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A BILL

То	amend section 4141.01 and to enact sections	1
	4141.50 to 4141.55 of the Revised Code to create	2
	the SharedWork Ohio Program.	3

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

Section 1. That section 4141.01 be amended and sections	4
4141.50, 4141.51, 4141.52, 4141.53, 4141.54, and 4141.55 of the	5
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	6
Sec. 4141.01. As used in this chapter, unless the context	7
otherwise requires:	8
(A)(1) "Employer" means the state, its instrumentalities, its	9
political subdivisions and their instrumentalities, Indian tribes,	10
and any individual or type of organization including any	11
partnership, limited liability company, association, trust,	12
estate, joint-stock company, insurance company, or corporation,	13
whether domestic or foreign, or the receiver, trustee in	14

bankruptcy, trustee, or the successor thereof, or the legal	15
representative of a deceased person who subsequent to December 31,	16
1971, or in the case of political subdivisions or their	17
instrumentalities, subsequent to December 31, 1973:	18
(a) Had in employment at least one individual, or in the case	19
of a nonprofit organization, subsequent to December 31, 1973, had	20
not less than four individuals in employment for some portion of a	21
day in each of twenty different calendar weeks, in either the	22
current or the preceding calendar year whether or not the same	23
individual was in employment in each such day; or	24
(b) Except for a nonprofit organization, had paid for service	25
in employment wages of fifteen hundred dollars or more in any	26
calendar quarter in either the current or preceding calendar year;	27
or	28
(c) Had paid, subsequent to December 31, 1977, for employment	29
in domestic service in a local college club, or local chapter of a	30
college fraternity or sorority, cash remuneration of one thousand	31
dollars or more in any calendar quarter in the current calendar	32
year or the preceding calendar year, or had paid subsequent to	33
December 31, 1977, for employment in domestic service in a private	34
home cash remuneration of one thousand dollars in any calendar	35
quarter in the current calendar year or the preceding calendar	36
year:	37
(i) For the purposes of divisions $(A)(1)(a)$ and (b) of this	38
section, there shall not be taken into account any wages paid to,	39
or employment of, an individual performing domestic service as	40
described in this division.	41
(ii) An employer under this division shall not be an employer	42
with respect to wages paid for any services other than domestic	43
service unless the employer is also found to be an employer under	44

division (A)(1)(a), (b), or (d) of this section.

(A)(4) or (5) of this section and for the duration of such

election; or

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- (f) In the case of the state, its instrumentalities, its 77 political subdivisions, and their instrumentalities, and Indian 78 tribes, had in employment, as defined in divisions (B)(2)(a) and 79 (B)(2)(l) of this section, at least one individual; 80
- (g) For the purposes of division (A)(1)(a) of this section, 81 if any week includes both the thirty-first day of December and the 82 first day of January, the days of that week before the first day 83 of January shall be considered one calendar week and the days 84 beginning the first day of January another week. 85
- (2) Each individual employed to perform or to assist in 86 performing the work of any agent or employee of an employer is 87 employed by such employer for all the purposes of this chapter, 88 whether such individual was hired or paid directly by such 89 employer or by such agent or employee, provided the employer had 90 actual or constructive knowledge of the work. All individuals 91 performing services for an employer of any person in this state 92 who maintains two or more establishments within this state are 93 employed by a single employer for the purposes of this chapter. 94
- (3) An employer subject to this chapter within any calendar 95
 year is subject to this chapter during the whole of such year and 96
 during the next succeeding calendar year. 97
- (4) An employer not otherwise subject to this chapter who 98 files with the director of job and family services a written 99 election to become an employer subject to this chapter for not 100 less than two calendar years shall, with the written approval of 101 such election by the director, become an employer subject to this 102 chapter to the same extent as all other employers as of the date 103 stated in such approval, and shall cease to be subject to this 104 chapter as of the first day of January of any calendar year 105 subsequent to such two calendar years only if at least thirty days 106 prior to such first day of January the employer has filed with the 107 director a written notice to that effect. 108

(5) Any employer for whom services that do not constitute	109
employment are performed may file with the director a written	110
election that all such services performed by individuals in the	111
employer's employ in one or more distinct establishments or places	112
of business shall be deemed to constitute employment for all the	113
purposes of this chapter, for not less than two calendar years.	114
Upon written approval of the election by the director, such	115
services shall be deemed to constitute employment subject to this	116
chapter from and after the date stated in such approval. Such	117
services shall cease to be employment subject to this chapter as	118
of the first day of January of any calendar year subsequent to	119
such two calendar years only if at least thirty days prior to such	120
first day of January such employer has filed with the director a	121
written notice to that effect.	122

- (B)(1) "Employment" means service performed by an individual 123 for remuneration under any contract of hire, written or oral, 124 express or implied, including service performed in interstate 125 commerce and service performed by an officer of a corporation, 126 without regard to whether such service is executive, managerial, 127 or manual in nature, and without regard to whether such officer is 128 a stockholder or a member of the board of directors of the 129 corporation, unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the 130 director that such individual has been and will continue to be 131 free from direction or control over the performance of such 132 service, both under a contract of service and in fact. The 133 director shall adopt rules to define "direction or control." 134
 - (2) "Employment" includes:
- (a) Service performed after December 31, 1977, by an 136 individual in the employ of the state or any of its 137 instrumentalities, or any political subdivision thereof or any of 138 its instrumentalities or any instrumentality of more than one of 139 the foregoing or any instrumentality of any of the foregoing and 140

- (e) Service not covered under division (B)(1) of this section 161 which is performed after December 31, 1971: 162
- (i) As an agent-driver or commission-driver engaged in
 distributing meat products, vegetable products, fruit products,
 bakery products, beverages other than milk, laundry, or
 dry-cleaning services, for the individual's employer or principal;
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- (ii) As a traveling or city salesperson, other than as an 167 agent-driver or commission-driver, engaged on a full-time basis in 168 the solicitation on behalf of and in the transmission to the 169 salesperson's employer or principal except for sideline sales 170 activities on behalf of some other person of orders from 171

