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Introduction

The Comparison Document provides brief descriptions and fiscal estimates of the provisions that make up the executive recommended version and subsequent versions of the biennial main operating budget bill of the 131st General Assembly, House Bill 64. This Comparison Document Base edition contains the executive recommendations for H.B. 64, As Introduced. The document is arranged in alphabetical order by state agency. It also includes two nonagency items for which appropriations are made, Employee Benefits Fund (PAY) and Revenue Distribution Funds (RDF). A Table of Contents follows this Introduction. Two indices are located at the end of the document. The first index gives the page number of each particular item within the sections; the second index lists cross-references by agency.

Generally within an agency's section, items that involve Revised Code changes come first, followed by items that involve uncodified (i.e., temporary) law provisions. The sections for the Department of Education and the Department of Taxation are first arranged by general topic areas. If an item affects more than one agency, it is described under one of the affected agencies, rather than all of the agencies. However, the other agencies are listed in the cross-referencing index at the end of the document. This index lists, for each agency, all entries that affect the agency but are not included in that agency's section as well as the page numbers for these entries. A reader who is interested in all provisions affecting a certain agency should consult the cross-referencing index in addition to the agency's section.

Each item is assigned a unique identification number. This number begins with an agency's three-letter Central Accounting System (CAS) code followed by a comparison document reference ("CD") and a number (TAXCD15, for example). A reader who wants to track an item across several versions of the Comparison Document may find the identification number useful.

The Comparison Document does not include appropriation amounts for the agencies. Please see the Legislative Service Commission's Budget in Detail spreadsheet for that information. For a complete discussion of the statutory changes in H.B. 64, see the Legislative Service Commission's Bill Analysis for H.B. 64.

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ADJCD1 **National guard benefits**

Section: ***205.10***

(1) Requires GRF appropriation item 745407, National Guard Benefits, to be used for the purpose of paying reimbursement of active duty members for life insurance premiums (R.C. 5919.31), and death benefits where an active duty member dies while performing active duty (R.C. 5919.33), and administrative costs of the associated programs.

(2) Permits the Adjutant General, if necessary in order to pay benefits pursuant to R.C. 5919.31 and 5919.33 in a timely manner, to request the Director of Budget and Management transfer appropriation from any appropriation item used by the Adjutant General to GRF appropriation item 745407, National Guard Benefits. Allows the Adjutant General to seek Controlling Board approval to restore the appropriation in any appropriation item for which such a transfer was made.

(3) Requires, for active duty members of the National Guard who died after October 7, 2001, while performing active duty, the death benefit being paid pursuant to R.C. 5919.33 be paid to the beneficiary or beneficiaries designated on the member's Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Policy.

ADJCD2 **State active duty costs**

Section: ***205.10***

Earmarks $50,000 in each fiscal year of GRF appropriation item 745409, Central Administration, for the purpose of paying expenses related to state active duty of members of the Ohio organized militia, in accordance with a proclamation of the Governor. Specifies that expenses include, but are not limited to, the cost of equipment, supplies, and services, as determined by the Adjutant General's Department.

Executive

DASCD38 **State agency procurement procedures**

R.C. ***9.83, 125.02,125.04,125.041, 125.05, 125.07, 125.08, 125.10, 125.11, 125.45, 918.41, 1349.04, 3334.08, 4121.03, 4121.121, 4123.322, and 5513.01; Repealed: 125.021, 125.022, 125.03, 125.06, 125.17***

(1) Reorganizes the State Procurement Law and clarifies that DAS must establish contracts for supplies and services (including telephone, telecommunications, and computer services) for the use of state agencies and may do so for political subdivisions.

(2) Adds the Attorney General, the Auditor of State, the Secretary of State, and the Treasurer of State to the list of entities (the Adjutant General for military supplies and services, the General Assembly, the judicial branch, state institutions of higher education, and the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board) that are exempt from the above requirement. Permits these exempt entities to request DAS assistance with procurement. Specifies that nothing prevents state elected officials from complying with or participating in any aspect of the State Procurement Law through DAS.

(3) Requires the DAS Director to adopt rules regarding circumstances and criteria for a state agency to obtain a release and permit to make a purchase not under DAS, and allows DAS to grant a blanket release and permit for a state agency for specific purchases for a fiscal year or for the biennium.

(4) Allows DAS to enter into cooperative purchasing agreements with the exempt state entities and elected officials in addition to the Department of Transportation, other states, the federal government, other purchasing consortia, and political subdivisions.

(5) Permits the federal government, other states, other purchasing consortia, or any interstate compact authority to purchase supplies or services from contracts established by DAS.

(6) Eliminates the authority of DAS to enter into a contract to purchase bulk long distance telephone services for members of the immediate family of deployed persons.

(7) Permits DAS to allow state institutions of higher education and governmental agencies to participate in DAS contracts and requires an entity desiring to participate in a DAS contract to file a request containing certain documents with DAS.

(8) Requires DAS to include in its annual report an estimate of the purchases made by state institutions of higher education, governmental agencies, political subdivisions, and other specified entities from DAS contracts.

(9) Requires the DAS Director to adopt rules to permit DAS to make purchases by competitive sealed bid, and requires competitive sealed bids to be awarded as provided in continuing law to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

(10) Requires that, for purchases made by competitive sealed bid, DAS provide notice by electronic means, and eliminates this statutory notice requirement for other forms of competitive selection.

(11) Eliminates notice by mail and provides that the manner of providing notice of a purchase by DAS by competitive sealed bid may be in any electronic form the director considers appropriate to sufficiently notify competing persons of the intended purchases.

(12) Removes the requirement for DAS to make a public posting of notice on a bulletin board, and removes the complementary penalty of invalidating all proceedings and any contract entered into for a failure to post.

(13) Permits DAS to require that all bids and proposals be accompanied by a performance bond or other financial assurance, instead of a performance bond or other cash surety.

(14) Specifies, for meat and poultry, only bids received from vendors under inspection of the United States Department of Agriculture or are licensed by the Ohio Department of Agriculture are eligible for acceptance. Removes a requirement that DAS establish and maintain a list of approved meat and poultry vendors.

(15) Removes the Bureau of Workers' Compensation's exemption from the requirement that all boards, commissions, and departments obtain reproduction services through DAS. Requires that the Administrator of Workers' Compensation make purchases for supplies and services in compliance with the State Procurement Law.

(16) Eliminates the Administrator's authority to make contracts for and supervise the construction of any project or improvement, or the construction or repair of buildings, under the Bureau's control.

(17) Removes exemptions for the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority that state that the State Procurement Law does not apply to the Authority, and instead states that the law does not apply to contracts approved under the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority Board's powers.

(18) Allows the Director of Transportation, in addition to other entities under continuing law, to permit a state agency to participate in contracts the Director has entered into for certain purchases. (Such purchases are exempt from competitive bidding requirements.)

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(19) Removes a requirement for DAS to determine what supplies and services are purchased by or for state agencies and removes the subsequent requirement for DAS to provide state agencies, when making changes to the supplies and services, to provide state agencies with a list of those changes.

Fiscal effect: To the extent that other entities are brought under the umbrella of DAS's purchasing authority either by inclusion in cooperative purchasing arrangements or by eliminating exemptions, there could be some reduction in prices paid by state entities or participating political subdivisions for goods and services as a result of the state's increased purchasing power.

DASCD6 Notification to non-responsive low bidder by electronic means

R.C. ***9.312***

Permits DAS to use electronic means to notify the apparent low bidder in a reverse auction or competitive sealed bidding process when the bidder has been found to be not responsive and responsible as an alternative to notifying them by first class mail as allowed under current law.

Fiscal effect: Electronic delivery would likely result in a slight decrease in costs paid by the General Services Division from Fund 1770 and speed up the bid notification process overall. The Division's electronic procurement system already has this capability.

DASCD5 Changes to the scope of the Public Employees Health Care Program

R.C. ***9.901, 9.833, 9.90***

Permits instead of requires political subdivisions, school districts, or state institutions of higher education to offer health care plans that consider (rather than contain) best practices identified (rather than established) by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) or established by the former School Employees Health Care Board.

Removes a provision that permits a political subdivision, upon consulting with DAS, to adopt a delivery system of benefits that is not in accordance with the best practices if DAS considers it to be most financially advantageous to the political subdivision.

Executive

Eliminates the Public Employees Health Care Fund used by DAS to administer the Public Employees Health Care Program.

Modifies DAS's duties related to public employee health care plans by: (A) Requiring DAS to study instead of publish information regarding the health care plans offered by political subdivisions, public school districts, state institutions, and existing consortiums; (B) Requiring DAS to provide representative cost estimates of options for health care plans instead of assisting in the design of the plans; (C) Requiring DAS to study and release standards that may be considered best practices for health care plans offered to employees of political subdivisions, public school districts, and state institutions instead of adopting and releasing a set of standards that must be considered best practices for those plans; (D) Removing a requirement that DAS prepare and release an annual report on the status of health plan sponsors' effectiveness in complying with best practices and in making progress to reduce insurance premium increases and employee out-of-pocket expenses, as well as progress in improving the health status of employees and their families; and (E) Removing the authority of DAS to adopt rules for the enforcement of health plan sponsors' compliance with the best practice standards.

Provides DAS ongoing authority to convene a public Health Care Advisory Committee to assist in studying relevant issues, but removes the following related to the Committee: (A) That the Committee make recommendations to DAS on the development and adoption of best practices; (B) That the Committee consist of 15 members appointed by the Speaker of the House, the Senate President, and the Governor and include certain representatives; and (C) That the members must serve without compensation.

Fiscal effect: There may be a slight reduction in administrative costs for DAS to carry out these responsibilities. For FY 2014-FY 2015, these costs were paid from GRF appropriation item 100403, Public Employees Health Care Program. There is no such appropriation under H.B. 64.

DASCD2 Permanent authority to assign and modify job classification plans

R.C. ***124.14, 124.15, Section 690.10 (Repeals Section 701.61 of H.B. 59 of the 130th G.A)***

Provides permanent authority for the Director of Administrative Services to assign and modify job classifications plans, and to establish experimental classification plans, without adopting rules. (H.B. 59 or the 130th G.A. provided this authority on a temporary basis through July 1, 2015.)

Fiscal effect: None.

Executive

DASCD3 Temporary assignment of employees to a higher classification

R.C. ***124.181, Section 690.10 (Repeals Section 701.10 of H.B. 59 of the 130th G.A.)***

Provides an appointing authority ongoing authorization to temporarily assign an employee to work in a higher level position for a period not more than two years, but, for the duration of the temporary assignment, requires the employee to be paid at approximately 4% above his or her current base rate instead of allows such an employee to be paid at approximately 4% above his or her current base when a vacancy exists or requires the employee to be paid at a rate commensurate with the duties of the higher classification when a vacancy does not exist.

Fiscal effect: The provision gives employers more flexibility to assign employees duties as needed.

DASCD37 DAS procurement preference review and competitive selection process

R.C. ***125.035, 113.07, 122.87, 125.04, 125.041, 125.05, 125.07, 125.08, 125.081, 125.601, 125.607, 125.609, 5147.07, 5162.11, 5513.01; Repealed: 125.051, 125.06***

(1) Establishes a centralized procurement preference review process whereby state agencies that are subject to DAS procurement policies must submit a purchase request to DAS when seeking to purchase supplies or services.

(2) Requires DAS to ascertain whether purchases can be made from Ohio Penal Industries or the Community-based Rehabilitation Program (referred to as first requisite procurement programs) or specified second requisite procurement programs and requires DAS to direct the requesting agency to use one of the first or second requisite programs or to provide the agency with waivers from purchasing from those programs.

(3) Requires DAS generally to complete its determination within five business days after receipt of the agency request; if no program responds concerning its ability to fulfill the request, the requesting agency is authorized to use its direct purchasing authority to obtain the services or supplies, subject to the requirements of the release and permit and applicable competitive bidding thresholds.

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(4) Authorizes DAS to adopt administrative rules to provide for the manner of carrying out the functions and the powers and duties contemplated by the procurement review process.

(5) Specifies that the procurement review process also applies to agency purchases below the competitive bid threshold.

(6) Eliminates current certification authority for state agencies to purchase supplies and services that cost more than $25,000 but less than $50,000, and instead adopts a single $50,000 threshold, consequently allowing state agencies to make purchases below $50,000 without competitive selection after complying with the new DAS preference review. Requires state agencies to make purchases of $50,000 or more through DAS unless a waiver or release and permit is granted in conjunction with the review.

(7) Eliminates current authority for DAS to divide the state into purchasing districts. Eliminates the requirement that the Director of DAS keep a competitive selection notification list. Removes the ability for persons to be placed on or removed from the competitive selection notification list and the authority for DAS to charge an annual registration fee of not more than $10 for such listing privilege.

(8) Retains current authority for persons certified as a minority business enterprise to be placed on a special minority business enterprise notification list, but deletes the requirement that this list be kept in a similar fashion as the competitive selection notification list eliminated in (7) above.

Fiscal effect: Centralizing review of all purchases by state agencies within DAS may result in lower procurement costs paid by state agencies for goods and services. Potentially creates new administrative costs for DAS stemming from increased workloads, however any increase would likely be minimal at most. The oversight costs for this program are paid out of participation fees deposited into the General Services Fund (Fund 1170).

DASCD35 Emergency procurement procedures

R.C. ***125.061, 125.04, 125.023 (Repealed)***

Modifies DAS's authority to suspend, for the Emergency Management Agency or any other state agency participating in response and recovery activities, the purchasing and contracting requirements of certain laws that would otherwise apply, as follows:

(1) Requires the Director of Administrative Services to send a notice of request for suspension from normal contracting requirements, along with the Director's approval, to the Director of Budget and Management and to members of the Controlling Board before any purchases may be made by an agency under the suspension authority.

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(2) Specifies that all purchases made by state agencies under this emergency authority are exempt from competitive bidding, without the need for Controlling Board approval, until the end of the emergency, but specifies that state agencies must file a report with the President of the Controlling Board describing all such purchases made during the period covered by the emergency declaration or procurement emergency. Requires the report to be filed within 90 days after the declaration expires.

Fiscal effect: None apparent.

DASCD33 Recycled products

R.C. ***125.082***

Provides DAS with ongoing authority to adopt rules that establish guidelines allowing state entities and offices to purchase recycled products, but removes the requirements that the guidelines are: (1) Consistent with and substantially equivalent to certain regulations adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency; (2) Establish the minimum percentage of recycled materials products must contain; and (3) Incorporate specifications for recycled-content materials.

Eliminates the specific authority for the Director to adopt rules establishing a maximum percentage by which the cost of purchased recycled products may exceed the cost of comparable products made of virgin materials.

Eliminates the requirement that the Department of Administrative Services and the Environmental Protection Agency must annually prepare and submit a report that describes the value and types of recycled products that are purchased with state moneys by various state entities and offices.

Fiscal effect: Potentially reduces procurement costs for state agencies, state supported institutions of higher education, and other state instrumentalities by eliminating provisions that establish a price preference for products containing recycled materials. DAS and EPA would also have a negligible decrease in administration costs from the elimination of an annual reporting requirement.

Executive

DASCD34 Excess and surplus supplies

R.C. ***125.13, 5139.03***

(1) When providing DAS with the list of excess and surplus supplies, requires state agencies to include the supplies' location and whether the agency has control of the supplies instead of an appraised value of the supplies.

(2) Clarifies that the Director must take control of and make arrangements for the disposition of excess and surplus supplies upon notification and at no cost to the state agency.

(3) Specifies that this requirement does not apply to excess or surplus supplies that are part of an approved interagency transfer or that are donated food.

(4) Requires the Director to post on a public web site a list of the excess and surplus supplies available for acquisition, and prohibits the Director from charging a fee for the collection or transportation of excess and surplus supplies.

(5) Removes the requirement that the Director dispose of excess and surplus supplies in a specific order prioritizing certain recipients of the supplies over others.

(6) Permits the Director to dispose of excess and surplus supplies by interagency trade or to a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that also receives state funds or has a state contract.

(7) Eliminates the prohibition that state assisted institutions of higher education, tax supported agencies, political subdivisions, private fire companies, or nonprofit emergency medical service organizations cannot convey excess or surplus supplies acquired from the state to private entities or the general public at a price greater than the price it originally paid.

(8) Allows excess and surplus supplies of food to be donated directly to nonprofit food pantries and institutions without notification to the Director.

(9) Removes the exemption that allows the Department of Youth services (DYS) to transfer its excess or surplus supplies to a community corrections facility, but retain ownership of the supplies.

Fiscal effect: Potentially results in decreased costs for state agencies in general and DAS in particular. Additionally, state institutions of higher education, tax supported agencies, and political subdivisions could potentially offset a portion of their supplies costs if they are able to sell excess and surplus supplies they acquired from the state at a price greater than they paid.

Executive

DASCD10 Funding for building operation and improvement

R.C. ***125.27, 125.28***

Alters the manner by which DAS seeks reimbursement from state agencies for space occupied in state-owned or state-leased buildings in the following ways:

(1) Removes specific provisions detailing how state agencies funded in whole or in part by non-GRF money are to reimburse the state for the cost of occupancy, but retains the requirement that the Director of DAS determine the reimbursable cost of occupancy in state-owned facilities and collect payments for those costs.

(2) Removes the requirement that all money collected from state agencies for debt service be deposited into the GRF.

(3) Requires all money collected by DAS for depreciation and related costs to be deposited into either the Building Improvement Fund (Fund 5KZ0) used for major maintenance and improvements or into the Building Management Fund (Fund 1320) used for building operating expenses and then transferred by the Director of OBM to Fund 5KZ0.

(4) Expands the use of the Building Improvement Fund (Fund 5KZ0) to include major maintenance on all DAS-maintained facilities, not just the Rhodes Tower, Vern Riffe Center, Lausche Building, Ocasek Building, and the Toledo Government Center.

(5) Abolishes the Building Operation Fund (Fund 5LA0) that was used to pay for the operating expenses of the five major state office buildings mentioned above.

Fiscal effect: The current funding for the operations of buildings managed by DAS differs depending upon whether or not the building was formerly managed by the Ohio Building Authority (OBA). This stems from requirements of the debt instruments issued by OBA to fund the construction of those facilities. Because the obligations issued by OBA have been satisfied, a uniform funding scheme for all buildings managed by DAS is possible. The changes proposed by the bill will have two main effects. First, DAS's GRF appropriations will be reduced due to executive agencies funded in whole or in part by the GRF becoming responsible for paying their own rent for the portions of buildings that they occupy. GRF appropriations for those agencies will be increased in an appropriate amount to cover those rent costs formerly paid by DAS on behalf of the agencies.

Executive

DASCD7 State printing and form management

R.C. ***125.31, 125.36, 125.38, 125.39, 125.42, 125.43, 125.45, 125.49, 125.51, 125.58, 125.76, 5709.67; Repealed: 125.32, 125.37, 125.47, 125.48, 125.50, 125.52, 125.53, 125.54, 125.55, 125.56, 125.57, 125.68, 125.91, 125.92, 125.93, 125.96, 125.98, 149.13***

Places printing for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation under DAS supervision.

Eliminates the State Forms Management Program within DAS and modifies the Department's responsibilities regarding public printing as follows:

(1) Replaces the term "paper" with the term "printing goods and services" and updates other references to reflect current printing processes.

(2) Provides for the use of requests for proposals in addition to invitations to bid on printing contracts.

(3) Eliminates the requirement that printing for the state be divided into four classes and separate contracts be entered into for each class.

(4) Eliminates specific responsibilities of DAS to determine the kind, weight, and quality of paper used in public printing, and the binding of publications.

(5) Eliminates the general preference for in-state printing.

(6) Eliminates a requirement that each copy of certain state publications include the total number of copies produced and the cost of each copy.

Fiscal effect: Potential reduction in state printing oversight costs paid from GRF appropriation item 130321, State Agency Support Services. State agency payments for printing services are deposited into the State Printing Fund (Fund 2100).

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DASCD36 Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program Council

R.C. ***125.901, Section 701.40***

Revises the membership of the Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program Council (OGRIP) by removing all members appointed by the Governor and replacing them with all of the following or their designees: (1) the Chancellor of the Board of Regents; (2) the Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management within DNR, (3) the Director of Public Safety, (4) the Executive Director of the County Auditors' Association, (5) the Executive Director of the County Commissioners' Association, (6) the Executive Director of the County Engineers' Association, (7) the Executive Director of the Ohio Municipal League, and (8) the Executive Director of the Ohio Townships Association. Specifies that the members serve without compensation.

Specifies that the Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program Council, as revised by the amendments to R.C. 125.901, constitutes a continuation of the Council established in that section as it existed prior to the effective date of those amendments.

Fiscal effect: None.

DASCD9 9-1-1 Program Office

R.C. ***128.40***

Gives the 9-1-1 Program Office oversight of the Wireless 9-1-1 Program Fund (Fund 5MN0) and the Next Generation 9-1-1 Fund, in addition to the 9-1-1 Government Assistance Fund (Fund 7094) as under current law.

Fiscal effect: None. H.B. 59 of the 130th G.A inadvertently provided the 9-1-1 Program Office statutory oversight of only Fund 7094, whereas the Office was intended to have oversight of all three funds. The state is currently developing a "next generation 9-1-1" strategy through the Emergency Service Internet Protocol Network Steering Committee.

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DASCD4 **Authorization to make transfers for late payment for service subscriptions**

R.C. ***131.34***

Permits a state agency to certify to the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) the amount due for a service subscription (i.e. telecommunications or IT services) provided to another state agency for which payment was not received within 30 days after initiating the service subscription and submitting an invoice for payment and authorizes the Director of OBM to transfer the amount that should have been paid for the service subscription from the appropriate fund of the agency receiving the service subscription to the one providing it. (Such authority exists under current law, but only for recovering the cost of goods and services provided by one agency to another.)

Defines a service subscription as an ongoing service provided to a state agency by another state agency for which an estimated payment is made in advance and final payment due is calculated based on actual use.

Fiscal effect: Ensures a sufficient revenue stream to prevent potential abrupt changes in service charges collected by DAS's Office of Information Technology (OIT) and deposited into one of three IT related funds: (1) the Information Technology Fund (Fund 1330), (2) the Enterprise Purchases Fund (Fund 2290), and (3) the Major IT Purchases Fund (Fund 4N60).

DASCD8 **Electronic records certificate of authenticity**

R.C. ***1306.20***

Eliminates a requirement for state agencies that alter the format of an electronic record to create a certificate of authenticity for each set of records that is altered.

Eliminates a requirement for DAS to adopt rules establishing the methods for creating certificates of authenticity.

Removes a provision that allows DAS to permit a state agency to use electronic records or electronic signatures in a manner that is inconsistent with rules if the state agency files a written request with DAS.

Fiscal effect: None.

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DASCD11 OAKS Lease Rental Payments

Section: ***207.20***

Requires GRF appropriation item 100415, OAKS Lease Rental Payments, to be used to make payments for the costs of the acquisition, development, installation, and implementation of the Ohio Administrative Knowledge System. Appropriates additional amounts for this purpose if necessary

DASCD12 STARS Lease Rental Payments

Section: ***207.30***

Requires GRF appropriation item 100416, STARS Lease Rental Payments, to be used to make payments for the costs of the acquisition, development, installation, and implementation of the State Taxation Accounting and Revenue System (STARS). Appropriates additional amounts for this purpose if necessary.

DASCD13 MARCS Lease Rental Payments

Section: ***207.40***

Requires GRF appropriation item 100414, MARCS Lease Rental Payments, to be used to make payments for the costs of the acquisition, development, installation, and implementation of Multi-Agency Radio Communications System (MARCS). Appropriates additional amounts for this purpose if necessary.

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DASCD14 Enterprise Data Center Solutions Lease Rental Payments

Section: ***207.50***

Requires GRF appropriation item 100413, Enterprise Data Center Solutions Lease Rental Payments, to be used to make payments for the costs of the acquisition, development, installation, and implementation of the Enterprise Data Center Solutions initiative. Appropriates additional amounts for this purpose if necessary.

DASCD15 Administrative Buildings Lease Rental Bond Payments

Section: ***207.60***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 100447, Administrative Buildings Lease Rental Bond Payments, be used to make payments pursuant to leases and agreements entered into by the state. Specifies that the appropriations are the source of funds pledged for bond service charges on obligations issued pursuant to R.C.152. and R.C. 154.

DASCD16 DAS - Building operating payments and Building Management Fund

Section: ***207.70***

Allows the Director of Budget and Management, following the Director's approval of FY 2016 rental rates for buildings managed by DAS, to adjust FY 2016 and FY 2017 GRF appropriations of DAS and other state agencies to reflect accurately the rental amounts agencies will pay for occupied, vacant, or other space that is supported by the GRF. Specifies that total GRF appropriations may decrease but not increase as a result of the appropriation adjustments.

Requires GRF appropriation item 130321, State Agency Support Services, to be used to pay the rent expenses of veterans organizations pursuant to R.C. 123.024 during the FY 2016-FY 2017 biennium.

Permits appropriation item 130321, State Agency Support Services to also be used to provide funding for the cost of property appraisals or building studies that DAS may be required to obtain for property that is being sold by the state or under consideration to be renovated or purchased by the state.

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Permits appropriation item 130321, State Agency Support Services to also be used to pay the operating expenses or other costs of state facilities maintained by DAS that are not billed to building tenants, or other costs associated with the Voinovich Center in Youngstown. Specifies that these expenses may include, but are not limited to, the costs for vacant space, space undergoing renovation, and the rent expense of tenants that are relocated because of building renovations. Allows DAS to process these payments through intrastate transfer voucher to the credit of the Building Management Fund (Fund 1320).

Requires that, at least once per year, the portion of appropriation item 130321, State Agency Support Services, not used for the regular expenses of the appropriation item be processed by DAS through intrastate transfer voucher to the credit of the Building Improvement Fund (Fund 5KZ0).

DASCD17 Professional Development Fund

Section: ***207.80***

Requires appropriation item 100610, Professional Development, to be used to make payments from the Professional Development Fund (Fund 5L70) under R.C.124.182. Allows the Director of Budget and Management to approve a request from the Director of Administrative Services for additional amounts and appropriates the approved additional amounts.

DASCD18 911 Program

Section: ***207.90***

Requires appropriation item 100663, 911 Program, to be used by DAS to pay the administrative costs of the Statewide Emergency Services Internet Protocol Network Steering Committee.

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DASCD19 Employee Educational Development

Section: ***207.100***

Requires that appropriation item 100619, Employee Educational Development, be used to make payments for costs related to the Employee Development Fund (EDF) Program. Requires that Employee Educational Development Fund (Fund 5V60) be used to pay the costs of administering educational programs (generally tuition reimbursement) under existing collective bargaining agreements with District 1199 of the Health Care and Social Service Union, State Council of Professional Educators, Ohio Education Association and National Education Association, the Fraternal Order of Police Ohio Labor Council, Unit 2; and the Ohio State Troopers Association, Units 1 and 15. Allows the Director of DAS to request that the Director of Budget and Management approve additional amounts, and appropriates the additional approved amounts.

DASCD20 Central Service Agency Fund

Section: ***207.110***

Requires that appropriation item 100632, Central Service Agency, be used to purchase equipment, products, and services that are needed to maintain existing automated applications for the professional licensing boards and the Casino Control Commission to support board licensing functions during the FY 2016-FY 2017 biennium until these functions are replaced by the Ohio Professionals Licensing System. Requires DAS to establish charges for recovering the costs of carrying out these functions that are to be billed to the professional licensing boards and the Casino Control Commission. Requires that these amounts be deposited via intrastate transfer vouchers into the Central Service Agency Fund (Fund 1150).

Authorizes the Director of Budget and Management, upon implementation of the replacement Ohio Professionals Licensing System and the decommissioning of the existing automated applications, to transfer any cash balances remaining in Fund 1150 that are attributable to the operation of the existing automated applications to the Ohio Professions Licensing System Fund (Fund 5JQ0).

Executive

DASCD21 General service charges

Section: ***207.120***

Requires DAS to establish, with the approval of the Director of Budget and Management, charges for recovering the costs of administering the programs funded by the General Services Fund (Fund 1170) and the State Printing Fund (Fund 2100). Specifies that the charges may be used to recover the cost of paying a vendor to establish reduced pricing for contracted supplies or services.

Allows the Director of Administrative Services to request that the Director of Budget and Management approve additional expenditures to pay for consulting and administrative costs related to securing lower pricing for these services. Appropriates the approved additional amounts in Fund 1170 appropriation item 100644, General Services Division – Operating.

DASCD22 Collective bargaining arbitration expenses

Section: ***207.130***

Authorizes the Department of Administrative Services, with the approval of the Director of Budget and Management, to seek reimbursement from state agencies for the actual costs and expenses the Department incurs in the collective bargaining arbitration process. Requires reimbursements to be processed through intrastate transfer vouchers and credited to the Collective Bargaining Fund (Fund 1280).

Executive

DASCD23 Equal Opportunity Program

Section: ***207.140***

Authorizes DAS, with the approval of the Director of Budget and Management, to establish charges for recovering the costs of administering the activities supported by the State EEO Fund (Fund 1880). Specifies that payments made by state agencies, state supported or state-assisted institutions of higher education, and tax-supported agencies, municipal corporations, and other political subdivisions for services rendered be deposited into Fund 1880.

DASCD24 Consolidated IT Purchases

Section: ***207.150***

Specifies that Fund 2290 appropriation item 100640, Consolidated IT Purchases, be used by DAS to make information technology purchases for the benefit of one or more government entities at a lower aggregate cost than each individual government entity could obtain than if they were making the purchase independently. Requires the Director of Administrative Services to seek Controlling Board approval for an increase in appropriation if the Director determines that additional amounts are necessary to pay for pass-through information technology purchases that will be billed to one or more state agencies.

DASCD25 Investment Recovery Fund

Section: ***207.160***

Allows cash balances in the Investment Recovery Fund (Fund 4270) to be used to support the operating expenses of the Federal Surplus Operating Program created in R.C 125.84 through 125.90.

Requires Fund 4270 appropriation item 100602, Investment Recovery, to be used to pay the operating expenses of the State Surplus Property Program and the Surplus Federal Property Program. Allows the Director of Administrative Services to seek Controlling Board approval if additional appropriations are necessary for these purposes.

Executive

Requires the Director of Administrative Services to transfer proceeds from the sale of surplus property from Fund 4270 to non-GRF funds under R.C. 125.14(A)(2).

DASCD26 Major IT purchases charges

Section: ***207.170***

Allows DAS to bill agencies for actual expenditures made on major IT purchases if those expenditures are not recovered as part of the information technology service rates the Department charges and deposits into the Information Technology Fund (Fund 1330). Requires that these charges be deposited into the Major IT Purchases Fund (Fund 4N60).

DASCD27 Cash transfer from the MARCS Administration Fund to the GRF

Section: ***207.180***

Allows the Director of Administrative Services to request that the Director of Budget and Management transfer unobligated cash in the MARCS Administration Fund (Fund 5C20) to the GRF to reimburse the GRF for lease rental payments made on behalf of the MARCS upgrade.

DASCD28 Professions Licensing System

Section: ***207.190***

Requires Fund 5JQ0 appropriation item 100658, Professionals Licensing System, to be used to purchase the equipment, products, and services necessary to develop and maintain a replacement automated licensing system for the professional licensing boards.

Requires DAS, effective with the implementation of the replacement licensing system, to establish charges for recovering the costs of ongoing maintenance of the system. Creates the Professions Licensing System Fund (Fund 5JQ0) and requires DAS to bill the professional licensing boards and the Casino Control Commission and deposit the receipts via intrastate transfer voucher to the credit of the Professions Licensing System Fund (Fund 5JQ0).

Executive

DASCD29 **Buildling Improvement Fund**

Section: ***207.200***

Requires that Fund 5KZ0 appropriation item 100659, Building Improvement, be used to make payments for major maintenance or improvements required in facilities maintained by DAS.

Requires DAS to conduct or contract for regular assessments of these building and maintain a cash balance in the Building Improvement Fund (Fund 5KZ0) equal to the cost of the repairs and improvements that are recommended to occur within the next five years, except that the Director of DAS may request the Director of OBM to permit a cash transfer from Fund 5KZ0 to the Building Management Fund (Fund 1320) to pay costs of operating and maintaining the buildings that are not charged to tenants during the same fiscal year.

Allows the Director of Administrative Services to request the Director of Budget and Management to transfer cash from Fund 1320 to Fund 5KZ0 in amount equal to the initial transfer plus interest if the cash balance in Fund 1320 is determine to be sufficient.

DASCD30 **Information Technology Development**

Section: ***207.210***

Establishes the Information Technology Development Fund (Fund 5LJ0) in the State Treasury. Specifies that Fund 5LJ0 appropriation item 100661, IT Development, be used by DAS to pay the costs of modernizing the state's information technology management and investment practices to a statewide methodology supporting development of enterprise solutions. Allows the Director of DAS, with approval from the Director of Budget and Management, to charge state agencies an information technology development assessment based on state agencies' information technology expenditures. Requires the revenues from this assessment to be deposited into Fund 5LJ0.

Executive

DASCD31 Multi-Agency Radio Communication System debt service payments

Section: ***207.220***

Requires the Director of Administrative Services, in consultation with the Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) Steering Committee and the Director of Budget and Management, to determine charges for debt service payments attributable to spending for MARCS components that are not specific to any one agency and requires that these charges be assessed to agencies supported by the motor fuel tax. Requires that these payments be calculated for MARCS capital disbursements made beginning July 1,1997.

Requires the Director of Administrative Services, within thirty days of any payment made from GRF appropriation item 100447, Administrative Building Lease Rental Bond Payments, to certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of this share, and requires the Director of Budget and Management to transfer such amounts to the GRF from the State Highway Safety Fund (Fund 7036).

Requires DAS to consider renting or leasing existing tower sites at reasonable rates so long as the sites are equipped with the technical capabilities to support MARCS.

DASCD32 Enterprise IT strategy implementation

Section: ***207.230***

(1) Requires the Director of Administrative Services to determine and implement strategies that benefit the state by improving efficiency, reducing costs, or enhancing capacity of information technology (IT) services.

(2) Allows the Director of Administrative Services, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, to request the Director of Budget and Management to consolidate or transfer IT-specific budget authority between agencies or within an agency as necessary to implement enterprise IT cost containment strategies and related efficiencies.

(3) Allows the Director of Budget and Management to transfer appropriations, funds, and cash as needed to implement proposed initiatives to achieve the IT cost containment strategies and efficiencies if cost advantageous. Requires Controlling Board approval to establish any new fund or appropriation that may be necessary to implement these new IT strategies.

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(4) Allows the Director of Budget and Management and the Director of Administrative Services to transfer any employees, assets, and liabilities, including but not limited to records, contracts, and agreements, in order to facilitate these strategies.

DASCD40 **Funds received for use of Governor's residence**

Section: ***503.110***

Appropriates to Fund 4H20 appropriation item 100604, Governor's Residence Gift, the amounts received for use of the residence pursuant to section 107.40 of the Revised Code.

DASCD39 **Fund closures**

Sections: ***512.60, 610.40***

Requires the Director of Budget and Management to take make cash transfers, cancel and reestablish encumbrances, and to abolish various funds used by DAS as follows:

(1) Transfer the cash balance remaining in the Construction Reform Demonstration Compliance Fund (Fund 5HU0) to the Equal Opportunity Division - Operating Fund (Fund 1880). Cancel any existing encumbrances against Fund 5HU0 appropriation item 100655, Construction Reform Demo Compliance and reestablish them against Fund 1880 appropriation item 100649, Equal Opportunity Division - Operating. Abolish Fund 5HU0.

(2) Transfer the cash balance remaining in the Departmental MIS Fund (Fund 4P30) to the Information Technology Fund (Fund 1330). Cancel any existing encumbrances against Fund 4P30 appropriation item 100603, DAS Information Services, and reestablish them against Fund 1330 appropriation item 100607, IT Services Delivery. Abolish Fund 4P30.

(3) Transfer the cash balance remaining in the Building Operation Fund (Fund 5LA0) to the Building Management Fund (Fund 1320). Cancel any existing encumbrances against Fund 5LA0 appropriation item 100660 - Building Operation and reestablish them against Fund 1320 appropriation item 100631 - DAS Building Management. Abolish Fund 5LA0.

Executive

DASCD44 **Classification plan rule rescission**

Section: ***701.20***

Specifies that the following Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rules in effect on June 30, 2015 be permanently rescinded upon the effective date of the amendments to R.C. 124.14 and 124.15: (1) OAC rule 123:1-7-15 (state managerial and supervisory classifications); (2) OAC rule 123: 1-7-21 (classification for the Office of Attorney General); (3) OAC rule: 123-1-7-24 (classifications for the Office of the Secretary of State); (4) OAC rule 123:1-7-25 (classifications for the Office of the Auditor of State); and (5) OAC rule 123:1-7-26 (classifications for the Office of Treasurer of State).

DASCD41 **Tort liability self-insurance study**

Section: ***701.30***

Requires DAS to conduct a study of the state's current liability insurance program to determine, generally, whether its statutory framework is protecting and maintaining the financial integrity of the state's assets compared to similar programs in other states.

Requires the study to examine the possibility of expanding the state's self insurance program to include non-vehicle tort liability claims, including those for which private insurance is either unavailable or is cost prohibitive, in addition to identifying which types of claims should be covered by a self-insured tort liability program.

Requires the study to include an actuarial analysis of the Risk Management Reserve Fund (Fund 1300) to determine required reserves should additional tort liability times be investigated, settled, and paid through the fund. Requires the analysis to include estimated premium allocations to be paid by state agencies based on each agency's history of paid losses.

Allows recommended changes to the current statutory framework to allow the Office of Risk Management to settle or compromise non-vehicle tort liability claims.

Fiscal effect: DAS would incur administrative costs to carry out the study which would likely be paid from the Risk Management Reserve Fund (Fun 1300).

Executive

AGECD11 Long-Term Care Consumer Guide fee increase

R.C. ***173.48***

Increases, beginning July 1, 2016, the fee charged to long-term care facilities that are residential facilities for the Ohio Long-Term Care Consumer Guide from $300 to $350.

Fiscal effect: Potential gain of $30,000 in fee revenue deposited into Fund 5K90 in FY 2017.

AGECD14 Eligibility and length of participation in state-funded components of PASSPORT and Assisted Living

R.C. ***173.522, 173.543***

Changes the period for which an applicant may participate in the state-funded components of the PASSPORT and Assisted Living programs from 90 days to a period to be specified in rules.

Repeals a provision that grants eligibility for the state-funded component of the PASSPORT program to an individual no longer eligible for the Medicaid-funded component of PASSPORT.

Fiscal effect: Potential decrease in nursing facility costs paid for by Medicaid if participants are allowed to stay on the state-funded components for a longer period of time while eligibility is determined.

AGECD12 Technical correction regarding the state-funded component of PASSPORT

R.C. ***173.523***

Makes a technical correction to a statutory cross-reference in the laws governing the state-funded component of the PASSPORT program.

Fiscal effect: None.

Executive

AGECD13 **Technical correction regarding the state-funded component of Assisted Living**

R.C. ***173.545, 173.544***

Makes a technical correction to a statutory cross-reference in the laws governing the state-funded component of the Assisted Living program.

Fiscal effect: None.

AGECD1 **Long-term care**

Section: ***209.20***

Allows the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM), pursuant to an interagency agreement, to designate the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) to perform level of care assessments. Requires ODA to provide long-term care consultations to assist individuals in planning for their long-term health care needs.

Requires ODA to administer PASSPORT, Assisted Living, and PACE as delegated by ODM in an interagency agreement.

Allows GRF appropriation item 656423, Long-Term Care Program Support - State, and appropriation item 656623, Long-Term Care Program Support - Federal, to be used to support ODA's administrative costs associated with operating the PASSPORT, Assisted Living, and Choices programs.

AGECD2 **Performance-based reimbursement**

Section: ***209.20***

Allows ODA to design and utilize a payment method for PASSPORT administrative agency (PAA) operations that includes a pay-for-performance incentive component that is earned by a PAA when defined consumer and policy outcomes are achieved.

Fiscal effect: Potential impact on earnings received by PAAs depending on whether or not the pay-for-performance component is established and whether or not outcomes are achieved.

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AGECD3 **Long-Term Care Ombudsman**

Section: ***209.30***

Allows the State Ombudsman to explore the design of a payment method for the Ombudsman Program that includes a pay-for-performance incentive component that is earned by designated regional long-term care ombudsman programs.

Fiscal effect: Potential impact on earnings received by regional ombudsman programs depending whether or not the pay-for-performance component is established and whether or not outcomes are achieved.

AGECD4 **MyCare Ohio**

Section: ***209.30***

Allows appropriation items 490410, Long-Term Care Ombudsman, 490618, Federal Aging Grants, 490612, Federal Independence Services, 490609, Regional Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, and 490620, Ombudsman Support, to be used by the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman to provide ombudsman program activities to consumers participating in MyCare Ohio.

AGECD5 **Senior Community Services**

Section: ***209.30***

Requires GRF appropriation item 490411, Senior Community Services, to be used for services designated by ODA and further requires that service priority be given to low-income, frail, and cognitively impaired persons age 60 and over. Provides that cost sharing, including sliding fee payments, be promoted when possible.

Executive

AGECD6 **National Senior Service Corps**

Section: ***209.30***

Requires GRF appropriation item 490506, National Senior Service Corps, to be used to fund grants for three Corporation for National and Community Service/Senior Corps programs: (1) the Senior Companion Program; (2) the Retired Senior Volunteer Program; and (3) the Foster Grandparents Program.

Requires grant recipients to use funds to support priorities established by ODA and the Ohio State Office of the Corporation for National and Community Service and requires the expenditure of funds to be in accordance with Senior Corps policies and procedures.

Specifies that neither ODA nor any area agency on aging that is involved in the distribution of these funds to lower-tiered grant recipients may use funds to cover administrative costs.

AGECD7 **Transfer of resident protection funds**

Section: ***209.30***

Allows the Director of the Office of Budget and Management (OBM), in each fiscal year, to transfer up to $1.25 million in cash from the Resident Protection Fund (Fund 4E30), used by ODM, to the Ombudsman Support Fund (Fund 5BA0), used by ODA.

Allows ODA and the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman to use moneys in the Ombudsman Support Fund (Fund 5BA0) to implement a nursing home quality initiative as specified in section 173.60 of the Revised Code.

Executive

AGECD8 **Transfer of appropriations - Federal Independence Services and Federal Aging Grants**

Section: ***209.30***

Specifies that at the request of the ODA Director, the OBM Director may transfer appropriation between appropriation item 490612, Federal Independence Services, and appropriation item 490618, Federal Aging Grants. Limits the amounts transferred to no more than 30% of the appropriation from which the transfer was made. Requires such transfers be reported at the next scheduled Controlling Board meeting.

AGECD9 **Updating authorizing statute citations**

Section: ***209.40***

Specifies that an "authorizing statute" is a Revised Code section or provision that is cited in the Ohio Administrative Code as the statute that authorizes the adoption of a rule. Specifies that the ODA Director is not required to amend any rule for the sole purpose of updating the citation in the Ohio Administrative Code to the rule's authorizing statute to reflect that this act renumbers the authorizing statute or relocates it to another Revised Code section. Requires such citations to be updated as the Director amends the rules for other purposes.

Fiscal effect: None.

AGECD10 **Board of Executives of Long-Term Services and Supports**

Section: ***209.50***

Allows the Board of Executives of Long-Term Services and Supports to develop and conduct, or contract with a government or private entity to develop and conduct, opportunities for education, training, and credentialing of nursing home administrators, including persons interested in becoming licensed as nursing home administrators, and others in leadership positions who practice in long-term services and supports settings or who direct the practices of others in those settings.

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Requires that all fees paid to the Board by an applicant for education or training be used for the administration of the training program and allows fees to be used to support the education and training programs by paying for items such as instructor fees, venues where the education or training is conducted, books, materials and printing.

Allows training or education programs to be conducted in person or through electronic media.

Specifies that if the Board contracts with a government or private entity to administer the programs, the contract may authorize the entity to pay any or all costs associated with the programs and to collect and keep any fee an applicant for these programs pays to the education or training program.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in administrative costs and potential gain in fee revenue if the Board chooses to develop and conduct the training or education programs.

Executive

AGRCD2 **Elimination of the Agricultural Financing Commission and its related state fund**

R.C. ***901.61, 901.62, 901.63, 901.64 (All Repealed)***
902.01, Section 512.60

Eliminates the Agricultural Financing Commission, which is required to make recommendations to and advise the Director of Agriculture concerning the Family Farm Loan Program, which was repealed in 2007.

Abolishes the Agricultural Financing Commission Fund (Fund 5750) and requires the Director of Budget and Management to transfer the remaining cash balance to the GRF.

Fiscal effect: The remaining cash balance in Fund 5750 is just over $3,000. This amount would be transferred to the GRF

AGRCD6 **Review compliance certificates**

R.C. ***903.04, (Repealed), 903.01, 903.03, 903.07,***
903.09, 903.10, 903.11, 903.12, 903.13,
903.16, 903.17, and 903.25

Eliminates provisions governing review compliance certificates issued under the Concentrated Animal Feeding Facilities Law, the operation of which has expired.

Fiscal effect: None.

Executive

AGRCD5 **Certification for application of manure**

R.C. ***903.40***

(1) Prohibits a person, for the purposes of the cultivation, primarily for sale, of plants or any parts of plants on more than 50 acres, from applying manure obtained from a concentrated animal feeding facility issued a permit under the Concentrated Animal Feeding Facilities Law unless one of the following applies: (A) The person has been issued a livestock manager certification under that Law; or (B) The person has been certified under the bill to apply the manure by the Director of Agriculture.

