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**Representative Edwards**

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**A BILL**

To amend sections 4121.021, 4123.30, 4123.34, 1  
4123.341, 4123.342, and 4123.36 of the Revised 2  
Code to make appropriations for the Bureau of 3  
Workers' Compensation for the biennium beginning 4  
July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, to 5  
provide authorization and conditions for the 6  
operation of the Department's programs, and to 7  
make changes to the Workers' Compensation Law. 8

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

**Section 101.01.** That sections 4121.021, 4123.30, 4123.34, 9  
4123.341, 4123.342, and 4123.36 of the Revised Code be amended 10  
to read as follows: 11

**Sec. 4121.021.** The industrial commission operating fund is 12  
hereby created in the state treasury. The fund shall consist of 13  
all moneys transferred to the fund pursuant to division ~~(C)~~(B) 14  
of section 4123.342 of the Revised Code. Revenues credited to 15  
the fund shall be used for those costs solely attributable to 16  
the activities of the commission. 17

**Sec. 4123.30.** Money contributed by public employers 18  
constitutes the "public fund" and the money contributed by 19

private employers constitutes the "private fund." Each such fund 20  
shall be collected, distributed, and its solvency maintained 21  
without regard to or reliance upon the other. Whenever in this 22  
chapter reference is made to the state insurance fund, the 23  
reference is to such two separate funds but such two separate 24  
funds and the net premiums contributed thereto by employers 25  
after adjustments and dividends, except for the amount thereof 26  
which is set aside for the investigation and prevention of 27  
industrial accidents and diseases pursuant to Section 35 of 28  
Article II, Ohio Constitution, any amounts set aside for 29  
actuarial services authorized or required by sections 4123.44 30  
and 4123.47 of the Revised Code, and any amounts set aside to 31  
reinsure the liability of the respective insurance funds for the 32  
following payments, constitute a trust fund for the benefit of 33  
employers and employees mentioned in sections 4123.01, 4123.03, 34  
and 4123.73 of the Revised Code for the payment of compensation, 35  
medical services, examinations, recommendations and 36  
determinations, nursing and hospital services, medicine, 37  
rehabilitation, death benefits, funeral expenses, and like 38  
benefits for loss sustained on account of injury, disease, or 39  
death provided for by this chapter, the administrative costs of 40  
the industrial commission, bureau of workers' compensation board 41  
of directors, and bureau of workers' compensation to administer 42  
Chapters 4121., 4123., 4125., 4127., 4133., and 4167. of the 43  
Revised Code pursuant to section 4123.342 of the Revised Code, 44  
and for no other purpose. This section does not prevent the 45  
deposit or investment of all such moneys intermingled for such 46  
purpose but such funds shall be separate and distinct for all 47  
other purposes, and the rights and duties created in this 48  
chapter shall be construed to have been made with respect to two 49  
separate funds and so as to maintain and continue such funds 50  
separately except for deposit or investment. Disbursements shall 51

not be made on account of injury, disease, or death of employees 52  
of employers who contribute to one of such funds unless the 53  
moneys to the credit of such fund are sufficient therefor and no 54  
such disbursements shall be made for moneys or credits paid or 55  
credited to the other fund. 56

**Sec. 4123.34.** It shall be the duty of the bureau of 57  
workers' compensation board of directors and the administrator 58  
of workers' compensation to safeguard and maintain the solvency 59  
of the state insurance fund and all other funds specified in 60  
this chapter and Chapters 4121., 4127., and 4131. of the Revised 61  
Code. The administrator, in the exercise of the powers and 62  
discretion conferred upon the administrator in section 4123.29 63  
of the Revised Code, shall fix and maintain, with the advice and 64  
consent of the board, for each class of occupation or industry, 65  
the lowest possible rates of premium consistent with the 66  
maintenance of a solvent state insurance fund and the creation 67  
and maintenance of a reasonable surplus, after the payment of 68  
legitimate claims for injury, occupational disease, and death 69  
that the administrator authorizes to be paid from the state 70  
insurance fund for the benefit of injured, diseased, and the 71  
dependents of killed employees. In establishing rates, the 72  
administrator shall take into account the ~~necessity of ensuring~~ 73  
~~sufficient money is set aside in the premium payment security~~ 74  
~~fund to cover any defaults in premium obligations~~administrative 75  
costs of the industrial commission, board, and bureau of 76  
workers' compensation to administer this chapter and Chapters 77  
4121., 4125., 4127., 4133., and 4167. of the Revised Code. The 78  
administrator shall observe all of the following requirements in 79  
fixing the rates of premium for the risks of occupations or 80  
industries: 81

