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**A BILL**

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact sections 1  
3301.81 and 4503.90 of the Revised Code to create 2  
a "Support School Choice" license plate. 3

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

**Section 1.** That section 4501.21 be amended and sections 4  
3301.81 and 4503.90 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 5  
follows: 6

**Sec. 3301.81.** The department of education shall maintain in a 7  
prominent location on the department's web site or by a prominent 8  
internet link displayed on the department's web site, information 9  
on various school options and opportunities including programs for 10  
students with disabilities, community schools, private schools, 11  
home schooling, scholarship programs, gifted education, joint 12  
vocational schools, and open and post-secondary enrollment. The 13  
information shall be current and conveyed in language that is easy 14  
to understand. 15

The department shall cooperate with the bureau of motor 16  
vehicles in establishing an internet address for use on the 17  
"support school choice" license plate created in section 4503.90 18

of the Revised Code that links to the web site with school choice 19  
information. The internet address shall have sixteen or fewer 20  
total characters and shall be as simple, straightforward, and as 21  
easy to recall as possible. 22

**Sec. 4501.21.** (A) There is hereby created in the state 23  
treasury the license plate contribution fund. The fund shall 24  
consist of all contributions paid by motor vehicle registrants and 25  
collected by the registrar of motor vehicles pursuant to sections 26  
4503.491, 4503.493, 4503.494, 4503.496, 4503.498, 4503.499, 27  
4503.50, 4503.501, 4503.502, 4503.505, 4503.51, 4503.522, 28  
4503.523, 4503.531, 4503.545, 4503.55, 4503.551, 4503.552, 29  
4503.553, 4503.561, 4503.562, 4503.564, 4503.591, 4503.67, 30  
4503.68, 4503.69, 4503.701, 4503.71, 4503.711, 4503.712, 4503.713, 31  
4503.72, 4503.73, 4503.74, 4503.75, 4503.751, 4503.85, 4503.89, 32  
4503.92, and 4503.94 of the Revised Code. 33

(B) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 34  
collects in the fund as follows: 35

The registrar shall pay the contributions received pursuant 36  
to section 4503.491 of the Revised Code to the breast cancer fund 37  
of Ohio, which shall use that money only to pay for programs that 38  
provide assistance and education to Ohio breast cancer patients 39  
and that improve access for such patients to quality health care 40  
and clinical trials and shall not use any of the money for 41  
abortion information, counseling, services, or other 42  
abortion-related activities. 43

The registrar shall pay the contributions received pursuant 44  
to section 4503.493 of the Revised Code to the autism society of 45  
Ohio, which shall use the contributions for programs and autism 46  
awareness efforts throughout the state. 47

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 48  
receives pursuant to section 4503.494 of the Revised Code to the 49

national multiple sclerosis society for distribution in equal 50  
amounts to the northwestern Ohio, Ohio buckeye, and Ohio valley 51  
chapters of the national multiple sclerosis society. These 52  
chapters shall use the money they receive under this section to 53  
assist in paying the expenses they incur in providing services 54  
directly to their clients. 55

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 56  
receives pursuant to section 4503.496 of the Revised Code to the 57  
Ohio sickle cell and health association, which shall use the 58  
contributions to help support educational, clinical, and social 59  
support services for adults who have sickle cell disease. 60

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 61  
receives pursuant to section 4503.498 of the Revised Code to 62  
special olympics Ohio, inc., which shall use the contributions for 63  
its programs, charitable efforts, and other activities. 64

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 65  
receives pursuant to section 4503.499 of the Revised Code to the 66  
children's glioma cancer foundation, which shall use the 67  
contributions for its research and other programs. 68

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 69  
receives pursuant to section 4503.50 of the Revised Code to the 70  
future farmers of America foundation, which shall deposit the 71  
contributions into its general account to be used for educational 72  
and scholarship purposes of the future farmers of America 73  
foundation. 74

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 75  
receives pursuant to section 4503.501 of the Revised Code to the 76  
4-H youth development program of the Ohio state university 77  
extension program, which shall use those contributions to pay the 78  
expenses it incurs in conducting its educational activities. 79

