As Re-Referred by the House Rules and Reference Committee

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Sub. H. B. No. 466

Representative Edwards

A BILL

То	amend section 3701.83 and to enact sections	1
	3724.01, 3724.02, 3724.03, 3724.04, 3724.05,	2
	3724.06, 3724.07, 3724.08, 3724.09, 3724.10,	3
	3724.11, 3724.12, 3724.13, 3724.14, and 3724.99	4
	of the Revised Code and to amend Section 261.150	5
	of H.B. 110 of the 134th General Assembly to	6
	establish requirements for the registration and	7
	operation of health care staffing agencies, to	8
	make changes relating to the fiscal year 2023	9
	payment rates for intermediate care facilities	10
	for individuals with intellectual disabilities,	11
	to allow an extension of time to begin a project	12
	under a certificate of need granted during the	13
	COVID-19 pandemic, to amend the version of	14
	section 3701.83 of the Revised Code that is	15
	scheduled to take effect on September 30, 2024,	16
	to continue the change on and after that date,	17
	and to make an appropriation.	18

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

Section 1. That section 3701.83 be amended and sections193724.01, 3724.02, 3724.03, 3724.04, 3724.05, 3724.06, 3724.07,20

3724.08, 3724.09, 3724.10, 3724.11, 3724.12, 3724.13, 3724.14,	21
and 3724.99 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	22
Sec. 3701.83. There is hereby created in the state	23
treasury the general operations fund. Moneys in the fund shall	24
be used for the purposes specified in sections 3701.04,	25
3701.344, 3702.20, 3711.16, 3717.45, 3718.06, 3721.02, 3721.022,	26
<u>3724.14,</u> 3729.07, 3733.43, 3748.04, 3748.05, 3748.07, 3748.12,	27
3748.13, 3749.04, 3749.07, 4736.06, and 4769.09 of the Revised	28
Code.	29
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Sec. 3724.01. As used in this chapter:	30
(A) "Controlling person" means either of the following:	31
(1) A business entity, officer, program administrator, or	32
director whose responsibilities include directing the management	33
or policies of a health care staffing agency;	34
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(2) An individual who, directly or indirectly, owns an	35
interest in a business entity described in division (A)(1) of	36
this section.	37
(B) "Health care personnel" means any licensed health care	38
professional or unlicensed health care personnel who provides	39
care, support, or services directly to patients.	40
(C) "Health care provider" means any of the following:	41
(1) A home, as defined in section 3721.10 of the Revised	42
Code;	43
(2) A home health agency, as defined in section 3740.01 of	44
the Revised Code;	45
(3) A hospice care program, as defined in section 3712.01	46
<u>of the Revised Code;</u>	47

(4) A residential facility, as defined in section 5123.19	48
of the Revised Code;	49
(5) A residential facility, as defined in section 5119.34	50
of the Revised Code;	51
(6) A community addiction services provider, as defined in	52
section 5119.01 of the Revised Code;	53
(7) A community mental health services provider, as	54
defined in section 5119.01 of the Revised Code;	55
(8) A medicaid provider who provides medicaid waiver_	56
component services, as defined in section 5166.01 of the Revised	57
Code.	58
(D) "Health care staffing agency" means a person that is_	59
regularly engaged in the business of providing or procuring, for	60
a fee, health care personnel to serve as temporary staff for	61
health care providers. "Health care staffing agency" includes an	62
online health care staff matching service. "Health care staffing	63
agency" does not include either of the following:	64
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(1) An individual who is engaged only in providing or	65
offering that individual's services to health care providers as	66
<u>a temporary employee or contractor;</u>	67
(2) A government entity.	68
(E) "Online health care staff matching service" means a	69
person that operates or offers an electronic platform on which	70
health care personnel may be listed as available to serve as	71
temporary staff for health care providers.	72
Sec. 3724.02. (A) Each health care staffing agency shall	73
annually register with the director of health. For purposes of	74
the registration requirement, each physical location of a health	75