(A) The administrator shall keep an accurate account of 82

the money paid in premiums by each of the several classes of 83  
occupations or industries, and the losses on account of 84  
injuries, occupational disease, and death of employees thereof, 85  
and also keep an account of the money received from each 86  
individual employer and the amount of losses incurred against 87  
the state insurance fund on account of injuries, occupational 88  
disease, and death of the employees of the employer. 89

(B) A portion of the money paid into the state insurance 90  
fund shall be set aside for the creation of a surplus fund 91  
account within the state insurance fund. Any references in this 92  
chapter or in Chapter 4121., 4125., 4127., or 4131. of the 93  
Revised Code to the surplus fund, the surplus created in this 94  
division, the statutory surplus fund, or the statutory surplus 95  
of the state insurance fund are hereby deemed to be references 96  
to the surplus fund account. The administrator may transfer the 97  
portion of the state insurance fund to the surplus fund account 98  
as the administrator determines is necessary to satisfy the 99  
needs of the surplus fund account and to guarantee the solvency 100  
of the state insurance fund and the surplus fund account. In 101  
addition to all statutory authority under this chapter and 102  
Chapter 4121. of the Revised Code, the administrator has 103  
discretionary and contingency authority to make charges to the 104  
surplus fund account. The administrator shall account for all 105  
charges, whether statutory, discretionary, or contingency, that 106  
the administrator may make to the surplus fund account. A 107  
revision of basic rates shall be made annually on the first day 108  
of July. 109

For policy years commencing prior to July 1, 2016, 110  
revisions of basic rates for private employers shall be in 111  
accordance with the oldest four of the last five calendar years 112  
of the combined accident and occupational disease experience of 113

the administrator in the administration of this chapter, as 114  
shown by the accounts kept as provided in this section. For a 115  
policy year commencing on or after July 1, 2016, revisions of 116  
basic rates for private employers shall be in accordance with 117  
the oldest four of the last five policy years combined accident 118  
and occupational disease experience of the administrator in the 119  
administration of this chapter, as shown by the accounts kept as 120  
provided in this section. 121

Revisions of basic rates for public employers shall be in 122  
accordance with the oldest four of the last five policy years of 123  
the combined accident and occupational disease experience of the 124  
administrator in the administration of this chapter, as shown by 125  
the accounts kept as provided in this section. 126

In revising basic rates, the administrator shall exclude 127  
the experience of employers that are no longer active if the 128  
administrator determines that the inclusion of those employers 129  
would have a significant negative impact on the remainder of the 130  
employers in a particular manual classification. The 131  
administrator shall adopt rules, with the advice and consent of 132  
the board, governing rate revisions, the object of which shall 133  
be to make an equitable distribution of losses among the several 134  
classes of occupation or industry, which rules shall be general 135  
in their application. 136

(C) The administrator may apply that form of rating system 137  
that the administrator finds is best calculated to merit rate or 138  
individually rate the risk more equitably, predicated upon the 139  
basis of its individual industrial accident and occupational 140  
disease experience, and may encourage and stimulate accident 141  
prevention. The administrator shall develop fixed and equitable 142  
rules controlling the rating system, which rules shall conserve 143

to each risk the basic principles of workers' compensation 144  
insurance. 145

~~(D) The administrator, from the money paid into the state 146  
insurance fund, shall set aside into an account of the state 147  
insurance fund titled a premium payment security fund sufficient 148  
money to pay for any premiums due from an employer and 149  
uncollected. 150~~

~~The use of the moneys held by the premium payment security 151  
fund account is restricted to reimbursement to the state 152  
insurance fund of premiums due and uncollected. 153~~

~~(E)~~ The administrator may grant discounts on premium rates 154  
for employers who meet either of the following requirements: 155

(1) Have not incurred a compensable injury for one year or 156  
more and who maintain an employee safety committee or similar 157  
organization or make periodic safety inspections of the 158  
workplace. 159

