OR CREMATION GOODS AND	131
SERVICES:	132
I, (legal name and present address of	133
declarant), an adult being of sound mind, willfully and	134
voluntarily appoint my representative, named below, to have the	135
right of disposition, as defined in section 2108.70 of the Revised	136

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Code, for my body upon my death. All decisions made by my	137
representative with respect to the right of disposition shall be	138
binding.	139
REPRESENTATIVE:	140
(If the representative is a group of persons, indicate the	141
name, last known address, and telephone number of each person in	142
the group.)	143
Name(s):	144
Address(es):	145
Telephone Number(s):	146
SUCCESSOR REPRESENTATIVE:	147
If my representative is disqualified from serving as my	148
representative as described in section 2108.75 of the Revised	149
Code, then I hereby appoint the following person or group of	
persons to serve as my successor representative.	151
(If the successor representative is a group of persons,	152
indicate the name, last known address, and telephone number of	153
each person in the group.)	154
Name(s):	155
Address(es):	156
Telephone Number(s):	157
PREFERENCES REGARDING HOW THE RIGHT OF DISPOSITION SHOULD BE	158
EXERCISED, INCLUDING ANY RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES THE DECLARANT	159
WISHES A REPRESENTATIVE OR A SUCCESSOR REPRESENTATIVE TO CONSIDER:	160
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ONE OR MORE SOURCES OF FUNDS THAT COULD BE USED TO PAY FOR	165
GOODS AND SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH AN EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT OF	166
DISPOSITION:	167

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DURATION:	172
The appointment of my representative and, if applicable,	173
successor representative, becomes effective upon my death.	174
PRIOR APPOINTMENTS REVOKED:	175
I hereby revoke any written declaration that I executed in	176
accordance with section 2108.70 of the Ohio Revised Code prior to	177
the date of execution of this written declaration indicated below.	178
AUTHORIZATION TO ACT:	179
I hereby agree that any of the following that receives a copy	180
of this written declaration may act under it:	181
- Cemetery organization;	182
- Crematory operator;	183
- Business operating a columbarium;	184
- Funeral director;	185
- Embalmer;	186
- Funeral home;	187
- Any other person asked to assist with my funeral, burial,	188
cremation, or other manner of final disposition.	189
MODIFICATION AND REVOCATION - WHEN EFFECTIVE:	190
Any modification or revocation of this written declaration is	191
not effective as to any party until that party receives actual	192
notice of the modification or revocation.	193
LIABILITY:	194
No person who acts in accordance with a properly executed	195

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copy of this written declaration	n shall be liable for damages of	196
any kind associated with the per	rson's reliance on this	197
declaration.		198
	Signed this day of	199
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	(Signature of declarant)	201
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ASSUMPTIC	ON OF OBLIGATIONS AND COSTS:	202
By signing below, the repre	esentative, or successor	203
representative, if applicable, a	acknowledges that he or she, as	204
representative or successor repr	resentative, assumes the right of	205
disposition as defined in section	on 2108.70 of the Revised Code, and	206
understands that he or she is li	able for the reasonable costs of	207
exercising the right, including	any goods and services that are	208
purchased.		209
ACCEPTANCE (OPTIONAL):		210
The undersigned hereby acce	epts this appointment as	211
representative or successor repr	resentative, as applicable, for the	212
right of disposition as defined	in section 2108.70 of the Revised	213
Code.		214
	Signed this day of	215
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	Signature of representative (if	217
	representative is a group of	
	persons, each person in the group	
	shall sign)	
	Signed this day of	218
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	Signature of successor	220
	representative (if successor	
	representative is a group of	
	persons, each person in the group	

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shall sign)

WITNESSES:		221
I attest that the declarant signed or acknowledge	owledged this	222
assignment of the right of disposition under se	ction 2108.70 of	223
the Revised Code in my presence and that the de-	clarant is at least	224
eighteen years of age and appears to be of sound	d mind and not	225
under or subject to duress, fraud, or undue inf	luence. I further	226
attest that I am not the declarant's representa	tive or successor	227
representative, I am at least eighteen years of	age, and I am not	228
related to the declarant by blood, marriage, or	adoption.	229
First witness:		230
Name (printed):		231
Residing at:		232
Signature:		233
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Date:		235
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Second witness:		237
Name (printed):		238
Residing at:		239
Signature:		240
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Date:		242
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OR		244
NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT:		245
State of Ohio		246
County of SS.		247
On before me, the undersignment	gned notary public,	248
personally appeared, known to	me or	249
satisfactorily proven to be the person whose na	me is subscribed as	250

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the declarant, and who has acknowledged that he or she executed	251
this written declaration under section 2108.70 of the Revised Code	252
for the purposes expressed in that section. I attest that the	253
declarant is at least eighteen years of age and appears to be of	254
sound mind and not under or subject to duress, fraud, or undue	255
influence.	256
Signature of notary public	257
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My commission expires on:	259
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(C) Completion of a federal Record of Emergency Data form, DD	261
Form 93, or its successor form, by a member of the military, is	262
sufficient to constitute a written declaration under section	263
2108.70 of the Revised Code if section 13a of DD Form 93, entitled	264
"Person Authorized to Direct Disposition," has been properly	265
completed by the member of the military who has subsequently died	266
while under active duty orders as described in 10 U.S.C. 1481.	267
Sec. 2108.73. A written declaration executed by a declarant	268
under section 2108.70 of the Revised Code shall be signed and	269
dated by the declarant in the presence of either one of the	270
following:	271
(A) A notary public who shall make the certification	272
described in section 147.53 of the Revised Code.	273
(B) Two witnesses who are adults and who are not related by	274
blood, marriage, or adoption to the declarant.	275
(C) If the written declaration is a DD Form 93, Record of	276
Emergency Data, by whomever the form requires.	277
Sec. 3313.616. (A) Notwithstanding the requirements of	278
sections 3313.61, 3313.611, and 3313.612 of the Revised Code, the	279
board of education of any city, exempted village, or local school	280

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district or the governing authority of any chartered nonpublic	281
school may grant a high school diploma to any veteran of World War	282
II, the Korean conflict, or the Vietnam conflict who is a resident	283
of this state or who was previously enrolled in any high school in	284
this state if all of the following apply:	285
(1) The veteran either:	286
(a) Left a public or nonpublic school located in any state	287
prior to graduation in order to serve in the armed forces of the	288
United States;	289
(b) Left a public or nonpublic school located in any state	290
prior to graduation due to family circumstances and subsequently	291
entered the armed forces of the United States.	292
(2) The veteran received an honorable discharge from the	293
armed forces of the United States.	294
(3) The veteran has not been granted a diploma as provided in	295
section 3313.61 or 3313.612 of the Revised Code, a diploma of	296
adult education as provided in section 3313.611 of the Revised	297
Code, or a diploma under this section.	298
(B) Notwithstanding the requirements of sections 3313.61,	299
3313.611, and 3313.612 of the Revised Code, the board of education	300
of any city, exempted village, or local school district or the	301
governing authority of any chartered nonpublic school may grant a	302
high school diploma to any woman who left high school during World	303
War II, the Korean conflict, or the Vietnam conflict and who is a	304
resident of this state or was previously enrolled in any high	305
school in this state, if both of the following apply:	306
(1) The woman either:	307
(a) Left a public or nonpublic school located in any state	308

prior to graduation in order to join the workforce to support her

family or to join the war effort;