care staffing agency shall separately register with the	76
<u>director.</u>	77
(B) The director shall establish registration application	78
forms and procedures. Each registration application shall be	79
accompanied by the fee set forth in division (C) of this section	80
and include at least the following:	81
(1)(a) The name and address of each owner with an interest	82
of five per cent or more in the health care staffing agency,	83
except that if that information does not result in a disclosure	84
of at least eighty-five per cent of the ownership of the agency,	85
all owners shall be disclosed;	86
(b) If an owner is not a natural person, the name and	87
address of each natural person with more than a five per cent	88
interest in that owner.	89
(2) If the health care staffing agency, or an owner, is a	90
corporation, a copy of the associated articles of incorporation	91
and current bylaws, and the name and address of each officer and	92
<u>director;</u>	93
(3) A copy of the health care staffing agency's policies	94
and procedures designed to ensure compliance with divisions (A)	95
(4) and (5) of section 3724.07 of the Revised Code, as well as	96
any other proof of compliance required by the director;	97
(4) A copy of the health care staffing agency's policies	98
and procedures regarding record retention and availability	99
designed to ensure compliance with divisions (A)(6) and (7) of	100
section 3724.07 of the Revised Code;	101
(5) Certification that the health care staffing agency has	102
not had a registration revoked under this chapter within the	103
three years immediately preceding the date of the application;	104

(6) Any other information or documentation required by the	105
director.	106
(C) Each applicant for registration of a health care	107
staffing agency shall pay an application fee in the amount of	108
two thousand dollars. The fee is nonrefundable.	109
Sec. 3724.03. The director of health shall review each	110
application received under section 3724.02 of the Revised Code	111
for registration of a health care staffing agency. The director	112
shall register a health care staffing agency if the applicant	113
has submitted a complete application, paid the application fee,	114
and demonstrated to the director's satisfaction that the	115
requirements for registration as set forth in this chapter are	116
met.	117
Sec. 3724.04. A registration issued under this chapter to	118
<u>a health care staffing agency is valid for one year from the</u>	119
date of its issuance, unless one of the following is the case:	120
(A) The agency's registration is earlier revoked or	121
suspended.	122
(B) The agency is sold.	123
(C) The agency's ownership or management is transferred	124
such that forty per cent or more of the owners or managers of	125
the agency were not previously registered under this chapter.	126
Sec. 3724.05. (A) A health care staffing agency that has	127
provided staffing services during the year preceding the	128
agency's registration renewal date may renew the agency's	129
registration by applying to the director of health using a	130
registration renewal form established by the director and	131
complying with any renewal application procedures established by	132
the director.	133

(B) The director of health shall establish forms and	134
procedures for processing applications for the annual renewal of	135
registrations issued under this chapter. The director shall	136
charge a fee of two thousand dollars for renewal. The fee is	137
nonrefundable.	138
(C) An application for renewal shall include all of the	139
following information:	140
(1) A description of any changes to the items described in	141
division (B) of section 3724.02 of the Revised Code;	142
(2) Documentation demonstrating that the agency provided	143
staffing services to health care providers during the calendar	144
year immediately preceding the registration renewal date.	145
(D) An applicant for registration renewal shall pay the	146
renewal fee during the month of the renewal date. If an	147
applicant fails to pay the renewal fee during that month, the	148
applicant shall pay a late fee of two hundred dollars in	149
addition to the renewal fee. If the renewal fee or any late fee	150
is not paid by the thirtieth day after the renewal date, the	151
director may, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised	152
Code, revoke the agency's registration.	153
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(E) The director shall review all applications received	154
for registration renewal. If an application is complete, the	155
renewal fee and any late fee have been paid, and the director	156
determines that the applicant meets all other eligibility	157
requirements, the director shall renew the applicant's	158
registration to operate a health care staffing agency.	159

(F) A health care staffing agency that has not provided160staffing services during the year preceding the agency's161registration renewal date is ineligible for renewal, but may162

apply for a new registration under section 3724.02 of the 163 Revised Code. 164 Sec. 3724.06. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of 165 this section, no person shall knowingly operate a health care 166 staffing agency unless the person is registered under this 167 168 chapter. (B) In the case of a health care staffing agency that is 169 operating on the effective date of this section, an application 170 for registration shall be submitted under section 3724.02 of the 171 Revised Code not later than thirty days after the effective date 172 of this section. If the application is submitted accordingly, 173 the agency may continue to operate without being registered 174 until the earlier of the following: 175 (1) The date a final decision is made by the director of 176 health to deny the registration; 177 (2) The date that is one hundred twenty days after the 178 effective date of this section. 179 Sec. 3724.07. (A) Each health care staffing agency_ 180 registered under this chapter shall do all of the following: 181 182 (1) Ensure that when the health care staffing agency assigns or otherwise agrees to provide health care personnel to 183 a health care provider to work for a specific shift or other 184 time period, the assigned personnel or a substitute works for 185 the agreed time period at no additional charge to the provider; 186 (2) Establish and provide to health care providers a 187 188

schedule of fees and charges that shall not be modified except188after providing written notice at least thirty days in advance189of any change;190