(2) Successfully complete a loss prevention program 160  
prescribed by the superintendent of the division of safety and 161  
hygiene and conducted by the division or by any other person 162  
approved by the superintendent. 163

~~(F) (1)~~ (E) (1) In determining the premium rates for the 164  
construction industry the administrator shall calculate the 165  
employers' premiums based upon the actual remuneration 166  
construction industry employees receive from construction 167  
industry employers, provided that the amount of remuneration the 168  
administrator uses in calculating the premiums shall not exceed 169  
an average weekly wage equal to one hundred fifty per cent of 170  
the statewide average weekly wage as defined in division (C) of 171  
section 4123.62 of the Revised Code. 172

(2) Division ~~(F)(1)~~(E)(1) of this section shall not be 173  
construed as affecting the manner in which benefits to a 174  
claimant are awarded under this chapter. 175

(3) As used in division ~~(F)~~(E) of this section, 176  
"construction industry" includes any activity performed in 177  
connection with the erection, alteration, repair, replacement, 178  
renovation, installation, or demolition of any building, 179  
structure, highway, or bridge. 180

~~(G)~~(F) The administrator shall not place a limit on the 181  
length of time that an employer may participate in the bureau of 182  
workers' compensation drug free workplace and workplace safety 183  
programs. 184

**Sec. 4123.341.** The administrative costs of the industrial 185  
commission, the bureau of workers' compensation board of 186  
directors, and the bureau of workers' compensation shall be 187  
those costs and expenses that are incident to the discharge of 188  
the duties and performance of the activities of the industrial 189  
commission, the board, and the bureau under this chapter and 190  
Chapters 4121., 4125., 4127., ~~4131.,~~4133., and 4167. of the 191  
Revised Code, and all such costs shall be borne by the state and 192  
by other employers amenable to this chapter as follows: 193

(A) In addition to the contribution required of the state 194  
under sections 4123.39 and 4123.40 of the Revised Code, the 195  
state shall contribute the sum determined to be necessary under 196  
section 4123.342 of the Revised Code. 197

(B) The director of budget and management may allocate the 198  
state's share of contributions in the manner the director finds 199  
most equitably apportions the costs. 200

(C) The counties and taxing districts therein shall 201

contribute such sum as may be required under ~~section~~sections 202  
4123.34, 4123.342, and 4123.41 of the Revised Code. 203

(D) The private employers shall contribute the sum 204  
required under ~~section~~sections 4123.34 and 4123.342 of the 205  
Revised Code. 206

**Sec. 4123.342.** (A) The administrator of workers' 207  
compensation shall allocate among counties and taxing districts 208  
therein as a class, the state and its instrumentalities as a 209  
class, private employers who are insured under the private fund 210  
as a class, and self-insuring employers as a class their fair 211  
shares of the administrative costs which are to be borne by such 212  
employers ~~under division (D) of section 4123.341 of the Revised~~ 213  
~~Code,~~ separately allocating to each class those costs solely 214  
attributable to the activities of the industrial commission and 215  
those costs solely attributable to the activities of the bureau 216  
of workers' compensation board of directors, and the bureau of 217  
workers' compensation in respect of the class, allocating to any 218  
combination of classes those costs attributable to the 219  
activities of the industrial commission, board, or bureau in 220  
respect of the classes, and allocating to all four classes those 221  
costs attributable to the activities of the industrial 222  
commission, board, and bureau in respect of all classes. ~~The~~ 223  
~~administrator shall separately calculate each employer's~~ 224  
~~assessment in the class, except self-insuring employers, on the~~ 225  
~~basis of the following three factors: payroll, paid~~ 226  
~~compensation, and paid medical costs of the employer for those~~ 227  
~~costs solely attributable to the activities of the board and the~~ 228  
~~bureau. The administrator shall separately calculate each~~ 229  
~~employer's assessment in the class, except self-insuring~~ 230  
~~employers, on the basis of the following three factors: payroll,~~ 231  
~~paid compensation, and paid medical costs of the employer for~~ 232



