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Sub. H. B. No. 312

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A BILL

То	amend sections 505.64, 511.234, 940.11, 940.12,	1
	1545.072, 1711.131, 2913.21, 3313.291, and	2
	3375.392 and to enact sections 9.21, 9.22,	3
	117.102, 717.31, 3313.311, 3314.52, 3326.52,	4
	3328.52, and 6119.60 of the Revised Code	5
	regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by	6
	political subdivisions.	7

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

Section 1 . That sections 505.64, 511.234, 940.11, 940.12,	8
1545.072, 1711.131, 2913.21, 3313.291, and 3375.392 be amended	9
and sections 9.21, 9.22, 117.102, 717.31, 3313.311, 3314.52,	10
3326.52, 3328.52, and 6119.60 of the Revised Code be enacted to	11
read as follows:	12
Sec. 9.21. (A) Not later than three months after the	13
effective date of this section, the legislative authority of a	14
political subdivision that holds a credit card account on the	15
effective date of this section shall adopt a written policy for	16
the use of credit card accounts. Otherwise, a legislative	17
authority shall adopt a written policy before first holding a	18

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<pre>credit card account.</pre>	19
The policy shall include provisions addressing all of the	20
following:	21
(1) The officers or positions authorized to use a credit	22
<pre>card account;</pre>	23
(2) The types of expenses for which a credit card account	24
may be used;	25
(3) The procedure for acquisition, use, and management of	26
a credit card account and presentation instruments related to	27
the account including cards and checks;	28
(4) The procedure for credit card issuance, credit card	29
reissuance, credit card cancellation, and the process for	30
reporting lost or stolen credit cards;	31
(5) The political subdivision's credit card account's	32
<pre>maximum credit limit or limits;</pre>	33
(6) The actions or omissions by an officer or employee	34
that qualify as misuse of a credit card account.	35
(B) The name of the political subdivision shall appear on	36
each presentation instrument related to the account including	37
cards and checks.	38
(C) If the political subdivision's fiscal officer does not	39
retain general possession and control of the credit card account	40
and presentation instruments related to the account including	41
cards and checks, the legislative authority shall appoint a	42
compliance officer to perform the duties enumerated under	43
division (D) of this section. The compliance officer may not use	44
a credit card account and may not authorize an officer or	45
employee to use a credit card account. The fiscal officer is not	46

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of the suspected loss, theft, or possible unauthorized use	135
immediately in writing. The officer, employee, or appointee may	136
be held liable in person and upon any official bond the officer,	137
employee, or appointee has given to the township for up to fifty	138
dollars in unauthorized debt incurred before the board receives	139
such notification.	140
(D) Misuse of a credit card held by the board of township	141
trustees by an Not later than three months after the effective	142
date of this amendment, the board of township trustees of any	143
township that holds a credit card account on the effective date	144
of this amendment shall adopt a written policy for the use of	145
credit card accounts. Otherwise, a board shall adopt a written	146
policy before first holding a credit card account.	147
The policy shall include provisions addressing all of the	148
<pre>following:</pre>	149
(1) The officers, positions, or appointees authorized to	150
use a credit card account;	151
(2) The types of expenses of which a credit card account	152
may be used;	153
(3) The procedure for acquisition, use, and management of	154
a credit card account and presentation instruments related to	155
the account including cards and checks;	156
(4) The procedure for credit card issuance, credit card	157
reissuance, credit card cancellation, and the process for	158
reporting lost or stolen credit cards;	159
(5) The township's credit card account's maximum credit	160
<pre>limit or limits;</pre>	161
(6) The actions or omissions by an officer, employee, or	162

(B) The name of the township park district shall appear on	280
each presentation instrument related to the account including	281
cards and checks.	282
(C) If the clerk of the district does not retain general_	283
possession and control of the credit card account and	284
presentation instruments related to the account including cards	285
and checks, the board shall appoint a compliance officer to	286
perform the duties enumerated under division (D) of this	287
section. The compliance officer may not use a credit card	288
account and may not authorize an officer, employee, or appointee	289
to use a credit card account, except that a board of park_	290
commissioners serving in the role of compliance officer may use	291
a credit card account if so authorized under the policy and may	292
authorize an officer, employee, or appointee to use a credit	293
card account as provided in division (A) of this section. The	294
clerk is not eligible for appointment as compliance officer.	295
(D) The compliance officer, if applicable, and the board	296
at least quarterly shall review the number of cards and accounts	297
issued, the number of active cards and accounts issued, the	298
cards' and accounts' expiration dates, and the cards' and	299
accounts' credit limits.	300
(E) If the clerk retains general possession and control of	301
the credit card account and presentation instruments related to	302
the account including cards and checks, and the board authorizes	303
an officer, employee, or appointee to use a credit card,	304
including through a system the clerk utilizes to sign out credit	305
cards to the authorized users, the officer, employee, or	306
appointee shall provide the clerk or the clerk's designee an	307
itemized receipt for each charge upon returning the credit card.	308
The officer, employee, or appointee is liable in person and upon	309

