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A BILL

Го	amend sections 149.43 and 149.45 and to enact	1
	section 2903.32 of the Revised Code to exclude	2
	from the definition of public record under the	3
	Public Records Law any depiction by photograph,	4
	film, videotape, or digital, visual, or printed	5
	material of victims of crime under specified	6
	circumstances dealing with the victims' bodily	7
	privacy, to exclude from that definition	8
	specified residential and familial information	9
	regarding county or multicounty corrections	10
	officers, prohibit female genital mutilation.	11

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

Se	ction	1.	That	S	ections	149.4	3 a	nd 1	49.4	5 b	e a	mended	and	12
section	2903.	32	of t	he	Revised	Code	be	ena	cted	to	re	ad as		13

follows:	14
Sec. 149.43. (A) As used in this section:	15
(1) "Public record" means records kept by any public	16
office, including, but not limited to, state, county, city,	17
village, township, and school district units, and records	18
pertaining to the delivery of educational services by an	19
alternative school in this state kept by the nonprofit or for-	20
profit entity operating the alternative school pursuant to	21
section 3313.533 of the Revised Code. "Public record" does not	22
mean any of the following:	23
(a) Medical records;	24
(b) Records pertaining to probation and parole proceedings	25
or to proceedings related to the imposition of community control	26
sanctions and post-release control sanctions;	27
(c) Records pertaining to actions under section 2151.85	28
and division (C) of section 2919.121 of the Revised Code and to	29
appeals of actions arising under those sections;	30
(d) Records pertaining to adoption proceedings, including	31
the contents of an adoption file maintained by the department of	32
health under sections 3705.12 to 3705.124 of the Revised Code;	33
(e) Information in a record contained in the putative	34
father registry established by section 3107.062 of the Revised	35
Code, regardless of whether the information is held by the	36
department of job and family services or, pursuant to section	37
3111.69 of the Revised Code, the office of child support in the	38
department or a child support enforcement agency;	39
(f) Records specified in division (A) of section 3107.52	40
of the Revised Code;	41

(g) Trial preparation records;	42
(h) Confidential law enforcement investigatory records;	43
(i) Records containing information that is confidential	44
under section 2710.03 or 4112.05 of the Revised Code;	45
(j) DNA records stored in the DNA database pursuant to	46
section 109.573 of the Revised Code;	47
(k) Inmate records released by the department of	48
rehabilitation and correction to the department of youth	49
services or a court of record pursuant to division (E) of	50
section 5120.21 of the Revised Code;	51
(1) Records maintained by the department of youth services	52
pertaining to children in its custody released by the department	53
of youth services to the department of rehabilitation and	54
correction pursuant to section 5139.05 of the Revised Code;	55
(m) Intellectual property records;	56
(n) Donor profile records;	57
(o) Records maintained by the department of job and family	58
services pursuant to section 3121.894 of the Revised Code;	59
(p) Peace officer, parole officer, probation officer,	60
bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney,	61
correctional employee, county or multicounty corrections	62
officer, community-based correctional facility employee, youth	63
services employee, firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau	64
of criminal identification and investigation, or federal law	65
enforcement officer residential and familial information;	66
(q) In the case of a county hospital operated pursuant to	67
Chapter 339. of the Revised Code or a municipal hospital	68

operated pursuant to Chapter 749. of the Revised Code,	69
information that constitutes a trade secret, as defined in	70
section 1333.61 of the Revised Code;	71
(r) Information pertaining to the recreational activities	72
of a person under the age of eighteen;	73
(s) In the case of a child fatality review board acting	74
under sections 307.621 to 307.629 of the Revised Code or a	75
review conducted pursuant to guidelines established by the	76
director of health under section 3701.70 of the Revised Code,	77
records provided to the board or director, statements made by	78
board members during meetings of the board or by persons	79
participating in the director's review, and all work products of	80
the board or director, and in the case of a child fatality	81
review board, child fatality review data submitted by the board	82
to the department of health or a national child death review	83
database, other than the report prepared pursuant to division	84
(A) of section 307.626 of the Revised Code;	85
(t) Records provided to and statements made by the	86
executive director of a public children services agency or a	87
prosecuting attorney acting pursuant to section 5153.171 of the	88
Revised Code other than the information released under that	89
section;	90
(u) Test materials, examinations, or evaluation tools used	91
in an examination for licensure as a nursing home administrator	92
that the board of executives of long-term services and supports	93
administers under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code or	94
contracts under that section with a private or government entity	95
to administer;	96

(v) Records the release of which is prohibited by state or

federal law;	98
(w) Proprietary information of or relating to any person	99
that is submitted to or compiled by the Ohio venture capital	100
authority created under section 150.01 of the Revised Code;	101
(x) Financial statements and data any person submits for	102
any purpose to the Ohio housing finance agency or the	103
controlling board in connection with applying for, receiving, or	104
accounting for financial assistance from the agency, and	105
information that identifies any individual who benefits directly	106
or indirectly from financial assistance from the agency;	107
(y) Records listed in section 5101.29 of the Revised Code;	108
(z) Discharges recorded with a county recorder under	109
section 317.24 of the Revised Code, as specified in division (B)	110
(2) of that section;	111
(aa) Usage information including names and addresses of	112
specific residential and commercial customers of a municipally	113
owned or operated public utility;	114
(bb) Records described in division (C) of section 187.04	115
of the Revised Code that are not designated to be made available	116
to the public as provided in that division;	117
(cc) Information and records that are made confidential,	118
privileged, and not subject to disclosure under divisions (B)	119
and (C) of section 2949.221 of the Revised Code;	120
(dd) Personal information, as defined in section 149.45 of	121
the Revised Code;	122
(ee) The confidential name, address, and other personally	123
identifiable information of a program participant in the address	124
confidentiality program established under sections 111.41 to	125