~~those costs solely attributable to the activities of the~~ 233  
~~industrial commission. The administrator shall separately~~ 234  
~~calculate each self-insuring employer's assessment in accordance~~ 235  
~~with section 4123.35 of the Revised Code for those costs solely~~ 236  
~~attributable to the activities of the board and the bureau. The~~ 237  
administrator shall separately calculate each self-insuring 238  
employer's assessment administrative costs in accordance with 239  
section 4123.35 of the Revised Code ~~for those costs solely~~ 240  
~~attributable to the activities of the industrial commission.~~ 241  
In a timely manner, the industrial commission shall provide to the 242  
administrator, the information necessary for the administrator 243  
to allocate and calculate, with the approval of the chairperson 244  
of the industrial commission, for each class of employer as 245  
described in this division, the costs solely attributable to the 246  
activities of the industrial commission. 247

(B) ~~The administrator shall divide the administrative cost~~ 248  
~~assessments collected by the administrator into two~~ 249  
~~administrative assessment accounts within the state insurance~~ 250  
~~fund. One of the administrative assessment accounts shall~~ 251  
~~consist of the administrative cost assessment collected by the~~ 252  
~~administrator for the industrial commission. One of the~~ 253  
~~administrative assessment accounts shall consist of the~~ 254  
~~administrative cost assessments collected by the administrator~~ 255  
~~for the bureau and the board. The administrator may invest the~~ 256  
~~administrative cost assessments in these accounts on behalf of~~ 257  
~~the bureau and the industrial commission as authorized in~~ 258  
~~section 4123.44 of the Revised Code. In a timely manner, the~~ 259  
~~administrator shall provide to the industrial commission the~~ 260  
~~information and reports the commission deems necessary for the~~ 261  
~~commission to monitor the receipts and the disbursements from~~ 262  
~~the administrative assessment account for the industrial~~ 263

~~commission.~~ 264

~~(C) The administrator or the administrator's designee 265  
shall transfer moneys from the state insurance fund as necessary 266  
~~from the for the administrative assessment account identified~~ 267  
~~for costs of~~ the bureau and the board to the workers' 268  
compensation fund for the use of the bureau and the board. As 269  
necessary and upon the authorization of the industrial 270  
commission, the administrator or the administrator's designee 271  
shall transfer moneys from ~~the administrative assessment account~~ 272  
~~identified for the industrial commission state insurance fund~~ 273  
for the commission's administrative costs to the industrial 274  
commission operating fund created under section 4121.021 of the 275  
Revised Code. ~~To the extent that the moneys collected by the~~ 276  
~~administrator in any fiscal biennium of the state equal the sum~~ 277  
~~appropriated by the general assembly for administrative costs of~~ 278  
~~the industrial commission, board, and bureau for the biennium,~~ 279  
~~the moneys shall be paid into the workers' compensation fund and~~ 280  
~~the industrial commission operating fund of the state, as~~ 281  
~~appropriate, and any remainder shall be retained in those funds~~ 282  
~~and applied to reduce the amount collected during the next~~ 283  
~~biennium.~~ 284~~

(C) Sections 4123.41, 4123.35, and 4123.37 of the Revised 285  
Code apply to the collection of assessments from public and 286  
private employers respectively, except that for boards of county 287  
hospital trustees that are self-insuring employers, only those 288  
provisions applicable to the collection of assessments for 289  
private employers apply. 290

**Sec. 4123.36.** Whenever an employer fails to pay a premium 291  
due and the administrator of workers' compensation determines 292  
the employer's account to be uncollectible, the administrator 293

shall cover the default ~~by transfer of money~~ from the ~~premium-~~ 294  
~~payment security fund account to the~~ state insurance fund. 295  
 Thereafter, the employer shall be considered a noncomplying 296  
 employer under this chapter and shall not be entitled to the 297  
 benefits and protection of this chapter. 298

**Section 101.02.** That existing sections 4121.021, 4123.30, 299  
 4123.34, 4123.341, 4123.342, and 4123.36 of the Revised Code are 300  
 hereby repealed. 301

**Section 200.10.** All items in this act are hereby 302  
 appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 303  
 credit of the designated fund. For all appropriations made in 304  
 this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 2024, 305  
 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2025. 306

