



Ohio Revised Code

Section 9.241 Civil action for recovery of money.

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(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Governmental entity" and "a judgment is uncollectible" have the same meanings as in section 9.23 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Recipient" means a person that enters into or is awarded a contract with a governmental entity for the provision of goods, services, or construction.

(B) A recipient is liable to repay to the governmental entity any money received but not earned under the terms of the contract with the governmental entity.

(C)(1) A governmental entity may bring a civil action for the recovery of money due to the governmental entity from a recipient under division (B) of this section. In such an action, any person with which the recipient has contracted for the performance of the recipient's material obligations under the recipient's contract with the governmental entity may be made a party defendant if the person is unable to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the governmental entity that the person has materially complied with the terms of the contract with the recipient. In such a case, the person may be made a party defendant and the governmental entity may obtain a judgment against the person in accordance with division (C)(2) of this section.

(2) If a governmental entity obtains a judgment against a recipient in a civil action brought under division (C)(1) of this section and the judgment is uncollectible, the governmental entity may recover from the person with which the recipient contracted an amount not exceeding the lesser of the following:

(a) The unsatisfied amount of the judgment;

(b) The total amount received by the person from the recipient minus the total amount earned by the



person under the terms of the recipient's contract with the governmental entity.

(D) If a governmental entity, pursuant to this section, obtains a judgment against a recipient or against a person with which the recipient contracted and that judgment debtor does not voluntarily pay the amount of the judgment, that judgment debtor shall be precluded from contracting with a governmental entity to the extent provided in divisions (A) and (B) of section 9.24 of the Revised Code for a debtor against whom a finding of recovery has been issued.

(E) In addition to other remedies provided in divisions (B) to (D) of this section, a governmental entity may void a contract between a recipient and another person for the performance by the other person of the recipient's obligations under the recipient's contract with the governmental entity to the extent that the other person has not yet performed its obligations under the contract.

(F) If a recipient is liable to repay money to a governmental entity under this section and the judgment obtained by the governmental entity against the recipient is uncollectible, then in addition to other remedies provided in divisions (B) to (D) of this section, and after the governmental entity has obtained a judgment against any necessary third party, the governmental entity may void any of the following contracts:

(1) A contract made not more than one hundred eighty days before the judgment against the recipient became uncollectible between the recipient and a director, trustee, or officer of the recipient or a business in which a director, trustee, or officer of the recipient has a material financial interest, if either of the following applies:

(a) The recipient has paid substantial value for property received and the property can be returned to the other person. If the property has experienced only normal wear and tear, the person shall be liable to the governmental entity for the full amount the recipient paid for the property. Otherwise, the person shall be liable to the governmental entity only for the market value of the property.

(b) The person with which the recipient contracted has received money that the recipient obtained pursuant to the contract with the governmental entity and has used the money other than for the performance of the contract. In such a case, the governmental entity may void the contract to the extent that the person has used the money other than for the performance of the contract, and the



person shall be liable to the governmental entity for that amount.

(2) A contract made not more than one hundred eighty days before the judgment against the recipient became uncollectible between the recipient and an employee of the recipient or a business in which an employee of the recipient has a material financial interest, if the employee has direct knowledge of the use of the money that the recipient obtained pursuant to the contract with the governmental entity and either division (F)(1)(a) or (b) of this section applies;

(3) A contract between the recipient and another person pursuant to which the recipient has paid or agreed to pay money to the other person, to the extent that the other person has not yet performed its obligations under the contract;

(4) A contract made not more than one year before the judgment against the recipient became uncollectible between the recipient and a person other than the governmental entity if the other person has not given or agreed to give consideration of reasonable and substantial value for the consideration given by the recipient.

(G) This section does not apply with respect to any contract entered into by a governmental entity under section 9.231 of the Revised Code that is subject to section 9.236 of the Revised Code.