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A BILL

To amend sections 149.43, 3738.01, 3738.03, 1
3738.04, 3738.05, 3738.06, 3738.07, 3738.08, and 2
3738.09; to amend, for the purpose of adopting 3
new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, 4
sections 3738.05 (3738.06), 3738.06 (3738.07), 5
3738.07 (3738.08), 3738.08 (3738.09), and 6
3738.09 (3738.11); and to enact new section 7
3738.05 and sections 3701.954, 3702.35, 3727.25, 8
3738.10, and 3738.99 of the Revised Code to 9
modify the laws governing the Pregnancy- 10
Associated Mortality Review Board and to require 11
birthing facilities to report data on severe 12
maternal morbidity. 13

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

Section 1. That sections 149.43, 3738.01, 3738.03, 14
3738.04, 3738.05, 3738.06, 3738.07, 3738.08, and 3738.09 be 15
amended; sections 3738.05 (3738.06), 3738.06 (3738.07), 3738.07 16
(3738.08), 3738.08 (3738.09), and 3738.09 (3738.11) be amended 17
for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in 18
parentheses; and new section 3738.05 and sections 3701.954, 19

3702.35, 3727.25, 3738.10, and 3738.99 of the Revised Code be 20
enacted to read as follows: 21

Sec. 149.43. (A) As used in this section: 22

(1) "Public record" means records kept by any public 23
office, including, but not limited to, state, county, city, 24
village, township, and school district units, and records 25
pertaining to the delivery of educational services by an 26
alternative school in this state kept by the nonprofit or for- 27
profit entity operating the alternative school pursuant to 28
section 3313.533 of the Revised Code. "Public record" does not 29
mean any of the following: 30

(a) Medical records; 31

(b) Records pertaining to probation and parole 32
proceedings, to proceedings related to the imposition of 33
community control sanctions and post-release control sanctions, 34
or to proceedings related to determinations under section 35
2967.271 of the Revised Code regarding the release or maintained 36
incarceration of an offender to whom that section applies; 37

(c) Records pertaining to actions under section 2151.85 38
and division (C) of section 2919.121 of the Revised Code and to 39
appeals of actions arising under those sections; 40

(d) Records pertaining to adoption proceedings, including 41
the contents of an adoption file maintained by the department of 42
health under sections 3705.12 to 3705.124 of the Revised Code; 43

(e) Information in a record contained in the putative 44
father registry established by section 3107.062 of the Revised 45
Code, regardless of whether the information is held by the 46
department of job and family services or, pursuant to section 47
3111.69 of the Revised Code, the office of child support in the 48

department or a child support enforcement agency;	49
(f) Records specified in division (A) of section 3107.52	50
of the Revised Code;	51
(g) Trial preparation records;	52
(h) Confidential law enforcement investigatory records;	53
(i) Records containing information that is confidential	54
under section 2710.03 or 4112.05 of the Revised Code;	55
(j) DNA records stored in the DNA database pursuant to	56
section 109.573 of the Revised Code;	57
(k) Inmate records released by the department of	58
rehabilitation and correction to the department of youth	59
services or a court of record pursuant to division (E) of	60
section 5120.21 of the Revised Code;	61
(l) Records maintained by the department of youth services	62
pertaining to children in its custody released by the department	63
of youth services to the department of rehabilitation and	64
correction pursuant to section 5139.05 of the Revised Code;	65
(m) Intellectual property records;	66
(n) Donor profile records;	67
(o) Records maintained by the department of job and family	68
services pursuant to section 3121.894 of the Revised Code;	69
(p) Designated public service worker residential and	70
familial information;	71
(q) In the case of a county hospital operated pursuant to	72
Chapter 339. of the Revised Code or a municipal hospital	73
operated pursuant to Chapter 749. of the Revised Code,	74
information that constitutes a trade secret, as defined in	75

section 1333.61 of the Revised Code; 76

(r) Information pertaining to the recreational activities 77
of a person under the age of eighteen; 78

(s) In the case of a child fatality review board acting 79
under sections 307.621 to 307.629 of the Revised Code or a 80
review conducted pursuant to guidelines established by the 81
director of health under section 3701.70 of the Revised Code, 82
records provided to the board or director, statements made by 83
board members during meetings of the board or by persons 84
participating in the director's review, and all work products of 85
the board or director, and in the case of a child fatality 86
review board, child fatality review data submitted by the board 87
to the department of health or a national child death review 88
database, other than the report prepared pursuant to division 89
(A) of section 307.626 of the Revised Code; 90

(t) Records provided to and statements made by the 91
executive director of a public children services agency or a 92
prosecuting attorney acting pursuant to section 5153.171 of the 93
Revised Code other than the information released under that 94
section; 95

(u) Test materials, examinations, or evaluation tools used 96
in an examination for licensure as a nursing home administrator 97
that the board of executives of long-term services and supports 98
administers under section 4751.15 of the Revised Code or 99
contracts under that section with a private or government entity 100
to administer; 101

(v) Records the release of which is prohibited by state or 102
federal law; 103

(w) Proprietary information of or relating to any person 104

that is submitted to or compiled by the Ohio venture capital 105
authority created under section 150.01 of the Revised Code; 106

(x) Financial statements and data any person submits for 107
any purpose to the Ohio housing finance agency or the 108
controlling board in connection with applying for, receiving, or 109
accounting for financial assistance from the agency, and 110
information that identifies any individual who benefits directly 111
or indirectly from financial assistance from the agency; 112

(y) Records listed in section 5101.29 of the Revised Code; 113

(z) Discharges recorded with a county recorder under 114
section 317.24 of the Revised Code, as specified in division (B) 115
(2) of that section; 116

(aa) Usage information including names and addresses of 117
specific residential and commercial customers of a municipally 118
owned or operated public utility; 119

(bb) Records described in division (C) of section 187.04 120
of the Revised Code that are not designated to be made available 121
to the public as provided in that division; 122

(cc) Information and records that are made confidential, 123
privileged, and not subject to disclosure under divisions (B) 124
and (C) of section 2949.221 of the Revised Code; 125

(dd) Personal information, as defined in section 149.45 of 126
the Revised Code; 127

(ee) The confidential name, address, and other personally 128
identifiable information of a program participant in the address 129
confidentiality program established under sections 111.41 to 130
111.47 of the Revised Code, including the contents of any 131
application for absent voter's ballots, absent voter's ballot 132

identification envelope statement of voter, or provisional 133
ballot affirmation completed by a program participant who has a 134
confidential voter registration record, and records or portions 135
of records pertaining to that program that identify the number 136
of program participants that reside within a precinct, ward, 137
township, municipal corporation, county, or any other geographic 138
area smaller than the state. As used in this division, 139
"confidential address" and "program participant" have the 140
meaning defined in section 111.41 of the Revised Code. 141

(ff) Orders for active military service of an individual 142
serving or with previous service in the armed forces of the 143
United States, including a reserve component, or the Ohio 144
organized militia, except that, such order becomes a public 145
record on the day that is fifteen years after the published date 146
or effective date of the call to order; 147

(gg) The name, address, contact information, or other 148
personal information of an individual who is less than eighteen 149
years of age that is included in any record related to a traffic 150
accident involving a school vehicle in which the individual was 151
an occupant at the time of the accident; 152

(hh) Protected health information, as defined in 45 C.F.R. 153
160.103, that is in a claim for payment for a health care 154
product, service, or procedure, as well as any other health 155
claims data in another document that reveals the identity of an 156
individual who is the subject of the data or could be used to 157
reveal that individual's identity; 158

