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A BILL

To amend sections 4928.54 and 4928.55 and to enact 1
sections 4928.541, 4928.542, and 4928.543 of the 2
Revised Code to modify the funding process for 3
the percentage of income payment plan program. 4

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

Section 1. That sections 4928.54 and 4928.55 be amended 5
and sections 4928.541, 4928.542, and 4928.543 of the Revised 6
Code be enacted to read as follows: 7

Sec. 4928.54. ~~Beginning on the starting date of~~ 8
~~competitive retail electric service, the~~ The director of 9
development ~~may~~ services shall aggregate percentage of income 10
payment plan program customers for the purpose of ~~competitively~~ 11
~~auctioning~~ establishing a competitive procurement process for 12
the supply of competitive retail electric ~~generation~~ service to 13
for those customers. The process shall be an auction. Only 14
bidders certified under section 4928.08 of the Revised Code ~~and~~ 15
~~further qualified under eligibility criteria the director~~ 16
~~prescribes by rule under division (B) of section 4928.53 of the~~ 17
~~Revised Code after consultation with the commission and electric~~ 18
~~light companies regarding any such rule. The objectives of~~ may 19

~~participate in the auction shall be to provide reliable retail electric generation service to customers, based on selection criteria that the winning bid provide the lowest cost and best value to customers. The rules adopted by the director under division (b) of section 4928.53 of the Revised Code shall ensure a fair and unbiased auction process and the performance of any winning bidder.~~ 20
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Sec. 4928.541. The competitive procurement process established under section 4928.54 of the Revised Code shall be conducted until a winning bid is selected. 27
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Sec. 4928.542. The winning bid selected through the competitive procurement process established under section 4928.54 of the Revised Code shall meet all of the following requirements: 30
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(A) Be designed to provide reliable competitive retail electric service to percentage of income payment plan program customers; 34
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(B) Reduce the cost of the percentage of income payment plan program relative to the otherwise applicable standard service offer established under sections 4928.141, 4928.142, and 4928.143 of the Revised Code; 37
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(C) Result in the best value for persons paying the universal service rider under section 4928.52 of the Revised Code. 41
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Sec. 4928.543. The director of development services shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement sections 4928.54, 4928.541, and 4928.542 of the Revised Code. The rules shall ensure a fair and unbiased auction process and the performance of the winning bidder. 44
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Sec. 4928.55. The director of development services shall 49
establish an energy efficiency and weatherization program 50
targeted, to the extent practicable, to high-cost, high-volume 51
use structures occupied by customers eligible for the percentage 52
of income payment plan program, with the goal of reducing the 53
energy bills of the occupants. Acceptance of energy efficiency 54
and weatherization services provided by the program shall be a 55
condition for the eligibility of any such customer to 56
participate in the percentage of income payment plan program. 57
~~Any difference between universal service fund revenues under 58~~
~~section 4928.51 of the Revised Code and any savings in 59~~
~~percentage of income payment plan program costs as a result of 60~~
~~competitive auctioning under section 4928.54 of the Revised Code 61~~
~~shall be reinvested in the targeted energy efficiency and 62~~
~~weatherization program. 63~~

Section 2. That existing sections 4928.54 and 4928.55 of 64
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 65