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wholesalers, retailers, contractors, or operators of hotels,	172
restaurants, or other similar establishments for merchandise for	173
resale, or supplies for use in their business operations, provided	174
that for the purposes of division (B)(2)(e)(ii) of this section,	175
the services shall be deemed employment if the contract of service	176
contemplates that substantially all of the services are to be	177
performed personally by the individual and that the individual	178
does not have a substantial investment in facilities used in	179
connection with the performance of the services other than in	180
facilities for transportation, and the services are not in the	181
nature of a single transaction that is not a part of a continuing	182
relationship with the person for whom the services are performed.	183

- (f) An individual's entire service performed within or both within and without the state if:
 - (i) The service is localized in this state.
- (ii) The service is not localized in any state, but some of 187 the service is performed in this state and either the base of 188 operations, or if there is no base of operations then the place 189 from which such service is directed or controlled, is in this 190 state or the base of operations or place from which such service 191 is directed or controlled is not in any state in which some part 192 of the service is performed but the individual's residence is in 193 this state. 194
- (q) Service not covered under division (B)(2)(f)(ii) of this 195 section and performed entirely without this state, with respect to 196 no part of which contributions are required and paid under an 197 unemployment compensation law of any other state, the Virgin 198 Islands, Canada, or of the United States, if the individual 199 performing such service is a resident of this state and the 200 director approves the election of the employer for whom such 201 services are performed; or, if the individual is not a resident of 202 this state but the place from which the service is directed or 203

such service, under this chapter.

controlled is in this state, the entire services of such	204
individual shall be deemed to be employment subject to this	205
chapter, provided service is deemed to be localized within this	206
state if the service is performed entirely within this state or if	207
the service is performed both within and without this state but	208
the service performed without this state is incidental to the	209
individual's service within the state, for example, is temporary	210
or transitory in nature or consists of isolated transactions;	211
(h) Service of an individual who is a citizen of the United	212
States, performed outside the United States except in Canada after	213
December 31, 1971, or the Virgin Islands, after December 31, 1971,	214
and before the first day of January of the year following that in	215
which the United States secretary of labor approves the Virgin	216
Islands law for the first time, in the employ of an American	217
employer, other than service which is "employment" under divisions	218
(B)(2)(f) and (g) of this section or similar provisions of another	219
state's law, if:	220
(i) The employer's principal place of business in the United	221
States is located in this state;	222
(ii) The employer has no place of business in the United	223
States, but the employer is an individual who is a resident of	224
this state; or the employer is a corporation which is organized	225
under the laws of this state, or the employer is a partnership or	226
a trust and the number of partners or trustees who are residents	227
of this state is greater than the number who are residents of any	228
other state; or	229
(iii) None of the criteria of divisions (B)(2)(f)(i) and (ii)	230
of this section is met but the employer has elected coverage in	231
this state or the employer having failed to elect coverage in any	232
state, the individual has filed a claim for benefits, based on	233

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- (i) For the purposes of division (B)(2)(h) of this section, 235 the term "American employer" means an employer who is an 236 individual who is a resident of the United States; or a 237 partnership, if two-thirds or more of the partners are residents 238 of the United States; or a trust, if all of the trustees are 239 residents of the United States; or a corporation organized under 240 the laws of the United States or of any state, provided the term 241 "United States" includes the states, the District of Columbia, the 242 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. 243
- (j) Notwithstanding any other provisions of divisions (B)(1) 244 and (2) of this section, service, except for domestic service in a 245 private home not covered under division (A)(1)(c) of this section, 246 with respect to which a tax is required to be paid under any 247 federal law imposing a tax against which credit may be taken for 248 contributions required to be paid into a state unemployment fund, 249 or service, except for domestic service in a private home not 250 covered under division (A)(1)(c) of this section, which, as a 251 condition for full tax credit against the tax imposed by the 252 "Federal Unemployment Tax Act," 84 Stat. 713, 26 U.S.C.A. 3301 to 253 3311, is required to be covered under this chapter. 254
- (k) Construction services performed by any individual under a 255 construction contract, as defined in section 4141.39 of the 256 Revised Code, if the director determines that the employer for 257 whom services are performed has the right to direct or control the 258 performance of the services and that the individuals who perform 259 the services receive remuneration for the services performed. The 260 director shall presume that the employer for whom services are 261 performed has the right to direct or control the performance of 262 the services if ten or more of the following criteria apply: 263
- (i) The employer directs or controls the manner or method by which instructions are given to the individual performing services;

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agricultural labor, except as provided in division (A)(1)(d) of

this section;

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(b) Domestic service performed after December 31, 1977, in a	326
private home, local college club, or local chapter of a college	327
fraternity or sorority except as provided in division (A)(1)(c) of	328
this section;	329
(c) Service performed after December 31, 1977, for this state	330
or a political subdivision as described in division $(B)(2)(a)$ of	331
this section when performed:	332
(i) As a publicly elected official;	333
(ii) As a member of a legislative body, or a member of the	334
judiciary;	335
(iii) As a military member of the Ohio national guard;	336
(iv) As an employee, not in the classified service as defined	337
in section 124.11 of the Revised Code, serving on a temporary	338
basis in case of fire, storm, snow, earthquake, flood, or similar	339
emergency;	340
(v) In a position which, under or pursuant to law, is	341
designated as a major nontenured policymaking or advisory	342
position, not in the classified service of the state, or a	343
policymaking or advisory position the performance of the duties of	344
which ordinarily does not require more than eight hours per week.	345
(d) In the employ of any governmental unit or instrumentality	346
of the United States;	347
(e) Service performed after December 31, 1971:	348
(i) Service in the employ of an educational institution or	349
institution of higher education, including those operated by the	350
state or a political subdivision, if such service is performed by	351
a student who is enrolled and is regularly attending classes at	352
the educational institution or institution of higher education; or	353
(ii) By an individual who is enrolled at a nonprofit or	354
public educational institution which normally maintains a regular	355

designated for that purpose.