(2) Requires the Director to issue, renew, and deny certifications for the application of manure in the same manner as for the certification of fertilizer application established in the Fertilizer Law and rules adopted under it.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in administrative costs to certify persons to apply manure obtained from a concentrated animal feeding facility. These costs would be partially offset by an application fee that will likely be deposited into the Pesticide, Fertilizer, and Lime Program Fund (Fund 6690).

AGRCD4 **Application of fertilizer and manure**

R.C. ***905.326, 905.327, 1511.10, 1511.11, 1511.99, Section 709.10***

Does all of the following regarding the application of fertilizer and manure in the western basin of Lake Erie:

(1) Prohibits, with certain exceptions, the application of fertilizer or manure on frozen ground, on saturated soil, and during certain weather conditions;

(2) Requires the Director of Agriculture or the Director's designee to administer the fertilizer provisions and the Director of Natural Resources or the Director's designee to administer the manure provisions;

(3) States that the prohibition does not affect any restrictions established in the Concentrated Animal Feeding Facilities Law or otherwise apply to those entities or facilities that are permitted as concentrated animal feeding facilities under that Law;

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(4) Exempts a person from the prohibition if the person applies the fertilizer or manure, as applicable, under specified circumstances, including injecting the fertilizer or manure into the ground and incorporating the fertilizer or manure within 24 hours of surface application;

(5) Authorizes the Director of Agriculture or the Director's designee or the Director of Natural Resources or the Director's designee to investigate complaints filed against a person that violates the above prohibition, including applying for a search warrant;

(6) Authorizes the applicable Director to assess a civil penalty against a person that violates the prohibition against the application of fertilizer or manure, as applicable, only if the person is afforded an opportunity for an adjudication hearing;

(7) Requires a violator of the prohibition against the application of fertilizer or manure, as applicable, to pay a civil penalty in an amount determined in rules, not to exceed $10,000;

(8) Specifies that a violator of the prohibition against the application of manure is guilty of a first degree misdemeanor and also may be assessed damages for repairing any damage to property caused by the violation; and

(9) Requires a legislative review of the above provisions four years after their effective date to determine if they should be repealed.

Fiscal effect: May increase costs for the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Natural Resources to investigate and pursue complaints regarding improper manure and fertilizer application. Some of these enforcement costs would be offset by civil penalties that could be imposed.

AGRCD3 High Volume Breeder Kennel Control License Fund

R.C. ***956.18***

Eliminates the requirements that money may only be released from the High Volume Breeder Kennel Control License Fund (Fund 5MR0) with Controlling Board approval and that the Director of Agriculture request the release of not more than $2.5 million per biennium, thus removing the cap on expenditures from Fund 5MR0.

Fiscal effect: Provides additional flexibility to fund the program. Fund 5MR0 revenue was approximately $164,000 in FY 2014.

Executive

AGRCD1 **Wine tax revenue credited to the Ohio Grapes Industries Fund**

R.C. ***4301.43***

Extends through June 30, 2017, the two cents per gallon wine tax revenue that is credited to the Ohio Grape Industries Fund (Fund 4960).

Fiscal effect: Maintains the current amount of wine tax revenue credited to DPF Fund 4960 through the FY 2016-FY 2017 biennium to support marketing and production in the grape industry. Fund 4960 received nearly $1.1 million from this portion of wine tax proceeds in FY 2014 and is estimated to receive about the same amount in FY 2015. Receipts from the wine tax are otherwise credited to the GRF.

AGRCD8 **Dangerous and Restricted Wild Animals**

Section: ***211.10***

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 700426, Dangerous and Restricted Animals, be used to administer the Dangerous and Restricted Wild Animal Permitting Program.

AGRCD9 **County Agricultural Societies**

Section: ***211.10***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 700501, County Agricultural Societies, be used to reimburse county and independent agricultural societies for expenses related to Junior Fair activities.

Executive

AGRCD10 **Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Operating Expenses**

Section: ***211.10***

Requires CLF Fund 7057 appropriation item 700632, Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Operating, to be used to administer the Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Purchase Program under sections 901.21, 901.22, and 5301.67 to 5301.70 of the Revised Code.

Executive

AIRCD1 **Energy Strategy Development Program**

Section: ***213.20***

Requires OAQDA to establish the Energy Strategy Development Program to develop energy initiatives, projects, and policy that align with the energy policy for the state. Creates the Energy Strategy Development Fund (Fund 5EG0) consisting of money credited to it and money obtained for advanced energy projects from federal or private grants, loans, or other sources. Specifies that interest earned on money in Fund 5EG0 be credited to the GRF.

Permits the Director of Budget and Management to make the following cash transfers up to the amounts specified to Fund 5EG0 on July 1 or as soon as possible thereafter each fiscal year:

(1) Up to $27,405 in FY 2016 and up to $27,439 in FY 2017 from the State Agency Construction Project Service Fund (Fund 1310) used by the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission;

(2) Up to $27,405 in FY 2016 and up to $27,439 in FY 2017 from the Central Support Indirect Cost Fund (Fund 5GH0) used by the Department of Agriculture;

(3) Up to $27,405 in FY 2016 and up to $27,439 in FY 2017 from the Supportive Services Fund (Fund 1350) used by the Development Services Agency;

(4) Up to $27,405 in FY 2016 and up to $27,439 in FY 2017 from the Central Support Indirect Cost Fund (Fund 2190) used by the Environmental Protection Agency;

(5) Up to $27,405 in FY 2016 and up to $27,439 in FY 2017 from the Central Support Chargeback Fund (Fund 1570) used by the Department of Natural Resources; and

(6) Up to $39,150 in FY 2016 and up to $39,199 in FY 2017 from the Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002) used by the Department of Transportation.

Allows the Director of Budget and Management to transfer any remaining cash in Fund 5EG0 at the end of FY 2017 to the GRF. Abolishes Fund 5EG0 upon completion of the transfer.

Fiscal effect: Generates up to $176,175 in FY 2016 and up to $176,394 in FY 2017 for oversight of energy initiatives, projects, and strategies that align with the state's energy policy.

Executive

AIRCD2 **Reimbursement to Air Quality Development Authority Trust Account**

Section: ***213.30***

Authorizes OAQDA to reimburse the trust account established in section 3706.10 of the Revised Code to hold bond proceeds and related revenue from all operating funds of the Authority for the expenses related to OAQDA's administration and shared costs and other responsibilities under Chapter 3706. of the Revised Code.

Executive

ARTCD1 **Federal Support**

Section: ***217.10***

Specifies that FED Fund 3140 appropriation item 370601, Federal Support, be used by the Council for subsidies only, and not for its administrative costs, unless the Council is required to use funds for administrative costs under conditions of the federal grant.

Executive

AGOCD1 **Ohio Center for the Future of Forensic Science**

Section: ***221.10***

Earmarks $600,000 in each fiscal year from GRF appropriation item 055321, Operating Expenses, to be used for the Ohio Center for the Future of Forensic Science at Bowling Green State University for the purpose of fostering forensic science research techniques and creating professional training opportunities to students in the forensic science fields.

AGOCD2 **County sheriffs' pay supplement**

Section: ***221.10***

(1) Requires GRF appropriation item 055411, County Sheriffs' Pay Supplement, be used for the purpose of supplementing the annual compensation of county sheriffs as required by R.C. 325.06.

(2) Permits the Director of Budget and Management, at the request of the Attorney General, to transfer appropriation from GRF appropriation item 055321, Operating Expenses, to GRF appropriation item 055411.

AGOCD3 **County prosecutors' pay supplement**

Section: ***221.10***

(1) Requires GRF appropriation item 055415, County Prosecutors' Pay Supplement, be used for the purpose of supplementing the annual compensation of certain county prosecutors as required by R.C. 325.111.

(2) Permits the Director of Budget and Management, at the request of the Attorney General, to transfer appropriation from GRF appropriation item 055321, Operating Expenses, to GRF appropriation item 055415.

Executive

AGOCD4 Workers' Compensation Section

Section: ***221.10***

(1) Permits the Workers' Compensation Fund (Fund 1950) to receive quarterly payments from the Bureau of Workers' Compensation and the Ohio Industrial Commission to fund legal services provided by the Attorney General to those two state agencies.

(2) Requires the advance payments to be subject to adjustment.

(3) Requires the Bureau of Workers' Compensation to transfer quarterly payments for the support of the Attorney General's Workers' Compensation Fraud Unit.

(4) Requires that the amounts of these quarterly payments be mutually agreed upon by the Attorney General, the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, and the Ohio Industrial Commission.

AGOCD5 Attorney General pass-through funds

Section: ***221.10***

Requires that FED Fund 3E50 appropriation item 055638, Attorney General Pass-Through Funds, be used to receive federal grant funds (generally pertaining to criminal justice activities such as law enforcement or victim services) provided to the Attorney General by other state agencies, including, but not limited to, the departments of Youth Services and Public Safety.

AGOCD6 General holding account

Section: ***221.10***

Requires that HLD Fund R004 appropriation item 055631, General Holding Account, be used to distribute money under the terms of relevant court orders or other settlements received in cases involving the Attorney General, and appropriates the additional amounts necessary for this purpose.

Executive

AGOCD7 **Antitrust settlements**

Section: ***221.10***

Requires that HLD Fund R005 appropriation item 055632, Antitrust Settlements, be used to distribute money under the terms of relevant court orders or other out of court settlements in antitrust cases or antitrust matters involving the Attorney General, and appropriates the additional amounts necessary for this purpose.

AGOCD8 **Consumer frauds**

Section: ***221.10***

Requires that HLD Fund R018 appropriation item 055630, Consumer Frauds, be used for distribution of money from court-ordered judgments against sellers in actions brought by the Attorney General under certain R.C. sections to provide restitution to consumers victimized by the fraud that generated the court-ordered judgments, and appropriates the additional amounts necessary for this purpose.

AGOCD9 **Organized Crime Commission distributions**

Section: ***221.10***

Requires that HLD Fund 042 appropriation item 055601, Organized Crime Commission Distributions, be used by the Organized Crime Investigations Commission to reimburse political subdivisions for expenses incurred when their law enforcement officers participate in an organized crime task force, and appropriates the additional amounts necessary for this purpose.

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AGOCD10 **Collection payment redistribution**

Section: ***221.10***

Requires that HLD Fund R054 appropriation item 055650, Collection Payment Redistribution, be used for the purpose of paying contingency counsel fees for cases where debtors mistakenly paid the client agencies instead of the Attorney General's Collections Enforcement Section, and appropriates the additional amounts necessary for this purpose.

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AUDCD1 **Performance audits of local governments**

R.C. ***118.041, 118.04***

Authorizes the Auditor of State, on the Auditor's own initiative, to conduct a performance audit of a municipal corporation, county, or township that is under fiscal caution, fiscal watch, or fiscal emergency.

Specifies that the cost of a performance audit undertaken in the above circumstances must be reimbursed from an appropriation for that purpose, and authorizes the Controlling Board, upon request by the Auditor of State, to provide sufficient funds for these purposes by approving the transfer of, or by increasing, an existing appropriation.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in costs to the Auditor of State to conduct performance audits of certain local governments, presumably to be paid from appropriation item 070602, Public Audit Expense - Local Government. These cost increases could be offset through a transfer of cash from the Controlling Board to the Public Audit Expense Fund - Local Government (Fund 4220).

Executive

OBMCD5 **Audit costs and dues**

Section: ***227.10***

Requires all costs associated with single audit schedules or financial statements prepared in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles for the state to be paid from ISA Fund 1050 appropriation item 042603, Financial Management.

Requires costs associated with the audit of the Auditor of State and national association dues to be paid from GRF appropriation item 042321, Budget Development and Implementation.

OBMCD6 **Shared Services Center**

Section: ***227.10***

Requires GRF appropriation item 042425, Shared Services Development, and ISA Fund 1050 appropriation item 042620, Shared Services Operating, to be used by the Director of OBM to support a Shared Services Center within OBM for the purpose of consolidating statewide business functions and common transactional processes.

Requires the Director of OBM to include the recovery of costs to operate the Shared Services Center in the accounting and budgeting payroll rate and through direct charges using intrastate transfer vouchers to agencies for services rendered. Requires the Director of OBM to determine the cost recovery methodology and cost recovery revenues to be deposited into the Accounting and Budgeting Fund (Fund 1050).

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OBMCD7 **Internal audit**

Section: ***227.10***

Requires the Director of OBM to include the recovery of costs to operate the Internal Audit Program in the accounting and budgeting services payroll rate and through a direct charge using intrastate transfer vouchers to agencies reviewed by the program. Requires the Director of OBM, with advice from the Internal Audit Advisory Council, to determine the cost recovery methodology. Requires such cost recovery revenues to be deposited into Fund 1050.

OBMCD8 **Forgery recovery**

Section: ***227.10***

Requires FID Fund 5EH0 appropriation item 042604, Forgery Recovery, to be used to reissue warrants that have been certified as forgeries by the rightful recipient as determined by the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation and the Treasurer of State. Requires the Director of OBM to reissue a state warrant upon receipt of funds to cover the reissuance of the warrant. Appropriates any additional amounts needed to reissue warrants backed by receipt of funds.

OBMCD9 **Personal services expenses**

Section: ***503.10***

Requires any appropriation from which personal service expenses are paid to bear the employer's share of various costs, unless otherwise prohibited by law. Requires that these costs be determined in conformity with the appropriate sections of law and paid in accordance with procedures specified by OBM. Permits expenditures from appropriation item 070601, Public Audit Expense - Intra-State, to be exempted from this requirement.

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OBMCD10 Satisfaction of judgments and settlements against the state

Section: ***503.20***

Permits the use of certain appropriations to satisfy judgments, settlements, and administrative awards ordered or approved by the Court of Claims or by any other court of competent jurisdiction in connection with civil actions against the state.

OBMCD11 Capital project settlements

Section: ***503.30***

Specifies an additional and supplemental procedure to provide for payments of judgments and settlements if the Director of OBM determines that sufficient unencumbered moneys do not exist in the particular appropriation to pay the amount of a final judgment rendered against the state or a state agency, including the settlement of a claim approved by a court, in an action upon and arising out of a contractual obligation for the construction or improvement of a capital facility if the costs under the contract were payable in whole or in part from a state capital projects appropriation.

OBMCD12 Re-issuance of voided warrants

Section: ***503.40***

Provides funds for the reissuance of voided warrants under R.C. 126.37, when approved by OBM.

OBMCD13 Appropriations related to cash transfers and re-establishment of encumbrances

Section: ***503.50***

(1) Reappropriates on July 1 of the following fiscal year an unexpended balance of an operating appropriation or reappropriation that a state agency lawfully encumbered prior to the close of a fiscal year from the fund from which it was originally appropriated or reappropriated for various time periods based on the type of encumbrance.

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(2) Requires any operating appropriations for which unexpended balances are reappropriated beyond a five-month period from the end of the fiscal year to be reported to the Controlling Board by the Director of OBM by December 31 each year. Requires the report on each such item to include the item, the cost of the item, and the name of the vendor. Requires the report to be updated on a quarterly basis for encumbrances remaining open.

(3) Specifies that a reappropriation made pursuant to this provision lapses upon the expiration of the reappropriation time periods referenced above and requires the Director of OBM to cancel the encumbrance of the unexpended reappropriation no later than the end of the weekend following the expiration of the reappropriation period.

(4) Reappropriates on July 1 of the following fiscal biennium an unexpended balance of an encumbrance that was reappropriated on July 1 for up to two years for reclamation of land or oil and gas wells or other expenses for periods of up to two years that the Director of OBM approves and that remains encumbered at the close of the fiscal biennium.

(5) Permits the Director of OBM to correct accounting errors committed by OBM staff, such as reestablishing encumbrances or appropriations cancelled in error, during the cancellation of operating encumbrances in November and of nonoperating encumbrances in December. Also permits the Director of OBM to correct accounting errors committed by the staff of a state agency or state institution of higher education, such as reestablishing prior year nonoperating encumbrances canceled or modified in error. Appropriates the reestablished encumbrance amounts.

(6) Specifies that if the Controlling Board approved a purchase, that approval remains in effect so long as the appropriation used to make that purchase remains encumbered.

OBMCD14 Re-establishing encumbrances that use outdated expense account codes

Section: ***503.60***

Permits the Director of OBM, on or after January 1, 2015, to cancel any existing operating or capital encumbrances from prior fiscal years that reference outdated expense account codes and, if needed, reestablish them against the same appropriation items referencing updated expense account codes. Appropriates the re-established encumbrance amounts. Requires any business commenced but not completed under the prior encumbrances by January 1, 2015 to be completed under the new encumbrances in the same manner and with the same effect as if it was completed with regard to the old encumbrances.

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OBMCD15 **Appropriations related to cash transfers and re-establishment of encumbrances**

Section: ***503.70***

Specifies that any cash transferred by the Director of OBM under R.C. 126.15 (for the purpose of making adjustments to capital or operating budgets) and any amounts necessary to re-establish appropriations or encumbrances under that section are appropriated.

OBMCD18 **Transfers to the General Revenue Fund of interest earned**

Section: ***512.10***

Authorizes the Director of OBM to transfer to the GRF interest earned in any state fund, with the exception of funds that are restricted or protected by the Ohio Constitution, federal tax law, or the federal Cash Management Improvement Act.

OBMCD19 **Cash transfers to the General Revenue Fund from non-GRF Funds**

Section: ***512.20***

Permits the Director of OBM to transfer up to $60 million cash in each fiscal year from non-GRF funds that are not constitutionally restricted to the GRF in order to ensure that available GRF receipts and balances are sufficient to support GRF appropriations in each fiscal year.

OBMCD20 **FY 2015 GRF ending balance**

Section: ***512.30***

Requires the Director of OBM to allocate cash from the FY 2015 surplus GRF revenue that would otherwise be transferred to the Budget Stabilization Fund (Fund 7013) or the Income Tax Reduction Fund (Fund 4R80) as follows:

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(1) Reserve up to $200,000,000 cash in the GRF to support personal income tax reductions;

(2) Transfer up to $375,000,000 cash to the Budget Stabilization Fund to increase the balance of that fund to an amount equal to 5% of estimated FY 2017 GRF revenue;

(3) Transfer up to $120,000,000 cash to the Student Debt Reduction Fund (Fund 5QF0);

(4) Transfer up to $40,000,000 cash to the Unemployment Compensation Interest Contingency Fund (Fund 5HC0) for payment to the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury of accrued interest costs related to federal unemployment account borrowing;

(5) Transfer up to $20,000,000 cash to the Disaster Services Fund (Fund 5E20);

(6) Transfer up to $25,000,000 cash to the Systems Transformation Support Fund (Fund 5QM0);

(7) Transfer up to $12,000,000 cash to the Natural Resources Special Purposes Fund (Fund 5MW0), which the bill creates;

(8) Transfer up to $10,000,000 cash to the Local Government Innovation Fund (Fund 5KN0).

OBMCD21 General obligation debt service payments

Section: ***518.10***

Specifies that certain appropriations of the bill are for the purpose of paying debt service and financing costs on general obligation bonds or notes of the state. Appropriates additional amounts to fully fund those costs if additional amounts are necessary.

OBMCD22 Lease rental payments for debt service

Section: ***518.20***

Specifies that certain appropriations of the bill are for the purpose of making lease rental payments pursuant to leases and agreements related to certain bonds or notes of the state. Appropriates additional amounts to fully fund those costs if additional amounts are necessary.

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OBMCD23 **Authorization for Treasurer of State and OBM to effectuate certain debt service payments**

Section: ***518.30***

Directs OBM to process payments from general obligation and lease rental payment appropriation items during the FY 2016-FY 2017 biennium relating to bonds or notes issued under Sections 2i, 2k, 2l, 2m, 2n, 2o, 2p, 2q, 2r, 2s, and 15 of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, and Chapters 151., 152., and 154. of the Revised Code. Requires payments to be made upon certification by the Treasurer of State of the dates and the amounts due on those dates.

OBMCD24 **State and local rebate authorization**

Section: ***521.10***

Appropriates, from the funds designated by or pursuant to the applicable proceedings authorizing the issuance of state obligations, amounts computed at the time to represent the portion of investment income to be rebated or amounts in lieu of or in addition to any rebate amount to be paid to the federal government in order to maintain the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on those state obligations under section 148(f) of the Internal Revenue Code. Requires OBM to approve and voucher rebate payments.

Fiscal effect: None. Rebate payments, if any, will be paid out of the bond fund in which excess earnings were realized. Under federal law, tax-exempt bond issuers are prohibited from earning a higher rate of interest from investment of bond proceeds than the interest paid on the bonds.

OBMCD26 **Statewide indirect cost recovery**

Section: ***521.20***

Appropriates from available receipts amounts required for statewide indirect costs when the Director of OBM has determined that an appropriation made to a state agency for this purpose is insufficient.

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OBMCD27 **Transfers on behalf of the statewide indirect cost allocation plan**

Section: ***521.30***

(1) Allows the director of an agency to certify to the Director of OBM the amount of expenses not allowed to be included in the Statewide Indirect Cost Allocation Plan (SWICAP) under federal regulations, from any fund included in the SWICAP, prepared as required by R.C. 126.12.

(2) Permits the Director of OBM, upon determining that no alternative source of funding is available to pay for such expenses, to transfer funds from the GRF to the fund for which the certification is made up to the amount of the certification. Requires the director of an agency receiving such funds to include a request for funding for such activities from an alternative source as part of the next budget submission.

(3) Allows the director of an agency to certify to the Director of OBM the amount of expenses paid in error from a fund included in the SWICAP. Allows the Director of OBM to transfer cash from the fund from which the expenditure should have been made into the fund from which the expenses were erroneously paid, up to the amount of the certification.

(4) Prohibits total transfers made from the GRF by the Director of OBM under these provisions from exceeding the amounts transferred into the GRF for the purpose of recovering statewide indirect costs under R.C. 126.12.

(5) Allows the director of an agency to certify to the Director of OBM the amount of expenses or revenues not allowed to be included in the SWICAP under federal regulations, for any fund included in the SWICAP, for which the federal government requires payment. Appropriates from the available receipts of such a fund, up to the amount of the certification, the amount required by the federal government if the Director of OBM determines that an appropriation made to a state agency is insufficient to make the payment.

OBMCD28 **Federal government interest requirements**

Section: ***521.40***

Authorizes the Director of OBM to designate the funds that are to retain their own interest earnings in order to reduce the payment of adjustments to the federal government, as determined by the Statewide Indirect Cost Allocation Plan prepared pursuant to R.C. 126.12(A).

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OBMCD29 **Federal Cash Management Improvement Act**

Section: ***521.50***

Allows the Director of OBM to cancel and reestablish all or part of encumbrances in like amounts within the funds identified by the plan required to be prepared under R.C. 131.36 for compliance with the Federal Cash Management Improvement Act. Appropriates the amounts necessary to reestablish all or part of the encumbrances.

OBMCD30 **Fiscal stabilization and recovery**

Section: ***521.60***

Permits the Director of OBM, to ensure the level of accountability and transparency required by federal law, to issue guidelines to any agency applying for federal money made available to this state for fiscal stabilization and recovery purposes and to prescribe the process by which agencies are to comply with any reporting requirements established by the federal government.

Executive

CSRCD1 **Underground Parking Garage Fund**

Section: ***229.10***

Earmarks $48,000 in each fiscal year from DPF Fund 2080 appropriation item 874601, Underground Parking Garage Operations, for payments to the Department of Administrative Services for bond service charges related to the CSRAB warehouse.

Permits the Underground Parking Garage Fund (Fund 2080) to be used for personnel and operating costs related to the operations of the Statehouse and the Statehouse Underground Parking Garage, notwithstanding provisions of the Revised Code requiring the fund to be used only for the garage.

CSRCD2 **Cash transfer to the Underground Parking Garage Fund**

Section: ***229.10***

Requires the Director of Budget and Management, on July 1 of each fiscal year, to transfer $500,000 cash from the GRF to Fund 2080 to be used to reimburse CSRAB for legislative parking cost.

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SCRCD1 **Permit period for an agent of a career college or school**

R.C. ***3332.10***

Extends the permit period, from one year to two years, for an agent representing a career college or school.

Fiscal effect: None. Extension of permit period will sync renewal period for agent permits with those for school licensure. SCR no longer collects fees for agent permits.

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CACCD1 Annual salary of Commissioners

R.C. ***3772.02***

Changes the salary of Casino Control Commission members from $30,000 per year to $50,000 in FY 2016, $40,000 in FY 2017, and $30,000 in FY 2018, and removes a provision requiring that commissioners be paid monthly (to bring them into line with other state employees that are paid bi-weekly).

Fiscal effect: Increases salaries of the seven commissioners by a total of $140,000 in FY 2016 and $70,000 in FY 2017 (compared to current salaries). Commissioner salaries are paid from the Casino Control Commission Fund (Fund 5HS0).

CACCD2 Regulation of skill-based amusement machines

R.C. ***3772.03, 119.12, 3772.99***

Provides the Casino Control Commission with the authority to license and regulate operators of skill-based amusement machines. Allows the Commission to adopt rules, including rules establishing fees and penalties related to the operation of skill-based amusement machines.

Gives Franklin County Court of Common Pleas jurisdiction over actions taken by the Casino Control Commission affecting licensees, and specifies that the Court has the authority to suspend Commission orders under certain conditions. Specifies certain limits to the authority of the Court and courts of appeals in suspending Commission orders.

Fiscal effect: The regulation of skill-based amusement machines will increase operating expenses. These additional expenses may be partially or fully offset by revenue from fees and penalties.

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CACCD3 **Transfers to the Casino Operator Settlement Fund**

Section: ***512.40***

Requires the Director of Budget and Management, in consultation with the Executive Director of the Casino Control Commission, to establish a schedule of transfers totaling $4,701,620 to the Casino Operator Settlement Fund (Fund 5KT0) from the Casino Control Commission Operating Fund (Fund 5HS0).

Requires, on July 1, 2015, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management to transfer $4,701,620 cash from the Casino Operator Settlement Fund (Fund 5KT0) to the State Lottery Fund (Fund 7044).

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COMCD7 Division of Administration unit to administer licensing

R.C. ***121.08***

Creates a unit within the Division of Administration that can administer the licensing, registration, and related ministerial functions of the other divisions within the Department.

Fiscal effect: Any potential cost incurred would be paid from the Division of Administration Fund (Fund 1630), which is supported by assessments charged to the Department's seven operating divisions.

COMCD3 Institutional investor and dealer license exemption

R.C. ***1707.01, 1707.14***

Modifies the definition of "institutional investor" under Ohio Security Law to more specifically identify the types of entities included and, for many institutional investors, create an asset threshold of $10 million.

Exempts from the securities dealer license requirement persons who have no Ohio place of business, are federally registered, and effect transactions in Ohio only with institutional investors.

Fiscal effect: Approximately $300,000 decrease in revenue to the Division of Securities Fund (Fund 5500) due to exempting certain security dealers from license requirements. The Department estimates 1,500 security dealers will be exempt.

COMCD5 Small Government Fire Department Services Revolving Loan Fund

R.C. ***3737.17***

Creates the Small Government Fire Department Services Revolving Loan Fund (Fund 5F10) in permanent law and permits the State Fire Marshal to loan moneys from the Fund 5F10 for the purposes of the Small Government Fire Department Services Revolving Loan Program. Specifies that the Fund 5F10 is to consist of loan repayments from small governments, money appropriated to the fund, and investment earnings on money in the Fund.

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Fiscal effect: At the end of FY 2014, Fund 5F10 had a cash balance of approximately $781,000. See related entry COMCD14 for related cash transfer from the State Fire Marshal Fund (Fund 5460) to Fund 5F10.

COMCD4 State Liquor Regulatory Fund

R.C. ***4301.12***

Generally requires all money collected under the Liquor Control Law to be credited to the existing State Liquor Regulatory Fund (Fund 5LP0), rather than the Liquor Control Fund (Fund 7043) as required under current law.

Fiscal effect: None. Fund 7043 is no longer used as an operating fund for the Division of Liquor Control or the Liquor Control Commission under the liquor franchise agreement with JobsOhio.

COMCD1 Real Estate Education and Research Fund loans

R.C. ***4735.06***

Increases, from $10,000 to $25,000, the amount of loans the Real Estate Education and Research Fund (Fund 5470) may advance annually to applicants for salesperson licenses. Specifies that this limit on the amount of loans is per fiscal year.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in expenditures from DPF Fund 5470 appropriation item 800603, Real Estate Education/Research, as a result of the increased limit on the amount of loans allowed per fiscal year.

COMCD2 Real estate broker and salesperson licenses - military

R.C. ***4735.13, 4735.141***

Permits a licensed real estate broker or salesperson whose license is on deposit as an armed serviceperson to take up to the longer of 12 months (continuing law) or the amount of time the licensee spent on active duty (added by the bill) to complete continuing education requirements.

Extends the renewal period for a licensee who is a spouse of a member of the armed forces which has resulted in the licensee's absence from this state to the renewal date that follows the date of the spouse's discharge from the armed

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forces. Allows the licensee to take up to the longer of 12 months or the amount of time the licensee's spouse spent on active duty to complete continuing education requirements.

Specifies that "armed forces" includes the Ohio National Guard and any other state's nation guard.

Fiscal effect: None.

COMCD6 Real estate appraiser assistants continuing education requirements

R.C. ***4763.07, 4763.01***

Requires that, in accordance with federal law, real estate appraiser assistants complete 14 classroom hours of continuing education instruction annually, without existing law's two-year grace period. Exempts real estate appraisers who have obtained a temporary certification or license in another state from existing law's continuing education requirements.

Removes from the definition of "appraisal report" in the Real Estate Appraiser Law communications of appraisal consulting services.

Removes from the definition of "appraisal review" opinions about the quality of another appraiser's work performed as part of an appraisal consulting assignment.

Fiscal effect: None.

COMCD8 Unclaimed funds payments

Section: ***241.10***

Requires DPF Fund 5430 appropriation item 800625, Unclaimed Funds-Claims, to be used to pay claims under R.C.169.08 and permits the Director of Commerce to request that the Director of Budget and Management appropriate additional amounts if needed. Appropriates the additional amounts.

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COMCD9 Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing

Section: ***241.10***

Requires DPF Fund 4B20 appropriation item 800631, Real Estate Appraisal Recovery, to be used to pay settlements, judgments, and court orders under R.C. 4763.16. Permits the Director of Commerce to request that the Director of Budget and Management appropriate additional amounts if needed. Appropriates the additional amounts.

Requires DPF Fund 5480 appropriation item 800611, Real Estate Recovery, to be used to pay settlements, judgments, and court orders under R.C. 4735.15 and, as above, appropriates additional amounts for this purpose if necessary.

COMCD10 Fire Department Grants

Section: ***241.10***

(1) Earmarks up to $5,200,000 each year from DPF Fund 5460 appropriation item 800639, Fire Department Grants, to make grants to volunteer fire departments, fire departments that serve one or more small municipalities or small townships, joint fire districts comprised of fire departments that primarily serve small municipalities or small townships, local units of government responsible for such fire departments, and local units of government responsible for the provision of fire protection services for small municipalities or small townships.

(2) Requires the grants to be used to purchase firefighting or rescue equipment or gear or similar items, to provide full or partial reimbursement for the documented costs of firefighter training, or, at the discretion of the State Fire Marshal, to cover fire department costs for providing fire protection services in the grant recipient's jurisdiction.

(3) Earmarks up to $500,000 in each fiscal year from DPF Fund 5460 appropriation item 800639, Fire Department Grants, to pay for the State Fire Marshal's costs of providing certain firefighter training classes at no cost to selected students, and allows the State Fire Marshal to establish the qualification and selection process for such classes.

(4) Earmarks up to $3,000,000 in each fiscal year from DPF Fund 5460 appropriation item 800639, Fire Department Grants, to be used for Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) grants. Establishes the criteria for the awarding of these grants.

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(5) Limits grant awards for firefighter or rescue equipment or gear or fire department costs of providing fire protection services to $15,000 per fiscal year, or up to $25,000 per fiscal year if an eligible entity serves a jurisdiction in which the Governor declared a natural disaster during the preceding or current fiscal year in which the grant was awarded, and up to $15,000 per fiscal year for full or partial reimbursement of the documented costs of firefighter training, which could be in addition to any grant funds awarded for equipment or fire protection services.

(6) Requires the State Fire Marshal to determine the total amounts to be allocated for each eligible purpose.

(7) Requires the State Fire Marshal to administer the grant program in accordance with rules adopted as part of the State Fire Code, which may further define eligible entities and establish criteria for the awarding and expenditure of grant funds.

(8) Permits any appropriations in excess of the amount allocated for the grants to be used to administer the grant program.

COMCD11 Cash transfers to the Division of Real Estate Operating Fund

Section: ***241.10***

Allows the Director of Budget and Management, upon the request of the Director of Commerce, to transfer up to $500,000 in cash from the Real Estate Recovery Fund (Fund 5480) and up to $250,000 in cash from the Real Estate Appraiser Recovery Fund (Fund 4B20) to the Division of Real Estate Operating Fund (Fund 5490) during the biennium.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in revenue up to $750,000 in DPF Fund 5490 over the biennium.

COMCD13 Administrative assessments

Section: ***241.10***

Specifies that the Division of Administration Fund (Fund 1630) is entitled to receive assessments from all operating funds of the Department, subject to OBM approval.

Fiscal effect: Provides a method to pay for the Department's centralized services, such as communications, fiscal administration, human resources, legal, legislative affairs, quality control, training, employee development, and support services.

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COMCD14 Cash transfer to the Small Government Fire Department Services Revolving Loan Program

Section: ***241.10***

Allows the Director of Budget and Management, upon the request of the Director of Commerce, to transfer up to $300,000 in cash from the State Fire Marshal Fund (Fund 5460) to the Small Government Fire Department Services Revolving Loan Fund (Fund 5F10) during the FY 2016-FY 2017 biennium.

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CEBCD1 **Federal share**

Section: ***245.10***

Requires the Controlling Board, in transferring appropriations to and from appropriation items that have federal shares identified in the bill, to add or subtract corresponding amounts of federal matching funds at the percentages indicated by the state and federal division of the appropriations in the bill, and appropriates such changes.

CEBCD2 **Ballot advertising costs**

Section: ***245.10***

Requires the Controlling Board, pursuant to requests submitted by the Secretary of State, to approve transfers from GRF appropriation item 911441, Ballot Advertising Costs, to ISA Fund 5FH0 appropriation item 050621, Statewide Ballot Advertising, in order to pay for the cost of public notices associated with statewide ballot initiatives.

CEBCD3 **Capital appropriation increase for federal stimulus eligibility**

Section: ***245.10***

Requires a state agency director to request that the Controlling Board increase the agency's capital appropriations if the director determines such an increase is needed for the agency to receive and use funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Permits the Controlling Board to increase the capital appropriations pursuant to the request up to the exact amount necessary under ARRA if the Board determines it is necessary for the agency to receive and use those federal funds.

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CEBCD4 **Disaster services**

Section: ***245.10***

(1) Permits the Department of Public Safety to request, and the Controlling Board to approve, transfers from the Disaster Services Fund (Fund 5E20) to a fund and appropriation item used by the Department to provide for assistance to political subdivisions made necessary by natural disasters or emergencies.

(2) Permits such transfers to be requested and approved prior to the occurrence of any specific natural disasters or emergencies in order to facilitate the provision of timely assistance.

(3) Requires Public Safety's Emergency Management Agency (EMA) to use the funding for the State Disaster Relief Program for disasters having a written Governor's authorization, and the State Individual Assistance Program for disasters having a written Governor's authorization and declared by the federal Small Business Administration, and requires the EMA to publish and make available application packets for those two programs.

(4) Requires the Controlling Board to use Fund 5E20, pursuant to requests submitted by state agencies, to transfer cash and appropriations to any fund and appropriation item for the payment of state agency disaster relief program expenses for disasters having a written Governor's authorization, if the Director of Budget and Management determines that sufficient funds exist.

CEBCD5 **Controlling Board approval of expenditure and appropriation increases**

Section: ***503.100***

Appropriates, for the biennium period ending June 30, 2107, any money that the Controlling Board approves for expenditure or any increase in appropriation that the Controlling Board approves under R.C. 127.14, 131.35, and 131.39, or any other provision of law.

Fiscal effect: None.

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BDPCD1 **Board of Deposit Expense Fund**

Section: ***255.10***

Requires that after receiving certification of expenses from the Treasurer of State, the Director of Budget and Management transfer cash from the Investment Earnings Redistribution Fund (Fund 6080) to the Board of Deposit Expense Fund (Fund 4M20) to pay for any and all necessary expenses of the Board of Deposit or for banking charges and fees required for the operation of the State of Ohio Regular Account.

Fiscal effect: None.

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DEVCD3 Fund closures

R.C. ***122.85, 122.174, 122.95, 122.951, Section 512.60, Repealed: 122.26, 122.952***

Requires the Director of Budget and Management to transfer the cash balance from four funds, and abolishes each of the funds upon the transfer, as follows:

(1) Transfer the cash balance remaining in the Motion Picture Tax Credit Program Operating Fund (Fund 5HJ0) to the Business Assistance Fund (Fund 4510). Abolishes Fund 5HJ0;

(2) Transfer the cash balances remaining in the Rural Development Initiative Program Fund (Fund 5S80) and the Rural Industrial Park Loan Fund (Fund 4Z60) to the Facilities Establishment Fund (Fund 7037). Abolishes Fund 5S80 and Fund 4Z60;

(3) Transfer the cash balance remaining in the Industrial Sites Improvement Program Fund (Fund 5AR0) to the Advanced Energy Loan Program Fund (Fund 5M50). Abolishes Fund 5AR0;

Redirects revenue that is currently statutorily specified to be received in the Motion Picture Tax Credit Program Operating Fund (Fund 5HJ0) to instead be deposited into the Business Assistance Fund (Fund 4510)

Fiscal effect: Additional revenue to the funds receiving cash transfers. The current cash balance of the funds being abolished are, in order of balance size, approximately $1.8 million (Fund 5AR0), $485,000 (Fund 5S80), $26,000 (Fund 4Z60), and $24,000 (Fund 5HJ0). There are no current amounts encumbered on line items using these funds.

DEVCD2 Annual report due dates

R.C. ***122.177, 122.64***

Moves, from January 7 to August 1 of each year, until 2017, the due date of the annual report on the Career Exploration Internship Program.

Changes, from August 1 to October 1, the due date of the annual report DSA must prepare for its bond financed economic assistance programs, including Capital Access Program Loans and loans made to businesses under programs authorized by Chapter 166 of the Revised Code, among others.

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Fiscal effect: None.

DEVCD4 Monitoring of compliance with state economic development awards

R.C. ***125.112***

Regarding entities that receive state economic development awards by state agencies, requires the Attorney General to determine the entity's compliance with the terms and conditions of the award, including the performance metrics, at the end of the year by which the entity is required to meet one of those metrics, rather than annually as under current law.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal decrease in administrative costs to DSA and the Attorney General's Office resulting from a decrease in the amount of economic development awards that are to be monitored each year.

DEVCD5 Creation of Housing Trust Reserve Fund

R.C. ***174.09, 174.02, 319.63***

(1) Creates the Housing Trust Reserve Fund in the state treasury, to consist of housing trust fund fees received in excess of $50.0 million each year. (Under continuing law, the first $50.0 million received annually is deposited into the Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Trust Fund (Fund 6460) and revenue in excess of the annual cap goes to the GRF.)

(2) Specifies that the Housing Trust Reserve Fund shall not have a cash balance above $15.0 million, and that once the reserve fund attains that cash balance, housing trust fund fee revenue that exceeds $50.0 million in a fiscal year shall be deposited into the GRF.

(3) Permits the Director of Development Services to request the Director of Budget and Management to transfer money from the reserve fund to Fund 6460 if the housing trust fund fee revenue was less than $50.0 million in the prior fiscal year.

(4) Provides that the amount transferred, when combined with the housing trust fund fee revenue received into Fund 6460 in the prior fiscal year, cannot exceed $50.0 million.

Fiscal effect: Up to $15.0 million that would be deposited into the GRF in future fiscal years, may instead be deposited into the Housing Trust Reserve Fund created in the bill, if the housing trust fund fee revenue exceeds $50.0 million in any of those fiscal years.

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DEVCD7 Coal Research and Development Program

Section: ***257.20***

Requires GRF appropriation item 195402, Coal Research and Development Program, to be used for the operating expenses of the Community Services Division in support of the Ohio Coal Development Office.

DEVCD8 Business Development Services

Section: ***257.20***

Requires GRF appropriation item 195415, Business Development Services, to be used for the operating expenses of the Business Services Division and the regional economic development offices and for grants for cooperative economic development ventures.

DEVCD9 Redevelopment Assistance

Section: ***257.20***

Requires GRF appropriation item 195426, Redevelopment Assistance, to be used to fund the costs of administering the Clean Ohio Revitalization program and other urban revitalization programs that DSA may implement.

DEVCD10 Technology Programs and Grants

Section: ***257.20***

Earmarks the following under GRF appropriation item 195453, Technology Programs and Grants:

(1) Up to $13.0 million in each fiscal year for the Thomas Edison Program, of which not more than 10% may be used for operating expenses incurred in administering the program; and

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(2) Up to $547,341 in each fiscal year for operating expenses incurred in administering the Third Frontier Program.

DEVCD11 Business Assistance

Section: ***257.20***

Allows GRF appropriation item 195454, Business Assistance, to be used for grants to local organizations to support economic development activities that promote minority business development, small business development, entrepreneurship, and exports of Ohio's goods and services.

Requires appropriation item 195454 to be used as matching funds for grants from the U.S. Small Business Administration and other federal agencies.

DEVCD12 Appalachia Assistance

Section: ***257.20***

(1) Allows GRF appropriation item 195455, Appalachia Assistance, to be used for the administrative costs of planning and liaison activities for the Governor's Office of Appalachia, to provide financial assistance to projects in Ohio's Appalachian counties, and to pay dues for the Appalachian Regional Commission.

(2) Earmarks the following amounts from the line item to support four local development districts to pay operating costs involved with coordinating with the Governor's Office of Appalachia, in up to the following amounts in each fiscal year: (A) $135,000 to Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission, (B) $135,000 to Ohio Mid-Eastern Government Association, (C) $135,000 to Buckeye Hills - Hocking Valley Regional Development District, and (D) $35,000 to Eastgate Regional Council of Governments; and

(3) Allows the appropriation item to be used to match federal funds from the Appalachian Regional Commission.

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DEVCD13 CDBG Operating Match

Section: ***257.20***

Requires GRF appropriation item 195497, CDBG Operating Match, to be used as matching state funds for federal assistance received from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development according to the requirements of the Community Development Block Grant Program.

DEVCD14 General Obligation bond debt service payments

Section: ***257.20***

(1) Requires GRF appropriation item 195901, Coal Research and Development General Obligation Bond Debt Service, to be used to pay all debt service and related financing costs in FY 2016 and FY 2017 for obligations issued under sections 151.01 and 151.07 of the Revised Code.

(2) Requires GRF appropriation item 195905, Third Frontier Research and Development General Obligation Bond Debt Service, to be used to pay all debt service and related financing costs in FY 2016 and FY 2017 for obligations issued under sections 151.01 and 151.10 of the Revised Code.

(3) Requires GRF appropriation item 195912, Job Ready Site Development General Obligation Bond Debt Service, to be used to pay all debt service and related financing costs in FY 2016 and FY 2017 for obligations issued under sections 151.01 and 151.11 of the Revised Code.

DEVCD15 Business Assistance Programs

Section: ***257.30***

Requires Fund 4510 appropriation item 195649, Business Assistance Programs, to be used to cover the administrative expenses associated with operating the DSA's tax credit programs, loan servicing, the Ohio Film Office, workforce initiatives, and the Office of Strategic Business Investments.

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DEVCD16 **State Special Projects Fund**

Section: ***257.30***

Permits the State Special Projects Fund (Fund 4F20) to be used for the deposit of funds from private utility companies and other miscellaneous state funds, and allows funds to be used to match federal housing grants for the homeless.

DEVCD17 **Minority Business Enterprise Loan Fund**

Section: ***257.30***

Requires all repayments from the Minority Development Financing Advisory Board Loan Program and the Ohio Mini-Loan Guarantee Program to be credited to the Minority Business Enterprise Loan Fund (Fund 4W10).

DEVCD18 **Minority Business Bonding Program**

Section: ***257.30***

(1) Permits the Director of Development, upon the recommendation of the Minority Development Financing Advisory Board, to pledge up to $10.0 million in unclaimed funds in the FY 2016-FY 2017 biennium allocated to the Minority Business Bonding Program.

(2) Permits any transfer of unclaimed funds from the Unclaimed Funds Trust Fund (Fund 5430) to the Minority Bonding Fund (Fund 4490), but specifies that the transfer shall only occur after proceeds of the initial transfer of $2.7 million authorized by the Controlling Board have been used for that purpose.

(3) Requires that any expenditures made to pay losses arising from the Minority Business Bonding Program be made from Fund 4490 appropriation item 195658, Minority Business Bonding Contingency, and appropriates such amounts.

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DEVCD19 Defense Development Assistance

Section: ***257.30***

(1) Allows the Director of Budget and Management to transfer up to $3.0 million in each fiscal year from the Economic Development Programs Fund (Fund 5JC0) used by the Board of Regents to the Ohio Incumbent Workforce Job Training Fund (Fund 5HR0) used by DSA.

