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A BILL

To amend sections 5502.21 and 5502.41 and to enact 1  
section 3345.042 of the Revised Code to modify the 2  
laws governing the Intrastate Mutual Aid Compact. 3

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

Section 1. That sections 5502.21 and 5502.41 be amended and 4  
section 3345.042 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 5  
follows: 6

Sec. 3345.042. (A) As used in this section: 7

(1) "Community college" has the same meaning as in section 8  
3354.01 of the Revised Code. 9

(2) "Countywide emergency management agency," "participating 10  
political subdivision," "program for emergency management within a 11  
political subdivision," and "regional authority for emergency 12  
management" have the same meanings as in section 5502.41 of the 13  
Revised Code. 14

(3) "Technical college" has the same meaning as in section 15  
3357.01 of the Revised Code. 16

(4) "State community college" has the same meaning as in 17  
section 3358.01 of the Revised Code. 18

(5) "State institution of higher education" has the same 19

meaning as in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code. 20

(6) "University branch" has the same meaning as in section 3355.01 of the Revised Code. 21  
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(B)(1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, a state institution of higher education is considered to be a participating political subdivision for purposes of the intrastate mutual aid compact created under section 5502.41 of the Revised Code. 23  
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(2) A state institution of higher education may elect not to participate in the intrastate mutual aid compact by enacting or adopting an appropriate resolution, rule, bylaw, or regulation to that effect. The institution shall provide a copy of the resolution, rule, bylaw, or regulation to the state emergency management agency and to the countywide emergency management agency, regional authority for emergency management, or program for emergency management within a political subdivision, whichever is responsible for emergency management at the institution. 28  
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(C) Except for a community college, state community college, technical college, or university branch, a state institution of higher education and its personnel, while requesting or providing assistance or aid pursuant to the compact, shall be deemed to be performing a public duty as defined in section 2743.01 of the Revised Code and have the defenses to, and immunities from, civil liability provided in section 2743.02 of the Revised Code. Community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, university branches, and personnel of such institutions, while requesting or providing assistance or aid pursuant to the compact, shall have the defenses and immunities from civil liability provided in sections 2744.02 and 2744.03 of the Revised Code and shall be entitled to all applicable limitations on recoverable damages under section 2744.05 of the Revised Code. 37  
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Sec. 5502.21. As used in sections 5502.21 to 5502.51 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Agency" means any administrative or operational division, including an office, department, bureau, board, commission, or authority, of the state or of a political subdivision thereof, including volunteer agencies, organizations, or departments.

(B) "Attack" means any attack, either actual or imminent, or a series of attacks by an actual or potential enemy of the United States or by a foreign nation upon the United States that causes or may cause substantial damage to or destruction of life, property, or the environment within the United States or that is designed to injure the military or economic strength of the United States. "Attack" includes, without limitation, acts of sabotage, acts of terrorism, invasion, the use of bombs or shellfire, conventional, nuclear, chemical, or biological warfare, and the use of other weapons or processes.

(C) "Chief executive" means the president of the United States, the governor of this state, the board of county commissioners of any county, the board of township trustees of any township, or the mayor or city manager of any municipal corporation within this state.

(D) "Civil defense" is an integral part of emergency management that includes all those activities and measures designed or undertaken to minimize the effects upon the civilian population caused or that would be caused by any hazard and to effect emergency repairs to, or the emergency restoration of, vital equipment, resources, supplies, utilities, and facilities necessary for survival and for the public health, safety, and welfare that would be damaged or destroyed by any hazard. "Civil defense" includes, but is not limited to:

(1) Those measures to be taken during a hazard, including all of the following:	82 83
(a) The enforcement of those passive defense regulations necessary for the protection of the civilian population and prescribed by duly established military or civil authorities;	84 85 86
(b) The evacuation of personnel to shelter areas;	87
(c) The control of traffic and panic situations;	88
(d) The control and use of emergency communications, lighting, and warning equipment and systems.	89 90
(2) Those measures to be taken after a hazard has occurred, including all of the following:	91 92
(a) Activities necessary for firefighting, rescue, emergency, medical, health, and sanitation services;	93 94
(b) Monitoring for secondary hazards that could be caused from the initiating event;	95 96
(c) Damage assessment and disaster analysis operations;	97
(d) Coordination of disaster assistance programs;	98
(e) Monitoring for effects from weapons;	99
(f) Unexploded bomb reconnaissance;	100
(g) Essential debris clearance;	101
(h) Decontamination operations;	102
(i) Documentation of operations and financial expenses;	103
(j) Resource control;	104
(k) Any other activities that may be necessary for survival and the overall health, safety, and welfare of the civilian population.	105 106 107
(E) " <u>Disaster</u> " means any imminent threat or actual occurrence of widespread or severe damage to or loss of property, personal	108 109

hardship or injury, or loss of life that results from any natural 110  
phenomenon or act of a human. 111