(h) Service performed after December 31, 1971:

(i) In the employ of a church or convention or association of

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faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly organized body	356
of students in attendance at the place where its educational	357
activities are carried on as a student in a full-time program,	358
taken for credit at the institution, which combines academic	359
instruction with work experience, if the service is an integral	360
part of the program, and the institution has so certified to the	361
employer, provided that this subdivision shall not apply to	362
service performed in a program established for or on behalf of an	363
employer or group of employers \div .	364
(f) Service performed by an individual in the employ of the	365
individual's son, daughter, or spouse and service performed by a	366
child under the age of eighteen in the employ of the child's	367
father or mother;	368
(g) Service performed for one or more principals by an	369
individual who is compensated on a commission basis, who in the	370
performance of the work is master of the individual's own time and	371
efforts, and whose remuneration is wholly dependent on the amount	372
of effort the individual chooses to expend, and which service is	373
not subject to the "Federal Unemployment Tax Act," 53 Stat. 183	374
(1939), 26 U.S.C.A. 3301 to 3311. Service performed after December	375
31, 1971:	376
(i) By an individual for an employer as an insurance agent or	377
as an insurance solicitor, if all this service is performed for	378
remuneration solely by way of commission;	379
(ii) As a home worker performing work, according to	380
specifications furnished by the employer for whom the services are	381
performed, on materials or goods furnished by such employer which	382
are required to be returned to the employer or to a person	383

churches, or in an organization which is operated primarily for	387
religious purposes and which is operated, supervised, controlled,	388
or principally supported by a church or convention or association	389
of churches;	390
(ii) By a duly ordained, commissioned, or licensed minister	391
of a church in the exercise of the individual's ministry or by a	392
member of a religious order in the exercise of duties required by	393
such order; or	394
(iii) In a facility conducted for the purpose of carrying out	395
a program of rehabilitation for individuals whose earning capacity	396
is impaired by age or physical or mental deficiency or injury, or	397
providing remunerative work for individuals who because of their	398
impaired physical or mental capacity cannot be readily absorbed in	399
the competitive labor market, by an individual receiving such	400
rehabilitation or remunerative work÷.	401
(i) Service performed after June 30, 1939, with respect to	402
which unemployment compensation is payable under the "Railroad	403
Unemployment Insurance Act," 52 Stat. 1094 (1938), 45 U.S.C. 351;	404
(j) Service performed by an individual in the employ of any	405
organization exempt from income tax under section 501 of the	406
"Internal Revenue Code of 1954," if the remuneration for such	407
service does not exceed fifty dollars in any calendar quarter, or	408
if such service is in connection with the collection of dues or	409
premiums for a fraternal beneficial society, order, or association	410
and is performed away from the home office or is ritualistic	411
service in connection with any such society, order, or	412
association;	413
(k) Casual labor not in the course of an employer's trade or	414
business; incidental service performed by an officer, appraiser,	415
or member of a finance committee of a bank, building and loan	416

association, savings and loan association, or savings association

when the remuneration for such incidental service exclusive of the	418
amount paid or allotted for directors' fees does not exceed sixty	419
dollars per calendar quarter is casual labor;	420
(1) Service performed in the employ of a voluntary employees'	421
beneficial association providing for the payment of life,	422
sickness, accident, or other benefits to the members of such	423
association or their dependents or their designated beneficiaries,	424
if admission to a membership in such association is limited to	425
individuals who are officers or employees of a municipal or public	426
corporation, of a political subdivision of the state, or of the	427
United States and no part of the net earnings of such association	428
inures, other than through such payments, to the benefit of any	429
private shareholder or individual;	430
(m) Service performed by an individual in the employ of a	431
foreign government, including service as a consular or other	432
officer or employee or of a nondiplomatic representative;	433
(n) Service performed in the employ of an instrumentality	434
wholly owned by a foreign government if the service is of a	435
character similar to that performed in foreign countries by	436
employees of the United States or of an instrumentality thereof	437
and if the director finds that the secretary of state of the	438
United States has certified to the secretary of the treasury of	439
the United States that the foreign government, with respect to	440
whose instrumentality exemption is claimed, grants an equivalent	441
exemption with respect to similar service performed in the foreign	442
country by employees of the United States and of instrumentalities	443
thereof;	444
(o) Service with respect to which unemployment compensation	445
is payable under an unemployment compensation system established	446
by an act of congress;	447

(p) Service performed as a student nurse in the employ of a

hospital or a nurses' training school by an individual who is	449
enrolled and is regularly attending classes in a nurses' training	450
school chartered or approved pursuant to state law, and service	451
performed as an intern in the employ of a hospital by an	452
individual who has completed a four years' course in a medical	453
school chartered or approved pursuant to state law;	454
(q) Service performed by an individual under the age of	455
eighteen in the delivery or distribution of newspapers or shopping	456
news, not including delivery or distribution to any point for	457
subsequent delivery or distribution;	458
(r) Service performed in the employ of the United States or	459
an instrumentality of the United States immune under the	460
Constitution of the United States from the contributions imposed	461
by this chapter, except that to the extent that congress permits	462
states to require any instrumentalities of the United States to	463
make payments into an unemployment fund under a state unemployment	464
compensation act, this chapter shall be applicable to such	465
instrumentalities and to services performed for such	466
instrumentalities in the same manner, to the same extent, and on	467
the same terms as to all other employers, individuals, and	468
services, provided that if this state is not certified for any	469
year by the proper agency of the United States under section 3304	470
of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1954," the payments required of	471
such instrumentalities with respect to such year shall be refunded	472
by the director from the fund in the same manner and within the	473
same period as is provided in division (E) of section 4141.09 of	474
the Revised Code with respect to contributions erroneously	475
collected;	476

