

To Whom It May Concern:

A public hearing will be held by the Office of Attorney General Dave Yost on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 1:30PM in the 17<sup>th</sup> Floor Large Conference Room of the Rhodes State Office Tower, 30 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215.

The purpose of the hearing is to solicit additional comments on Administrative Rules 109:5-1-01 – Procedure for requesting criminal records and 109:5-1-03 – Procedure for requesting and processing a search of the retained applicant fingerprint database. Specifically, the change to 109:5-1-01 increases the fee assessed from \$22 to \$30, a reduction from the initially proposed \$35; and the change to 109:5-1-03 increases the fee assessed for both the initial and annual fee from \$5 to \$6, a reduction from the initially proposed \$7.

The specific amended language of the rule is as follows:

## 109:5-1-01 Procedure for requesting criminal records.

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(4) A check, money order, or electronic payment in the amount of twenty two thirty dollars made payable to the "Treasurer of State of Ohio." Law enforcement officers as defined in section 2901.01 of the Revised Code will be exempt from this fee.

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## **109:5-1-03** Procedure for requesting and processing a search for the retained applicant fingerprint database

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(D) The superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall charge an initial fee of five six dollars for each individual entered into the retained applicant fingerprint database and an annual fee of five six dollars thereafter. The payment must be in the form of a business check, money order, or electronic payment made payable to the "Treasurer of State of Ohio."

All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and present oral and/or written testimony. Written testimony may also be submitted prior to the hearing to the attention of Andrew Hopkins at Andrew.Hopkins@ohioattorneygeneral.gov no later than Friday, March 12, 2021 by close of business. For security purposes, if you plan to attend in person, please RSVP to Andrew Hopkins at Andrew.Hopkins@ohioattorneygeneral.gov no later than Friday, March 12, 2021 by close of business.

All individuals attending in person will be required to wear masks and steps will be taken to ensure appropriate social distancing is maintained.

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