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**A B I L L**

To amend sections 9.63, 311.07, and 341.21 of the  
Revised Code to provide that a board of county  
commissioners may direct a sheriff to take custody  
of persons who are being detained for deportation  
or who are charged with civil violations of  
immigration law and to expressly authorize state  
and local employees and county sheriffs to render  
assistance to federal immigration officials in the  
investigation and enforcement of federal  
immigration law.

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

**Section 1.** That sections 9.63, 311.07, and 341.21 of the  
Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

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**Sec. 9.63.** (A) Notwithstanding any law, ordinance, or  
collective bargaining contract to the contrary, no state or local  
employee shall unreasonably fail to comply with any lawful request  
for assistance made by any federal authorities carrying out the  
provisions of the USA Patriot Act, any federal immigration or

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terrorism investigation, or any executive order of the president 18  
of the United States pertaining to homeland security, to the 19  
extent that the request is consistent with the doctrine of 20  
federalism. A federal immigration investigation includes all 21  
activities of federal immigration officials related to the 22  
investigation, apprehension, and detention of aliens who violate 23  
criminal or civil provisions of federal immigration law. 24

(B) No municipal corporation shall enact an ordinance, 25  
policy, directive, rule, or resolution that would materially 26  
hinder or prevent local employees from complying with the USA 27  
Patriot Act or any executive order of the president of the United 28  
States pertaining to homeland security or from cooperating with 29  
state or federal immigration services and terrorism 30  
investigations. 31

(C)(1) Any municipal corporation that enacts any ordinance, 32  
policy, directive, rule, or resolution that division (B) of this 33  
section prohibits is ineligible to receive any homeland security 34  
funding available from the state. 35

(2) Whenever the director of public safety determines that a 36  
municipal corporation has enacted any ordinance, policy, 37  
directive, rule, or resolution that division (B) of this section 38  
prohibits, the director shall certify that the municipal 39  
corporation is ineligible to receive any homeland security funding 40  
from the state and shall notify the general assembly of that 41  
ineligibility. That municipal corporation shall remain ineligible 42  
to receive any homeland security funding from the state until the 43  
director certifies that the ordinance, policy, directive, rule, or 44  
resolution has been repealed. 45

(D)(1) If a state or local employee states disagreement with, 46  
or a critical opinion of, the USA Patriot Act, any federal 47  
immigration or terrorism policy, or any executive order of the 48

president of the United States pertaining to homeland security, 49  
the statement of disagreement with or critical opinion of the act 50  
or order is not sufficient to qualify for purposes of this section 51  
as unreasonable noncompliance with a request for assistance of the 52  
type division (A) of this section describes. 53

(2) Any municipal corporation's ordinance, policy, directive, 54  
rule, or resolution that states disagreement with, or a critical 55  
opinion of, any state or federal immigration or terrorism policy, 56  
the USA Patriot Act, or any executive order of the president of 57  
the United States pertaining to homeland security is not 58  
sufficient to qualify as a "material hindrance or prevention" of 59  
local employees from cooperating with federal immigration services 60  
and terrorism investigations or from complying with the USA 61  
Patriot Act or any executive order of the president of the United 62  
States pertaining to homeland security for purposes of divisions 63  
(B), (C), and (D) of this section. 64

(E) As used in this section, "USA Patriot Act" means the 65  
"Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools 66  
Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA Patriot Act) Act 67  
of 2001," Pub. L. No. 107-056, 115 Stat. 272, as amended. 68

**Sec. 311.07.** (A) Each sheriff shall preserve the public peace 69  
and cause all persons guilty of any breach of the peace, within 70  
the sheriff's knowledge or view, to enter into recognizance with 71  
sureties to keep the peace and to appear at the succeeding term of 72  
the court of common pleas, and the sheriff shall commit such 73  
persons to jail in case they refuse to do so. The sheriff shall 74  
return a transcript of all the sheriff's proceedings with the 75  
recognizance so taken to such court. The sheriff shall, except as 76  
provided in division (C) of this section, execute all warrants, 77  
writs, and other process directed to the sheriff by any proper and 78  
lawful authority of this state, and those issued by a proper and 79