(s) Service performed by an individual as a member of a band 477 or orchestra, provided such service does not represent the 478 principal occupation of such individual, and which service is not 479 subject to or required to be covered for full tax credit against 480

the tax imposed by the "Federal Unemployment Tax Act," 53 Stat.	481
183 (1939), 26 U.S.C.A. 3301 to 3311.	482
(t) Service performed in the employ of a day camp whose	483
camping season does not exceed twelve weeks in any calendar year,	484
and which service is not subject to the "Federal Unemployment Tax	485
Act," 53 Stat. 183 (1939), 26 U.S.C.A. 3301 to 3311. Service	486
performed after December 31, 1971:	487
(i) In the employ of a hospital, if the service is performed	488
by a patient of the hospital, as defined in division (W) of this	489
section;	490
(ii) For a prison or other correctional institution by an	491
inmate of the prison or correctional institution;	492
(iii) Service performed after December 31, 1977, by an inmate	493
of a custodial institution operated by the state, a political	494
subdivision, or a nonprofit organization.	495
(u) Service that is performed by a nonresident alien	496
individual for the period the individual temporarily is present in	497
the United States as a nonimmigrant under division (F) , (J) , (M) ,	498
or (Q) of section $101(a)(15)$ of the "Immigration and Nationality	499
Act," 66 Stat. 163, 8 U.S.C.A. 1101, as amended, that is excluded	500
under section 3306(c)(19) of the "Federal Unemployment Tax Act,"	501
53 Stat. 183 (1939), 26 U.S.C.A. 3301 to 3311.	502
(v) Notwithstanding any other provisions of division (B)(3)	503
of this section, services that are excluded under divisions	504
(B)(3)(g), (j) , (k) , and (l) of this section shall not be excluded	505
from employment when performed for a nonprofit organization, as	506
defined in division (X) of this section, or for this state or its	507
instrumentalities, or for a political subdivision or its	508
instrumentalities or for Indian tribes;	509
(w) Service that is performed by an individual working as an	510

election official or election worker if the amount of remuneration

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(4) If the services performed during one half or more of any	542
pay period by an employee for the person employing that employee	543
constitute employment, all the services of such employee for such	544
period shall be deemed to be employment; but if the services	545
performed during more than one half of any such pay period by an	546
employee for the person employing that employee do not constitute	547
employment, then none of the services of such employee for such	548
period shall be deemed to be employment. As used in division	549
(B)(4) of this section, "pay period" means a period, of not more	550
than thirty-one consecutive days, for which payment of	551
remuneration is ordinarily made to the employee by the person	552
employing that employee. Division (B)(4) of this section does not	553
apply to services performed in a pay period by an employee for the	554
person employing that employee, if any of such service is excepted	555
by division (B)(3)(o) of this section.	556

- (C) "Benefits" means money payments payable to an individual who has established benefit rights, as provided in this chapter, for loss of remuneration due to the individual's unemployment.
- (D) "Benefit rights" means the weekly benefit amount and the maximum benefit amount that may become payable to an individual 561 within the individual's benefit year as determined by the 562 director. 563
- (E) "Claim for benefits" means a claim for waiting period or 564 benefits for a designated week.
- (F) "Additional claim" means the first claim for benefits 566 filed following any separation from employment during a benefit 567 year; "continued claim" means any claim other than the first claim 568 for benefits and other than an additional claim. 569
- (G)(1) "Wages" means remuneration paid to an employee by each
 of the employee's employers with respect to employment; except
 that wages shall not include that part of remuneration paid during
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any calendar year to an individual by an employer or such 573 employer's predecessor in interest in the same business or 574 enterprise, which in any calendar year is in excess of eight 575 thousand two hundred fifty dollars on and after January 1, 1992; 576 eight thousand five hundred dollars on and after January 1, 1993; 577 eight thousand seven hundred fifty dollars on and after January 1, 578 1994; and nine thousand dollars on and after January 1, 1995. 579 Remuneration in excess of such amounts shall be deemed wages 580 subject to contribution to the same extent that such remuneration 581 is defined as wages under the "Federal Unemployment Tax Act," 84 582 Stat. 714 (1970), 26 U.S.C.A. 3301 to 3311, as amended. The 583 remuneration paid an employee by an employer with respect to 584 employment in another state, upon which contributions were 585 required and paid by such employer under the unemployment 586 compensation act of such other state, shall be included as a part 587 of remuneration in computing the amount specified in this 588 division. 589

(2) Notwithstanding division (G)(1) of this section, if, as 590 of the computation date for any calendar year, the director 591 determines that the level of the unemployment compensation fund is 592 sixty per cent or more below the minimum safe level as defined in 593 section 4141.25 of the Revised Code, then, effective the first day 594 of January of the following calendar year, wages subject to this 595 chapter shall not include that part of remuneration paid during 596 any calendar year to an individual by an employer or such 597 employer's predecessor in interest in the same business or 598 enterprise which is in excess of nine thousand dollars. The 599 increase in the dollar amount of wages subject to this chapter 600 under this division shall remain in effect from the date of the 601 director's determination pursuant to division (G)(2) of this 602 section and thereafter notwithstanding the fact that the level in 603 the fund may subsequently become less than sixty per cent below 604 the minimum safe level. 605