(ii) Any depiction by photograph, film, videotape, or 159
printed or digital image under either of the following 160
circumstances: 161

(i) The depiction is that of a victim of an offense the 162
release of which would be, to a reasonable person of ordinary 163
sensibilities, an offensive and objectionable intrusion into the 164
victim's expectation of bodily privacy and integrity. 165

(ii) The depiction captures or depicts the victim of a 166
sexually oriented offense, as defined in section 2950.01 of the 167
Revised Code, at the actual occurrence of that offense. 168

(jj) Restricted portions of a body-worn camera or 169
dashboard camera recording; 170

(kk) In the case of a fetal-infant mortality review board 171
acting under sections 3707.70 to 3707.77 of the Revised Code, 172
records, documents, reports, or other information presented to 173
the board or a person abstracting such materials on the board's 174
behalf, statements made by review board members during board 175
meetings, all work products of the board, and data submitted by 176
the board to the department of health or a national infant death 177
review database, other than the report prepared pursuant to 178
section 3707.77 of the Revised Code. 179

(ll) Records, documents, reports, or other information 180
presented to the pregnancy-associated mortality review board 181
established under section 3738.01 of the Revised Code, 182
statements made by board members during board meetings, all work 183
products of the board, and data submitted by the board to the 184
department of health, other than the ~~biennial~~ reports prepared 185
under ~~section 3738.08~~ sections 3738.09 and 3738.10 of the 186
Revised Code; 187

(mm) Telephone numbers for a victim, as defined in section 188
2930.01 of the Revised Code, a witness to a crime, or a party to 189
a motor vehicle accident subject to the requirements of section 190

5502.11 of the Revised Code that are listed on any law 191
enforcement record or report, other than when requested by an 192
insurer or insurance agent investigating an insurance claim 193
resulting from a motor vehicle accident. 194

A record that is not a public record under division (A) (1) 195
of this section and that, under law, is permanently retained 196
becomes a public record on the day that is seventy-five years 197
after the day on which the record was created, except for any 198
record protected by the attorney-client privilege, a trial 199
preparation record as defined in this section, a statement 200
prohibiting the release of identifying information signed under 201
section 3107.083 of the Revised Code, a denial of release form 202
filed pursuant to section 3107.46 of the Revised Code, or any 203
record that is exempt from release or disclosure under section 204
149.433 of the Revised Code. If the record is a birth 205
certificate and a biological parent's name redaction request 206
form has been accepted under section 3107.391 of the Revised 207
Code, the name of that parent shall be redacted from the birth 208
certificate before it is released under this paragraph. If any 209
other section of the Revised Code establishes a time period for 210
disclosure of a record that conflicts with the time period 211
specified in this section, the time period in the other section 212
prevails. 213

(2) "Confidential law enforcement investigatory record" 214
means any record that pertains to a law enforcement matter of a 215
criminal, quasi-criminal, civil, or administrative nature, but 216
only to the extent that the release of the record would create a 217
high probability of disclosure of any of the following: 218

(a) The identity of a suspect who has not been charged 219
with the offense to which the record pertains, or of an 220

information source or witness to whom confidentiality has been 221
reasonably promised; 222

(b) Information provided by an information source or 223
witness to whom confidentiality has been reasonably promised, 224
which information would reasonably tend to disclose the source's 225
or witness's identity; 226

(c) Specific confidential investigatory techniques or 227
procedures or specific investigatory work product; 228

(d) Information that would endanger the life or physical 229
safety of law enforcement personnel, a crime victim, a witness, 230
or a confidential information source. 231

(3) "Medical record" means any document or combination of 232
documents, except births, deaths, and the fact of admission to 233
or discharge from a hospital, that pertains to the medical 234
history, diagnosis, prognosis, or medical condition of a patient 235
and that is generated and maintained in the process of medical 236
treatment. 237

(4) "Trial preparation record" means any record that 238
contains information that is specifically compiled in reasonable 239
anticipation of, or in defense of, a civil or criminal action or 240
proceeding, including the independent thought processes and 241
personal trial preparation of an attorney. 242

(5) "Intellectual property record" means a record, other 243
than a financial or administrative record, that is produced or 244
collected by or for faculty or staff of a state institution of 245
higher learning in the conduct of or as a result of study or 246
research on an educational, commercial, scientific, artistic, 247
technical, or scholarly issue, regardless of whether the study 248
or research was sponsored by the institution alone or in 249

conjunction with a governmental body or private concern, and 250
that has not been publicly released, published, or patented. 251

(6) "Donor profile record" means all records about donors 252
or potential donors to a public institution of higher education 253
except the names and reported addresses of the actual donors and 254
the date, amount, and conditions of the actual donation. 255

(7) "Designated public service worker" means a peace 256
officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting 257
attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, 258
county or multicounty corrections officer, community-based 259
correctional facility employee, youth services employee, 260
firefighter, EMT, medical director or member of a cooperating 261
physician advisory board of an emergency medical service 262
organization, state board of pharmacy employee, investigator of 263
the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, judge, 264
magistrate, or federal law enforcement officer. 265

(8) "Designated public service worker residential and 266
familial information" means any information that discloses any 267
of the following about a designated public service worker: 268

(a) The address of the actual personal residence of a 269
designated public service worker, except for the following 270
information: 271

(i) The address of the actual personal residence of a 272
prosecuting attorney or judge; and 273

(ii) The state or political subdivision in which a 274
designated public service worker resides. 275

(b) Information compiled from referral to or participation 276
in an employee assistance program; 277

(c) The social security number, the residential telephone 278
number, any bank account, debit card, charge card, or credit 279
card number, or the emergency telephone number of, or any 280
medical information pertaining to, a designated public service 281
worker; 282

(d) The name of any beneficiary of employment benefits, 283
including, but not limited to, life insurance benefits, provided 284
to a designated public service worker by the designated public 285
service worker's employer; 286

(e) The identity and amount of any charitable or 287
employment benefit deduction made by the designated public 288
service worker's employer from the designated public service 289
worker's compensation, unless the amount of the deduction is 290
required by state or federal law; 291

(f) The name, the residential address, the name of the 292
employer, the address of the employer, the social security 293
number, the residential telephone number, any bank account, 294
debit card, charge card, or credit card number, or the emergency 295
telephone number of the spouse, a former spouse, or any child of 296
a designated public service worker; 297

(g) A photograph of a peace officer who holds a position 298
or has an assignment that may include undercover or plain 299
clothes positions or assignments as determined by the peace 300
officer's appointing authority. 301

(9) As used in divisions (A) (7) and (15) to (17) of this 302
section: 303

"Peace officer" has the meaning defined in section 109.71 304
of the Revised Code and also includes the superintendent and 305
troopers of the state highway patrol; it does not include the 306

sheriff of a county or a supervisory employee who, in the 307
absence of the sheriff, is authorized to stand in for, exercise 308
the authority of, and perform the duties of the sheriff. 309

"Correctional employee" means any employee of the 310
department of rehabilitation and correction who in the course of 311
performing the employee's job duties has or has had contact with 312
inmates and persons under supervision. 313

"County or multicounty corrections officer" means any 314
corrections officer employed by any county or multicounty 315
correctional facility. 316

"Youth services employee" means any employee of the 317
department of youth services who in the course of performing the 318
employee's job duties has or has had contact with children 319
committed to the custody of the department of youth services. 320