(F) ~~Emergency~~ Except as provided in section 5502.41 of the 112  
Revised Code, "emergency" means any period during which the 113  
congress of the United States or a chief executive has declared or 114  
proclaimed that an emergency exists. 115

(G) "Emergency management" includes all emergency 116  
preparedness and civil defense activities and measures, whether or 117  
not mentioned or described in sections 5502.21 to 5502.51 of the 118  
Revised Code, that are designed or undertaken to minimize the 119  
effects upon the civilian population caused or that could be 120  
caused by any hazard and that are necessary to address mitigation, 121  
emergency preparedness, response, and recovery. 122

(H) "Emergency preparedness" is an integral part of emergency 123  
management that includes those activities and measures designed or 124  
undertaken in preparation for any hazard, including, but not 125  
limited to, natural disasters and hazards involving hazardous 126  
materials or radiological materials, and that will enhance the 127  
probability for preservation of life, property, and the 128  
environment. "Emergency preparedness" includes, without 129  
limitation: 130

(1) The establishment of appropriate agencies and 131  
organizations; 132

(2) The development of necessary plans and standard operating 133  
procedures for mitigation, preparation, response, and recovery 134  
purposes, including, without limitation, the development of 135  
supporting agreements and memorandums of understanding; 136

(3) Hazard identification; 137

(4) Capability assessment; 138

(5) The recruitment, retention, and training of personnel; 139

(6) The development, printing, and distribution of emergency public information, education, and training materials and programs;	140 141 142
(7) The necessary conduct of research;	143
(8) The development of resource inventories;	144
(9) The procurement and stockpiling of equipment, food, water, medical supplies, and any other supplies necessary for survival and for the public health, safety, and welfare;	145 146 147
(10) The development and construction of public shelter facilities and shelter spaces;	148 149
(11) The development and construction of emergency operations centers for the conduct and support of coordination, direction, and control activities;	150 151 152
(12) When appropriate and considered necessary, the nonmilitary evacuation or temporary relocation of the civilian population.	153 154 155
(I) <u>"Hazard"</u> means any actual or imminent threat to the survival or overall health, safety, or welfare of the civilian population that is caused by any natural, human-made, or technological event. <u>"Hazard"</u> includes, without limitation, an attack, disaster, and emergency.	156 157 158 159 160
(J) <u>"Hazard identification"</u> means an identification, historical analysis, inventory, or spatial distribution of risks that could affect a specific geographical area and that would cause a threat to the survival, health, safety, or welfare of the civilian population, the property of that population, or the environment.	161 162 163 164 165 166
(K) <u>"Law"</u> includes a general or special statute, law, local law, ordinance, resolution, rule, order, or rule of common law.	167 168
(L) <u>"Mitigation"</u> means all those activities that reduce or	169

eliminate the probability of a hazard. "Mitigation" also includes 170  
long-term activities and measures designed to reduce the effects 171  
of unavoidable hazards. 172

(M) ~~Political~~ Except as provided in section 5502.41 of the 173  
Revised Code, "political subdivision" means a county, township, or 174  
municipal corporation in this state. 175

(N) "Recovery" includes all those activities required and 176  
necessary to return an area to its former condition to the extent 177  
possible following the occurrence of any hazard. 178

(O) "Response" includes all those activities that occur 179  
subsequent to any hazard and that provide emergency assistance 180  
from the effects of any such hazard, reduce the probability of 181  
further injury, damage, or destruction, and are designed or 182  
undertaken to speed recovery operations. 183

(P) "Structure" includes shelters, additions to or 184  
alterations of existing buildings, and portions of existing 185  
buildings dedicated to public use, made and designed exclusively 186  
for protection against the shock or other effects of nuclear, 187  
biological, or chemical warfare, special housing for equipment, 188  
and all other structural means of protection of individuals and 189  
property against any hazard. 190