(H)(1) "Remuneration" means all compensation for personal	606
services, including commissions and bonuses and the cash value of	607
all compensation in any medium other than cash, except that in the	608
case of agricultural or domestic service, "remuneration" includes	609
only cash remuneration. Gratuities customarily received by an	610
individual in the course of the individual's employment from	611
persons other than the individual's employer and which are	612
accounted for by such individual to the individual's employer are	613
taxable wages.	614
The reasonable cash value of compensation paid in any medium	615
other than cash shall be estimated and determined in accordance	616
with rules prescribed by the director, provided that	617
"remuneration" does not include:	618
(a) Payments as provided in divisions (b)(2) to (b)(16) of	619
section 3306 of the "Federal Unemployment Tax Act," 84 Stat. 713,	620
26 U.S.C.A. 3301 to 3311, as amended;	621
(b) The payment by an employer, without deduction from the	622
remuneration of the individual in the employer's employ, of the	623
tax imposed upon an individual in the employer's employ under	624
section 3101 of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1954," with respect	625
to services performed after October 1, 1941.	626
(2) "Cash remuneration" means all remuneration paid in cash,	627
including commissions and bonuses, but not including the cash	628
value of all compensation in any medium other than cash.	629
(I) "Interested party" means the director and any party to	630
whom notice of a determination of an application for benefit	631
rights or a claim for benefits is required to be given under	632
section 4141.28 of the Revised Code.	633

(J) "Annual payroll" means the total amount of wages subject

to contributions during a twelve-month period ending with the last

day of the second calendar quarter of any calendar year.

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(K) "Average annual payroll" means the average of the last	637
three annual payrolls of an employer, provided that if, as of any	638
computation date, the employer has had less than three annual	639
payrolls in such three-year period, such average shall be based on	640
the annual payrolls which the employer has had as of such date.	641
(L)(1) "Contributions" means the money payments to the state	642
unemployment compensation fund required of employers by section	643
4141.25 of the Revised Code and of the state and any of its	644
political subdivisions electing to pay contributions under section	645
4141.242 of the Revised Code. Employers paying contributions shall	646
be described as "contributory employers."	647
(2) "Payments in lieu of contributions" means the money	648
payments to the state unemployment compensation fund required of	649
reimbursing employers under sections 4141.241 and 4141.242 of the	650
Revised Code.	651
(M) An individual is "totally unemployed" in any week during	652
which the individual performs no services and with respect to such	653
week no remuneration is payable to the individual.	654
(N) An individual is "partially unemployed" in any week if,	655
due to involuntary loss of work, the total remuneration payable to	656
the individual for such week is less than the individual's weekly	657
benefit amount.	658
(O) "Week" means the calendar week ending at midnight	659
Saturday unless an equivalent week of seven consecutive calendar	660
days is prescribed by the director.	661
(1) "Qualifying week" means any calendar week in an	662
individual's base period with respect to which the individual	663
earns or is paid remuneration in employment subject to this	664
chapter. A calendar week with respect to which an individual earns	665
remuneration but for which payment was not made within the base	666

period, when necessary to qualify for benefit rights, may be

considered to be a qualifying week. The number of qualifying weeks
which may be established in a calendar quarter shall not exceed
the number of calendar weeks in the quarter.

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- (2) "Average weekly wage" means the amount obtained by 671 dividing an individual's total remuneration for all qualifying 672 weeks during the base period by the number of such qualifying 673 weeks, provided that if the computation results in an amount that 674 is not a multiple of one dollar, such amount shall be rounded to 675 the next lower multiple of one dollar. 676
- (P) "Weekly benefit amount" means the amount of benefits an 677 individual would be entitled to receive for one week of total 678 unemployment.
- (Q)(1) "Base period" means the first four of the last five
 completed calendar quarters immediately preceding the first day of
 an individual's benefit year, except as provided in division
 (Q)(2) of this section.
- (2) If an individual does not have sufficient qualifying 684 weeks and wages in the base period to qualify for benefit rights, 685 the individual's base period shall be the four most recently 686 completed calendar quarters preceding the first day of the 687 individual's benefit year. Such base period shall be known as the 688 "alternate base period." If information as to weeks and wages for 689 the most recent quarter of the alternate base period is not 690 available to the director from the regular quarterly reports of 691 wage information, which are systematically accessible, the 692 director may, consistent with the provisions of section 4141.28 of 693 the Revised Code, base the determination of eligibility for 694 benefits on the affidavit of the claimant with respect to weeks 695 and wages for that calendar quarter. The claimant shall furnish 696 payroll documentation, where available, in support of the 697 affidavit. The determination based upon the alternate base period 698 as it relates to the claimant's benefit rights, shall be amended 699

when the quarterly report of wage information from the employer is 700 timely received and that information causes a change in the 701 determination. As provided in division (B) of section 4141.28 of 702 the Revised Code, any benefits paid and charged to an employer's 703 account, based upon a claimant's affidavit, shall be adjusted 704 effective as of the beginning of the claimant's benefit year. No 705 calendar quarter in a base period or alternate base period shall 706 be used to establish a subsequent benefit year. 707

- (3) The "base period" of a combined wage claim, as described 708 in division (H) of section 4141.43 of the Revised Code, shall be 709 the base period prescribed by the law of the state in which the 710 claim is allowed.
- (4) For purposes of determining the weeks that comprise a 712 completed calendar quarter under this division, only those weeks 713 ending at midnight Saturday within the calendar quarter shall be 714 utilized. 715
- (R)(1) "Benefit year" with respect to an individual means the 716 fifty-two week period beginning with the first day of that week 717 with respect to which the individual first files a valid 718 application for determination of benefit rights, and thereafter 719 the fifty-two week period beginning with the first day of that 720 week with respect to which the individual next files a valid 721 application for determination of benefit rights after the 722 termination of the individual's last preceding benefit year, 723 except that the application shall not be considered valid unless 724 the individual has had employment in six weeks that is subject to 725 this chapter or the unemployment compensation act of another 726 state, or the United States, and has, since the beginning of the 727 individual's previous benefit year, in the employment earned three 728 times the average weekly wage determined for the previous benefit 729 year. The "benefit year" of a combined wage claim, as described in 730 division (H) of section 4141.43 of the Revised Code, shall be the 731