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section 3721.51 of the Revised Code;	341
(b) The total net patient revenue, less medicaid per diem	342
payments, of all nursing homes and hospital long-term care units	343
as shown on cost reports filed under section 5111.26 of the	344
Revised Code for the calendar year immediately preceding the	345
calendar year that immediately precedes the fiscal year for which	346
the franchise permit fee is assessed under section 3721.51 of the	347
Revised Code.	348
(2) Multiply the amount determined under division (A)(1) of	349
this section by five and five-tenths per cent;	350
(3) Divide the amount determined under division (A)(2) of	351
this section by the total number of days in the fiscal year for	352
which the franchise permit fee is assessed under section 3721.51	353
of the Revised Code;	354
(4) Subtract eleven dollars and ninety-five cents from the	355
amount determined under division (A)(3) of this section;	356
(5) Add eleven dollars and ninety-five cents to the amount	357
determined under division (A)(4) of this section.	358
(B) "Hospital" has the same meaning as in section 3727.01 of	359
the Revised Code.	360
(C) "Hospital long-term care unit" means any distinct part of	361
a hospital in which any of the following beds are located:	362
(1) Beds registered pursuant to section 3701.07 of the	363
Revised Code as skilled nursing facility beds or long-term care	364
beds;	365
(2) Beds licensed as nursing home beds under section 3721.02	366
or 3721.09 of the Revised Code.	367
(D) "Inpatient days" means all days during which a resident	368
of a nursing facility, regardless of payment source, occupies a	369
bed in the nursing facility that is included in the facility's	370

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certified capacity under Title XIX. Therapeutic or hospital leave	371
days for which payment is made under section 5111.26 of the	372
Revised Code are considered inpatient days proportionate to the	373
percentage of the facility's per resident per day rate paid for	374
those days.	375
(E) "Medicaid" has the same meaning as in section 5111.01 of the Revised Code.	376 377
(F) "Medicaid day" means all days during which a resident who	378
is a medicaid recipient occupies a bed in a nursing facility that	379
is included in the facility's certified capacity under Title XIX.	380
Therapeutic or hospital leave days for which payment is made under	381
section 5111.26 of the Revised Code are considered medicaid days	382
proportionate to the percentage of the nursing facility's per	383
resident per day rate for those days.	384
(G) "Medicare" means the program established by Title XVIII.	385
(H) "Nursing facility" has the same meaning as in section	386
5111.20 of the Revised Code.	387
(I)(1) "Nursing home" means all of the following:	388
(a) A nursing home licensed under section 3721.02 or 3721.09	389
of the Revised Code, including any part of a home for the aging	390
licensed as a nursing home;	391
(b) A facility or part of a facility, other than a hospital,	392
that is certified as a skilled nursing facility under Title XVIII;	393
(c) A nursing facility, other than a portion of a hospital	394
certified as a nursing facility.	395
(2) "Nursing home" does not include any of the following:	396
(a) A county home, county nursing home, or district home	397
operated pursuant to Chapter 5155. of the Revised Code;	398
(b) A nursing home maintained and operated by the Ohio	399
veterans' home agency department of veterans services under	400

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section, or other evidence as the registrar may require by rule, that the applicant or the applicant's spouse was a prisoner of war and was honorably discharged or is presently residing in this state on active duty with one of the branches of the armed forces of the United States, or was a prisoner of war and was honorably discharged or received an equivalent discharge or release from one of the armed forces of such other country. No person is eligible to receive special license plates under this section if the person or the person's spouse currently has registered one vehicle and obtained license plates under this section.

Upon receipt of an application for registration of a motor 442 vehicle under this section, and presentation of satisfactory 443 evidence of such prisoner-of-war status, the registrar shall issue 444 to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration and a set of 445 license plates. In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily 446 inscribed thereon, the license plates shall be inscribed with the 447 words "FORMER POW." The license plates shall be issued without 448 payment of any registration fee or service fee as required by 449 division (B) of section 4503.04 and sections 4503.10 and 4503.102 450 of the Revised Code, and without payment of any applicable county, 451 township, or municipal motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 452 4504. of the Revised Code. 453

(C) The spouse of a deceased former prisoner of war who has 454 not remarried, if the deceased person received or was eligible to 455 receive special license plates issued under division (B) of this 456 section, may apply to the registrar for the registration of the 457 spouse's personal motor vehicle without the payment of any fee or 458 tax as provided by division (B) of this section. The application 459 for registration shall be accompanied by documentary evidence of 460 the deceased person's status as a former prisoner of war and by 461 any other evidence that the registrar requires by rule. 462

Upon receipt of an application for registration under this

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division and presentation of satisfactory evidence as required by	464
this division and by the registrar, the registrar shall issue to	465
the spouse the appropriate vehicle registration and a set of	466
license plates as provided in division (B) of this section.	467
(D) No person who is not a former prisoner of war $_{7}$ or the	468
spouse of such person, or the spouse of a deceased former prisoner ${\bf p}$	469
of war who has not remarried shall willfully and falsely represent	470
that the person is such a former prisoner of war or spouse, for	471
the purpose of obtaining license plates under this section.	472
(E) No person shall own or lease a motor vehicle bearing	473
license plates issued under this section unless the person is	474
eligible to be issued the license plates.	475
(F) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor	476
of the fourth degree.	477
Sec. 5111.21. (A) In order to be eligible for medicaid	478
payments, the operator of a nursing facility or intermediate care	479
facility for the mentally retarded shall do all of the following:	480
(1) Enter into a provider agreement with the department as	481
provided in section 5111.22, 5111.671, or 5111.672 of the Revised	482
Code;	483
(2) Apply for and maintain a valid license to operate if so	484
required by law;	485
(3) Subject to division (B) of this section, comply with all	486
applicable state and federal laws and rules.	487
(B) A state rule that requires the operator of an	488
intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded to have	489
received approval of a plan for the proposed facility pursuant to	490
section 5123.042 of the Revised Code as a condition of the	491
operator being eligible for medicaid payments for the facility	492
does not apply if, under section 5123.193 or 5123.197 of the	493

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Revised Code, a residential facility license was obtained or	494
modified for the facility without obtaining approval of such a	495
plan.	496
(C)(1) Except as provided in division (C)(2) of this section,	497
the operator of a nursing facility that elects to obtain and	498
maintain eligibility for payments under the medicaid program shall	499
qualify all of the facility's medicaid-certified beds in the	500
medicare program established by Title XVIII. The director of job	501
and family services may adopt rules under section 5111.02 of the	502
Revised Code to establish the time frame in which a nursing	503
facility must comply with this requirement.	504
(2) The Ohio veteran's home agency department of veterans	505
services is not required to qualify all of the medicaid-certified	506
beds in a nursing facility the agency maintains and operates under	507
section 5907.01 of the Revised Code in the medicare program.	508
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Sec. 5533.785. That portion of the road known as state route	509
number five hundred twenty-eight, commencing at the intersection	510
of that road and United States route number three hundred	511
twenty-two in Geauga county and extending in a northerly direction	512
to the boundary of Geauga county and Lake county, shall be known	513
as the " <u>Staff</u> Sgt. Sean Landrus Memorial Highway."	514
The director of transportation may erect suitable markers	515
along the highway indicating its name.	516
Sec. 5902.02. The duties of the director of veterans services	517
shall include the following:	518
(A) Furnishing the veterans service commissions of all	519
counties of the state copies of the state laws, rules, and	520
legislation relating to the operation of the commissions and their	521
offices;	522
(B) Upon application, assisting the general public in	523