111.47 of the Revised Code, including the contents of any	126
application for absent voter's ballots, absent voter's ballot	127
identification envelope statement of voter, or provisional	128
ballot affirmation completed by a program participant who has a	129
confidential voter registration record, and records or portions	130
of records pertaining to that program that identify the number	131
of program participants that reside within a precinct, ward,	132
township, municipal corporation, county, or any other geographic	133
area smaller than the state. As used in this division,	134
"confidential address" and "program participant" have the	135
meaning defined in section 111.41 of the Revised Code.	136
(ff) Orders for active military service of an individual	137
serving or with previous service in the armed forces of the	138
United States, including a reserve component, or the Ohio	139
organized militia, except that, such order becomes a public	140
record on the day that is fifteen years after the published date	141
or effective date of the call to order;	142
(gg) The name, address, contact information, or other	143
personal information of an individual who is less than eighteen	144
years of age that is included in any record related to a traffic	145
accident involving a school vehicle in which the individual was	146
an occupant at the time of the accident;	147
(hh) Protected health information, as defined in 45 C.F.R.	148
160.103, that is in a claim for payment for a health care	149
product, service, or procedure, as well as any other health	150
claims data in another document that reveals the identity of an	151
individual who is the subject of the data or could be used to	152
reveal that individual's identity;	153
(ii) Any depiction by photograph, film, videotape, or	154

printed or digital image under either of the following

<pre>circumstances:</pre>	156
(i) The depiction is that of a victim of an offense the	157
release of which would be, to a reasonable person of ordinary	158
sensibilities, an offensive and objectionable intrusion into the	159
victim's expectation of bodily privacy and integrity.	160
(ii) The depiction captures or depicts the victim of a	161
sexually oriented offense, as defined in section 2950.01 of the	162
Revised Code, at the actual occurrence of that offense.	163
(2) "Confidential law enforcement investigatory record"	164
means any record that pertains to a law enforcement matter of a	165
criminal, quasi-criminal, civil, or administrative nature, but	166
only to the extent that the release of the record would create a	167
high probability of disclosure of any of the following:	168
(a) The identity of a suspect who has not been charged	169
with the offense to which the record pertains, or of an	170
information source or witness to whom confidentiality has been	171
reasonably promised;	172
(b) Information provided by an information source or	173
witness to whom confidentiality has been reasonably promised,	174
which information would reasonably tend to disclose the source's	175
or witness's identity;	176
(c) Specific confidential investigatory techniques or	177
procedures or specific investigatory work product;	178
(d) Information that would endanger the life or physical	179
safety of law enforcement personnel, a crime victim, a witness,	180
or a confidential information source.	181
(3) "Medical record" means any document or combination of	182
documents, except births, deaths, and the fact of admission to	183

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or discharge from a hospital, that pertains to the medical	184
history, diagnosis, prognosis, or medical condition of a patient	185
and that is generated and maintained in the process of medical	186
treatment.	187

- (4) "Trial preparation record" means any record that

 contains information that is specifically compiled in reasonable

 anticipation of, or in defense of, a civil or criminal action or

 proceeding, including the independent thought processes and

 personal trial preparation of an attorney.

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- (5) "Intellectual property record" means a record, other 193 than a financial or administrative record, that is produced or 194 collected by or for faculty or staff of a state institution of 195 higher learning in the conduct of or as a result of study or 196 research on an educational, commercial, scientific, artistic, 197 technical, or scholarly issue, regardless of whether the study 198 or research was sponsored by the institution alone or in 199 conjunction with a governmental body or private concern, and 200 that has not been publicly released, published, or patented. 201
- (6) "Donor profile record" means all records about donors or potential donors to a public institution of higher education except the names and reported addresses of the actual donors and the date, amount, and conditions of the actual donation.
- (7) "Peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, 206 bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, 207 correctional employee, county or multicounty corrections 208 officer, community-based correctional facility employee, youth 209 services employee, firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau 210 of criminal identification and investigation, or federal law 211 enforcement officer residential and familial information" means 212 any information that discloses any of the following about a 213

peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff,	214
prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney,	215
correctional employee, county or multicounty corrections	216
officer, community-based correctional facility employee, youth	217
services employee, firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau	218
of criminal identification and investigation, or federal law	219
enforcement officer:	220
(a) The address of the actual personal residence of a	221
peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff,	222
assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, county or	223
multicounty corrections officer, community-based correctional	224
facility employee, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT, an	225
investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and	226
investigation, or federal law enforcement officer, except for	227
the state or political subdivision in which the peace officer,	228
parole officer, probation officer, bailiff, assistant	229
prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, county or	230
multicounty corrections officer, community-based correctional	231
facility employee, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT,	232
investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and	233
investigation, or federal law enforcement officer resides;	234
(b) Information compiled from referral to or participation	235
in an employee assistance program;	236
(c) The social security number, the residential telephone	237
number, any bank account, debit card, charge card, or credit	238
card number, or the emergency telephone number of, or any	239
medical information pertaining to, a peace officer, parole	240
officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney,	241
assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, county or	242