(2) Requires that the transferred funds be used for Fund 5HR0 appropriation item 195622, Defense Development Assistance, for economic development programs and the creation of new jobs to leverage and support mission gains at Department of Defense facilities in Ohio by working with future base realignment and closure activities and ongoing Department of Defense efficiency initiatives, assisting efforts to secure Department of Defense support contracts for Ohio companies, assessing and supporting regional job training and workforce development needs generated by the Department of Defense and the Ohio aerospace industry, and for expanding job training and economic development. Allows a portion of the appropriation, in the aggregate amount of $3.0 million, to be used matched by either public or private industry partners.

(3) Authorizes the Director of Development Services to request that the Director Budget and Management reappropriate any of the unexpended and unencumbered FY 2016 appropriation for the same purpose in FY 2017. Authorizes the Director Budget and Management to request additional information to evaluate the request. Requires the Director of Budget and Management to determine the amounts to be reappropriated, and reappropriates those amounts for FY 2017.

DEVCD20 Incumbent Workforce Training Vouchers

Section: ***257.30***

(1) Allows the Director of Budget and Management to transfer up to $7.5 million in each fiscal year from the Economic Development Programs Fund (Fund 5JC0) used by the Board of Regents to the Ohio Incumbent Workforce Job Training Fund (Fund 5HR0) used by DSA.

(2) Requires that the transferred funds be used for Fund 5HR0 appropriation item 195662, Incumbent Workforce Training Vouchers, for the Incumbent Workforce Training Voucher Program.

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(3) Specifies that the Ohio Incumbent Workforce Training Voucher Program conform to the following guidelines, including but not limited to: a requirement that training vouchers must not exceed $6,000 per worker per year; a provision for the employer to apply for vouchers on behalf of an eligible employee; a provision for an eligible employee to apply directly for a training voucher with the pre-approval of the employee's employer; and a requirement that an employee participating in the program, or the employee's employer, pay for not less than 33% of the training costs.

(4) Authorizes the Director of Development Services to request that the Director of Budget and Management reappropriate any of the unexpended and unencumbered FY 2016 appropriation for the same purpose in FY 2017. Authorizes the Director Budget and Management to request additional information to evaluate the request. Requires the Director of Budget and Management to determine the amounts to be reappropriated, and reappropriates those amounts for FY 2017.

DEVCD21 Local Government Innovation

Section: ***257.30***

(1) Requires Fund 5KN0 appropriation item 195640, Local Government Innovation, to be used to make loans and grants to political subdivisions under the Local Government Innovation Program and the Local Government Efficiency Program.

(2) Allows up to $200,000 in each fiscal year to be used for administrative costs incurred by the DSA, of which up to $25,000 may be used for the costs of preparing a report involving the local government information exchange.

(3) Allows up to $75,000 of the line item to be used in each fiscal year for DSA to administer and provide technical assistance in providing grants and loans involving the local government information exchange, and allows DSA to enter into agreements with the Department of Administrative Services to perform this technical assistance.

DEVCD22 Advanced Energy Loan Programs

Section: ***257.30***

Requires that Fund 5M50 appropriation item 195660, Advanced Energy Loan Programs, be used to provide financial assistance to customers for eligible advanced energy projects for residential, commercial, and industrial businesses; local governments; educational institutions; nonprofits; and agriculture customers. Requires the appropriation item also to be used to pay for the loan program's administrative costs.

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DEVCD23 **Travel and Tourism Cooperative Projects**

Section: ***257.30***

Requires that Fund 5W50 appropriation item 195690, Travel and Tourism Cooperative Projects, to be used for the marketing and promotion of travel and tourism in Ohio, and specifies that Fund 5W50 shall consist solely of leveraged private sector paid advertising dollars received in tourism marketing assistance and co-op programs.

DEVCD24 **Volume Cap Administration**

Section: ***257.30***

Requires Fund 6170 appropriation item 195654, Volume Cap Administration, to be used for expenses related to the administration of the Volume Cap Program, and specifies that revenues received by the Volume Cap Administration Fund (Fund 6170) shall consist of application fees, forfeited deposits, and interest earned from the custodial account held by the Treasurer of State.

DEVCD25 **Supportive Services Fund**

Section: ***257.40***

Authorizes the Director of Development Services to assess DSA's divisions for the costs of central service operations, requires assessments to contain the characteristics of administrative ease and uniform application, and requires such payments to be credited to the Supportive Services Fund (Fund 1350) using an intrastate transfer voucher.

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DEVCD26 Development Services Reimbursable Expenditures

Section: ***257.40***

Requires Fund 6850 appropriation item 195636, Development Services Reimbursable Expenditures, to be used for reimbursable costs, and requires revenues to the General Reimbursement Fund (Fund 6850) to consist of moneys charged for administrative costs that are not central service costs.

DEVCD27 Capital Access Loan Program

Section: ***257.50***

Requires Fund 5S90 appropriation item 195628, Capital Access Loan Program, to be used for operating, program, and administrative expenses of the Capital Access Loan Program, and requires program funds to be used to assist participating financial institutions in making program loans to eligible businesses that face barriers in accessing working capital and obtaining fixed-asset financing.

DEVCD28 Innovation Ohio

Section: ***257.50***

Requires Fund 7009 appropriation item 195664, Innovation Ohio, to be used for Innovation Ohio Program loan guarantees and loans under Chapter 166., and particularly sections 166.12 to 166.16, of the Revised Code.

DEVCD29 Research and Development

Section: ***257.50***

Requires Fund 7010 appropriation item 195665, Research and Development, to be used for research and development purposes, including loans, under Chapter 166., and particularly sections 166.17 to 166.21, of the Revised Code.

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DEVCD30 **Facilities Establishment**

Section: ***257.50***

(1) Specifies that Fund 7037 appropriation item 195615, Facilities Establishment, be used for the purposes of the Facilities Establishment Fund (Fund 7037) under Chapter 166. of the Revised Code.

(2) Allows the transfer of up to $3.5 million cash in each fiscal year from Fund 7037 to the Business Assistance Fund (Fund 4510), subject to Controlling Board approval.

(3) Allows the transfer of up to $2.0 million cash in each fiscal year from Fund 7037 to the Minority Business Enterprise Loan Fund (Fund 4W10).

(4) Allows the transfer of up to $2.0 million cash in each fiscal year from Fund 7037 to the Capital Access Loan Fund (Fund 5S90).

DEVCD31 **Third Frontier Program operating costs**

Section: ***257.60***

Requires appropriation items 195686 and 195620 to be used for Third Frontier Program operating expenses under sections 184.10 to 184.20 of the Revised Code.

Restricts expenses paid from line item 195686 to costs related to the administration of projects funded from the Third Frontier Research & Development Fund (Fund 7011), and expenses paid from line item 195620 to costs related the administration of projects funded from the Third Frontier Research & Development Taxable Bond Project Fund (Fund 7014).

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DEVCD32 **Third Frontier Program funding for research and development projects**

Section: ***257.60***

Requires appropriation items 195687, 195692, and 195620 to be used to fund eligible Third Frontier Program projects to which the proceeds of Fund 7011 and Fund 7014 are to be applied.

DEVCD33 **Transfers of appropriations supporting the Third Frontier Program**

Sections: ***257.60, 503.80***

(1) Permits the Director of Budget and Management to approve written requests from the Director of Development Services for the transfer of appropriations between appropriation items 195687 and 195692 based upon Third Frontier Program awards recommended by the Third Frontier Commission.

(2) Authorizes the Director of Development Services to request that the Director of Budget and Management reappropriate any unexpended, unencumbered balance of the FY 2016 appropriations to line items 195687 and 195692 for the same purposes in FY 2017. Allows the Director of Budget and Management to request additional information to evaluate the requests before making the cash transfers. Reappropriates the cash transfer amounts approved by the Director of Budget and Management.

(3) Separate from the provisions contained in (1) and (2) above, allows the Director of Budget and Management to transfer appropriations between Fund 7011 and Fund 7014 as necessary to maintain the exemption from federal taxation with respect to Third Frontier projects funded by federally tax-exempt bonds, the proceeds of which are deposited into Fund 7011.

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DEVCD34 Clean Ohio Revitalization Operating

Section: ***257.70***

Requires Fund 7003 appropriation item 195663, Clean Ohio Revitalization Operating, to be used to administer brownfield redevelopment projects under the Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund (Fund 7003) pursuant to sections 122.65 to 122.658 of the Revised Code.

DEVCD35 Job Ready Site Development Operating

Section: ***257.70***

Requires Fund 7012 appropriation item 195688, Job Ready Site Development, to be used for operating expenses in administering Job Ready Site Development Fund (Fund 7012) projects.

Specifies that operating expenses include, but are not limited to, qualified expenses of District Public Works Integrating Committees, engineering review of submitted applications by the State Architect or a third party engineering firm, audit and accountability activities, and costs associated with formal site infrastructure certifications.

DEVCD36 HEAP Weatherization

Section: ***257.80***

Allows up to 25% of the federal funds credited to the Home Energy Assistance Block Grant Fund (Fund 3K90) to be spent from appropriation item 195614, HEAP Weatherization, to be used to provide home weatherization services as determined by the Director of Development Services.

Requires any transfers or increases in the appropriation to line item 195614 or Fund 3K90 appropriation item 195611, Home Energy Assistance Block Grant, to be subject to Controlling Board approval.

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DEVCD37 Report on entrepreneurial business incubators

Section: ***257.90***

Requires DSA to produce a report mapping and reviewing business incubators in the state of Ohio, and mandates that the report be available on the agency's website by the end of December 2015.

Specifies that the report include the following analysis:

(1) Identification of locations and available support services, unmet service areas, and duplication of service at entrepreneurial business incubators;

(2) Classification of the industry of member entrepreneurs receiving services into certain industrials categories;

(3) Collection of data on member entrepreneurs based on jobs, capital investment, and sales; and

(4) Description of characteristics of incubators that successfully graduate companies to be independent job creators for Ohio.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in administrative costs in producing the report, either through using existing staff resources or in hiring a consultant.

DEVCD6 Abandoned Gas Station Cleanup Grant Program

Section: ***610.20***

Amends section 235.10 of Am. H.B. 497 of the 130th General Assembly, the capital budget bill for the FY 2015-FY 2016 biennium, to accomplish the following:

(1) Create the Abandoned Gas Station Cleanup Grant Program for the cleanup and remediation of Class C release sites, and allow the Director of Development Services to award grants to local governments under the program, up to the following amounts per grant type - $500,000 for a property assessment, and $2.0 million for cleanup and remediation;

(2) Establish the Service Station Cleanup Fund (Fund 7100) and transfer $20.0 million cash into the fund from the Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund (Fund 7003), and require that money in Fund 7100 be used to award grants under the Abandoned Gas Station Cleanup Grant Program;

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(3) Add a capital appropriation of $20.0 million from Fund 7100 for new appropriation item C19507, Service Station Cleanup, in the FY 2015-FY 2016 capital biennium;

(4) Prescribe the grant application process and allow the Director of Development Services to consult with the EPA, State Fire Marshal, Ohio Water Development Authority, and Public Works Commission in awarding grants under the program.

DEVCD38 Transfers to the Tourism Fund

Section: ***610.33***

Amends Section 5 of Am. S.B. 314 of the 129th General Assembly to alter the annual calculation of the adjustment to the $10.0 million limit on transfers to the Tourism Fund (Fund 5MJ0) from the GRF. Specifies that the adjustment be calculated by multiplying the limit for the preceding year by the sum of one plus the percentage change in the in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Midwest region as determined by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, in the prior year. (Current law requires that the adjustment be calculated by adding to the annual limit the product of multiplying the limit for the preceding year by the sum of one plus the percentage increase in CPI for the Midwest region as determined by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, in the prior year.)

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DDDCD34 Residential facility licensure

R.C. ***5123.19, 5123.196, 5123.198***

Repeals provisions related to the licensure of residential facilities by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (ODODD) that (1) require the establishment of procedures for public notice of certain actions taken by the ODODD Director, (2) require the adoption of rules establishing certification procedures for licensees and management contractors, classification of types of residential facilities, and personnel training, (3) require that a survey be performed when multiple facilities owned or operated by the same person or entity are out of compliance with the law, and (4) require ODODD to establish procedures to notify interested parties regarding facilities that are closing or losing their license.

Permits the Director to reduce the maximum capacity of a residential facility that has operated at less than the maximum capacity for more than 12 months.

Prohibits a person or government entity (and related parties) whose application for a license has been denied from applying for a license within five (instead of one) year of the denial.

Permits the Director to assign the responsibility to conduct surveys and inspections to the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), in addition to the county boards of developmental disabilities (DD).

Authorizes the renewal of interim licenses for 180 (rather than 150) days.

Requires a licensee to transfer records to the new licensee or management contractor when the identity of the licensee or contractor significantly changes.

Fiscal effect: Decrease in costs related to the licensure of residential facilities; potential increase in costs to ODH to conduct inspections.

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DDDCD32 Consent for medical treatment

R.C. ***5123.86***

Authorizes a guardian (or court in the absence of a guardian) of a resident of an institution for the mentally retarded who is physically or mentally unable to receive information or who has been adjudicated incompetent to receive information on and to consent to an experimental procedure on the resident's behalf.

Eliminates provisions requiring informed consent to be given before a resident of an institution for the mentally retarded receives convulsive therapy, major aversive interventions, or unusual or hazardous treatment procedures.

Fiscal effect: None. According to ODODD staff, convulsive therapy, major aversive interventions, and unusual or hazardous treatment procedures are no longer used in these institutions.

DDDCD31 Incentives to convert ICF/IID beds

R.C. ***5123.376***

Permits the ODODD Director to change the terms of an agreement entered into with a county board of developmental disabilities or private, nonprofit agency regarding the construction, acquisition, or renovation of a residential facility if certain conditions are met including a condition that the residential facility have converted at least 50% of its Medicaid-certified beds from providing intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID) services to providing home and community-based services.

Permits the Director to forgive the outstanding balance a county board or nonprofit, private agency otherwise owes under an agreement regarding the construction, acquisition, or renovation of a residential facility if certain conditions are met including a condition that the residential facility have converted all of its Medicaid-certified beds from providing ICF/IID services to providing home and community-based services.

Fiscal effect: None.

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DDDCD29 Supported living certificates

R.C. ***5123.1610, 5123.033, 5123.16, 5123.161-5123.164, 5123.166, 5123.167, 5123.169, 5123.1611***

Provides that a person or government entity's supported living certificate is suspended or revoked automatically or is to be denied renewal if the person or government entity's Medicaid provider agreement to provide supported living is suspended, revoked, or denied revalidation.

Increases to five years (from one year) the period during which a person or government entity is prohibited from applying for a supported living certificate following an adjudication order issued by the ODODD Director refusing to issue or renew a supported living certificate.

Prohibits a person or government entity from applying for a supported living certificate until five years after the ODODD Director revokes or refuses to renew the person or government entity's certificate because of a Medicaid provider agreement that is revoked or refused revalidation.

Fiscal effect: ODODD would experience a delay in revenue related to supported living certificate fees.

DDDCD40 Medicaid payment to an ICF/IID for day of discharge

R.C. ***5124.33***

Provides that the prohibition against making a Medicaid payment to an ICF/IID for the day a Medicaid recipient is discharged does not apply if the recipient is discharged because all of the beds in the ICF/IID are converted to providing home and community-based services.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal increase in Medicaid payments to ICFs.

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DDDCD41 Adjudication regarding converted ICFs/IID Medicaid provider agreement

R.C. ***5124.60, 5164.38***

Provides that the Medicaid Director is not required to conduct an adjudication when terminating an ICF/IID's Medicaid provider agreement as a result of the ICF/IID converting all of its beds to providing home and community-based services or when amending an ICF/IID's Medicaid provider agreement to reflect the ICF/IID's reduced Medicaid-certified capacity resulting from the ICF/IID converting some but not all of its beds.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal decrease in administrative costs for the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM).

DDDCD42 Adjudication regarding converted ICFs/IID Medicaid provider agreement

R.C. ***5124.61, 5164.38***

Provides, in the case of an ICF/IID that a person acquired through a request for proposals process after the previous owner's license was surrendered or revoked, that the Medicaid Director is not required to conduct an adjudication when (1) terminating the ICF/IID's Medicaid provider agreement as a result of the ICF/IID converting all of its beds to providing home and community-based services or (2) amending the ICF/IID's Medicaid provider agreement to reflect the ICF/IID's reduced Medicaid-certified capacity resulting from the ICF/IID converting some but not all of its beds.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal decrease in administrative costs for ODM.

DDDCD35 Admissions to ICFs/IID with more than eight beds

R.C. ***5124.68***

Prohibits, with certain exceptions, an ICF/IID with more than eight beds from admitting an individual as a resident unless (1) a county board of developmental disabilities receives an admission application for the individual, (2) the county board has provided the individual and ODODD a copy of an evaluation the county board is required to conduct of the individual, and (3) ODODD determines that the individual chooses the ICF/IID after being fully informed of all available alternatives.

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Fiscal effect: None.

DDDCD36 Enrolling ICF/IID residents in ODODD-administered Medicaid waiver programs

R.C. ***5124.69, 5126.0510***

Requires ODODD to develop and make available to all ICFs/IID a written pamphlet that describes the services that Medicaid covers under the ICF/IID benefit and the home and community-based services covered by ODODD-administered Medicaid waiver programs.

Requires ICFs/IID to provide the pamphlet to residents and their guardians, to discuss the pamphlet with them at certain times, and to refer to county boards of developmental disabilities those residents who indicate interest in enrolling in an ODODD-administered Medicaid waiver program.

Requires a county board, not later than 30 days after being contacted by an ICF/IID resident so referred, to enroll the resident in an ODODD-administered Medicaid waiver program if (1) the resident has been on a waiting list for the program since at least December 1, 2014, (2) the resident is eligible and chooses to enroll in the program, (3) the program has an available slot, and (4) the ODODD Director determines that ODODD has the funds necessary to pay the nonfederal share of the Medicaid expenditures for the services the resident receives under the program.

Makes ODODD responsible for the nonfederal share of the Medicaid expenditures for the home and community-based services received by such an ICF/IID resident enrolled in an ODODD-administered Medicaid waiver program.

Provides for the Medicaid-certified capacity of an ICF/IID with more than eight beds to be reduced for each resident enrolled in an ODODD-administered Medicaid waiver program.

Fiscal effect: According to ODODD, when an individual converts from an ICF/IID to a waiver, the agency generally considers it a budget neutral transaction. Responsibility for the nonfederal share for waiver services will shift from county DD boards to ODODD under these provisions. Potential minimal increase in administrative costs to develop the required pamphlet.

DDDCD37 ICF/IID sleeping room occupancy

R.C. ***5124.70***

Prohibits the operator of an ICF/IID from allowing more than two residents to share a sleeping room.

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Requires the operator of an ICF/IID in which more than two residents share a sleeping room to submit to ODODD a plan to come into compliance with the prohibition.

Requires that the plan include a commitment that the ICF/IID reduce its Medicaid-certified capacity by becoming a downsized ICF/IID or a partially converted ICF/IID and that implementation be completed by December 31, 2023.

Permits certain ICFs/IID to allow more than two residents to share a sleeping room while the ICF/IID is implementing a plan that has been approved by ODODD.

Prohibits an ICF/IID operator from admitting a new resident if more than two residents share a sleeping room.

Specifies that the sleeping room occupancy limits do not apply to certain ICFs/IID that became downsized or partially converted ICFs/IID on or before January 1, 2015.

Fiscal effect: None.

DDDCD38 Modified calculation of Medicaid payment rates for downsized, partially converted, and new ICFs/IID

R.C. ***5124.101, 5124.15***

Provides for certain modifications to be made in determining an ICF/IID's Medicaid payment rate for services provided during a certain period following the ICF/IID (1) downsizing, (2) partially converting to a provider of home and community-based services, or (3) beginning to participate in Medicaid after obtaining its beds from certain downsized ICFs/IID.

Fiscal effect: Estimated increase of $2.8 million in FY 2016 and $4.1 million in FY 2017.

DDDCD39 ICFs/IID Medicaid rates for certain residents

R.C. ***5124.155, 5124.15***

Provides for the Medicaid rate paid to an ICF/IID in peer group 1 or peer group 2 for ICF/IID services provided to a Medicaid recipient who is placed in the chronic behaviors and typical adaptive needs classification or the typical adaptive needs and non-significant behaviors classification to be the lesser of the regular rate or a flat rate specified in the bill.

Fiscal effect: Estimated savings of $14.6 million in FY 2016 and $6.8 million in FY 2017.

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DDDCD43 Priority status for residents of ICFs/IID and nursing facilities on home and community-based services waiting list

R.C. ***5126.042***

Adds residents of ICFs/IID and nursing facilities to the list of individuals receiving priority status on the waiting list for home and community-based services provided by a county DD board.

Fiscal effect: None.

DDDCD33 Service and support administrators – county DD boards

R.C. ***5126.15, 5126.201***

Prohibits service and support administrators for county DD boards from providing programs or services to individuals with mental retardation or developmental disabilities through self-employment.

Fiscal effect: None.

DDDCD46 Monthly personal needs allowance for Medicaid recipients residing in ICFs/IID

R.C. ***5163.33***

Modifies, starting on January 1, 2016, the monthly personal needs allowance for Medicaid recipients residing in ICFs/IID to a minimum of $50 for individuals and $100 for married couples if both spouses are residents of an ICF/IID and their incomes are considered available to each other (the same personal needs allowance that applies to residents of nursing facilities).

Fiscal effect: ODODD has budgeted an increase in costs of $100,000 in FY 2016 and $200,000 in FY 2017 related to the increase in personal needs allowance for ICF residents; for DC residents, ODODD has budgeted an increase in costs of $25,000 in FY 2016 and $50,000 in FY 2017.

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DDDCD44 ICF/IID franchise permit fee rate

R.C. ***5168.60***

Reduces the franchise permit fee charged to ICFs/IID per bed per day from $18.17 to $18.07 for fiscal year 2016 and $18.02 for fiscal year 2017 and thereafter.

Fiscal effect: Estimated franchise fee revenue to ODODD of $44.8 million in FY 2016 and $44.2 million in FY 2017. Estimated franchise fee payments made for state developmental centers (DCs) of $6.2 million in FY 2016 and $5.5 million in FY 2017. (Assuming the rate changes from $18.17 in FY 2015 to $18.07 in FY 2016 and to $18.02 in FY 2017). For FY 2015, ODODD estimates franchise fee payments for DCs to total $6.8 million.

DDDCD28 Notice of ICF/IID's franchise permit fee

R.C. ***5168.63, 5168.67***

Requires ODODD to notify, electronically or by United States Postal Service, ICFs/IID of (1) the amount of their franchise permit fees and (2) the date, time, and place of hearings to be held for appeals regarding the fees.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in mailing costs.

DDDCD45 Termination of ICF/IID franchise permit fee after conversion

R.C. ***5168.64***

Revises the law governing the termination of the franchise permit fee charged to an ICF/IID that converts all of its beds to providing home and community-based services as follows:

(1) Requires ODODD to terminate the fee regardless of when the conversion occurs;

(2) Stipulates that the ICF/IID's Medicaid provider agreement must have been terminated as a consequence of the conversion in order for the fee to be terminated;

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(3) Requires that the termination take effect on the first day of the quarter immediately following the quarter in which the conversion takes place rather than on the first day of the quarter immediately following the quarter in which ODODD receives notice of the conversion from the Director of Health;

(4) Applies the termination requirement in the case of an ICF/IID that converts all of its beds after the ICF/IID is acquired by an individual through a request for proposals issued because the ICF/IID's license was previously surrendered or revoked.

Revises the law governing the redetermination of the franchise permit fee charged to an ICF/IID that converts some but not all of its beds to providing home and community-based services as follows:

(1) Stipulates that the ICF/IID's Medicaid-certified capacity must have been reduced as a consequence of the conversion in order for the fee to be redetermined;

(2) Applies the redetermination requirement in the case of an ICF/IID that converts some but not all of its beds after the ICF/IID is acquired by an individual through a request for proposals issued because the ICF/IID's license was previously surrendered or revoked.

Fiscal effect: None.

DDDCD1 Developmental Disabilities facilities lease-rental bond payments

Section: ***259.20***

Requires ODODD to use GRF appropriation item 320415, Lease-Rental Payments, to meet all payments pursuant to leases and agreements made under state law regarding capital facilities. Specifies that the appropriations in that appropriation item are the source of funds pledged for bond service charges on obligations issued for certain capital facilities.

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DDDCD2 Screening and Early Intervention

Section: ***259.30***

Requires GRF appropriation item 322420, Screening and Early Intervention, to be used, at the discretion of ODODD, for professional and program development related to early identification/screening and intervention for children with autism and other complex developmental disabilities and their families.

DDDCD3 Family support services subsidy

Section: ***259.40***

Permits GRF appropriation item 322451, Family Support Services, to be used for the following purposes:

(1) To provide a subsidy in quarterly installments to county DD boards for family support services provided under section 5126.11 of the Revised Code according to a formula developed by the ODODD Director in consultation with representatives of county DD boards; and

(2) To distribute funds to county DD boards for the purpose of addressing economic hardships and to promote efficiency of operations.

Specifies that a county DD board is not to use more than 7% of its subsidy for administrative costs.

DDDCD4 State Subsidy to County DD Boards

Section: ***259.50***

Requires that, except for the amounts used for the nonfederal share of an ICF bed, GRF appropriation item 322501, County Boards Subsidies, be used for the following purposes:

(1) To provide a subsidy to county DD boards, allocated quarterly in accordance with a formula developed by the ODODD Director in consultation with the county DD boards, for early childhood and adult services, service and support administration, and supported living;

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(2) To provide funding, as determined necessary by the ODODD Director, for residential services, including room and board, and support services that enable individuals with DD to live in the community; and

(3) To distribute funds to county DD boards, in an amount and by criteria determined by the ODODD Director in consultation with the boards, to address economic hardships and to promote efficiency of operations.

Allows a county DD board, in consultation with the county's family and children first council, to transfer portions of funds received under this section to a flexible funding pool.

DDDCD5 County board share of waiver services

Section: ***259.60***

Requires the ODODD Director to establish a methodology to be used in FY 2016 and FY 2017 to estimate the quarterly amount each county DD board is to pay of the nonfederal share of home and community-based services for which the county board is responsible. Requires the ODODD Director to provide written notice of the amount owed by each county board for each quarter.

DDDCD6 Tax Equity

Section: ***259.70***

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 322503, Tax Equity, may be used to distribute funds to county DD boards to address economic hardships and promote efficiency of operations. Requires the ODODD Director, in consultation with county DD boards, to determine the amount of funds to distribute for these purposes and the criteria for distributing the funds.

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DDDCD7 Medicaid Services

Section: ***259.80***

Requires GRF appropriation item 653407, Medicaid Services, to be used for the following: (1) to fund home and community-based services as defined under section 5124.01 of the Revised Code; (2) to implement the requirements of the agreements settling the consent decrees in Sermak vs. Manuel and Martin v. Strickland; (3) ICF/IID services; and (4) other programs identified by the ODODD Director.

DDDCD8 Employment First Initiative

Section: ***259.90***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 322508, Employment First Initiative, be used to increase employment opportunities for individuals with DD through the existing Employment First Initiative.

Requires the ODODD Director in each fiscal year to transfer from GRF appropriation item 322508, to the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency (OOD), an amount agreed upon by the ODODD Director and the OOD Executive Director to support the Employment First Initiative and requires that the transfer be made via an intrastate transfer voucher. Requires OOD to use the funds transferred as state matching funds to obtain available federal grant dollars for vocational rehabilitation services, and requires that any federal match dollars received by OOD be used for the initiative.

Requires the ODODD Director and the OOD Executive Director to enter into an interagency agreement that will specify the responsibilities of each agency under the initiative, and specifies that OOD must retain responsibility for eligibility determination, order of selection, plan approval, plan amendment, and release of vendor payments.

Requires that the remainder of GRF appropriation item 322508 be used to develop a long term, sustainable system that places individuals with DD in community employment.

Fiscal effect: Potential gain in federal vocational rehabilitation (VR) dollars to OOD in each fiscal year depending upon the amount that is transferred to OOD for the pilot program. The federal government provides a match to the state of $3.69 for every $1 expended for VR services.

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DDDCD9 **Operating and Services**

Section: ***259.100***

Requires $100,000 in each fiscal year in appropriation item 320606, Operating and Services, be provided to the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence to establish a lifespan autism hub to support families and professionals.

DDDCD10 **Targeted case management services**

Section: ***259.110***

Requires county DD boards to pay the nonfederal portion of targeted case management costs to ODODD.

Permits the ODODD Director and the Director of Medicaid to enter into an interagency agreement, under which: (1) ODODD must transfer cash using an intrastate transfer voucher from the Targeted Case Management Fund (Fund 5DJ0), used by ODODD, to the Health Care/Medicaid Support and Recoveries Fund (Fund 5DL0), used by ODM, in amounts that equal the nonfederal portion of the cost of targeted case management services paid by county DD boards; and (2) ODM must pay the total cost of targeted case management claims.

DDDCD11 **Withholding of funds owed ODODD**

Section: ***259.120***

Permits ODODD to withhold any amount due to a county DD board if the county DD board does not fully pay any amount owed to ODODD by the due date established by ODODD. Allows the ODODD Director to transfer cash to any other fund used by ODODD in an amount equal to the amount owed to ODODD that the county DD board did not pay. Specifies that transfers under this section must be made using an intrastate transfer voucher.

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DDDCD12 Developmental center billing for services

Section: ***259.130***

Permits a developmental center to provide services to persons with developmental disabilities who live in the community or to providers of services to such persons and authorizes ODODD to develop a methodology for recovering all costs associated with provision of these services.

DDDCD13 Nonfederal match for active treatment services

Section: ***259.140***

Requires that any funds received by ODODD from county DD boards for active treatment be deposited into the Developmental Disabilities Operating Fund (Fund 4890).

DDDCD14 ODODD Innovative Pilot Projects

Section: ***259.150***

Permits the ODODD Director to authorize the continuation or implementation of innovative pilot projects that are likely to assist in promoting the objectives of state law governing ODODD and county DD boards.

Requires the ODODD Director, before authorizing a pilot project, to consult with entities interested in the issue of developmental disabilities, including the Ohio Provider Resource Association, the Ohio Association of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities, the Ohio Health Care Association/Ohio Centers for Intellectual Disabilities, the Values and Faith Alliance, and the ARC of Ohio.

Specifies that the ODODD Director may not authorize a pilot project to be implemented in a manner that would cause the state to be out of compliance with any requirements for a program funded in whole or in part with federal funds.

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DDDCD15 FY 2016 Medicaid rates for ICFs/IID in peer groups 1 and 2

Section: ***259.160***

For FY 2016:

(1) Modifies the formula to be used in determining the Medicaid payment rates for ICFs/IID in peer groups 1 and 2.

(2) Provides for the total Medicaid rate paid to an ICF/IID in peer group 1 or 2 for services provided to a Medicaid recipient who is placed in the chronic behaviors and typical adaptive needs classification or the typical adaptive needs and non-significant behaviors classification to be the lesser of the rate determined with the modifications or a specified flat rate.

(3) Requires ODODD, if the mean total per Medicaid day rate for ICFs/IID in peer groups 1 and 2, as determined in the manners discussed above, is other than $288.99, to adjust the total per Medicaid day rate for each such ICF/IID by a percentage that equals the percentage by which the mean rate is greater or less than $288.99.

(4) Requires portions of appropriation items 653407, Medicaid Services, 653606, ICF/IID and Waiver Match, and 653653, ICF/IID to be used to pay certain Medicaid payment rates for ICF/IID services provided during FY 2016.

Fiscal effect: These provisions represent a two percent increase in the daily rate, which amounts to an $11 million increase in Medicaid payments to ICFs for FY 2016.

DDDCD16 FY 2017 Medicaid rates for ICFs/IID in peer groups 1 and 2

Section: ***259.170***

For FY 2017:

(1) Modifies the formula to be used in determining the Medicaid payment rates for ICFs/IID in peer groups 1 and 2.

(2) Requires ODODD, if the mean total per Medicaid day rate for ICFs/IID in peer groups 1 and 2, as determined with modifications, is other than $289.60, to adjust the total per Medicaid day rate for each such ICF/IID by a percentage that equals the percentage by which the mean rate is greater or less than $289.60.

(3) Requires portions of appropriation items 653407, Medicaid Services, 653606, ICF/IID and Waiver Match, and 653653, ICF/IID to be used to pay certain Medicaid payment rates for ICF/IID services provided during fiscal year 2017.

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Fiscal effect: These provisions continue the FY 2016 two percent increase in the daily rate, which amounts to an $11 million increase in Medicaid payments to ICFs for FY 2017.

DDDCD17 FY 2016 Medicaid payment rate for ICFs/IID in peer group 3

Section: ***259.180***

Provides for an ICF/IID in peer group 3 that obtained an initial Medicaid provider agreement during FY 2015 to continue to be paid, for services provided during FY 2016, the ICF/IID's total per Medicaid day rate in effect on June 30, 2015.

Fiscal effect: None.

DDDCD18 Transfer of funds for outlier services provided to pediatric ventilator-dependent ICF/IID residents

Section: ***259.190***

Requires that in each quarter of FY 2016 and FY 2017, the ODODD Director certify to the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) Director the amount needed to pay the nonfederal share of the costs of the Medicaid rate add-on for outlier ICF services.

Requires the OBM Director, on receipt of certification, to transfer appropriations equaling the certified amount from GRF appropriation item 651525, Medicaid/Health Care Services, used by ODM, to GRF appropriation item 653407, Medicaid Services, used by ODODD, and, requires the OBM Director to reduce the appropriation in 651525, Medicaid/Health Care Services, by the corresponding federal share.

Allows the ODODD Director to request the OBM Director to authorize expenditures from the Developmental Center and Residential Facility Services and Support Fund (Fund 3A40), if receipts credited to that fund exceed the amounts appropriated in appropriation item 653653, ICF/IID, and appropriates those amounts upon approval of the OBM Director.

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DDDCD20 ICF/IID Medicaid Rate Workgroup

Section: ***259.200***

Retains the previously created ICF/IID Medicaid Rate Workgroup to assist ODODD during FY 2016 and FY 2017 with its evaluation of revisions to the formula used to determine Medicaid payment rates for ICF/IID services. Requires the Workgroup, in conducting the evaluation, to (1) focus primarily on the service needs of individuals with complex challenges that ICFs/IID are able to meet; and (2) pursue the goal of reducing the Medicaid-certified capacity of individual ICFs/IID and the total number of ICF/IID beds in the state for the purpose of increasing the service choices and community integration of individuals eligible for ICF/IID services.

Fiscal effect: None.

DDDCD19 Nonfederal share of ICF/IID services

Section: ***259.210***

Requires the ODODD Director to pay the nonfederal share of a claim for ICF services using subsidies otherwise allocated to county DD boards if (1) Medicaid covers the services, (2) the services are provided to a Medicaid recipient who is eligible for the services and who does not occupy a bed in the ICF that used to be included in the Medicaid-certified capacity of another ICF certified before June 1, 2003, (3) the services are provided by an ICF whose Medicaid certification was initiated or supported by a county DD board, and (4) the provider has a valid Medicaid provider agreement for the time the services are provided.

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DDDCD21 Payment rates for homemaker/personal care services provided to qualifying Individual Options enrollees

Section: ***259.220***

Provides for the Medicaid payment rate for each 15 minutes of routine homemaker/personal care services provided to a qualifying enrollee of the Individual Options (IO) Waiver Program to be, for 12 months, 52 cents higher than the Medicaid payment rate in effect on the day the services are provided for each 15 minutes of such services provided to an IO enrollee who is not a qualifying enrollee.

Specifies that portions of appropriation items 653407, Medicaid Services, and 653639, Medicaid Waiver Services, are to be used to pay the Medicaid payment rate determined for routine homemaker/personal care services provided to qualifying IO enrollees.

Fiscal effect: This provision is a continuation of current policy. The fiscal impact depends on service utilization and the number of individuals who qualify for the increased rate.

DDDCD22 Updating authorizing statute citations

Section: ***259.230***

Specifies that the ODODD Director is not required to amend any rule for the sole purpose of updating the citation in the Ohio Administrative Code to the rule's authorizing statute to reflect that the bill renumbers the authorizing statute or relocates it to another Revised Code section and specifies that such citations are to be updated as the ODODD Director amends the rules for other purposes.

Fiscal effect: Potential administrative savings from not needing to amend rules.

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DDDCD23 Reason for the repeal of R.C. 5111.236

Section: ***259.240***

Specifies that the bill is repealing R.C. 5111.236 to carry out the intent of the Governor as indicated in the veto message regarding H.B. 1 of the 128th General Assembly transmitted to the Clerk of the House of Representatives on July 17, 2009.

DDDCD24 System Transformation Supports

Section: ***259.250***

Allows the ODODD Director to use appropriation item 320607, System Transformation Supports, to purchase residential facility beds in order to reduce the number of beds certified for participation in Medicaid as ICF/IID beds and to fund other system transformation initiatives identified by the ODODD Director.

Requires the ODODD Director to establish priorities for the purchase of beds and requires that the purchase price of a bed be the price the ODODD Director determines is reasonable based on the established priorities.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in administrative costs to establish priorities for the purchase of beds.

DDDCD25 ICF/IID payment methodology transformation

Section: ***259.260***

Requires ODODD to issue a request for proposals for an entity to develop a plan to transform the formula used to determine Medicaid payment rates for the services of ICFs/IID in a manner that includes quality incentive measures, has payments be based on health outcomes, and promotes services that are provided in the most integrated setting.

Requires the entity developing the plan to consider recommendations of the ICF/IID Medicaid Rate Workgroup and the ICF/IID Quality Incentive Workgroup.

Specifies that the plan be developed with the goal of beginning implementation of the transformation on July 1, 2017.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal increase in administrative costs.

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DDDCD26 ICF/IID Quality Incentive Workgroup

Section: ***259.270***

Requires the ODODD Director to create the ICF/IID Quality Incentive Workgroup to study the issue of establishing, as part of the Medicaid payment formula for ICF/IID services, accountability measures that act as quality incentives.

Fiscal effect: None.

DDDCD27 Community support and rental assistance

Section: ***259.280***

Allows the ODODD Director to use appropriation item 322509, Community Support and Rental Assistance, to provide funding to county DD boards for rental assistance to individuals with developmental disabilities receiving home and community-based services under certain circumstances and to former residents of a developmental center.

Requires the ODODD Director to establish methodology for determining the amount and distribution of the funding to county DD boards for rental assistance.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in administrative costs to establish a methodology for determining the amount and distribution of the funding to county DD boards.

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School Funding

EDUCD3 **Community and STEM school funding formula**

R.C. ***3314.08, 3326.33***

Retains the overall structure of the formula used to calculate per pupil deductions from school districts and transfers to community and STEM schools, but (a) calculates the per pupil deductions for the opportunity grant, special education additional aid, economically disadvantaged funds, limited English proficiency funds, and career-technical education funds using the same dollar amounts as traditional school districts for FY 2016 and FY 2017 (see EDUCD1) and (b) calculates the per pupil deduction for K-3 literacy funds using dollar amounts of $305 in FY 2016 and $320 in FY 2017 (amounts that are equal to the sum of the dollar amounts used in calculating K-3 literacy funds for traditional districts).

Fiscal effect: Alters the per pupil amount deducted from school district state funding allocations compared to current law. In FY 2014, transfers of state aid to community and STEM schools amounted to about $909 million. In addition to the transfers described here, community schools, other than e-schools, are provided $200 per ADM for facilities costs (see EDUCD47).

EDUCD2 **Pupil transportation funding**

R.C. ***3317.0212***

Modifies the pupil transportation formula as follows:

(1) Uses "total ridership" rather than "qualifying ridership" in the calculation of the statewide transportation cost per rider, where "total ridership" means the average number of resident regular education students in grades K-12 transported by a district during the first full week of October, and "qualifying ridership" means the subset of such students who live more than one mile from the school they attend.

(2) Decreases the minimum state share applied to a district's calculated transportation cost from 60%, as under current law, to 50%.

(3) Removes language specifying, for FY 2014 and FY 2015 only, (a) the requirement to prorate transportation payments based on state appropriations and consequently, (b) the transportation supplement for low-wealth and low density school districts, which, under current law, is equal to the difference between the district's unrestricted pupil transportation formula

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amount and the prorated amount.

Removes the requirement that each city, local, and exempted village school district report the data used to calculate pupil transportation funding through the Education Management Information System.

Fiscal effect: Allocates $464.0 million in FY 2016 and $464.5 million in FY 2017 for this funding from GRF appropriation item 200502, Pupil Transportation.

EDUCD1 Traditional school district funding

R.C. ***3317.022, 3317.013, 3317.014, 3317.016, 3317.017, 3317.018, 3317.02, 3317.0217, 3317.051, Section 263.230, and other sections***

Modifies the school funding formula for traditional school districts as follows:

Makes the following changes with respect to the various per pupil amounts used in the formula:

(1) Increases the dollar amount used for calculating the opportunity grant to $5,900 in FY 2016 and $6,000 in FY 2017 (from $5,800 for FY 2015).

(2) Increases the dollar amounts for special education categories 1-6 to $1,547, $3,926, $9,433, $12,589, $17,049, and $25,134 in FY 2016 and $1,578, $4,005, $9,622, $12,841, $17,390, and $25,637 in FY 2017 (from $1,517, $3,849, $9,248, $12,342, $16,715, and $24,641 for FY 2015).

(3) Increases the dollar amounts for the K-3 literacy component to $184 in FY 2016 and $193 in FY 2017 for the portion multiplied by a district's state share percentage and $121 in FY 2016 and $127 in FY 2017 for the portion provided entirely by the state (from $175 and $115, respectively, for FY 2015).

(4) Maintains the dollar amount for economically disadvantaged funds from FY 2015 ($272) for both years of the biennium.

(5) Maintains the dollar amounts for the three categories of limited English proficient students from FY 2015 for both years of the biennium ($1,515, $1,136, and $758 for categories 1-3, respectively).

(6) Maintains the dollar amounts for gifted identification funds ($5.05) and for each gifted unit ($37,370) from FY 2015 for both years of the biennium.

(7) Increases the dollar amounts for career-technical education categories 1-5 to $4,992, $4,732, $1,726, $1,466, and $1,258 in FY 2016 and $5,192, $4,921, $1,795, $1,525, and $1,308 in FY 2017 (from $4,800, $4,550, $1,660, $1,410, and

$1,210 for FY 2015).

(8) Increases the dollar amount for career-technical education associated services to $236 in FY 2016 and $246 in FY 2017 (from $227 for FY 2015).

Makes the following changes with respect to the state share index:

(1) Renames "state share index" to "state share percentage."

(2) Renames the "wealth index" factor of the computation to "capacity measure."

(3) Specifies that (a) three-year average valuation for FY 2016 equals the average of total taxable value for tax years 2013, 2014, and 2015, (b) three-year average valuation for FY 2017 equals the average of total taxable value for tax years 2014, 2015, and 2016, (c) total ADM for each fiscal year is that from the previous fiscal year, and (d) tax exempt value is that value for the most recent tax year for which data is available.

(4) For the purposes of the median income index, specifies that "median Ohio adjusted gross income" means the median Ohio adjusted gross income for tax year 2012 or 2013, whichever is the latest available data.

(5) Calculates a district's capacity measure by (a) requiring ODE to calculate the mean and standard deviation of all district median income indices, (b) specifying an "upper limit" and "lower limit" based on the mean plus or minus one-half the standard deviation, and (c) specifying that a district's capacity measure equals (i) the district's valuation index – (lower limit – the district's median income index), if the district’s median income index is less than the lower limit, (ii) the district's valuation index + ((the district's median income index – upper limit) x (0.2 in FY 2016 or 0.4 in FY 2017)), if the district’s median income index is greater than the upper limit, or (iii) the district's valuation index, if the district's median income index is equal to or between the lower and upper limits.

(6) Calculates a district's state share percentage by specifying that it equals 90% if the district's capacity measure is less than or equal to 0.2, a scaled amount from 5% to 90% if the district's capacity measure is between 0.2 and 2.0, and 5% if the district's capacity measure is greater than or equal to 2.0.

Makes the following changes with respect to the formula for calculating targeted assistance:

(1) Renames the "wealth index" factor of the computation as the "capacity measure."

(2) Bases "three-year average valuation" and "three-year average tax valuation" on the average of total taxable value for the same tax years as are used in the computation of the state share percentage.

Clarifies that the computation of the economically disadvantaged index for a traditional school district, which is used to calculate a district's economically disadvantaged funds, uses the percentage of students in the sum of the total ADM of all

traditional districts who are identified as economically disadvantaged as part of the computation of the index.

Makes the following adjustments to core foundation funding to calculate final core funding:

(1) Guarantees funding in each fiscal year for school districts with total ADM greater than zero so that each district loses no more than 1% of state and local funding from, in general, the prior fiscal year by calculating a district's temporary transitional aid as equal to transitional aid guarantee base – (current year foundation funding + other state and local resources), where "transitional aid guarantee base" for FY 2016 equals 0.99 x the sum of (a) FY 2015 state aid, (b) FY 2015 TPP and deregulation direct reimbursements for operating levy losses, (c) FY 2015 TPP and deregulation fixed-sum levy losses other than levies for debt service, (d) TY 2014 property tax from operating levies, (e) FY 2015 school district income tax, (f) shared municipal income taxes for CY 2014 and (g) FY 2015 gross casino revenue distributions; "transitional aid guarantee base" for FY 2017 equals 0.99 x the sum of (a) FY 2016 state aid, (b) FY 2016 TPP and deregulation direct reimbursements for operating levy losses, (c) FY 2016 TPP and deregulation fixed-sum levy losses other than levies for debt service, (d) TY 2015 property tax from operating levies, (e) FY 2016 school district income tax, (f) shared municipal income taxes for CY 2015 and (g) FY 2016 gross casino revenue distributions; and "other state and local resources" equals the sum of items (b) to (g) above for each applicable fiscal year.

