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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 16  
court, regardless of whether that facility is funded with private 17  
funds or is funded in whole or in part with state or local funds. 18

Three of such appointees shall be women. If the judge of the 19  
probate court chooses to appoint a county facilities review board, 20  
~~he~~ the judge shall initially appoint six persons, two of whom 21  
shall be appointed for terms of three years, two for terms of two 22  
years, and two for terms of one year. The terms of office shall 23  
commence on the first day of May. Thereafter, within thirty days 24  
prior to the first day of May of each year, the judge shall 25  
appoint two persons for a term of three years, beginning upon the 26  
first day of May. The judge of the probate court may terminate or 27  
reconstitute the county facilities review board by an appropriate 28  
journal entry. 29

All vacancies in the board shall be filled in the manner 30  
provided by the original appointment, for the unexpired term only. 31

**Sec. 331.02.** A certificate of appointment to the county 32  
facilities review board shall be issued to the persons appointed 33  
under section 331.01 of the Revised Code, and a copy, giving full 34  
names and addresses, shall be sent to the central office of the 35  
department of job and family services. No person shall be 36  
qualified to serve on the board who is in any manner officially 37  
connected with any charitable or correctional institution within 38  
the county supported wholly or partly at public expense or with 39  
any facility in which an adult ward of the probate court resides 40  
or receives services that are approved and authorized by the 41  
probate court. 42

**Sec. 331.03.** The county facilities review board shall serve 43  
without compensation, but actual expenses incurred in the 44  
discharge of its duties, including the costs of printing its 45  
annual report required by division (A) of section 331.06 of the 46  
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