"Firefighter" means any regular, paid or volunteer, member 321
of a lawfully constituted fire department of a municipal 322
corporation, township, fire district, or village. 323

"EMT" means EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, and paramedics that 324
provide emergency medical services for a public emergency 325
medical service organization. "Emergency medical service 326
organization," "EMT-basic," "EMT-I," and "paramedic" have the 327
meanings defined in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code. 328

"Investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and 329
investigation" has the meaning defined in section 2903.11 of the 330
Revised Code. 331

"Federal law enforcement officer" has the meaning defined 332
in section 9.88 of the Revised Code. 333

(10) "Information pertaining to the recreational 334

activities of a person under the age of eighteen" means 335
information that is kept in the ordinary course of business by a 336
public office, that pertains to the recreational activities of a 337
person under the age of eighteen years, and that discloses any 338
of the following: 339

(a) The address or telephone number of a person under the 340
age of eighteen or the address or telephone number of that 341
person's parent, guardian, custodian, or emergency contact 342
person; 343

(b) The social security number, birth date, or 344
photographic image of a person under the age of eighteen; 345

(c) Any medical record, history, or information pertaining 346
to a person under the age of eighteen; 347

(d) Any additional information sought or required about a 348
person under the age of eighteen for the purpose of allowing 349
that person to participate in any recreational activity 350
conducted or sponsored by a public office or to use or obtain 351
admission privileges to any recreational facility owned or 352
operated by a public office. 353

(11) "Community control sanction" has the meaning defined 354
in section 2929.01 of the Revised Code. 355

(12) "Post-release control sanction" has the meaning 356
defined in section 2967.01 of the Revised Code. 357

(13) "Redaction" means obscuring or deleting any 358
information that is exempt from the duty to permit public 359
inspection or copying from an item that otherwise meets the 360
definition of a "record" in section 149.011 of the Revised Code. 361

(14) "Designee," "elected official," and "future official" 362

have the meanings defined in section 109.43 of the Revised Code. 363

(15) "Body-worn camera" means a visual and audio recording 364
device worn on the person of a peace officer while the peace 365
officer is engaged in the performance of the peace officer's 366
duties. 367

(16) "Dashboard camera" means a visual and audio recording 368
device mounted on a peace officer's vehicle or vessel that is 369
used while the peace officer is engaged in the performance of 370
the peace officer's duties. 371

(17) "Restricted portions of a body-worn camera or 372
dashboard camera recording" means any visual or audio portion of 373
a body-worn camera or dashboard camera recording that shows, 374
communicates, or discloses any of the following: 375

(a) The image or identity of a child or information that 376
could lead to the identification of a child who is a primary 377
subject of the recording when the law enforcement agency knows 378
or has reason to know the person is a child based on the law 379
enforcement agency's records or the content of the recording; 380

(b) The death of a person or a deceased person's body, 381
unless the death was caused by a peace officer or, subject to 382
division (H)(1) of this section, the consent of the decedent's 383
executor or administrator has been obtained; 384

(c) The death of a peace officer, firefighter, paramedic, 385
or other first responder, occurring while the decedent was 386
engaged in the performance of official duties, unless, subject 387
to division (H)(1) of this section, the consent of the 388
decedent's executor or administrator has been obtained; 389

(d) Grievous bodily harm, unless the injury was effected 390
by a peace officer or, subject to division (H)(1) of this 391

section, the consent of the injured person or the injured 392
person's guardian has been obtained; 393

(e) An act of severe violence against a person that 394
results in serious physical harm to the person, unless the act 395
and injury was effected by a peace officer or, subject to 396
division (H)(1) of this section, the consent of the injured 397
person or the injured person's guardian has been obtained; 398

(f) Grievous bodily harm to a peace officer, firefighter, 399
paramedic, or other first responder, occurring while the injured 400
person was engaged in the performance of official duties, 401
unless, subject to division (H)(1) of this section, the consent 402
of the injured person or the injured person's guardian has been 403
obtained; 404

(g) An act of severe violence resulting in serious 405
physical harm against a peace officer, firefighter, paramedic, 406
or other first responder, occurring while the injured person was 407
engaged in the performance of official duties, unless, subject 408
to division (H)(1) of this section, the consent of the injured 409
person or the injured person's guardian has been obtained; 410

(h) A person's nude body, unless, subject to division (H) 411
(1) of this section, the person's consent has been obtained; 412

(i) Protected health information, the identity of a person 413
in a health care facility who is not the subject of a law 414
enforcement encounter, or any other information in a health care 415
facility that could identify a person who is not the subject of 416
a law enforcement encounter; 417

(j) Information that could identify the alleged victim of 418
a sex offense, menacing by stalking, or domestic violence; 419

(k) Information, that does not constitute a confidential 420

law enforcement investigatory record, that could identify a 421
person who provides sensitive or confidential information to a 422
law enforcement agency when the disclosure of the person's 423
identity or the information provided could reasonably be 424
expected to threaten or endanger the safety or property of the 425
person or another person; 426

(l) Personal information of a person who is not arrested, 427
cited, charged, or issued a written warning by a peace officer; 428

(m) Proprietary police contingency plans or tactics that 429
are intended to prevent crime and maintain public order and 430
safety; 431

(n) A personal conversation unrelated to work between 432
peace officers or between a peace officer and an employee of a 433
law enforcement agency; 434

(o) A conversation between a peace officer and a member of 435
the public that does not concern law enforcement activities; 436

(p) The interior of a residence, unless the interior of a 437
residence is the location of an adversarial encounter with, or a 438
use of force by, a peace officer; 439

(q) Any portion of the interior of a private business that 440
is not open to the public, unless an adversarial encounter with, 441
or a use of force by, a peace officer occurs in that location. 442

As used in division (A) (17) of this section: 443

"Grievous bodily harm" has the same meaning as in section 444
5924.120 of the Revised Code. 445

"Health care facility" has the same meaning as in section 446
1337.11 of the Revised Code. 447

"Protected health information" has the same meaning as in 448
45 C.F.R. 160.103. 449

"Law enforcement agency" has the same meaning as in 450
section 2925.61 of the Revised Code. 451

"Personal information" means any government-issued 452
identification number, date of birth, address, financial 453
information, or criminal justice information from the law 454
enforcement automated data system or similar databases. 455

"Sex offense" has the same meaning as in section 2907.10 456
of the Revised Code. 457

"Firefighter," "paramedic," and "first responder" have the 458
same meanings as in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code. 459

(18) "Insurer" and "insurance agent" have the same 460
meanings as in section 3905.01 of the Revised Code. 461

(B) (1) Upon request and subject to division (B) (8) of this 462
section, all public records responsive to the request shall be 463
promptly prepared and made available for inspection to any 464
person at all reasonable times during regular business hours. 465
Subject to division (B) (8) of this section, upon request by any 466
person, a public office or person responsible for public records 467
shall make copies of the requested public record available to 468
the requester at cost and within a reasonable period of time. If 469
a public record contains information that is exempt from the 470
duty to permit public inspection or to copy the public record, 471
the public office or the person responsible for the public 472
record shall make available all of the information within the 473
public record that is not exempt. When making that public record 474
available for public inspection or copying that public record, 475
the public office or the person responsible for the public 476

record shall notify the requester of any redaction or make the 477
redaction plainly visible. A redaction shall be deemed a denial 478
of a request to inspect or copy the redacted information, except 479
if federal or state law authorizes or requires a public office 480
to make the redaction. 481