(2) Limits foundation funding in FY 2016 and FY 2017 to 1.10 times the district's state aid in the prior fiscal year, and requires ODE to proportionally reduce payments for all components except special education additional aid, career-technical education funding, and transportation funding to comply with the cap unless those amounts are insufficient, in which case those components are also to be proportionately reduced.

(3) Requires ODE to adjust, as necessary, the base of school districts that participate in the establishment of a JVSD that first begins receiving funding under the JVSD funding formula in FY 2016 or FY 2017 according to the amounts received by the districts in the prior fiscal year for career-technical education students who attend the newly established JVSD.

Fiscal effect: Allocates $7.41 billion in FY 2016 and $7.73 billion in FY 2017 for final core funding for traditional school districts.

EDUCD4 Joint vocational school district funding

R.C. ***3317.16, 3317.02, Section 263.240***

Modifies the school funding formula for joint vocational school districts (JVSDs) as follows:

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(1) With respect to the calculation of the opportunity grant, specifies that (a) three-year average valuation for FY 2016 equals the average of total taxable value for tax years 2013, 2014, and 2015 and (b) three-year average valuation for FY 2017 equals the average of total taxable value for tax years 2014, 2015, and 2016.

(2) Calculates the opportunity grant, special education additional funds, economically disadvantaged funds, limited English proficiency funds, career-technical education funds, and career-technical associated services funds using the same per pupil amounts as traditional school districts for FY 2016 and FY 2017 (see EDUCD1).

(3) Clarifies that the computation of the economically disadvantaged index for a JVSD, which is used to calculate a district's economically disadvantaged funds, uses the percentage of students in the sum of the formula ADM of all JVSDs who are identified as economically disadvantaged.

Adjusts core foundation funding by guaranteeing and limiting foundation funding in substantially the same manner as traditional school districts (see EDUCD1).

Requires ODE to establish the base of a JVSD that first begins receiving funding under the JVSD funding formula in FY 2016 or FY 2017 as the absolute value of the sum of the associated adjustments of any local school district's base (see EDUCD1).

Fiscal effect: Allocates an estimated $271.9 million in FY 2016 and $272.2 million in FY 2017 for final core funding to JVSDs.

EDUCD5 Payment of excess costs for special education services provided by a JVSD

R.C. ***3317.16***

Specifies that the amount that a city, local, or exempted village school district or community school must pay to a joint vocational school district (JVSD) providing special education and related services to a student of the district or school for the costs that exceed the amount the JVSD receives under the funding formula for providing those services to the student must be calculated using a formula approved by the Department of Education. (Current law requires that this amount be calculated by subtracting the formula amount, the amount for the student's special education category, and any additional state aid attributable to the student's special education category from the actual cost to provide special education and related services to the student.

Fiscal effect: May change the amount of special education excess costs that a student's resident district owes to the educating JVSD, depending on the formula adopted by the Department.

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EDUCD16 Educational service centers funding

Section: ***263.390***

Sets the per-pupil state payment amount for ESCs to $25 in FY 2016 and $20 in FY 2017 and, if necessary, requires ODE to prorate the payment amounts to fit the earmark for state payment of ESCs (see EDUCD11).

Makes provision for modifying the payments if an ESC ceases operation or if two or more ESCs merge operations to create a single ESC.

Fiscal effect: The bill earmarks $37.7 million in FY 2016 and $30.2 million in FY 2017 for state funding of ESCs.

EDUCD19 Foundation and transitional aid funding reimbursement

Section: ***263.450***

Specifies that no school district for which a reduction was made in its reported formula ADM for FY 2005 based on community school enrollment reports and, accordingly, for which a reduction was made in its foundation or transitional aid funding for FY 2005, FY 2006, or FY 2007, has a legal right to reimbursement for that reduction in funding except as expressly provided in a final court judgment or a settlement agreement executed on or before June 1, 2009.

Fiscal effect: None.

EDUCD20 Families and Children First flexible funding pool

Sections: ***263.470, 331.160***

Permits school districts, community schools, STEM schools, JVSDs, ESCs, and county DD boards that receive state aid to transfer portions of their allocations to a flexible funding pool created by a county family and children first council to support the provision of services to families and children.

Fiscal effect: None.

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Scholarship Programs

EDUCD84 **Ed Choice scholarship eligibility**

R.C. ***3310.03***

Revises the eligibility provisions for Ed Choice scholarships by adding references to the new overall Early Literacy grade on a building's state report card to the provisions regarding K-3 literacy. For a student to be eligible based on the student's assigned building, for two of the three most recent school years, requires that it have the following:

(1) received a "D" or "F" for making progress in improving literacy in grades K-3 (as under current law) for the 2013-2014 school year or a "D" or "F" for the new overall Early Literacy component for the 2014-2015 school year and any school year thereafter;

(2) have received neither an "A" for making progress in improving literacy in grades K-3 (as under current law) for the 2013-2014 school year nor an "A" for the new overall Early Literacy component for the 2014-2015 school year and any school year thereafter.

Changes the basis for the Ed Choice scholarship eligibility based on performance index score ranking of a student's assigned district building, from a ranking based on the performance index scores of all public schools to a ranking based on the performance index scores of all buildings operated by city, local, and exempted village school districts.

Fiscal effect: None

EDUCD62 **Ed Choice scholarship amount**

R.C. ***3310.09***

Increases maximum amount of a scholarship that may be awarded to a high school student from $5,000 to $5,700.

Fiscal effect: For the traditional program that is paid through a deduction from the resident school district's state aid allocation, will increase the deduction for high school students. In FY 2014, $69.1 million was deducted for the traditional program.

For the income-based program that is paid directly by the state, will increase state expenditures. The bill appropriates $23.5 million in FY 2016 and $31.5 million in FY 2017 for income-based EdChoice scholarships.

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EDUCD52 **Community school sponsor - miscellaneous**

R.C. ***3314.011, 3314.026 (Repealed), 3314.029, 3314.03, 3314.07, 3314.074, 3314.46, 3327.01, 3327.02***

Repeals a provision for an appeal procedure in cases in which the governing authority of a community school has notified the school's operator of its intent to terminate or not renew the operator's contract. (Under current law, an operator may appeal the decision to the school's sponsor, unless the sponsor has sponsored the school for less than 12 months, in which case the appeal must be made to the State Board of Education).

Expands the authority of the Office of Ohio School Sponsorship in the following ways:

(1) Permits the office to promulgate the format, requirements, procedures, deadlines, and ratings for the submission and processing of applications submitted with the intent to establish a community school;

(2) Permits the office to promulgate the format, requirements, procedures, deadlines, and ratings for contracts entered into between ODE and the governing authority of a community school;

(3) Requires that each application submitted include, in addition to the requirements under continuing law, any other information the office requests after the office determines that information is necessary and appropriate;

(4) Eliminates the current provision requiring ODE to approve each application to establish a community school unless within 30 days after receipt of the application, ODE determines the application does not satisfy the initial requirements of sponsorship;

(5) Replaces that provision with a two-step approval or rejection process by first reviewing each application and assigning it a rating and next, permitting ODE to approve up to 20 applications for community schools to be established or to continue operation each school year (only 5 of the 20 may be establishing new schools) taking into consideration standards of quality authorizing, capacity, financial constraints, or other reasons;

(6) Permits ODE, beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, to solicit applications for the establishment of up to five new community schools that meet certain prescribed criteria designed to further high quality standards and the provision of innovative educational delivery models, as determined by ODE.

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Requires each contract between a sponsor and governing authority to include a provision stating that if the governing authority contracts with an attorney, accountant, or auditing firm the attorney, accountant, or auditing firm must be independent from the operator.

Requires each contract between a sponsor and governing authority to include a provision requiring that all moneys an operator or management company loans to a school to be accounted for, documented, and based on fair market lender rates.

Prohibits a sponsor from selling any goods or services to any community school it sponsors.

Makes a sponsor's decision to terminate or not renew its contract with the governing authority of a community school for poor academic performance or poor fiscal management final by eliminating the current provision permitting that decision to be appealed to the State Board of Education.

Permits a sponsor to recover the costs of litigation, including attorney's fees, in the event that a sponsor wins a civil action or is found immune from liability for taking an action authorized under current law, in a civil action brought under the community school laws.

Requires that each designated fiscal officer of a community school be an employee of the governing authority, who is independent of any operator or management company with which the school contracts.

Expands the types of civil liability from which a sponsor or its officers, directors, or employees are exempt to include harm allegedly arising from failure of the community school to meet the obligations of any contract or other obligation entered into on behalf of the community school and another party. (Continuing law already affords this immunity for harm allegedly arising from: (a) failure of the community school to perform any statutory or common law duty or responsibility or any other legal obligation, and (b) an action or omission of the community school or any of its officers, directors, or employees that results in harm.)

Provides that a district board of education is not required to transport elementary or high school students to and from a nonpublic or community school on weekends, unless the district board and the nonpublic or community school have an agreement in place before July 1 of the school year in which that agreement takes effect. (Current law requires the agreement to be in place prior to July 1, 2014, and does not permit later agreements).

Clarifies that, in the event a community school enters into an agreement with a school district board of education that makes the community school responsible for providing or arranging for transportation of the district's native students to and from the community school, the community school may determine that it is impractical to transport any one pupil to and from school using the same procedure, requirements, and payment structure as a school district uses to determine that it

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is impractical to transport that pupil.

Exempts a community school that merged or consolidated into a single public benefit corporation from the requirement to distribute assets as if it were a permanently closed community school, provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

(1) At least one of the community schools involved in the merger or consolidation is sponsored by an entity rated as "exemplary" by ODE;

(2) The governing authority of the community school created by the merger or consolidation enters into a sponsor contract with an entity rated as "exemplary";

(3) The merged or consolidated community schools are located in the same county or school district.

Fiscal effect: None.

EDUCD49 Community school sponsor reforms

R.C. ***3314.015, 3314.016, 3314.02, 3314.021, 3314.027***

Requires every entity to obtain approval and enter into a written agreement with ODE in order to sponsor community schools, including the following entities that are currently exempt from obtaining initial approval:

(1) An entity that was already sponsoring community schools as of April 8, 2003 (as a part of the original community school pilot project area (Lucas County));

(2) The successor of the University of Toledo Board of Trustees, or its designee (as a part of the original community school pilot project area);

(3) An educational service center proposing the establishment of a conversion community school located in the same or contiguous county to the territory of the educational service center.

Decreases the length of the initial term of a sponsor's agreement with ODE from seven years to five years and modifies the way in which a sponsor's agreement is subject to renewal in the following ways:

(1) Removes the continuous one-year extension of the sponsor contract for sponsors that are not in the lowest 20% of sponsors statewide and sponsors who are rated as "exemplary" or "effective;"

(2) Establishes a new renewal process, for a term of up to 12 years, based upon the academic performance of students enrolled in each community school sponsored by the entity and the sponsor's adherence to quality practices.

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Removes the limit on the number of community schools an entity may sponsor and instead permits each entity to sponsor schools in a manner that is consistent with the written agreement with ODE. (Under current law, a community school may sponsor up to 100 schools.)

Requires ODE, when developing the sponsor evaluation system, to differentiate between sponsors based on factors such as the total number of schools to be sponsored, the geographic proximity of those schools to the sponsor, and the entity's organizational capacity.

Adds a rating of "poor" to the list of ratings ODE must use to rate all sponsors and removes the provision that permits a sponsor to be rated "emerging" for the first two years the entity exists.

Removes the requirement that ODE "annually" rate sponsors and the requirement that each component be rated equally and instead requires ODE to designate an overall rating of sponsors without a specified timeline.

Requires ODE to annually rate all sponsors based on compliance with applicable laws and administrative rules and academic performance of students enrolled in community schools sponsored by the same entity.

Requires ODE to rate every third year a sponsor's adherence to quality practices.

Requires ODE to establish an incentive and restriction system based upon the overall rating given to each sponsor that does the following:

(1) Permits entities with an overall rating of "exemplary" to take advantage of the following incentives:

(a) Renewal of the written agreement with ODE, not to exceed twelve years, provided that the entity consents to continued evaluation of adherence to quality practices;

(b) The ability to extend the term of the contract between the sponsor and the governing authority beyond the term described in the written agreement with ODE;

(c) An exemption from the preliminary agreement and contract adoption and execution deadline requirements;

(d) An exemption from the automatic contract expiration requirement, should a new community school fail to open by September 30 of the calendar year in which the community school contract is executed;

(e) No limit on the number of community schools the entity may sponsor;

(f) No territorial restrictions on sponsorship;

(g) Any other incentives determined necessary or appropriate by ODE.

(2) Prohibits sponsors that receive an overall rating of "ineffective" from sponsoring any new or additional community schools and subjects them to a one-year quality improvement plan with timelines and benchmarks established by ODE.

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(3) Requires that sponsors that receive an overall rating of "poor" have all sponsorship authority revoked subject to a hearing by an officer appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Permits ODE, in the event that a sponsor's authority is revoked pursuant to the bill's provisions, to assume sponsorship of any of the sponsor's schools until the earlier of the expiration of two school years or until a new sponsor is selected by the school's governing authority and permits the Office of School Sponsorship to extend the term of the contract as necessary to accommodate the term of ODE's authorization to sponsor that school.

Prescribes that any schools sponsored by ODE because a sponsor's authority to sponsor schools was revoked pursuant to the provisions of the bill do not apply to the limit on the number of directly authorized community schools.

Fiscal effect: May increase administrative costs for sponsoring entities and ODE in order to comply with additional requirements.

EDUCD6 Transportation of students by community schools

R.C. ***3314.091***

Removes the requirement that a community school governing authority that enters into an agreement to transport students or accepts responsibility to transport students provide or arrange transportation free of charge for each of its enrolled students who would otherwise be transported by the students' school districts under those districts' transportation policies (but retains this requirement for the enrolled students who are required to be transported under current law).

Clarifies that payments made to a community school for transporting students be calculated "on a per rider basis."

Fiscal effect: May alter the amount of the payments from school districts to community schools. In FY 2014, total payments to community schools, both under bilateral agreements and unilateral assumptions of responsibility for transportation, amounted to $4.2 million.

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EDUCD85 Community schools closure for persistent low academic performance

R.C. ***3314.35***

Revises the conditions for which a community school that does not serve a grade higher than third grade must permanently close in conformance with the changes made to various state report card measures (see EDUCD68). Adds a reference to the new overall Early Literacy grade on a building's state report card. Makes either of the following conditions, for two or the three most recent school years, a trigger for closure:

(1) The school receives an "F" for making progress in improving literacy in grades K-3 (as under current law) for the 2013-2014 school year;

(2) The school receives an "F" for the new overall Early Literacy component for the 2014-2015 school year and any school year thereafter.

Fiscal effect: May increase the number of community schools required to permanently close.

EDUCD80 Community school tax levies

R.C. ***5705.21, 5705.212***

Expands the authority of school districts to levy property taxes for community schools to include any school district that contains a community school sponsored by an "exemplary" sponsor. (Under current law, only the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and the Columbus City School District have the authority to propose such a levy.)

Authorizes school districts other than the Cleveland Metropolitan School District to levy a property tax solely for and on behalf of one or more community schools located in the district that is sponsored by an "exemplary" sponsor. (Current law does not cap the percentage of levy revenue that may be allocated to community schools, but could imply that at least a portion must be levied for the school district's own expenses.)

Regarding the division of revenue from a tax levy among qualifying community schools, requires the following:

(1) If revenue from a tax levy is to be divided among the school district levying the tax and qualifying community schools, requires that the revenue be divided in accordance with a ratio established in the resolution levying the tax;

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(2) If more than one community school qualifies for levy revenue, requires that the revenue be divided among the qualifying community schools on a per-pupil basis, with only pupils residing in the school district levying the tax counted.

Retains the authority of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District to levy a property tax to be shared with certain community schools, but removes the criteria that was enacted specifically to enable the Columbus City School District to levy such a tax.

Fiscal effect: May result in community schools receiving local levy revenue, if such levies are approved by voters.

EDUCD96 Community school operation from residential facilities

Section: ***263.430***

Permits a community school that was open for operation as of May 1, 2005, to operate from certain homes, institutions, foster homes, group homes, or other residential facilities.

Fiscal effect: None.

EDUCD97 Unauditable community schools

Section: ***263.460***

Prescribes procedures for the Auditor of State, community school sponsors, and ODE, with regard to community schools that are declared unauditable.

Fiscal effect: None. Continues current law.

Educator Provisions

EDUCD67 Educator licenses and pupil-activity program permits

R.C. ***3319.22, 3319.303***

Requires the State Board, by July 1, 2016, to adopt rules that do all of the following:

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(1) Exempt consistently high-performing teachers from the requirement to complete any additional coursework for the renewal of an educator license.

(2) Exempt consistently high-performing teachers from any requirements prescribed by the district's or school's professional development committee in regard to such coursework.

(3) Defines the term "consistently high-performing teacher" for the purposes of (1) and (2) above.

Modifies the duration for which a pupil-activity program permit is valid (3 years under current law) for applicants holding a valid educator license issued by the State Board by specifying that the permit is instead valid for the same number of years as the individual's educator license.

Fiscal effect: May minimally decrease administrative costs for districts with a large percentage of "high-performing" teachers.

EDUCD28 Teacher of the Year recognition program

R.C. ***3319.67***

Permits the State Board of Education to establish an annual Teacher of the Year recognition program for outstanding teachers.

Allows, under the Ethics Law, a teacher who is recognized as a Teacher of the Year to receive a gift or privilege as part of the recognition program.

Permits, under the Ethics Law, a person or entity to make a voluntary contribution to the recognition program.

Fiscal effect: None.

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EDUCD64 Teacher evaluations

R.C. *3319.111*

Removes a provision requiring that, in order for a teacher who was rated as "accomplished" on the most recent teacher evaluation to be evaluated on a less frequent basis (at least once every three years under current law), that teacher must also receive, for the most recent year for which data is available, a student academic growth measure of "average" or higher.

Removes a provision requiring that for every year an "accomplished" teacher is not evaluated, a qualified teacher evaluator must conduct at least one observation of, and hold at least one conference with, that teacher.

Permits districts and schools, beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, to not conduct teacher evaluations for teachers participating in the Ohio Teacher Residency Program for the year during which those teachers take, for the first time, the majority of the performance-based assessment required for such resident educators.

Requires each district board or governing authority annually to report, for each teacher evaluation conducted, all of the following:

(1) The student academic growth measure and the teacher observation rating, if the district did not use the alternative framework;

(2) The student academic growth measure, the teacher performance measure, and any other measure assigned to that teacher for the purposes of the evaluation, if the district used the alternative framework;

(3) The overall rating assigned to that teacher;

(4) The data used to calculate each rating.

Requires ODE to establish guidelines for reporting the above information on ratings. These guidelines must prohibit the reporting of any teacher's name or personally identifiable information.

Fiscal effect: Minimal administrative burden for ODE and school districts.

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EDUCD86 Teacher evaluations - attributing student growth

R.C. ***3319.111, 3319.112, 3319.114***

Beginning with teacher evaluations for the 2015-2016 school year, requires a teacher's student academic growth factor to be determined using a method of attributing student growth determined by ODE for teachers to whom value-added data from assessments (either state assessments or approved vendor assessments) is unavailable.

Allows the student academic growth factor to count for less than 50%, but not less than 25%, of a teacher's evaluation if the method determined by ODE applies.

Requires each school district board to update its standards-based teacher evaluation policy for use in the 2015-2016 school year and thereafter to include the changes made by the bill and excludes the updates from collective bargaining.

Requires the State Board, not later than October 31, 2015, to update its standards-based teacher evaluation framework for use in the 2015-2016 school year and thereafter to include the changes made by the bill and excludes the updates from collective bargaining.

Updates the percentages of measures used under the alternative framework for teacher evaluations to reflect the changes made by the bill as follows:

(1) 42.5% to 75% for the teacher performance measure;

(2) 25% to 50% for the student academic performance measure;

(3) Not more than 15% for one of the following: student surveys, teacher self-evaluations, peer review evaluations, or student portfolios.

Fiscal effect: Increase in administrative burden for ODE and school district boards.

EDUCD59 Student career counseling

R.C. ***3319.113, 3319.61, Section 263.210***

Requires the Educator Standards Board to develop standards for school counselors.

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Requires the State Board of Education to develop a standards-based state framework for the evaluation of school counselors that aligns with the standards for school counselors adopted by the Educator Standards Board, requires annual evaluation of all school counselors except as otherwise appropriate for high-performing school counselors, assigns a rating in accordance with the bill's provisions, and satisfies other requirements.

Requires the State Board to develop specific standards and criteria that distinguish between accomplished, skilled, developing, and ineffective ratings for school counselor evaluations and to consult with experts, school counselors and principals employed in public schools, and representatives of stakeholder groups in developing those standards and criteria.

Requires each school district board of education to adopt, not later than September 30, 2016, a standards-based school counselor evaluation policy that conforms to the framework developed by the State Board.

Specifies that a district's policy becomes operative at the expiration of any collective bargaining agreement covering school counselors employed by the board that is in effect on the bill's effective date and that the policy be included in any renewal or extension of such an agreement.

Requires each district's policy to include procedures for the implementation of the framework beginning in the 2016-2017 school year and procedures for using the evaluation results beginning in the 2017-2018 school year for decisions regarding retention and promotion of school counselors and for removal of poorly performing school counselors.

Requires each district board to annually submit a report to ODE, in a form and manner prescribed by ODE, regarding its implementation of its standards-based school counselor evaluation policy, and specifies that ODE must not permit or require the name or personally identifiable information of any school counselor to be included in this report.

Specifies that the bill's requirements prevail over any conflicting provision of a collective bargaining agreement entered into on or after the bill's effective date.

Fiscal effect: Earmarks $1,000,000 in each fiscal year from GRF appropriation item 200545, Career-Technical Education Enhancements, to support statewide career counseling efforts.

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EDUCD66 Ohio Teacher Residency Program

R.C. ***3319.223***

Modifies a requirement that the Teacher Residency Program include mentoring by teachers who hold a lead professional educator license issued by the State Board by instead requiring that the program include mentoring by any teachers during only the first two years of the program.

Modifies the required counseling component of the program by specifying that the district or school must determine if counseling is necessary.

Specifies that one of the required measures of progression through the program must be the performance-based assessment required by the State Board for resident educators in the third year of the program.

Fiscal effect: None

Early Childhood

EDUCD25 Community school preschool

R.C. ***3301.52, 3301.53, 3301.541, 3301.55, 3301.56, 3301.57, 3301.58, 3314.03, 3314.06, 3314.08***

Permits a community school sponsored by an entity that is rated "exemplary" by ODE to be licensed by ODE to operate a preschool program for general education preschool students.

Requires a community school that operates such a preschool program to comply with the requirements for preschool programs specified in the Revised Code and the minimum standards for preschool programs specified in rules adopted by the State Board of Education.

Requires the governing authority of such a community school to annually report the number of students enrolled in a preschool program who are not receiving special education and related services pursuant to an individualized education program (IEP).

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Specifies that a such community school may admit individuals who are general education preschool students (preschool students who are not receiving special education).

Specifies that a such community school may not receive state community school operating funding for students enrolled in that program. Permits funding through early childhood expansion funding.

Fiscal effect: These community schools may be awarded state early childhood funding.

EDUCD31 Preschool special education - open enrollment

R.C. ***3313.981, 3317.0213, 3323.13***

Specifies that a city, local, or exempted village school district may enroll under its interdistrict open enrollment policy an adjacent or other district student who is a preschool child with a disability.

Requires ODE to pay to a district that enrolls under its open enrollment policy an adjacent or other district student who is a preschool child with a disability, and to deduct from the state education aid of the student's resident district, $4,000 for that student.

Specifies that, if a preschool child with a disability who is a resident of one district receives special education from another district (not through open enrollment but under an agreement between the districts), the district providing the education may require the child's district of residence to pay the tuition of the district providing the education as calculated in accordance with existing law (rather than half of that amount).

Fiscal effect: School districts enrolling preschool students with disabilities, either through open enrollment or another policy, may experience a change in revenue or expenses.

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EDUCD23 Early childhood education

Section: ***263.20***

Continues the GRF-funded early childhood education program at school districts, JVSDs, ESCs, community schools sponsored by an exemplary sponsor, chartered nonpublic schools, and licensed childcare providers that meet at least the third highest tier of the tiered quality rating and improvement system for children who are at least three years old but not yet eligible for kindergarten, and whose families earn not more than 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. Revises eligibility in FY 2017 for children to be at least four years old. Allows community schools sponsored by a municipal district and using the Montessori program to be a new eligible provider.

Specifies the following for participating programs: (1) prohibits development and administration costs from exceeding 15% of the cost of each program, (2) requires maintenance of fiscal records, (3) requires implementation of a corrective action plan, when needed, (4) requires certain qualifications for teachers, (5) requires alignment of curriculum to the early learning content standards, (6) requires documentation and reporting of child progress, (7) requires adherence to early learning program standards, (8) requires certain child or program assessments, (9) requires charging a fee, based on a sliding scale, to families who earn more than the 200% of the federal poverty guidelines, (10) requires participation in a tiered quality rating and improvement system, (11) requires providers who are highly rated to comply with the requirements under the Step Up to Quality system, and (12) requires providers who are not highly rated to meet certain qualifications.

Requires ODE to provide an annual report regarding early childhood education programs and the early learning program standards.

Requires that per-pupil funding be sufficient to provide eligible children with services for a standard early childhood schedule, defined as a minimum of 12.5 hours per week, for the minimum school year.

Requires ODE to conduct an annual survey of each provider to determine whether the provider charges families tuition or fees, the amount the families are charged relative to family income levels, and the number of families and students charged.

Requires eligible expenditures to be claimed each fiscal year to help meet the state's TANF maintenance of effort requirement and requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Director of Job and Family Services to enter into an interagency agreement to fulfill this requirement including developing reporting guidelines for these expenditures.

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Requires ODE and the Department of Job and Family Services to align the application process, program eligibility, funding, attendance policies, and attendance tracking for early childhood programs in both agencies.

Fiscal effect: The bill appropriates $60.3 million in FY 2016 and $70.3 million in FY 2017 to GRF appropriation item 200408 for the program, including an earmark of 2% for ODE's administrative costs.

Other Education Provisions

EDUCD55 Fall administration of third-grade English language arts assessment

R.C. ***3301.0711, 3302.02***

Requires that school districts and schools administer the English language arts assessment to third graders at least once annually, instead of twice as under current law.

Allows districts and schools to administer the assessment in the summer to students who failed to attain the required score for promotion, but specifies that scores from that administration not be included in calculating performance measures for the state report cards.

Fiscal effect: Decrease in administrative costs for districts and schools from not having to administer the fall exam.

EDUCD53 Time limits on assessments

R.C. ***3301.0728, 3314.03, 3326.11, 3328.24***

Limits the cumulative duration for the administration of state achievement assessments, college and work ready assessments, and district-wide assessments administered to a majority of students in a grade or subject area, to 2% of the school year.

Limits the cumulative duration for time spent on preparation for state assessments to 1% of the school year.

Requires each school district board by September 15 each year to post on its web site information on the state assessments the district administers, including the duration of each assessment and the district's compliance with required time limits.

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Fiscal effect: If a district or school exceeds the limitations based on its current testing schedule, it may experience an increase in costs in order to come into compliance.

EDUCD54 Diagnostic assessments

R.C. ***3301.079, 3301.0714, 3301.0715, 3313.608***

Eliminates the current requirement that school districts and schools administer the diagnostic assessments for grades one through three.

Requires districts to use ODE-approved reading skills assessments in grades kindergarten through three for purposes of the third grade reading guarantee, of which the state's reading diagnostic assessments would fulfill the requirement.

Retains the requirement that school districts and schools administer the kindergarten readiness assessment adopted by the State Board of Education.

Retains the requirements for use and sharing of diagnostic assessment data under current law if a school district or school chooses to administer a diagnostic assessment.

Fiscal effect: Districts or schools that elect not to administer previously required assessments may realize administrative cost savings.

EDUCD70 Proficiency percentages for state report cards

R.C. ***3302.02***

Requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules to establish proficiency percentages to meet each report card indicator that is based on a state assessment. (Under current law, adopting rules to establish such measures for the 2014-2015 school year and each school year thereafter is optional for the State Board.)

Sets deadlines by which the State Board must adopt proficiency percentages by school year, as follows:

(1) Not later than January 15, 2016, for the 2014-2015 school year;

(2) Not later than July 1, 2016, for the 2015-2016 school year;

(3) Not later than July 1, 2017, for the 2016-2017 school year, and for each school year thereafter.

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Fiscal effect: Minimal increase in the Board's administrative costs.

EDUCD68 Various state report card measures

R.C. ***3302.03***

Clarifies that the previous year's average value be used for purposes of determining the grade of "C" for the K-3 literacy progress measure.

Stipulates that in order for a district or school to not be graded for the K-3 literacy progress measure, for having less than 5% of its students scoring below grade level on the kindergarten diagnostic assessment, 95% or more students from that district or school must score proficient or higher on the third grade English language arts assessment.

Adds a new graded measure for reports cards that indicates the percentage of third-grade students who are promoted to the fourth grade on time and are not exempt from the retention provisions of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee.

Renames the "Kindergarten Through Third Grade Literacy" overall report card grade component as "Early Literacy."

Adds the new graded measure for third-grade students promoted on time to the newly renamed Early Literacy component.

Removes measures from students in a five-year adjusted graduation cohort in the calculation of the "prepared for success" overall report card grade component. (Retains measures for students in a four-year adjusted graduation cohort.)

Fiscal effect: None.

EDUCD72 State report cards - high school progress measure

R.C. ***3302.03, Section 263.500***

Requires ODE, not later than July 1, 2015, to develop a method to determine student academic progress of high school students using the results of the end-of-course examinations in English language arts and mathematics for inclusion in the overall and disaggregated value-added progress dimension measures for the state report card.

Requires ODE to include the student academic progress data for high school students in the calculation of the overall and disaggregated value-added progress dimension measures, as determined by the method described above, starting with the report cards for the 2015-2016 school year. (Under current law, the student academic progress for high school

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students measure is a separate measure.)

Requires ODE to report the overall value-added progress dimension and disaggregated value-added progress dimension scores required for the state report card for the 2014-2015 school year calculated with the high school academic progress data as ungraded measures on ODE's web site not later than January 31, 2016.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in ODE's administrative costs, but these costs are not expected to exceed minimal.

EDUCD79 State Board requirements

R.C. ***3302.034***

Removes a requirement that the State Board adopt and specify a measure, for the purpose of reporting the measure on the district's or school's report card, for the amount of extracurricular services offered to students.

Fiscal effect: None.

EDUCD50 Exemptions for high-performing school districts

R.C. ***3302.05, (Repealed), 3302.16, 3313.608, 3313.843, 3317.15, 3319.301***

Repeals the current provision of law regarding exemptions for high-performing school districts and instead creates new definitions for high-performing school districts and exemptions for such school districts.

Defines a "high-performing school district" as a district that has for the two most recent school years received an "A" for the overall value-added progress dimension on the state report card, had at least 95% of its third grade students score proficient or higher on the third-grade English language arts state achievement assessment, and had a four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate of 93% or higher.

Requires ODE to develop performance criteria equivalent to those listed above for determining whether a joint vocational school district is considered a "high-performing school district."

Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, also requires that at least 75% of students in a four-year adjusted cohort receive a remediation-free score, based on the district's average scores on the nationally standardized assessment to measure college readiness, in order to be considered "high-performing."

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Exempts high-performing school districts from the following requirements, if the high-performing school district passes a resolution stating such intent:

(1) Teacher credential qualification requirements for third-grade students who require intensive remediation under the Third-Grade Reading Guarantee;

(2) Minimum or maximum class size requirements;

(3) Requirements to have a service agreement with an educational service center for schools with an average daily membership of 16,000 or less;

(4) Requirement to consult with an educational service center to provide services to children with disabilities.

Permits high-performing school districts to hire nonlicensed individuals to teach classes for not more than 40 hours a week.

Permits the Superintendent of Public Instruction to waive additional requirements upon application from high-performing school districts.

Fiscal effect: Qualifying high-performing school districts may realize cost savings due to reduced administrative burden.

EDUCD26 Competency based education pilot

R.C. *3302.42*

Establishes the Competency-Based Education Pilot Program to provide grants to city, local, and exempted village school districts, including a municipal school district (Cleveland), joint vocational school districts, community schools, and STEM schools for designing and implementing competency-based models of education for their students during the 2016-2017, 2017-2018, and 2018-2019 school years.

Requires a district, community school, or STEM school that wishes to participate in the pilot program to submit an application to ODE, not later than November 1, 2015.

Requires ODE to select not more than 10 applicants to participate in the pilot program not later than January 31, 2016.

Specifies that ODE must require a district or school to agree to an annual performance review conducted by ODE as a condition of participating in the program.

Requires the competency-based education offered by a district or school selected to participate in the pilot program to satisfy specified requirements.

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Specifies that a district or school selected to participate in the pilot program remains subject to all accountability requirements in state and federal law that are otherwise applicable to that district or school.

Specifies that a student enrolled in a district or school who is participating in competency-based education be considered to be a full-time equivalent student while participating in competency-based education for purposes of state funding for that district or school, as determined by ODE.

Requires ODE to post on its web site, not later than December 31, 2016, a preliminary report that examines the planning and implementation of competency-based education in the districts and schools selected to participate in the pilot program.

Requires ODE, not later than December 31, 2018, to post on its web site a report that includes (1) a review of the competency-based education offered by the districts and schools selected to participate in the pilot program, (2) an evaluation of the implementation of competency-based education by the districts and schools and student outcomes resulting from that competency-based education, and (3) a determination of the feasibility of a funding model that reflects student achievement outcomes as demonstrated through competency-based education.

Fiscal effect: The bill appropriates $2.5 million in each fiscal year to GRF appropriation item 200588, Competency-Based Education Pilot, a portion of which may be used by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to provide technical assistance and program administration. Specifies that programs may receive grants of up to $250,000 in each fiscal year.

EDUCD48 Adult Diploma Pilot Program

R.C. ***3313.092***

Changes the name of the Adult Career Opportunity Pilot Program to the Adult Diploma Pilot Program.

Requires a community college, technical college, state community college, or technical center to obtain approval from the Superintendent of Public Instruction, rather than the State Board of Education (as under current law), in order to participate in the Program.

Requires the State Board to grant a high school diploma to each student who enrolls in an approved program of study at an institution that has been approved to participate in the Program and completes the requirements for obtaining a high school diploma that are specified in rules adopted by the Superintendent.

Requires ODE to calculate a payment amount for each student enrolled in an approved program of study at each institution that has been approved to participate in the Program using a formula specified in the bill that is based on the

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student's career pathway training program and work readiness training, as determined by ODE.

Requires ODE to pay 25% of the amount calculated for each student to the student's institution after the student successfully completes the first third of the program of study, 25% of the amount after the student successfully completes the second third of the program of study, and 50% of the amount after the student completes the final third of the program of study.

Permits each institution that has been approved to participate in the Program to use a specified portion of the amount paid under the bill's provisions for the associated services of the approved program of study, which include counseling, advising, assessment, and other services as determined or required by ODE.

Requires the State Superintendent, in consultation with the Director of the Department of Higher Education, to adopt rules regarding all of the following:

(1) The requirements for obtaining a high school diploma through the Program, including the requirement to obtain a passing score on an assessment that is appropriate for the student's career pathway training program, and the date on which these requirements take effect;

(2) The assessment or assessments that may be used to complete the assessment requirement for each career pathway training program and the score that must be obtained on each assessment in order to pass the assessment;

(3) Guidelines regarding the funding of the Program, including a method of funding for students who transfer from one institution to another prior to completing an approved program of study;

(4) Circumstances under which an eligible student may be charged for tuition, supplies, or associated fees while enrolled in an institution's approved program of study;

(5) A requirement that an eligible student may not be charged for tuition, supplies, or associated fees while enrolled in an institution's approved program of study except in the circumstances described in the rules;

(6) The payment of federal funds that are to be used by approved programs of study at institutions that have been approved to participate in the Program.

Fiscal effect: The bill appropriates $7.5 million in FY 2016 and $10 million in FY 2017 from GRF appropriation item 200572, Adult Diploma, for the program.

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EDUCD77 Competitive bidding threshold

R.C. ***3313.46***

Increases the competitive bidding threshold for school building, improvement, and repair contracts for all school districts from $25,000 to $50,000.

Fiscal effect: May allow school districts to save on administrative costs for projects under the threshold.

EDUCD69 Health care services for students

R.C. ***3313.68, 3313.72, 3313.721, 3314.03, 3326.11, 3328.24***

Permits the board of education or governing authority of a school district, educational service center, community school, STEM school, or college-preparatory boarding school to enter into a contract with a hospital or an appropriately licensed health care provider for the purpose of providing health care services (that are specifically authorized by the Revised Code) to students.

Specifies that, if a board or governing authority enters into such a contract, employees of the hospital or health care provider who are providing the services of a nurse under the contract:

(1) Are not required to obtain a school nurse license or school nurse wellness coordinator license and are not subject to any rules adopted by the State Board related to such licensure.

(2) Must, at a minimum, hold a credential that is equivalent to being licensed as a Registered Nurse or a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Fiscal effect: None.

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EDUCD71 Site-based management councils

R.C. ***3313.473, (Repealed)***

Repeals a provision of current law requiring each school district with a total student count of 5,000 or more to designate one school building to be operated by a site-based management council, unless the district received a grade on the most recent report card of an "A" or "B" for the performance index score and value-added dimension or for the overall grade, depending on the school year.

Repeals current law requiring the State Board to adopt rules with regard to these councils.

Repeals current law permitting a district board, in lieu of complying with the State Board's rules for the aforementioned site-based management councils, to file with ODE an alternative structure for a district site-based management program in at least one of its school buildings.

Fiscal effect: May decrease administrative costs for school districts with a school being operating by a site-based management council.

EDUCD58 Statewide plan on subject area competency

R.C. ***3313.603, 3314.03; Sections 263.530-263.540***

Requires the State Board of Education, not later than December 31, 2015, to update its statewide plan regarding methods for students to earn high school credit based on the demonstration of subject area competency to also include methods for students enrolled in 7th and 8th grade to meet curriculum requirements based on such competency.

Requires school districts and community schools, beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, to comply with the updated plan and to permit students enrolled in 7th and 8th grade to meet curriculum requirements accordingly.

Requires ODE to provide assistance to the State Board for purposes of updating the statewide plan and to, upon completion of the plan, inform students, parents, and schools of the updated plan.

Specifically permits the Superintendent of Public Instruction to form partnerships with Ohio's business community to implement initiatives that connect students with the business community to increase student engagement and job readiness. If the Superintendent forms such a partnership, requires that the initiatives do all of the following:

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(1) Support the career connection learning strategies included in model curriculum developed by the State Board and workforce development entities;

(2) Provide an opportunity for students to earn high school credit or to meet curriculum requirements in accordance with the State Board's plan on subject area competency;

(3) Inform the development of student success plans for students who are at-risk of dropping out of school.

Fiscal effect: Probable increase in administrative costs related to updating and disseminating information about the subject area competency plan, but these costs are not expected to exceed minimal.

EDUCD51 Administration of reading diagnostic assessments

R.C. ***3313.608, Section 263.550***

Requires the reading skills assessments administered annually under the Third Grade Reading Guarantee to be completed by September 30.

Removes a requirement that the reading skills assessments be either (1) the reading diagnostic assessments developed by the State Board of Education or (2) a comparable tool approved by ODE and, instead, requires only that the reading skills assessments be those that are approved by ODE.

Adds an immediately effective provision that specifically requires the reading skills assessments administered for the 2015-2016 school year to be completed by September 30, 2015.

Fiscal effect: None.

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EDUCD61 Graduation pathways for students entering ninth grade prior to July 1, 2014

R.C. ***3313.614***

Makes eligible for high school graduation an individual who entered ninth grade for the first time prior to July 1, 2014, if the person completes one of the three graduation pathways: (1) score at "remediation-free" levels in English, math, and reading on nationally standardized assessments, (2) attain a cumulative passing score on the end-of-course examinations, or (3) attain a passing score on a nationally recognized job skills assessment and obtain either an industry-recognized credential or a state agency or board-issued license for practice in a specific vocation. (Current law requires such students to pass all areas of the Ohio Graduation Tests in order to graduate from high school.)

Makes eligible for high school graduation an individual who entered the ninth grade for the first time prior to July 1, 2014, and who has not passed all areas of the Ohio Graduation Tests, if the person meets a combined graduation requirement established by rules adopted by the State Board of Education. Requires the State Board to adopt such rules by December 31, 2015.

Fiscal effect: The adoption of rules will have a negligible effect on the Board's administrative burden.

EDUCD22 School smoking prohibition

R.C. ***3313.751***

Extends to all individuals (instead of just students as under current law) the prohibition from smoking, using tobacco, or possessing any substance that contains tobacco in any area under the control of a school district or educational service center (ESC) or at any school-supervised activity, and expands this prohibition to include outdoor facilities.

Prohibits pupils from using nicotine or possessing any substance containing nicotine in any area under the control of the school district or ESC, including any outdoor facilities, or at any school-supervised activity.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in school district and ESC burdens to enforce the prohibitions under the bill and discipline individuals for violations, depending on the policy adopted by each school board or ESC governing board.

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EDUCD76 Contracting for remediation and intervention services

R.C. ***3313.6010***

Modifies a requirement that the State Board adopt rules permitting school districts to contract with public and private entities to provide academic remediation and intervention services to students in grades 1-6 outside of regular school hours by doing both of the following:
(1) Removing the requirement that the State Board adopt rules related to this provision, and, instead, specifically permitting school districts to enter into such contracts.
(2) Removing the requirement that the remediation and intervention services be for students only in grades 1-6, and, instead, expanding eligibility to students in any grade.

Fiscal effect: None.

EDUCD73 Eliminate high school diploma programs for those age 22 and older

R.C. ***3317.01, Repealed: R.C. 3314.38, 3317.036, 3317.23, 3317.231, 3317.24, 3345.86; Repealed: Section 733.20 of Am. Sub. H.B. 483 of the 130th General Assembly***

Repeals provisions of current law that permit an individual age 22 and above who has not received a high school diploma or equivalence certificate to enroll for up to two cumulative school years in any of the following for the purpose of earning a high school diploma: (1) a city, local, or exempted village school district or a community school that operates a dropout prevention and recovery program, (2) a joint vocational school district that operates an adult education program, or (3) a community college, university branch, technical college, or state community college.

Repeals a requirement that ODE, by December 31, 2015, prepare and submit a report to the General Assembly regarding services provided to individuals ages 22 and above under the provisions described above.

Fiscal effect: Potential administrative savings for districts, schools, and ODE.

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EDUCD29 Innovative schools waiver extensions

R.C. ***3326.29, (Repealed), 3302.15***

Authorizes community schools, in addition to school districts and STEM schools as under current law, to submit to the Superintendent of Public Instruction a request for a waiver for up to five school years from (1) administering the elementary and secondary achievement assessments, (2) teacher evaluations, and (3) reporting of student achievement data for the purpose of report card ratings.

Specifies that school districts, community schools, and STEM schools may submit a request for a waiver only during the 2015-2016 school year.

Limits, to 10, the total number of school districts, community schools, and STEM schools that may be granted a waiver, based on requests for a waiver received during the 2015-2016 school year.

Removes a provision requiring a school district to be a member of the Ohio Innovation Lab Network in order to be eligible to submit a request for a waiver.

Removes the current presumptive eligibility for a waiver for STEM schools.

Removes a provision specifying that a district's or school's waiver application that includes an overview of the district's or school's alternative assessment system must include "links to state-accepted and nationally accepted metrics, assessments, and evaluations."

Revises timing of the decision by the state Superintendent whether to approve or deny a waiver or to request additional information from "not later than thirty days after receiving a request for a waiver" to "upon receipt of a waiver."

Defines "innovative educational program or strategy," for purposes of the waiver, as a program or strategy that uses a new idea or method aimed at increasing student engagement and preparing students to be college or career ready.

Fiscal effect: Current law allows a total of ten districts to receive a waiver. The inclusion of community schools, in addition to removing STEM schools from presumptive eligibility may effect the number of school districts receiving waivers.

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EDUCD75 Pupil transportation

R.C. ***3327.02***

Removes a provision requiring a district board to submit a resolution declaring impracticality of transportation to the educational service center (ESC) that contains the district's territory.

Removes a provision specifying that, upon the ESC receiving the resolution declaring impracticality:
(1) If the ESC disagrees with the board and considers the transportation practical, the ESC must inform the board and the board must provide the transportation.
(2) If the ESC agrees with the board and considers the transportation impractical, the board may offer the ESC payment in lieu of transportation.

Fiscal effect: None.

EDUCD74 Straight A Program

Section: ***263.350***

Creates the Straight A Program to provide grants to school districts, JVSDs, ESCs, community schools, STEM schools, college preparatory boarding schools, individual school buildings, education consortia, institutions of higher education, and private or governmental entities partnering with one or more of those educational entities for projects that aim to achieve significant advancement in the following:

(1) increased student achievement, (2) spending reduction in the five year fiscal forecast, (3) utilization of a greater share of classroom resources, and (4) use of shared service delivery models.

Establishes a nine-member governing board to award the grants. Requires ODE to provide administrative support to the board. Requires the board to select advisors with fiscal and education expertise to evaluate grant proposals. Requires the board to issue an annual report concerning the program.

Specifies the required components for each grant application and agreement as well as procedures and certain criteria to be used by the board in awarding the grants.