The registrar shall pay the contributions received pursuant 80

to section 4503.502 of the Revised Code to the Ohio cattlemen's 81  
foundation, which shall use those contributions for scholarships 82  
and other educational activities. 83

The registrar shall pay the contributions received pursuant 84  
to section 4503.505 of the Revised Code to the organization Ohio 85  
region phi theta kappa, which shall use those contributions for 86  
scholarships for students who are members of that organization. 87

The registrar shall pay each contribution the registrar 88  
receives pursuant to section 4503.51 of the Revised Code to the 89  
university or college whose name or marking or design appears on 90  
collegiate license plates that are issued to a person under that 91  
section. A university or college that receives contributions from 92  
the fund shall deposit the contributions into its general 93  
scholarship fund. 94

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 95  
receives pursuant to section 4503.522 of the Revised Code to the 96  
"friends of Perry's victory and international peace memorial, 97  
incorporated," a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of 98  
this state, to assist that organization in paying the expenses it 99  
incurs in sponsoring or holding charitable, educational, and 100  
cultural events at the monument. 101

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 102  
receives pursuant to section 4503.523 of the Revised Code to the 103  
fairport lights foundation, which shall use the money to pay for 104  
the restoration, maintenance, and preservation of the lighthouses 105  
of fairport harbor. 106

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 107  
receives pursuant to section 4503.531 of the Revised Code to the 108  
thank you foundation, incorporated, a nonprofit corporation 109  
organized under the laws of this state, to assist that 110  
organization in paying for the charitable activities and programs 111

it sponsors in support of United States military personnel, 112  
veterans, and their families. 113

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 114  
receives pursuant to section 4503.55 of the Revised Code to the 115  
pro football hall of fame, which shall deposit the contributions 116  
into a special bank account that it establishes and which shall be 117  
separate and distinct from any other account the pro football hall 118  
of fame maintains, to be used exclusively for the purpose of 119  
promoting the pro football hall of fame as a travel destination. 120

The registrar shall pay the contributions that are paid to 121  
the registrar pursuant to section 4503.545 of the Revised Code to 122  
the national rifle association foundation, which shall use the 123  
money to pay the costs of the educational activities and programs 124  
the foundation holds or sponsors in this state. 125

The registrar shall pay to the Ohio pet fund the 126  
contributions the registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.551 127  
of the Revised Code and any other money from any other source, 128  
including donations, gifts, and grants, that is designated by the 129  
source to be paid to the Ohio pet fund. The Ohio pet fund shall 130  
use the moneys it receives under this section to support programs 131  
for the sterilization of dogs and cats and for educational 132  
programs concerning the proper veterinary care of those animals, 133  
and for expenses of the Ohio pet fund that are reasonably 134  
necessary for it to obtain and maintain its tax-exempt status and 135  
to perform its duties. 136

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 137  
receives pursuant to section 4503.552 of the Revised Code to the 138  
rock and roll hall of fame and museum, incorporated. 139

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 140  
receives pursuant to section 4503.553 of the Revised Code to the 141  
Ohio coalition for animals, incorporated, a nonprofit corporation. 142

Except as provided in division (B) of this section, the coalition 143  
shall distribute the money to its members, and the members shall 144  
use the money only to pay for educational, charitable, and other 145  
programs of each coalition member that provide care for unwanted, 146  
abused, and neglected horses. The Ohio coalition for animals may 147  
use a portion of the money to pay for reasonable marketing costs 148  
incurred in the design and promotion of the license plate and for 149  
administrative costs incurred in the disbursement and management 150  
of funds received under this section. 151

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 152  
receives pursuant to section 4503.561 of the Revised Code to the 153  
state of Ohio chapter of ducks unlimited, inc., which shall 154  
deposit the contributions into a special bank account that it 155  
establishes. The special bank account shall be separate and 156  
distinct from any other account the state of Ohio chapter of ducks 157  
unlimited, inc., maintains and shall be used exclusively for the 158  
purpose of protecting, enhancing, restoring, and managing wetlands 159  
and conserving wildlife habitat. The state of Ohio chapter of 160  
ducks unlimited, inc., annually shall notify the registrar in 161  
writing of the name, address, and account to which such payments 162  
are to be made. 163