lawful authority of any other state. The sheriff shall attend upon 80  
the court of common pleas and the court of appeals during their 81  
sessions, and, when required, shall attend upon the probate court. 82  
In the execution of official duties of the sheriff, the sheriff 83  
may call to the sheriff's aid such persons or power of the county 84  
as is necessary. Under the direction and control of the board of 85  
county commissioners, such sheriff shall have charge of the court 86  
house. A sheriff or deputy sheriff of a county may participate, as 87  
the director of an organized crime task force established under 88  
section 177.02 of the Revised Code or as a member of the 89  
investigatory staff of such a task force, in an investigation of 90  
organized criminal activity in any county or counties in this 91  
state under sections 177.01 to 177.03 of the Revised Code. A 92  
sheriff, upon the request of federal immigration officials, may 93  
render assistance to those officials related to the investigation, 94  
apprehension, and detention of aliens who violate criminal or 95  
civil provisions of federal immigration law. A sheriff, upon the 96  
request of federal immigration officials, may render assistance to 97  
those officials related to the investigation of businesses 98  
suspected of employing aliens who violate criminal or civil 99  
provisions of federal immigration law. 100

(B) The sheriff of a county may call upon the sheriff of any 101  
other county, the mayor or other chief executive of any municipal 102  
corporation, and the chairperson of the board of township trustees 103  
of any township within this state, to furnish such law enforcement 104  
or fire protection personnel, or both, together with appropriate 105  
equipment and apparatus, as may be necessary to preserve the 106  
public peace and protect persons and property in the requesting 107  
sheriff's county. Such aid shall be furnished to the sheriff 108  
requesting it, insofar as possible without withdrawing from the 109  
political subdivision furnishing such aid the minimum police and 110  
fire protection appearing necessary under the circumstances. Law 111  
enforcement and fire protection personnel acting outside the 112

territory of their regular employment shall be considered as 113  
performing services within the territory of their regular 114  
employment for the purposes of compensation, pension or indemnity 115  
fund rights, workers' compensation, and other rights or benefits 116  
to which they may be entitled as incidents of their regular 117  
employment. The county receiving aid shall reimburse, as provided 118  
in this section, the political subdivision furnishing it the cost 119  
of furnishing such aid, including compensation of personnel, 120  
expenses incurred by reason of the injury or death of any such 121  
personnel while rendering such aid, expenses of furnishing 122  
equipment and apparatus, compensation for damage to or loss of 123  
equipment or apparatus while in service outside the territory of 124  
its regular use, and such other reasonable expenses as may be 125  
incurred by any such political subdivision in furnishing aid. The 126  
cost of furnishing such aid may be paid from the sheriff's 127  
furtherance of justice fund created pursuant to section 325.071 of 128  
the Revised Code or from the law enforcement trust fund created 129  
pursuant to section 2981.13 of the Revised Code, or from the 130  
county general fund to the extent moneys have been appropriated 131  
for such purposes pursuant to section 5705.38 of the Revised Code 132  
unless the board of county commissioners adopts a resolution 133  
restricting or prohibiting the use of general fund moneys without 134  
the prior approval of the board of county commissioners. Nothing 135  
in this section shall be construed as superseding or modifying in 136  
any way any provision of a contract entered into pursuant to 137  
section 311.29 of the Revised Code. Law enforcement officers 138  
acting pursuant to this section outside the territory of their 139  
regular employment have the same authority to enforce the law as 140  
when acting within the territory of their regular employment. 141

(C) The sheriff shall not execute process that is issued in a 142  
state other than this state, unless the process contains either of 143  
the following: 144

(1) A certification by the judge of the court that issued the process stating that the issuing court has jurisdiction to issue the process and that the documents being forwarded conform to the laws of the state in which the court is located;

(2) If the process is an initial summons to appear and defend issued after the filing of a complaint commencing an action, a certification by the clerk of the court that issued the process stating that the process was issued in conformance with the laws of the state in which the court is located.