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Fiscal effect: The bill appropriates $100 million in each fiscal year from SLF Fund 7017 appropriation item 200648, Straight A Fund, for the grants.

EDUCD78 National Advancement of Education Progress

Section: ***263.400***

Expresses the General Assembly's intention that Ohio school districts participate in the administration of the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP). Requires each school and school district selected to participate.

Fiscal effect: Minimal cost for districts chosen to participate. Federal funding is provided for coordination of the state's participation in NAEP.

EDUCD18 Use of volunteers

Section: ***263.440***

Authorizes ODE to use the services of volunteers to accomplish any of the purposes of ODE.

Authorizes the Superintendent of Public Instruction to reimburse volunteers for necessary expenses in accordance with state guidelines and to designate volunteers as state employees for the purposes of motor vehicle accident liability insurance and for indemnification from liability incurred in the performance of their duties.

Fiscal effect: Potential cost savings for ODE if they can utilize volunteers for purposes which they would otherwise need to hire additional employees. This is a continuation of current law.

EDUCD21 Private treatment facility project

Section: ***263.480***

Establishes procedures by which Ohio youth who have been assigned to a participating residential treatment center are enrolled in an approved educational program in or near the facility.

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Lists the participating residential treatment centers as (1) private residential treatment facilities that have contracted with the Department of Youth Services to provide services and which are paid through appropriation item 470401, RECLAIM Ohio, (2) Abraxas, in Shelby, (3) Paint Creek, in Bainbridge, and (4) F.I.R.S.T., in Mansfield.

Requires that the school district responsible for tuition for a residential child pay the tuition to the provider of the educational programs. Prohibits a district from including the youth in the district's average daily membership (ADM). Requires that ODE track the utilization of funds and monitor the program for educational accountability.

Fiscal effect: In addition to the tuition payment, the bill earmarks $700,000 in each fiscal year from GRF appropriation item 200550, Foundation Funding, for the Private Treatment Facility Project.

EDUCD65 Ranking of school districts and schools

Section: ***263.490***

Temporarily, for the 2014-2015 school year only, prohibits ODE from ranking school districts, community schools, and STEM schools according to academic performance measures.

Extends until January 31, 2016, the deadline for ODE to rank districts, community schools, and STEM schools according to expenditures for the 2014-2015 school year.

Fiscal effect: None.

EDUCD63 Deadlines related to report cards

Sections: ***263.510, 263.520***

Extends the deadline for the 2014-2015 state report card from September 15, 2015, to January 15, 2016.

Extends until January 31, 2016, the deadline for the Department of Education's reports regarding students with disabilities for the 2014-2015 school year.

Fiscal effect: None.

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EDUCD7 **Operating expenses**

Section: ***263.20***

Specifies that a portion of GRF appropriation item 200321, Operating Expenses, be used by ODE to provide matching funds under 20 U.S.C. 2321, which pertains to federal career and technical education assistance to the states.

EDUCD98 **Early Childhood Education**

Section: ***263.20***

Earmarks up to 2% of GRF appropriation item 200408, Early Childhood Education, to be used by ODE for program support and technical assistance.

Requires ODE to distribute the remainder to pay the costs of early childhood programs that serve eligible children. (See EDUCD23).

EDUCD8 **Information technology development and support**

Section: ***263.30***

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 200420, Information Technology Development and Support, be used to support the development and implementation of information technology solutions designed to improve the performance and services provided by ODE. Permits this appropriation to also be used to support data-driven decision-making and differentiated instruction and to communicate academic content standards and curriculum models through the Internet.

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EDUCD32 **Alternative education programs**

Section: ***263.40***

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 200421, Alternative Education Programs, be used for the renewal of successful implementation grants and for competitive matching grants to school districts for alternative education programs for at-risk and delinquent youth.

Earmarks $350,000 in each fiscal year to support an information clearinghouse for the identification of and intervention for at-risk students.

Permits ODE to waive compliance with minimum education standards for schools receiving grants if the waiver enables the program to more effectively educate students.

Permits a portion of the appropriation to be used for program administration, monitoring, technical assistance, support, research, and evaluation.

EDUCD33 **School management assistance**

Section: ***263.50***

Earmarks $1,000,000 in each fiscal year of GRF appropriation item 200422, School Management Assistance, to be used by the Auditor of State, in consultation with ODE, for expenses incurred in the Auditor's role relating to fiscal caution, fiscal watch, and fiscal emergency activities (unless an amount less than $1,000,000 is mutually agreed to by the Auditor of State and ODE). Authorizes these funds to also be used by the Auditor to conduct performance audits of districts in fiscal distress, including those that the Auditor, in consultation with ODE, determines are employing fiscal practices or experiencing budgetary conditions that could produce a state of fiscal watch or emergency.

Specifies that the remainder be used by ODE to provide fiscal technical assistance and in-service education for school district management personnel and to administer, monitor, and implement the fiscal caution, fiscal watch and fiscal emergency provisions of the Revised Code.

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EDUCD34 Policy analysis

Section: ***263.60***

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 200424, Policy Analysis, be used to support a system of administrative, statistical, and legislative education information to be used for policy analysis.

Permits ODE to use funding from this appropriation item to purchase or contract for the development of software systems or contract for policy studies that will assist in the provision and analysis of policy-related information.

EDUCD88 Tech Prep Consortia support

Section: ***263.60***

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 200425, Tech Prep Consortia Support, be used to support state-level activities in support of tech prep programs.

EDUCD35 Ohio Educational Computer Network

Section: ***263.70***

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 200426, Ohio Educational Computer Network, be used to maintain a system of information technology throughout Ohio and to provide technical assistance in support of the P-16 State Education Technology Plan. Makes the following earmarks:

(1) Up to $10,000,000 in each fiscal year to support connection of all public school buildings and participating chartered nonpublic schools to the state's education network, to each other, and to the Internet.

(2) Up to $5,000,000 in each fiscal year to subsidize the activities of designated information technology centers.

(3) Specifies that the remainder of the appropriation be used to support a network of uniform and compatible computer-based information and instructional systems, the teacher student linkage/roster verification process, and the eTranscript/student records exchange initiative.

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EDUCD36 **Academic standards**

Section: ***263.80***

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 200427, Academic Standards, be used to develop and communicate to school districts academic content standards and curriculum models and to develop professional development programs and other tools on the new content standards and model curriculum.

EDUCD37 **Student assessment**

Section: ***263.90***

Earmarks up to $1,206,000 in FY 2016 and up to $2,760,000 in FY 2017 of GRF appropriation item 200437, Student Assessment, for costs associated with the state's required diagnostic assessments.

Specifies that the remainder of the appropriation be used to develop, field test, print, distribute, score, and report results of assessments, including the English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies assessments and the Ohio Graduation Test. Permits ODE to use the funds to update and develop certain diagnostic assessments for students in grades kindergarten through three.

Authorizes the transfer in each fiscal year of unexpended and unencumbered GRF appropriations within ODE to GRF appropriation item 200437, Student Assessment, if the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Director of OBM determine that additional funds are needed to fully fund the assessments.

Authorizes, with Controlling Board approval, the transfer of up to $9,000,000 cash from the Lottery Profits Education Reserve Fund (Fund 7018) to the GRF and appropriates the transferred funds for student assessments, if the transfer of unexpended and unencumbered GRF appropriations within ODE to GRF appropriation item 200437, Student Assessment, continues to be insufficient to fully fund the cost of the assessments.

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EDUCD38 Accountability/report cards

Section: ***263.100***

Permits a portion of GRF appropriation item 200439, Accountability/Report Cards, in each fiscal year to be used to train district and regional specialists and district educators in the use of the value-added progress dimension and data as it relates to improving student achievement. Allows a portion of this appropriation to be provided to a credible nonprofit organization with expertise in value-added progress dimensions.

Specifies that the remainder of the appropriation be used to incorporate a statewide value-added progress dimension into performance ratings for school districts and develop an accountability system that includes the preparation and distribution of school report cards, funding and expenditure accountability reports, the development and maintenance of teacher value-added reports, the teacher student linkage/roster verification process, and the performance management section of ODE's website.

EDUCD24 Child care licensing

Section: ***263.100***

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 200442, Child Care Licensing, be used by ODE to license and to inspect preschool and school-age child care programs.

EDUCD39 Emergency Management Information System

Section: ***263.110***

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 200446, Education Management Information System, be used to improve the education management information system (EMIS) and makes the following earmarks:

(1) Up to $725,000 in each fiscal year to be distributed to information technology centers for costs related to processing, storing, and transferring data for the effective operation of EMIS.

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(2) Specifies that the remainder of the appropriation be used to develop and support a common core of data definitions and standards as adopted by the Education Management Information System Advisory Board, including the ongoing development and maintenance of the data dictionary and data warehouse.

Specifies that any provider of software meeting the standards approved by the Board be designated as an approved vendor and be permitted to enter into contracts with educational entities for the purpose of collecting and managing data required under Ohio's EMIS law.

Prohibits school districts, STEM schools, and community schools that are not implementing a common and uniform set of data definitions and data format standards from receiving funding until they are in compliance.

EDUCD99 GED testing

Section: ***263.120***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 200447, GED Testing, be used to provide General Education Development (GED) testing and support to GED testing sites.

EDUCD93 Educator preparation

Section: ***263.130***

Specifies the following for GRF appropriation item 200448, Educator Preparation:

(1) Earmarks up to $500,000 in each fiscal year for ODE to monitor and support Ohio's State System of Support under federal law.

(2) Earmarks up to $100,000 in each fiscal year to be used by ODE to support the Educator Standards Board and various school reforms.

(3) Permits the remainder of the appropriation in to be used for implementation of teacher and principal evaluation systems, including incorporation of student growth as a metric in those systems, and teacher value-added reports.

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EDUCD9 **Community schools and choice programs**

Section: ***263.140***

Permits GRF appropriation item 200455, Community Schools and Choice Programs, to be used to operate school choice programs. Permits a portion of the appropriation in each fiscal year to be used by ODE for developing and conducting training sessions for sponsors and prospective sponsors of community schools and other schools participating in school choice programs.

EDUCD40 **Education technology resources**

Section: ***263.150***

Makes the following earmarks to GRF appropriation item 200465, Education Technology Resources:

(1) Up to $2,500,000 in each fiscal year for the Union Catalog and InfOhio Network.

(2) Up to $1,778,879 in each fiscal year to contract with educational television stations and education technology centers to provide public schools with instructional resources and services. Specifies that priority be given to resources and services aligned with state academic content standards. Specifies that such resources and services be based upon the advice and approval of ODE, based on a formula developed in consultation with educational television stations and educational technology centers.

(3) Specifies that the remainder of the appropriation be used to support the training, technical support, and guidance to school districts and public libraries in applying for federal E-Rate funds; for oversight and guidance of school district technology plans; and for support to district technology personnel. Permits the funds to be used for the eTranscript/student records exchange initiative and for internet safety training for students, teachers, and administrators.

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EDUCD10 **Pupil transportation**

Section: ***263.160***

Makes the following earmarks to GRF appropriation item 200502, Pupil Transportation:

(1) Up to $838,930 in each fiscal year for training school bus drivers.

(2) Up to $60,469,220 in each fiscal year for special education transportation reimbursements to school districts and county DD boards.

(3) Up to $2,500,000 in each fiscal year to reimburse school districts for payments to parents in lieu of providing school bus service. Requires a school district, if a parent, guardian, or other person in charge of a pupil accepts the offer of payment in lieu of providing transportation, to pay that parent, guardian, or other person at least $250 and not more than the amount determined by ODE as the average cost of pupil transportation for the previous school year. Permits the payment to be prorated if the time period involved is only a part of the school year.

(4) Specifies that the remainder of the appropriation be used for the pupil transportation aid formula.

EDUCD41 **School lunch match**

Section: ***263.170***

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 200505, School Lunch Match, be used to provide matching funds to obtain federal funds for the school lunch program.

Permits any remaining appropriation to be used to partially reimburse school buildings required to have a school breakfast program.

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EDUCD90 Auxiliary services

Section: ***263.180***

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 200511, Auxiliary Services, be used for providing services and materials to certain students enrolled in nonpublic schools.

Earmarks up to $2,600,000 in each fiscal year for nonpublic school student participation in the College Credit Plus Program.

EDUCD91 Nonpublic administrative cost reimbursement

Section: ***263.190***

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 200532, Nonpublic Administrative Cost Reimbursement, be used to reimburse chartered nonpublic schools for their administrative costs associated with maintaining their state charter.

EDUCD87 Special education enhancements

Section: ***263.200***

Makes the following earmarks to GRF appropriation item 200540, Special Education Enhancements:

(1) Up to $50,000,000 in each fiscal year to fund special education and related services at county DD boards and state institutions.

(2) Up to $1,333,468 in each fiscal year for parent mentoring programs.

(3) Up to $2,537,824 in each fiscal year for school psychology interns.

(4) $2,500,000 in each fiscal year to be transferred to the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency via an intrastate transfer voucher. Requires the transferred funds to be used as state matching funds to draw down available federal funding for vocational rehabilitation services. Specifies that funding be used to hire vocational rehabilitation counselors to provide transition services for students with disabilities. Requires the agencies to enter into an interagency

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agreement to specify the responsibilities of each agency under the program.

Specifies that the remainder of the appropriation be used to distribute preschool special education funding for school districts and state institutions. Requires funded entities to adhere to Ohio's early learning program standards, to participate in the tiered quality rating and improvement system, to document child progress using research-based indicators, and to report results annually.

(5) Up to $2,500,000 in each fiscal year to be used to build capacity to deliver a regional system of training, support, coordination, and direct service for secondary transition services for students with disabilities beginning at age 14.

Permits ODE to reimburse for instructional assistant, physical therapy, and occupational therapy services, including services provided by physical therapy or occupational therapy assistants.

EDUCD89 Career-Technical education enhancements

Section: ***263.210***

Makes the following earmarks to GRF appropriation item 200545, Career-Technical Education Enhancements:

(1) $1,000,000 in each fiscal year to support statewide career counseling efforts. Requires ODE to identify and highlight best practices through regional outreach or webinars. Requires that any professional development and outreach for school counselors funded with this earmark include how to effectively use training and informational resources on the OhioMeansJobs K-12 web site and be done in consultation with the Director of Higher Education.

(2) Up to $2,563,568 in each fiscal year to fund secondary career-technical education at institutions, OSD, and OSB. Notwithstands the unit funding formula and specifies the funding be distributed using a grant-based methodology.

(3) Up to $3,587,800 in each fiscal year to fund competitive expansion grants to tech prep consortia.

(4) Up to $3,100,850 in each fiscal year to support existing High Schools That Work (HSTW) sites, develop and support new sites, fund technical assistance, and support regional centers and middle school programs.

(5) Up to $600,000 in each fiscal year to fund the Agriculture 5th Quarter Project.

(6) Up to $162,000 in each fiscal year for distribution to Cleveland and Cincinnati school districts to be used for a VoAg Program in one at-risk nonvocational school in each district. Specifies that the amount distributed to each district is equal to $83,600 minus the amount allocated to the district for additional career-technical education formula funding for the students participating in the program.

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(7) Up to $525,000 in FY 2016 and $550,000 in FY 2017 to support career planning and reporting through the OhioMeansJobs web site.

(8) Up to $1,000,000 in each fiscal year to support payments to public schools whose students earn an industry-recognized credential or receive a journeyman certification. Requires ODE, the Department of Higher Education, and the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation to develop a reimbursement schedule. Requires the educating entity to pay for the cost of the credential for economically disadvantaged students. Specifies that the educating entity may claim reimbursement up to six months after the student has graduated from high school. Requires ODE to prorate amounts so that the aggregate amount appropriated is not exceeded if the amount appropriated is insufficient.

EDUCD11 Foundation funding

Section: ***263.220***

Makes the following earmarks to GRF appropriation item 200550, Foundation Funding:

(1) Up to $40,000,000 in each fiscal year for additional state aid to school districts, joint vocational school districts, STEM, and community schools for special education students exceeding certain specified catastrophic cost thresholds.

(2) Up to $3,800,000 in each fiscal year to fund gifted education units at ESCs. Specifies that the distribution of gifted education funds to ESCs is based on a unit methodology used prior to FY 2010.

(3) Up to $37,700,000 in FY 2016 and up to $30,200,000 in FY 2017 to fund the state reimbursement of ESCs.

(4) Up to $3,500,000 in each fiscal year to be distributed to ESCs for School Improvement Initiatives and for the provision of technical assistance as required by federal law.

(5) Up to $20,000,000 in each fiscal year for payments to school districts resulting from property tax refunds and certain recomputations of state foundation aid due to changes in property tax valuation. Requires that ODE prorate the payments to not exceed the set aside.

(6) Up to $2,000,000 in each fiscal year to pay career-technical planning districts (CTPDs) for reimbursements provided to first-time GED on-line test-takers for application/test fees in excess of $40. Requires each CTPD to designate a site or sites where individuals may register and take GED exams and to offer career counseling services for each individual that registers for the GED. Requires any remaining funds in each fiscal year to be reimbursed to the Department of Youth Services and the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction for individuals in these facilities who have taken the GED for

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the first time. Prohibits the amounts reimbursed for these individuals from exceeding the per-individual amounts reimbursed to other individuals for each section of the GED.

(7) Up to $29,900,000 in FY 2016 and up to $38,000,000 in FY 2017 to support school choice programs.

(8) Up to $11,901,887 in each fiscal year of the foundation program funds allocated to the Cleveland Municipal School District for the Cleveland school choice program. Earmarks, of that amount, up to $1,000,000 in each fiscal year for the district to provide tutorial assistance.

(9) Up to $250,000 in each fiscal year for home-instructed students to participate in the College Credit Plus Program.

(10) An amount to fund joint vocational school districts (JVSDs).

(11) Up to $700,000 in each fiscal year for the private treatment facility project.

(12) An amount to pay college-preparatory boarding schools the per pupil boarding amount.

Specifies that the remainder of this appropriation be used to distribute to city, local, and exempted village school districts the amounts calculated for formula aid and temporary transitional aid.

Specifies that GRF appropriation items 200502, Pupil Transportation, 200540, Special Education Enhancements, and 200550, Foundation Funding, other than specific set-asides, are to fund state formula aid obligations. Provides that ODE seek approval from the Director of OBM to transfer funds among these items, or other GRF appropriation items in which there are excess appropriation, in order to meet these obligations.

Authorizes the payment of school operating funds in amounts substantially equal to those made in the prior year until the new school funding formulas take effect.

EDUCD42 Literacy improvement

Section: ***263.250***

Earmarks up to $2,500,000 in each fiscal year of GRF appropriation item, 200566, Literacy Improvement, for ODE to award grants to elementary school buildings for summer literacy camps that assist K-3 students in meeting the third grade reading guarantee. Requires ODE to give priority to schools with a high percentage of economically disadvantaged students, schools with low student achievement, and schools making progress in improving students' literacy skills.

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Specifies that that remainder of the appropriation be used to establish regional professional development teams in literacy to provide communication, outreach, and professional development opportunities targeted to K-3 language and literacy supports.

EDUCD43 **Adult diploma**

Section: ***263.260***

Makes the following earmarks to GRF appropriation item 200572, Adult Diploma:

(1) Up to $5,000,000 in FY 2016 and $10,000,000 in FY 2017 to make payments to institutions participating in the Adult Diploma Pilot Program. Permits a portion of this amount to be used for technical assistance and administration.

(2) Up to $2,500,000 in FY 2016 for planning grants to institutions eligible to participate in the Adult Diploma Pilot Program. Permits ODE to award planning grants of up to $500,000 to up to five eligible institutions. Specifies that the grants be used to build capacity to implement the program beginning in FY 2017. Permits remaining funds to be used to provide technical assistance to participating institutions.

EDUCD12 **EdChoice expansion**

Section: ***263.270***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 200573, EdChoice Expansion, be used to pay for EdChoice scholarships for students from families with incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level regardless of the performance of the school the student would otherwise attend. Prohibits the number of scholarships awarded under the expansion from exceeding the number that can be funded with the amount appropriated for this purpose.

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EDUCD13 **Half-mill maintenance equalization**

Section: ***263.270***

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 200574, Half-Mill Maintenance Equalization, be used to make payments to eligible school districts to equalize districts' half-mill maintenance levies required under the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program of the School Facilities Commission to the statewide average wealth level.

EDUCD44 **Competency-based education pilot**

Section: ***263.280***

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 200588, Competency-Based Education Pilot, be used to fund competency-based education pilot programs in up to ten districts or schools.

Specifies that each program participant be awarded up to $250,000 for each fiscal year.

Specifies that grants be used in FY 2016 and FY 2017 to plan for implementation in FY 2017, FY 2018, and FY 2019.

Permits a portion of the funds to be used for technical assistance and administration.

EDUCD94 **Teacher certification and licensure**

Section: ***263.290***

Specifies that DPF Fund 4L20 appropriation item 200681, Teacher Certification and Licensure, be used in each fiscal year to administer and support teacher certification and licensure activities.

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EDUCD100 **Auxiliary services reimbursement**

Section: ***263.300***

Requires, if the unexpended, unencumbered cash balance is sufficient, that the Treasurer of State transfer $1,500,000 in each fiscal year from the Auxiliary Services Personnel Unemployment Compensation Fund to the Auxiliary Services Reimbursement Fund (Fund 5980).

EDUCD45 **School district solvency assistance**

Section: ***263.310***

Specifies that funds in DPF Fund 5H30 appropriation item 200687, School District Solvency Assistance, be used to provide assistance and grants to school districts to enable them to remain solvent. Requires that assistance and grants be subject to the approval of the Controlling Board.

Earmarks $5,000,000 in each fiscal year for the School District Shared Resource Account to make advances to districts that must be repaid.

Earmarks $5,000,000 in each fiscal year for the Catastrophic Expenditures Account to make grants to school districts that need be repaid only if the district receives third party reimbursement funding.

Permits the OBM Director to make cash transfers into the School District Solvency Assistance Fund (Fund 5H30) in each fiscal year from the GRF or any funds used by ODE to maintain sufficient cash balances in the fund. Appropriates any funds so transferred. Requires the Director to notify the Controlling Board of any such transfers.

Permits, if the cash balance of Fund 5H30 is insufficient to pay solvency assistance, and with approval of the Controlling Board, the transfer of cash from the Lottery Profits Education Reserve Fund (Fund 7018) to Fund 5H30 to provide assistance and grants. Appropriates any funds so transferred to Fund 5H30 appropriation item 200670, School District Solvency Assistance - Lottery.

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EDUCD92 Early childhood education

Section: ***263.320***

Earmarks up to $20,000,000 in each fiscal year from DPF appropriation item 200673, Early Childhood Education, to advance programs and systems supporting high quality early childhood opportunities for children from economically disadvantaged families.

Requires ODE, in consultation with the Governor's Early Childhood Education and Development Office and JFS, to establish guidelines that include benchmark performance criteria, evaluation design and implementation, and steps for the future advancement of Ohio's Early Childhood System based on results. Requires completion of guidelines by January 1, 2016.

EDUCD14 Lottery Profits Education Fund

Section: ***263.330***

Specifies that SLF Fund 7017 appropriation item 200612, Foundation Funding, be used in conjunction with GRF appropriation item 200550, Foundation Funding, to provide formula aid payments to school districts.

Requires ODE, with the approval of the Director of Budget and Management, to determine the monthly distribution schedules of items 200550 and 200612.

EDUCD46 Community Connectors Program

Section: ***263.330***

Specifies that SLF appropriation item 200629, Community Connectors, be used to create the Community Connectors Grant Program. Requires that the program award competitive matching grants to provide funding for local networks of volunteers and organizations to sponsor career advising and mentoring for students in eligible school districts.

Requires each grant award to match up to three times the funds allocated to the project by the local network.

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Specifies that eligible school districts are those with a high percentage of students in poverty, a high number of students not graduating on time, and other criteria as determined by ODE.

Requires eligible school districts to partner with members of the business community, civic organizations, or the faith-based community to provide sustainable career advising and mentoring services.

Permits any unexpended and unencumbered funds at the end of FY 2016 to be reappropriated for the same purpose in FY 2017, with the approval of the OBM Director.

EDUCD30 Straight A Fund

Section: ***263.340***

Earmarks up to $10,000,000 in fiscal year 2016 and up to $3,500,000 in fiscal year 2017 from SLF Fund 7017 appropriation item 200648, Straight A Fund, for ODE, in consultation with the Department of Higher Education, to support graduate coursework for high school teachers in order to receive credentialing to teach college credit plus courses. Requires ODE, in consultation with the Department of Higher Education to develop criteria, issue a Request for Proposals, and ensure that priority is given to educational consortia that include economically disadvantaged high schools.

Earmarks up to $5,000,000 in FY 2017 from SLF Fund 7017 appropriation item 200648, Straight A Fund, for ODE to make payments to school districts, community schools, and STEM schools that increase successful participation in advanced placement or college credit plus programs. Requires that ODE make payments based on the following criteria:

(1) $750,000 to the school district with the highest successful completion rate (the per cent of the school district's students in grades 11 and 12 who either received a score of three or better on an Advanced Placement examination or earned at least three college credits through the College Credit Plus Program;

(2) $650,000 to the school district with the second highest successful completion rate;

(3) $600,000 to the school district with the third highest successful completion rate;

(4) $500,000 to each school district that has the highest successful completion rate within each typology category (urban, suburban, small town, and rural);

(5) $250,000 to each school district with the second highest successful completion rate within each typology category.

Requires ODE to include school districts with the third, fourth, or fifth highest successful completion rates as needed so that no district receives more than one award.

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Limits awards to school districts with a successful completion rate of at least 25%.

Requires that the remainder of the appropriation be used to make competitive grants under the Straight A Program (See EDUCD74).

EDUCD47 **Community school facilities**

Section: ***263.340***

Earmarks up to $550,000 in FY 2016 and up to $1,100,000 in FY 2017 of SLF appropriation item 200684, Community School Facilities, to be used as matching funds for Ohio's federal State Charter School Facilities Incentive Grant application. Specifies that if these funds are not required that they be used with the remainder of the appropriation.

Specifies that the remainder of the appropriation be used to pay brick-and-mortar community schools an amount of $200 per equivalent pupil for facilities-related costs. Requires ODE to prorate payments if the amount appropriated is insufficient.

EDUCD101 **Lottery Profits Education Reserve Fund**

Section: ***263.360***

Creates the Lottery Profits Education Reserve Fund (Fund 7018). Permits the OBM Director to transfer cash from Fund 7018 to the Lottery Profits Education Fund (Fund 7017) in both fiscal years. Requires the Lottery Commission Director to certify on July 15, 2015, the amount by which lottery profits exceeded $974,500,000 in FY 2015 and on July 15, 2016, the amount by which lottery profits exceeded $984,000,000 in FY 2016, to the OBM Director. Permits the OBM Director to transfer cash in excess of the amounts necessary to support appropriations in Fund 7017 to Fund 7018.

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EDUCD15 **Distribution formulas**

Section: ***263.370***

Requires that ODE report to the Director of OBM and the Legislative Service Commission the following: (a) changes in formulas for distributing state appropriations; (b) discretionary changes in formulas for distributing federal appropriations; and (c) federally mandated changes in formulas for distributing federal appropriations. Requires these changes be reported two weeks prior to their effective date.

EDUCD102 **Schools Medicaid administrative claims**

Section: ***263.380***

Permits the OBM Director, at the request of the State Superintendent, to transfer up to $750,000 cash in each fiscal year from the GRF to the School Medicaid Administrative Claims Fund (Fund 3AF0). Requires the transferred cash to be used to pay ODE's expenses in administering the Medicaid School Component of the Medicaid program. Requires the OBM Director to transfer the cash back to the GRF on June 1 of each fiscal year.

EDUCD95 **Community school SBH subsidy**

Section: ***263.410***

Continues the subsidy payment in current law for certain community schools that serve students with severe behavioral handicaps (SBH). Specifies that the amount of the subsidy is not deducted from the students' resident school district.

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EDUCD17 **Earmark accountability**

Section: ***263.420***

Authorizes the Superintendent of Public Instruction to request accountability reports from any entity that receives a budget earmark under ODE's budget.

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PAYCD1 **Abolishment of the Cost Savings Fund**

R.C. ***124.392, 512.60***

Requires the Director of Budget and Management to transfer any remaining cash balance in the Cost Savings Fund (Fund 8140) to the Accrued Leave Fund (Fund 8060). Abolishes Fund 8140 after completion of the cash transfer.

Fiscal effect: Fund 8140 was part of the mechanism used to reduce state agency payroll costs during the FY 2010-FY 2011 biennium through the Cost Savings Day program. The Accrued Leave Fund (Fund 8060) is used for the payment of sick, personal, or vacation leave cash conversions given to employees upon leaving state service. As of February 2015, the cash balance in Fund 8140 was approximately $8,000.

PAYCD2 **Accrued Leave Liability Fund**

Section: ***269.10***

Requires that Accrued Leave Liability Fund (Fund 8060) appropriation item 995666, Accrued Leave Fund, be used to make payments for accrued vacation, sick, and personal leave to employees leaving state employment, as well as to existing employees for annual sick and personal leave conversion. Appropriates additional amounts if the Director of Budget and Management finds it necessary.

PAYCD3 **State Employee Disability Leave Benefit Fund**

Section: ***269.10***

Requires that State Employee Disability Leave Benefit Fund (Fund 8070) appropriation item 995667, Disability Fund, be used to make payments for state employee disability benefits pursuant R.C. 124.83. Appropriates additional amounts if the Director of Budget and Management finds it necessary.

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PAYCD4 Payroll Deduction Fund

Section: ***269.10***

Requires that Payroll Deduction Fund (Fund 1240) appropriation item 995673, Payroll Deductions, be used to make payments pursuant to R.C. 125.21 for withheld taxes, the employee's retirement contributions, and voluntary deductions. Appropriates additional amounts if the Director of Budget and Management finds it necessary.

PAYCD5 State Employee Health Benefit Fund

Section: ***269.10***

Requires that State Employee Health Benefit Fund (Fund 8080) appropriation item 995668, State Employee Health Benefit Fund, be used to make payments for medical, mental health, prescription, dental, and vision coverage for state employees. Appropriates additional amounts if the Director of Budget and Management finds it necessary.

PAYCD6 Dependent Care Spending Fund

Section: ***269.10***

Requires that Dependent Care Spending Fund (Fund 8090) appropriation item, 995669, Dependent Care Spending Account, be used to make payments to state employees enrolled in the Dependent Care Spending Account Program. Appropriate additional amounts if the Director of Budget and Management finds it necessary.

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PAYCD7 **Life Insurance Investment Fund**

Section: ***269.10***

Requires that Life Insurance Investment Fund (Fund 8100) appropriation item 995670, Life Insurance Investment Fund, be used to pay for the costs of the state's life insurance benefit program that provides coverage for exempt state employees. Appropriates additional amounts if the Director of Budget and Management finds it necessary.

PAYCD8 **Parental Leave Benefit Fund**

Section: ***269.10***

Requires that Parental Leave Benefit Fund (Fund 8110) appropriation item 995671, Parental Leave Benefit Fund, be used to make payments to employees eligible for parental leave benefits. Appropriates additional amounts if the Director of Budget and Management finds it necessary.

PAYCD9 **Health Care Spending Account Fund**

Section: ***269.10***

Requires that Health Care Spending Account Fund (Fund 8130) appropriation item 995672, Health Care Spending Account, be used to make payments pursuant to state employees' participation in a flexible spending account for nonreimbursed health care expenses. Authorizes the Director of Administrative Services to request the Director of Budget and Management to increase the amounts as necessary. Appropriates the additional amounts requested.

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EPACD4 **Air Pollution Control Law technical correction**

R.C. ***3704.04***

Corrects an erroneous cross-reference.

Fiscal effect: None.

EPACD10 **E-Check program extension**

R.C. ***3704.14***

Authorizes the extension of the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program (E-Check) through June 30, 2021, in Ohio counties in which a program is federally mandated by doing both of the following:

(1) Authorizing the Director of Environmental Protection to request the Director of Administrative Services to extend the contract in existence on June 30, 2015, for a period of up to 24 months through June 30, 2017.

(2) Requires the Director of Environmental Protection, prior to the expiration of the contract extension, to request the Director of Administrative Services to enter into a new contract with a vendor to operate a program in Ohio counties in which a program is federally mandated through June 30, 2019, with an option for the state to renew the contract for a period of up to 24 months through June 30, 2021.

Fiscal effect: This program is a requirement that was developed as part of the federally approved State Implementation Plan (SIP) and compliance with the federal Clean Air Act so as to avoid the loss of federal grant money and possible sanctions. These sanctions include requiring offsets from facilities building in nonattainment areas and the loss of federal highway funds.

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EPACD6 **Waste Management Fund**

R.C. ***3714.051, 3714.07, 3714.08, 3714.09, 3734.02, 3734.021, 3734.061, 3734.07, 3734.551, 3734.57, Section 512.60***

(1) Renames the Solid Waste Fund (Fund 4K30) in the Solid, Hazardous, and Infectious Wastes Law the Waste Management Fund, eliminates its use for providing compliance assistance to small businesses and paying a share of the administrative costs of the Environmental Protection Agency, and adds that it must be used to address violations of the Air and Water Pollution Control Laws at facilities regulated under the Solid, Hazardous, and Infectious Wastes Law.

(2) Eliminates the Construction and Demolition Debris Facility Oversight Fund (4U70), and credits the money that currently is credited to that fund to the Waste Management Fund (Fund 4K30), and retains use of that money exclusively for the administration and enforcement of the Construction and Demolition Debris Law.

(3) Eliminates the Infectious Waste Management Fund (Fund 6600), credits the money that currently is credited to that fund to the Waste Management Fund (Fund 4K30), and requires, rather than authorizes as in current law, the Director of Environmental Protection to use that money exclusively for the administration and enforcement of the infectious waste provisions in the Solid, Hazardous, and Infectious Wastes Law.

(4) Requires the Director of Budget and Management (OBM), on July 1, 2015, or as soon as possible thereafter, to transfer the cash balances in Fund 4U70 and Fund 6600 to Fund 4K30. Abolishes Fund 4U70 and Fund 6600 upon completion of the transfer of their respective cash balances. Requires the OBM Director to cancel any existing encumbrances against DPF Fund 4U70 appropriation item 715660, Construction and Demolition Debris, and DPF Fund 6600 appropriation item 715629, Infectious Waste Management, and reestablish them against DPF Fund 4K30 appropriation item 715649, Solid Waste. Authorizes the OBM Director, if any other existing encumbrances must be cancelled and reestablished to properly close out Fund 4U70 and Fund 6600, to carry out the necessary transactions. Appropriates the reestablished encumbrance amounts.

Fiscal effect: Potential savings effect, as consolidating these revenue streams and their purposes will make budgeting/fiscal management easier for the Division of Materials and Waste Management.

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EPACD7 **Materials Management Advisory Council**

R.C. ***3734.49, 3734.50, 3734.51 (Repealed), 3734.822, 3736.03, 3736.04 (Repealed), 3736.05, 3736.06, Section 515.10***

(1) Merges the Solid Waste Advisory Council with the Recycling and Litter Prevention Advisory Council, and renames the merged Council the Materials Management Advisory Council.

(2) Transfers generally the duties and responsibilities of the two Councils to the new Council.

(3) Establishes additional Council duties and responsibilities: (a) to triennially advise the Director of Environmental Protection in conducting a review of the achievements made under the state solid waste management plan, (b) to prepare and submit an annual report to the General Assembly on the state's solid waste management plan and its achievements, (c) to research and respond to questions posed by the Director, and (d) to establish and develop partnerships that foster a productive marketplace for the collection and use of recycled materials.

(4) Requires the Governor to appoint the members of the new Council who must represent specified interests.

(5) Requires the Director to appoint the chairperson of the Council.

(6) Requires the Council to meet twice a year.

Fiscal effect: Potential savings effect, as combining the two Councils will reduce the time and effort that staff currently devote to both Councils, including eliminating some redundancies and duplication of efforts.

EPACD12 **Solid waste transfer and disposal fees**

R.C. ***3734.57, 3745.015***

Extends the expiration of four state fees levied on the transfer and disposal of solid waste from June 30, 2016, to June 30, 2018, retains the aggregate amount of those fees at $4.75, but reallocates the individual fees and their uses as follows:

(1) Decreases from $1.00 to $0.90 the per-ton fee the proceeds of which are credited to the Hazardous Waste Facility Management Fund (Fund 5030) and the Hazardous Waste Clean-up Fund (Fund 5050), and allocates $0.20, rather than 30% as in current law, of the fee to Fund 5030 and $0.70, rather than 70% as in current law, to Fund 5050.

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(3) Decreases from $1.00 to $0.75 the per-ton fee the proceeds of which are credited to the Solid Waste Fund (Fund 4K30), renamed the Waste Management Fund by the bill.

(4) Increases from $2.50 to $2.85 the per-ton fee the proceeds of which are credited to the Environmental Protection Fund (5BC0), and additionally requires the fund be used to pay the costs of providing compliance assistance to small businesses

(5) Retains the $0.25 per-ton fee the proceeds of which are credited to the Soil and Water Conservation District Assistance Fund (Fund 5BV0) used the Department of Natural Resources.

Fiscal effect: The fee extensions preserve annual revenues totaling approximately $61.3 million. Adjusting the formula for distributing that total results in: (1) a $3.2 million decrease in the amount credited to the Solid Waste Fund (Fund 4K30) annually from $12.9 million to $9.7 million, (2) a $1.3 million decrease in the amount credited to the Hazardous Waste Facility Management Fund (Fund 5030) annually from $3.9 million to $2.6 million, and (3) a $4.5 million increase in the amount credited to the Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0) from $32.3 million to $36.8 million. The amounts credited to the Soil and Water Conservation District Assistance Fund (Fund 5BV0), around $3.2 million, and the Hazardous Waste Clean-Up Fund (Fund 5050), around $9.0 million, are unchanged.

EPACD20 Sale of tire fees

R.C. ***3734.901***

Extends from June 30, 2016, to June 30, 2018, the expiration of both of the following:

(1) $0.50 per-tire fee on the sale of tires credited to the Scrap Tire Management Fund (Fund 4R50).

(2) $0.50 per-tire fee credited to the Soil and Water Conservation District Assurance Fund (Fund 5BV0) used by the Department of Natural Resources.

Fiscal effect: The fee extensions preserve annual revenues totaling $3.5 million for the Scrap Tire Management Fund (Fund 4R50) and $3.5 million for the Soil and Water Conservation District Assistance Fund (Fund 5BV0).

EPACD16 Extension of various air and water fees

R.C. ***3745.11***

Extends all of the following for two years:

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(1) The sunset of the annual emissions fees for synthetic minor facilities.

(2) The levying of higher fees, and the decrease of those fees at the end of the two years, for applications for plan approval s for wastewater treatment works under the Water Pollution Control Law.

(3) The sunset of the annual discharge fees for holders of national pollutant discharge elimination system permits issued under the Water Pollution Control Law.

(4) The sunset of license fees for public water system licenses issued under the Safe Drinking Water Law.

(5) A higher cap on the total fee due for plan approval for a public water supply system under the Safe Drinking Water Law and the decrease of that cap at the end of the two years.

(6) The levying of higher fees, and the decrease of those fees at the end of the two years, for state certification of laboratories and laboratory personnel for purposes of the Safe Drinking Water Law.

(7) The levying of higher fees, and the decrease of those fees at the end of two years, for applications to take examinations for certification as operators of water supply systems or wastewater systems under the Safe Drinking Water Law or the Water Pollution Control Law, as applicable.

(8) The levying of higher fees, and the decrease of those fees at the end of the two years, for applications for permits, variances, and plan approvals under the Water Pollution Control Law and the Safe Drinking Water Law.

Fiscal effect: The fee extensions will continue annual revenues totaling $365,000 for the Clean Air - Non Title V Fund (Fund 4K20), $6.8 million for the Surface Water Protection Fund (Fund 4K40), and $6.0 million for the Drinking Water Protection Fund (Fund 4K50).

EPACD5 Escrow requirement for community water systems

R.C. ***6109.08***

(1) Expands the requirement that the owner or operator of a community water system deposit a specified amount in escrow when planning to construct, install, or make a substantial modification to the system by removing the exemption for a system supplying water only to premises owned by the water supplier, but retains other exemptions in current law.

(2) Increases the maximum amount that the owner must deposit in escrow from $50,000 to $250,000.

(3) Specifies that the Director of Environmental Protection may issue a notice of a failure to correct a significant deficiency in accordance with a schedule accepted by the Director.

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(4) Requires the owner of a system that is subject to the escrow requirement, within five days of receiving a notice, or if funds in an escrow account are not adequate to correct the significant deficiency, to deposit all rents and fees in escrow until the Director determines that the significant deficiency has been corrected.

(5) Allows the Director to authorize the use of the funds in the escrow for a contractor or receiver to correct the significant deficiency or connect to another public water system approved by the Director.

Fiscal effect: Certain community water systems will incur additional costs to comply with the increased escrow requirement.

EPACD1 Lead contamination of drinking water from plumbing

R.C. ***6109.10***

(1) Prohibits using certain plumbing supplies and materials that are not lead free in the installation or repair of a public water system or any plumbing in a facility providing water for human consumption rather than requiring certain plumbing supplies and materials that are used in a public water system or in plumbing for facilities connected to a public water system to be lead free as in current law.

(2) Expands the list of plumbing supplies and materials to which the above prohibition applies to include plumbing fittings and plumbing fixtures.

(3) Prohibits, subject to certain exemptions, a person from taking certain actions using plumbing supplies and materials that are not lead free, including introducing into commerce any pipe, pipe fitting, or plumbing fitting or fixture that is not lead free.

(4) Revises the definition of "lead free" by specifying that it means, in part, containing not more than a weighted average of 0.25% lead when used with respect to wetted surfaces of pipes, pipe fittings, or plumbing fittings or fixtures rather than not more than 8% lead when used with respect to pipes or pipe fittings as in current law.

(5) Establishes a formula for calculating the weighted average lead content of a pipe, pipe fitting, or plumbing fitting or fixture.

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Fiscal effect: If Ohio fails to enact the bill's revisions to the statute governing the prevention of lead contamination of drinking water, it becomes ineligible to receive certain federal grant program funds amounting to roughly $24 million a year, of which over 89%, or $21.4 million, is distributed to local governments in the form of loans and grants. In addition, local governments would no longer be eligible to apply directly to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for infrastructure grants that run in the millions of dollars annually.

EPACD13 Public water system capability

R.C. ***6109.24***

(1) Requires all public water systems, rather than only specified types of public water systems, to demonstrate the technical, managerial, and financial capability to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Law.

(2) Requires a public water system, prior to October 1, 2018, to submit an asset management plan that is acceptable to the Director in accordance with a schedule established by the Director of Environmental Protection and, after October 1, 2018, to submit such a plan within 30 days after receiving a request to do so from the Director.

(3) Requires a public water system to demonstrate capability by implementing a written asset management plan not later than October 1, 2018, unless required earlier by the Director or by a date specified by the Director if the Director has requested a system to submit a plan.

(4) Requires a public water system to include in the plan specified information, including an inventory and evaluation of all assets and a long-term funding strategy to support asset management plan implementation.

(5) Authorizes the Director to take regulatory actions to improve and ensure the capability of a public water system that has failed to make the required demonstration, including denying a plan for the construction or installation of or substantial change in a public water system.

Fiscal effect: These provisions conform state law to requirements of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Public water systems will incur onetime costs to develop and implement the required asset management plan. Certain public water systems may subsequently incur costs to undertake required capital improvements.

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EPACD3 Drinking Water Protection Fund

R.C. ***6109.30***

Eliminates the prohibition in current law against the use of moneys in the Drinking Water Protection Fund (Fund 4K50) to meet any state matching requirements that are necessary to obtain federal grants.

Fiscal effect: This provision gives the Ohio EPA greater flexibility in meeting state match requirements that are necessary to obtain federal grants that support the agency's drinking water program.

EPACD8 Emergency actions and confidentiality under Water Pollution Control and Safe Drinking Water Laws

R.C. ***6109.34, 6111.05***

(1) Requires a person that discharges material into the environment, if an emergency exists, to disclose information to the Director of Environmental Protection or the Director's authorized representative necessary for response or investigatory purposes under the Water Pollution Control Law.

(2) Requires the person, if the person claims that the information contains trade secret information, to submit both a complete and a redacted version.

(3) Allows the Director, during an emergency, to share the complete version with public and private water systems, provided that the water systems maintain the confidentiality of the information and use the information for specified purposes.

(4) Requires the Director, if the Director shares the complete information, to so notify the person that designates the information as a trade secret as soon as practicable.

(5) Stipulates that the sharing of complete information does not affect the designation of a trade secret pursuant to the bill and does not subject the information to public disclosure and that nothing precludes a person that has designated a trade secret and has provided that information to the Director from requesting a confidentiality agreement with a recipient of the information.

(6) Authorizes the Director to disclose to a person that seeks to obtain information containing trade secret information the identity of the person that has designated the information as containing trade secrets.

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(7) Establishes similar provisions in the Safe Drinking Water Law.

Fiscal effect: If the provisions will make a person with trade secret information less reluctant to share or release information that could result in a more prompt and effective emergency action to protect public health or safety or the environment, a savings effect potentially could occur.

EPACD9 Phosphorous monitoring for a publicly owned treatment works

R.C. ***6111.03***

(1) Requires specified publicly owned treatment works, including those with a design flow of one million gallons per day or more, to begin monthly monitoring of total and dissolved phosphorous by December 1, 2016.