(Q) "Equipment" includes fire-fighting, first-aid, emergency 191  
medical, hospital, salvage, and rescue equipment and materials, 192  
equipment for evacuation or relocation of individuals, 193  
radiological monitoring equipment, hazardous materials response 194  
gear, communications equipment, warning equipment, and all other 195  
means, in the nature of personal property, to be used exclusively 196  
in the protection of individuals and property against the effects 197  
of any hazard. 198

(R) "Certifying authority" means the executive director of 199  
the emergency management agency provided for by section 5502.22 of 200

the Revised Code. 201

(S) "Civil defense certificate" means a civil defense 202  
certificate of necessity issued pursuant to section 5502.42 of the 203  
Revised Code. 204

**Sec. 5502.41.** (A) As used in this section: 205

(1) "Chief executive of a participating political 206  
subdivision" means the elected chief executive of a participating 207  
political subdivision or, if the political subdivision does not 208  
have an elected chief executive, a member of the political 209  
subdivision's governing body or an employee of the political 210  
subdivision appointed by the governing body's members to be its 211  
representative for purposes of the intrastate mutual aid program 212  
created pursuant to this section. 213

(2) "Countywide emergency management agency" means a 214  
countywide emergency management agency established under section 215  
5502.26 of the Revised Code. 216

~~(2)~~(3) "Emergency" means any period during which the congress 217  
of the United States, a chief executive as defined in section 218  
5502.21 of the Revised Code, or a chief executive of a 219  
participating political subdivision has declared or proclaimed 220  
that an emergency exists. 221

(4) "Participating political subdivision" means each 222  
political subdivision in this state except a political subdivision 223  
that enacts or adopts, by appropriate legislation, ordinance, 224  
resolution, rule, bylaw, or regulation signed by its chief 225  
executive, a ~~declaration~~ decision not to participate in the 226  
intrastate mutual aid program created by this section and that 227  
provides a copy of the legislation, ordinance, resolution, rule, 228  
bylaw, or regulation to the state emergency management agency and 229  
to the countywide emergency management agency, regional authority 230



for emergency management, or program for emergency management 231  
within the political subdivision, ~~which is responsible for~~ 232  
~~emergency management in the political subdivision.~~ 233

(3)(5) "Planned event" means a scheduled nonemergency 234  
activity as defined by the national incident management system 235  
adopted under section 5502.28 of the Revised Code as the state's 236  
standard procedure for incident management. "Planned event" 237  
includes, but is not limited to, a sporting event, concert, or 238  
parade. 239

(6) "Political subdivision" or "subdivision" has the same 240  
meaning as in section 2744.01 of the Revised Code. 241

(7) "Program for emergency management within a political 242  
subdivision" means a program for emergency management created by a 243  
political subdivision under section 5502.271 of the Revised Code. 244

(4)(8) "Regional authority for emergency management" means a 245  
regional authority for emergency management established under 246  
section 5502.27 of the Revised Code. 247

(9) "Regional response team" means a group of persons from 248  
participating political subdivisions who provide mutual assistance 249  
or aid in preparation for, response to, or recovery from an 250  
incident, disaster, exercise, training activity, planned event, or 251  
emergency, any of which requires additional resources. "Regional 252  
response team" includes, but is not limited to, an incident 253  
management team, hazardous materials response team, water rescue 254  
team, bomb team, or search and rescue team. 255

(B) There is hereby created the intrastate mutual aid program 256  
to be known as "the intrastate mutual aid compact" to complement 257  
existing mutual aid agreements ~~in the event of a disaster that~~ 258  
~~results in a formal declaration of emergency by a participating~~ 259  
~~political subdivision.~~ The program shall provide have two 260  
purposes: 261

(1) Provide for mutual assistance or aid among the 262  
participating political subdivisions ~~in response to and recovery~~ 263  
~~from any~~ for purposes of preparing for, responding to, and 264  
recovering from an incident, disaster ~~that results in a formal~~ 265  
~~declaration of emergency by a participating political subdivision;~~ 266  
~~shall provide for mutual cooperation among the participating~~ 267  
~~political subdivisions in conducting disaster-related exercises,~~ 268  
~~testing, or other training activities using the services,~~ 269  
~~equipment, supplies, materials, personnel, and other resources of~~ 270  
~~the participating political subdivisions to simulate the provision~~ 271  
~~of mutual aid; and shall embody, exercise, training activity,~~ 272  
planned event, or emergency, any of which requires additional 273  
resources; 274