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<pre>following:</pre>	340
(1) The officers or positions authorized to use a credit	341
<pre>card account;</pre>	342
(2) The types of expenses for which a credit card account	343
may be used;	344
(3) The procedure for acquisition, use, and management of	345
a credit card account and presentation instruments related to	346
the account including cards and checks;	347
(4) The procedure for credit card issuance, credit card	348
reissuance, credit card cancellation, and the process for	349
reporting lost or stolen credit cards;	350
(5) The municipal corporation's credit card account's	351
<pre>maximum credit limit or limits;</pre>	352
(6) The actions or omissions by an officer or employee	353
that qualify as misuse of a credit card account.	354
(B) The name of the municipal corporation shall appear on	355
each presentation instrument related to the account including	356
cards and checks.	357
(C) If the village clerk or city auditor, as applicable,	358
does not retain general possession and control of the credit	359
card account and presentation instruments related to the account	360
including cards and checks, the following applies:	361
(1) In a municipal corporation that has the authority to	362
operate a mayor's court pursuant to Chapter 1905. of the Revised	363
Code, the chief executive officer of the municipal corporation	364
shall appoint a compliance officer to perform the duties	365
enumerated under division (D) of this section. The compliance	366
officer may not use a credit card account and may not authorize	367

receipts.	398
(F) The use of a credit card account for expenses beyond	399
those authorized by the legislative authority constitutes misuse	400
of a credit card account. An officer or employee of the	401
municipal corporation or a public servant as defined under	402
section 2921.01 of the Revised Code who knowingly misuses a	403
credit card account held by the municipal corporation violates	404
section 2913.21 of the Revised Code.	405
(G) As used in this section, "credit card account" means	406
any bank-issued credit card account, store-issued credit card	407
account, financial institution-issued credit card account,	408
financial depository-issued credit card account, affinity credit	409
card account, or any other card account allowing the holder to	410
purchase goods or services on credit or to transact with the	411
account, and any debit or gift card account related to the	412
receipt of grant moneys. "Credit card account" does not include	413
a procurement card account, gasoline or telephone credit card	414
account, or any other card account where merchant category codes	415
are in place as a system of control for use of the card account.	416
Sec. 940.11. The (A) Not later than three months after the	417
effective date of this amendment, the supervisors of a soil and	418
water conservation district may hold one or more that hold a	419
credit-cards on behalf of the district and may authorize any	420
supervisor or employee of the district to use such a credit card	421
to pay for expenses related to the purposes of the district. The	422
supervisors shall pay the debt incurred as a result of the use-	423
of such a credit card from money accepted by the supervisors as	424
authorized under division (E) of section 940.06 of the Revised	425
Code or from the special fund established for the district under-	426
section 940.12 of the Revised Code. The misuse of card account	427

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on the effective date of this amendment shall adopt a written	428
policy for the use of credit card accounts. Otherwise, the	429
supervisors shall adopt a written policy before first holding a	430
<pre>credit card account.</pre>	431
The policy shall include provisions addressing all of the	432
<pre>following:</pre>	433
(1) The supervisors or positions authorized to use a	434
<pre>credit card account;</pre>	435
(2) The types of expenses for which a credit card account	436
<pre>may be used;</pre>	437
(3) The procedure for acquisition, use, and management of	438
a credit card account and presentation instruments related to	439
the account including cards and checks;	440
(4) The procedure for credit card issuance, credit card	441
reissuance, credit card cancellation, and the process for	442
reporting lost or stolen credit cards;	443
(5) The district's credit card account's maximum credit	444
<pre>limit or limits;</pre>	445
(6) The actions or omissions by an officer or employee	446
that qualify as misuse of a credit card account.	447
(B) The name of the soil and water conservation district	448
shall appear on each presentation instrument related to the	449
account including cards and checks.	450
(C) If the fiscal agent of the district does not retain	451
general possession and control of the credit card account and	452
presentation instruments related to the account including cards	453
and checks, the supervisors shall appoint a compliance officer	454
to perform the duties enumerated under division (D) of this	455

