

LSC Greenbook

Analysis of the Enacted Budget

Department of Public Safety Main Operating Budget Funding

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Budget Spreadsheet By Line Item

Department of Public Safety

- Main operating budget includes GRF funding for the Investigative Unit. All other funding provided in the transportation budget.

OVERVIEW

Appropriation Overview

Within the Department of Public Safety's (DPS) budget, there is one line item, 767420, Investigative Unit – Operating, that is funded via the GRF. The majority of funding for DPS can be found in the Transportation Budget. The Investigative Unit is responsible for enforcing laws related to liquor, food stamps, and tobacco. In FY 2013, the unit's operating expenses were funded with liquor profits.

The table below shows that the Investigative Unit's line item is flat funded at \$10.5 million per fiscal year. This makes up 1.5% of the total budget for the Department. It represents a decrease from FY 2013 expenditures of \$11.7 million, or 10.1%, for Liquor Control Fund 7043 line item 767321, Liquor Enforcement – Operating.

Agency Appropriations by Fund Group, FY 2014-FY 2015 (Am. Sub. H.B. 59)					
Fund Group	FY 2013*	FY 2014	% change, FY 2013-FY 2014	FY 2015	% change, FY 2014-FY 2015
General Revenue	\$0	\$10,500,000	N/A	\$10,500,000	0.0%
TOTAL	\$0	\$10,500,000	N/A	\$10,500,000	0.0%

*FY 2013 figures represent actual expenditures.

Major Initiatives

Changes to the Transportation Budget

The budget makes several changes to the recently enacted transportation budget, Am. Sub. H.B. 51 of the 130th General Assembly.

DPS Wireless 9-1-1 Administration

The budget amends H.B. 51 to eliminate appropriation item 764609, DPS Wireless 9-1-1 Administration.

Diversion of Revenues from the International Registration Plan Fund

The budget amends H.B. 51 to reduce the amount of the diversion of revenues from the International Registration Plan Fund (Fund 7050) to the State Highway Safety Fund (Fund 7036) in FY 2014 from \$35,000,000 to \$29,000,000.

Effective Date Change

The budget delays the effective date of R.C. 4503.192, which was enacted in H.B. 51 and generally permits a person who is replacing license plates to retain the distinctive combination of letters and numbers on the person's current license plates upon payment of a \$10 administrative fee, from July 1, 2013 until January 1, 2014.

Automated Title Processing System

The budget includes a provision permitting clerks of courts of common pleas to use money in the Automated Title Processing Fund (Fund 8490) to pay for ribbons, cartridges, and other devices necessary for the operation of their certificate of title processing equipment.

Driver's License/Identification Card Changes

The budget makes the following changes to driver's license and state identification card laws as they relate to organ donation:

1. Provides that after a person authorizes a statement or symbol to be imprinted on a driver's license or identification card certifying that the person is willing to be an organ donor, the person does not have to recertify that willingness, and that the authorization remains in effect until it is revoked.
2. Modifies the requirement that an application for a driver's license or identification card include a statement of the applicant's willingness to be an organ donor to apply only to applicants who have not previously certified their willingness to be an organ donor.

Registrar Changes

The budget makes the following changes to the deputy registrar laws:

1. Allows a deputy registrar to operate more than one office if determined by the Registrar to be practical.
2. Changes the length of time of a deputy registrar contract from two to three years to five years, except under certain circumstances.
3. Requires each deputy registrar, during the duration of the contract, to live within a one-hour commute from the deputy registrar's office or offices.
4. Eliminates the requirement that every deputy registrar display the toll-free telephone number for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

5. Allows an individual or a nonprofit corporation to be designated as a deputy registrar.
6. Removes a provision of the Revised Code that allows the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to contract with a third party to accept and process payments made by use of a financial transaction device.
7. Requires the Registrar to comply with the Financial Transaction Device Contracting Law.

Special License Plates

The budget creates five new special license plates. They are the (1) Massillon Tiger Football Booster Club, (2) Truth, Justice, and the American Way, (3) Ohio Coal, (4) Kiwanis Club, and (5) Ohio History license plates. With the exception of the Ohio Coal plate, each newly created license plate requires a contribution ranging from \$10 to \$25 to be deposited to the credit of the License Plate Contribution Fund (Fund 5V10) and then distributed to certain specified nonprofit organizations. All five of the new license plates require payment of a \$10 administrative fee to be deposited to the credit of the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund (Fund 4W40).

License Plate Safety Task Force

The budget creates the License Plate Safety Task Force that consists of eight members, at least five of whom must represent law enforcement. The members of the task force are to be appointed by the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. The task force is required to examine the extent of license plate degradation over time and the impediments to law enforcement efforts caused by illegible license plates resulting from degradation, study whether having dual license plates is beneficial to law enforcement officers and determine whether the state should continue its dual plate requirement, and issue a report of its findings and recommendations no later than December 31, 2013.

Chauffeured Limousines

The budget changes the definition of "chauffeured limousine" to remove a provision that requires the vehicle to be operated for hire on an hourly basis. The budget also removes a provision that requires a prearranged chauffeured limousine contract to specify the amount charged at a fixed rate per hour or trip. Instead, the budget establishes the fare and method of fare calculation so long as the method of fare calculation is provided to the passenger upon request. Finally, the budget contains a provision that allows the operator of a chauffeured limousine to provide transportation to passengers who arrange for the transportation through an intermediary, including a digital dispatching service.

Motorcycle Parking

The budget contains a provision that allows the operators of not more than two motorcycles to park in a parking space that is located on the side of, and parallel to, a road or highway. The motorcycles are permitted to face any direction when so parked.

Vetoed Provision

The budget amends H.B. 51 to increase appropriation item 764321, Operating Expense – Highway Patrol, by \$510,900 in fiscal year 2014. The governor vetoed two provisions related to this line item. The first transferred cash from the GRF to the State Highway Safety Fund (Fund 7036) to cover the increase in the appropriation and the second earmarked the increase for the purchase of specialized equipment for examining commercial truck cargo.

ANALYSIS OF ENACTED BUDGET

The following table shows the appropriation in the main operating appropriations bill for the Department of Public Safety. Following the table, a narrative describes how the appropriation is used.

Appropriation Amounts for Department of Public Safety				
Fund	ALI and Name		FY 2014	FY 2015
General Revenue Fund				
GRF	767420	Investigative Unit – Operating	\$10,500,000	\$10,500,000
Total Funding: Investigations			\$10,500,000	\$10,500,000

Investigative Unit – Operating (767420)

This line item is used for the operating expenses of the Investigative Unit. The Investigative Unit enforces the laws, rules, and regulations related to alcohol, food stamp fraud, and gambling.

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FY 2014 - FY 2015 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

Line Item Detail by Agency

			Appropriation	FY 2013 to FY 2014	Appropriation	FY 2014 to FY 2015		
			FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015		
					% Change	% Change		
Report For Main Operating Appropriations Bill			Version: Enacted					
DPS Department of Public Safety								
GRF	767420	Investigative Unit - Operating	\$0	\$0	\$ 10,500,000	N/A	\$ 10,500,000	0.00%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$0	\$0	\$ 10,500,000	N/A	\$ 10,500,000	0.00%
Department of Public Safety Total			\$0	\$0	\$ 10,500,000	N/A	\$ 10,500,000	0.00%