(3) Employ, as an employee of the health care staffing 191 agency, each individual that the agency provides to a health 192 care provider to serve as temporary health care personnel; 193 (4) Verify, maintain, and, upon request of a health care 194 provider to which the agency provides health care personnel, 195 furnish supporting documentation that each individual provided 196 to the provider to serve as temporary health care personnel, at 197 the time of placement, meets all of the following: 198 199 (a) Minimum licensing, training, and continuing education standards for the position in which the individual will be 200 working; 201 (b) Criminal records check requirements for employees of 202 the health care provider; 203 (c) Requirements for reviewing registries of persons with 204 findings of abuse or neglect; 205 (d) Requirements for determining whether exclusions from 206 medicare or medicaid exist; 207 (e) All of the health care provider's employee health 208

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requirements, including requirements relating to testing for and vaccination against infectious disease and requirements relating to drug testing;

(f) Any other qualification or requirement maintained by212the health care provider for its employees.213

(5) Prohibit all health care staffing agency employees214from recruiting employees of the health care provider with which215health care personnel are placed, and instruct all agency216employees regarding this prohibition;217

(6) Make health care staffing agency records immediately 218

available to the director of health during normal business	219
hours;	
(7) Retain health care staffing agency records for a	221
minimum of five years or a longer period if required by state or	222
federal law;	223
(8) Carry professional liability insurance that covers at	224
least one million dollars per occurrence and three million	225
dollars aggregate to protect against loss, damage, or expense	226
incident to a claim arising out of the death or injury of any	227
person as the result of negligence or malpractice in the	228
provision of health care services by the health care staffing	229
agency or any of the agency's employees;	230
(9) Secure and maintain workers' compensation coverage in_	231
accordance with Chapters 4121., 4123., 4127., and 4131. of the	232
Revised Code;	233
(10) Carry a surgery hand for ampleuse dishenesty that	234
(10) Carry a surety bond for employee dishonesty that	-
provides coverage in an amount that is not less than one hundred	235
thousand dollars.	236
(B) A health care staffing agency shall not attempt to	237
require a health care provider, by contract or otherwise, to	238
waive any of the requirements of this chapter or the rules	239
adopted under it as a condition of supplying personnel to the	240
provider. Any waiver of the requirements that may result from	241
such an attempt is void and unenforceable.	242
Sec. 3724.08. In addition to other activities prohibited	243
by this chapter, a health care staffing agency is subject to all	244
<u>of the following:</u>	245
(A) The agency shall not restrict the employment	246
opportunities of its employees, including by requiring any of	247

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the following:	248
(1) That an employee pay money to terminate employment or	249
otherwise cease to provide services;	250
(2) That an employee enter into a post-termination of	251
services noncompete agreement;	252
(3) That an employee accept an employment buyout.	253
(B) The agency shall not require, in any contract with an	254
employee or health care provider, the payment of liquidated	255
damages, employment fees, or other compensation related to an	256
employee being hired as a permanent employee of the health care	257
provider.	258
(C)(1) Except as provided in division (C)(2) of this	259
section, the agency shall not recruit, solicit, or entice an	260
employee of a health care provider to leave employment with the	261
provider.	262
(2) Division (C)(1) of this section does not prohibit a	263
health care staffing agency from generally advertising to the	264
public that the staffing agency may pay a signing bonus, or from	265
offering or paying a signing bonus to an individual who was or	266
is an employee of a health care provider so long as the staffing	267
agency did not initiate contact related to employment while the	268
individual was actively employed by a health care provider.	269
(D) The agency shall not pay or make a gift to any	270
employee of a health care provider.	271
(E) The agency shall not contract with individuals as	272
independent contractors for use by the agency in providing	273
temporary health care personnel to health care providers.	274
Sec. 3724.09. (A)(1) A health care staffing agency shall	275