(D) As used in this section and section 311.08 of the Revised Code, "proper and lawful authority" means any authority authorized by law to issue any process and "process" means those documents issued in this state in accordance with section 7.01 of the Revised Code and those documents, other than executions of judgments or decrees, issued in a state other than this state that conform to the laws of the state of issuance governing the issuance of process in that state.

**Sec. 341.21.** (A) The board of county commissioners may direct the sheriff to receive into custody prisoners charged with or convicted of crime by the United States, including, upon the request of federal immigration officials, those persons being detained for deportation or charged with a civil violation of immigration law by federal immigration officials, and to keep those prisoners until discharged.

The board of the county in which prisoners charged with or convicted of crime by the United States may be so committed may negotiate and conclude any contracts with the United States for the use of the jail as provided by this section and as the board sees fit.

A prisoner so committed shall be supported at the expense of the United States during the prisoner's confinement in the county

jail. No greater compensation shall be charged by a sheriff for 176  
the subsistence of that type of prisoner than is provided by 177  
section 311.20 of the Revised Code to be charged for the 178  
subsistence of state prisoners. 179

A sheriff or jailer who neglects or refuses to perform the 180  
services and duties directed by the board by reason of this 181  
division, shall be liable to the same penalties, forfeitures, and 182  
actions as if the prisoner had been committed under the authority 183  
of this state. 184

(B) Prior to the acceptance for housing into the county jail 185  
of persons who are designated by the department of rehabilitation 186  
and correction, who plead guilty to or are convicted of a felony 187  
of the fourth or fifth degree, and who satisfy the other 188  
requirements listed in section 5120.161 of the Revised Code, the 189  
board of county commissioners shall enter into an agreement with 190  
the department of rehabilitation and correction under section 191  
5120.161 of the Revised Code for the housing in the county jail of 192  
persons designated by the department who plead guilty to or are 193  
convicted of a felony of the fourth or fifth degree and who 194  
satisfy the other requirements listed in that section in exchange 195  
for a per diem fee per person. Persons incarcerated in the county 196  
jail pursuant to an agreement entered into under this division 197  
shall be subject to supervision and control in the manner 198  
described in section 5120.161 of the Revised Code. This division 199  
does not affect the authority of a court to directly sentence a 200  
person who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a felony to the 201  
county jail in accordance with section 2929.16 of the Revised 202  
Code. 203

(C) Notwithstanding any contrary provision in section 204  
2929.18, 2929.28, or 2929.37 or in any other section of the 205  
Revised Code, the board of county commissioners may establish a 206  
policy that complies with section 2929.38 of the Revised Code and 207

that requires any person who is not indigent and who is confined 208  
in the jail under division (B) of this section to pay a reception 209  
fee, a fee for any medical treatment or service requested by and 210  
provided to that person, or the fee for a random drug test 211  
assessed under division (E) of section 341.26 of the Revised Code. 212

(D) If a sheriff receives into custody a prisoner convicted 213  
of crime by the United States as described in division (A) of this 214  
section, if a person who has been convicted of or pleaded guilty 215  
to an offense is incarcerated in the jail in the manner described 216  
in division (B) of this section, if a sheriff receives into 217  
custody a prisoner charged with a crime by the United States and 218  
the prisoner has had bail denied or has had bail set, has not been 219  
released on bail, and is confined in jail pending trial, or if a 220  
person who has been arrested for an offense, and who has been 221  
denied bail or has had bail set and has not been released on bail 222  
is confined in jail pending trial, at the time of reception and at 223  
other times the sheriff or other person in charge of the operation 224  
of the jail determines to be appropriate, the sheriff or other 225  
person in charge of the operation of the jail may cause the 226  
convicted or accused offender to be examined and tested for 227  
tuberculosis, HIV infection, hepatitis, including, but not limited 228  
to, hepatitis A, B, and C, and other contagious diseases. The 229  
sheriff or other person in charge of the operation of the jail may 230  
cause a convicted or accused offender in the jail who refuses to 231  
be tested or treated for tuberculosis, HIV infection, hepatitis, 232  
including, but not limited to, hepatitis A, B, and C, or another 233  
contagious disease to be tested and treated involuntarily. 234

**Section 2.** That existing sections 9.63, 311.07, and 341.21 of 235  
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 236