financial depository-issued credit card account, affinity credit	603
card account, or any other card account allowing the holder to	604
purchase goods or services on credit or to transact with the	605
account, and any debit or gift card account related to the	606
receipt of grant moneys. "Credit card account" does not include	607
a procurement card account, gasoline or telephone credit card	608
account, or any other card account where merchant category codes	609
are in place as a system of control for use of the card account.	610
Sec. 1711.131. (A) The Not later than three months after	611
the effective date of this amendment, the board of directors of	612
a county agricultural society or an independent agricultural	613
society may authorize by resolution an officer or employee of	614
the agricultural society to use that holds a credit card held by	615
the board to pay for expenses related to the purposes of the	616
agricultural society. If a board elects to authorize the use of	617
a credit card held by the board as described in this section,	618
the board first shall adopt a policy specifying the purposes for	619
which the credit card may be used.	620
(B) An officer or employee of an agricultural society who	621
makes unauthorized use of a credit card held by the society's	622
board of directors is personally liable for the unauthorized	623
use. The prosecuting attorney of the appropriate county shall	624
recover the amount of any unauthorized expenses incurred by the-	625
officer or employee through the misuse of the credit card in a	626
civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction. This-	627
section does not limit any other liability of the officer or	628
employee for the unauthorized use of a credit card held by the-	629
board of directors.	630
(C) An officer or employee who is authorized to use a	631
credit card held by the board of directors of an agricultural	632

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society and who suspects the loss, theft, or possibility of	633
unauthorized use of the credit card immediately shall notify the	634
board in writing of the suspected loss, theft, or possible-	635
unauthorized use. The officer or employee may be held personally	636
liable for not more than fifty dollars in unauthorized debt-	637
incurred before the board receives the notification.	638
(D) The misuse by an account on the effective date of this	639
amendment shall adopt a written policy for the use of credit	640
card accounts. Otherwise, a board shall adopt a written policy	641
before first holding a credit card account.	642
The policy shall include provisions addressing all of the	643
<pre>following:</pre>	644
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<pre>card accounts;</pre>	646
(2) The types of expenses for which a credit card account	647
<pre>may be used;</pre>	648
(3) The procedure for acquisition, use, and management of	649
a credit card account and presentation instruments related to	650
the account including cards and checks;	651
(4) The procedure for credit card issuance, credit card	652
reissuance, credit card cancellation, and the process for	653
reporting lost or stolen credit cards;	654
(5) The society's credit card account's maximum credit	655
<pre>limit or limits;</pre>	656
(6) The actions or omissions by an officer or employee	657
that qualify as misuse of a credit card account.	658
(B) The name of the county agricultural society or	659
independent agricultural society shall appear on each	660

cumulative retail value of the property and services involved in 749 one or more violations of division (B)(2), (3), or (4) of this 750 section, which violations involve one or more credit card 751 accounts and occur within a period of ninety consecutive days 752 commencing on the date of the first violation, is seven thousand 753 five hundred dollars or more and is less than one hundred fifty 754 thousand dollars, misuse of credit cards in violation of any of 755 those divisions is a felony of the fourth degree. If the 756 cumulative retail value of the property and services involved in 757 one or more violations of division (B)(2), (3), or (4) of this 758 section, which violations involve one or more credit card 759 accounts and occur within a period of ninety consecutive days 760 commencing on the date of the first violation, is one hundred 761 fifty thousand dollars or more, misuse of credit cards in 762 violation of any of those divisions is a felony of the third 763 degree. 764

(4) If the victim of the offense is an elderly person or 765 disabled adult, and if the offense involves a violation of 766 division (B)(1) or (2) of this section, division (D)(4) of this 767 section applies. Except as otherwise provided in division (D)(4) 768 of this section, a violation of division (B)(1) or (2) of this 769 section is a felony of the fifth degree. If the debt for which 770 the card is held as security or the cumulative retail value of 771 the property or services involved in the violation is one 772 thousand dollars or more and is less than seven thousand five 773 hundred dollars, a violation of either of those divisions is a 774 felony of the fourth degree. If the debt for which the card is 775 held as security or the cumulative retail value of the property 776 or services involved in the violation is seven thousand five 777 hundred dollars or more and is less than thirty-seven thousand 778 five hundred dollars, a violation of either of those divisions 779