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benefit year prescribed by the law of the state in which the claim 732 is allowed. Any application for determination of benefit rights 733 made in accordance with section 4141.28 of the Revised Code is 734 valid if the individual filing such application is unemployed, has 735 been employed by an employer or employers subject to this chapter 736 in at least twenty qualifying weeks within the individual's base 737 period, and has earned or been paid remuneration at an average 738 weekly wage of not less than twenty-seven and one-half per cent of 739 the statewide average weekly wage for such weeks. For purposes of 740 determining whether an individual has had sufficient employment 741 since the beginning of the individual's previous benefit year to 742 file a valid application, "employment" means the performance of 743 services for which remuneration is payable. 744

- (2) Effective for benefit years beginning on and after 745 December 26, 2004, any application for determination of benefit 746 rights made in accordance with section 4141.28 of the Revised Code 747 is valid if the individual satisfies the criteria described in 748 division (R)(1) of this section, and if the reason for the 749 individual's separation from employment is not disqualifying 750 pursuant to division (D)(2) of section 4141.29 or section 4141.291 751 of the Revised Code. A disqualification imposed pursuant to 752 division (D)(2) of section 4141.29 or section 4141.291 of the 753 Revised Code must be removed as provided in those sections as a 754 requirement of establishing a valid application for benefit years 755 beginning on and after December 26, 2004. 756
- (3) The statewide average weekly wage shall be calculated by
 the director once a year based on the twelve-month period ending
 the thirtieth day of June, as set forth in division (B)(3) of
 section 4141.30 of the Revised Code, rounded down to the nearest
 dollar. Increases or decreases in the amount of remuneration
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 required to have been earned or paid in order for individuals to
 have filed valid applications shall become effective on Sunday of

and wildlife;

the calendar week in which the first day of January occurs that	764
follows the twelve-month period ending the thirtieth day of June	765
upon which the calculation of the statewide average weekly wage	766
was based.	767
(4) As used in this division, an individual is "unemployed"	768
if, with respect to the calendar week in which such application is	769
filed, the individual is "partially unemployed" or "totally	770
unemployed" as defined in this section or if, prior to filing the	771
application, the individual was separated from the individual's	772
most recent work for any reason which terminated the individual's	773
employee-employer relationship, or was laid off indefinitely or	774
for a definite period of seven or more days.	775
(S) "Calendar quarter" means the period of three consecutive	776
calendar months ending on the thirty-first day of March, the	777
thirtieth day of June, the thirtieth day of September, and the	778
thirty-first day of December, or the equivalent thereof as the	779
director prescribes by rule.	780
(T) "Computation date" means the first day of the third	781
calendar quarter of any calendar year.	782
(U) "Contribution period" means the calendar year beginning	783
on the first day of January of any year.	784
(V) "Agricultural labor," for the purpose of this division,	785
means any service performed prior to January 1, 1972, which was	786
agricultural labor as defined in this division prior to that date,	787
and service performed after December 31, 1971:	788
(1) On a farm, in the employ of any person, in connection	789
with cultivating the soil, or in connection with raising or	790
harvesting any agricultural or horticultural commodity, including	791
the raising, shearing, feeding, caring for, training, and	792
management of livestock, bees, poultry, and fur-bearing animals	793

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(2) In the employ of the owner or tenant or other operator of	795
a farm in connection with the operation, management, conservation,	796
improvement, or maintenance of such farm and its tools and	797
equipment, or in salvaging timber or clearing land of brush and	798
other debris left by hurricane, if the major part of such service	799
is performed on a farm;	800

- (3) In connection with the production or harvesting of any 801 commodity defined as an agricultural commodity in section 15 (g) 802 of the "Agricultural Marketing Act," 46 Stat. 1550 (1931), 12 803 U.S.C. 1141j, as amended, or in connection with the ginning of 804 cotton, or in connection with the operation or maintenance of 805 ditches, canals, reservoirs, or waterways, not owned or operated 806 for profit, used exclusively for supplying and storing water for 807 farming purposes; 808
- (4) In the employ of the operator of a farm in handling, 809 planting, drying, packing, packaging, processing, freezing, 810 grading, storing, or delivering to storage or to market or to a 811 carrier for transportation to market, in its unmanufactured state, 812 any agricultural or horticultural commodity, but only if the 813 operator produced more than one half of the commodity with respect 814 to which such service is performed; 815
- (5) In the employ of a group of operators of farms, or a 816 cooperative organization of which the operators are members, in 817 the performance of service described in division (V)(4) of this 818 section, but only if the operators produced more than one-half of 819 the commodity with respect to which the service is performed; 820
- (6) Divisions (V)(4) and (5) of this section shall not be 821 deemed to be applicable with respect to service performed: 822
- (a) In connection with commercial canning or commercial 823 freezing or in connection with any agricultural or horticultural 824 commodity after its delivery to a terminal market for distribution 825

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(Z) For the purposes of this chapter, "states" includes the	856
District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the	857
Virgin Islands.	858
(AA) "Alien" means, for the purposes of division (A)(1)(d) of	859
this section, an individual who is an alien admitted to the United	860
States to perform service in agricultural labor pursuant to	861
sections 214 (c) and 101 (a)(15)(H) of the "Immigration and	862
Nationality Act," 66 Stat. 163, 8 U.S.C.A. 1101.	863
(BB)(1) "Crew leader" means an individual who furnishes	864
individuals to perform agricultural labor for any other employer	865
or farm operator, and:	866
(a) Pays, either on the individual's own behalf or on behalf	867
of the other employer or farm operator, the individuals so	868
furnished by the individual for the service in agricultural labor	869
performed by them;	870
(b) Has not entered into a written agreement with the other	871
employer or farm operator under which the agricultural worker is	872
designated as in the employ of the other employer or farm	873
operator.	874
(2) For the purposes of this chapter, any individual who is a	875
member of a crew furnished by a crew leader to perform service in	876
agricultural labor for any other employer or farm operator shall	877
be treated as an employee of the crew leader if:	878
(a) The crew leader holds a valid certificate of registration	879
under the "Farm Labor Contractor Registration Act of 1963," 90	880
Stat. 2668, 7 U.S.C. 2041; or	881
(b) Substantially all the members of the crew operate or	882
maintain tractors, mechanized harvesting or crop-dusting	883
equipment, or any other mechanized equipment, which is provided by	884
the crew leader; and	885

occupation.