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 164  
receives pursuant to section 4503.562 of the Revised Code to the 165  
Mahoning river consortium, which shall use the money to pay the 166  
expenses it incurs in restoring and maintaining the Mahoning river 167  
watershed. 168

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 169  
receives pursuant to section 4503.564 of the Revised Code to 170  
Antioch college for the use of the Glen Helen ecology institute to 171  
pay expenses related to the Glen Helen nature preserve. 172

The registrar shall pay to a sports commission created 173  
pursuant to section 4503.591 of the Revised Code each contribution 174

the registrar receives under that section that an applicant pays 175  
to obtain license plates that bear the logo of a professional 176  
sports team located in the county of that sports commission and 177  
that is participating in the license plate program pursuant to 178  
division (E) of that section, irrespective of the county of 179  
residence of an applicant. 180

The registrar shall pay to a community charity each 181  
contribution the registrar receives under section 4503.591 of the 182  
Revised Code that an applicant pays to obtain license plates that 183  
bear the logo of a professional sports team that is participating 184  
in the license plate program pursuant to division (G) of that 185  
section. 186

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 187  
receives pursuant to section 4503.67 of the Revised Code to the 188  
Dan Beard council of the boy scouts of America. The council shall 189  
distribute all contributions in an equitable manner throughout the 190  
state to regional councils of the boy scouts. 191

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 192  
receives pursuant to section 4503.68 of the Revised Code to the 193  
great river council of the girl scouts of the United States of 194  
America. The council shall distribute all contributions in an 195  
equitable manner throughout the state to regional councils of the 196  
girl scouts. 197

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 198  
receives pursuant to section 4503.69 of the Revised Code to the 199  
Dan Beard council of the boy scouts of America. The council shall 200  
distribute all contributions in an equitable manner throughout the 201  
state to regional councils of the boy scouts. 202

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 203  
receives pursuant to section 4503.701 of the Revised Code to the 204  
Prince Hall grand lodge of free and accepted masons of Ohio, which 205

shall use the contributions for scholarship purposes. 206

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 207  
receives pursuant to section 4503.71 of the Revised Code to the 208  
fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated, which shall 209  
deposit the fees into its general account to be used for purposes 210  
of the fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated. 211

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 212  
receives pursuant to section 4503.711 of the Revised Code to the 213  
fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated, which shall 214  
deposit the contributions into an account that it creates to be 215  
used for the purpose of advancing and protecting the law 216  
enforcement profession, promoting improved law enforcement 217  
methods, and teaching respect for law and order. 218

The registrar shall pay the contributions received pursuant 219  
to section 4503.712 of the Revised Code to Ohio concerns of police 220  
survivors, which shall use those contributions to provide whatever 221  
assistance may be appropriate to the families of Ohio law 222  
enforcement officers who are killed in the line of duty. 223

The registrar shall pay the contributions received pursuant 224  
to section 4503.713 of the Revised Code to the greater Cleveland 225  
peace officers memorial society, which shall use those 226  
contributions to honor law enforcement officers who have died in 227  
the line of duty and support its charitable purposes. 228

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 229  
receives pursuant to section 4503.72 of the Revised Code to the 230  
organization known on March 31, 2003, as the Ohio CASA/GAL 231  
association, a private, nonprofit corporation organized under 232  
Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code. The Ohio CASA/GAL association 233  
shall use these contributions to pay the expenses it incurs in 234  
administering a program to secure the proper representation in the 235  
courts of this state of abused, neglected, and dependent children, 236



and for the training and supervision of persons participating in 237  
that program. 238

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 239  
receives pursuant to section 4503.73 of the Revised Code to Wright 240  
B. Flyer, incorporated, which shall deposit the contributions into 241  
its general account to be used for purposes of Wright B. Flyer, 242  
incorporated. 243

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 244  
receives pursuant to section 4503.74 of the Revised Code to the 245  
Columbus zoological park association, which shall disburse the 246  
moneys to Ohio's major metropolitan zoos, as defined in section 247  
4503.74 of the Revised Code, in accordance with a written 248  
agreement entered into by the major metropolitan zoos. 249

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 250  
receives pursuant to section 4503.75 of the Revised Code to the 251  
rotary foundation, located on March 31, 2003, in Evanston, 252  
Illinois, to be placed in a fund known as the permanent fund and 253  
used to endow educational and humanitarian programs of the rotary 254  
foundation. 255