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obtaining records of vital statistics pertaining to veterans or	524
their dependents;	525
(C) Adopting rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised	526
Code pertaining to minimum qualifications for hiring, certifying,	527
and accrediting county veterans service officers, pertaining to	528
their required duties, and pertaining to revocation of the	529
certification of county veterans service officers;	530
(D) Adopting rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised	531
Code for the education, training, certification, and duties of	532
veterans service commissioners and for the revocation of the	533
certification of a veterans service commissioner;	534
(E) Developing and monitoring programs and agreements	535
enhancing employment and training for veterans in single or	536
multiple county areas;	537
(F) Developing and monitoring programs and agreements to	538
enable county veterans service commissions to address	539
homelessness, indigency, and other veteran-related issues	540
individually or jointly;	541
(G) Developing and monitoring programs and agreements to	542
enable state agencies, individually or jointly, that provide	543
services to veterans, including the veterans' homes operated under	544
Chapter 5907. of the Revised Code and the director of job and	545
family services, to address homelessness, indigency, employment,	546
and other veteran-related issues;	547
(H) Establishing and providing statistical reporting formats	548
and procedures for county veterans service commissions;	549
(I) Publishing annually, promulgating change notices for, and	550
distributing a listing of county veterans service officers, county	551
veterans service commissioners, state directors of veterans	552
affairs, and national and state service officers of accredited	553
veterans organizations and their state headquarters. The listing	554

shall include the expiration dates of commission members' terms of
office and the organizations they represent; the names, addresses,
and telephone numbers of county veterans service officers and
state directors of veterans affairs; and the addresses and
telephone numbers of the Ohio offices and headquarters of state
and national veterans service organizations.

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(J) Publishing, by the first day of April of each

odd numbered year, a directory of the laws of this state dealing

with veterans, as enacted through the conclusion of the previous

session of the general assembly, and distributing the publication

to each county veterans service office and the state headquarters

of each congressionally chartered veterans organization in the

state;

(K) Establishing a veterans advisory committee to advise and 568 assist the department of veterans services in its duties. Members 569 shall include a member of the military officers association of 570 America who is a resident of this state, a state representative of 571 congressionally chartered veterans organizations referred to in 572 section 5901.02 of the Revised Code, a representative of any other 573 congressionally chartered state veterans organization that has at 574 least one veterans service commissioner in the state, three 575 representatives of the Ohio state association of county veterans 576 service commissioners, who shall have a combined vote of one, 577 three representatives of the state association of county veterans 578 service officers, who shall have a combined vote of one, one 579 representative of the county commissioners association of Ohio, 580 who shall be a county commissioner not from the same county as any 581 of the other county representatives, a representative of the 582 advisory committee on women veterans, a representative of a labor 583 organization, and a representative of the office of the attorney 584 general. The department of veterans services shall submit to the 585 advisory committee proposed rules for the committee's operation. 586

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The committee may review and revise these proposed rules prior to 587 submitting them to the joint committee on agency rule review. 588

(L)(K) Adopting, with the advice and assistance of the 589 veterans advisory committee, policy and procedural guidelines that 590 the veterans service commissions shall adhere to in the 591 development and implementation of rules, policies, procedures, and 592 guidelines for the administration of Chapter 5901. of the Revised 593 Code. The department of veterans services shall adopt no 594 guidelines or rules regulating the purposes, scope, duration, or 595 amounts of financial assistance provided to applicants pursuant to 596 sections 5901.01 to 5901.15 of the Revised Code. The director of 597 veterans services may obtain opinions from the office of the 598 attorney general regarding rules, policies, procedures, and 599 quidelines of the veterans service commissions and may enforce 600 compliance with Chapter 5901. of the Revised Code. 601

(M)(L) Receiving copies of form DD214 filed in accordance 602 with the director's guidelines adopted under division (L) of this 603 section from members of veterans service commissions appointed 604 under section 5901.02 and from county veterans service officers 605 employed under section 5901.07 of the Revised Code; 606

(N)(M) Developing and maintaining and improving a resource, 607 such as a telephone answering point or a web site, by means of 608 which veterans and their dependents, through a single portal, can 609 access multiple sources of information and interaction with regard 610 to the rights of, and the benefits available to, veterans and 611 their dependents. The director of veterans services may enter into 612 agreements with state and federal agencies, with agencies of 613 political subdivisions, with state and local instrumentalities, 614 and with private entities as necessary to make the resource as 615 complete as is possible. 616

 $\frac{(\Theta)(N)}{(N)}$ Planning, organizing, advertising, and conducting 617 outreach efforts, such as conferences and fairs, at which veterans 618

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and their dependents may meet, learn about the organization and	619
operation of the department of veterans services and of veterans	620
service commissions, and obtain information about the rights of,	621
and the benefits and services available to, veterans and their	622
dependents;	623
$\frac{P}{O}$ Advertising, in print, on radio and television, and	624
otherwise, the rights of, and the benefits and services available	625
to, veterans and their dependents;	626
$\frac{(Q)}{(P)}$ Developing and advocating improved benefits and	627
services for, and improved delivery of benefits and services to,	628
veterans and their dependents;	629
$\frac{(R)}{(Q)}$ Searching for, identifying, and reviewing statutory	630
and administrative policies that relate to veterans and their	631
dependents and reporting to the general assembly statutory and	632
administrative policies that should be consolidated in whole or in	633
part within the organization of the department of veterans	634
services to unify funding, delivery, and accounting of statutory	635
and administrative policy expressions that relate particularly to	636
veterans and their dependents;	637
$\frac{(S)}{(R)}$ Encouraging veterans service commissions to innovate	638
and otherwise to improve efficiency in delivering benefits and	639
services to veterans and their dependents and to report successful	640
innovations and efficiencies to the director of veterans services;	641
$\frac{T}{S}$ Publishing and encouraging adoption of successful	642
innovations and efficiencies veterans service commissions have	643
achieved in delivering benefits and services to veterans and their	644
dependents;	645
$\frac{(U)}{(T)}$ Establishing advisory committees, in addition to the	646
veterans advisory committee established under division (K) of this	647
section, on veterans issues;	648
$\frac{(V)}{(U)}$ Developing and maintaining a relationship with the	649

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United States department of veterans affairs, seeking optimal	650
federal benefits and services for Ohio veterans and their	651
dependents, and encouraging veterans service commissions to	652
maximize the federal benefits and services to which veterans and	653
their dependents are entitled;	654
$\frac{(W)}{(V)}$ Developing and maintaining relationships with the	655
several veterans organizations, encouraging the organizations in	656
their efforts at assisting veterans and their dependents, and	657
advocating for adequate state subsidization of the organizations;	658
$\frac{(X)}{(W)}$ Requiring the several veterans organizations that	659
receive funding from the state annually to report to the director	660
of veterans services and prescribing the form and content of the	661
report;	662
$\frac{(Y)(X)}{(X)}$ Investigating complaints against county veterans	663
services commissioners and county veterans service officers if the	664
director reasonably believes the investigation to be appropriate	665
and necessary;	666
$\frac{(Z)(Y)}{(Y)}$ Taking any other actions required by this chapter.	667
Sec. 5907.01. (A) As used in this chapter:	668
(1) "Armed forces of the United States" has the same meaning	669
as in section 5903.11 of the Revised Code.	670
(2) "Domiciliary" means a separate area within the Ohio	671
veterans' home providing domiciliary care.	672
(3) "Domiciliary care" means providing shelter, food, and	673
necessary medical care on an ambulatory self-care basis to	674
eligible veterans who do not need the nursing services provided in	675
nursing homes.	676
(4) "Nursing home" means a nursing home within a veterans'	677
home has the same meaning as in section 3721.01 of the Revised	678
Code.	679

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firearm.