(c) If the individual is not in the employment of the other	886
employer or farm operator within the meaning of division (B)(1) of	887
this section.	888
(3) For the purposes of this division, any individual who is	889
furnished by a crew leader to perform service in agricultural	890
labor for any other employer or farm operator and who is not	891
treated as in the employment of the crew leader under division	892
(BB)(2) of this section shall be treated as the employee of the	893
other employer or farm operator and not of the crew leader. The	894
other employer or farm operator shall be treated as having paid	895
cash remuneration to the individual in an amount equal to the	896
amount of cash remuneration paid to the individual by the crew	897
leader, either on the crew leader's own behalf or on behalf of the	898
other employer or farm operator, for the service in agricultural	899
labor performed for the other employer or farm operator.	900
(CC) "Educational institution" means an institution other	901
than an institution of higher education as defined in division (Y)	902
of this section, including an educational institution operated by	903
an Indian tribe, which:	904
(1) Offers participants, trainees, or students an organized	905
course of study or training designed to transfer to them	906
knowledge, skills, information, doctrines, attitudes, or abilities	907
from, by, or under the guidance of an instructor or teacher; and	908
(2) Is approved, chartered, or issued a permit to operate as	909
a school by the state board of education, other government agency,	910
or Indian tribe that is authorized within the state to approve,	911
charter, or issue a permit for the operation of a school.	912
For the purposes of this division, the courses of study or	913
training which the institution offers may be academic, technical,	914
trade, or preparation for gainful employment in a recognized	915

(DD) "Cost savings day" means any unpaid day off from work in	917
which employees continue to accrue employee benefits which have a	918
determinable value including, but not limited to, vacation,	919
pension contribution, sick time, and life and health insurance.	920
(EE) "Participating employee" means an employee who works a	921
reduced number of hours under an approved shared work plan.	922
(FF) "Participating employer" means an employer who has a	923
shared work plan.	924
(GG) "Shared work benefit" means an unemployment compensation	925
benefit that is payable to a participating employee.	926
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Sec. 4141.50. There is hereby created the "SharedWork Ohio"	927
program, under which an employer who participates in the program	928
reduces the number of hours worked by the employees of the	929
employer in lieu of layoffs.	930
An employer who wishes to participate in the program shall	931
submit a plan to the director of job and family services that	932
satisfies the requirements listed in section 4141.51 of the	933
Revised Code.	934
The director shall adopt rules as the director determines	935
necessary to implement any guidance issued by the United States	936
secretary of labor with respect to the SharedWork Ohio program.	937
Sec. 4141.51. (A) The director of job and family services	938
shall approve a shared work plan submitted under section 4141.50	939
of the Revised Code if all of the following are satisfied:	940
(1) The employer identifies in the plan the participating	941
employees by name and social security number.	942
(2) The employer describes in the plan the manner in which	943
the employer will implement the requirements of the SharedWork	944
Ohio program.	945

(3) The employer includes in the plan a plan for giving	946
advance notice, if feasible, to an employee whose workweek is to	947
be reduced.	948
(4) The employer includes with the plan an estimate of the	949
number of layoffs that would have occurred absent the ability to	950
participate in the SharedWork Ohio program.	951
(5) The employer certifies in the plan that if the	952
participating employer provides health benefits and retirement	953
benefits under a defined benefit plan, as defined in 26 U.S.C.	954
414(j), as amended, or contributions under a defined contribution	955
plan as defined in 26 U.S.C. 414(i), as amended, to any employee	956
whose workweek is reduced under the program that such benefits	957
will continue to be provided to an employee participating in the	958
SharedWork Ohio program under the same terms and conditions as	959
though the workweek of the employee had not been reduced or to the	960
same extent as other employees not participating in the program.	961
(6) The employer, in the plan, permits eligible employees to	962
participate, as appropriate, in training to enhance job skills	963
approved by the director, including employer-sponsored training or	964
worker training funded under the federal "Workforce Investment Act	965
of 1998," 112 Stat. 936, 29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq., as amended.	966
(7) The employer includes in the plan any other information	967
as required by the United States secretary of labor or the	968
director under the rules the director adopts under section 4141.50	969
of the Revised Code.	970
(8) The terms of the written plan submitted by the employer	971
and implementation of that plan are consistent with obligations of	972
the employer under the applicable federal and state laws.	973
(B) An employer shall not include in the employer's shared	974
work plan any employee employed by the employer on a seasonal,	975
temporary, or intermittent basis.	976