(2) To facilitate broader access to public records, a 482
public office or the person responsible for public records shall 483
organize and maintain public records in a manner that they can 484
be made available for inspection or copying in accordance with 485
division (B) of this section. A public office also shall have 486
available a copy of its current records retention schedule at a 487
location readily available to the public. If a requester makes 488
an ambiguous or overly broad request or has difficulty in making 489
a request for copies or inspection of public records under this 490
section such that the public office or the person responsible 491
for the requested public record cannot reasonably identify what 492
public records are being requested, the public office or the 493
person responsible for the requested public record may deny the 494
request but shall provide the requester with an opportunity to 495
revise the request by informing the requester of the manner in 496
which records are maintained by the public office and accessed 497
in the ordinary course of the public office's or person's 498
duties. 499

(3) If a request is ultimately denied, in part or in 500
whole, the public office or the person responsible for the 501
requested public record shall provide the requester with an 502
explanation, including legal authority, setting forth why the 503
request was denied. If the initial request was provided in 504
writing, the explanation also shall be provided to the requester 505
in writing. The explanation shall not preclude the public office 506
or the person responsible for the requested public record from 507

relying upon additional reasons or legal authority in defending 508
an action commenced under division (C) of this section. 509

(4) Unless specifically required or authorized by state or 510
federal law or in accordance with division (B) of this section, 511
no public office or person responsible for public records may 512
limit or condition the availability of public records by 513
requiring disclosure of the requester's identity or the intended 514
use of the requested public record. Any requirement that the 515
requester disclose the requester's identity or the intended use 516
of the requested public record constitutes a denial of the 517
request. 518

(5) A public office or person responsible for public 519
records may ask a requester to make the request in writing, may 520
ask for the requester's identity, and may inquire about the 521
intended use of the information requested, but may do so only 522
after disclosing to the requester that a written request is not 523
mandatory, that the requester may decline to reveal the 524
requester's identity or the intended use, and when a written 525
request or disclosure of the identity or intended use would 526
benefit the requester by enhancing the ability of the public 527
office or person responsible for public records to identify, 528
locate, or deliver the public records sought by the requester. 529

(6) If any person requests a copy of a public record in 530
accordance with division (B) of this section, the public office 531
or person responsible for the public record may require that 532
person to pay in advance the cost involved in providing the copy 533
of the public record in accordance with the choice made by the 534
person requesting the copy under this division. The public 535
office or the person responsible for the public record shall 536
permit that person to choose to have the public record 537

538 duplicated upon paper, upon the same medium upon which the
539 public office or person responsible for the public record keeps
540 it, or upon any other medium upon which the public office or
541 person responsible for the public record determines that it
542 reasonably can be duplicated as an integral part of the normal
543 operations of the public office or person responsible for the
544 public record. When the person requesting the copy makes a
545 choice under this division, the public office or person
546 responsible for the public record shall provide a copy of it in
547 accordance with the choice made by that person. Nothing in this
548 section requires a public office or person responsible for the
549 public record to allow the person requesting a copy of the
550 public record to make the copies of the public record.

551 (7) (a) Upon a request made in accordance with division (B)
552 of this section and subject to division (B) (6) of this section,
553 a public office or person responsible for public records shall
554 transmit a copy of a public record to any person by United
555 States mail or by any other means of delivery or transmission
556 within a reasonable period of time after receiving the request
557 for the copy. The public office or person responsible for the
558 public record may require the person making the request to pay
559 in advance the cost of postage if the copy is transmitted by
560 United States mail or the cost of delivery if the copy is
561 transmitted other than by United States mail, and to pay in
562 advance the costs incurred for other supplies used in the
563 mailing, delivery, or transmission.

564 (b) Any public office may adopt a policy and procedures
565 that it will follow in transmitting, within a reasonable period
566 of time after receiving a request, copies of public records by
567 United States mail or by any other means of delivery or
568 transmission pursuant to division (B) (7) of this section. A

public office that adopts a policy and procedures under division 569
(B) (7) of this section shall comply with them in performing its 570
duties under that division. 571

(c) In any policy and procedures adopted under division 572
(B) (7) of this section: 573

(i) A public office may limit the number of records 574
requested by a person that the office will physically deliver by 575
United States mail or by another delivery service to ten per 576
month, unless the person certifies to the office in writing that 577
the person does not intend to use or forward the requested 578
records, or the information contained in them, for commercial 579
purposes; 580

(ii) A public office that chooses to provide some or all 581
of its public records on a web site that is fully accessible to 582
and searchable by members of the public at all times, other than 583
during acts of God outside the public office's control or 584
maintenance, and that charges no fee to search, access, 585
download, or otherwise receive records provided on the web site, 586
may limit to ten per month the number of records requested by a 587
person that the office will deliver in a digital format, unless 588
the requested records are not provided on the web site and 589
unless the person certifies to the office in writing that the 590
person does not intend to use or forward the requested records, 591
or the information contained in them, for commercial purposes. 592

(iii) For purposes of division (B) (7) of this section, 593
"commercial" shall be narrowly construed and does not include 594
reporting or gathering news, reporting or gathering information 595
to assist citizen oversight or understanding of the operation or 596
activities of government, or nonprofit educational research. 597

(8) A public office or person responsible for public 598
records is not required to permit a person who is incarcerated 599
pursuant to a criminal conviction or a juvenile adjudication to 600
inspect or to obtain a copy of any public record concerning a 601
criminal investigation or prosecution or concerning what would 602
be a criminal investigation or prosecution if the subject of the 603
investigation or prosecution were an adult, unless the request 604
to inspect or to obtain a copy of the record is for the purpose 605
of acquiring information that is subject to release as a public 606
record under this section and the judge who imposed the sentence 607
or made the adjudication with respect to the person, or the 608
judge's successor in office, finds that the information sought 609
in the public record is necessary to support what appears to be 610
a justiciable claim of the person. 611

(9) (a) Upon written request made and signed by a 612
journalist, a public office, or person responsible for public 613
records, having custody of the records of the agency employing a 614
specified designated public service worker shall disclose to the 615
journalist the address of the actual personal residence of the 616
designated public service worker and, if the designated public 617
service worker's spouse, former spouse, or child is employed by 618
a public office, the name and address of the employer of the 619
designated public service worker's spouse, former spouse, or 620
child. The request shall include the journalist's name and title 621
and the name and address of the journalist's employer and shall 622
state that disclosure of the information sought would be in the 623
public interest. 624

(b) Division (B) (9) (a) of this section also applies to 625
journalist requests for: 626

(i) Customer information maintained by a municipally owned 627

or operated public utility, other than social security numbers 628
and any private financial information such as credit reports, 629
payment methods, credit card numbers, and bank account 630
information; 631

(ii) Information about minors involved in a school vehicle 632
accident as provided in division (A)(1)(gg) of this section, 633
other than personal information as defined in section 149.45 of 634
the Revised Code. 635

(c) As used in division (B)(9) of this section, 636
"journalist" means a person engaged in, connected with, or 637
employed by any news medium, including a newspaper, magazine, 638
press association, news agency, or wire service, a radio or 639
television station, or a similar medium, for the purpose of 640
gathering, processing, transmitting, compiling, editing, or 641
disseminating information for the general public. 642