multicounty corrections officer, community-based correctional

facility employee, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT,	244
investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and	245
investigation, or federal law enforcement officer;	246
(d) The name of any beneficiary of employment benefits,	247
including, but not limited to, life insurance benefits, provided	248
to a peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff,	249
prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney,	250
correctional employee, county or multicounty corrections	251
officer, community-based correctional facility employee, youth	252
services employee, firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau	253
of criminal identification and investigation, or federal law	254
enforcement officer by the peace officer's, parole officer's,	255
probation officer's, bailiff's, prosecuting attorney's,	256
assistant prosecuting attorney's, correctional employee's,	257
county or multicounty corrections officer's, community-based	258
correctional facility employee's, youth services employee's,	259
firefighter's, EMT's, investigator of the bureau of criminal	260
identification and investigation's, or federal law enforcement	261
officer's employer;	262
(e) The identity and amount of any charitable or	263
employment benefit deduction made by the peace officer's, parole	264
officer's, probation officer's, bailiff's, prosecuting	265
attorney's, assistant prosecuting attorney's, correctional	266
employee's, county or multicounty corrections officer's,	267
community-based correctional facility employee's, youth services	268
employee's, firefighter's, EMT's, investigator of the bureau of	269
criminal identification and investigation's, or federal law	270
enforcement officer's employer from the peace officer's, parole	271
officer's, probation officer's, bailiff's, prosecuting	272
attorney's, assistant prosecuting attorney's, correctional	273

employee's, county or multicounty corrections officer's,

community-based correctional facility employee's, youth services	275
employee's, firefighter's, EMT's, investigator of the bureau of	276
criminal identification and investigation's, or federal law	277
enforcement officer's compensation unless the amount of the	278
deduction is required by state or federal law;	279
(f) The name, the residential address, the name of the	280
employer, the address of the employer, the social security	281
number, the residential telephone number, any bank account,	282
debit card, charge card, or credit card number, or the emergency	283
telephone number of the spouse, a former spouse, or any child of	284
a peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff,	285
prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney,	286
correctional employee, county or multicounty corrections	287
officer, community-based correctional facility employee, youth	288
services employee, firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau	289
of criminal identification and investigation, or federal law	290
enforcement officer;	291
(g) A photograph of a peace officer who holds a position	292
or has an assignment that may include undercover or plain	293
clothes positions or assignments as determined by the peace	294
officer's appointing authority.	295
As used in divisions (A)(7) and (B)(9) of this section,	296
"peace officer" has the same meaning as in section 109.71 of the	297
Revised Code and also includes the superintendent and troopers	298
of the state highway patrol; it does not include the sheriff of	299
a county or a supervisory employee who, in the absence of the	300
sheriff, is authorized to stand in for, exercise the authority	301
of, and perform the duties of the sheriff.	302
As used in divisions (A)(7) and (B)(9) of this section,	303

"correctional employee" means any employee of the department of

As used in divisions (A)(7) and (B)(9) of this section,

"federal law enforcement officer" has the meaning defined in

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section 9.88 of the Revised Code.

(8) "Information pertaining to the recreational activities	334
of a person under the age of eighteen" means information that is	335
kept in the ordinary course of business by a public office, that	336
pertains to the recreational activities of a person under the	337
age of eighteen years, and that discloses any of the following:	338
(a) The address or telephone number of a person under the	339
age of eighteen or the address or telephone number of that	340
person's parent, guardian, custodian, or emergency contact	341
person;	342
(b) The social security number, birth date, or	343
photographic image of a person under the age of eighteen;	344
(c) Any medical record, history, or information pertaining	345
to a person under the age of eighteen;	346
(d) Any additional information sought or required about a	347
person under the age of eighteen for the purpose of allowing	348
that person to participate in any recreational activity	349
conducted or sponsored by a public office or to use or obtain	350
admission privileges to any recreational facility owned or	351
operated by a public office.	352
(9) "Community control sanction" has the same meaning as	353
in section 2929.01 of the Revised Code.	354
(10) "Post-release control sanction" has the same meaning	355
as in section 2967.01 of the Revised Code.	356
(11) "Redaction" means obscuring or deleting any	357
information that is exempt from the duty to permit public	358
inspection or copying from an item that otherwise meets the	359
definition of a "record" in section 149.011 of the Revised Code.	360
(12) "Designee " "elected official " and "future official"	3.61

have the same meanings as in section 109.43 of the Revised Code.

(B) (1) Upon request and subject to division (B) (8) of this 363 section, all public records responsive to the request shall be 364 promptly prepared and made available for inspection to any 365 person at all reasonable times during regular business hours. 366 Subject to division (B)(8) of this section, upon request, a 367 public office or person responsible for public records shall 368 make copies of the requested public record available at cost and 369 within a reasonable period of time. If a public record contains 370 information that is exempt from the duty to permit public 371 inspection or to copy the public record, the public office or 372 the person responsible for the public record shall make 373 374 available all of the information within the public record that is not exempt. When making that public record available for 375 public inspection or copying that public record, the public 376 office or the person responsible for the public record shall 377 notify the requester of any redaction or make the redaction 378 plainly visible. A redaction shall be deemed a denial of a 379 request to inspect or copy the redacted information, except if 380 federal or state law authorizes or requires a public office to 381 make the redaction. 382

383 (2) To facilitate broader access to public records, a public office or the person responsible for public records shall 384 organize and maintain public records in a manner that they can 385 be made available for inspection or copying in accordance with 386 division (B) of this section. A public office also shall have 387 available a copy of its current records retention schedule at a 388 location readily available to the public. If a requester makes 389 an ambiguous or overly broad request or has difficulty in making 390 a request for copies or inspection of public records under this 391 section such that the public office or the person responsible 392

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for the requested public record cannot reasonably identify what 393 public records are being requested, the public office or the 394 person responsible for the requested public record may deny the 395 request but shall provide the requester with an opportunity to 396 revise the request by informing the requester of the manner in 397 which records are maintained by the public office and accessed 398 in the ordinary course of the public office's or person's 399 duties. 400