(2) Requires publicly owned treatment works that are not subject to specified phosphorous effluent limit to complete and submit an optimization study, not later than December 1, 2017, that evaluates their ability to reduce phosphorous to that limit.

Fiscal effect: The cost for approximately 210 publicly owned treatment works to begin required monthly monitoring will be around $75,600 per year. Publicly owned water treatment systems not subject to this monthly monitoring requirement are required to complete and submit a study evaluating their ability to meet that standard. The fiscal effects of the second provision are uncertain.

EPACD2 Water Pollution Control Loan Fund

R.C. ***6111.036***

(1) Expands the uses of the existing Water Pollution Control Loan Fund by adding eight categories of projects and activities that may receive assistance from the fund.

(2) Adds state agencies to the types of entities that may receive money from the fund under continuing law for the construction of publicly owned wastewater treatment works.

(3) Revises the use of the fund to pay the reasonable costs of administering the fund by operating under the governing statute rather than the administrative statute and alters the structure by which administrative costs can be assessed against capitalization grants

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(4) Requires all loans made from the fund to be amortized not later than 30 years after project completion rather than 20 years.

(5) Allows money credited to the Fund to be used for the awarding of principal forgiveness assistance under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

(6) Removes the requirement that the Director of Environmental Protection must first determine that sewerage systems tributary to a publicly owned treatment works are not subject to excessive infiltration and inflow before providing financial assistance from the fund for a treatment works project.

(7) Revises the requirement that, before providing financial assistance, the Director must first determine that the applicant will implement a user charge system to pay the operation, maintenance, and replacement expenses of the project by eliminating the stipulation that the user charge system be a proportional system.

(8) Expands, for purposes of the statute governing the fund, the definition of "Federal Water Pollution Control Act" to include applicable portions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014.

Fiscal effect: These provisions conform state law to requirements of the federal Clean Water Act. The administrative changes may result in certain loan recipients receiving more favorable financing terms and conditions than might otherwise have been the case under current law and practice.

EPACD14 Section 401 water quality certification; certified water quality professionals

R.C. ***6111.30***

(1) Requires data sufficient to determine existing aquatic life use, rather than a use attainability analysis, to accompany an application for a section 401 water quality certification if the project involves a stream for which a specific aquatic life use designation has not been made.

(2) Authorizes the Director of Environmental Protection to establish a program and adopt rules to certify water quality professionals to assess streams to determine exiting aquatic life use and to categorize wetlands in support of applications for section 401 water quality certification

(3) Requires the Director to use information submitted by certified water quality professionals in reviewing such applications.

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(4) Requires the Director's rules to address specified topics to be used by certified water quality professionals in conducting stream assessments and wetlands categorizations.

Fiscal effect: Potential savings effect, as these provisions give the Ohio EPA more flexibility in performing certain water quality certification duties and responsibilities.

EPACD11 Dredged material in Lake Erie and tributaries

R.C. ***6111.32***

(1) Prohibits, beginning July 1, 2020, a person from depositing dredged material in Ohio's portion of Lake Erie and direct tributaries that resulted from harbor or navigation maintenance activities unless authorized by the Director of Environmental Protection.

(2) Authorizes the Director of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Director of Natural Resources, to determine that factors exist that result in the inability to comply with the above prohibition and, after making that determination, to allow open lake placement of dredged material from specified bodies of water through the issuance of a section 401 water quality certification.

(3) Allows the Director of Environmental Protection to authorize the deposit of dredged material from harbor or navigation maintenance activities for specified facilities and projects, including beach nourishment and habitat restoration.

(4) Authorizes the Director of Environmental Protection to consult with the Director of Natural Resources for the above purpose, but specifies that the Director of Environmental Protection has exclusive authority to approve the location in which dredged material is proposed to be deposited.

(5) Requires the Director of Environmental Protection to endeavor to work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on a dredging plan that focuses on long-term planning for the disposition of dredged material consistent with the above requirements.

Fiscal effect: None.

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EPACD15 Water Pollution Control Law enforcement

R.C. ***6111.99***

(1) Increases criminal penalties for certain violations of the Water Pollution Control Law, and establishes culpable mental states regarding certain violations.

(2) Provides that if a person is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of any provision of that Law, the sentencing court may order the person to reimburse the state agency or political subdivision for any actual response costs.

Fiscal effect: These changes are not likely to have any discernible effect on the annual operating expenses of the common pleas, municipal, or county courts with jurisdiction over violations of the Water Pollution Control Law, but may generate a minimal annual incarceration cost increase if additional violators are sentenced to a local jail or state prison, or sentenced to a longer stay in such a facility than might have been the case under current law. Counties may gain additional fine moneys, and the state and/or its political subdivisions may collect court-ordered response cost recoveries.

EPACD18 Areawide planning agencies

Section: ***275.10***

Permits the Director of Environmental Protection to award grants from DPF Fund 5BC0 appropriation item 715687, Areawide Planning Agencies, to areawide planning agencies engaged in areawide water quality management and planning activities in accordance with the nonpoint source pollution control provisions of the federal Clean Water Act.

EPACD19 Water Pollution Control Administration Fund

Section: ***275.10***

Permits the Director of Environmental Protection, notwithstanding R.C. 6111.09, to expend not more than $800,000 of the moneys credited to the Water Pollution Control Administration Fund (Fund 6990) in either of FYs 2016 and 2017 for certain specified purposes.

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ETCCD1 **Statehouse News Bureau**

Section: ***279.20***

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 935401, Statehouse News Bureau, be used solely to support the operation of the Ohio Statehouse News Bureau.

ETCCD2 **Ohio Government Telecommunications Services**

Section: ***279.20***

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 935402, Ohio Government Telecommunications Services, be used solely to support the operation of the Ohio Government Telecommunications Services, which include providing multimedia support to the state government and its affiliated organizations and broadcasting the activities of the legislative, judicial, and executive branches of government.

ETCCD3 **Technology Operations**

Section: ***279.20***

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 935409, Technology Operations, be used to pay for network infrastructure expenses, which includes television and radio infrastructure as well as public K-12 classroom teleconferencing infrastructure and services.

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ETCCD4 **Content Development, Acquisition, and Distribution**

Section: ***279.20***

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 935410, Content Development, Acquisition, and Distribution, be used for the development, acquisition, and distribution of information resources by public media and radio reading services and for educational use in the classroom and online. Makes the following earmarks:

(1) Up to $658,099 in each fiscal year to be allocated equally among Ohio's educational television stations for the production of interactive instructional programming, which must be targeted to the needs of the one-third lowest capacity school districts as determined by the state share percentage calculated by the Department of Education.

(2) Up to $1,749,283 in each fiscal year to support the operations of Ohio's qualified public educational television stations and radio stations. Specifies that funds be distributed pursuant to an allocation formula used by the former Ohio Educational Telecommunications Network Commission unless a substitute formula is developed by BEMC.

(3) Up to $199,712 in each fiscal year to support the operations of Ohio's qualified radio reading services. Specifies that the funds be distributed pursuant to an allocation formula used by the former Ohio Educational Telecommunications Network Commission unless a substitute formula is developed by BEMC in consultation with Ohio's qualified radio reading services

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EXPCD1 **State Fair Reserve Fund**

Section: ***283.10***

Authorizes the General Manager of the Expositions Commission, in consultation with the Director of Budget and Management, to submit a request to the Controlling Board to use available amounts in the State Fair Reserve Fund (Fund 6400) if revenues derived from the 2015 or 2016 Ohio State Fair are unexpectedly low.

Fiscal effect: The Expositions Commission last tapped Fund 6400 in 2002. The State Fair has been profitable in recent years. The profit from the 2014 State Fair was approximately $480,000.

EXPCD2 **Grounds Maintenance and Repairs**

Section: ***283.10***

Requires that DPF Fund 5060 appropriation item 723604, Grounds Maintenance and Repairs, be used for maintenance and repairs on the grounds of the Ohio Expo Center.

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FCCCD2 **Surety bond authority**

R.C. ***9.333, 153.70***

Transfers from the Director of Administrative Services to the OFCC Executive Director the authority to adopt rules regarding surety bonds provided by a construction manager at risk or a design-build firm to a public authority before beginning construction under a construction contract.

Fiscal effect: None.

FCCCD1 **Public exigency authority**

R.C. ***123.10***

Expands the authority of the OFCC Executive Director to declare a public exigency to when an injury or obstruction occurs in any public work of the state rather only public works of the state maintained by the Director of Administrative Services.

Allows the OFCC Executive Director to declare a public exigency upon the request of a state institution of higher education or any other state instrumentality in addition to the request of a state agency as under current law.

Fiscal effect: None.

FCCCD4 **Administrative changes to cultural facilities grants**

R.C. ***123.28, 123.281***

Renames a "cooperative contract" under the public works law as a "cooperative use agreement."

Requires, when an Ohio sports facility is financed in part by state bonds, that construction services be provided on the state's behalf by or at the direction of the governmental agency or nonprofit corporation that will own or manage the facility.

Requires that the construction services be specified in a cooperative use agreement between the OFCC and the governmental agency or nonprofit corporation.

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Exempts the cooperative use agreement and actions taken thereunder generally from the public works and public improvements laws.

Specifies, nevertheless, that the cooperative use agreement and actions taken thereunder are subject to the portions of those laws pertaining to cultural facilities and the use of domestic steel, and to the prevailing wage law.

Requires that a cooperative use agreement have a provision requiring a cultural project to be completed and ready to support culture (rather than completed and ready for full occupancy as under current law) without exceeding appropriated funds.

Expands the definition of "governmental agency" in the public works law to include state agencies and state institutions of higher education.

Fiscal effect: None. These changes are administrative in nature.

FCCCD8 3% cap on administrative expenses for historical facilities projects

R.C. ***123.281***

Prohibits a cultural organization financing a historical facility project with state money from using more than 3% of the money to pay the organization's costs of administering the project.

Fiscal effect: None. OBM currently requires contractors to agree to a 3% administrative cap on such projects in memorandums of understanding. This provision is necessary to comply with federal tax law limitations on working capital expenditures and to maintain tax exemption on cultural facilities bonds.

FCCCD3 Electronic bids and surety bonds

R.C. ***153.08***

Permits a bid guaranty that is required to be made available to a public authority after a public bid opening to be provided by means of an electronic verification and security system established under rules adopted by OFCC.

Limits the ability to broadcast a public bid opening by electronic means to only bids that are filed electronically.

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Eliminates the requirement that bids submitted for improvements to the property or public works of the state be tabulated upon duplicate sheets.

Fiscal effect: Decrease in administrative costs for OFCC.

FCCCD11 Conservation contract authority

R.C. ***156.01, 156.02, 156.04***

Clarifies that the OFCC Executive Director has authority to enter into energy or water conservation contracts on the Executive Director's own initiative or at the request of a state agency.

Fiscal effect: None.

FCCCD7 Unspent and unencumbered CFAP funds

R.C. ***3318.024***

Permits funds appropriated to OFCC for classroom facilities projects that were not spent or encumbered during the first year of each biennium, and which are greater than the amount equal to half of such appropriations for the entire biennium, to be used for funding for school districts that voluntarily develop joint use or other cooperative agreements that significantly improve the efficiency of the use of facility space within or between districts as well as for other projects under the Emergency Assistance Program, the Expedited Local Partnership Program, the Exceptional Needs Program, the Accelerated Urban Initiative, and the Vocational Facilities Assistance Program. (Currently, those unspent, unencumbered funds may be used only for the main Classroom Facilities Assistance Program.)

Fiscal effect: This provision may give the School Facilities Commission (SFC) more flexibility in spending state funds on projects.

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FCCCD5 **Validity of scope for lapsed districts seeking new funding**

R.C. ***3318.054***

Provides that the project scope and basic costs established by SFC at the request of a school district seeking new conditional approval of a classroom facilities project, after a lapse of a previous conditional approval, are valid for thirteen months, rather than one year as prescribed under current law.

Fiscal effect: None.

FCCCD6 **Removal of reporting requirement**

R.C. ***3318.19, (Repealed); R.C. 3318.01***

Abolishes the requirement that SFC biennially report to the General Assembly regarding the expenditure of funds on classroom facilities projects.

Fiscal effect: Decrease in SFC's administrative costs.

FCCCD12 **Cultural facilities lease rental bond payments**

Section: ***285.20***

Requires GRF appropriation item 230401, Cultural Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments, to be used to meet all of OFCC's required payments during the FY 2016-FY 2017 biennium under the primary leases and agreements for cultural and sports facilities.

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FCCCD13 **Common schools general obligation bond debt service**

Section: ***285.20***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 230908, Common Schools General Obligation Bond Debt Service, be used to pay all required debt service and related financing costs during the FY 2016-FY 2017 biennium.

FCCCD14 **Community project administration**

Section: ***285.30***

Requires GRF appropriation item 230458, State Construction Management Services, to be used by OFCC to administer Cultural and Sports Facilities Building Fund (Fund 7030) projects.

FCCCD15 **School facilities encumbrances and reappropriation**

Section: ***285.30***

Authorizes the Director of Budget and Management, at the request of SFC's Executive Director, to cancel encumbrances for school district projects from a previous biennium if the district has not raised its local share of project costs within 13 months of Controlling Board approval. Requires the Executive Director to certify the amounts of the canceled encumbrances on a quarterly basis. Appropriates the amounts of the canceled encumbrances to the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program.

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FCCCD16 Capital donations fund certifications and appropriations

Section: ***285.40***

Requires the Executive Director of OFCC to certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of cash receipts and related investment income, irrevocable letters of credit from a bank, or certification of the availability of funds that have been received from a county or a municipal corporation for deposit into the Capital Donations Fund (Fund 5A10) and that are related to an anticipated project and appropriates these amounts to appropriation item C37146, Capital Donations. Requires the Executive Director to make a written agreement with the participating entity on the necessary cash flows required for the anticipated construction or equipment acquisition project.

FCCCD17 Amendment to Project Agreement for Maintenance Levy

Section: ***285.50***

Requires SFC to amend the project agreement between SFC and a school district that is participating in the Accelerated Urban Initiative (AUI) if SFC determines it is necessary to do so in order to comply with the change in maintenance levy requirements enacted by H.B. 1 of the 128th G.A.

Fiscal effect: H.B. 1 of the 128th General Assembly changed the maintenance levy requirements for the six AUI districts (Akron, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, and Toledo) to run for 23 years from the date the initial segment is undertaken, instead of extending for 23 years after the district's last segment was undertaken (the six AUI projects are broken into individual segments). For the districts that have not changed their agreements yet, the H.B. 1 change would reduce the number of years for which the districts would have to levy the required 1/2 mill property tax for maintenance. Currently, projects for Cleveland, Columbus, and Akron are incomplete. Presumably, these AUI districts would use other funds to meet their building maintenance needs if the original project agreements were amended.

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FCCCD18 Disbursement determination

Section: ***285.60***

Authorizes SFC to determine the amount of funding available for disbursement in a given fiscal year for any Classroom Facilities Assistance Program project in order to keep aggregate state capital spending within approved limits. Authorizes SFC to take actions including, but not limited to, determining the schedule for design or bidding of approved projects, to ensure appropriate and supportable cash flow.

Fiscal effect: The provision may give SFC more flexibility in spending state funds on projects.

FCCCD19 Assistance to joint vocational school district

Section: ***285.70***

Authorizes SFC to provide assistance to at least one JVSD each fiscal year for the acquisition of classroom facilities.

Fiscal effect: SFC already has the authority to spend up to 2% of its annual capital appropriations on JVSD projects. Currently, SFC is not approaching the 2% limit, but this provision would permit SFC to provide assistance to at least one JVSD per year if it did reach the 2% limit.

FCCCD20 Funding projects with lease-purchase agreements or certificates of participation

Section: ***285.80***

Requires SFC, in consultation with OBM, to prepare a study of the impacts, benefits, and risks associated with a school district funding its share of the basic project cost of a school facilities project with cash-on-hand resulting from a lease-purchase agreement or certificate of participation that is not subject to voter approval. Requires the study to be completed not later than nine months after the effective date.

Prohibits, with limited exceptions, a school district from funding its share of the basic project cost of a school facilities project with cash-on-hand resulting from a lease-purchase agreement or certificate of participation that is not subject to

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voter approval until the study is complete.

Permits a school district, with SFC approval, to use cash-on-hand resulting from a lease-purchase agreement or certificate of participation that is not subject to voter approval in the following circumstances: (1) funding the district's share of an increase in the basic project cost; (2) funding a locally funded initiative; or (3) funding a project under the Expedited Local Partnership Program.

Fiscal effect: These provisions will increase SFC's administrative expenses to complete the study, but provides clarity to school districts on methods of raising the local share.

FCCCD21 Community school classroom facilities grants

Section: ***501.10***

Appropriates $25 million in the FY 2015-FY 2016 capital biennium to Fund 7021 capital appropriation item C230W4, Community School Classroom Facilities Grants.

Permits SFC to use item C230W4 to provide funding to eligible brick-and-mortar community schools that are sponsored by sponsors that have been rated "exemplary," for the purchase, construction, reconstruction, renovation, remodeling, or addition to classroom facilities.

Requires that, in order to receive a grant, an eligible community school demonstrate that the funds will be used for the following: (1) to increase classroom seating, (2) to serve unmet student needs, and (3) to show innovation in design so as to be replicable.

Requires that grants be jointly approved by the OFCC Executive Director and the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Requires a facility that is purchased, constructed, or modified by the grant to be used for educational purposes for a minimum of ten years after receiving the grant funds.

Requires SFC, in consultation with the Department of Education, to develop guidelines for the program. Permits SFC to adopt rules.

Applies to the program all Revised Code exemptions awarded to SFC grants and projects, notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary.

Fiscal effect: The bill provides $25 million in capital grant funding for certain community schools. SFC will experience an increase in administrative costs to develop guidelines and award the grants.

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FCCCD9 **Abolish the Education Facilities Trust Fund (Fund N087)**

Sections: ***512.60, R.C. 183.26 (Repealed)***

Requires the OBM Director to transfer the cash balance in the Education Facilities Trust Fund (Fund N087) to the Public School Building Fund (Fund 7021) on July 1, 2015, or as soon as possible thereafter. Abolishes Fund N087 upon completion of the transfer.

Fiscal effect: This change will allow SFC to fully utilize Fund 7021 for capital projects.

FCCCD10 **Abolish the Ohio School Facilities Fund (Fund 5E30)**

Sections: ***512.60, R.C. 3318.33 (Repealed)***

Requires the OBM Director to transfer the cash balance in the Ohio School Facilities Fund (Fund 5E30) to the Public School Building Fund (Fund 7021) on July 1, 2015, or as soon as possible thereafter. Abolishes Fund 5E30 upon completion of the transfer.

Requires the Director of Budget and Management to cancel any existing encumbrances against Fund 5E30 appropriation item 230644 - Operating Expenses and reestablish them against GRF appropriation item 230321 - Operating Expenses.

Fiscal effect: This change will allow SFC to fully utilize Fund 7021 for capital projects.

FCCCD22 **Abolish the Cultural Facilities Administration Fund (Fund 4T80)**

Section: ***512.60***

Requires the OBM Director to transfer the cash balance in the Cultural Facilities Administration Fund (Fund 4T80) to the Cultural and Sports Facilities Building Fund (Fund 7030) on July 1, 2015, or as soon as possible thereafter. Abolishes Fund 4T80 upon completion of the transfer.

Fiscal effect: This change will allow OFCC to fully utilize Fund 7030 for capital projects.

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GOVCD1 **Government Relations**

Section: ***287.10***

Permits a portion of ISA Fund 5AK0 appropriation item 040607, Government Relations, to be used to support Ohio's membership in national or regional associations.

Permits the Office of the Governor to charge, by ISTV, any executive agency amounts necessary to defray the costs of governmental relations associated with issues attributed to the agency. Specifies that the amounts collected be deposited into the Government Relations Fund (Fund 5AK0).

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DOHCD4 Distribution of money from the "Choose Life" Fund

R.C. ***3701.65***

Authorizes the Director of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to distribute money in the "Choose Life" Fund that is allocated to a county to an eligible organization located in a non-contiguous county so long as:

(1) No eligible organization located within the county to which the money is allocated or a contiguous county has applied for the money; and

(2) The eligible organization from the non-contiguous county provides services within the county to which money is allocated.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal increase in grants awarded.

DOHCD3 State level review of child deaths

R.C. ***3701.70, 121.22, 149.43, 2151.421, 3701.045, 3701.701, 3701.702, 3701.703, 4731.22***

Requires the ODH Director to establish guidelines for a state-level review of the deaths of children under 18 years of age.

Allows the ODH Director to access certain information when reviewing a death, provides for immunity from civil liability for persons participating in the review, and prohibits the dissemination of confidential information collected during the review.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal increase in administrative costs to establish the guidelines.

DOHCD6 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Fund

R.C. ***3701.834, Section 289.50***

Creates in the state treasury the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Fund (Fund 3GN0), and requires ODH to use money in the Fund to pay expenses related to public health emergency preparedness and response activities.

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Requires the ODH Director, on July 1, 2015, or as soon as possible thereafter, to certify to the Director of the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) the cash balance relating to public health emergency preparedness and response activities in the General Operations Fund (Fund 3920) and the Central Support Indirect Cost Fund (Fund 2110).

Allows the OBM Director to transfer the amount certified to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Fund (Fund 3GN0) and/or the General Operations Fund (Fund 3920).

DOHCD1 Physician Loan Repayment Program

R.C. ***3702.74, 3702.80 (Repealed)***

Modifies the limit on the amount of state funds that may be repaid on behalf of a physician participating in the Physician Loan Repayment Program.

Repeals a provision requiring the Physician Loan Repayment Advisory Board to submit an annual report describing the operations of the Program.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in loan repayments to participants in the Physician Loan Repayment Program; potential decrease in administrative costs related to the elimination of the annual report.

DOHCD2 Dentist Loan Repayment Program

R.C. ***3702.91, 3702.94 (Repealed)***

Modifies the definition of "teaching activities," as it relates to the Dentist Loan Repayment Program, to mean providing clinical education (rather than supervision) to dental students and residents and dental health profession students (rather than only dental students and residents) at the service site specified in the participation contract.

Modifies the limit on the amount of state funds that may be repaid on behalf of a dentist participating in the Dentist Loan Repayment Program.

Repeals a provision requiring the Dentist Loan Repayment Advisory Board to submit an annual report describing the operations of the Program.

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Fiscal effect: Potential increase in loan repayments to participants in the Dentist Loan Repayment Program; potential decrease in administrative costs related to the elimination of the annual report.

DOHCD5 Signatures on vital records

R.C. ***3705.08***

Repeals a provision requiring that birth, fetal death, and death records and certificates be printed legibly or typewritten in unfading black ink and prohibiting facsimile signatures.

Permits signatures on records, certificates, and reports authorized under the Vital Statistics Law to be made by photographic, electronic, or other means prescribed by the ODH Director.

Fiscal effect: None.

DOHCD7 Food service operation license

R.C. ***3717.49***

Authorizes a licensor of food service operators to revoke a food service operation license when the licensor determines that the license holder has acquired, within a period of two years, three or more violations for failure to enforce or observe certain smoking prohibitions, or that the license holder has failed to pay a civil fine greater than $1,000 associated with such a violation.

Specifies that a decision to revoke a food service operation license may be appealed.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in administrative costs.

DOHCD8 Smoking prohibitions

R.C. ***3794.06, 3794.07***

Requires a proprietor of a public place or place of employment to permit an officer or employee of ODH prompt entry to investigate complaints.

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Requires ODH to adopt rules to prescribe fines for violations committed by retail tobacco stores regarding filing with ODH for exemption from smoking prohibitions.

Specifies that such a violation is not included in the progressive fine schedule created by ODH.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal increase in administrative costs to adopt rules prescribing fines; potential increase in revenue depending on fines prescribed.

DOHCD11 Mothers and Children Safety Net Services

Section: ***289.20***

Earmarks $200,000 in each fiscal year in GRF appropriation item 440416, Mothers and Children Safety Net Services, to be used to assist families with hearing impaired children under 21 years of age in purchasing hearing aids. Requires ODH to disburse all of the funds.

Requires the ODH Director to adopt rules governing the distribution of these funds including rules that do both of the following: (1) establish eligibility criteria to include families with incomes at or below 400% of the federal poverty guidelines; and (2) develop a sliding scale of disbursement based on family income.

DOHCD12 HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment

Section: ***289.20***

Requires GRF appropriation item 440444, AIDS Prevention and Treatment, to be used to assist persons with HIV/AIDS in acquiring HIV-related medications and to administer educational prevention initiatives.

DOHCD13 Public Health Laboratory

Section: ***289.20***

Requires a portion of GRF appropriation item 440451, Public Health Laboratory, to be used for coordination and management of prevention program operations and the purchase of drugs for sexually transmitted diseases.

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DOHCD14 Help Me Grow

Section: ***289.20***

Requires GRF appropriation item 440459, Help Me Grow, to be used by ODH to implement the Help Me Grow program and requires that funds be distributed to counties through agreements, contracts, grants, or subsidies.

Specifies that appropriation item 440459 may be used in conjunction with other early childhood funds and services to promote the optimal development of young children and family-centered programs and services that acknowledge and support the social, emotional, cognitive, intellectual, and physical development of children and the vital role of families in ensuring the well-being and success of children.

Requires ODH to enter into interagency agreements with the departments of Education, Developmental Disabilities, Medicaid, and Mental Health and Addiction Services to ensure that all early childhood programs and initiatives are coordinated and school linked.

Allows GRF appropriation item 440459, Help Me Grow, to be used for the Developmental Autism and Screening Program.

DOHCD15 Infant Vitality

Section: ***289.20***

Requires GRF appropriation item 440474, Infant Mortality, to be used to fund initiatives including:

(1) The Infant Safe Sleep Campaign to educate parents and caregivers with a uniform message regarding safe sleep environments;

(2) The Progesterone Prematurity Prevention Project to enable prenatal care providers to identify, screen, treat, and track outcomes for women eligible for progesterone supplementation; and

(3) The Prenatal Smoking Cessation Project to enable prenatal care providers who work with women of reproductive age, including pregnant women, to have the tools, training, and technical assistance needed to treat smokers effectively.

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DOHCD16 Emergency Preparation and Response

Section: ***289.20***

Requires GRF appropriation item 440477, Emergency Preparation and Response, to be used to support public health emergency preparedness and response efforts at the state level or at a regional sub-level within the state.

Allows appropriation item 440477 to also be used to support data infrastructure projects related to public health emergency preparedness/response.

DOHCD17 Targeted Health Care Services Over 21

Section: ***289.20***

Requires GRF appropriation item 440507,Targeted Health Care Services Over 21, to be used to administer the Cystic Fibrosis Program and to implement the Hemophilia Insurance Premium Payment Program.

Requires GRF appropriation item 440507 to also be used to provide essential medications and to pay the copayments for drugs approved by ODH and covered by Medicare Part D that are dispensed to participants in the Cystic Fibrosis Program.

Requires ODH to expend all funds in appropriation item 440507.

DOHCD18 Medically Handicapped Children Audit Fund

Section: ***289.20***

Specifies that the Medically Handicapped Children Audit Fund (Fund 4770) is to receive revenue from audits of hospitals and recoveries from third-party payers. Specifies that moneys in the fund may be used for payment of audit settlements and for costs directly related to obtaining recoveries from third-party payers and for encouraging Medically Handicapped Children's Program recipients to apply for third-party benefits.

Permits moneys in the fund to also be used for payments for diagnostic and treatment services on behalf of medically handicapped children and Ohio residents who are 21 or over and who are suffering from cystic fibrosis or hemophilia.

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Permits moneys to also be used for administrative expenses incurred in operating the Medically Handicapped Children's Program.

DOHCD19 Genetics Services

Section: ***289.20***

Requires appropriation item 440608, Genetics Services, to be used to administer programs authorized by R.C. 3701.501 and 3701.502. Requires that the funds cannot be used to counsel or refer for abortion, except in the case of a medical emergency.

DOHCD20 Medically Handicapped Children-County Assessments

Section: ***289.20***

Requires appropriation item 440607, Medically Handicapped Children – County Assessments, to be used to make payments for expenses associated with the Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps.

DOHCD10 Immunizations

Section: ***289.30***

Specifies that, beginning on January 1, 2016, ODH will no longer provide GRF-funded vaccines or GRF funding for vaccines from GRF appropriation item 440418, Immunizations.

Specifies that local health departments and other local providers who receive GRF funding for vaccines or GRF-funded vaccines from ODH before January 1, 2016, should instead bill private insurance companies to recover the costs of providing and administering vaccines.

Allows ODH to continue to provide GRF-funded vaccines or GRF funding for vaccines to cover uninsured adults, individuals on grandfathered private insurance plans that do not cover vaccines, and in certain exceptional cases as determined by the ODH Director.

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Fiscal effect: Decrease in costs for ODH to provide GRF funding for vaccines.

DOHCD21 WIC vendor contracts

Section: ***289.40***

Requires ODH, during FY 2016 and FY 2017, to process and review a Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) vendor contract application not later than 45 days after receipt of the application if the applicant is a WIC-contracted vendor at the time of application and meets all of the following requirements: (1) submits a complete WIC vendor application with all required documents and information; (2) passes the required unannounced preauthorization visit within 45 days of submitting a complete application; and (3) completes the required in-person training within 45 days of submitting the complete application.

Requires ODH to deny an application for the contract if an applicant fails to meet any of the requirements.

Specifies that, after an application has been denied, the applicant may reapply for a contract to act as a WIC vendor during the contracting cycle that is applicable to the applicant's WIC region.

DOHCD9 Population Health Planning and Hospital Benefit Advisory Workgroup

Section: ***289.60***

Creates the Population Health Planning and Hospital Benefit Advisory Workgroup and specifies membership of the Workgroup.

Requires the Workgroup to collaborate and make recommendations on population health planning, health needs assessments, health improvement plans, forming health and wellness trusts, and hospital community benefit funding.

Requires the Workgroup to submit a report of its recommendations to the General Assembly not later than December 31, 2015. Specifies that after the submission of the report, the Workgroup ceases to exist.

Fiscal effect: Minimal increase in administrative costs to participate in the Workgroup.

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OHSCD1 **Subsidy Appropriation**

Section: ***295.10***

(1) Requires that appropriations made to the Ohio History Connection (OHS) be released to OHS, upon approval by the OBM Director, in quarterly amounts that in total do not exceed the annual appropriations.

(2) Requires OHS's funds and fiscal records for fiscal year 2014 and fiscal year 2015 to be examined by independent certified public accountants approved by the Auditor of State, and requires OHS to file a copy of the audited financial statements with OBM.

(3) Requires OHS to prepare and submit an annual estimated operating budget and at least semiannual financial reports, including actual receipts and expenditures to date, to OBM.

(4) Specifies that the appropriations made to OHS are considered to be the contractual consideration provided by the state to support the state's offer to contract with OHS under section 149.30 of the Revised Code.

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REPCD1 **Operating expenses**

Section: ***297.10***

Authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives to certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of the unexpended, unencumbered balance of GRF appropriation item 025321, Operating Expenses, at the end of one fiscal year to be reappropriated for the next fiscal year, and reappropriates the certified amount.

REPCD2 **House reimbursement**

Section: ***297.10***

Authorizes an increase in the appropriation for ISA Fund 1030 appropriation item 025601, House Reimbursement, if the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives determines such an increase is necessary.

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INSCD1 **Market conduct examination**

Section: ***303.10***

Allows the Superintendent of Insurance to assess the cost of conducting a market conduct examination of an insurer against the insurer. Allows the Superintendent to enter into consent agreements to impose administrative assessments or fines for violations of insurance laws or rules. Specifies that all costs, assessments, and fines collected must be deposited to the Department of Insurance Operating Fund (Fund 5540).

Fiscal effect: Potential revenue gain for Fund 5540.

INSCD2 **Examinations of fraternal benefit societies**

Section: ***303.10***

Allows the Director of Budget and Management, at the request of the Superintendent of Insurance, to transfer funds from the Department of Insurance Operating Fund (Fund 5540) to the Superintendent's Examination Fund (Fund 5550). Specifies that the permitted transfer amount is limited to expenses incurred in examining domestic fraternal benefit societies.

INSCD3 **Transfer from Fund 5540 to General Revenue Fund**

Section: ***303.10***

Requires the Director of Budget and Management to transfer $5.0 million from the Department of Insurance Operating Fund (Fund 5540) to the GRF, not later than the thirty first day of July each fiscal year.

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INSCD4 **Transfer of funds for captive insurance company regulation**

Section: ***303.20***

Allows the Director of Budget and Management to transfer up to $1 million from the Department of Insurance Operating Fund (Fund 5540) to the Captive Insurance Regulation and Supervision Fund (Fund 5PT0) during fiscal years 2016 and 2017, to pay for necessary operating needs associated with regulating captive insurance companies in Ohio that will occur before receipts related to such regulation are deposited into Fund 5PT0. Requires the Director, in consultation with the Superintendent, to establish a schedule for repaying Fund 5540 for the amounts previously transferred.

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JFSCD3 **Federal Treasury Offset Program**

R.C. ***131.025***

Requires the Attorney General to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury to participate in the Federal Treasury Offset Program for the collection of state income tax obligations and unemployment compensation debts that have been certified to the Attorney General pursuant to continuing law.

JFSCD6 **Child support processing charge**

R.C. ***3119.27***

Requires a court or administrative agency to impose on a child support obligor a processing charge in the amount of 2% of the support payment to be collected under a support order instead of a charge equal to the greater of 2% of that amount or $1 per month.

Fiscal effect: Gain of revenue for courts and administrative agencies.

JFSCD5 **OhioMeansJobs registration for child support obligors**

R.C. ***3121.03***

Requires a court or administrative child support agency, when ordering a child support obligor to seek employment or participate in a work activity, to also require the obligor to register with OhioMeansJobs.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal costs to ODJFS.

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JFSCD30 Audit Settlements and Contingency Fund

R.C. ***5101.073, Section 305.150***

Renames the ODJFS General Services Administration and Operating Fund the Audit Settlements and Contingency Fund.

Specifies that the Fund is to consist of money transferred from any of the funds used by ODJFS, other than the GRF, and is to be used to pay for required audits, settlements, contingencies, and other related expenses.

Permits the OBM Director to transfer money from the fund to any fund used by ODJFS or to the GRF.

Specifies that the Fund may also consist of unearned federal revenue the final disposition of which is unknown.

JFSCD28 Military Injury Relief Fund grant eligibility

R.C. ***5101.98, 4503.535, 5747.01, 5747.113, 5902.02, Sections 405.30 and 759.10***

Transfers from ODJFS to the Department of Veterans Services (DVS) all duties relating to grants from the Military Injury Relief Fund.

Expands the service members eligible to receive a grant of funds from the Military Injury Relief Fund to include a service member injured while serving after October 7, 2001, or any service member diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder while serving, or after having served, after October 7, 2001.

Requires the DVS Director to adopt rules necessary for the administration of the Military Injury Relief Fund Grant Program.

Specifies that the current rules regarding the grant program, which were adopted by the ODJFS Director, remain effective until the DVS Director's rules take effect, but provides that DVS is to administer the rules, and that the eligibility of an individual for a grant is expanded to include any individual who served after October 7, 2001.

Fiscal effect: DVS plans to expend $2 million in each FY 2016 and FY 2017 for grants out of the Military Injury Relief Fund. ODJFS plans to expand $0 in each FY 2016 and FY 2017 for grants out of the Military Injury Relief Fund.

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JFSCD15 **Adult protective services**

R.C. ***5101.612, 5101.60, 5101.61, 5101.611, 5101.62, 5101.621, 5101.622, 5101.69, 5101.691, 5101.692, 5101.71, 5101.72, 5101.99, and 1347.08***

Requires ODJFS to establish and maintain a statewide adult protective services information system.

Requires each CDJFS to prepare a memorandum of understanding that establishes the procedures to be followed by local officials when working on cases of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

Creates a procedure for the issuance of an ex parte emergency protective services order for an older adult.

Adds immediate and irreparable financial harm to the reasons for which an emergency protective services order may be issued.

Requires a CDJFS to refer a report of elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation to the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, the Department of Health, or the county PCSA if the subject of the report falls within the jurisdiction of either of those agencies.

Requires a CDJFS to be available to receive reports of elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation 24 hours a day and seven days a week.

Requires ODJFS to provide training on the implementation of the adult protective services statutes and to require all protective services caseworkers and their managers to complete the training.

Modifies the definition of "exploitation" as that term is used in adult protective services statutes.

Fiscal effect: Increase in costs to ODJFS. Increase in costs to CDJFSes.

JFSCD13 **Changes to child day-care definitions**

R.C. ***5104.01***

Eliminates a provision that exempts care by relatives from the definition of "child care."

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Clarifies that child care occurs in a child's own home if the care is provided by an in-home aide.

Clarifies that the "Head Start Program" serves children from birth through preschool.

Expands the definition of "owner" of a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, and type B family day-care home from a person or government entity to also include a firm, organization, institution, or agency, as well as the individual governing board members, partners, incorporators, agents, and the authorized representatives of those entities. As a result, expands prohibitions on seeking a license after revocation or application denial and criminal records check requirements to those persons and entities.

Adds programs that operate for no more than 15 consecutive weeks per year to the definition of a "part-time child day-care center," part-time center," part-time type A family day-care home," and "part-time type A home."

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in costs to ODJFS to perform additional tasks related to licensing type-A homes.

JFSCD9 Child care criminal records checks and prohibitions

R.C. ***5104.013, 109.57, 109.572, 5104.012 (Repealed), 5104.04, 5104.09, 5104.37, and 5104.99***

Consolidates into one Revised Code section existing provisions related to criminal records checks for child day-care centers, type A family day-care homes, licensed type B family day-care homes, and in-home aides and repeals duplicative provisions.

Applies existing criminal records check requirements to employees, owners, and licensees of licensed type B homes.

Specifies that criminal records check requirements for employees apply to any employee rather than only those employed as a person responsible for the care, custody, or control of a child.

Prohibits the ODJFS Director from issuing a license to a type A home or type B home if a child under 18 residing in the home has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing any of the offenses for which a criminal records check must be performed.

Adds the following offenses to those currently included in a criminal records check: extortion, trafficking in persons, commercial sexual exploitation of a minor, soliciting to engage in sexual activity for hire, aggravated arson, arson, disrupting public services, vandalism, inciting to violence, aggravated riot, riot, inducing panic, misrepresentation relating to

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provision of child care, failure to disclose the death or injury of a child in a child care facility, intimidation, failure to report child abuse or neglect, making a false report of child abuse or neglect, escape, or aiding escape or resistance to lawful authority.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal increase in administrative costs to ODJFS and CDJFSes.

JFSCD8 Child day-care center staff training

R.C. ***5104.015, 5104.037 (Repealed), 5104.016, 5104.017, 5107.018, 5104.036***

Repeals provisions that generally require each child day-care center staff member to complete 15 hours of in-service training annually.

Requires the ODJFS Director to adopt rules regarding the training of child day-care center staff members.

Requires ODJFS to adopt rules establishing minimum requirements for instructional time for child day-care centers, type A family day-care homes, and licensed type B family day-care homes rated through the tiered quality rating and improvement system.

Permits child-care staff members to furnish evidence of high school graduation or certification of high school equivalency to a designee of the ODJFS Director, rather than only to the Director.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal increase in costs to draft rules.

JFSCD10 Type A family day-care home inspections

R.C. ***5104.03***

Authorizes the ODJFS Director to contract with a government or private nonprofit entity to conduct type A family day-care home inspections.

Specifies that certain actions of the Director (refusing to issue a license or accept an application for a license within the prohibited five-year period) are not subject to the Administrative Procedure Act (R.C. Chapter 119.).

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JFSCD11 Summary suspension of child care licenses

R.C. ***5104.042***

Requires ODJFS to suspend, without prior hearing, the license of a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, or licensed type B family day-care home under specified circumstances, including the death or serious injury to a child receiving child care in the center or home, alleged abuse or neglect, alleged fraud, or a serious risk to the health or safety of children receiving care in the center or home.

Fiscal effect: None.

JFSCD12 In-home aide reimbursement for publicly funded child care

R.C. ***5104.30***

Requires the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Director to establish an hourly reimbursement ceiling for in-home aides providing publicly funded child care rather than a reimbursement ceiling that is 75% of the reimbursement ceiling for type B family day-care homes.

JFSCD26 Publicly funded child care eligibility and fee

R.C. ***5104.38***

Changes, from 200% to 300% of the Federal Poverty Guideline, the maximum amount of income a family can have for initial and continued eligibility for publicly funded child care.

Repeals a provision specifying that a caretaker parent cannot be required to pay a fee for publicly funded child care that exceeds 10% of the parent's family income.

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Fiscal effect: ODJFS plans to use $4 million in FY 2016 and $3.8 million in FY 2017 from GRF line item 600535, Early Care and Education, to increase eligibility for publicly funded child care from 200% to 300% of the Federal Poverty Level. ODJFS plans to use $9.6 million in FY 2016 and $10.2 million in FY 2017 from line item 600689, TANF Block Grant, for copayment and intake payments.

JFSCD29 Prevention, Retention, and Contingency Program

R.C. ***5108.04, 5108.01, 5108.021, 5108.03, 5108.041, 5108.042, 5108.05, 5108.06, 5108.07, 5108.09, 5108.10 (Repealed), and 5108.11***

Replaces a requirement that each county department of job and family services (CDJFS) adopt a statement of policies governing the Prevention, Retention, and Contingency (PRC) program with a requirement that each CDJFS adopt a county PRC program plan.

Requires each CDJFS to adopt its initial county PRC program plan not later than November 15, 2015.

Requires each CDJFS to update its county PRC program not later than October 1, 2017, and at least every two years thereafter.

Requires each CDJFS to include in its county PRC program plan all required benefits and services specified in rules the ODJFS Director is required to adopt.

Requires that the required benefits include, at a minimum, short-term supportive services and disaster assistance, permits each CDJFS to include additional benefits and services in its county PRC program plan, and prohibits required and additional benefits and services from including work subsidies.

Mandates required and additional benefits and services to have the primary purposes of (1) diverting families from participating in Ohio Works First and (2) meeting an emergent need that, if not met, would threaten the safety, health, or well-being of one or more members of a family.

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JFSCD27 **Disability Financial Assistance eligibility determinations**

R.C. ***5115.04***

Permits ODJFS to contract with a state agency to make eligibility determinations for the Disability Financial Assistance Program.

Requires ODJFS to pay for the state agency's administrative costs to make such determinations.

JFSCD31 **Agency and Holding Account Redistribution Fund Groups**

Section: ***305.20***

Requires the Fiduciary Fund Group and Holding Account Fund Group be used to hold revenues until the appropriate fund is determined or until the revenues are directed to the appropriate governmental agency other than ODJFS.

Permits the ODJFS Director to request the OBM Director to authorize expenditures from the Support Intercept - Federal Fund (Fund 1920), the Support Intercept - State Fund (Fund 5830), the Food Stamp Offset Fund (Fund 5B60), the Refunds and Audit Settlements Fund (Fund R012), or the Forgery Collections Fund (Fund R013), if receipts credited to these funds exceed appropriations. Appropriates the additional amounts upon approval of the OBM Director.

JFSCD32 **County Administrative Funds**

Section: ***305.30***

Permits GRF line item 600521, Family Assistance - Local, to be used by CDJFSs to administer food assistance and disability assistance programs.

Permits GRF line item 655522, Medicaid Program Support - Local, to be used by CDJFSs to administer the Medicaid program and the State Children's Health Insurance program.

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Allows the OBM Director to transfer, at the request of the ODJFS Director, appropriations between GRF line item 600521, Family Assistance - Local, and GRF line item 655522, Medicaid Program Support - Local, in order to ensure county administrative funds are expended from the proper line item.

Requires the ODJFS Director to request the OBM Director to authorize expenditures in excess of the amounts appropriated from Fund 3F01, the Medicaid Program Support Fund, and Fund 3840, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Fund, if receipts credited to those funds exceed the amounts appropriated, and appropriates those amounts upon approval of the OBM Director.

JFSCD1 **Food Stamps Transfer**

Section: ***305.40***

Allows the OBM Director on July 1, 2015, or as soon as possible thereafter, to transfer up to $1,000,000 cash from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Fund (Fund 3840), to the Food Assistance Fund (Fund 5ES0).

JFSCD23 **Name of Food Stamp Program**

Section: ***305.50***

Specifies that the ODJFS Director is not required to amend rules regarding the Food Stamp Program to change the name to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Allows the Director to refer to the program as the Food Stamp Program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or the Food Assistance Program in ODJFS's rules and documents.

Fiscal effect: None.

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JFSCD2 Ohio Association of Food Banks

Section: ***305.60***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 600540, Food Banks, be used to provide funds to the Ohio Association of Food Banks to purchase and distribute food products.

Requires the ODJFS Director, in FY 2016 and FY 2017, to provide funds for the Ohio Association of Food Banks in an amount up to or equal to the assistance provided in FY 2015 from all ODJFS funds, except the GRF. Specifies that these funds are in addition to other funds designated for the association.

Requires ODJFS to count eligible nonfederal expenditures made by member food banks of the Ohio Association of Food Banks toward the TANF maintenance of effort requirements of 42 U.S.C. 609(a)(7) and to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Association of Food Banks to carry out the requirements under this section.

Fiscal effect: According to ODJFS, in the next biennium, the Ohio Association of Food Banks will be funded with $8.5 million in each fiscal year from non-GRF sources, in addition to appropriations in GRF line item 600540, Food Banks.

JFSCD4 Public Assistance Activities/TANF MOE

Section: ***305.70***

Requires that line item 600658, Public Assistance Activities, be used by ODJFS to meet the TANF maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements. Specifies that once the state is assured that it will meet the MOE requirement, ODJFS may use funds from the appropriation item to support public assistance activities.