(10) Upon a request made by a victim, victim's attorney, 643
or victim's representative, as that term is used in section 644
2930.02 of the Revised Code, a public office or person 645
responsible for public records shall transmit a copy of a 646
depiction of the victim as described in division (A)(1)(ii) of 647
this section to the victim, victim's attorney, or victim's 648
representative. 649

(C)(1) If a person allegedly is aggrieved by the failure 650
of a public office or the person responsible for public records 651
to promptly prepare a public record and to make it available to 652
the person for inspection in accordance with division (B) of 653
this section or by any other failure of a public office or the 654
person responsible for public records to comply with an 655
obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section, the 656
person allegedly aggrieved may do only one of the following, and 657

not both: 658

(a) File a complaint with the clerk of the court of claims 659
or the clerk of the court of common pleas under section 2743.75 660
of the Revised Code; 661

(b) Commence a mandamus action to obtain a judgment that 662
orders the public office or the person responsible for the 663
public record to comply with division (B) of this section, that 664
awards court costs and reasonable attorney's fees to the person 665
that instituted the mandamus action, and, if applicable, that 666
includes an order fixing statutory damages under division (C) (2) 667
of this section. The mandamus action may be commenced in the 668
court of common pleas of the county in which division (B) of 669
this section allegedly was not complied with, in the supreme 670
court pursuant to its original jurisdiction under Section 2 of 671
Article IV, Ohio Constitution, or in the court of appeals for 672
the appellate district in which division (B) of this section 673
allegedly was not complied with pursuant to its original 674
jurisdiction under Section 3 of Article IV, Ohio Constitution. 675

(2) If a requester transmits a written request by hand 676
delivery, electronic submission, or certified mail to inspect or 677
receive copies of any public record in a manner that fairly 678
describes the public record or class of public records to the 679
public office or person responsible for the requested public 680
records, except as otherwise provided in this section, the 681
requester shall be entitled to recover the amount of statutory 682
damages set forth in this division if a court determines that 683
the public office or the person responsible for public records 684
failed to comply with an obligation in accordance with division 685
(B) of this section. 686

The amount of statutory damages shall be fixed at one 687

hundred dollars for each business day during which the public 688
office or person responsible for the requested public records 689
failed to comply with an obligation in accordance with division 690
(B) of this section, beginning with the day on which the 691
requester files a mandamus action to recover statutory damages, 692
up to a maximum of one thousand dollars. The award of statutory 693
damages shall not be construed as a penalty, but as compensation 694
for injury arising from lost use of the requested information. 695
The existence of this injury shall be conclusively presumed. The 696
award of statutory damages shall be in addition to all other 697
remedies authorized by this section. 698

The court may reduce an award of statutory damages or not 699
award statutory damages if the court determines both of the 700
following: 701

(a) That, based on the ordinary application of statutory 702
law and case law as it existed at the time of the conduct or 703
threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible 704
for the requested public records that allegedly constitutes a 705
failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with division 706
(B) of this section and that was the basis of the mandamus 707
action, a well-informed public office or person responsible for 708
the requested public records reasonably would believe that the 709
conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person 710
responsible for the requested public records did not constitute 711
a failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with 712
division (B) of this section; 713

(b) That a well-informed public office or person 714
responsible for the requested public records reasonably would 715
believe that the conduct or threatened conduct of the public 716
office or person responsible for the requested public records 717

would serve the public policy that underlies the authority that 718
is asserted as permitting that conduct or threatened conduct. 719

(3) In a mandamus action filed under division (C) (1) of 720
this section, the following apply: 721

(a) (i) If the court orders the public office or the person 722
responsible for the public record to comply with division (B) of 723
this section, the court shall determine and award to the relator 724
all court costs, which shall be construed as remedial and not 725
punitive. 726

(ii) If the court makes a determination described in 727
division (C) (3) (b) (iii) of this section, the court shall 728
determine and award to the relator all court costs, which shall 729
be construed as remedial and not punitive. 730

(b) If the court renders a judgment that orders the public 731
office or the person responsible for the public record to comply 732
with division (B) of this section or if the court determines any 733
of the following, the court may award reasonable attorney's fees 734
to the relator, subject to division (C) (4) of this section: 735

(i) The public office or the person responsible for the 736
public records failed to respond affirmatively or negatively to 737
the public records request in accordance with the time allowed 738
under division (B) of this section. 739

(ii) The public office or the person responsible for the 740
public records promised to permit the relator to inspect or 741
receive copies of the public records requested within a 742
specified period of time but failed to fulfill that promise 743
within that specified period of time. 744

(iii) The public office or the person responsible for the 745
public records acted in bad faith when the office or person 746

voluntarily made the public records available to the relator for 747
the first time after the relator commenced the mandamus action, 748
but before the court issued any order concluding whether or not 749
the public office or person was required to comply with division 750
(B) of this section. No discovery may be conducted on the issue 751
of the alleged bad faith of the public office or person 752
responsible for the public records. This division shall not be 753
construed as creating a presumption that the public office or 754
the person responsible for the public records acted in bad faith 755
when the office or person voluntarily made the public records 756
available to the relator for the first time after the relator 757
commenced the mandamus action, but before the court issued any 758
order described in this division. 759

(c) The court shall not award attorney's fees to the 760
relator if the court determines both of the following: 761

(i) That, based on the ordinary application of statutory 762
law and case law as it existed at the time of the conduct or 763
threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible 764
for the requested public records that allegedly constitutes a 765
failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with division 766
(B) of this section and that was the basis of the mandamus 767
action, a well-informed public office or person responsible for 768
the requested public records reasonably would believe that the 769
conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person 770
responsible for the requested public records did not constitute 771
a failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with 772
division (B) of this section; 773

(ii) That a well-informed public office or person 774
responsible for the requested public records reasonably would 775
believe that the conduct or threatened conduct of the public 776

office or person responsible for the requested public records 777
would serve the public policy that underlies the authority that 778
is asserted as permitting that conduct or threatened conduct. 779

(4) All of the following apply to any award of reasonable 780
attorney's fees awarded under division (C) (3) (b) of this 781
section: 782

(a) The fees shall be construed as remedial and not 783
punitive. 784

(b) The fees awarded shall not exceed the total of the 785
reasonable attorney's fees incurred before the public record was 786
made available to the relator and the fees described in division 787
(C) (4) (c) of this section. 788

(c) Reasonable attorney's fees shall include reasonable 789
fees incurred to produce proof of the reasonableness and amount 790
of the fees and to otherwise litigate entitlement to the fees. 791

(d) The court may reduce the amount of fees awarded if the 792
court determines that, given the factual circumstances involved 793
with the specific public records request, an alternative means 794
should have been pursued to more effectively and efficiently 795
resolve the dispute that was subject to the mandamus action 796
filed under division (C) (1) of this section. 797

(5) If the court does not issue a writ of mandamus under 798
division (C) of this section and the court determines at that 799
time that the bringing of the mandamus action was frivolous 800
conduct as defined in division (A) of section 2323.51 of the 801
Revised Code, the court may award to the public office all court 802
costs, expenses, and reasonable attorney's fees, as determined 803
by the court. 804

(D) Chapter 1347. of the Revised Code does not limit the 805

provisions of this section. 806

(E) (1) To ensure that all employees of public offices are 807
appropriately educated about a public office's obligations under 808
division (B) of this section, all elected officials or their 809
appropriate designees shall attend training approved by the 810
attorney general as provided in section 109.43 of the Revised 811
Code. A future official may satisfy the requirements of this 812
division by attending the training before taking office, 813
provided that the future official may not send a designee in the 814
future official's place. 815