Subject to section 5907.021 of the Revised Code, the 712 superintendent shall appoint a chief of police of the Ohio 713 veterans' home agency, determine the number of officers and other 714 personnel required by each veterans' home, and establish salary 715 schedules and other conditions of employment for veterans' homes 716 police officers. The chief of police shall serve at the pleasure 717 of the superintendent and shall appoint recommend appointment of 718 officers and other personnel as the veterans' homes may require, 719 subject to the rules and limits that the superintendent 720 establishes regarding qualifications, salary ranges, and the 721 number of personnel. The superintendent, with the approval of the 722 director, may purchase or otherwise acquire any police apparatus, 723 equipment, or materials, including a police communication system 724 and vehicles, that the veterans' homes police officers may 725 require. The superintendent may send one or more of the officers 726 or employees nominated by the police chief to a school of 727 instruction designed to provide additional training or skills 728 related to their work assignment at their veterans' home. The 729 superintendent may send those officers or employees to the Ohio 730 peace officer training academy that the superintendent considers 731 appropriate. 732

The director shall make an annual report to the governor as 733 to all expenditures and as to the management of the Ohio veterans' 734 home agency. 735

Sec. 5907.021. (A) As used in this section, "felony" has the same meaning as in section 109.511 of the Revised Code. 737

(B)(1) The superintendent of the Ohio veterans' home agency 738

homes shall not appoint a person as a chief of police of the 739

agency or an employee as a Ohio veterans' home police officer on a 740

permanent basis, on a temporary basis, for a probationary term, or 741

back pay unless the conviction of that chief of police or that	774
employee of the felony was reversed on appeal, or the felony	775
charge was dismissed, because the court found insufficient	776
evidence to convict the chief of police or the employee of the	777
felony.	778

- (3) Division (B) of this section does not apply regarding an 779 offense that was committed prior to January 1, 1997. 780
- (4) The suspension from employment, or the termination of the 781 employment, of a chief of police or a veterans' home police 782 officer under division (B)(2) of this section shall be in 783 accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 784

Sec. 5907.04. Subject to the following paragraph, all members 785 of the armed forces veterans, who served in the regular or 786 volunteer forces of the United States or the Ohio national quard 787 or members of the naval militia during the war with Spain, the 788 Philippine insurrection, the China relief expedition, the Indian 789 war, the Mexican expedition, World War I, World War II, or during 790 the period beginning June 25, 1950 and ending July 19, 1953, known 791 as the Korean conflict, or during the period beginning August 5, 792 1964, and ending July 1, 1973, known as the Vietnam conflict, 793 during a period of conflict as determined by the United States 794 department of veterans affairs or any person who is awarded either 795 the armed forces expeditionary medal established by presidential 796 executive order 10977 dated December 4, 1961, or the Vietnam 797 service medal established by presidential executive order 11231 798 dated July 8, 1965, who have been honorably discharged or 799 separated under honorable conditions therefrom, or any discharged 800 members of the Polish and Czechoslovakian armed forces who served 801 in armed conflict with an enemy of the United States in World War 802 I or World War II who have been citizens of the United States for 803 at least ten years, provided that the above-mentioned persons have 804 been citizens of this state for five consecutive years one year or 805 more at the date of making application for admission, are disabled 806 by disease, wounds, or otherwise, and are by reason of such 807 disability incapable of earning their living, and all members of 808 the Ohio national guard or naval militia who have lost an arm or 809 leg, or their sight, or become permanently disabled from any 810 cause, while in the line and discharge of duty, and are not able 811 to support themselves, may be admitted to a veterans' home under 812 such rules as the director of veterans services adopts. 813

A person veteran who served in the armed forces of the United 814 States as defined in division (E)(7) of section 5903.11 of the 815 Revised Code is eligible for admission to a veterans' home under 816 the preceding paragraph only if the person has the characteristics 817 defined in division (B)(1) of section 5901.01 of the Revised Code. 818

819 The superintendent of the Ohio veterans' home agency shall promptly and diligently pursue the establishment of the 820 eligibility for medical assistance under Chapter 5111. of the 821 Revised Code of all persons admitted to a veterans' home and all 822 residents of a home who appear to qualify and shall promptly and 823 diligently pursue and maintain the certification of each home's 824 compliance with federal laws and regulations governing 825 participation in the medical assistance program to include as 826 large as possible a part of the home's bed capacity. 827

Veterans' homes may reserve a bed during the temporary 828 absence of a resident or patient from the home, including a 829 nursing home within it, under conditions prescribed by the 830 director, to include hospitalization for an acute condition, 831 visits with relatives and friends, and participation in 832 therapeutic programs outside the home. A home shall not reserve a 833 bed for more than thirty days, except that absences for more than 834 thirty days due to hospitalization may be authorized. 835

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Sec. 5907.08. When a resident of a veterans' home becomes	836
dangerous to the community due to a mental illness, the	837
superintendent of the Ohio veterans' home agency homes shall file	838
with the probate judge of the county in which the home is located	839
substantially the following affidavit:	840
"The State of Ohio, county, ss,	841
superintendent of the Ohio veterans' home agency homes, being duly	842
sworn, says that the superintendent believes that a	843
resident of the veterans' home located in county, has a	844
mental illness; that, in consequence of the resident's mental	845
illness, the resident's being at large is dangerous to the	846
community, and that the resident was received into the home from	847
county, on the day of,	848
Sec. 5907.10. (A) The Ohio veterans' home agency homes shall	850

maintain and operate a nursing home as part of each veterans' home 851 for the benefit of honorably discharged veterans admitted to a 852 veterans' home under this chapter. The nursing homes are subject 853 to sections 3721.01 to 3721.09 and 3721.99 of the Revised Code. 854

(B) The nursing home within the veterans' home located in 855 Sandusky shall be known as "The Robert T. Secrest Nursing Home." 856

Sec. 5907.11. (A) The superintendent of the Ohio veterans' 857 home agency homes, with the approval of the director of veterans 858 services, may establish a local fund for each veterans' home to be 859 used for the entertainment and welfare of the residents of the 860 home. Each fund shall be designated as the residents' benefit fund 861 and shall be operated for the exclusive benefit of the residents 862 of the associated home. Each fund shall receive all revenue from 863 the sale of commissary items at the associated home and shall 864 receive all moneys received as donations by the associated home 865

