

**Executive Summary  
Cremation Services for the Indigent**

**Background/Purpose:**

Ohio Revised Code 3705.1 and 3705.29 establishes a statewide system of registration of births, deaths, fetal deaths, and other vital statistics. Per this legislation, offices of vital statistics are housed within departments of health and primary registration districts. The Director of the Ohio Department of Health oversees this system of vital statistics and works with local departments to insure that Ohio has a complete and accurate registration of vital statistics.

The legislation authorizes the Director of Public Health to secure contracts for cremation services for indigent persons for the Division of Health, Department of Public Health and allows the Bureau of Vital Statistics to provide services to residents of the City of Cleveland.

**2026 Budgeted Amount:** \$250,000

**Term:** Two Years with two one-year options to renew exercisable by the Director of Public Health

**Funding Source:** 2026 General Fund