not bill or receive payments from an applicable health care	276
provider for any category of health care personnel listed in the	277
medicaid cost reports submitted under section 5124.10 or 5165.10	278
of the Revised Code at a rate that is higher than one hundred	279
fifty per cent of the statewide direct care median hourly wage	280
for that category of personnel, as that wage is determined by	281
the department of medicaid from the cost reports for the most	282
recent calendar year for which the department of medicaid has	283
determined such a median wage, multiplied by the rate of	284
inflation estimated under division (A)(3) of this section. The	285
department of medicaid shall calculate and publish statewide	286
direct care median hourly wages for all personnel categories	287
reported on the cost reports as soon as practicable after	288
receiving the reports.	289
(2) A maximum rate established under division (A)(1) of	290
this section includes all charges for administrative fees,	291
contract fees, shift bonuses, or any other charges in addition	292
to the hourly rates for the health care personnel supplied to a	293
health care provider, except that the health care staffing	294
agency may charge the provider an additional hourly amount of	295
not more than ten per cent of the maximum rate for an individual	296
who directly provides care to patients with an infectious	297
disease for which a declared public health emergency is in	298
effect.	299
(3) The department of medicaid shall estimate the rate of	300
inflation for the twelve-month period beginning on the first day	301
of July of the cost report year and ending on the last day of	302
June of the calendar year for which the rate is determined,	303
using the following:	304
(a) Subject to division (A)(3)(b) of this section, the	305

employment cost index for total compensation, health care and	306
social assistance component, published by the United States	307
bureau of labor statistics;	308
(b) If the United States bureau of labor statistics searce	309
(b) If the United States bureau of labor statistics ceases	
to publish the index specified in division (A)(3)(a) of this	310
section, the index that is subsequently published by the bureau	311
and covers the staff costs of health care providers.	312
(B) The medicaid director may establish median hourly	313
wages for any category of personnel not reported on cost reports	314
submitted under section 5124.10 or 5165.10 of the Revised Code	315
based on data submitted by health care providers that utilize	316
that category of personnel or based on any other data that the	317
director considers appropriate. If the medicaid director	318
establishes a median hourly wage for a category of personnel	319
under this division, the wage that is established shall be used	320
to set a maximum rate for the category of personnel in the same	321
manner that a maximum rate applies under division (A) of this	322
section.	323
Sec. 3724.10. (A) An applicant for or holder of a	324
registration issued under this chapter is subject to	325
disciplinary actions by the director of health as specified in	326
divisions (B) and (C) of this section.	327
(B) The director may deny, refuse to renew, revoke, or	328
suspend a health care staffing agency registration for any of	329
the following reasons:	330
(1) Lack of financial solvency or suitability;	331
(2) Inadequate treatment and care or criminal activity by	332
personnel supplied by the agency or by any person managing the	333
agency;	334

care provider.

(3) Interference with a survey or other inspection	
conducted under section 3724.12 of the Revised Code;	
(4) Failure to comply with the conditions or requirements that must be met to obtain and retain a registration;	
(5) Failure to comply with any other requirement of this	
chapter or the rules adopted under it.	
(C) The director shall revoke the registration of a health	
care staffing agency that knowingly provides to a health care	
provider a person with an illegally or fraudulently obtained or	
issued diploma, registration, license, certificate, criminal	
records check, or other item required for employment by a health	
care provider.	

(D) In addition to the disciplinary actions described in	347
divisions (B) and (C) of this section, the director shall fine a	348
health care staffing agency found to be in violation of section	349
3724.09 of the Revised Code in an amount that is equal to two	350
hundred per cent of the amount billed or received in excess of	351
the maximum permitted under that section.	352

353 A health care staffing agency may request a reconsideration by the director of a fine imposed under this 354 division. The reconsideration process is not subject to Chapter 355 119. of the Revised Code. 356

(E) Except as provided in division (D) of this section, 357 all actions for imposing disciplinary actions and fines under 358 this section shall be taken in accordance with Chapter 119. of 359 the Revised Code. 360

(F)(1) The controlling person of a health care staffing 361 agency whose registration has not been renewed or has been 362 363 revoked is not eligible to apply for or to be granted a