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from any source.	866
(B) The residents' benefit funds also may be used to receive	867
and disburse any donations made for events sponsored by the Ohio	868
veterans hall of fame.	869
$\frac{(C)}{C}$ The superintendent, subject to the approval of the	870
director, shall establish rules for the operation of the	871
residents' benefit funds.	872
Sec. 5907.12. The director superintendent of veterans	873
services the Ohio veterans' homes may utilize the services of	874
volunteers to assist in attending to and caring for residents,	875
assisting in resident activities, caring for veterans' homes'	876
buildings and grounds, and participating in any other services	877
that accomplish any of the director's superintendent's purposes	878
related to veterans' homes. All volunteer programs are subject to	879
the director's superintendent's approval. The director	880
superintendent may recruit, train, and supervise the services of	881
community volunteers or volunteer groups for volunteer programs.	882
The director superintendent may designate volunteers as state	883
employees for the purpose of motor vehicle accident liability	884
insurance under section 9.83 of the Revised Code and for the	885
purpose of indemnification from liability incurred in the	886
performance of their duties under section 9.87 of the Revised	887
Code.	888
Sec. 5907.13. Residents of veterans' homes may be assessed a	889
fee to pay a portion of the expenses of their support, dependent	890
upon their ability to pay. Subject to controlling board approval,	891
the director of veterans services shall adopt rules for	892
determining a resident's ability to pay. Each resident shall	893
furnish the director required statements of income, assets, debts,	894
and expenses that the director requires.	895

All fees contributed by the residents under this section 896 shall be deposited into an interest-bearing account in a public 897 depository in accordance with section 135.18 of the Revised Code. 898 All of these fees shall be paid to the treasurer of state within 899 thirty days after the end of the month of receipt, together with 900 all interest credited to the account to date. The treasurer of 901 state shall credit eighty per cent of these fees and of this 902 interest to the Ohio veterans' homes operating fund and twenty per 903 cent of these fees and of this interest to the Ohio veterans' 904 homes fund. 905

The fee for each resident shall be based upon the level of 906 care provided to the resident by the resident's home. The director 907 shall determine authorized levels of care for residents. The 908 assessment for each resident shall not exceed the difference 909 between the total per diem amount collected by the state for 910 maintenance from all sources on the resident's behalf and the 911 average annual per diem cost for the resident's maintenance, 912 computed in accordance with veterans administration regulations. 913

Sec. 5911.10. If any armory erected or purchased by the state 914 becomes vacant because of the deactivation of the organizations 915 quartered in that armory, the governor and the adjutant general 916 may lease that armory for periods not to exceed one year; or, when 917 authorized by an act of the general assembly, may sell that armory 918 or lease it for a period of years.

The proceeds from the sale or lease of such an armory, or 920 from the sale or lease of other facilities and land owned by the 921 adjutant general, shall be credited to the armory improvements 922 fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury. The moneys in 923 the fund shall be used to support Ohio army national guard 924 facility and maintenance expenses as the adjutant general directs. 925 Any fund expenditure related to the construction, acquisition, 926

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lease, or financing of a capital asset is subject to approval by	927
the controlling board. Investment earnings of the fund shall be	928
credited to the general revenue fund.	929
Sec. 5913.01. (A) The adjutant general is the commander and	930
administrative head of the Ohio organized militia. The adjutant general shall:	931 932
(1) Be provided offices and shall keep them open during usual business hours;	933 934
(2) Have and maintain custody of all military records,	935
correspondence, and other documents of the Ohio organized militia;	936
(3) Superintend the preparation of all returns and reports	937
required by the United States from the state on military matters;	938
(4) Keep a roster of all officers of the Ohio organized	939
militia, including retired officers;	940
(5) Whenever necessary, cause the military provisions of the	941
Revised Code and the orders, regulations, pamphlets, circulars,	942
and memorandums of the adjutant general's department to be printed	943
and distributed to the organizations of the Ohio organized	944
militia;	945
(6) Prepare and issue all necessary Ohio organized militia	946
forms and attest to all commissions issued to officers of the Ohio	947
organized militia;	948
(7) Have a seal, and all copies of orders, records, and	949
papers in the adjutant general's office certified and	950
authenticated with that seal shall be competent evidence in like	951
manner as if the originals were produced. All orders issued from	952
the adjutant general's office shall bear a duplicate of the seal.	953
(8) Keep and preserve the arms, ordnance, equipment, and all	954
other military property belonging to the state or issued to the	955
state by the federal government and issue any regulations	956

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necessary to keep, preserve, and repair the property as conditions	957
demand;	958
(9) Issue adjutant general's property to the units of the	959
Ohio organized militia as the necessity of the service or	960
organizational or allowance tables requires;	961
(10) Submit an annual report to the governor at such time as	962
the governor requires of the transaction of the adjutant general's	963
department, setting forth the strength and condition of the Ohio	964
organized militia and other matters that the adjutant general	965
chooses;	966
(11) Command the state area command joint force headquarters	967
of the Ohio national guard.	968
(B) The adjutant general shall issue and distribute all	969
orders issued in the name of the governor as the commander in	970
chief of the Ohio organized militia and perform the duties that	971
the governor directs and other duties prescribed by law.	972
(C) The adjutant general may enter into cooperative	973
agreements, contractual arrangements, or agreements for the	974
acceptance of grants with the United States or any agency or	975
department of the United States, other states, any department or	976
political subdivision of this state, or any person or body	977
politic, to accomplish the purposes of the adjutant general's	978
department. The adjutant general shall cooperate with, and not	979
infringe upon, the rights of other state departments, divisions,	980
boards, commissions, and agencies, political subdivisions, and	981
other public officials and public and private agencies when the	982
interests of the adjutant general's department and those other	983
entities overlap.	984
The funds made available by the United States for the	985
exclusive use of the department shall be expended only by the	986
department and only for the purposes for which the federal funds	987

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were appropriated. In accepting federal funds, the department	988
agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of the grant or	989
cooperative agreement and further agrees to expend the federal	990
funds in accordance with the laws and regulations of the United	991
States.	992
Sec. 5913.011. The adjutant general of Ohio is hereby	993
authorized to enter into a contract with the federal department of	994
health, education and welfare social security administration for	995
the purpose of securing social security benefits, under the	996
national social security act, for those employees of the Ohio	997
national guard who are paid from federal funds, and for whom the	998
federal congress appropriates funds to cover employer's share of	999
social security payments.	1000
Sec. 5913.02. (A) The military staff of the governor may consist of any of the following:	1001 1002
$\frac{(1)}{(A)}$ An adjutant general in the grade of major general, who	1003
shall perform the duties of quartermaster general;	1004
$\frac{(2)(B)}{(B)}$ An assistant adjutant general for army in the grade of	1005
major general;	1006
$\frac{(3)(C)}{(C)}$ An assistant adjutant general for air in the grade of	1007
major general;	1008
$\frac{(4)}{(D)}$ An assistant quartermaster general in the grade of	1009
colonel or brigadier general or any retired officer who has	1010
appropriate qualifications for the position, as determined by the	1011
adjutant general and the governor.	1012
All persons named in divisions (A) $\frac{(1)}{(1)}$ to $\frac{(4)}{(D)}$ of this	1013
section shall be appointed by the governor and shall hold office	1014
during the governor's pleasure.	1015
(B) The governor's military staff also shall include four	1016