- (3) If a request is ultimately denied, in part or in whole, the public office or the person responsible for the requested public record shall provide the requester with an explanation, including legal authority, setting forth why the request was denied. If the initial request was provided in writing, the explanation also shall be provided to the requester in writing. The explanation shall not preclude the public office or the person responsible for the requested public record from relying upon additional reasons or legal authority in defending an action commenced under division (C) of this section.
- (4) Unless specifically required or authorized by state or 411 federal law or in accordance with division (B) of this section, 412 no public office or person responsible for public records may 413 limit or condition the availability of public records by 414 requiring disclosure of the requester's identity or the intended 415 use of the requested public record. Any requirement that the 416 requester disclose the requester's identity or the intended use 417 of the requested public record constitutes a denial of the 418 request. 419
- (5) A public office or person responsible for public 420 records may ask a requester to make the request in writing, may 421 ask for the requester's identity, and may inquire about the 422

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intended use of the information requested, but may do so only 423 after disclosing to the requester that a written request is not 424 mandatory and that the requester may decline to reveal the 425 requester's identity or the intended use and when a written 426 request or disclosure of the identity or intended use would 427 benefit the requester by enhancing the ability of the public 428 office or person responsible for public records to identify, 429 locate, or deliver the public records sought by the requester. 430

- (6) If any person chooses to obtain a copy of a public 431 record in accordance with division (B) of this section, the 432 public office or person responsible for the public record may 433 require that person to pay in advance the cost involved in 434 providing the copy of the public record in accordance with the 435 choice made by the person seeking the copy under this division. 436 The public office or the person responsible for the public 437 record shall permit that person to choose to have the public 438 record duplicated upon paper, upon the same medium upon which 439 the public office or person responsible for the public record 440 keeps it, or upon any other medium upon which the public office 441 or person responsible for the public record determines that it 442 reasonably can be duplicated as an integral part of the normal 443 operations of the public office or person responsible for the 444 public record. When the person seeking the copy makes a choice 445 under this division, the public office or person responsible for 446 the public record shall provide a copy of it in accordance with 447 the choice made by the person seeking the copy. Nothing in this 448 section requires a public office or person responsible for the 449 public record to allow the person seeking a copy of the public 450 record to make the copies of the public record. 4.51
- (7) (a) Upon a request made in accordance with division (B) of this section and subject to division (B) (6) of this section,

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a public office or person responsible for public records shall	454
transmit a copy of a public record to any person by United	455
States mail or by any other means of delivery or transmission	456
within a reasonable period of time after receiving the request	457
for the copy. The public office or person responsible for the	458
public record may require the person making the request to pay	459
in advance the cost of postage if the copy is transmitted by	460
United States mail or the cost of delivery if the copy is	461
transmitted other than by United States mail, and to pay in	462
advance the costs incurred for other supplies used in the	463
mailing, delivery, or transmission.	464

- (b) Any public office may adopt a policy and procedures that it will follow in transmitting, within a reasonable period of time after receiving a request, copies of public records by United States mail or by any other means of delivery or transmission pursuant to division (B)(7) of this section. A public office that adopts a policy and procedures under division (B)(7) of this section shall comply with them in performing its duties under that division.
- (c) In any policy and procedures adopted under division(B) (7) of this section:
- (i) A public office may limit the number of records

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 requested by a person that the office will physically deliver by

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 United States mail or by another delivery service to ten per

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 month, unless the person certifies to the office in writing that

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 the person does not intend to use or forward the requested

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 records, or the information contained in them, for commercial

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 purposes;
- (ii) A public office that chooses to provide some or all

 of its public records on a web site that is fully accessible to

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and searchable by members of the public at all times, other than	484
during acts of God outside the public office's control or	485
maintenance, and that charges no fee to search, access,	486
download, or otherwise receive records provided on the web site,	487
may limit to ten per month the number of records requested by a	488
person that the office will deliver in a digital format, unless	489
the requested records are not provided on the web site and	490
unless the person certifies to the office in writing that the	491
person does not intend to use or forward the requested records,	492
or the information contained in them, for commercial purposes.	493

- (iii) For purposes of division (B)(7) of this section, "commercial" shall be narrowly construed and does not include reporting or gathering news, reporting or gathering information to assist citizen oversight or understanding of the operation or activities of government, or nonprofit educational research.
- (8) A public office or person responsible for public 499 records is not required to permit a person who is incarcerated 500 pursuant to a criminal conviction or a juvenile adjudication to 501 inspect or to obtain a copy of any public record concerning a 502 criminal investigation or prosecution or concerning what would 503 be a criminal investigation or prosecution if the subject of the 504 505 investigation or prosecution were an adult, unless the request to inspect or to obtain a copy of the record is for the purpose 506 of acquiring information that is subject to release as a public 507 record under this section and the judge who imposed the sentence 508 or made the adjudication with respect to the person, or the 509 judge's successor in office, finds that the information sought 510 in the public record is necessary to support what appears to be 511 a justiciable claim of the person. 512
 - (9) (a) Upon written request made and signed by a

