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To amend section 2949.25 of the Revised Code to 1
require the Governor and the Director of 2
Rehabilitation and Correction to be present at the 3
execution of a death sentence. 4

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

Section 1. That section 2949.25 of the Revised Code be 5
amended to read as follows: 6

Sec. 2949.25. (A) ~~At~~ The governor and the director of 7
rehabilitation and correction shall be present at the execution of 8
a death sentence, executed in accordance with section 2949.22 of 9
the Revised Code. In addition to the governor and the director of 10
rehabilitation and correction, only the following persons may be 11
present at the execution of a death sentence: 12

(1) The warden of the state correctional institution in which 13
the sentence is executed or a deputy warden, any other person 14
selected by the director of rehabilitation and correction to 15
ensure that the death sentence is executed, any persons necessary 16
to execute the death sentence by lethal injection, and the number 17
of correction officers that the warden thinks necessary; 18

(2) The sheriff of the county in which the prisoner was tried 19

and convicted;	20
(3) The director of rehabilitation and correction, or the	21
director's agent;	22
(4) Physicians of the state correctional institution in which	23
the sentence is executed;	24
(5) <u>(4)</u> The clergyperson in attendance upon the prisoner, and	25
not more than three other persons, to be designated by the	26
prisoner, who are not confined in any state institution;	27
(6) <u>(5)</u> Not more than three persons to be designated by the	28
immediate family of the victim;	29
(7) <u>(6)</u> Representatives of the news media as authorized by the	30
director of rehabilitation and correction.	31
(B) The director shall authorize at least one representative	32
of a newspaper, at least one representative of a television	33
station, and at least one representative of a radio station to be	34
present at the execution of the sentence under division (A) (7) <u>(6)</u>	35
of this section.	36
Section 2. That existing section 2949.25 of the Revised Code	37
is hereby repealed.	38