account transaction detail and shall sign an attestation stating	838
the treasurer reviewed the credit card account transaction	839
detail. If the chief administrator of an information technology	840
center acting as compliance officer has authority to use a	841
credit card account, the governing authority monthly shall	842
review the credit card account transaction detail and shall sign	843
an attestation stating the governing authority reviewed the	844
credit card account transaction detail. The treasurer of the	845
board of education, treasurer of the educational service center,	846
and chief fiscal officer of the information technology center	847
are not eligible for appointment as compliance officer. The	848
superintendent of a school district or chief administrator of an	849
information technology center is eligible for appointment as	850
compliance officer.	851
(D) The compliance officer, if applicable, at least	852
quarterly shall review the number of cards and accounts issued,	853
the number of active cards and accounts issued, the cards' and	854
accounts' expiration dates, and the cards' and accounts' credit	855
<u>limits.</u>	856
(E) If the treasurer of the board of education, treasurer	857
of the educational service center, or chief fiscal officer of	858
the information technology center retains general possession and	859
control of the credit card account and presentation instruments	860
related to the account including cards and checks, and the board	861
or authority authorizes an officer or employee to use a credit	862
card, including through a system the treasurer or chief fiscal	863
officer utilizes to sign out credit cards to the authorized	864
users, the officer or employee shall provide the treasurer or	865
chief fiscal officer or the treasurer's or chief fiscal	866
officer's designee an itemized receipt for each charge upon	867
returning the credit card. The officer or employee is liable in	868

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(2) The types of expenses for which a credit card account	904
may be used;	905
(3) The procedure for acquisition, use, and management of	906
a credit card account and presentation instruments related to	907
the account including cards and checks;	908
(4) The procedure for credit card issuance, credit card	909
reissuance, credit card cancellation, and the process for	910
reporting lost or stolen credit cards;	911
(5) The community school's credit card account's maximum	912
<pre>credit limit or limits;</pre>	913
(6) The actions or omissions by an officer or employee	914
that qualify as misuse of a credit card account.	915
(B) The name of the community school shall appear on each	916
presentation instrument related to the account including cards	917
and checks.	918
(C) If the designated fiscal officer of the community	919
school does not retain general possession and control of the	920
credit card account and presentation instruments related to the	921
account including cards and checks, the governing authority	922
shall appoint a compliance officer to perform the duties	923
enumerated under division (D) of this section. Except a chief	924
administrator of a community school serving as compliance	925
officer, the compliance officer may not use a credit card	926

(F) The use of a credit card account for expenses beyond

those authorized by the governing authority constitutes misuse

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(D) The compliance officer, if applicable, and the	1015
governing body at least quarterly shall review the number of	1016
cards and accounts issued, the number of active cards and	1017
accounts issued, the cards' and accounts' expiration dates, and	1018
the cards' and accounts' credit limits.	1019
(E) If the treasurer retains general possession and	1020
control of the credit card account and presentation instruments	1021
related to the account including cards and checks, and the	1022
governing body authorizes an officer or employee to use a credit	1023
card, including through a system the treasurer utilizes to sign	1024
out credit cards to the authorized users, the officer or	1025
employee shall provide the treasurer or the treasurer's designee	1026
an itemized receipt for each charge upon returning the credit	1027
card. The officer or employee is liable in person and upon any	1028
official bond the officer or employee has given to the school to	1029
reimburse the school treasury the amount for which the officer	1030
or employee does not provide itemized receipts.	1031
(F) The use of a credit card account for expenses beyond	1032
those authorized by the governing body constitutes misuse of a	1033
credit card account. An officer or employee of a STEM school or	1034
a public servant as defined under section 2921.01 of the Revised	1035
Code who knowingly misuses a credit card account held by the	1036
governing body violates section 2913.21 of the Revised Code.	1037
(G) As used in this section, "credit card account" means	1038
any bank-issued credit card account, store-issued credit card	1039
account, financial institution-issued credit card account,	1040
financial depository-issued credit card account, affinity credit	1041
card account, or any other card account allowing the holder to	1042
purchase goods or services on credit or to transact with the	1043
account, and any debit or gift card account related to the	1044