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A			BWC BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION		
B			Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		
C	7023	855407	Claims, Risk and Medical Management	\$126,096,491	\$127,366,065
D	7023	855408	Fraud Prevention	\$19,099,498	\$18,486,443
E	7023	855409	Administrative Services	\$137,585,121	\$142,777,652
F	7023	855410	Attorney General Payments	\$6,080,080	\$6,080,080
G	8220	855606	Coal Workers' Fund	\$195,832	\$195,832

H	8230	855608	Marine Industry	\$81,508	\$81,508
I	8250	855605	Disabled Workers Relief Fund	\$204,981	\$204,981
J	8260	855609	Safety and Hygiene Operating	\$23,613,361	\$24,486,602
K	8260	855610	Safety Grants	\$35,000,000	\$35,000,000
L	8260	855611	Health and Safety Initiative	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
M	8260	855612	Safety Campaign	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
N	8260	855613	Research Grants	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
O	8260	855618	Substance Use Recovery and Workplace Safety Program	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
P	8260	855619	Safety and Health Workforce Safety Innovation Center	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000
Q	TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group			\$372,456,872	\$379,179,163
R	Federal Fund Group				
S	3490	855601	OSHA Enforcement	\$1,876,339	\$1,876,338
T	3FW0	855614	BLS SOII Grant	\$195,104	\$195,104
U	TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group			\$2,071,443	\$2,071,442

V	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$374,528,315	\$381,250,605	
	WORKERS' COMPENSATION FRAUD UNIT			308
	Of the foregoing appropriation item 855410, Attorney			309
	General Payments, \$828,200 in each fiscal year shall be used to			310
	fund the expenses of the Workers' Compensation Fraud Unit within			311
	the Attorney General's Office. These payments shall be processed			312
	at the beginning of each quarter of each fiscal year and			313
	deposited into the Workers' Compensation Section Fund (Fund			314
	1950) used by the Attorney General.			315
	SAFETY AND HYGIENE			316
	Notwithstanding section 4121.37 of the Revised Code, the			317
	Treasurer of State shall remit \$23,613,361 cash in fiscal year			318
	2024 and \$24,486,602 cash in fiscal year 2025 from the State			319
	Insurance Fund to the state treasury to the credit of the Safety			320
	and Hygiene Fund (Fund 8260).			321
	SAFETY GRANTS			322
	Notwithstanding section 4121.37 of the Revised Code, the			323
	Treasurer of State shall remit \$35,000,000 cash in fiscal year			324
	2024 and \$35,000,000 cash in fiscal year 2025 from the State			325
	Insurance Fund to the state treasury to the credit of the Safety			326
	and Hygiene Fund (Fund 8260) to be used for Safety Grants.			327
	HEALTH AND SAFETY INITIATIVE			328
	Notwithstanding section 4121.37 of Revised Code, the			329
	Treasurer of State shall remit \$3,000,000 cash in fiscal year			330
	2024 and \$3,000,000 cash in fiscal year 2025 from the State			331
	Insurance Fund to the state treasury to the credit of the Safety			332
	and Hygiene Fund (Fund 8260). These amounts shall be used under			333

appropriation item 855611, Health and Safety Initiative, for the	334
purpose of operating a health and wellness program.	335
SAFETY CAMPAIGN	336
Notwithstanding section 4121.37 of the Revised Code, the	337
Treasurer of State shall remit \$1,500,000 cash in fiscal year	338
2024 and \$1,500,000 cash in fiscal year 2025 from the State	339
Insurance Fund to the state treasury to the credit of the Safety	340
and Hygiene Fund (Fund 8260). These amounts shall be used under	341
appropriation item 855612, Safety Campaign, for the purpose of	342
operating a statewide safety awareness and education campaign.	343
FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAMS	344
The foregoing appropriation item 855609, Safety and	345
Hygiene Operating, may be used to provide the state match for	346
federal grant funding received by the Division of Safety and	347
Hygiene.	348
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	349
The Bureau of Workers' Compensation and the Opportunities	350
for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency may enter into an	351
interagency agreement for the provision of vocational	352
rehabilitation services and staff to mutually eligible clients.	353
The Bureau may provide funds from the State Insurance Fund to	354
fund vocational rehabilitation services and staff in accordance	355
with the interagency agreement.	356
RESEARCH GRANTS	357
Notwithstanding section 4121.37 of the Revised Code, the	358
Treasurer of State shall remit \$1,000,000 cash in fiscal year	359
2024 and \$1,000,000 cash in fiscal year 2025 from the State	360
Insurance Fund to the state treasury to the credit of the Safety	361

and Hygiene Fund (Fund 8260). These amounts shall be used under 362  
appropriation item 855613, Research Grants, for the purpose of 363  
operating the occupational safety and health research program. 364

