
OHIO HISTORY CONNECTION

- Allows the Ohio History Connection to work with American Indian tribes to select, manage, and use burial sites for the repatriation of American Indian human remains.

American Indian burial sites

(R.C. 149.3010)

The bill allows the Ohio History Connection to use land for repatriation of American Indian human remains. The land must be either owned by the Ohio History Connection, owned by the state and in the Ohio History Connection's custody and control, leased by the Ohio History Connection, or leased from the Ohio History Connection to another entity or organization.

The Ohio History Connection must work with and cooperate with federally recognized Indian tribal governments in the selection, management, and use of the burial sites. And it must implement reasonable standards for the use and maintenance of the burial sites. If the Ohio History Connection disposes of or no longer has custody and control of a burial site, the agency must retain access and authority to maintain the site or must assign its right of access and maintenance to the person acquiring the site.

The Ohio History Connection is not required to register a burial site as a cemetery and is not otherwise subject to the laws that apply to cemetery operators, including, for instance, maintenance standards and a complaints process.