Fiscal effect: Persons receiving child support and OWF cash assistance are required to assign ODJFS to receive their child support payments to cover part of their cash assistance benefits. These funds are deposited into DPF Fund 4A80 and expended through line item 600658. ODJFS plans to use $26 million in each fiscal year to meet the state's TANF MOE requirements.

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JFSCD22 TANF Block Grant

Sections: ***305.80, 305.90, 305.100***

Makes the following earmarks of line item 600689, TANF Block Grant:

(1) $6.54 million in each fiscal year for the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

(2) $2 million in each fiscal year for the Independent Living Initiative

(3) $1 million in each fiscal year for the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood

JFSCD16 Flexible funding for families and children

Section: ***305.110***

Authorizes a CDJFS or PCSA that receives an allocation from ODJFS from GRF appropriation item 600523, Family and Children Services, or 600533, Child, Family, and Community Protective Services, in collaboration with the county family and children first council, to transfer a portion of either or both allocations to a flexible funding pool.

JFSCD21 State Child Protection Allocation

Section: ***305.120***

Requires up to $3.2 million of GRF line item 600523, Family and Children Services, be used in each fiscal year to match eligible federal Title IV-B ESSA funds and federal Title IV-E Chafee funds allocated to public children services agencies.

Requires ODJFS to implement and oversee use of a Child Placement Level of Care Tool on a pilot basis for 18 months in up to ten counties and, in each county, the program must include the county and at least one private child placing agency or private noncustodial agency.

Requires ODJFS to provide for an independent evaluation of the pilot program to rate the program's success in certain areas.

Requires ODJFS to seek maximum federal financial participation to support the pilot program and the evaluation.

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Requires ODJFS to seek state funding to implement the pilot program and to contract for the independent evaluation.

Permits ODJFS to adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act necessary to carry out the purposes of the pilot program.

JFSCD17 Child, Family, and Community Protective Services

Section: ***305.130***

Requires that GRF line item 600533, Child, Family, and Community Protective Services, be distributed to each CDJFS using the formula ODJFS uses when distributing Title XX funds to county departments and requires that the funds be used for specified purposes.

JFSCD19 Children and Family Services Activities

Section: ***305.140***

Requires line item 600609, Children and Family Services Activities, be used to expend miscellaneous foundation funds and grants to support children and family services activities.

JFSCD33 ODJFS Audit Settlements and Contingency Fund

Section: ***305.150***

Permits the Audit Settlements and Contingency Fund to also consist of earned federal revenue, the final disposition of which is unknown.

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JFSCD18 Adoption Assistance Loan

Section: ***305.160***

Authorizes ODJFS to use up to ten per cent of line item 600634, Adoption Assistance Loan, for administration of adoption assistance loans.

JFSCD20 Victims of Human Trafficking

Section: ***305.170***

Requires that line item 600660, Victims of Human Trafficking, be used to provide treatment, care, rehabilitation, education, housing, and assistance for victims of trafficking in persons.

Specifies that if amounts credited to the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund (Fund 5NG0) exceed amounts appropriated, the ODJFS Director may request the OBM Director to authorize additional expenditures from the fund, and appropriates any additional amounts.

JFSCD24 Unemployment Compensation Interest

Section: ***305.180***

Requires line item 600695, Unemployment Compensation Interest, to be used for payment of interest costs paid to the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury for the repayment of accrued interest related to federal unemployment account borrowing.

Fiscal effect: ODJFS projects the unemployment compensation debt interest payment to be $28.8 million in FY 2016. This interest payment is due annually at the end of September in any year in which interest is due.

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JFSCD25 Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program

Section: ***305.190***

Requires the ODJFS Director to administer the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) during FY 2016 and FY 2017.

Requires ODJFS, in consultation with the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation (OWT), to create, coordinate, and supervise the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (CCMEP) during FY 2016 and FY 2017.

Requires that CCMEP, to the extent funds under the TANF block grant and WIOA are available, make certain employment and training services available to participants in accordance with comprehensive assessments of their employment and training needs.

Requires work-eligible individuals to participate in CCMEP as a condition of participating in Ohio Works First (OWF).

Permits OWF participants who are not work-eligible individuals and individuals receiving benefits and services under the Prevention, Retention, and Contingency program to volunteer to participate in CCMEP.

Requires low-income adults, in-school youth, or out-of-school youth who have barriers to employment to participate in CCMEP as a condition of participating in workforce development activities funded by the TANF block grant or WIOA.

Requires CCMEP to serve individuals who are at least age 16 but not more than age 24 beginning December 15, 2015, and to serve other individuals beginning July 1, 2016.

Requires each board of county commissioners to designate, not later than October 15, 2015, either the CDJFS or workforce development agency (WDA) as the lead agency for purposes of CCMEP.

Assigns to the lead agency certain duties, including the duty to serve as the county fiscal agent for CCMEP.

Requires ODJFS, in consultation with OWT, to establish an evaluation system for CDJFSs' and WDAs' administration of CCMEP.

Requires ODJFS, in consultation with CDJFSs and WDAs, to review the agencies' existing functions to discover opportunities for efficiencies so that CCMEP's capacity may be increased.

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Fiscal effect: ODJFS plans to use $128 million in FY 2016 and FY 2017 out of line item 600688, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Programs for the administration of such programs. ODJFS plans to redirect $50 million in FY 2016 and FY 2017 from line item 600688, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Programs, and $105 million in FY 2016 and FY 2017 from line item 600689, TANF Block Grant, for CCMEP purposes (to the extent that these funds are available).

JFSCD34 State and county shared services transfers

Section: ***305.200***

Allows the Director of Budget and Management, upon receipt of a request from the Director of Job and Family Services and the Director of Medicaid, to transfer up to $7,200,000 cash from the State and County Shared Services Fund (Fund 5HL0) used by the Department of Job and Family Services to the Health Care/Medicaid Support and Recoveries Fund (Fund 5DL0) used by the Department of Medicaid.

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JCRCD1 **Operating Guidance**

Section: ***307.10***

Requires that the Chief Administrative Officer of the House and the Clerk of the Senate determine, by mutual agreement, who shall act as fiscal agent for JCARR. Specifies that committee members be compensated in accordance with R.C. 101.35.

JCRCD2 **Operating Expenses**

Section: ***307.10***

Permits the Executive Director of JCARR to certify to the OBM Director the amount of the unexpended, unencumbered balance of GRF appropriation item 029321, Operating Expenses, at the end of each fiscal year to be reappropriated to the next fiscal year and reappropriates those amounts.

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JMOCD1 **Operating Expenses**

Section: ***308.10***

Requires GRF line item 048321, Operating Expenses, to be used to support expenses related to the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee (JMOC).

Allows the JMOC Executive Director to certify to the Director of Budget and Management, the amount of the unexpended, unencumbered balance of GRF line item 048321, Operating Expenses, at the end of FY 2016 to be reappropriated to FY 2017. Appropriates the amount certified in FY 2017.

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JCOCD1 **State Council of Uniform State Laws**

Section: ***309.10***

Earmarks up to $88,300 in FY 2016 and up to $91,832 in FY 2017 of GRF appropriation item 018321, Operating Expenses, to pay the expenses of the State Council of Uniform State Laws, including membership dues to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws

JCOCD2 **Ohio Jury Instructions Fund**

Section: ***309.10***

(1) Requires grants, royalties, dues, conference fees, bequests, devises, and other gifts received for the purpose of supporting the Judicial Conference's activities be deposited in the Ohio Jury Instructions Fund (Fund 4030).
(2) Requires money in the fund be used to pay expenses incurred by the Conference in performing activities as determined by its Executive Committee.
(3) Appropriates, in each of FYs 2016 and 2017, any money accruing to the fund in excess of $337,000.
(4) Prohibits the Director of Budget and Management or the Controlling Board from transferring money from the fund to any other fund.

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JSCCD1 Salary increases for justices and judges

R.C. ***141.04***

Increases the salaries of the Ohio Supreme Court justices and judges of the courts of appeals, courts of common pleas, municipal courts, and county courts by 5%, rounded to the next highest $50, each fiscal year, starting July 1, 2015, with the last increase July 1, 2018.

Changes the date for the justices' and judges' salary increases to a fiscal year (July 1), rather than a calendar year (January 1).

Eliminates the annual cost-of-living adjustment that was last applied in 2008 to justices' and judges' salaries.

Fiscal effect: To pay for the state share of the salary increases in FYs 2016 and 2017, the executive budget appropriates $5,430,454 and $11,121,577, respectively.

JSCCD2 State Criminal Sentencing Council

Section: ***311.10***

Permits up to $304,353 in FY 2016 and up to $308,433 in FY 2017 of GRF appropriation item 005321, Operating Expenses - Judiciary/Supreme Court, to be used to support the functions of the State Criminal Sentencing Council.

JSCCD3 Law-related education

Section: ***311.10***

Requires GRF appropriation item 005406, Law-Related Education, to be distributed directly to the Ohio Center for Law-Related Education for the purposes of: (1) providing continuing citizenship education activities to primary and secondary students, (2) expanding delinquency prevention programs, (3) increasing activities for at-risk youth, and (4) accessing additional public and private money for new programs.

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JSCCD4 **Ohio courts technology initiative**

Section: ***311.10***

Requires GRF appropriation item 005409, Ohio Courts Technology Initiative, to be used to fund: (1) facilitate the exchange of information and warehousing of data by and between courts and other justice system partners through the creation of an Ohio Courts Network, (2) the delivery of technology services to courts statewide, and (3) the operation of the Commission on Technology and the Courts.

JSCCD5 **Attorney services**

Section: ***311.10***

(1) Requires the Attorney Services Fund (Fund 4C80) consist of money received by the Supreme Court (The Judiciary) pursuant to the Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio.

(2) Permits the money appropriated to the fund's related DPF appropriation item 005605, Attorney Services, to be used to fund activities considered appropriate by the Supreme Court, including compensating employees and funding appropriate activities of the following offices established by the Supreme Court: the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline, the Clients' Security Fund, and the Attorney Services Division.

(3) Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.

(4) Prohibits the Director of Budget and Management or the Controlling Board from transferring any of the money in Fund 4C80 to any other fund.

(5) Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 4C80 to be credited to the fund.

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JSCCD6 Court interpreter certification

Section: ***311.10***

(1) Requires the Court Interpreter Certification Fund (Fund 5HT0) consist of money received by the Supreme Court (The Judiciary) pursuant to Rules 80 through 87 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio.

(2) Requires money appropriated to the fund's related DPF appropriation item 005617, Court Interpreter Certification, to be used to provide training, to provide the written examination, and to pay language experts to rate, or grade, the oral examinations of those applying to become certified court interpreters.

(3) Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.

(4) Prohibits the Director of Budget and Management or the Controlling Board from transferring any of the money in Fund 5HT0 to any other fund.

(5) Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 5HT0 to be credited to the fund.

JSCCD7 Grants and awards

Section: ***311.10***

(1) Requires the Grants and Awards Fund (Fund 5T80) consist of grants and other money awarded to the Supreme Court (The Judiciary) by the State Justice Institute, the Division of Criminal Justice Services, or other entities.

(2) Requires any money appropriated to the fund's related DPF appropriation item 005609, Grants and Awards, to be used in a manner consistent with the grant or award.

(3) Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.

(4) Prohibits the Director of Budget and Management or the Controlling Board from transferring any of the money in Fund 5T80 to any other fund.

(5) Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 5T80 to be credited or transferred to the GRF.

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JSCCD8 Continuing judicial education

Section: ***311.10***

(1) Requires the Continuing Judicial Education Fund (Fund 6720) consist of fees paid by judges and court personnel for attending continuing education courses and other gifts and grants received for the purpose of continuing judicial education.

(2) Requires any money appropriated to the fund's related DPF appropriation item 005601, Continuing Judicial Education, to be used to pay expenses for continuing education courses for judges and court personnel.

(3) Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.

(4) Prohibits the Director of Budget and Management or the Controlling Board from transferring any of the money in Fund 6720 to any other fund.

(5) Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 6720 to be credited to the fund.

JSCCD9 Supreme Court admissions

Section: ***311.10***

(1) Requires that the Supreme Court Admissions Fund (Fund 6A80) consist of money deposited under the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio.

(2) Requires that any money appropriated to the fund's related DPF appropriation item 005606, Supreme Court Admissions, to be used to compensate Supreme Court employees who are primarily responsible for administering the attorney admissions program under the Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio, and to fund any other activities considered appropriate by the Court.

(3) Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.

(4) Prohibits the Director of Budget and Management or the Controlling Board from transferring any of the money in Fund 6A80 to any other fund.

(5) Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 6A80 to be credited to the fund.

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JSCCD10 County Law Library Resources Boards

Section: ***311.10***

(1) Requires that the Statewide Consortium of County Law Library Resources Boards Fund (Fund 5JY0) consist of money deposited pursuant to R.C. 307.515 into a county's law library resources fund and forwarded by that county's treasurer for deposit in the state treasury pursuant to R.C. 3375.481.

(2) Requires that any money appropriated to the fund's related FID appropriation item 005620, County Law Library Resources Boards, to be used for the operation of the Statewide Consortium of County Law Library Resources Boards.

(3) Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.

(4) Prohibits the Director of Budget and Management or the Controlling Board from transferring any of the money in Fund 5JY0 to any other fund.

(5) Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 5JY0 to be credited to the fund.

JSCCD11 Federal grants

Section: ***311.10***

(1) Requires the Federal Grants Fund (Fund 3J00) consist of grants and other money awarded to the Supreme Court (The Judiciary) by the federal government or other entities that receive the money directly from the federal government and distribute that money to the Supreme Court (The Judiciary).

(2) Requires that money appropriated to the fund's related FED appropriation item 005603, Federal Grants, to be used in a manner consistent with the purpose of the grant or award.

(3) Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.

(4) Prohibits the Director of Budget and Management or the Controlling Board from transferring any of the money in Fund 3J00 to any other fund.

(5) Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 3J00 to be credited or transferred to the GRF.

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LECCD1 **Cash transfers to the Lake Erie Resources Fund**

Section: ***313.10***

Permits the Director of Budget and Management, on July 1 of each fiscal year, or as soon as possible thereafter, to transfer up to $44,000 from each of the following funds to the Lake Erie Resources Fund (Fund 5D80):

(1) Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0) used by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

(2) Pesticide, Fertilizer and Lime Fund (Fund 6690) used by the Department of Agriculture.

(3) General Operations Fund (Fund 4700) used by the Department of Health.

(4) Central Support Indirect Fund (Fund 1570) used by the Department of Natural Resources.

Permits the Director of Budget and Management, on July 1 of each fiscal year, or as soon as possible thereafter, to transfer $44,000 from a fund used by the Development Services Agency, as specified by the Director of Development Services, to Fund 5D80.

Permits Fund 5D80 to accept contributions and transfers made to the fund.

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JLECD1 **Legislative Ethics Committee**

Section: ***315.10***

Authorizes the Legislative Inspector General of JLEC to certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of the unexpended, unencumbered balance of GRF appropriation item 028321, Legislative Ethics Committee, at the end of FY 2015 and FY 2016 to be reappropriated to FY 2016 and FY 2017, respectively, and reappropriates the certified amount.

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LSCCD5 **HCAP transfers to the Legislative Budget Services Fund**

R.C. ***5168.01, 5168.06, 5168.07, 5168.11, 5168.12 (Repealed), Sections 610.10, 610.11***

Eliminates a requirement for a portion of the money generated by the Hospital Care Assurance Program (HCAP) assessments and intergovernmental transfers to be deposited into the Legislative Budget Services Fund (Fund 4F60) used by LSC.

Abolishes Fund 4F60 when all remaining money in the fund has been spent.

Fiscal effect: The bill appropriates $100,000 in FY 2016 and $0 in FY 2017 to ISA Fund 4F60, Legislative Budget Services.

LSCCD1 **Operating expenses**

Section: ***317.10***

Authorizes the Director of LSC to certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of the unexpended, unencumbered balance of GRF appropriation item 035321, Operating Expenses, at the end of FY 2015 and FY 2016 to be reappropriated to FY 2016 and FY 2017, respectively, and reappropriates the certified amount.

LSCCD2 **Legislative Task Force on Redistricting**

Section: ***317.10***

Reappropriates an amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered portion of GRF appropriation item 035407, Legislative Task Force on Redistricting, at the end of FY 2015 and FY 2016 for the same purpose in FY 2016 and FY 2017, respectively.

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LSCCD3 Legislative Information Systems

Section: ***317.10***

Authorizes the Director of LSC to certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of the unexpended, unencumbered balance of GRF appropriation item 035410, Legislative Information Systems, at the end of FY 2015 and FY 2016 to be reappropriated to FY 2016 and FY 2017, respectively, and reappropriates the certified amount.

LSCCD4 Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission

Section: ***317.10***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 035411, Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission, be used to support the operation and expenses of the Commission.

Reappropriates an amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered portion of 035411 at the end of FY 2015 and FY 2016 for the same purpose in FY 2016 and FY 2017, respectively.

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LIBCD1 **Ohioana Rental Payment**

Section: ***319.10***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 350401, Ohioana Rental Payments, be used for the rental expenses of the Martha Kinney Cooper Ohioana Library Association.

LIBCD2 **Regional Library Systems**

Section: ***319.10***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 350502, Regional Library Systems, be used to support regional library systems.

LIBCD3 **Ohio Public Library Information Network**

Section: ***319.10***

Requires that DPF Fund 4S40 appropriation item 350604, Ohio Public Library Information Network, be used for an information telecommunications network linking public libraries in the state.

Permits the OPLIN Board of Trustees to make decisions regarding the use of the appropriation.

Requires the OPLIN Board to research and assist local libraries with regard to emerging technologies and methods of controlling access to obscene and illegal materials. Requires the OPLIN director to provide written reports upon request.

Requires OPLIN, INFOhio, and OhioLINK to coordinate their purchases of electronic databases.

Requires the OBM Director to transfer $3,689,788 cash in each fiscal year from the Public Library Fund (Fund 7065) to the OPLIN Technology Fund (Fund 4S40).

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LIBCD4 **Library for the Blind**

Section: ***319.10***

Requires that DPF Fund 5GB0 appropriation item 350605, Library for the Blind, be used for the statewide Talking Book Program.

Requires the OBM Director to transfer $1,274,194 cash in each fiscal year from Fund 7065 to the Library for the Blind Fund (Fund 5GB0).

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LOTCD1 **Qualifications of Lottery Commissioners**

R.C. ***3770.01***

Amends the requirement that one person appointed as a member of the State Lottery Commission must represent an organization that deals with problem gambling and assists recovering gambling addicts to a requirement that one member must have experience or training in the area of problem gambling or other addictions and in assistance to recovering gambling or other addicts.

Fiscal effect: None

LOTCD3 **Approval of statewide lottery games**

R.C. ***3770.02, 3770.03,3770.06***

Eliminates a requirement that the Governor sign an agreement for statewide joint lottery games. (Continuing law allows the Lottery Director to implement statewide joint lottery games under the agreement the Director enters with other lottery jurisdictions per the Governor's direction.)

Fiscal effect: This provision provides greater flexibility to implement statewide joint lottery games as the implementation continues to require the Governor's approval but not the Governor's signature on the agreement.

LOTCD2 **Lottery sales agent licensing requirements**

R.C. ***3770.05***

Expands the definition of person for purposes of licensing to include limited liability companies and other business entities.

Removes a prohibition in current law on issuing a license to a person who engages in the sale of lottery tickets as the person's sole occupation or business.

Allows instead of requires the Lottery Director to refuse to grant, or to suspend or revoke, a license if the applicant or licensee has committed certain violations.

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Specifies that the administrative sanctions applying to corporations also apply to "other business entities."

Fiscal effect: None

LOTCD4 Clarification of role of Auditor of State employee regarding drawings

R.C. ***3770.07***

Prohibits employees of the Auditor of State who "observe" rather than "certify" drawings from being awarded a lottery prize. (Continuing law also prohibits employees of the Auditor of State who actively audit or coordinate drawings from being awarded a lottery prize).

Fiscal effect: None.

LOTCD7 Transfers to the Lottery Profits Education Fund

Section: ***323.10***

Requires the Director of Budget and Management to transfer, contingent upon resources, $984.0 million in FY 2016 and $988.0 million in FY 2017 from the State Lottery Fund (Fund 7044) to the Lottery Profits Education Fund (Fund 7017). States that such transfers represent the estimated net income from operations of the Commission in FY 2016 and FY 2017 and that the funds are required to be administered as the statutes direct.

LOTCD8 Operating expenses

Section: ***323.10***

Authorizes the Controlling Board, at the request of the State Lottery Commission, to authorize additional expenditures in excess of appropriations for operating expenses of the State Lottery Commission from the State Lottery Fund up to a maximum of 10 percent of anticipated total revenue from the sale of lottery products. Appropriates the additional expenditures upon Controlling Board approval.

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LOTCD9 **Direct prize payments**

Section: ***323.10***

Appropriates any amounts, in addition to the amounts appropriated in SLF Fund 7044 appropriation item 950601, Direct Prize Payments, that the Director of the State Lottery Commission determines to be necessary to fund prizes, bonuses, and commissions.

LOTCD10 **Annuity prizes**

Section: ***323.10***

Authorizes the Director of Budget and Management, upon the request of the State Lottery Commission, to transfer an amount sufficient to fund deferred prizes from the State Lottery Fund (Fund 7044) to the Deferred Prizes Trust Fund (Fund 8710). Appropriates any amounts, in addition to the amounts appropriated in appropriation item 950602, Annuity Prizes, that the Director of the State Lottery Commission determines to be necessary to fund deferred prizes and interest earnings. Requires the Treasurer of State, from time to time, to credit Fund 8710 the pro rata share of interest earned on invested balances.

LOTCD5 **Elimination of the Charitable Gaming Oversight Fund (Fund 2310)**

Sections: ***512.60, R.C. 3770.061 (repeal)***

Requires the Director of Budget and Management, on July 1, 2015, or as soon as possible thereafter, to transfer any cash balances from the Charitable Gaming Oversight Fund (Fund 2310) to the State Lottery Fund (Fund 7044) and abolishes Fund 2310 upon completion of the transfer. Repeals the Revised Code section that created Fund 2310.

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MCDCD36 **Home care services contracts**

R.C. ***121.36, (repealed)***

Repeals a provision that requires, for contracts for home care services paid for with public funds, that the provider have a system for monitoring the delivery of services by the provider's employees.

Fiscal effect: No direct fiscal impact.

MCDCD3 **Exchange of of certain information between specified state agencies and health transformation initiatives**

R.C. ***191.04, 191.06, and Section 327.40***

Extends to FY 2016 and FY 2017 provisions that authorize the Office of Health Transformation (OHT) Executive Director to facilitate collaboration between certain state agencies for health transformation purposes and that authorize the exchange of personally identifiable information between those agencies regarding a health transformation initiative.

Extends to FY 2016 and FY 2017 provisions that require the use and disclosure of personally identifiable information in accordance with operating protocols adopted by the OHT Executive Director.

Allows portions of several Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) line items to be used to pay for services and costs associated with coordinating operations and sharing information between state agencies.

MCDCD34 **Medicaid third party liability - portion of the award subject to right of recovery**

R.C. ***5160.37***

Establishes a rebuttable presumption (rather than an automatic right) regarding the right to recover a portion of a medical assistance recipient's tort award or settlement or claim against a third party.

Fiscal effect: None, this provision aligns with current practice.

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MCDCD28 Recovery of Medicaid overpayments by third parties

R.C. ***5160.401***

Specifies that a third party's payment to ODM or a Medicaid managed care organization (MCO) regarding a Medicaid claim is final two years after the payment is made.

Authorizes a third party to seek recovery of all or part of an overpayment by filing a written notice of its intent with ODM or the Medicaid MCO before the date the payment is final.

Requires ODM or the Medicaid MCO, if either agree that an overpayment was made, to pay the amount to the third party or authorize the third party to offset the amount from a future payment owed to ODM or the Medicaid MCO.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal decrease in overpayments granted to third parties.

MCDCD26 Medicaid School Program

R.C. ***5162.365, 5162.01, 5162.36, 5162.361, 5162.363***

Makes a qualified Medicaid school provider solely responsible for timely repaying any overpayment that the provider receives under the Medicaid School Program and that is discovered by a federal or state audit.

Prohibits ODM, with regard to an overpayment, from paying the federal government to meet or delay the provider's repayment obligation and assuming or forgiving the provider's repayment obligation.

Requires each qualified Medicaid school provider to indemnify and hold harmless ODM for any cost or penalty resulting from a federal or state audit.

Fiscal effect: None, this provision clarifies that the Medicaid school provider will be responsible for repayments.

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MCDCD23 Elimination of certain optional Medicaid eligibility groups

R.C. ***5163.06, 5163.061 (Repealed)***

Eliminates a requirement that the Medicaid Program set the income eligibility threshold for pregnant women at 200% of the federal poverty level.

Eliminates a requirement that the Medicaid Program cover the group consisting of women in need of treatment for breast or cervical cancer.

Eliminates a requirement that the Medicaid Program cover the group consisting of nonpregnant individuals who may receive family planning services and supplies.

Fiscal effect: Decreases expenditures in GRF appropriation item 651525, Medicaid/Health Care Services, by $15.3 million ($7.4 million state share) in FY 2016 and $31.4 million ($15.4 million state share) in FY 2017.

MCDCD24 Transitional Medicaid

R.C. ***5163.08, (Repealed)***

Repeals a requirement that the Medicaid Director implement a federal option that permits individuals to receive transitional Medicaid for a single 12-month period rather than an initial 6-month period followed by a second 6-month period.

Fiscal effect: Decrease in expenditures in GRF appropriation item 651525, Medicaid/Health Care Services, of $4.1 million ($1.5 million state share) in FY 2016 and $39.9 million ($15.0 million state share) in FY 2017.

MCDCD27 Medicaid ineligibility for transfer of assets

R.C. ***5163.30***

Permits an institutionalized individual to enroll in Medicaid despite a transfer of assets for less than fair market value if all of the assets are returned or the individual or individual's spouse receives an amount equal to the difference between the amount received for the assets and the asset's fair market value.

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Fiscal effect: None.

MCDCD30 Suspension of Medicaid provider agreements

R.C. ***5164.36, 173.391, 5164.01, 5164.37, 5164.38, 5164.57***

Makes an indictment of a provider, or provider's owner, officer, authorized agent, associate, manager, or employee, for a Medicaid-related criminal charge a reason to suspend a Medicaid provider agreement on the basis of being a source of a credible allegation of fraud rather than a separate cause for suspending a provider agreement.

Subjects hospitals, nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICFs/IID) to the requirement to suspend a Medicaid provider agreement because of an indictment for a Medicaid-related charge.

Permits ODM to suspend a Medicaid provider agreement when an owner, officer, authorized agent, associate, manager, or employee of a provider has another provider agreement suspended due to a credible allegation of fraud.

Requires ODM, when a Medicaid provider agreement is suspended due to a credible allegation of fraud, to suspend all Medicaid payments to the provider.

Permits a provider to submit to ODM, as part of a request to reconsider a Medicaid provider agreement suspension, information about mistaken identity instead of information about a mistake of fact.

Permits ODM to suspend a Medicaid provider agreement before conducting an adjudication if ODM determines that a credible allegation exists that the provider has negatively affected the health, safety, or welfare of Medicaid recipients.

Fiscal effect: None.

MCDCD25 Independent providers' Medicaid provider agreements

R.C. ***5164.302, 5164.01, 5164.37, 5164.38, 5166.30***

Prohibits, effective July 1, 2016, ODM from entering into an initial Medicaid provider agreement with an independent provider to provide certain aide services, certain nursing services, home and community-based services, or services covered by the Helping Ohioans Move, Expanding (HOME) Choice Demonstration program.

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Permits independent providers' Medicaid provider agreements that are in effect on June 30, 2016, to continue in effect until they are phased out pursuant to a plan ODM is required to develop in consultation with other departments.

Requires the last of the Medicaid provider agreements that are to be phased out to cease to be in effect not later than July 1, 2019.

Exempts, from the prohibition against initial Medicaid provider agreements and the phase-out requirement for existing provider agreements, independent providers providing services covered by Medicaid waiver programs that include participant-directed service delivery systems.

Fiscal effect: No direct fiscal impact.

MCDCD29 Nursing facilities' Medicaid payment rates

R.C. ***5165.01, 173.47, 5165.10, 5165.106, 5165.09, 5165.155, 5165.158, 5165.193, 5165.40, 5165.41, 5165.99, 5168.40 Repealed: 5165.101-5165.105, 5165.07, 5165.08, 5165.15, 5165.151-5165.154, 5165.156, 5165.157, 5165.16, 5165.17, 5165.19, 5165.192, 5165.21, 5165.23, 5165.25, 5165.26, 5165.28-5165.30, 5165.32, 5165.33, 5165.37, 5165.516***

Repeals the laws establishing the formula for determining nursing facilities' regular Medicaid payment rates.

Repeals most of the laws specifying circumstances under which a nursing facility is paid a Medicaid rate that is different from the regular rate.

Repeals and revises many laws related to the laws concerning nursing facilities' Medicaid payment rates, including laws regarding cost reports and deadlines for calculating the rates.

Requires ODM, beginning with FY 2017, to (1) reduce all nursing facilities' Medicaid rates by an amount ODM determines and (2) use not more than the funds made available by the reductions to increase rates paid to nursing facilities that meet one or more quality indicators.

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Fiscal effect: The provisions associated with repealing laws concerning certain Medicaid payment rates for nursing facilities should have no direct fiscal impact. The quality initiative provision is budget neutral since the amount saved as a result of the reduction in Medicaid rates will be used to pay nursing facilities that meet quality indicators.

MCDCD38 Assistive personnel

R.C. ***5166.41, 173.57-173.579, 3721.011, 5123.42-5123.451, 5166.40-5166.55***

Grants certified assistive personnel who provide services to individuals enrolled in specified Medicaid programs administered by the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) or ODM the authority to administer prescribed medications, perform specified health-related activities, and perform tube feedings.

Requires ODA and ODM to investigate complaints regarding the performance of those activities by assistive personnel.

Requires ODA and ODM to develop courses that train the assistive personnel to engage in those activities and that train registered nurses to provide the training courses to the personnel.

Requires ODA and ODM to certify personnel and registered nurses who successfully complete the applicable training and satisfy other requirements.

Requires ODA and ODM to establish and maintain a registry of all personnel and registered nurses who have been certified by ODA or ODM, respectively.

Permits ODA, ODM, the Department of Health, and the Department of Developmental Disabilities to enter into an interagency agreement to establish a unified system of training and certifying assistive personnel, MR/DD personnel, and registered nurses.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal increase in administrative costs.

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MCDCD37 Medicaid care management system

R.C. ***5167.03***

Repeals provisions that (1) require ODM to designate specified groups for participation in the care management system, (2) prohibit ODM from designating other specified groups for participation in the system, and (3) require ODM to ensure that certain groups are enrolled only in managed care organizations that are health insuring corporations.

Fiscal effect: Allows ODM to enroll additional populations into managed care.

MCDCD33 Hospital assessments

R.C. ***5168.23, 5168.26, Sections 610.10, 610.11***

Continues the assessments (i.e. franchise permit fees) imposed on hospitals for two additional years.

Requires ODM to establish a payment schedule for hospital assessments for each assessment program year and to include the payment schedule in each preliminary determination notice that ODM is required to mail to hospitals. Requires ODM to consult with the Ohio Hospital Association (OHA) before establishing the payment schedule for any assessment program year.

MCDCD31 Nursing homes' and hospital long-term care units' franchise permit fees

R.C. ***5168.40, 5168.44, 5165.45, 5168.47-5168.49, 5168.53***

Provides that a bed surrender does not occur for the purpose of the franchise permit fee charged nursing homes unless the bed is removed from a nursing home's licensed capacity in a manner that makes it impossible for the bed to ever be a part of any nursing home's licensed capacity.

Provides that a bed surrender does not occur for the purpose of the franchise permit fee charged hospital long-term care units unless the bed is removed from registration as a skilled nursing facility bed or long-term care bed in a manner that

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makes it impossible for the bed to ever be registered as such a kind of bed.

Requires ODM to notify, electronically or by United States Postal Service, nursing homes and hospital long-term care units of (1) the amount of their franchise permit fees, (2) redeterminations of the fees triggered by bed surrenders, and (3) the date, time, and place of hearings to be held for appeals regarding the fees.

Fiscal effect: None, this provision aligns with current practice.

MCDCD1 Temporary authority regarding employees

Section: ***327.20***

Extends through June 30, 2017, the authority of the ODM and Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) directors to establish, change, and abolish positions for their respective agencies and to assign, reassign, classify, reclassify, transfer, reduce, promote, or demote employees who are not subject to state law governing public employees' collective bargaining.

Permits a portion of various ODM line items to be used to pay for costs associated with the administration of the Medicaid program, including the assignment, reassignment, classification, reclassification, transfer, reduction, promotion, or demotion of employees authorized by this section.

MCDCD2 New and amended grant agreements

Section: ***327.30***

Continues the authority of the ODJFS Director and board of county commissioners to enter into negotiations to amend an existing grant agreement or to enter into a new grant agreement regarding the transfer of medical assistance programs to ODM.

Permits a portion of various ODM line items to be used to pay for costs associated with Medicaid services and costs associated with the administration of the Medicaid program.

Fiscal effect: None.

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MCDCD4 Medicaid/Health Care Services

Section: ***327.50***

Requires that appropriation item 651525, Medicaid/Health Care Services, not be limited by section 131.33 of the Revised Code.

MCDCD5 Managed Care Performance Payment Program

Section: ***327.60***

Requires the Medicaid Director to certify, at the beginning of each quarter, the amount withheld for purposes of the Managed Care Performance Payment Program. Requires the Director of the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) to transfer cash in the amounts certified from the GRF to the Managed Care Performance Payment Fund (Fund 5KW0). Appropriates, upon the request of the ODM Director and approval of the OBM Director, an amount up to the cash balance in Fund 5KW0. Appropriates any federal share to a federal appropriation item specified in the request. Reduces the appropriation in appropriation item 651525, Medicaid/Health Care Services, by the state and federal share amount of the transfers.

Specifies that in addition to any other purpose authorized by law, ODM may use Fund 5KW0 for the following purposes in FY 2016 and FY 2017: (1) to meet obligations specified in provider agreements with Medicaid MCOs; (2) to pay for Medicaid services provided by Medicaid MCOs; and (3) to reimburse a Medicaid MCO that has previously paid a fine but has subsequently come into compliance.

MCDCD6 Performance payments for Medicaid managed care

Section: ***327.70***

Requires ODM, for FY 2016 and FY 2017, to provide performance payments to Medicaid MCOs providing care under the Dual Eligible Integrated Care Delivery System (ICDS).

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Requires ODM, if ICDS participants receive care through Medicaid MCOs, to (1) develop quality measures designed specifically to determine the effectiveness of the health care and other services provided to ICDS participants and (2) determine an amount to be withheld from Medicaid premium payments paid to Medicaid MCOs for ICDS participants.

Requires ODM to establish an amount that is to be withheld each time a premium payment is made to a Medicaid MCO for an ICDS participant. Requires the following: that the amount be established as a percentage of each premium payment, the percentage be the same for all MCOs providing care to ICDS participants, and MCOs agree to the withholding as a condition of its Medicaid provider agreement.

Requires, when the amount is established or modified, ODM to certify the amount of the withholding to the OBM Director and begin withholding the amount from each premium ODM pays for an ICDS participant. Requires the OBM Director to transfer amounts certified into the Managed Care Performance Payment Fund (Fund 5KW0). Allows these transferred amounts to be used to make performance payments to Medicaid MCOs providing care to ICDS participants in accordance with rules adopted by the Medicaid Director.

Specifies that a Medicaid MCO subject to this section is not subject to section 5167.30 of the Revised Code for premium payments to ICDS participants during FY 2016 and FY 2017.

MCDCD7 Integrated Care Delivery System Performance Payment Program

Section: ***327.80***

Permits the ODM Director to certify, at the beginning of each quarter, to the OBM Director the amount withheld for performance payments for Medicaid managed care related to providing services to ICDS participants. Requires the OBM Director to transfer cash in the amount certified from the GRF to the Managed Care Performance Payment Fund (Fund 5KW0). Specifies that the federal share can be appropriated in a federal appropriation item. Appropriates the transferred cash. Reduces appropriation item 651525, Medicaid/Health Care Services, by the state and federal share amount of the transfer.

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MCDCD8 **Hospital Franchise Fee Program**

Section: ***327.90***

Allows the OBM Director to authorize additional expenditures from appropriation items 651623, 651525, and 651656, in order to implement hospital assessment programs authorized by sections 5168.20 through 5168.28 of the Revised Code. Appropriates any authorized amounts.

MCDCD9 **Administrative issues related to termination of Medicaid waiver programs**

Section: ***327.100***

Provides guidelines that apply if certain Medicaid waiver programs are terminated.

Fiscal effect: None.

MCDCD10 **Money Follows the Person Enhanced Reimbursement Fund**

Section: ***327.110***

Requires that federal payments made to Ohio for the Money Follows the Person Demonstration Project be deposited into the Money Follows the Person Enhanced Reimbursement Fund (Fund 5AJ0) and requires ODM to continue using these moneys for system reform activities related to the project.

Executive

MCDCD11 Medicare Part D

Section: ***327.120***

Permits GRF appropriation item 651526, Medicare Part D, to be used by ODM for the implementation and operation of the Medicare Part D requirements contained in the "Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003." Allows the OBM Director, upon the request of ODM, to transfer the state share of appropriations between appropriation item 651525, Medicaid/Health Care Services, and appropriation item 651526, Medicare Part D. Requires the OBM Director to adjust the federal share of appropriation item 651525, Health Care/Medicaid, if the state share is adjusted. Requires ODM to provide notification to the Controlling Board of any transfers at the next scheduled Controlling Board meeting.

MCDCD12 Ohio Access Success Project

Section: ***327.130***

Permits up to $450,000 in each fiscal year to be used to provide one-time transitional benefits under the Ohio Access Project that the Medicaid Director may establish.

MCDCD13 Health Care Services Administration Fund

Section: ***327.140***

Requires the Medicaid Director to deposit into the Health Care Services Administration Fund (Fund 5U30), $350,000 in each fiscal year from the first installment of assessments and intergovernmental transfers made under the Hospital Care Assurance Program (HCAP).

Executive

MCDCD14 Transfers of offsets to the Health Care Services Administration Fund

Section: ***327.150***

Requires the Medicaid Director to certify to the OBM Director, the amount of hospital offsets and vendor offsets for the period covered by the certification and the particular funds that would have been used to make Medicaid payments to providers if not for the offsets.

Requires the OBM Director to transfer cash from the funds identified in the certification to the Health Care Services Administration Fund (Fund 5U30). Specifies that the amounts transferred from a fund shall equal the amount that would have been taken from a fund if not for the offsets. Specifies that the federal share may also be appropriated in a federal appropriation item specified in the certification. Appropriates the transferred cash and corresponding federal share. Reduces the appropriations (both state and federal share) for those appropriation items from which transfers occurred.

MCDCD15 Hospital Care Assurance Match

Section: ***327.160***

Permits the Medicaid Director to request the OBM Director to authorize expenditures from the Health Care Federal Fund (Fund 3F00) if receipts credited to the fund exceed the amounts appropriated for making the HCAP distribution. Appropriates those amounts upon approval of the OBM Director.

Requires that appropriation item 651649, Medicaid Services – HCAP, be used by ODM for distributing the state share of all HCAP funds to hospitals. Permits the Medicaid Director to request the OBM Director to authorize expenditures from the Hospital Care Assurance Program Fund (Fund 6510) if receipts credited to the fund exceed the amounts appropriated for making the HCAP distribution. Appropriates those amounts upon approval of the OBM Director.

Executive

MCDCD16 Refunds and Reconciliation Fund

Section: ***327.170***

Requires the Refunds and Reconciliation Fund (Fund R055) to be used to hold refund and reconciliation revenues until the appropriate fund is determined or until the revenues are directed to the appropriate governmental agency other than ODM. Requires that any Medicaid refunds or reconciliations received or held by ODJFS be transferred or credited to Fund R055.

Permits the ODM Director to request the OBM Director to authorize expenditures from Fund R055 in excess of the amounts appropriated, if receipts credited to the fund exceed the amounts appropriated from the fund. Upon approval of the OBM Director, the additional amounts are appropriated.

MCDCD17 Medicaid Interagency Pass-Through

Section: ***327.180***

Permits the Medicaid Director to request the OBM Director to increase appropriation item 651655, Medicaid Interagency Pass-Through. Appropriates the additional amounts, upon the OBM Director's approval.

MCDCD18 State plan home and community-based services

Section: ***327.190***

Permits, during FY 2016 and FY 2017, Medicaid to cover state plan home and community-based services for Medicaid recipients of any age who have behavioral health issues and countable incomes not exceeding 150% of the federal poverty line. Specifies that a recipient is not required to undergo a level of care determination to be eligible.

Allows the Medicaid Director to adopt rules to implement this as necessary.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in Medicaid costs to cover this population; the increase will depend on the number of eligible individuals.

Executive

MCDCD19 **Updating authorizing statute citations**

Section: ***327.200***

Specifies that an "authorizing statute" is a Revised Code section or provision that is cited in the Ohio Administrative Code as the statute that authorizes the adoption of a rule. Specifies that the Medicaid Director is not required to amend any rule for the sole purpose of updating the citation in the Ohio Administrative Code to the rule's authorizing statute to reflect that this act renumbers the authorizing statute or relocates it to another Revised Code section. Requires such citations to be updated as the Director amends the rules for other purposes.

Fiscal effect: None.

MCDCD20 **Non-emergency medical transportation**

Section: ***327.210***

Allows the OBM Director, on request of the Medicaid Director to transfer appropriations between GRF appropriation item 651525, Medicaid/Health Care Services, and 655523, Medicaid Program Support - Local Transportation, used by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), to ensure access to a non-emergency medical transportation brokerage program. Requires that if transfers occur from 651525 that the OBM Director transfer the federal share of the transfer in cash from the GRF to the Medicaid Program Support Fund (Fund 3F01), used by ODJFS and appropriates the amount of the transfer to appropriation item 655624, Medicaid Program Support and reduces the federal share of 651525 accordingly. Allows the OBM Director to transfer cash from Fund 3F01 to the GRF, appropriates the federal share portion to 651525, and reduces the appropriation to 651624 accordingly.

Executive

MCDCD21 Public assistance eligibility determination system implementation

Section: ***327.220***

Allows the OBM Director, upon request of the Medicaid Director, to increase appropriation item 655522, Medicaid Program Support - Local, used by ODJFS, by up to $7.2 million in each fiscal year. Allows the OBM Director to transfer cash from the GRF, in the amount of the corresponding federal share, to a federal fund identified by the Medicaid Director. Appropriates any transferred amounts and reduces the state and federal share of 651525 accordingly.

Requires that any increase in funding be provided to county departments of job and family services (CDJFS) to be used for costs related to transitioning to a new public assistance eligibility determination system. Prohibits funds to be used for existing and ongoing operating expenses. Requires the Medicaid Director to establish criteria for distributing funds and for CDJFS' to submit allowable expenses.

Requires CDJFS' to comply with new roles, processes, and responsibilities related to the new eligibility determination system and to report to ODJFS and ODM, on a schedule determined by the Medicaid Director, how the funds were used.

MCDCD22 Fund abolishments

Sections: ***327.230, 512.60***

Requires the OBM Director, on July 1, 2015, or as soon as possible thereafter, to transfer the cash balance in the:

(1) Home and Community-Based Services Fund (Fund 4J50) to the Nursing Facility Franchise Permit Fee Fund (Fund 5R20);

(2) Supplemental Inpatient Hospital Fund (Fund 5Q90) to the Hospital Assessment Fund (5GF0);

(3) Children's Hospital - State Fund (Fund 5CR0) to the GRF; and

(4) Health Care Services - Other Fund (Fund 5HA0) to the GRF.

Abolishes Funds 4J50, 5R20, 5CR0, and 5HA0 when the transfers are complete.

Executive

MCDCD35 **Medicaid Reserve Fund Balance**

Section: ***512.70***

Requires the balance of the Medicaid Reserve Fund (Fund 5Y80), in FY 2016, to be the same balance as of June 30, 2015. Requires the OBM Director to take any action necessary to effectuate this.

MCDCD39 **Hospital Care Assurance Program**

Sections: ***610.10, 610.11***

Continues the Hospital Care Assurance Program (HCAP) for two additional years.

Executive

MEDCD3 **Continuing education requirements**

R.C. ***4730.14, 4731.15, 4731.22, 4731.281, 4731.282, 4731.283 (Repealed), 4731.293, 4731.295, 4731.296, 4731.297, 4778.06, and 5903.12***

Provides that, if the State Medical Board imposes a civil penalty for a failure to complete continuing education requirements but does not take any other disciplinary action, an adjudication hearing is not required.

Clarifies continuing education requirements for physicians and specifies the types of continuing education programs that qualify for credit.

Repeals provisions that automatically suspend a certificate to practice held by a physician (including a podiatrist) or physician assistant for failure to renew or register the certificate, including failure to complete continuing education requirements, and instead permits the State Medical Board to suspend the certificate.

Increases the fee to reinstate a physician certificate (including a podiatrist) from $50 to $100.

Increases the fee to restore a physician certificate (including a podiatrist) from $100 to $200.

Fiscal effect: Potential gain in revenue from increased fees. Potential decrease in costs if less hearings are required.