(2) All public offices shall adopt a public records policy 816
in compliance with this section for responding to public records 817
requests. In adopting a public records policy under this 818
division, a public office may obtain guidance from the model 819
public records policy developed and provided to the public 820
office by the attorney general under section 109.43 of the 821
Revised Code. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the 822
policy may not limit the number of public records that the 823
public office will make available to a single person, may not 824
limit the number of public records that it will make available 825
during a fixed period of time, and may not establish a fixed 826
period of time before it will respond to a request for 827
inspection or copying of public records, unless that period is 828
less than eight hours. 829

The public office shall distribute the public records 830
policy adopted by the public office under this division to the 831
employee of the public office who is the records custodian or 832
records manager or otherwise has custody of the records of that 833
office. The public office shall require that employee to 834
acknowledge receipt of the copy of the public records policy. 835

The public office shall create a poster that describes its public records policy and shall post the poster in a conspicuous place in the public office and in all locations where the public office has branch offices. The public office may post its public records policy on the internet web site of the public office if the public office maintains an internet web site. A public office that has established a manual or handbook of its general policies and procedures for all employees of the public office shall include the public records policy of the public office in the manual or handbook.

(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:

(a) "Actual cost" means the cost of depleted supplies, records storage media costs, actual mailing and alternative delivery costs, or other transmitting costs, and any direct equipment operating and maintenance costs, including actual costs paid to private contractors for copying services.

(b) "Bulk commercial special extraction request" means a request for copies of a record for information in a format other than the format already available, or information that cannot be extracted without examination of all items in a records series, class of records, or database by a person who intends to use or

forward the copies for surveys, marketing, solicitation, or 866
resale for commercial purposes. "Bulk commercial special 867
extraction request" does not include a request by a person who 868
gives assurance to the bureau that the person making the request 869
does not intend to use or forward the requested copies for 870
surveys, marketing, solicitation, or resale for commercial 871
purposes. 872

(c) "Commercial" means profit-seeking production, buying, 873
or selling of any good, service, or other product. 874

(d) "Special extraction costs" means the cost of the time 875
spent by the lowest paid employee competent to perform the task, 876
the actual amount paid to outside private contractors employed 877
by the bureau, or the actual cost incurred to create computer 878
programs to make the special extraction. "Special extraction 879
costs" include any charges paid to a public agency for computer 880
or records services. 881

(3) For purposes of divisions (F) (1) and (2) of this 882
section, "surveys, marketing, solicitation, or resale for 883
commercial purposes" shall be narrowly construed and does not 884
include reporting or gathering news, reporting or gathering 885
information to assist citizen oversight or understanding of the 886
operation or activities of government, or nonprofit educational 887
research. 888

(G) A request by a defendant, counsel of a defendant, or 889
any agent of a defendant in a criminal action that public 890
records related to that action be made available under this 891
section shall be considered a demand for discovery pursuant to 892
the Criminal Rules, except to the extent that the Criminal Rules 893
plainly indicate a contrary intent. The defendant, counsel of 894
the defendant, or agent of the defendant making a request under 895

this division shall serve a copy of the request on the 896
prosecuting attorney, director of law, or other chief legal 897
officer responsible for prosecuting the action. 898

(H) (1) Any portion of a body-worn camera or dashboard 899
camera recording described in divisions (A) (17) (b) to (h) of 900
this section may be released by consent of the subject of the 901
recording or a representative of that person, as specified in 902
those divisions, only if either of the following applies: 903

(a) The recording will not be used in connection with any 904
probable or pending criminal proceedings; 905

(b) The recording has been used in connection with a 906
criminal proceeding that was dismissed or for which a judgment 907
has been entered pursuant to Rule 32 of the Rules of Criminal 908
Procedure, and will not be used again in connection with any 909
probable or pending criminal proceedings. 910

(2) If a public office denies a request to release a 911
restricted portion of a body-worn camera or dashboard camera 912
recording, as defined in division (A) (17) of this section, any 913
person may file a mandamus action pursuant to this section or a 914
complaint with the clerk of the court of claims pursuant to 915
section 2743.75 of the Revised Code, requesting the court to 916
order the release of all or portions of the recording. If the 917
court considering the request determines that the filing 918
articulates by clear and convincing evidence that the public 919
interest in the recording substantially outweighs privacy 920
interests and other interests asserted to deny release, the 921
court shall order the public office to release the recording. 922

Sec. 3701.954. (A) As used in this section: 923

(1) "Freestanding birthing center" means any facility in 924

which deliveries routinely occur, regardless of whether the 925
facility is located on the same campus of another health care 926
facility, and which is not licensed under Chapter 3711. of the 927
Revised Code as a level one, two, or three maternity unit or a 928
limited maternity unit. 929

(2) "Severe maternal morbidity" has the same meaning as in 930
section 3738.01 of the Revised Code. 931

(B) Not later than sixty days after the effective date of 932
this section, the director of health shall adopt rules to do 933
both of the following: 934

(1) Specify data on severe maternal morbidity that each 935
hospital and freestanding birthing center in this state shall 936
report to the director annually under sections 3702.35 and 937
3727.25 of the Revised Code; 938

(2) Prescribe the manner in which the data described in 939
division (B)(1) of this section shall be reported. 940

(C) All rules adopted under this section shall be adopted 941
in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 942

Sec. 3702.35. (A) As used in this section: 943

(1) "Freestanding birthing center" means any facility in 944
which deliveries routinely occur, regardless of whether the 945
facility is located on the campus of another health care 946
facility, and which is not licensed under Chapter 3711. of the 947
Revised Code as a level one, two, or three maternity unit or a 948
limited maternity unit. 949

(2) "Hospital" means a hospital registered with the 950
department of health under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code. 951

(3) "Severe maternal morbidity" has the same meaning as in 952

section 3738.01 of the Revised Code. 953

(B) Annually, each freestanding birthing center shall 954
report to the director of health the data regarding severe 955
maternal morbidity that the director specifies in rules adopted 956
under section 3701.954 of the Revised Code. The data shall be 957
reported in the manner prescribed by the director. 958

Sec. 3727.25. (A) As used in this section, "severe 959
maternal morbidity" has the same meaning as in section 3738.01 960
of the Revised Code. 961

(B) Annually, each hospital shall report to the director 962
of health the data regarding severe maternal morbidity that the 963
director specifies in rules adopted under section 3701.954 of 964
the Revised Code. The data shall be reported in the manner 965
prescribed by the director. 966

Sec. 3738.01. (A) As used in this ~~section and sections~~ 967
~~3738.02 to 3738.09 of the Revised Code, "pregnancy-associated~~ 968
~~chapter:~~ 969

(1) "Freestanding birthing center" means any facility in 970
which deliveries routinely occur, regardless of whether the 971
facility is located on the campus of another health care 972
facility, and which is not licensed under Chapter 3711. of the 973
Revised Code as a level one, two, or three maternity unit or a 974
limited maternity unit. 975

(2) "Hospital" means a hospital registered with the 976
department of health under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code. 977

(3) "PAMR board" means the pregnancy-associated mortality 978
review board established under division (B) of this section. 979

(4) "Pregnancy-associated death" means the death of a 980

woman while pregnant or anytime within one year of pregnancy 981
regardless of cause. 982

(5) "Severe maternal morbidity" means unexpected outcomes 983
of pregnancy, labor, or delivery that result in significant 984
short-term or long-term consequences to a woman's health. 985