(2) Establish a method by which a participating political 275  
subdivision may seek assistance ~~in the event of a formally~~ 276  
~~declared emergency, which~~ or aid that resolves many of the common 277  
issues facing political subdivisions ~~at the time of a formally~~ 278  
~~declared emergency before, during, and after an incident,~~ 279  
disaster, exercise, training activity, planned event, or 280  
emergency, any of which requires additional resources, and will 281  
~~ensure that ensures,~~ to the extent possible, eligibility for 282  
available state and federal disaster assistance or other funding. 283

(C) Each countywide emergency management agency, regional 284  
authority for emergency management, and program for emergency 285  
management within a political subdivision, ~~which is responsible~~ 286  
~~for emergency management in a participating political subdivision~~ 287  
~~shall, as part of its program for emergency management under~~ 288  
~~sections 5502.22, 5502.26, 5502.27, and 5502.271 of the Revised~~ 289  
~~Code, as applicable, and in coordination with all departments,~~ 290  
divisions, boards, commissions, agencies, and other 291  
instrumentalities ~~of, and having emergency response functions~~ 292  
~~within, each participating that~~ political subdivision ~~served by~~ 293

~~that agency, authority, or program, shall~~ establish procedures or 294  
plans that, to the extent possible, accomplish both of the 295  
following: 296

(1) Identify hazards that potentially could affect the 297  
participating political subdivisions served by that agency, 298  
authority, or program; 299

(2) Identify and inventory the current services, equipment, 300  
supplies, personnel, and other resources related to the 301  
preparedness, response, and recovery activities of the 302  
participating political subdivisions served by that agency, 303  
authority, or program. 304

~~(D)(1) Within one year after December 23, 2002, the~~ The 305  
executive director of the state emergency management agency shall 306  
coordinate with the countywide emergency management agencies, 307  
regional authorities for emergency management, and programs for 308  
emergency management within a political subdivision, ~~which are~~ 309  
~~responsible for emergency management in participating political~~ 310  
~~subdivisions,~~ in identifying and formulating appropriate 311  
procedures or plans to resolve resource shortfalls, ~~as part of~~ 312  
~~their respective programs for emergency management under sections~~ 313  
~~5502.22, 5502.26, 5502.27, and 5502.271 of the Revised Code, as~~ 314  
~~applicable.~~ 315

(2) During and after the formulation of the procedures or 316  
plans to resolve resource shortfalls, there shall be ongoing 317  
consultation and coordination among the executive director of the 318  
state emergency management agency; the countywide emergency 319  
management agencies, regional authorities for emergency 320  
management, and programs for emergency management within a 321  
political subdivision, ~~which are responsible for emergency~~ 322  
~~management in participating political subdivisions;~~ and all 323  
departments, divisions, boards, commissions, agencies, and other 324  
instrumentalities of, and having emergency response functions 325

within, each participating political subdivision, regarding this 326  
section, local procedures and plans, and the resolution of the 327  
resource shortfalls. 328

~~(E) Participating political subdivisions may request 329  
assistance of other participating political subdivisions in 330  
response to and recovery from a disaster during formally declared 331  
emergencies or in disaster-related exercises, testing, or other 332  
training activities.~~ (1) A participating political subdivision 333  
that is impacted by an incident, disaster, exercise, training 334  
activity, planned event, or emergency, any of which requires 335  
additional resources, may request mutual assistance or aid by 336  
doing either of the following: 337

(a) Declaring a state of emergency and issuing a request for 338  
assistance or aid from any other participating political 339  
subdivision; 340

(b) Issuing to another participating political subdivision a 341  
verbal or written request for assistance or aid. If the request is 342  
made verbally, a written confirmation of the request shall be made 343  
not later than seventy-two hours after the verbal request is made. 344

(2) Requests for assistance or aid made under division (E)(1) 345  
of this section shall be made through the emergency management 346  
agency of a participating political subdivision or an official 347  
designated by the chief executive of the participating political 348  
subdivision from which the assistance or aid is requested. 349  
~~Requests may be verbal or in writing. If verbal, the request shall 350  
be confirmed in writing within seventy two hours after the verbal 351  
request is made. Requests and shall provide the following 352  
information: 353~~