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aides-de-camp, who shall be appointed by the governor and hold	1017
office during the governor's pleasure.	1018
Sec. 5913.021. (A) The adjutant general at the time of appointment shall be a federally recognized officer in the Ohio national guard in the grade of colonel or above.	1019 1020 1021
(B) The assistant adjutant general for army at the time of appointment shall be a federally recognized officer in the Ohio army national guard in the grade of colonel or above.	1022 1023 1024
(C) The assistant adjutant general for air at the time of appointment shall be a federally recognized officer in the Ohio air national guard in the grade of colonel or above.	1025 1026 1027
(D) The assistant quartermaster general at the time of appointment shall be a federally recognized officer in the Ohio army national guard in the grade of lieutenant colonel or above brigadier general, or any retired officer who has appropriate qualifications for the position, as determined by the adjutant general and the governor.	1028 1029 1030 1031 1032 1033
(E) The adjutant general, the assistant adjutant general for army, the assistant adjutant general for air, and the assistant quartermaster general at the time of appointment shall each have not less than ten years' commissioned service in the armed forces of the United States, not less than five years of that service being in the Ohio national guard, and shall at all times during their tenure of office be federally recognized officers of the Ohio national guard.	1034 1035 1036 1037 1038 1039 1040
(F) The provisions of this section relative to federal recognition shall be suspended during any period of emergency when the majority of the units of the Ohio national guard are in the federal service. In that event, retired officers of the Ohio national guard shall be eligible to serve as adjutant general,	1042 1043 1044 1045 1046

assistant adjutant general for army, assistant adjutant general for air, and assistant quartermaster general for the duration of such emergency or until a majority of the units of the Ohio national guard are released from federal service. 104	48 49 50
such emergency or until a majority of the units of the Ohio 104	49 50 51
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national guard are released from federal service.	51
Sec. 5919.06. Persons shall be commissioned as officers of 109	52
the Ohio national guard shall be selected only from the following 109	
classes: officers or enlisted men of the national guard; officers,	53
active or retired, reserve officers, and former officers of the 109	54
armed forces of the United States; persons who hold certificates 109	55
of eligibility for commission; enlisted men and former enlisted 109	56
men of the armed forces of the United States who have received an 109	57
honorable discharge; graduates of the United States military,	58
naval, and air force academies; graduates of the reserve officer 109	59
training corps; and for the technical branches and services, such	50
other civilians as may be specially qualified for duty therein as 100	51
provided under army, air force, and national guard regulations. 106	52
Sec. 5919.26. The adjutant general shall provide by order the 100	53
reports to be made by the officers of the Ohio national guard, 100	54
which requirements shall, as far as practicable, be upon similar 100	55
blanks and in similar form to the reports required under the 100	56
regulations of the government for the armed forces of the United 100	57
States. 100	58
Sec. 5919.28. The system of tactics, field exercises, and	59
training <u>and evaluation</u> for the United States army or air force 10'	70
shall be the system of tactics, field exercises, and training <u>and</u> 10	71
<u>evaluation</u> for the Ohio national guard.	72
Sec. 5919.29. (A) The governor as commander in chief may 10	73
order individuals and units of the Ohio national guard to perform 10'	74
any training or duty authorized under the "Act of August 10, 10"	75

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1956, 70A Stat. 596, 32 U.S.C.A. 101 to 716, and under	1076
regulations prescribed by the president of the United States, the	1077
secretary of defense, the secretary of the army, the secretary of	1078
the air force, or the chief of the national guard bureau.	1079
(B) When ordered by the governor to perform training or duty	1080
under this section or section 5923.12 of the Revised Code, members	1081
of the Ohio national guard shall have the protections afforded to	1082
persons on federal active duty by the "The Soldiers and Sailors	1083
<u>Service Members</u> Civil Relief Act of 1940 , " 54 Stat. 1178 <u>Pub. L.</u>	1084
No. $108-189$, 50 App. U.S.C.A. $501-548$ and $560-591596$, and by the	1085
"Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of	1086
1994," 108 Stat. 3149, 38 U.S.C.A. 4301 to 4333.	1087
Sec. 5919.34. (A) As used in this section:	1088
(1) "Academic term" means any one of the following:	1089
(a) Fall term, which consists of fall semester or fall	1090
quarter, as appropriate;	1091
(b) Winter term, which consists of winter semester, winter	1092
quarter, or spring semester, as appropriate;	1093
(c) Spring term, which consists of spring quarter;	1094
(d) Summer term, which consists of summer semester or summer	1095
quarter, as appropriate.	1096
(2) "Eligible applicant" means any individual to whom all of	1097
the following apply:	1098
(a) The individual does not possess a baccalaureate degree.	1099
(b) The individual has enlisted, re-enlisted, or extended	1100
current enlistment in the Ohio national guard or is an individual	1101
to which division (F) of this section applies.	1102
(c) The individual is actively enrolled as a full-time or	1103
part-time student for at least six three credit hours of course	1104

the number of participants in the program for the fall term is

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receive scholarships, the adjutant general shall promptly inform

all applicants not receiving scholarships for that academic term

of the next academic term that appropriations will be adequate for

the scholarships. Any such eligible applicant may again apply for

a scholarship beginning that academic term if the applicant is in

compliance with all requirements established by this section and

the adjutant general for the program. The adjutant general shall

process all applications for scholarships for each academic term

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(2) A scholarship	recipient under th	s section may continue	1228
to apply for scholarshi	ps under this sect:	ion until the recipient	1229
has accumulated ninety-	six eligibility un:	its.	1230

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(3) If a scholarship recipient withdraws from courses prior 1231 to the end of an academic term so that the recipient's enrollment 1232 for that academic term is less than six three credit hours, no 1233 scholarship shall be paid on behalf of that person for that 1234 academic term. Except as provided in division (F)(3) of this 1235 section, if a scholarship has already been paid on behalf of the 1236 person for that academic term, the adjutant general shall add to 1237 that person's accumulated eligibility units the number of 1238 eligibility units for which the scholarship was paid. 1239

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- (F) This division applies to any eligible applicant called 1240 into active duty on or after September 11, 2001. As used in this 1241 division, "active duty" means active duty pursuant to an executive 1242 order of the president of the United States, an act of the 1243 congress of the United States, or section 5919.29 or 5923.21 of 1244 the Revised Code.
- (1) An For a period of up to five years from when an 1246 individual's enlistment obligation in the Ohio national quard 1247 ends, an individual to whom this division applies is eligible for 1248 scholarships under this section for those academic terms that were 1249 missed or could have been missed as a result of the individual's 1250 call into active duty. Scholarships shall not be paid for the 1251 academic term in which an eligible applicant's enlistment 1252 obligation ends unless an applicant is eligible under this 1253 division for a scholarship for such academic term due to previous 1254 active duty. 1255
- (2) When an individual to whom this division applies 1256 withdraws or otherwise fails to complete courses, for which 1257 scholarships have been awarded under this section, because the 1258 individual was called into active duty, the institution of higher 1259 education shall grant the individual a leave of absence from the 1260 individual's education program and shall not impose any academic 1261 penalty for such withdrawal or failure to complete courses. 1262