shall appear on each presentation instrument related to the	1073
account including cards and checks.	1074
(C) If the fiscal officer of the college-preparatory	1075
boarding school does not retain general possession and control	1076
of the credit card account and presentation instruments related	1077
to the account including cards and checks, the board shall	1078
appoint a compliance officer to perform the duties enumerated	1079
under division (D) of this section. Except a chief administrator	1080
of college-preparatory boarding school serving as compliance	1081
officer, the compliance officer may not use a credit card	1082
account. The compliance officer may not authorize an officer or	1083
employee to use a credit card account. If the chief	1084
administrator acting as compliance officer has authority to use	1085
a credit card account, the board monthly shall review the credit	1086
card account transaction detail and shall sign an attestation	1087
stating the board reviewed the credit card account transaction	1088
detail. The fiscal officer is not eligible for appointment as	1089
compliance officer. The chief administrator is eligible for	1090
appointment as compliance officer.	1091
(D) The compliance officer, if applicable, and the board	1092
at least quarterly shall review the number of cards and accounts	1093
issued, the number of active cards and accounts issued, the	1094
cards' and accounts' expiration dates, and the cards' and	1095
accounts' credit limits.	1096
(E) If the fiscal officer retains general possession and	1097
control of the credit card account and presentation instruments	1098
related to the account including cards and checks, and the board	1099
authorizes an officer or employee to use a credit card,	1100
including through a system the fiscal officer utilizes to sign	1101
out credit cards to the authorized users, the officer or	1102

the account including cards and checks.	1161
(C) If the fiscal officer of a free public library or	1162
library district does not retain general possession and control	1163
of the credit card account and presentation instruments related	1164
to the account including cards and checks, the board shall	1165
appoint a compliance officer to perform the duties enumerated	1166
under division (D) of this section. The compliance officer may	1167
use a credit card account only upon authority from the fiscal	1168
officer of the free public library or library district, except	1169
the director of a free public library or library district	1170
serving in the role of compliance officer may use a credit card	1171
if so authorized under the policy. If the compliance officer has	1172
authority to use a credit card account, the board monthly shall	1173
review the credit card account transaction detail and shall sign	1174
an attestation stating the board reviewed the credit card	1175
account transaction detail. The compliance officer may not	1176
authorize an officer, employee, or appointee to use a credit	1177
card account, except a director serving in the role of	1178
compliance officer may authorize an officer, employee, or	1179
appointee to use a credit card account. The fiscal officer of	1180
the free public library or library district is not eligible for	1181
appointment as compliance officer. The director is eligible for	1182
appointment as compliance officer.	1183
(D) The compliance officer, if applicable, and the finance	1184
committee of the board at least once every six months shall	1185
review the number of cards and accounts issued, the number of	1186
active cards and accounts issued, the cards' and accounts'	1187
expiration dates, and the cards' and accounts' credit limits.	1188
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(E) If the fiscal officer retains general possession and	1189
control of the credit card account and presentation instruments	1190

related to the account including cards and checks, and the board	1191
or director authorizes an officer, employee, or appointee to use	1192
a credit card, including through a system the fiscal officer	1193
utilizes to sign out credit cards to the authorized users, the	1194
officer, employee, or appointee shall provide the fiscal officer	1195
or the fiscal officer's designee an itemized receipt for each	1196
charge upon returning the credit card. The officer, employee, or	1197
appointee is liable in person and upon any official bond the	1198
officer, employee, or appointee has given to the library or	1199
district to reimburse the library or district treasury the	1200
amount for which the officer, employee, or appointee does not	1201
<pre>provide itemized receipts.</pre>	1202
(F) The use of a credit card account for expenses beyond	1203
those authorized by the board constitutes misuse of a credit	1204
card account. An officer, employee, or appointee of the library	1205
is subject to or district or a public servant as defined under	1206
section 2921.01 of the Revised Code who knowingly misuses a	1207
credit card account held by the board violates section 2913.21	1208
of the Revised Code. The officer, employee, or appointee also	1209
may be found personally liable to the library in a civil action-	1210
for the officer's, employee's, or appointee's misuse of the	1211
library's credit card.	1212
(C) Any officer, employee, or appointee of a free public	1213
library who is authorized to use a credit card that the library	1214
holds and who suspects the loss, the theft, or another person's	1215
possible unauthorized use of the credit card shall notify the	1216
board of library trustees immediately in writing of the-	1217
suspected loss, theft, or possible unauthorized use. The	1218
officer, employee, or appointee may be held personally liable to-	1219
the library for any unauthorized debt resulting from the credit	1220
card's loss, theft, or unauthorized use in the amount of fifty	1221