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 256  
receives pursuant to section 4503.751 of the Revised Code to the 257  
Ohio association of realtors, which shall deposit the 258  
contributions into a property disaster relief fund maintained 259  
under the Ohio realtors charitable and education foundation. 260

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 261  
receives pursuant to section 4503.85 of the Revised Code to the 262  
Ohio sea grant college program to be used for Lake Erie area 263  
research projects. 264

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 265  
receives pursuant to section 4503.89 of the Revised Code to the 266  
American red cross of greater Columbus on behalf of the Ohio 267

chapters of the American red cross, which shall use the 268  
contributions for disaster readiness, preparedness, and response 269  
programs on a statewide basis. 270

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 271  
receives pursuant to section 4503.90 of the Revised Code to school 272  
choice Ohio, a nonprofit organization, which shall use the 273  
contributions for the purpose of providing information about 274  
school choices in Ohio. 275

The registrar shall pay the contributions received pursuant 276  
to section 4503.92 of the Revised Code to support our troops, 277  
incorporated, a national nonprofit corporation, which shall use 278  
those contributions in accordance with its articles of 279  
incorporation and for the benefit of servicemembers of the armed 280  
forces of the United States and their families when they are in 281  
financial need. 282

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 283  
receives pursuant to section 4503.94 of the Revised Code to the 284  
Michelle's leading star foundation, which shall use the money 285  
solely to fund the rental, lease, or purchase of the simulated 286  
driving curriculum of the Michelle's leading star foundation by 287  
boards of education of city, exempted village, local, and joint 288  
vocational school districts. 289

(C) All investment earnings of the license plate contribution 290  
fund shall be credited to the fund. Not later than the first day 291  
of May of every year, the registrar shall distribute to each 292  
entity described in division (B) of this section the investment 293  
income the fund earned the previous calendar year. The amount of 294  
such a distribution paid to an entity shall be proportionate to 295  
the amount of money the entity received from the fund during the 296  
previous calendar year. 297

Sec. 4503.90. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger car, 298

noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other 299  
vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles may 300  
apply to the registrar for the registration of the vehicle and 301  
issuance of "support school choice" license plates. The 302  
application may be combined with a request for a special reserved 303  
license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised 304  
Code. Upon receipt of the completed application and compliance by 305  
the applicant with divisions (B) and (C) of this section, the 306  
registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle 307  
registration and a set of "support school choice" license plates 308  
and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when 309  
required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 310

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed 311  
on the license plates, "support school choice" license plates 312  
shall bear the words "support school choice." The bureau of motor 313  
vehicles shall design "support school choice" license plates, 314  
which also shall bear an internet address that is established in 315  
cooperation with the department of education pursuant to section 316  
3301.81 of the Revised Code. "Support school choice" license 317  
plates shall display county identification stickers that identify 318  
the county of registration by name or number. 319

(B) "Support school choice" license plates and a validation 320  
sticker, or validation sticker alone, shall be issued upon receipt 321  
of an application for registration of a motor vehicle under this 322  
section; payment of the regular license tax as prescribed under 323  
section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any applicable motor vehicle 324  
license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, any 325  
applicable additional fee prescribed by section 4503.40 or 4503.42 326  
of the Revised Code, an additional fee of ten dollars, and a 327  
contribution as provided in division (C) of this section; and 328  
compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the 329  
registration of motor vehicles. 330

(C) For each application for registration and registration renewal notice the registrar receives under this section, the registrar shall collect a contribution of twenty-five dollars. The registrar shall transmit the twenty-five dollar contribution to the treasurer of state for deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the license plate contribution fund created by section 4501.21 of the Revised Code. 331  
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(D) The registrar shall transmit the additional fee of ten dollars, which is to compensate the bureau for the additional services required in the issuing of "support school choice" license plates, to the treasurer of state for deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the state bureau of motor vehicles fund created by section 4501.25 of the Revised Code. 338  
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(E) Sections 4503.77 and 4503.78 of the Revised Code do not apply to license plates issued under this section. 344  
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**Section 2.** That existing section 4501.21 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed. 346  
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