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registration for five years following the date that the	364
registration is terminated for failure to renew or the date of	365
the final order of revocation.	366
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(2) The director shall not issue or renew a registration	367
to operate a health care staffing agency if a controlling person	368
of the agency includes any individual or entity that was a	369
controlling person of a health care staffing agency whose	370
registration was not renewed or was revoked during the five-year	371
period immediately preceding the date the application for	372
registration or renewal under consideration was submitted.	373
Sec. 3724.11. The director of health shall establish a	374
system for the reporting of complaints against a health care	375
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staffing agency or its employees. Reports may be made by any	
individual. The director shall investigate all complaints made	377
<u>against a health care staffing agency.</u>	378
Sec. 3724.12. In addition to administering the	379
registration requirements of this chapter and investigating	380
complaints under section 3724.11 of the Revised Code, the	381
director of health shall oversee the operation of health care	382
staffing agencies by doing both of the following:	383
(A) Conducting surveys or other inspections on an annual	384
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or unannounced basis;	383
(B) Taking any other actions the director considers	386
necessary to ensure agency compliance with this chapter and the	387
rules adopted under it.	388
Sec. 3724.13. The director of health shall adopt rules as_	389
the director considers necessary to implement this chapter. All	390
rules adopted under this section shall be adopted in accordance	391
with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.	392

Sec. 3724.14. All registration application fees,	393
registration renewal fees, and fines collected under this	394
chapter, other than financial penalties imposed under section	395
3724.99 of the Revised Code, shall be deposited in the state	396
treasury to the credit of the general operations fund created	397
under section 3701.83 of the Revised Code. The amounts shall be	398
used solely for purposes of administering and enforcing this	399
chapter and the rules adopted under it.	400
Sec. 3724.99. Whoever violates section 3724.06 of the	401
Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree on	402
a first offense; for each subsequent offense, the person is	403
guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.	404
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Section 2. That existing section 3701.83 of the Revised	405
Code is hereby repealed.	406
Section 3. That the version of section 3701.83 of the	407
Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect September 30,	408
2024, be amended to read as follows:	409
Sec. 3701.83. There is hereby created in the state	410
treasury the general operations fund. Moneys in the fund shall	411
be used for the purposes specified in sections 3701.04,	412
3701.344, 3711.16, 3717.45, 3718.06, 3721.02, 3721.022, <u>3724.14,</u>	413
3729.07, 3733.43, 3748.04, 3748.05, 3748.07, 3748.12, 3748.13,	414
3749.04, 3749.07, 4736.06, and 4769.09 of the Revised Code.	415
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Section 4. That existing section 3701.83 of the Revised	416
Code that is scheduled to take effect September 30, 2024, is	417
hereby repealed.	418
Section 5. Sections 3 and 4 of this act take effect	419
September 30, 2024.	420
Section 6. That Section 261.150 of H.B. 110 of the 134th	421

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General Assembly be amended to read as follows:	422
Sec. 261.150. FISCAL YEAR 2022 and 2023 ICF/IID MEDICAID	423
RATES FOR PEER GROUPS 1, 2, 3, 4, AND 5	424
(A) As used in this section:	425
(1) "Change of operator," "entering operator," "exiting	426
operator," "ICF/IID," "ICF/IID services," "Medicaid days," "peer	427
group 1," "peer group 2," "peer group 3," "peer group 4," "peer	428
group 5," "provider," and "provider agreement" have the same	429
meanings as in section 5124.01 of the Revised Code.	430
(2) "Franchise permit fee" means the fee imposed by	431
sections 5168.60 to 5168.71 of the Revised Code.	432
(B)(1) This section applies to each ICF/IID that is in	433
peer group 1, peer group 2, peer group 3, peer group 4, or peer	434
group 5 and to which any of the following, as applicable to a	435
fiscal year, applies:	436
(a) In the context of determining an ICF/IID's total	437
Medicaid payment rate for fiscal year 2022, any of the following	438
is the case:	439
(i) The provider of the ICF/IID has a valid Medicaid	440
provider agreement for the ICF/IID on June 30, 2021, and a valid	441
Medicaid provider agreement for the ICF/IID during fiscal year	442
2022.	443
(ii) The ICF/IID undergoes a change of operator that takes	444
effect during fiscal year 2022, the existing operator has a	445
valid Medicaid provider agreement for the ICF/IID on the day	446
immediately preceding the effective date of the change of	447
operator, and the entering operator has a valid Medicaid	448
provider agreement for the ICF/IID during fiscal year 2022.	449