(B) There is hereby established in the department of 986
health a pregnancy-associated mortality review ~~(PAMR)~~ board to 987
identify and review all pregnancy-associated deaths statewide 988
for the purpose of reducing the incidence of those deaths. 989

Sec. 3738.03. All of the following apply with respect to 990
the membership and administration of the PAMR board: 991

(A) The executive director of the commission on minority 992
health or the executive director's designee shall be a member of 993
the board. The director of health shall appoint the board's 994
remaining members. In ~~doing so~~ appointing members of the board, 995
all of the following apply to the director: 996

(1) The director shall make a good faith effort to ~~select~~ 997
appoint members by selecting individuals who represent all 998
regions of the state and ~~multiple areas of expertise and~~ 999
~~constituencies concerned with the care of pregnant and~~ 1000
~~postpartum women~~ the racial and ethnic backgrounds of families 1001
affected by severe maternal morbidity. At least eighty per cent 1002
of the board's members must represent the following 1003
constituencies or areas of expertise: anesthesiology, emergency 1004
medicine, family medicine, forensic pathology, maternal-fetal 1005
medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, nursing, mental 1006
health, addiction and other substance use disorders, child 1007
fatality review, intimate partner violence, epidemiology, public 1008
health, human trafficking, and hospital risk management. 1009

(2) The director shall appoint as a member an individual 1010
who is either a lay midwife who possesses the certified 1011
professional midwife credential issued by the north American 1012
registry of midwives or a doula certified by an organization 1013
identified in rules adopted under section 3738.11 of the Revised 1014
Code. 1015

(3) The director shall appoint as members two women who 1016
have experienced a delivery hospitalization with severe maternal 1017
morbidity. 1018

(4) The director shall appoint as members individuals who 1019
represent women and mothers in areas of this state that are 1020
considered to be medically underserved areas or areas with a 1021
disproportionately high incidence of delivery hospitalizations 1022
involving severe maternal morbidity. 1023

(B) The board, by a majority vote of a quorum of its 1024
members, shall select an individual to serve as its chairperson. 1025
The board may replace a chairperson in the same manner. 1026

(C) An appointed member shall hold office until a 1027
successor is appointed. The director of health shall fill a 1028
vacancy as soon as practicable. 1029

(D) ~~A member~~ The board members who are not employed as 1030
health care professionals or who do not serve on the board as 1031
part of their regular duties of employment shall receive 1032
reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the 1033
performance of official duties and, if requested, a per diem 1034
compensation established in rules adopted under section 3738.09 1035
of the Revised Code. Each of the other members shall receive 1036
reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the 1037
performance of official duties, but otherwise each such member 1038

shall ~~not receive any serve without compensation for, and shall~~ 1039
~~not be paid for any expenses incurred pursuant to, fulfilling~~ 1040
~~the member's duties on the board, except to the extent that~~ 1041
serving on the board is considered part of the member's regular 1042
duties of employment. 1043

(E) The board shall meet four times each calendar year 1044
and, in addition to those meetings, shall meet at the call of 1045
the board's chairperson as often as the chairperson ~~determines~~ 1046
considers necessary for timely completion of pregnancy- 1047
associated death reviews. ~~The reviews shall be conducted in~~ 1048
~~accordance with rules adopted under section 3738.09 of the~~ 1049
~~Revised Code.~~ 1050

(F) The department of health shall provide meeting space, 1051
staff services, and other technical assistance required by the 1052
board in carrying out its duties. 1053

Sec. 3738.04. The PAMR board shall seek to reduce the 1054
incidence of pregnancy-associated deaths in this state by doing 1055
all of the following: 1056

(A) Promoting cooperation, collaboration, and 1057
communication ~~between among~~ all groups, professions, agencies, 1058
and entities that serve pregnant and postpartum women and 1059
families; 1060

(B) Identifying all pregnancy-associated deaths in this 1061
state, conducting reviews of the deaths in accordance with rules 1062
adopted under section 3738.11 of the Revised Code, determining 1063
causes and factors that contributed to the deaths, and 1064
determining which actions could have been taken to prevent the 1065
deaths; 1066

(C) Identifying and making recommendations to ameliorate 1067

gaps in care and systemic care delivery issues, including risk 1068
of pregnancy-associated deaths resulting from deficiencies in 1069
insurance coverage, as well as racial and other disparities; 1070

(D) Identifying adverse outcomes resulting from the 1071
differences in quality of care that may be experienced by women 1072
of various geographic areas, races, ethnicities, and 1073
socioeconomic circumstances that may contribute to pregnancy- 1074
associated deaths; 1075

(E) Recommending and developing plans for implementing 1076
service and program changes, as well as changes to the groups, 1077
professions, agencies, and entities that serve pregnant and 1078
postpartum women and families; 1079

~~(C)~~ (F) Providing the department of health with aggregate 1080
data, trends, and patterns regarding pregnancy-associated deaths 1081
using data and other relevant information specified in rules 1082
adopted under section ~~3738.09~~ 3738.11 of the Revised Code; 1083

~~(D)~~ (G) Developing effective interventions to reduce the 1084
mortality of pregnant and postpartum women and disseminating 1085
information about the interventions. 1086

Sec. 3738.05. (A) The department of health shall use all 1087
resources available to it to identify pregnancy-associated 1088
deaths in this state, including maternal death certificates, the 1089
international classification of diseases (ICD) obstetric cause 1090
of death codes, and linking death certificates to live birth and 1091
fetal death certificates. 1092

(B) As soon as practicable after identifying a pregnancy- 1093
associated death, but not later than thirty days after 1094
identifying the death, the department shall submit a written 1095
request to any person or government entity the department has 1096

reason to believe could have information on the circumstances of 1097
the death, including physicians, hospitals, coroners or medical 1098
examiners, emergency medical service personnel, law enforcement 1099
agencies, mental health and addiction professionals, and family 1100
members of the deceased. The request shall specify the 1101
information being sought, which may include medical records; 1102
police, incident, or crash reports; coroner or medical examiner 1103
reports; pathology reports, including toxicology screenings or 1104
autopsy records; descriptions of medical interventions; and 1105
event timelines. 1106

(C) The department also may request and obtain data and 1107
other information from any source with which the department has 1108
a data sharing agreement, including the department of medicaid, 1109
the WIC program as defined in section 3701.132 of the Revised 1110
Code, the Ohio opiate death registry, the Ohio violent death 1111
reporting system established under section 3701.93 of the 1112
Revised Code, and the department of health child death review 1113
database or national child death review database described in 1114
section 307.626 of the Revised Code. 1115

Sec. 3738.05 3738.06. (A) Notwithstanding section 3701.243 1116
and any other section of the Revised Code pertaining to 1117
confidentiality, and except as provided in division (B) or (C) 1118
of this section, ~~an individual, government entity, agency that~~ 1119
~~provides services specifically to individuals or families, law~~ 1120
~~enforcement agency, health care provider, or other public or~~ 1121
~~private entity that provided services to a woman whose death is~~ 1122
~~being reviewed by the PAMR board shall submit to the board a~~ 1123
~~copy of any record it possesses that the board requests~~ a person 1124
or government entity that receives a written request from the 1125
department of health under section 3738.05 of the Revised Code 1126
shall provide the information specified in the request not later 1127

than sixty days after being informed of the pregnancy-associated 1128
death. In addition, such ~~an individual~~ a person or entity may 1129
make available to the board additional information, documents, 1130
or reports that could be useful to the board's ~~investigation~~ 1131
review of a pregnancy-associated death. 1132