~~(1)(a)~~ (a) A description of the incident, disaster, exercise, 354  
training activity, planned event, or emergency; 355

~~(2)(b)~~ (b) A description of the assistance or aid needed; 356

~~(3)(c)~~ An estimate of the length of time the assistance or 357  
aid will be needed; 358

~~(4)(d)~~ The specific place and time for staging of the 359  
assistance or aid and a point of contact at that location. 360

(F) A participating political ~~subdivision's obligation to~~ 361  
subdivision shall provide assistance ~~in response to and recovery~~ 362  
~~from a disaster or in disaster related exercises, testing, or~~ 363  
~~other training activities under this section~~ or aid to another 364  
participating political subdivision that is impacted by an 365  
incident, disaster, exercise, training activity, planned event, or 366  
emergency, any of which requires additional resources. The 367  
provision of the assistance or aid is subject to the following 368  
conditions: 369

(1) ~~A participating political subdivision requesting~~ 370  
~~assistance must have either declared a state of emergency by~~ 371  
~~resolution of its chief executive or scheduled disaster related~~ 372  
~~exercises, testing, or other training activities.~~ 373

~~(2) A~~ The responding ~~participating~~ political subdivision may 374  
withhold resources necessary to provide for its own protection. 375

~~(3)(2)~~ Personnel of a the responding ~~participating~~ political 376  
subdivision shall continue under their local command and control 377  
structure, but shall be under the operational control of the 378  
appropriate officials within the incident management system of the 379  
participating political subdivision receiving assistance or aid. 380

~~(4)(3)~~ Responding law enforcement officers acting pursuant to 381  
this section have the same authority to enforce the law as when 382  
acting within the territory of their regular employment. 383

(G)(1) Nothing in this section ~~alters~~ shall do any of the 384  
following: 385

(a) Alter the duties and responsibilities of emergency 386

response personnel; 387

(b) Prohibit a private company from participating in the 388  
provision of mutual assistance or aid pursuant to the compact 389  
created pursuant to this section if the participating political 390  
subdivision approves the participation and the contract with the 391  
private company allows for the participation; 392

(c) Prohibit employees of participating political 393  
subdivisions from responding to a request for mutual assistance or 394  
aid precipitated by an incident, disaster, exercise, training 395  
activity, planned event, or emergency, any of which requires 396  
additional resources, when the employees are responding as part of 397  
a regional response team that is under the operational control of 398  
the incident command structure; 399

(d) Authorize employees of participating political 400  
subdivisions to respond to an incident, disaster, exercise, 401  
training activity, planned event, or emergency, any of which 402  
requires additional resources, without a request from a 403  
participating political subdivision. 404

(2) This section does not preclude a participating political 405  
subdivision from entering into a mutual aid or other agreement 406  
with another political subdivision, and does not affect any other 407  
agreement to which a participating political subdivision may be a 408  
party, or any request for assistance or aid that may be made, 409  
under any other section of the Revised Code, including, but not 410  
limited to, any mutual aid arrangement under this chapter, any 411  
fire protection or emergency medical services contract under 412  
section 9.60 of the Revised Code, sheriffs' requests for 413  
assistance to preserve the public peace and protect persons and 414  
property under section 311.07 of the Revised Code, ~~agreements~~ any 415  
agreement for mutual assistance or aid in police protection under 416  
section 737.04 of the Revised Code, any agreement for law 417  
enforcement services between universities and colleges and 418

political subdivisions under section 3345.041 or 3345.21 of the 419  
Revised Code, and mutual aid agreements among emergency planning 420  
districts for hazardous substances or chemicals response under 421  
sections 3750.02 and 3750.03 of the Revised Code. 422

(H)(1) Personnel of a responding participating political 423  
subdivision who suffer injury or death in the course of, and 424  
arising out of, their employment while rendering assistance or aid 425  
under this section to another participating political subdivision 426  
~~under this section~~ are entitled to all applicable benefits under 427  
Chapters 4121. and 4123. of the Revised Code. 428

(2) Personnel of a responding participating political 429  
subdivision shall be considered, while rendering assistance or aid 430  
under this section in another participating political subdivision 431  
~~under this section,~~ to be agents of the ~~participating~~ responding 432  
political subdivision ~~receiving the assistance~~ for purposes of 433  
tort liability and immunity from tort liability under the law of 434  
this state. 435

