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To amend sections 331.01, 331.02, 331.03, and 331.04 1
of the Revised Code to expand the authority of a 2
county facilities review board to include any 3
facility where an adult ward of the probate court 4
resides or receives services among the 5
institutions subject to its review. 6

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

Section 1. That sections 331.01, 331.02, 331.03, and 331.04 7
of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 8

Sec. 331.01. In each county there may be a county facilities 9
review board. Each such board shall consist of six persons, not 10
more than three of whom shall have the same political 11
affiliations, appointed for the inspection of all charitable and 12
correctional institutions supported in whole or in part from 13
county or municipal corporation funds and for the inspection of 14
any facility where an adult ward of the probate court resides or 15

receives services that are approved and authorized by the probate court, regardless of whether that facility is funded with private funds or is funded in whole or in part with state or local funds.

Three of such appointees shall be women. If the judge of the probate court chooses to appoint a county facilities review board, ~~he~~ the judge shall initially appoint six persons, two of whom shall be appointed for terms of three years, two for terms of two years, and two for terms of one year. The terms of office shall commence on the first day of May. Thereafter, within thirty days prior to the first day of May of each year, the judge shall appoint two persons for a term of three years, beginning upon the first day of May. The judge of the probate court may terminate or reconstitute the county facilities review board by an appropriate journal entry.

All vacancies in the board shall be filled in the manner provided by the original appointment, for the unexpired term only.

Sec. 331.02. A certificate of appointment to the county facilities review board shall be issued to the persons appointed under section 331.01 of the Revised Code, and a copy, giving full names and addresses, shall be sent to the central office of the department of job and family services. No person shall be qualified to serve on the board who is in any manner officially connected with any charitable or correctional institution within the county supported wholly or partly at public expense or with any facility in which an adult ward of the probate court resides or receives services that are approved and authorized by the probate court.

Sec. 331.03. The county facilities review board shall serve without compensation, but actual expenses incurred in the discharge of its duties, including the costs of printing its annual report required by division (A) of section 331.06 of the

Revised Code, and actual necessary expense incurred by any member, 47
to be selected by such board, in visiting any ~~other~~ charitable or 48
correctional institution or any facility where an adult ward of 49
the probate court resides or receives services that are approved 50
and authorized by the probate court for the purpose of 51
information, and in attendance upon any convention or meeting held 52
within this state in the interest of and to deliberate upon 53
charitable or correctional methods and work, to an amount not to 54
exceed one thousand dollars in any year, shall be allowed by the 55
board of county commissioners. The county auditor shall issue a 56
warrant for such expense which shall be paid by the county 57
treasurer, provided the judge of the probate court has issued a 58
certificate that the members of the county facilities review board 59
have satisfactorily performed their duties, as provided in 60
sections 331.04 to 331.06 of the Revised Code. 61

Sec. 331.04. The county facilities review board, by personal 62
visitation or otherwise, shall keep fully advised of the condition 63
and management of all charitable or correctional institutions 64
supported in whole or in part by county or municipal taxation, or 65
which are under county or municipal control, and especially the 66
county home, county jail, municipal prisons, and children's home. 67
The county facilities review board, by personal visitation or 68
otherwise, shall keep fully advised of the condition and 69
management of any facility where an adult ward of the probate 70
court resides or receives services that are approved and 71
authorized by the probate court. From time to time the county 72
facilities review board shall recommend to the board of county 73
commissioners and to any other officials or persons responsible 74
for such institutions or facilities, such changes and additional 75
provisions as the county facilities review board considers 76
essential for the economical and efficient administration of the 77
institutions or facilities. At least once in every three months 78

each of such institutions or facilities shall be visited by the 79
county facilities review board or a committee of its members. 80
Failure in the performance of these duties on the part of any 81
member of the county facilities review board for one year shall be 82
sufficient cause for ~~his~~ the member's removal by the judge of the 83
probate court. 84

Section 2. That existing sections 331.01, 331.02, 331.03, and 85
331.04 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 86