



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 121.65 Disputed expenditure or transaction.

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If a dispute arises between an elected executive official, the director of a department created under section 121.02 of the Revised Code, an executive agency official, or any member of the staff of any public officer or employee listed in this division and an employer or executive agency lobbyist with respect to an expenditure or financial transaction alleged in a statement to be filed under section 121.63 or 121.64 of the Revised Code, the public officer or employee, employer, or executive agency lobbyist may file a complaint with the Ohio ethics commission. The commission shall proceed to investigate the complaint as though it were filed under section 102.06 of the Revised Code.

The complaint shall be filed at least three days prior to the time the statement is required to be filed with the joint legislative ethics committee. The time for filing a disputed expenditure or financial transaction in any statement of expenditures or the details of a financial transaction shall be extended pending the final decision of the commission. This extension does not extend the time for filing the nondisputed portions of either type of statement. The commission shall notify the parties of its final decision by certified mail. If the commission decides that the disputed expenditure or financial transaction should be reported, the employer or executive agency lobbyist shall include the matter in an amended statement and file the amended statement not later than ten days after receiving notice of the decision of the commission by certified mail.

An employer or executive agency lobbyist who files a false statement of expenditures or details of a financial transaction is liable in a civil action to any public officer or employee who sustains damage as a result of the filing or publication of the statement.

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