



# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

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January 24, 2017

Mark H. Reed  
Clerk of the Court  
Ohio Court of Claims  
The Ohio Judicial Center  
65 South Front Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Clerk Reed:

I am writing, as required by Ohio Revised Code (O.R.C.) section 2743.49, to report to you on the adjustments calculated by the Auditor of State's Office regarding the amount owed to an individual who has been found to be wrongfully convicted and imprisoned in the State of Ohio.

O.R.C. §2743.48 allows an individual who has been wrongfully convicted and imprisoned for committing a felony criminal offense to file a civil action against the state. Included in the statute is an amount which an individual is entitled to recover for each full year in which the person was wrongfully imprisoned.

O.R.C. §2743.49 requires that in each odd-numbered year, the Auditor of State shall adjust the amount owed to a wrongfully-imprisoned individual, based on the yearly average of the Consumer Price Index for the previous two years, and shall forward a report of the adjusted amount to the Ohio General Assembly, and to the Ohio Court of Claims. The adjusted amount is effective for the next two years. This letter is intended to satisfy the reporting requirement of this statute.

**Based on the formula provided in O.R.C. §2743.49, the new adjusted amount for wrongful imprisonment awards is \$52,625.18.** This amount is to be in effect for 2017 and 2018. As described in O.R.C. §2743.49, this report and all related documents are public records and are available for copying and inspection in my office. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you need additional information about this report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost".

**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State

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Certification of Wrongful Imprisonment		2017 (for 2017-2018)
1	Using the yearly average for the immediately preceding even-numbered year (2016) as the base year, the auditor of state shall compare the most current average consumer price index (2016, determined in 2017) . . .	240.0
2	With that determined in the preceding odd numbered year (2014 determined in 2015) . . .	236.7
3	And shall determine the percentage increase or decrease.	1.4%
4	The auditor of state shall multiply the percentage increase or decrease by the actual dollar figure specified in division (B)(2)(b) of section 2743.48 of the Revised Code (or the actual dollar figure determined from the previous odd-numbered year under this section) . . .	\$51,901.58
5	And shall add the product to or subtract the product from . . .	\$723.60
6	Its corresponding actual dollar figure, as applicable for the previous odd-numbered year.	\$51,901.58
7	<b>Recertified Amount</b>	<b>\$52,625.18</b>

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2017 through 2018 Certification of Wrongful Imprisonment**



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## CERTIFICATION OF WRONGFUL IMPRISONMENT CALCULATIONS UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 2743.49

I, Eric J. Kline, with the Ohio Auditor of State Dave Yost's Center for Audit Excellence hereby certify the calculations contained in the attached Wrongful Imprisonment report for the effective period 2017-2018 is pursuant to O.R.C. §2743.49(B)(2). The report provides the summary and the method of the calculations performed pursuant to O.R.C. §2743.48(E)(2)(b).

Additionally, I hereby certify that all documents related to this report and the calculations contained therein are available for inspection and copying at the office of the Ohio Auditor of State.

*Eric J. Kline*

ERIC J. KLINE  
Center for Auditing Excellence  
Ohio Auditor of State Dave Yost

*January 24, 2017*  
Date