(3)(a) A responding participating political subdivision and 436  
the personnel of that political subdivision, while rendering 437  
assistance or aid under this section, or while in route to or from 438  
rendering assistance or aid under this section, in another 439  
participating political subdivision ~~under this section,~~ shall be 440  
deemed to be exercising governmental functions as defined in 441  
section 2744.01 of the Revised Code, shall have the defenses to 442  
and immunities from civil liability provided in sections 2744.02 443  
and 2744.03 of the Revised Code, and shall be entitled to all 444  
applicable limitations on recoverable damages under section 445  
2744.05 of the Revised Code. 446

(b) A participating political subdivision requesting 447  
assistance or aid and the personnel of that political subdivision, 448  
while requesting or receiving assistance or aid under this section 449  
from any other participating political ~~subdivisions under this~~ 450

~~section subdivision~~, shall be deemed to be exercising governmental 451  
functions as defined in section 2744.01 of the Revised Code, shall 452  
have the defenses to and immunities from civil liability provided 453  
in sections 2744.02 and 2744.03 of the Revised Code, and shall be 454  
entitled to all applicable limitations on recoverable damages 455  
under section 2744.05 of the Revised Code. 456

(I) If a person holds a license, certificate, or other permit 457  
issued by a participating political subdivision evidencing 458  
qualification in a professional, mechanical, or other skill, and 459  
if the assistance or aid of that person is asked for under this 460  
section by a participating political subdivision ~~receiving~~ 461  
~~assistance under this section~~, the person shall be deemed to be 462  
licensed or certified in or permitted by the participating 463  
political subdivision receiving the assistance or aid to render 464  
the assistance or aid, subject to any limitations and conditions 465  
the chief executive of the participating political subdivision 466  
receiving the assistance or aid may prescribe by executive order 467  
or otherwise. 468

(J) ~~Except~~ (1) Subject to division (K) of this section and 469  
~~except~~ as ~~otherwise~~ provided in ~~this~~ division (J)(2) of this 470  
section, any participating political subdivision rendering 471  
assistance or aid under this section in another participating 472  
political subdivision ~~under this section~~ shall be reimbursed by 473  
the participating political subdivision receiving the assistance 474  
or aid for any loss or damage to, or expense incurred in the 475  
operation of, any equipment used in rendering the assistance or 476  
aid, for any expense incurred in the provision of any service used 477  
in rendering the assistance or aid, and for all other costs 478  
incurred in responding to the request for assistance or aid. 479  
~~However, a participating political subdivision rendering~~ 480  
~~assistance may assume in whole or in part the loss, damage,~~ 481  
~~expense, or costs, or may loan the equipment or donate the service~~ 482



~~to the participating political subdivision receiving the~~ 483  
~~assistance without charge or cost; any two or more participating~~ 484  
~~political subdivisions may enter into agreements establishing a~~ 485  
~~different allocation of loss, damage, expense, or costs among~~ 486  
~~themselves; and expenses incurred under division (H)(1) of this~~ 487  
~~section are not reimbursable under this division.~~ To avoid 488  
duplication of payments, insurance proceeds available to cover any 489  
loss or damage to equipment of a participating political 490  
subdivision rendering assistance or aid shall be considered in the 491  
reimbursement by the participating political subdivision receiving 492  
the assistance or aid. 493

(2) A participating political subdivision rendering 494  
assistance or aid under this section to another participating 495  
political subdivision shall not be reimbursed for either of the 496  
following: 497

(a) The first eight hours of mutual assistance or aid it 498  
provides to the political subdivision receiving the assistance or 499  
aid; 500

(b) Expenses the participating political subdivision incurs 501  
under division (H)(1) of this section. 502

(K) A participating political subdivision rendering 503  
assistance or aid under this section may do any of the following: 504

(1) Assume, in whole or in part, any loss, damage, expense, 505  
or cost the political subdivision incurs in rendering the 506  
assistance or aid; 507

(2) Loan, without charge, any equipment, or donate any 508  
service, to the political subdivision receiving the assistance or 509  
aid; 510

(3) Enter into agreements with one or more other 511  
participating political subdivisions to establish different 512  
allocations of losses, damages, expenses, or costs among such 513

political subdivisions. 514

**Section 2.** That existing sections 5502.21 and 5502.41 of the 515

Revised Code are hereby repealed. 516