journalist on or after December 16, 1999, a public office, or	514
person responsible for public records, having custody of the	515
records of the agency employing a specified peace officer,	516
parole officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting	517
attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee,	518
county or multicounty corrections officer, community-based	519
correctional facility employee, youth services employee,	520
firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau of criminal	521
identification and investigation, or federal law enforcement	522
officer shall disclose to the journalist the address of the	523
actual personal residence of the peace officer, parole officer,	524
probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant	525
prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, county or	526
multicounty corrections officer, community-based correctional	527
facility employee, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT,	528
investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and	529
investigation, or federal law enforcement officer and, if the	530
peace officer's, parole officer's, probation officer's,	531
bailiff's, prosecuting attorney's, assistant prosecuting	532
attorney's, correctional employee's, county or multicounty	533
corrections officer's, community-based correctional facility	534
employee's, youth services employee's, firefighter's, EMT's,	535
investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and	536
investigation's, or federal law enforcement officer's spouse,	537
former spouse, or child is employed by a public office, the name	538
and address of the employer of the peace officer's, parole	539
officer's, probation officer's, bailiff's, prosecuting	540
attorney's, assistant prosecuting attorney's, correctional	541
employee's, county or multicounty corrections officer's,	542
community-based correctional facility employee's, youth services	543
employee's, firefighter's, EMT's, investigator of the bureau of	544
criminal identification and investigation's, or federal law	545

enforcement officer's spouse, former spouse, or child. The	546
request shall include the journalist's name and title and the	547
name and address of the journalist's employer and shall state	548
that disclosure of the information sought would be in the public	549
interest.	550
(b) Division (B)(9)(a) of this section also applies to	551
journalist requests for:	552
(i) Customer information maintained by a municipally owned	553
or operated public utility, other than social security numbers	554
and any private financial information such as credit reports,	555
payment methods, credit card numbers, and bank account	556
information;	557
(ii) Information about minors involved in a school vehicle	558
accident as provided in division (A)(1)(gg) of this section,	559
other than personal information as defined in section 149.45 of	560
the Revised Code.	561
(c) As used in division (B)(9) of this section,	562
"journalist" means a person engaged in, connected with, or	563
employed by any news medium, including a newspaper, magazine,	564
press association, news agency, or wire service, a radio or	565
television station, or a similar medium, for the purpose of	566
gathering, processing, transmitting, compiling, editing, or	567
disseminating information for the general public.	568
(10) Upon a request made by a victim, victim's attorney,	569
or victim's representative, as that term is used in section	570
2930.02 of the Revised Code, a public office or person	571
responsible for public records shall transmit a copy of a	572
depiction of the victim as described in division (A)(1)(gg) of	573
this section to the wictim wictim's attorney or wictim's	571

575 representative. (C)(1) If a person allegedly is aggrieved by the failure 576 of a public office or the person responsible for public records 577 to promptly prepare a public record and to make it available to 578 the person for inspection in accordance with division (B) of 579 this section or by any other failure of a public office or the 580 person responsible for public records to comply with an 581 obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section, the 582 person allegedly aggrieved may do only one of the following, and 583 not both: 584 (a) File a complaint with the clerk of the court of claims 585 or the clerk of the court of common pleas under section 2743.75 586 of the Revised Code; 587 (b) Commence a mandamus action to obtain a judgment that 588 orders the public office or the person responsible for the 589 public record to comply with division (B) of this section, that 590 awards court costs and reasonable attorney's fees to the person 591 that instituted the mandamus action, and, if applicable, that 592 includes an order fixing statutory damages under division (C)(2) 593 of this section. The mandamus action may be commenced in the 594 court of common pleas of the county in which division (B) of 595 this section allegedly was not complied with, in the supreme 596 court pursuant to its original jurisdiction under Section 2 of 597 Article IV, Ohio Constitution, or in the court of appeals for 598 the appellate district in which division (B) of this section 599 allegedly was not complied with pursuant to its original 600 jurisdiction under Section 3 of Article IV, Ohio Constitution. 601 602 (2) If a requester transmits a written request by hand delivery, electronic submission, or certified mail to inspect or 603

receive copies of any public record in a manner that fairly

describes the public record or class of public records to the	605
public office or person responsible for the requested public	606
records, except as otherwise provided in this section, the	607
requester shall be entitled to recover the amount of statutory	608
damages set forth in this division if a court determines that	609
the public office or the person responsible for public records	610
failed to comply with an obligation in accordance with division	611
(B) of this section.	612

The amount of statutory damages shall be fixed at one 613 hundred dollars for each business day during which the public 614 office or person responsible for the requested public records 615 failed to comply with an obligation in accordance with division 616 (B) of this section, beginning with the day on which the 617 requester files a mandamus action to recover statutory damages, 618 up to a maximum of one thousand dollars. The award of statutory 619 damages shall not be construed as a penalty, but as compensation 620 for injury arising from lost use of the requested information. 621 The existence of this injury shall be conclusively presumed. The 622 award of statutory damages shall be in addition to all other 623 remedies authorized by this section. 624

The court may reduce an award of statutory damages or not 625 award statutory damages if the court determines both of the 626 following:

(a) That, based on the ordinary application of statutory 628
law and case law as it existed at the time of the conduct or 629
threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible 630
for the requested public records that allegedly constitutes a 631
failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with division 632
(B) of this section and that was the basis of the mandamus 633
action, a well-informed public office or person responsible for 634

the requested public records reasonably would believe that the	635
conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person	636
responsible for the requested public records did not constitute	637
a failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with	638
division (B) of this section;	639
(b) That a well-informed public office or person	640
responsible for the requested public records reasonably would	641
believe that the conduct or threatened conduct of the public	642
office or person responsible for the requested public records	643
would serve the public policy that underlies the authority that	644
is asserted as permitting that conduct or threatened conduct.	645
(3) In a mandamus action filed under division (C)(1) of	646
this section, the following apply:	647
(a)(i) If the court orders the public office or the person	648
responsible for the public record to comply with division (B) of	649
this section, the court shall determine and award to the relator	650
all court costs, which shall be construed as remedial and not	651
punitive.	652
(ii) If the court makes a determination described in	653
division (C)(3)(b)(iii) of this section, the court shall	654
determine and award to the relator all court costs, which shall	655
be construed as remedial and not punitive.	656
(b) If the court renders a judgment that orders the public	657
office or the person responsible for the public record to comply	658
with division (B) of this section or if the court determines any	659
of the following, the court may award reasonable attorney's fees	660
to the relator, subject to the provisions of division (C)(4) of	661
this section:	662