(C) The director shall not approve a shared work plan	977
submitted by an employer who is assigned the maximum contribution	978
rate calculated in accordance with section 4141.25 of the Revised	979
Code.	980
The director shall approve or deny a shared work plan and	981
shall send a written notice to the employer stating whether the	982
director approved or denied the plan not later than thirty days	983
after the director receives the plan. If the director denies	984
approval of a shared work plan, the director shall state the	985
reasons for denying approval in the written notice sent to the	986
employer.	987
(D) The director shall enforce the requirements of the	988
SharedWork Ohio program in the same manner as the director	989
enforces the requirements of this chapter, including under section	990
4141.40 of the Revised Code.	991
Sec. 4141.52. A shared work plan approved under section	992
4141.51 of the Revised Code takes effect on the date the director	993
of job and family services approves the plan. An approved shared	994
work plan expires on the last day of the twelfth calendar month	995
beginning after the effective date of the plan.	996
Sec. 4141.53. (A) An individual is eligible to receive shared	997
work benefits for a week in which the individual satisfies all of	998
the following:	999
(1) The individual is employed by a participating employer	1000
and is subject to a shared work plan that was approved before that	1001
week and is in effect for that week.	1002
(2) The individual is available for work and is actively	1003
seeking suitable work by being available for the individual's	1004
workweek as required by the rules adopted by the director of job	1005
and family services under section 4141.50 of the Revised Code.	1006

(3) The individual's workweek has been reduced by at least	1007
ten per cent but not more than fifty per cent.	1008
(4) The individual otherwise satisfies the requirements of	1009
this chapter.	1010
(B) The director shall pay a participating employee who is	1011
eligible for a weekly shared work benefit in an amount equal to	1012
the participating employee's regular weekly benefit amount for a	1013
period of total unemployment as described in division (D) of	1014
section 4141.30 of the Revised Code multiplied by the nearest full	1015
percentage of reduction of the participating employee's wages	1016
under the participating employee's participating employer's shared	1017
work plan. The director shall round the amount of a shared work	1018
benefit that is not a multiple of one dollar to the next lower	1019
multiple of one dollar.	1020
(C) A participating employee is not entitled to receive	1021
shared work benefits and regular unemployment compensation	1022
benefits that exceed the maximum total benefits payable to the	1023
participating employee in a benefit year under section 4141.30 of	1024
the Revised Code. No participating employee shall be paid shared	1025
work benefits during the employee's benefit year in an amount that	1026
exceeds twenty-six times the amount of regular compensation under	1027
section 4141.30 of the Revised Code payable to the employee for a	1028
week of total unemployment. An individual who receives shared work	1029
benefits is not entitled to receive benefits for partial	1030
unemployment under division (C) of section 4141.30 of the Revised	1031
Code for any week during which the individual works as a	1032
participating employee. The director shall not pay an individual	1033
shared work benefits for a week during which the individual	1034
performs paid work for the individual's participating employer	1035
that exceeds the reduced hours established under a shared work	1036
plan.	1037

(D) An individual who has received all of the shared work

benefits and regular unemployment compensation benefits available	1039
in a benefit year is an individual who has exhausted regular	1040
benefits under section 4141.30 of the Revised Code and is entitled	1041
to receive extended benefits under section 4141.301 of the Revised	1042
Code if the individual is otherwise eligible to receive benefits	1043
under that section.	1044
Sec. 4141.54. (A) As used in this section, "regular benefits"	1045
has the same meaning as in section 4141.301 of the Revised Code.	1046
(B) If the state is eligible for and receives reimbursement	1047
for shared work benefits paid under the SharedWork Ohio program	1048
from the federal government pursuant to the federal "Layoff	1049
Prevention Act of 2012, Pub. L. No. 112-96, 126 Stat. 156,	1050
notwithstanding section 4141.24 of the Revised Code and if	1051
permitted under that act, during the time period in which the	1052
state is reimbursed the account of a participating employer shall	1053
not be charged for any shared work benefits paid to the	1054
participating employer's participating employees. Beginning on the	1055
date the federal government no longer provides reimbursement, or	1056
if the state does not receive reimbursement or the federal	1057
government requires an employer's account to be charged, a	1058
participating employer's account shall be charged for shared work	1059
benefits in accordance with divisions (C) and (D) of this section.	1060
(C) Except as provided in division (B) of this section and	1061
notwithstanding division (D) of section 4141.24 of the Revised	1062
Code, any shared work benefits paid to an individual under section	1063
4141.53 of the Revised Code shall be charged only to the account	1064
of the participating employer under whose shared work plan the	1065
individual is a participating employee.	1066
(D) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, if an	1067
individual exhausts the shared work benefits the individual	1068
receives under section 4141.53 of the Revised Code and during the	1069

same benefit year the individual receives shared work benefits the	1070
individual becomes eligible for regular benefits by a separation	1071
of employment from the participating employer under whose shared	1072
work plan the individual was a participating employee,	1073
notwithstanding division (D) of section 4141.24 of the Revised	1074
Code, only the participating employer's account shall be charged	1075
for any regular benefits the individual receives for the remainder	1076
of the individual's benefit year resulting directly from that	1077
separation from employment.	1078

Sec. 4141.55. Beginning one year after the effective date of	1079
this section, and every year thereafter, the director of job and	1080
family services shall prepare and submit a report to the	1081
unemployment compensation advisory council that discusses the	1082
utilization of the SharedWork Ohio program created under section	1083
4141.50 of the Revised Code. The director shall include in that	1084
report the number of employers and employees participating in the	1085
program, the amount of shared work benefits paid under the program	1086
during the immediately preceding year, and any other information	1087
the director considers to be relevant.	1088

Section 2. That existing section 4141.01 of the Revised Code 1089 is hereby repealed.

Section 3. The Unemployment Compensation Advisory Council 1091 shall prepare and submit a report evaluating the utilization and 1092 effectiveness of the SharedWork Ohio Program created under section 1093 4141.50 of the Revised Code, as enacted by this act, and the 1094 impact of the Program on the Unemployment Compensation Fund 1095 created in section 4141.09 of the Revised Code. The Council shall 1096 base the report upon the information the Council receives from the 1097 Director of Job and Family Services under section 4141.55 of the 1098 Revised Code, as enacted by this act. The Council shall submit the 1099 report to the Governor, the President and Minority Leader of the 1100

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Senate, and the Speaker and the Minority Leader of the House of	1101
Representatives not later than three years after the effective	1102
date of this act.	1103