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Division (F)(2) of this section applies regardless of whether or	1263
not the scholarship amount was paid to the institution of higher	1264
education.	1265
(3) If an individual to whom this division applies withdraws	1266
or otherwise fails to complete courses because the individual was	1267
called into active duty, and if scholarships for those courses	1268
have already been paid, either:	1269
(a) The adjutant general shall not add to that person's	1270
accumulated eligibility units calculated under division (E) of	1271
this section the number of eligibility units for the academic	1272
courses or term for which the scholarship was paid and the	1273
institution of higher education shall repay the scholarship amount	1274
to the state.	1275
(b) The adjutant general shall add to that individual's	1276
accumulated eligibility units calculated under division (E) of	1277
this section the number of eligibility units for the academic	1278
courses or term for which the scholarship was paid if the	1279
institution of higher education agrees to permit the individual to	1280
complete the remainder of the academic courses in which the	1281
individual was enrolled at the time the individual was called into	1282
active duty.	1283
(4) No individual who is discharged from the Ohio national	1284
guard under other than honorable conditions shall be eligible for	1285
scholarships under this division.	1286
(G) A scholarship recipient under this section who fails to	1287
complete the term of enlistment, re-enlistment, or extension of	1288
current enlistment the recipient was serving at the time a	1289
scholarship was paid on behalf of the recipient under this section	1290
is liable to the state for repayment of a percentage of all Ohio	1291
national guard scholarships paid on behalf of the recipient under	1292
this section, plus interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum	1293

calculated from the dates the scholarships were paid. This

percentage shall equal the percentage of the current term of

enlistment, re-enlistment, or extension of enlistment a recipient

has not completed as of the date the recipient is discharged from

the Ohio national guard.

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The attorney general may commence a civil action on behalf of 1299 the adjutant general to recover the amount of the scholarships and 1300 the interest provided for in this division and the expenses 1301 incurred in prosecuting the action, including court costs and 1302 reasonable attorney's fees. A scholarship recipient is not liable 1303 under this division if the recipient's failure to complete the 1304 term of enlistment being served at the time a scholarship was paid 1305 on behalf of the recipient under this section is due to the 1306 recipient's death; discharge from the national guard due to 1307 disability; or the recipient's enlistment, for a term not less 1308 than the recipient's remaining term in the national guard, in the 1309 active component of the United States armed forces or the active 1310 reserve component of the United States armed forces. 1311

(H) On or before the first day of each academic term, the 1312 adjutant general shall provide an eligibility roster to each 1313 institution of higher education at which one or more scholarship 1314 recipients have applied for enrollment. The institution shall use 1315 the roster to certify the actual full-time or part-time enrollment 1316 of each scholarship recipient listed as enrolled at the 1317 institution and return the roster to the adjutant general within 1318 thirty days after the first day of the academic term. The adjutant 1319 general shall report to the chancellor of the Ohio board of 1320 regents the number of students in the Ohio national guard 1321 scholarship program at each institution of higher education. The 1322 Ohio board of regents chancellor shall provide for payment of the 1323 appropriate number and amount of scholarships to each institution 1324 of higher education pursuant to division (D) of this section. If 1325

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an institution of higher education fails to certify the actual	1326
enrollment of a scholarship recipient listed as enrolled at the	1327
institution within thirty days of the end of an academic term, the	1328
institution shall not be eligible to receive payment from the Ohio	1329
national guard scholarship program or from the individual	1330
enrollee. The adjutant general shall report on a quarterly basis	1331
to the director of budget and management, the speaker of the house	1332
of representatives, and the president of the senate the number of	1333
Ohio national guard scholarship recipients and a projection of the	1334
cost of the program for the remainder of the biennium.	1335
(I) The chancellor of the Ohio board of regents and the	1336
adjutant general may adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the	1337
Revised Code governing the administration and fiscal management of	1338
the Ohio national guard scholarship program and the procedure by	1339
which the Ohio board of regents <u>chancellor</u> and the department of	1340
the adjutant general may modify the amount of scholarships a	1341
member receives based on the amount of other state financial aid a	1342
member receives.	1343
(J) Notwithstanding division (A) of section 127.14 of the	1344
Revised Code, the controlling board shall not transfer all or part	1345
of any appropriation for the Ohio national guard scholarship	1346
program.	1347
Sec. 5923.05. (A)(1) Permanent public employees who are	1348
members of the Ohio organized militia or members of other reserve	1349
components of the armed forces of the United States, including the	1350
Ohio national guard, are entitled to a leave of absence from their	1351
respective positions without loss of pay for the time they are	1352
performing service in the uniformed services, for periods of up to	1353
one month, for each calendar year in which they are performing	1354
service in the uniformed services.	1355
(2) As used in this section:	1356

- (a) "Calendar year" means the year beginning on the first day
 of January and ending on the last day of December.

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- (b) "Month" means twenty-two eight-hour work days or one 1359 hundred seventy-six hours, or for a public safety employee, 1360 seventeen twenty-four-hour days or four hundred eight hours, 1361 within one calendar year.
- 1363 (c) "Permanent public employee" means any person holding a position in public employment that requires working a regular 1364 schedule of twenty-six consecutive biweekly pay periods, or any 1365 other regular schedule of comparable consecutive pay periods, 1366 which is not limited to a specific season or duration. "Permanent 1367 public employee" does not include student help; intermittent, 1368 seasonal, or external interim employees; or individuals covered by 1369 personal services contracts. 1370
- (d) "State agency" means any department, bureau, board, 1371 commission, office, or other organized body established by the 1372 constitution or laws of this state for the exercise of any 1373 function of state government, the general assembly, all 1374 legislative agencies, the supreme court, the court of claims, and 1375 the state-supported institutions of higher education. 1376
- (e) "Service in the uniformed services" means the performance 1377 of duty, on a voluntary or involuntary basis, in a uniformed 1378 service, under competent authority, and includes active duty, 1379 active duty for training, initial active duty for training, 1380 inactive duty for training, full-time national guard duty, and 1381 performance of duty or training by a member of the Ohio organized 1382 militia pursuant to Chapter 5923. of the Revised Code. "Service in 1383 the uniformed services" includes also the period of time for which 1384 a person is absent from a position of public or private employment 1385 for the purpose of an examination to determine the fitness of the 1386 person to perform any duty described in this division. 1387

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services for longer than a month, for each calendar year in which 1419 the employee performed service in the uniformed services, because 1420 of an executive order issued by the president of the United 1421 States, because of an act of congress, or because of an order to 1422 perform duty issued by the governor pursuant to section 5919.29 or 1423 5923.21 of the Revised Code is entitled, during the period 1424 designated in the order or act, to a leave of absence and to be 1425 paid, during each monthly pay period of that leave of absence, the 1426 difference between the permanent public employee's gross monthly 1427 wage or salary as a permanent public employee and the sum of the 1428 permanent public employee's gross uniformed pay and allowances 1429 received that month. 1430

- (D) No permanent public employee shall receive payments under division (B) or (C) of this section if the sum of the permanent 1432 public employee's gross uniformed pay and allowances received in a 1433 pay period exceeds the employee's gross wage or salary as a 1434 permanent public employee for that period or if the permanent 1435 public employee is receiving pay under division (A) of this 1436 section.
- (E) Any political subdivision of the state, as defined in 1438 section 2744.01 of the Revised Code, may elect to pay any of its 1439 permanent public employees who are entitled to the leave provided 1440 under division (A) of this section and who are called or ordered 1441 to the uniformed services for longer than one month, for each 1442 calendar year in which the employee performed service in the 1443 uniformed services, because of an executive order issued by the 1444 president or an act of congress, such payments, in addition to 1445 those payments required by division (B) of this section, as may be 1446 authorized by the legislative authority of the political 1447 subdivision. 1448
- (F) Each permanent public employee who is entitled to leave provided under division (A) of this section shall submit to the