(i) The public office or the person responsible for the

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public records failed to respond affirmatively or negatively to 664 the public records request in accordance with the time allowed 665 under division (B) of this section. 666

- (ii) The public office or the person responsible for the public records promised to permit the relator to inspect or receive copies of the public records requested within a specified period of time but failed to fulfill that promise within that specified period of time.
- (iii) The public office or the person responsible for the 672 public records acted in bad faith when the office or person 673 voluntarily made the public records available to the relator for 674 the first time after the relator commenced the mandamus action, 675 but before the court issued any order concluding whether or not 676 the public office or person was required to comply with division 677 (B) of this section. No discovery may be conducted on the issue 678 of the alleged bad faith of the public office or person 679 responsible for the public records. This division shall not be 680 construed as creating a presumption that the public office or 681 the person responsible for the public records acted in bad faith 682 when the office or person voluntarily made the public records 683 available to the relator for the first time after the relator 684 commenced the mandamus action, but before the court issued any 685 order described in this division. 686
- (c) The court shall not award attorney's fees to the relator if the court determines both of the following:
- (i) That, based on the ordinary application of statutory
 law and case law as it existed at the time of the conduct or
 threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible
 for the requested public records that allegedly constitutes a
 failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with division

(B) of this section and that was the basis of the mandamus	694
action, a well-informed public office or person responsible for	695
the requested public records reasonably would believe that the	696
conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person	697
responsible for the requested public records did not constitute	698
a failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with	699
division (B) of this section;	700
(ii) That a well-informed public office or person	701
responsible for the requested public records reasonably would	702
believe that the conduct or threatened conduct of the public	703
office or person responsible for the requested public records	704
would serve the public policy that underlies the authority that	705
is asserted as permitting that conduct or threatened conduct.	706
(4) All of the following apply to any award of reasonable	707
attorney's fees awarded under division (C)(3)(b) of this	708
section:	709
(a) The fees shall be construed as remedial and not	710
punitive.	711
(b) The fees awarded shall not exceed the total of the	712
reasonable attorney's fees incurred before the public record was	713
made available to the relator and the fees described in division	714
(C)(4)(c) of this section.	715
(c) Reasonable attorney's fees shall include reasonable	716
fees incurred to produce proof of the reasonableness and amount	717
of the fees and to otherwise litigate entitlement to the fees.	718
(d) The court may reduce the amount of fees awarded if the	719
court determines that, given the factual circumstances involved	720
with the specific public records request, an alternative means	721

should have been pursued to more effectively and efficiently

resolve	the	dispute	that	was	subject	to	the	mandamus	action	72
filed u	nder	division	(C) (1) c	of this	sect	ion.			72

- (5) If the court does not issue a writ of mandamus under 725 division (C) of this section and the court determines at that 726 time that the bringing of the mandamus action was frivolous 727 conduct as defined in division (A) of section 2323.51 of the 728 Revised Code, the court may award to the public office all court 729 costs, expenses, and reasonable attorney's fees, as determined 730 by the court.
- (D) Chapter 1347. of the Revised Code does not limit the 732 provisions of this section. 733
- (E)(1) To ensure that all employees of public offices are 734 appropriately educated about a public office's obligations under 735 division (B) of this section, all elected officials or their 736 appropriate designees shall attend training approved by the 737 attorney general as provided in section 109.43 of the Revised 738 Code. A future official may satisfy the requirements of this 739 division by attending the training before taking office, 740 provided that the future official may not send a designee in the 741 future official's place. 742
- (2) All public offices shall adopt a public records policy 743 in compliance with this section for responding to public records 744 requests. In adopting a public records policy under this 745 division, a public office may obtain guidance from the model 746 public records policy developed and provided to the public 747 office by the attorney general under section 109.43 of the 748 Revised Code. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the 749 policy may not limit the number of public records that the 750 public office will make available to a single person, may not 751 limit the number of public records that it will make available 752

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during a fixed period of time, and may not establish a fixed 753
period of time before it will respond to a request for 754
inspection or copying of public records, unless that period is 755
less than eight hours. 756

The public office shall distribute the public records 757 policy adopted by the public office under this division to the 758 employee of the public office who is the records custodian or 759 records manager or otherwise has custody of the records of that 760 office. The public office shall require that employee to 761 762 acknowledge receipt of the copy of the public records policy. 763 The public office shall create a poster that describes its public records policy and shall post the poster in a conspicuous 764 place in the public office and in all locations where the public 765 office has branch offices. The public office may post its public 766 records policy on the internet web site of the public office if 767 the public office maintains an internet web site. A public 768 office that has established a manual or handbook of its general 769 policies and procedures for all employees of the public office 770 shall include the public records policy of the public office in 771 the manual or handbook. 772

- (F) (1) The bureau of motor vehicles may adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to reasonably limit the number of bulk commercial special extraction requests made by a person for the same records or for updated records during a calendar year. The rules may include provisions for charges to be made for bulk commercial special extraction requests for the actual cost of the bureau, plus special extraction costs, plus ten per cent. The bureau may charge for expenses for redacting information, the release of which is prohibited by law.
 - (2) As used in division (F)(1) of this section:

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- (a) "Actual cost" means the cost of depleted supplies,
 records storage media costs, actual mailing and alternative
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 delivery costs, or other transmitting costs, and any direct
 requipment operating and maintenance costs, including actual
 records storage media costs, actual mailing and alternative
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 records storage media costs, or other transmitting costs, and any direct
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 respectively.
- (b) "Bulk commercial special extraction request" means a 788 request for copies of a record for information in a format other 789 than the format already available, or information that cannot be 790 extracted without examination of all items in a records series, 791 792 class of records, or database by a person who intends to use or forward the copies for surveys, marketing, solicitation, or 793 resale for commercial purposes. "Bulk commercial special 794 extraction request" does not include a request by a person who 795 gives assurance to the bureau that the person making the request 796 does not intend to use or forward the requested copies for 797 surveys, marketing, solicitation, or resale for commercial 798 purposes. 799
- (c) "Commercial" means profit-seeking production, buying, or selling of any good, service, or other product.
- (d) "Special extraction costs" means the cost of the time spent by the lowest paid employee competent to perform the task, the actual amount paid to outside private contractors employed by the bureau, or the actual cost incurred to create computer programs to make the special extraction. "Special extraction costs" include any charges paid to a public agency for computer or records services.
- (3) For purposes of divisions (F)(1) and (2) of this
 section, "surveys, marketing, solicitation, or resale for
 commercial purposes" shall be narrowly construed and does not
 include reporting or gathering news, reporting or gathering
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information to assist citizen oversight or understanding of the	813
operation or activities of government, or nonprofit educational	814
research.	815
(G) A request by a defendant, counsel of a defendant, or	816
any agent of a defendant in a criminal action that public	817
records related to that action be made available under this	818
section shall be considered a demand for discovery pursuant to	819
the Criminal Rules, except to the extent that the Criminal Rules	820
plainly indicate a contrary intent. The defendant, counsel of	821
the defendant, or agent of the defendant making a request under	822
this division shall serve a copy of the request on the	823
prosecuting attorney, director of law, or other chief legal	824
officer responsible for prosecuting the action.	825
Sec. 149.45. (A) As used in this section:	826
(1) "Personal information" means any of the following:	827
(a) An individual's social security number;	828
(b) An individual's state or federal tax identification	829
number;	830
(c) An individual's driver's license number or state	831
identification number;	832
(d) An individual's checking account number, savings	833
account number, credit card number, or debit card number;	834
(e) An individual's demand deposit account number, money	835
market account number, mutual fund account number, or any other	836
financial or medical account number.	837
(2) "Public record" and "peace officer, parole officer,	838
probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant	839
prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, county or	840

multicounty corrections officer, community-based correctional	841				
facility employee, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT,	842				
investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and	843				
investigation, or federal law enforcement officer residential	844				
and familial information" have the same meanings as in section					
149.43 of the Revised Code.	846				
(3) "Truncate" means to redact all but the last four	847				
digits of an individual's social security number.	848				
(B)(1) No public office or person responsible for a public	849				
office's public records shall make available to the general	850				
public on the internet any document that contains an	851				
individual's social security number without otherwise redacting,	852				
encrypting, or truncating the social security number.	853				
(2) A public office or person responsible for a public	854				
office's public records that prior to October 17, 2011, made	855				
available to the general public on the internet any document	856				
that contains an individual's social security number shall	857				
redact, encrypt, or truncate the social security number from	858				
that document.	859				
(3) Divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section do not apply	860				
to documents that are only accessible through the internet with	861				
a password.	862				
(C)(1) An individual may request that a public office or a	863				
person responsible for a public office's public records redact	864				
personal information of that individual from any record made	865				
available to the general public on the internet. An individual	866				
who makes a request for redaction pursuant to this division	867				
shall make the request in writing on a form developed by the	868				

attorney general and shall specify the personal information to

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be redacted and provide any information that identifies the 870 location of that personal information within a document that 871 contains that personal information. 872

- (2) Upon receiving a request for a redaction pursuant to 873 division (C)(1) of this section, a public office or a person 874 responsible for a public office's public records shall act 875 within five business days in accordance with the request to 876 redact the personal information of the individual from any 877 record made available to the general public on the internet, if 878 879 practicable. If a redaction is not practicable, the public office or person responsible for the public office's public 880 records shall verbally or in writing within five business days 881 after receiving the written request explain to the individual 882 why the redaction is impracticable. 883
- (3) The attorney general shall develop a form to be used by an individual to request a redaction pursuant to division (C)

 (1) of this section. The form shall include a place to provide any information that identifies the location of the personal information to be redacted.
- (D) (1) A peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, 889 bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, 890 correctional employee, county or multicounty corrections 891 officer, community-based correctional facility employee, youth 892 services employee, firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau 893 of criminal identification and investigation, or federal law 894 enforcement officer may request that a public office other than 895 a county auditor or a person responsible for the public records 896 of a public office other than a county auditor redact the 897 address of the person making the request from any record made 898 available to the general public on the internet that includes 899

peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff,	900
prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney,	901
correctional employee, county or multicounty corrections	902
officer, community-based correctional facility employee, youth	903
services employee, firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau	904
of criminal identification and investigation, or federal law	905
enforcement officer residential and familial information of the	906
person making the request. A person who makes a request for a	907
redaction pursuant to this division shall make the request in	908
writing and on a form developed by the attorney general.	909

(2) Upon receiving a written request for a redaction 910 pursuant to division (D)(1) of this section, a public office 911 other than a county auditor or a person responsible for the 912 public records of a public office other than a county auditor 913 shall act within five business days in accordance with the 914 request to redact the address of the peace officer, parole 915 officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney, 916 assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, county or 917 multicounty corrections officer, community-based correctional 918 facility employee, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT, 919 investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and 920 investigation, or federal law enforcement officer making the 921 request from any record made available to the general public on 922 the internet that includes peace officer, parole officer, 923 probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant 924 prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, county or 925 multicounty corrections officer, community-based correctional 926 facility employee, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT, 927 investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and 928 investigation, or federal law enforcement officer residential 929 and familial information of the person making the request, if 930