(iii) The ICF/IID is a new ICF/IID for which the provider 450 obtains an initial provider agreement during fiscal year 2022. 451 (b) In the context of determining an ICF/IID's total 452 Medicaid payment rate for fiscal year 2023, any of the following 453 is the case: 454 (i) The provider of the ICF/IID has a valid Medicaid 455 provider agreement for the ICF/IID on June 30, 2022, and a valid 456 Medicaid provider agreement for the ICF/IID during fiscal year 457 2023. 458 (ii) The ICF/IID undergoes a change of operator that takes 459 effect during fiscal year 2023, the existing operator has a 460 valid Medicaid provider agreement for the ICF/IID on the day 461 immediately preceding the effective date of the change of 462 operator, and the entering operator has a valid Medicaid 463 provider agreement for the ICF/IID during fiscal year 2023. 464 (iii) The ICF/IID is a new ICF/IID for which the provider 465

obtains an initial provider agreement during fiscal year 2023.466(2) Notwithstanding Chapter 5124. of the Revised Code, the467Department of Developmental Disabilities shall follow this468

section in determining the rate to be paid for ICF/IID services 469 provided during fiscal years 2022 and 2023 by ICFs/IID subject 470 to this section. 471

(C) (1) For fiscal year 2022, the Department shall pay thefollowing rates for ICF/IID services:473

(a) For each ICF/IID described in division (B) (1) (a) (i) of
this section, the total per Medicaid day rate in effect for the
ICF/IID on June 30, 2021, increased by two per cent;
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(b) For each ICF/IID described in division (B)(1)(a)(ii) 477

of this section, the total per Medicaid day rate in effect for 478 the ICF/IID on the day immediately preceding the effective date 479 of the change of operator; 480

(c) For each ICF/IID described in division (B) (1) (a) (iii)d81of this section, a total per Medicaid day rate of \$357.89.482

(2) If the mean total per Medicaid day rate for all-483 484 ICFs/IID to which the section applies, as determined underdivision (B)(1)(b) of this section, as of July 1, 2022, and 485 weighted by May Medicaid days from calendar year 2022, is 486 greater than \$365.05, the Department shall adjust, for fiscal 487 year 2023, the total per Medicaid day rate for each ICF/IID to-488 which this section applies by the percentage by which the mean-489 total per Medicaid day rate is greater than \$365.05For fiscal 490 year 2023, the Department shall pay each ICF/IID a rate as_ 491 determined under Chapter 5124. of the Revised Code. 492

(D) If the United States Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
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Services requires that the franchise permit fee be reduced or
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eliminated, the Department shall reduce the amount it pays
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ICF/IID providers under this section as necessary to reflect the
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loss to the state of the revenue and federal financial
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participation generated from the franchise permit fee.

(E) Of the foregoing appropriation items 653407, Medicaid
Services, 653606, ICF/IID and Waiver Match, and 653654, Medicaid
Services, portions shall be used to pay the Medicaid payment
rates determined in accordance with this section for ICF/IID
services provided during fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

(F) For fiscal year 2023, of the foregoing appropriation	504
item 653654, Medicaid Services, due to the continuation of the	505
enhanced federal medical assistance percentage enacted in	506

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Section 6008 of the "Families First Coronavirus Response Act,"	507
Pub. L. No. 116-127, portions shall be used to pay the Medicaid	508
payment rates determined in accordance with this section for	509
ICF/IID services provided during fiscal year 2023.	510
Section 7. That existing Section 261.150 of H.B. 110 of	511
the 134th General Assembly is hereby repealed.	512
Section 8. The Director of Health may begin implementing	513
Chapter 3724. of the Revised Code, including issuing	514
registrations, prior to adopting rules under section 3724.13 of	515
the Revised Code.	516
Section 9. Notwithstanding division (A) of section	517
3702.523 and division (B) of section 3702.524 of the Revised	518
Code, or any other conflicting provision in sections 3702.51 to	519
3702.62 of the Revised Code, all of the following apply in the	520
case of a certificate of need granted during the period	521
beginning March 9, 2020, and ending June 18, 2021:	522
(A) The Director of Health shall grant the holder of a	523
certificate of need a twenty-four-month extension to obligate	524
capital expenditures for the proposed project. The extension	525
shall be effective during the twenty-four-month period	526
immediately following the expiration date of the twenty-four-	527
month period that otherwise would apply, as described in	528
division (A) of section 3702.524 of the Revised Code. The	529
Director shall notify the holder of the certificate of need of	530
the date on which the twenty-four-month extension expires.	531
(B)(1) Subject to division (B)(2) of this section, the	532
owner of an entity for which a certificate of need was granted	533
may sell its ownership in the entity without voiding the	534

certificate of need held by the owner.

(2) In the event of a sale as described in division (B) (1)
of this section, the Director shall transfer the certificate of
need to the new owner, unless granting a certificate of need to
the new owner would cause any of the circumstances specified in
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division (B) of section 3702.59 of the Revised Code to occur.