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permanent public employee's appointing authority the published	1451
order authorizing the call or order to the uniformed services or a	1452
written statement from the appropriate military commander	1453
authorizing that service, prior to being credited with that leave.	1454
(G) Any permanent public employee of a political subdivision	1455
whose employment is governed by a collective bargaining agreement	1456
with provision for the performance of service in the uniformed	1457
services shall abide by the terms of that collective bargaining	1458
agreement with respect to the performance of that service, except	1459
that no collective bargaining agreement may afford fewer rights	1460
and benefits than are conferred under this section.	1461
Sec. 5924.136. (A) The following persons of the organized	1462
militia may administer oaths for the purposes of military	1463
administration, including military justice, and affidavits may be	1464
taken for those purposes before those persons who shall have the	1465
general powers of a notary public:	1466
(1) The state judge advocate and all assistant state judge advocates;	1467 1468
(2) All law specialists;	1469
(3) All summary courts-martial;	1470
(4) All adjutants, assistant adjutants, acting adjutants, and	1471
personnel adjutants;	1472
(5) All commanding officers of the naval militia;	1473
(6) All legal officers;	1474
(7) The president, military judge, trial counsel, and	1475
assistant trial counsel for all general and special	1476
courts-martial;	1477
(8) The president and counsel for the court of any court of	1478
inquiry;	1479

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(9) All officers designated to take a deposition;	1480			
(10) All persons detailed to conduct an investigation; and	1481			
(11) All other persons designated by regulations of the	1482			
governor adjutant general.	1483			
(B) Officers on the state reserve list and state retired lis	t 1484			
shall not be authorized to administer oaths as provided in this	1485			
section unless they are on active duty in or with the organized	1486			
militia under orders of the governor as prescribed in this code.	1487			
(C) The signature without seal of any such person, together	1488			
with the title of his the person's office, is prima-facie evidence	e 1489			
of <u>his</u> <u>the person's</u> authority.	1490			
Section 2. That existing sections 123.024, 141.02, 2108.72,	1491			
2108.73, 3313.616, 3721.50, 4503.46, 5111.21, 5533.785, 5902.02,	1492			
5907.01, 5907.02, 5907.021, 5907.04, 5907.08, 5907.10, 5907.11,	1493			
5907.12, 5907.13, 5911.10, 5913.01, 5913.011, 5913.02, 5913.021,	1494			
5919.06, 5919.26, 5919.28, 5919.29, 5919.34, 5923.05, and				
5924.136, and sections 5907.023, 5907.05, and 5913.04 of the				
Revised Code are hereby repealed.				
Section 3. That Section 409.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 1 of the	1498			
128th General Assembly, as amended by Am. Sub. H.B. 48 of the	1499			
128th General Assembly, as amended by Am. Sub. 11.18. 40 of the	1500			
120th deficial Assembly, se amenaea to read as fortows.	1300			
Sec. 409.10. DVS DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES	1501			
General Revenue Fund	1502			
GRF 900100 Personal Services \$ 25,219,282 \$ 25,219,2	82 1503			
GRF 900200 Maintenance 4,427,264 4,427,2	64 1504			
<u>GRF 900321 Veterans' Homes \$ 29,646,546 \$ 29,646,5</u>	<u>46</u> 1505			
GRF 900402 Hall of Fame \$ 118,750 \$ 118,7	50 1506			
GRF 900403 Veteran Record \$ 40,631 \$ 40,6	31 1507			

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	Conversion					
GRF 900408	Department of	\$	2,054,790	\$	2,054,790	1508
	Veterans Services					
TOTAL GRF Ger	neral Revenue Fund	\$	31,860,717	\$	31,860,717	1509
General Serv	ices Fund Group					1510
4840 900603	Veterans' Homes	\$	770,000	\$	850,000	1511
	Services					
TOTAL GSF Ger	neral Services Fund	\$	770,000	\$	850,000	1512
Group						
Federal Spec	ial Revenue Fund Group					1513
3680 900614	Veterans Training	\$	745,892	\$	745,892	1514
3740 900606	Troops to Teachers	\$	100,000	\$	100,000	1515
3BX0 900609	Medicare Services	\$	2,000,000	\$	2,200,000	1516
3L20 900601	Veterans' Homes	\$	16,979,245	\$	17,454,046	1517
	Operations - Federal					
TOTAL FED Fed	deral Special Revenue					1518
Fund Group		\$	19,825,137	\$	20,499,938	1519
State Specia	l Revenue Fund Group					1520
4E20 900602	Veterans' Homes	\$	9,314,438	\$	9,780,751	1521
	Operating					
6040 900604	Veterans' Homes	\$	1,541,020	\$	1,700,000	1522
	Improvement					
TOTAL SSR Sta	ate Special Revenue					1523
Fund Group		\$	10,855,458	\$	11,480,751	1524
Persian Gulf	, Afghanistan, and Iraq	Conf	Elicts Comper	ısat	ion Fund	1525
Group						1526
7041 900641	Persian Gulf,	\$	50,000,000	\$	50,000,000	1527
	Afghanistan, and Iraq					
	Conflicts					
	Compensation					
TOTAL 041 Per	rsian Gulf,	\$	50,000,000	\$	50,000,000	1528
Afghanistan, and Iraq Conflicts						

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amount of the additional appropriation needed in appropriation	1560
item 900641. Upon receipt of the estimated amount, the Director of	1561
Budget and Management shall increase the appropriation in	1562
appropriation item 900641. These increased amounts are hereby	1563
appropriated.	1564
Amounts advanced to the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq	1565
Conflicts Compensation Fund (7041) for the purpose of defraying	1566
the cost of administration or compensation with the explicit	1567
expectation of reimbursement from the proceeds of obligations paid	1568
into Fund 7041 may also be reimbursed from Fund 7041.	1569
An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered portion of	1570
the foregoing appropriation item 900641, Persian Gulf,	1571
Afghanistan, and Iraq Conflicts Compensation, at the end of fiscal	1572
year 2010 is hereby reappropriated to the Department of Veterans	1573
Services for the same purpose for fiscal year 2011.	1574
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Section 4. That existing Section 409.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 1 of	1575
the 128th General Assembly, as amended by Am. Sub. H.B. 48 of the	1576
128th General Assembly, is hereby repealed.	1577
Section 5. The sections of law contained in this act, and the	1578
items of which they are composed, are not subject to the	1579
referendum. Therefore, under Ohio Constitution, Article II,	1580
Section 1d and section 1.471 of the Revised Code, the sections of	1581
law contained in this act, and the items of which they are	1582
composed, go into immediate effect when this act becomes law.	1583
Section 6. Section 5907.021 of the Revised Code is presented	1584
in this act as a composite of the section as amended by both Am.	1585
Sub. H.B. 490 and H.B. 675 of the 124th General Assembly. The	1586
General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of	1587
section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be	1588
harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, finds	1589

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that the composite is the resulting version of the section in	1590
effect prior to the effective date of the section as presented in	1591
this act.	1592