(B) No person, government entity, law enforcement agency, 1133
or prosecuting attorney shall provide any information regarding 1134
a pregnancy-associated death to the department while an 1135
investigation of the death or prosecution of a person for 1136
causing the death is pending unless the prosecuting attorney 1137
~~agrees~~ has agreed pursuant to section 3738.02 of the Revised 1138
Code to allow the review of the death. If the provision of 1139
information is to be denied for this reason, the person, 1140
government entity, law enforcement agency, or prosecuting 1141
attorney shall notify the department in writing of the 1142
circumstances. 1143

(C) A family member of the deceased may decline to 1144
participate in an interview that is proposed to be conducted as 1145
part of the ~~review process of reviewing a pregnancy-associated~~ 1146
death. In that case If the family member declines, the review of 1147
the death shall continue without the family member's 1148
participation. 1149

Sec. ~~3738.06~~ 3738.07. (A) Any record, document, report, or 1150
other information presented to the PAMR board, as well as all 1151
statements made by board members during board meetings, all work 1152
products of the board, and data submitted to the department of 1153
health by the board, other than the ~~biennial reports described~~ 1154
~~in section 3738.08~~ required by sections 3738.09 and 3738.10 of 1155
the Revised Code, are confidential and not a public record under 1156
section 149.43 of the Revised Code. Such materials shall be used 1157

by the board and department only in the exercise of the proper 1158
functions of the board and department. 1159

(B) No person shall knowingly permit or encourage the 1160
unauthorized dissemination of confidential information described 1161
in division (A) of this section. 1162

~~(C) Whoever violates division (B) of this section is~~ 1163
~~guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.~~ 1164

Sec. ~~3738.07~~ 3738.08. (A) An individual or public or 1165
private entity providing records, documents, reports, or other 1166
information to the PAMR board is immune from any civil liability 1167
for injury, death, or loss to person or property that otherwise 1168
might be incurred or imposed as a result of providing the 1169
records, documents, reports, or information to the board. 1170

(B) Each PAMR board member is immune from any civil 1171
liability for injury, death, or loss to person or property that 1172
might otherwise be incurred or imposed as a result of the 1173
member's participation on the board. 1174

Sec. ~~3738.08~~ 3738.09. (A) The PAMR board shall prepare a 1175
~~biennial~~an annual report that does all of the following: 1176

(1) Summarizes the board's findings from the pregnancy- 1177
associated death reviews completed in the immediately preceding 1178
~~two calendar years~~ year, including any trends or patterns 1179
identified by the board; 1180

(2) Identifies the actual and potential causes of, and 1181
factors contributing to, pregnancy-associated deaths that 1182
occurred in the immediately preceding calendar year, including 1183
whether gaps in availability and quality of care, systemic care 1184
delivery issues, demographics, deficiencies in insurance 1185
coverage, and racial and other disparities played a role in such 1186

deaths; 1187

(3) ~~Makes recommendations on how determinations regarding~~ 1188
~~the preventability of pregnancy-associated deaths may and~~ 1189
~~recommendations on how such deaths could be prevented, including~~ 1190
~~changes that should be made to recommendations regarding whether~~ 1191
~~changes to any of the following would reduce pregnancy-~~ 1192
~~associated deaths: services and programs that serve pregnant and~~ 1193
~~postpartum women; the groups, professions, agencies, and~~ 1194
~~entities that serve pregnant and postpartum women and families;~~ 1195
~~and policies and laws;~~ 1196

~~(3)-(4) Assesses the board's progress on implementing~~ 1197
~~prior board recommendations;~~ 1198

(5) Includes any other information related to pregnancy- 1199
associated ~~mortality deaths~~ the board considers useful. 1200

(B) A report shall include data that is disaggregated by 1201
the insurance coverage, race, and ethnicity, as well as other 1202
categories identified by the director of health, of the women 1203
who experienced pregnancy-associated death. To the extent 1204
possible, the data shall be delineated to show differences 1205
between population subgroups within each category. A report 1206
shall not contain individually identifiable information 1207
regarding any woman whose death was reviewed by the board. 1208

(C) The board shall submit a copy of each report to the 1209
director of health, the general assembly, and the governor. The 1210
copy to the general assembly shall be submitted in accordance 1211
with section 101.68 of the Revised Code. ~~The~~ 1212

~~The~~ initial report shall be submitted not later than ~~March~~ 1213
~~1, 2020, with subsequent reports submitted not later than March~~ 1214
~~1 every two years thereafter~~ one year after the effective date 1215

of this amendment and shall cover pregnancy-associated deaths 1216
that occurred in the immediately preceding calendar year and 1217
prior years. Each subsequent report shall be submitted not later 1218
than the first day of December of each year beginning with the 1219
December that occurs in the calendar year immediately following 1220
the date on which the initial report was submitted. Each 1221
subsequent report shall cover pregnancy-associated deaths that 1222
occurred in the immediately preceding calendar year. 1223

The director shall make a copy of each report available on 1224
the department of health's web site. 1225

(D) Reports prepared under this section are public records 1226
under section 149.43 of the Revised Code. 1227

Sec. 3738.10. Using data reported under sections 3702.35 1228
and 3727.25 of the Revised Code and any other pertinent data 1229
available, the department of health shall prepare an annual 1230
report that evaluates trends and patterns on severe maternal 1231
morbidity in this state. 1232

Each report shall include data that is disaggregated by 1233
the insurance coverage, race, and ethnicity, as well as other 1234
categories identified by the director of health, of women 1235
affected by severe maternal morbidity. To the extent possible, 1236
the data shall be delineated to show differences between 1237
population subgroups within each category. 1238

Each report shall be submitted with and in the same manner 1239
as the annual reports required by section 3738.09 of the Revised 1240
Code. 1241

Sec. 3738.09 3738.11. The (A) Subject to division (B) of 1242
this section, the director of health shall adopt rules that are 1243
as the director considers necessary for the implementation of 1244

~~sections 3738.01 to 3738.08 of the Revised Code, including rules~~ 1245
this chapter. All rules adopted under this section shall be 1246
adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 1247

(B) The rules adopted under this section shall include 1248
provisions that do all of the following: 1249

~~(A)~~ (1) Establish a procedure for the PAMR board to follow 1250
in conducting pregnancy-associated death reviews; 1251

~~(B)~~ (2) Specify the data and other relevant information 1252
the board must use when conducting pregnancy-associated death 1253
reviews; 1254

~~(C)~~ (3) Establish guidelines for the board to follow to 1255
prevent an unauthorized dissemination of confidential 1256
information in violation of division (B) of section ~~3738.06~~ 1257
3738.07 of the Revised Code; 1258

(4) Identify the organizations that certify doulas who may 1259
be appointed to the board under section 3738.03 of the Revised 1260
Code; 1261

(5) Specify the per diem compensation for board members 1262
who are eligible to receive the compensation, if requested, as 1263
described in section 3738.03 of the Revised Code. 1264

~~The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119.~~ 1265
~~of the Revised Code.~~ 1266

Sec. 3738.99. Whoever violates division (B) of section 1267
3738.07 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the 1268
second degree. 1269

Section 2. That existing sections 149.43, 3738.01, 1270
3738.03, 3738.04, 3738.05, 3738.06, 3738.07, 3738.08, and 1271
3738.09 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1272