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office or person responsible for the public office's public	932
records shall verbally or in writing within five business days	933
after receiving the written request explain to the peace	934
officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting	935
attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee,	936
county or multicounty corrections officer, community-based	937
correctional facility employee, youth services employee,	938
firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau of criminal	939
identification and investigation, or federal law enforcement	940
officer why the redaction is impracticable.	941

- (3) Except as provided in this section and section 319.28 942 of the Revised Code, a public office other than an employer of a 943 peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff, 944 prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, 945 correctional employee, county or multicounty corrections 946 officer, community-based correctional facility employee, youth 947 services employee, firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau 948 of criminal identification and investigation, or federal law 949 enforcement officer or a person responsible for the public 950 951 records of the employer is not required to redact the residential and familial information of the peace officer, 952 parole officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting 953 attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, 954 county or multicounty corrections officer, community-based 955 correctional facility employee, youth services employee, 956 firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau of criminal 957 identification and investigation, or federal law enforcement 958 officer from other records maintained by the public office. 959
- (4) The attorney general shall develop a form to be used

 by a peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff,

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prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney,	962
correctional employee, county or multicounty corrections	963
officer, community-based correctional facility employee, youth	964
services employee, firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau	965
of criminal identification and investigation, or federal law	966
enforcement officer to request a redaction pursuant to division	967
(D)(1) of this section. The form shall include a place to	968
provide any information that identifies the location of the	969
address of a peace officer, parole officer, probation officer,	970
bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney,	971
correctional employee, county or multicounty corrections	972
officer, community-based correctional facility employee, youth	973
services employee, firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau	974
of criminal identification and investigation, or federal law	975
enforcement officer to be redacted.	976

- (E)(1) If a public office or a person responsible for a 977 public office's public records becomes aware that an electronic 978 record of that public office that is made available to the 979 general public on the internet contains an individual's social 980 security number that was mistakenly not redacted, encrypted, or 981 truncated as required by division (B)(1) or (2) of this section, 982 the public office or person responsible for the public office's 983 public records shall redact, encrypt, or truncate the 984 individual's social security number within a reasonable period 985 of time. 986
- (2) A public office or a person responsible for a public 987 office's public records is not liable in damages in a civil 988 action for any harm an individual allegedly sustains as a result 989 of the inclusion of that individual's personal information on 990 any record made available to the general public on the internet 991 or any harm a peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, 992

bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney,	993
correctional employee, county or multicounty corrections	994
officer, community-based correctional facility employee, youth	995
services employee, firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau	996
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bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney,	1000
correctional employee, county or multicounty corrections	1001
officer, community-based correctional facility employee, youth	1002
services employee, firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau	1003
of criminal identification and investigation, or federal law	1004
enforcement officer on any record made available to the general	1005
public on the internet in violation of this section unless the	1006
public office or person responsible for the public office's	1007
public records acted with malicious purpose, in bad faith, or in	1008
a wanton or reckless manner or division (A)(6)(a) or (c) of	1009
section 2744.03 of the Revised Code applies.	1010
Sec. 2903.32. (A) (1) No person shall knowingly circumcise,	1011
excise, or infibulate any part of the labia majora or labia	1012
minora or clitoris of another person who is under the age of	1013
<u>eighteen.</u>	1014
(2) No person shall knowingly transport a minor to a	1015
facility or location for the purpose of facilitating the	1016
commission of an offense prohibited by division (A)(1) of this	1017
section.	1018
(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of female	1019
genital mutilation, a felony of the second degree. In addition	1020
to any prison term authorized by section 2929.14 of the Revised	1021
Code and any fine authorized by section 2929.18 of the Revised	1022

Code, the court shall impose on the offender an additional fine	1023
of up to twenty-five thousand dollars.	1024
(C) This section does not apply to a procedure performed	1025
for medical purposes if the act is performed by a physician or	1026
licensed health care professional and the act is within the	1027
scope of the actor's license.	1028
(D) None of the following are defenses to a violation of	1029
this section:	1030
(1) Cultural or ritual necessity;	1031
(2) Consent of the minor;	1032
(3) Consent of the parent or guardian of the minor.	1033
(E) As used in this section:	1034
(1) "Physician" means a person authorized under Chapter_	1035
4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or	1036
osteopathic medicine and surgery.	1037
(2) "Licensed health care professional" means an	1038
individual, other than a physician, who is authorized under	1039
Title XLVII of the Revised Code to practice a health care	1040
profession.	1041
Section 2. That existing sections 149.43 and 149.45 of the	1042
Revised Code are hereby repealed.	1043
Section 3. The amendments to sections 149.43 and 149.45 of	1044
the Revised Code made by this act shall be known as the "Victims	1045
Privacy and Protection Act."	1046
Section 4. Section 149.43 of the Revised Code is presented	1047
in this act as a composite of the section as amended by Am. Sub.	1048
H.B. 8, Sub. H.B. 34, and Sub. H.B. 312, all of the 132nd	1049

General Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle	1050
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that	1051
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of	1052
simultaneous operation, finds that the composite is the	1053
resulting version of the section in effect prior to the	1054
effective date of the section as presented in this act.	1055
Section 149.45 of the Revised Code is presented in this	1056
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Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of	1059
section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be	1060
harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation,	1061
finds that the composite is the resulting version of the section	1062
in effect prior to the effective date of the section as	1063
presented in this act.	1064