SUBSTANCE USE RECOVERY AND WORKPLACE SAFETY PROGRAM 365

Notwithstanding section 4121.37 of the Revised Code, the 366  
Treasurer of State shall remit \$4,000,000 cash in fiscal year 367  
2024 and \$4,000,000 cash in fiscal year 2025 from the State 368  
Insurance Fund to the state treasury to the credit of the Safety 369  
and Hygiene Fund (Fund 8260). These amounts shall be used under 370  
appropriation item 855618, Substance Use Recovery and Workplace 371  
Safety Program, for the purpose of operating a substance use 372  
recovery and workplace safety program. 373

SAFETY AND HEALTH WORKFORCE SAFETY INNOVATION CENTER 374

Notwithstanding section 4121.37 of the Revised Code, the 375  
Treasurer of State shall remit \$15,000,000 cash in fiscal year 376  
2024 and \$15,000,000 cash in fiscal year 2025 from the State 377  
Insurance Fund to the state treasury to the credit of the Safety 378  
and Hygiene Fund (Fund 8260). These amounts shall be used under 379  
appropriation item 855619, Safety and Health Workforce Safety 380  
Innovation Center, for the purpose of funding a workforce safety 381  
innovation center program. 382

ADMINISTRATIVE COST FUND 383

Notwithstanding section 4123.341 of the Revised Code, the 384  
Treasurer of State shall remit up to \$25,000,000 cash in fiscal 385  
year 2024 and \$25,000,000 cash in fiscal year 2025 from the 386  
State Insurance Fund to the state treasury to the credit of the 387  
Workers' Compensation Fund (Fund 7023). 388

**Section 200.20.** DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR BWC AND OIC 389  
FUNDING 390

To pay for the FY 2024 costs related to the Deputy 391  
Inspector General for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation and 392  
Industrial Commission, on July 1, 2023, and January 1, 2024, or 393  
as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and 394  
Management shall transfer \$212,500 cash from the Workers' 395  
Compensation Fund (Fund 7023) to the Deputy Inspector General 396  
for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation and Industrial 397  
Commission Fund (Fund 5FT0). 398

To pay for the FY 2025 costs related to the Deputy 399  
Inspector General for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation and 400  
Industrial Commission, on July 1, 2024, and January 1, 2025, or 401  
as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and 402  
Management shall transfer \$212,500 cash from the Workers' 403  
Compensation Fund (Fund 7023) to the Deputy Inspector General 404  
for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation and Industrial 405  
Commission Fund (Fund 5FT0). 406

If additional amounts are needed, the Inspector General 407  
may seek Controlling Board approval for additional transfers of 408  
cash and to increase the amount appropriated in appropriation 409  
item 965604, Deputy Inspector General for the Bureau of Workers' 410  
Compensation and Industrial Commission. 411

**Section 741.20.** On the effective date of this section, the 412  
premium payment security transfer fund account is abolished and 413  
any balance in the account is transferred to the state insurance 414  
fund. 415

**Section 801.10.** Law contained in the Main Operating 416  
Appropriations Act of the 135th General Assembly that applies 417  
generally to the appropriations made in that act also applies 418  
generally to the appropriations made in this act. 419



**Section 806.10.** The provisions of law contained in this 420  
act, and their applications, are severable. If any provision of 421  
law contained in this act, or if any application of any 422  
provision of law contained in this act, is held invalid, the 423  
invalidity does not affect other provisions of law contained in 424  
this act and their applications that can be given effect without 425  
the invalid provision or application. 426

**Section 812.20.** This section and sections 200.10, 200.20, 427  
801.10, and 806.10 of this act are exempt from the referendum 428  
under Ohio Constitution, Article II, Section 1d and section 429  
1.471 of the Revised Code and therefore take effect immediately 430  
when this act becomes law. 431