MEDCD1 **Civil penalties imposed by the State Medical Board**

R.C. ***4730.252, 4731.225, 4731.24, 4760.133, 4762.133, 4774.133, and 4778.141***

Generally authorizes the State Medical Board to impose a civil penalty on a professional who violates the law administered by the Board (physician, podiatrist, physician assistant, massage therapist, cosmetic therapist, naprapath, mechanotherapist, anesthesiologist assistant, oriental medicine practitioner, acupuncturist, radiologist assistant, genetic counselor).

Requires the Board to adopt guidelines regarding the amounts of civil penalties to be imposed and specifies that a civil penalty cannot exceed $20,000.

Executive

Fiscal effect: Potential gain in penalty revenue.

MEDCD2 **Conditions for restoring or issuing certificates to practice**

R.C. ***4731.222***

Authorizes the State Medical Board, before restoring a suspended or inactive certificate to practice or issuing a certificate to an applicant who has not been engaged in practice for more than two years, to impose additional terms and conditions on the applicant, including physical examinations and skills assessments.

Fiscal effect: None.

MEDCD4 **Expedited certificate to practice by endorsement**

R.C. ***4731.299***

Requires that the State Medical Board's secretary and supervising member, as opposed to the Board, review and make eligibility determinations concerning expedited certificates to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery by endorsement.

Requires that if the requirements for an expedited certificate are not met, the secretary and supervising member must treat the application as an application for a certificate to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.

Fiscal effect: None.

Executive

MHACD8 Technical and conforming changes

R.C. ***121.372, 140.01, 321.44, 340.01, 340.07, 340.15, 737.41, 2151.3514, 2925.03, 2929.13, 2929.15, 2935.33, 2951.041, 2981.12, 2981.13, 4511.191, 5107.64, 5119.11, 5119.186, 5119.23, 5119.25, 5119.31, 5119.36, 5119.361, 5119.365, and 5119.94***

Makes technical and conforming changes associated with the bill's other provisions on addiction and mental health services and recovery supports.

MHACD6 Recovery housing

R.C. ***340.01, 340.034, Section 812.40***

Defines "recovery housing" to include housing for individuals recovering from alcoholism as well as drug addiction.

Eliminates provisions that prohibit residential facilities from owning or operating recovery housing or providing addiction services, but prohibits recovery housing from being subject to Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (ODMHAS) residential facility licensure.

Prohibits recovery housing from being owned and operated by an alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services (ADAMHS) board unless (1) the board owns and operates the recovery housing on September 15, 2016, or (2) the board determines that there is an emergency need for the board to assume the ownership and operation of the recovery housing.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in costs for an ADAMHS board if the Board operates recovery housing.

Executive

MHACD4 Recovery supports for individuals suffering from mental illness or alcohol or drug addiction

R.C. ***340.03, 340.033, 340.04, 340.08, 340.09, 5119.01, 5119.10, 5119.21, 5119.22, 5119.28, 5119.362, 5119.60, 5119.61, and 5122.31***

Defines the term, "recovery support," and replaces references to "recovery support service" with references to "recovery support" throughout the Revised Code.

Specifies that a recovery support is a separate component of the continuum of care for persons suffering from mental illness or drug or alcohol addiction, rather than being an addiction or mental health service as specified in existing law.

Requires the ODMHAS Director and ODMHAS to exercise and perform duties related to the provision of recovery supports that are similar to those performed under existing law related to the provision of mental health and addiction services.

Requires a community addiction and mental health plan that an ADAMHS board submits to the ODMHAS under existing law include a list of the ODMHAS priorities for recovery supports that have been communicated to the ADAMHS board.

In accordance with ODMHAS rules, requires an ADAMHS board to submit a statement identifying the recovery supports (in addition to addiction and mental health services) the board intends to make available and requires ODMHAS to approve or disapprove that statement in whole or in part.

Specifies that the continuum of care for opioid and co-occurring drug addiction includes recovery supports.

Requires a report on public funding that an ADAMHS board must submit to ODMHAS under existing law to identify funds the board receives for recovery supports associated with opioid and co-occurring drug addiction (in addition to treatment services).

Requires an ADAMHS board and ADAMHS board executive director to perform duties related to the provision of recovery supports that are similar to those performed under existing law related to the provision of mental health and addiction services.

Requires information concerning an individual's receipt of recovery supports to be kept confidential in the same manner as information concerning an individual's mental health treatment.

Executive

Requires an annual report that ODMHAS must submit to the Governor under existing law to contain information concerning the recovery supports that ODMHAS offers.

For state and federal reporting and evaluation purposes, requires ODMHAS to collect information concerning the delivery of recovery supports.

Authorizes ODMHAS facilities to exchange psychiatric records and other information with payers and providers of recovery supports.

Modifies the definitions of "community addiction services provider" and "community mental health services provider" to include a provider of recovery support who is compensated with public funds.

Requires each community addiction services provider to maintain a waiting list of individuals seeking a recovery support.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in costs for ODMHAS and ADAMHS boards.

MHACD7 Prohibition on discriminatory practices

R.C. ***340.12***

Prohibits an ADAMHS board or community addiction or mental health services provider from discriminating in the provision of addiction and mental health services, in employment, or under a contract on the basis of religion or age (in addition to race, color, creed, sex, national origin, or disability).

Fiscal effect: None.

MHACD1 Patient medical record confidentiality

R.C. ***5119.28, 5122.31***

Eliminates the confidentiality of specified mental health records and records from hospitalization or commitment due to a mental illness for any individual who has been deceased for 50 years or more.

Fiscal effect: None.

Executive

MHACD9 Mental health service provider noncompliance

R.C. ***5119.33, 5119.36, conforming changes in 5119.99***

Permits ODMHAS to suspend the admission of patients to a hospital treating mentally ill persons or a community addiction services provider offering overnight accommodations if it finds either of the following:

(1) That the hospital or provider is not in compliance with ODMHAS rules;

(2) The hospital or provider was cited for repeated violations during previous license or certification periods.

Permits ODMHAS to refuse to renew a hospital's license if (1) the hospital is no longer a suitable place for the care or treatment of mentally ill persons, (2) the hospital refuses to be subject to ODMHAS inspection or on-site review, (3) the hospital has failed to furnish humane, kind, and adequate treatment and care, or (4) the hospital has failed to comply with ODMHAS licensure rules.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal increase in costs to ODMHAS.

MHACD10 Licensing and operation of residential facilities

R.C. ***5119.34, Conforming changes in 340.03, 340.05, 5119.341, 5119.41, 5123.19***

Amends the definition of "residential facility" to create different classes of residential facilities based on the size of the facility and the types of services provided by the facility.

Expands the reasons ODMHAS may suspend admissions to a residential facility, refuse to issue or renew, or revoke a facility's license to also include:

(1) If the facility has been cited for a pattern of serious noncompliance or repeated violations during the current licensing period.

(2) If ODMHAS finds that an applicant or licensee submitted false or misleading information as part of an application, renewal, or investigation.

Executive

Requires ODMHAS to adopt rules establishing procedures for conducting background investigations of non-residential occupants.

Removes the duty that ODMHAS adopt rules governing procedures for obtaining an affiliation agreement between a residential facility and a community mental health services provider.

Replaces references to "conditional" certifications for mental heath service and addition service providers with "probationary and interim" certifications in the provision requiring ODMHAS to adopt rules establishing certification standards for mental health services and addiction services.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in costs related to licensing and enforcement of residential facilities.

MHACD3 Residential State Supplement

R.C. ***5119.41, 5119.411 (Repealed), Section 331.130***

Removes from the list of types of residences eligible for the residential state supplement an apartment or room certified and approved under Ohio law to provide community mental health housing services.

Permits an individual residing in a living arrangement housing more than 16 individuals to be eligible for the Program if the ODMHAS Director waives the size limitation with respect to that individual.

Removes the residential state supplement eligibility requirement that a residential state supplement administrative agency have determined that an individual's living environment is appropriate for the individual's needs.

Limits the referral requirements so that a residential state supplement administrative agency must refer an enrolled individual for an assessment only if the agency is aware that the individual has mental health needs.

Removes the requirement that ODMHAS maintain a waiting list for the Residential State Supplement Program.

Permits the Department of Medicaid, in addition to the applicable county department of job and family services, to (1) determine whether an applicant meets eligibility requirements and (2) notify each denied applicant of the applicant's right to a hearing.

Permits GRF line item 335610, Residential State Supplement, to be used by ODMHAS to provide training for residential facilities providing accommodations, supervision, and personal care services to three to sixteen unrelated adults with mental illness and to make benefit payments to residential state supplement recipients.

Executive

Permits GRF line item 335610, Residential State Supplement, to be used to transfer cash to the Nursing Home Franchise Permit Fee Fund (Fund 5R20), used by the Department of Medicaid.

Requires any transfer be made using an intrastate transfer voucher. Appropriates any transferred amount.

Reduces the appropriation of GRF line item 335610 by an amount equal to the amount transferred.

Requires ODMHAS to adopt rules establishing eligibility criteria and benefit payment amounts under section 5119.41 of the Revised Code.

Modifies the authority under which the ODMHAS Director adopts rules for the RSS Program from section 111.15 of the Revised Code to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

MHACD12 Office of Support Services Fund name change

R.C. ***5119.44***

Renames the Office of Support Services Fund (Fund 1510), used by ODMHAS, to the Ohio Pharmacy Services Fund.

Fiscal effect: None.

MHACD11 Agency report on alcohol and drug services

R.C. ***5119.161***

Eliminates the requirement that ODMHAS and the Department of Job and Family Services do both of the following:

(1) Submit a biennial report on the progress of a joint state plan to improve the accessibility and timeliness of alcohol and drug addiction services for individuals a public children services agency identifies as being in need of those services;

(2) Include as part of that plan a request for an appropriation to pay for alcohol and drug addiction services for caregivers of at-risk children.

Fiscal effect: Reduction in costs for ODMHAS and the Department of Job and Family Services.

Executive

MHACD2 Probate Court reimbursement for commitment of mentally ill

R.C. ***5122.36***

Eliminates the requirement of sending a probate court's transcript of proceedings to the mentally ill person's county of residence in order for the committing court to be reimbursed for its expenses and instead requires the sending of a copy of the commitment order.

Requires the receiving court to enter and record the commitment order.

Provides that the certified commitment order is prima facie evidence of the person's residence.

Fiscal effect: None.

MHACD28 Transition relating to consolidation of departments

Section: ***331.20***

Transfers all of the authority, functions, and assets and liabilities of the Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH) and the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS) to ODMHAS.

Transfers all duties, authorities, and responsibilities of the ODMH Director and ODADAS Director to the ODMHAS Director.

Deems any action, license, or certification undertaken or issued by the ODMH Director or ODADAS Director that is current and valid on July 1, 2013 to be an action, license, or certification undertaken or issued by ODMHAS under the statue creating the Department.

Requires any business not completed by ODMH or ODADAS by July 1, 2013 be completed by ODMHAS in the same manner, and with the same effect, as if completed by ODMH or ODADAS prior to July 1, 2013.

Prohibits any validation, cure, right, privilege, remedy, obligation, or liability be lost or impaired by the merger of ODMH and ODADAS into ODMHAS.

Requires ach such validation, cure, right, remedy, obligation, or liability be administered by ODMHAS pursuant to the statute creating that department.

Executive

Continues all rules, orders, and determinations made or undertaken pursuant to the authority and responsibilities of ODMH and ODADAS prior to July 1, 2013, as rules, orders, and determinations of ODMHAS until modified or rescinded by ODMHAS.

Requires the Director of the Legislative Service Commission to renumber the rules to reflect the transfer of authority and responsibility ODMHAS if necessary to ensure the integrity of the numbering system of the Administrative Code.

(1) Requires that any action or proceeding that is related to the functions or duties of ODMH or ODADAS pending on July 1, 2013, is not affected by the transfer of responsibility to ODMHAS and will be prosecuted or defended in the name of ODMHAS.

(2) Requires in all such actions and proceedings, ODMHAS, on application to the court, be substituted as a party.

MHACD17 Prevention and Wellness

Section: ***331.40***

Requires up to $1.5 million of GRF line item 336406, Prevention and Wellness, in each fiscal year be used to expand evidence-based prevention resources statewide.

Requires up to $1.0 million of GRF line item 336406, Prevention and Wellness, in each fiscal year be used to support and expand suicide prevention efforts.

MHACD18 Hospital Services

Section: ***331.50***

Requires GRF line item 336412, Hospital Services, be used for the operation of the State Regional Psychiatric Hospitals, including, but not limited to, all aspects involving civil and forensic commitment, treatment, and discharge as determined by ODMHAS Director.

Permits a portion of GRF line item 336412, Hospital services, to be used by ODMHAS to create, purchase, or contract for the custody, supervision, control, and treatment of persons committed to ODMHAS in other clinically appropriate environments, consistent with public safety.

Executive

MHACD20 Mental Health Facilities Lease-Rental Bond Payments

Section: ***331.60***

Requires GRF line item 336415, Mental Health Facilities Lease-Rental Bond Payments, be used to meet all payments during the period from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017, by ODMHAS under leases and agreements made under section 154.20 of the Revised Code.

MHACD19 Continuum of Care Services

Section: ***331.70***

Requires a portion of GRF line item 336421, Continuum of Care Services, be allocated to community ADAMHS boards in accordance with a distribution methodology determined by the ODMHAS Director for the boards to purchase mental health and addiction services.

Permits an ADAMHS board to use funds provided by GRF line item, 336421, Continuum of Care Services, to provide subsidized support for psychotropic medication needs of indigent citizens in the community to reduce unnecessary hospitalization due to lack of medication.

Permits an ADAMHS board to use funds provided by GRF line item, 336421, Continuum of Care Services, to provide subsidized support for medication assisted treatment costs.

Permits a portion of GRF line item 336421, Continuum of care Services, to be distributed to ADAMHS boards, community addiction and/or mental health services providers, courts, or other governmental entities to provide specific grants in support of mental health and addiction services initiatives.

Executive

MHACD21 Criminal Justice Services

Section: ***331.80***

Requires GRF line item 336422, Criminal Justice Services, be used to provide forensic psychiatric evaluations to courts of common pleas and to conduct evaluations of patients of forensic status in facilities operated or designated by ODMHAS prior to conditional release to the community.

Permits a portion of this line item to be allocated through community ADAMHS boards to community addiction and/or mental health services providers in accordance with a distribution methodology as determined by the ODMHAS Director.

Requires up to $1.0 million of GRF line item 336422, Criminal Justice Services, in each fiscal year be used to support specialty dockets and expand and/or create new certified court programs.

Permits GRF line item 336422, Criminal Justice Services, be also used to do the following:

(1) Provide forensic monitoring and tracking of individuals on conditional release;

(2) Provide forensic training;

(3) Support projects that assist courts and law enforcement to identify and develop appropriate alternative services to incarceration for nonviolent mentally ill offenders;

(4) Provide specialized re-entry services to offenders leaving prisons and jails;

(5) Provide specific grants in support of addiction services alternatives to incarceration; and

(6) Support therapeutic communities.

MHACD22 Addiction Treatment Program for Specialized Docket Programs

Section: ***331.90***

Requires ODMHAS conduct a pilot program to provide addiction treatment, including medication-assisted treatment, to persons who are offenders within the Criminal Justice System, eligible to participate in a certified drug court program, and are selected to be participants because of their dependence on opioids, alcohol, or both.

Executive

Requires ODMHAS conduct the program in those courts of Crawford, Franklin, Hardin, and Mercer counties that are conducting certified drug court programs.

Requires ODMHAS to conduct the program in a court that is conducting a certified drug court program in another county if any of these counties has no court conducting a certified drug court program.

Permits ODMHAS to conduct the program in any court that is conducting a certified drug court program in a county other than Crawford, Franklin, Hardin, and Mercer counties.

Requires ODMHAS collaborate with the Supreme Court, Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, and any agency of the state that ODMHAS determines may be of assistance in accomplishing the objectives of the program.

Permits ODMHAS to collaborate with ADAMHS boards and local law enforcement agencies that serve the counties in which a court participating in the program is located.

Requires a certified drug court program to select criminal offenders to be participants in the pilot program.

Caps the number of participants in the pilot program at 500 unless ODMHAS authorizes the maximum number to be exceeded in circumstances the Department considers to be appropriate.

Requires the treatment provided in a certified drug court program be provided by a certified community addiction services provider.

Requires specified services and duties to be provided and performed by a certified community addiction services provider for the pilot program.

Requires a report of the findings of the pilot be prepared by a research institution and include data derived from the testing and performance measures used in the program.

Requires the research institution complete its report not later than December 31, 2015.

Requires the report, upon its completion, to be submitted to the Governor, the Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, ODMHAS, Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, and any other state agency that ODMHAS collaborates with in conducting the pilot program.

Requires up to $2.5 million in each fiscal year of GRF line item 336422, Criminal Justice Services, be used to support the pilot program.

Executive

MHACD14 Bureau of Recovery Services

Section: ***331.100***

Transfers the Bureau of Recovery Services (BRS) in the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to ODMHAS.

Transfers all BRS employees to ODMHAS.

Specifies all of the following:

(1) Any rules, orders, and determinations pertaining to BRS continue in effect until modified or rescinded by ODMHAS.

(2) Any reference to BRS is deemed to refer to ODMHAS or its director, as appropriate.

(3) No pending proceeding is affected by the transfer, and must be prosecuted or defended in the name of ODMHAS or its director.

(4) No right, obligation, or remedy is lost or impaired by the transfer, and must be administered by ODMHAS.

Requires on July 1, 2015, or as soon as possible thereafter, the OBM Director to cancel any existing encumbrances against GRF line item 505321, Institutional Medical Services, used by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, that pertain to the Bureau of Recovery Services in the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

Requires the canceled encumbrances be reestablished against GRF line item 336423, Addiction Services Partnership with Corrections, used by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Reappropriates the reestablished encumbrance amounts.

Requires any business commenced but not completed under GRF line item 505321, Institutional Medical Services, pertaining to the Bureau of Recovery Services to be completed under GRF line item 336423, Addiction Services Partnership with Corrections, in the same manner, and with the same effect, as if completed with regard to GRF line item 505321, Institutional Medical Services.

MHACD23 Recovery Housing Appropriation

Section: ***331.110***

Requires GRF line item 336424, Recovery Housing, be used to expand and support access to recovery housing.

Executive

Defines recovery housing.

Permits medication-assisted treatment in recovery housing.

Requires ODMHAS to prioritize support for projects in counties of the state that are underserved or do not currently have recovery housing stock.

Requires ODMHAS to develop procedures to administer these funds in a manner that is consistent with current community capital assistance guidelines.

MHACD24 Community Innovations

Section: ***331.120***

Permits GRF line item 336504, Community Innovations, be used by ODMHAS to make targeted investments in programs, projects, or systems operated by or under the authority of other state agencies, governmental entities, or private not-for-profit agencies that impact, or are impacted by, the operations and functions of the Department, with the goal of achieving a net reduction in expenditure of state general revenue funds and/or improved outcomes for Ohio citizens without a net increase in state general revenue fund spending.

Requires the ODMHAS Director to identify and evaluate programs, projects, or systems proposed or operated, in whole or in part, outside of the authority of the Department, where targeted investment of these funds in the program, project, or system is expected to decrease demand for the Department or other resources funded with state general revenue funds, and/or to measurably improve outcomes for Ohio citizens with mental illness or with alcohol, drug, or gambling addictions.

Grants the ODMHAS Director discretion to transfer money from GRF line item 336504, Community Innovations, to other state agencies, governmental entities, or private not-for-profit agencies in amounts, and subject to conditions, that the Director determines most likely to achieve state savings and/or improved outcomes.

Requires ODMHAS to enter into an agreement with each recipient of community innovation funds, identifying: allowable expenditure of the funds; other commitment of funds or other resources to the program, project, or system; expected state savings and/or improved outcomes and proposed mechanisms for measurement of such savings or outcomes; and required reporting regarding expenditure of funds and savings or outcomes achieved.

Requires up to $3.0 million of GRF line item 336504, Community Innovations, in each fiscal year be used to provide funding for community projects across the state that focus on support for families, assisting families in avoiding crisis, and

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crisis intervention.

Requires up to $500,000 of GRF line item 336504, Community Innovations, in each fiscal year be used to enhance access to Naloxone across the state.

Requires up to $3.0 million of GRF line item 336504, Community Innovations, in each fiscal year be used to improve collaboration between local jails, state hospitals, and treatment providers in order to reduce transfers, improve safety and judicial oversight as well as address capacity issues in both jails and state hospitals.

Requires up to $100,000 of GRF line item 336504, Community Innovations, in each fiscal year be used to continue ODMHAS cross-agency efforts to share evidence-based practices that encourage the use of trauma-informed care.

Requires up to $1.0 million of GRF line item 336504, Community Innovations, in each fiscal year be used to implement strategies to increase job opportunities, reduce the number of positive drug screens, and improve workforce readiness for individuals in recovery.

MHACD15 Early Childhood Mental Health Counselors and Consultation

Section: ***331.140***

Requires GRF line item 336511, Early Childhood Mental Health Counselors and Consultation, be used to promote identification and intervention for early childhood mental health and to enhance healthy social emotional development in order to reduce preschool to third grade classroom expulsions.

Requires funds be used by ODMHAS to support early childhood mental health credentialed counselors and consultation services, as well as administration and workforce development for the program.

MHACD16 Medicaid Support

Section: ***331.143***

Requires ODMHAS to administer specified Medicaid services as delegated by the State's single agency responsible for the Medicaid Program.

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Requires ODMHAS use GRF line item 652321, Medicaid Support, to fund the Medicaid-related services and supports performed by the Department.

MHACD25 Problem Gambling and Casino Addictions

Section: ***331.150***

Requires a portion of line item 336629, Problem Gambling and Casino Addictions, be allocated to ADAMHS boards in accordance with a distribution methodology determined by the ODMHAS Director.

MHACD26 Family and Children First Flexible Funding Pool

Section: ***331.160***

Permits a county family and children first council to establish and operate a flexible funding pool in order to assure access to needed services by families, children, and older adults in need of protective services.

Requires the operation of the flexible funding pools be subject to the following restrictions:

(1) Requires the county council to establish and operate the flexible funding pool in accordance with formal guidance issued by the Family and Children First Cabinet Council;

(2) Requires the county council to produce an annual report on its use of the pooled funds. The annual report shall conform to a format prescribed in the formal guidance issued by the Family and Children First Cabinet Council;

(3) Permits, unless otherwise restricted, funds transferred to the flexible funding pool to include state general revenues allocated to local entities to support the provision of services to families and children;

(4) Requires the amounts transferred to the flexible funding pool to be limited to amounts that can be redirected without impairing the achievement of the objectives for which the initial allocation is designated; and

(5) Each amount transferred to the flexible funding pool from a specific allocation shall be approved for transfer by the director of the local agency that was the original recipient of the allocation.

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MHACD13 Medicaid spending as maintenance of effort

Section: ***331.170***

Requires the designation of administering agency for federal aid be held jointly by ODMHAS and the Department of Medicaid for determining maintenance of effort pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 300x-30.

Keeps ODMHAS as the designated agency for all other purposes established by 42 U.S.C. 300x et. seq. and section 5119.32 of the Revised Code.

MHACD27 Access Success II Program

Section: ***331.180***

Permits, to the extent cash is available, the Director of Budget and Management to transfer cash from the Money Follows the Person Enhanced Reimbursement Fund (Fund 5AJ0), used by the Department of Medicaid, to the Sale of Goods and Services Fund (Fund 1490), used by ODMHAS.

Appropriates the transferred cash.

Requires ODMHAS to use the transferred funds to administer the Access Success II Program to help non-Medicaid patients in any hospital established, controlled, or supervised by the Department under Chapter 5119. of the Revised Code to transition from inpatient status to a community setting.

MHACD29 Fund abolishments

Section: ***512.60***

Abolishes the Medicaid Legacy Costs Support Fund (Fund 3J80) and transfers the balance to the Community Medicaid Fund (Fund 3B10).

Abolishes the following funds and transfers the balances to the Mental Health Trust Fund (Fund 4P90):

(1) Recovery Assistance Fund (Fund 5DG0),

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(2) Revolving Loans for Recovery Homes Fund (4C50),
(3) Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Fund (5BR0),
(4) Criminal Justice Prevention and Treatment Collaborative (Fund 5DV0),
(5) Non-Federal Grant Fund (Fund 5V20),
(6) Board Match Reimbursement Fund (Fund 5JW0), and
(7) Mental Health Board Risk Fund (Fund 6920).

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DNRCD11 **Sale, transfer, or use of Department of Natural Resources property and water**

R.C. ***1501.01***

Requires the Director of Natural Resources to obtain the Governor's approval only for specified types of property transactions in an amount of $50,000 or more rather than generally requiring both the Governor's and Attorney General's approval of any such transaction in any amount as in current law.

Generally requires any such transaction, regardless of the amount, to be executed in accordance with a provision of the Conveyances and Encumbrances Law that requires specific actions to be taken regarding conveyances of state real estate, including drafting by the Auditor of State and signature by the Governor.

Fiscal effect: Potential reduction in administrative costs for DNR's Office of Real Estate for smaller, more routine property transactions.

DNRCD4 **Public notice regarding construction projects overseen by DNR**

R.C. ***1501.011***

Requires the Department of Natural Resources to use the general newspaper publication procedures outlined in current law (R.C. 7.16) for notices regarding its supervision of the design and construction of, and entering into contracts for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, enlargement, alteration, repair, or decoration of, certain projects such as dam repairs, waterway safety improvement, and Division of Wildlife improvements.

Fiscal effect: There would likely be a negligible decrease in publication costs incurred by the Division of Engineering under GRF appropriation item 736321, Division of Engineering as R.C. 7.16 allows for an abbreviated second notice.

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DNRCD3 **Responsibility for producing mining operation annual reports**

R.C. ***1505.10, 1561.04***

Transfers the responsibility to prepare and publish certain mining operation annual reports from the Chief of the Division of Geological Survey or the Chief of the Division of Mineral Resources Management, as applicable, to the Director of Natural Resources or the Director's designee.

Authorizes the Director or the Director's designee to require the Division of Mineral Resources Management to perform certain duties currently performed by the Division of Geological Survey.

Fiscal effect: Some costs paid currently paid from Geologic Mapping Fund (Fund 5110), used by the Division of Geological Survey, would be shifted to the Surface Mining Fund (Fund 5270), used by the Division of Mineral Resource Management.

DNRCD5 **Application of Oil and Gas Law provisions to public land**

R.C. ***1509.01***

Applies to public land provisions in the Oil and Gas Law governing minimum distances of wells from the boundaries of tracts, voluntary and mandatory pooling, special drilling units, establishment of exception tracts to which minimum acreage and distance requirements do not apply, unit operation of a pool, and revision of an existing tract by a person holding a permit under that Law by revising the definition of "tract" to mean a single, individual parcel or land or a portion of a single, individual parcel of land rather than a single, individually taxed parcel of land appearing on the tax list.

Fiscal effect: This may result in property owned by the state or political subdivision becoming subject to a voluntary pooling arrangement or mandatory pooling order. As a member of a resource pool public entities would be subject to the costs, and enjoy the benefits, including royalties, or participation in the pool.

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DNRCD6 Application of Oil and Gas Law to business entities

R.C. ***1509.01***

Applies the Oil and Gas Law to a limited liability company, a joint venture, and any other forms of business organization or entity by including them in the definition or "person" in that Law.

Fiscal effect: None apparent. Modification to the definition clarifies that all business entities are subject to the Oil and Gas Law.

DNRCD9 Registration of persons engaged in activities regulated under the Oil and Gas Law

R.C. ***1509.051***

Requires a person who intends to engage in an activity regulated under the Oil and Gas Law to register with the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management and disclose all felony convictions or felony guilty pleas of or by the person and officers of the person to specified water pollution control laws that have occurred within the previous 25 years from the date of registration.

Authorizes the Chief of the Division to request additional information regarding such a felony conviction or felony guilty plea, except for information extending to the person's corporate parent entities.

Authorizes the Chief to request the Superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation to review federal and state criminal records with respect to any person that submitted a form for registration.

Authorizes the Chief to deny a person's registration by issuance of an order after reviewing the information submitted, any additional information requested, and any information received from a criminal records review requested by the Chief.

Prohibits the Chief from issuing a permit, registration certificate, or order authorizing an activity under the Oil and Gas Law to a person whose registration was denied.

Excludes from the requirement to register a person that prior to the effective date of the provision is (1) already registered with the Division, (2) already issued a permit, registration certificate, or order authorizing an activity under the Oil and Gas Law, or (3) lawfully engaged in the storage, treatment, processing or disposing of brine or other waste substances associated with oil and gas resources.

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Allows a person denied a registration to reapply for a registration beginning three months from the date on which the Chief's order denying the registration becomes final and nonappealable.

Fiscal effect: There would likely be an increase in administrative costs paid from the Oil and Gas Well Fund (Fund 5180), depending upon the number of registrants, denials, and appeals.

DNRCD7 Application fee for permit to plug back existing oil or gas wells

R.C. ***1509.06***

Removes a fee exemption in current law for permit applications to plug back existing oil or gas wells, thus requiring such applications to include a nonrefundable fee as follows: (1) $500 for a permit to conduct activities in a township with a population of fewer than 10,000, (2) $750 for a permit to conduct activities in a township with a population of 10,000 to 14,999, or (3) $1,000 for a permit to conduct activities in either a township with a population of 15,000 or more or a municipal corporation regardless of population.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in fee revenue deposited to the credit of the Oil and Gas Well Fund (Fund 5180).

DNRCD35 Disclosure of chemical records and information under the Oil and Gas Law

R.C. ***1509.10***

Does all of the following pertaining to the disclosure of chemical records:

(1) Requires that an owner or person who is required under current law to maintain records for a product, fluid, or substance or chemical component in a product, fluid, or substance designated by the owner or person as a trade secret must maintain the records for a period of at least two years from the date the product, fluid, substance, or chemical component was brought to a location regulated under or subject to the Oil and Gas Law rather than from the date it was placed in a well.

(2) Adds that an owner or person who is required under current law, upon request of the Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management, to disclose to the Chief records necessary to respond to a spill, release, or investigation must disclose the records or information without undue delay.

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(3) Requires an owner or person that received a request for records or information to label and clearly identify all records or information that has been designated as a trade secret.

(4) Authorizes the Chief to provide such records or information to any state agency or emergency responder that is responding to a spill or release or that is participating in an investigation of a spill or release.

(5) Requires the Chief, if the Chief provides the records or information to a state agency or emergency responder, to notify, as soon as practicable, the owner or person that disclosed the records or information that the Chief has provided the records or information to a state agency or emergency responder, as applicable.

(6) Prohibits the state agency or emergency responder receiving the information, in addition to the Chief, from disclosing the records or information designated as a trade secret unless otherwise authorized by state law.

(7) Specifies that: (A) the provision of records or information by the Chief to a state agency or emergency responder does not affect the designation of a trade secret under the Oil and Gas Law; (B) the Chief's provision of records or information to a state agency or emergency responder does not subject the record or information to public disclosure; and (C) that nothing precludes an owner or person that has designated a trade secret under the Oil and Gas Law and has disclosed records or information to the Chief from requesting a confidentiality agreement with a recipient of the information.

Fiscal effect: The Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management may incur a negligible increase in administrative costs to notify the owner or person that disclosed records to the Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management that the Chief has provided the records or information to a state agency or emergency responder. Administrative costs of the Division are paid from the Oil and Gas Well Fund (Fund 5180).

DNRCD16 Mandatory pooling

R.C. ***1509.27***

Authorizes the owner who has the right to drill to request a mandatory pooling order under the Oil and Gas Law rather than the owner of the tract of land who is also the owner of the mineral interest as in current law.

Revises that Law regarding mandatory pooling to distinguish between mineral rights owners and surface rights owners.

Fiscal effect: None apparent.

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DNRCD36 Application procedures for compulsory unitization order

R.C. ***1509.28***

(1) Authorizes a person who has obtained the mineral rights to 65% or more of tracts overlying a pool to submit a compulsory unitization order. (Current law allows the owners of 65% of the land area overlying a pool to apply for such an order; it also allows the Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management to consider the need for the unit operation.)

(2) In addition to requiring a $10,000 nonrefundable fee as under current law, requires an applicant for a compulsory unitization order to also submit specified information to the Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management, including maps of the proposed unit and an affidavit attesting that the applicant has obtained the mineral rights to at least 65% of the tracts overlying a pool.

(3) Requires the Chief to review the application to determine if it is complete and to notify the applicant if the application is incomplete, and allows the applicant to submit missing information.

(4) Requires the Chief to schedule a hearing upon determining that the application is complete and to notify the applicant of the scheduled hearing date.

(5) Requires the applicant to notify by certified mail all unleased mineral rights owners proposed to be included in the unit and all working interest owners in the unit at least 30 days before the scheduled hearing date and to publish notice in local newspapers.

(6) Requires the Chief to do both of the following: (A) determine whether the hearing should proceed and, if it should not because of incomplete or improper notification, notify the applicant, all unleased mineral rights owners, all working interest owners, and any other person the Chief determines is necessary; and (B) post on the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management's web site all changes to scheduled hearings.

(7) Authorizes the Chief to establish procedures and requirements governing hearings on compulsory unitization orders.

Fiscal effect: None. The provisions do not substantially alter the duties or activities dealing with unitization that are required of the Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas under current law.

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DNRCD37 Issuance of compulsory unitization order and requirements governing compulsory unitization

R.C. ***1509.28***

(1) Similar to current law, authorizes the Chief to issue a compulsory unitization order if the Chief finds that operation as a unit is reasonably necessary to increase substantially the ultimate recovery of oil and gas, and the value of the estimated additional recovery exceeds the estimated additional costs to conduct the operation.

(2) Similar to current law, authorizes the Chief, in a compulsory unitization order, to include in the unit any tract that is not subject to a voluntary agreement if an applicant is unable to enter into a voluntary agreement creating a unit and the Chief determines that a compulsory unitization order will prevent or assist in preventing waste, avoid drilling of unnecessary wells, or protect correlative rights, and specifies that a mineral rights owner of a tract included in such a unit is considered an unleased mineral rights owner.

(3) Retains the requirement that the Chief's order include terms and conditions that are just and reasonable and prescribe a plan for unit operation that includes specified items, but revises and expands the list of items as follows: (A) requires an allocation to the separately owned tracts in the unit area of all oil, gas, condensate, and natural gas liquids produced rather than only oil and gas; (B) requires a provision for credits and charges to be made in adjustments among owners to instead be made in adjustments among the person to whom the order is issued and working interest owners in the area; © adds a requirement that the plan include a provision requiring an accounting of the actual costs of unit creation and operation, including costs of producing, gathering, storing, separating, treating, dehydrating, compressing, processing, transporting, pipeline construction and maintenance, and marketing and taxes; and (D) adds a requirement that the plan include a provision requiring an accounting that demonstrates net proceeds for unit creation and operation.

(4) Revises the stipulation that a compulsory unitization order does not become effective unless and until the plan for unit operations prescribed by the Chief in the order has been approved in writing by owners who will be required to pay at least 65% of the unit operation's costs to instead require such approval by a majority of the mineral rights owners of the unit, including the person to whom the order is issued and the working interest owners who will be required to pay those costs.

(5) Requires the person to whom a compulsory unitization order is issued to record the order in the office of the county recorder in each county in which the unit is to be located within ten days of the effective date of the order, and specifies that if the person fails to so record, the order ceases to be of force and must be revoked by the Chief.

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(6) Generally retains the Chief's authority to amend a compulsory unitization order by an order, but requires the Chief to determine if additional information, a hearing, or a new application for a compulsory unitization order are required for the amendment.

(7) Allows the Chief to amend a compulsory unitization order after commencement of operations on a unit.

(8) States all of the following: (A) the Chief retains continuing jurisdiction over any unit created by a compulsory unitization order consistent with the Chief's authority under the Oil and Gas Law; (B) a compulsory unitization order takes precedence over any terms included in any agreement between the person to whom the order is issued and any voluntary participants in the unit, including working interest owners; and © a compulsory unitization order terminates if drilling operations in the unit are not begun by the date required by the order

Fiscal effect: These provisions could increase administrative costs for the Division of Oil and Gas Resources by a minimal amount. Administrative costs of the Division of Oil and Gas are paid from the Oil and Gas Well Fund (Fund 5180). County recorders might bear some additional workload for recording unitization orders, but those costs would be offset by recordation fees collected.

DNRCD38 Payment of royalties under a compulsory unitization order

R.C. ***1509.28***

(1) Requires the person to whom a compulsory unitization order is issued to pay each unleased mineral rights owner included in the unit a monthly cash payment equal to a one-eighth landowner royalty interest calculated on gross proceeds at the same time that a royalty payment is made to a voluntary participant in the unit that is owed a royalty payment.

(2) Requires that after the person to whom an order is issued recovers not more than 200% of the actual cost of well site construction, drilling, testing, completing, and producing for a well, the person must pay an unleased mineral rights owner a monthly cash payment equal to a seven-eighths share of the net proceeds of production in addition to the royalties discussed above, and states that when a cost is charged to a well, the same cost cannot be charged to subsequent wells in the unit or in another unit.

(3) Specifies that allocation of royalties must be based on the unit participation of an unleased mineral rights owner's tract, as determined on a surface acreage basis unless otherwise specified by the Chief in the compulsory unitization order.

Fiscal effect: None.

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DNRCD39 Prohibitions, liability, and enforcement under compulsory unitization orders

R.C. ***1509.28***

(1) Prohibits the person to whom a compulsory unitization order is issued from conducting surface operations on or causing disturbances to the surface of the land on a tract belonging to an unleased mineral rights owner included in the unit by a compulsory unitization order without the written consent of the owner of the surface tract approving the operation or disturbance and without providing a copy of that written consent to the Chief.

(2) States that an unleased mineral rights owner of any tract included in a compulsory unitization order does not incur liability for any personal or property damage associated with any drilling, testing, completing, producing, operating, or plugging activities of any well within a unit subject to an order.

(3) Generally retains existing law stating that operations conducted pursuant to a compulsory unitization order constitute a fulfillment of all the express or implied obligations of each lease or contract covering tracts in the unit to the extent that compliance with those obligations cannot be had because of the Chief's order.

(4) Establishes that violations of the prohibitions against failing to comply with all of the following provisions are strict liability offenses: (A) the requirement that an applicant send by certified mail notice of a hearing; (B) the requirement that a person to whom a compulsory unitization order is issued pay specified royalties; © the requirement that a person to whom a compulsory unitization order is issued obtain written consent of the owner of the surface tract and provide that written consent to the Chief before conducting surface operations or causing surface disturbances; and (D) the requirement that a person to whom a compulsory unitization order is issued record the order in the office of each applicable county recorder and provide proof of the recording to the Chief.

Fiscal effect: Establishing that violations of the prohibitions listed above are strict liability offenses could increase the likelihood that these violations are prosecuted and, if so, create additional workload for county common pleas courts. Any subsequent costs incurred by the courts could be at least partially offset by fine revenue collected following a conviction.

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DNRCD40 Other provisions pertaining to compulsory unitization under the Oil and Gas Law

R.C. ***1509.28, Section 803.10***

(1) Generally retains through reenactment several provisions of law, including allocation of oil, gas, condensate, and natural gas liquids (oil and gas in existing law) to separately owned tracts, contracts relating to the sale or purchase of production from a separately owned tract, and ownership of property, and modifies them to apply in the context of compulsory unitization.

(2) Defines "working interest owner," "gross proceeds," and "net proceeds" for purposes of compulsory unitization.

(3) Stipulates that orders issued under existing law governing unitization continue in effect notwithstanding all of the above revisions.

Fiscal effect: None.

DNRCD13 Penalties under the Oil and Gas Law

R.C. ***1509.33, 1509.99***

Increases the maximum civil penalty for violations of certain sections of the Oil and Gas Law or any term or condition of a permit or order issued under the Oil and Gas Law, from not more than $4,000 to not more than $10,000 per offense.

Increases the maximum civil penalty for certain drilling and mineral extraction activities or the terms or conditions of a permit to conduct those activities from not more than $2,500 to not more than $10,000 per violation.

Increases criminal penalties for certain violations of the Oil and Gas Law, and specifies that a violation of the statutes governing the management, transportation, and disposal of brine is a misdemeanor for a first offense and a felony for each subsequent offense.

States that a person who violates the general permit requirements of the Oil and Gas Law and provisions of that Law governing a permit for recovery operations, or any term or condition of a permit or order, is liable for damage or injury caused by the violation and for the actual cost of rectifying the violation and conditions caused by it.

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Establishes that a person may be subject to both a civil penalty and a term of imprisonment under the Oil and Gas Law for the same offense. (Under current law, a person cannot be subject to both a civil penalty and a criminal penalty for the same offense.)

Provides that if a person is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation or any provision of the Oil and Gas Law, the sentencing court may order the person to reimburse the state agency or a political subdivision for any actual response costs.

Fiscal effect: The Oil and Gas Well Fund (Fund 5180) could receive some new revenue as a result of increased civil penalties and criminal fines. Counties could also gain revenue if prosecution of violations results in a conviction in county common pleas court. Most likely, very few violators would be sent to jail or prison.

DNRCD14 Financial assurance for brine and other waste treatment

R.C. ***1509.211, Section 715.10***

Requires an applicant for a permit or order to store, recycle, treat, or process brine or other waste substances to file with the Director of Natural Resources or the Director's designee a surety bond in an amount established in rules, not to exceed $2 million, and conditioned on compliance with the Oil and Gas Law and rules adopted under it, and establishes requirements and procedures governing the issuance and deposit of such bonds.

Authorizes a brine storage permit applicant to deposit cash or negotiable certificates of deposit in lieu of a surety bond, and establishes requirements and procedures governing their issuance and deposit.

Requires such a person to maintain the surety bond or other financial assurance until the person complies with rules governing the closure of the location for which a brine storage permit or order was issued or, if no such rules are adopted, until the Director or the Director's designee inspects the location and issues a written approval of closure.

Authorizes the Director or the Director's designee to issue a bond forfeiture order to a person who has been issued a brine storage permit if the Director or the Director's designee finds that the person has failed to comply with a final nonappealable enforcement order or a compliance agreement, and requires all money collected from such forfeitures to be deposited in the existing Oil and Gas Well Fund.

Requires an applicant for a brine storage permit to obtain liability insurance coverage in an amount established in rules, not to exceed $12 million, and requires the insurance to provide coverage to pay damages for injury to persons or damage to property caused by the location for which the permit was issued.

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Fiscal effect: If the Director or Director's designee issues a bond forfeiture order, there would be an increase in revenue deposited in the Oil and Gas Well Fund (Fund 5180).

DNRCD10 Brine transportation

R.C. ***1509.222, 1509.223***

Prohibits anyone from transporting brine in any manner, rather than just by vehicle, without being registered by the Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management.

Requires an applicant for a registration certificate to transport brine to list each pipeline that will be used to transport brine.

Prohibits a registered transporter from allowing any other person to use the transporter's registration certificate to transport brine.

Prohibits a permit holder or owner of a well for which a permit has been issued under the Oil and Gas Law from entering into an agreement with a person who is not registered to transport brine to dispose of brine at the well.

Requires a registered transporter to keep on each vessel, railcar, and container used to transport brine, in addition to each vehicle, a daily log and keep a daily log for each pipeline used to transport brine. Requires all logs to be made available upon request of the Chief, the Chief's authorized representative, or a peace officer.

Requires registered transporters to legibly identify vessels, railcars, and containers used to transport brine, in addition to just vehicles as required under current law.

Requires registered transporters to legibly identify pipelines so used in a manner similar to the identification of underground gas lines by marking the identification number issued by the Chief, including the word "Brine", and indicating the name and telephone number of the transporter.

Fiscal effect: Under current law, anyone who wishes to transport brine by vehicle must register with the Division and pay a fee of $500, deposited into the Oil and Gas Well Fund (Fund 5180). The bill would extend this requirement to anyone who wishes to transport brine by pipelines, resulting in some additional fees deposited into Fund 5180.

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DNRCD8 Emergency planning and community right to know requirements applicable to oil and gas facilities

R.C. ***1509.231, 1509.11, 1509.23, 3750.081, and 3750.13***

Requires all persons that are regulated under the Oil and Gas Law and rules adopted under it, rather than only owners or operators of facilities that are regulated under the Law, to submit specified information to the Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management for inclusion in a database.

Modifies provisions to be included in the rules governing the database by requiring the rules to ensure both: (A) that the Emergency Response Commission, the local emergency planning committee of the emergency planning district in which a facility is located, and the fire department that has jurisdiction over a facility have access to the database (rather than the Commission and every local emergency planning committee and fire department in Ohio as in current law); and (B) that the information submitted for the database be made immediately available (rather than available via the Internet or a system of computer disks as in current law) to the above entities.

Revises current law by stipulating that an owner or operator is deemed to have satisfied all of the inventory requirements established under the Emergency Planning Law by complying with the bill's database submission requirements rather than by filing a log and production statement with the Chief as in current law.

Fiscal effect: The Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management will incur cost for developing and managing the database.

DNRCD12 Notification of emergencies under Oil and Gas Law

R.C. ***1509.232***

Requires a person engaging in an activity regulated under the Oil and Gas Law and rules adopted under it to notify the Director of Natural Resources or the Director's designee of specified emergency occurrences, such as an uncontrolled release of gas or oil that may jeopardize worker safety or public safety, within 30 minutes of such an occurrence.

Requires a person who performs services on behalf of an owner of a well to notify the well owner within 30 minutes if one of the specified emergency occurrences occurs at the well or associated production operation.

Authorizes the Director to adopt rules necessary for the administration of these provisions.

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Establishes that failure to comply with the above requirements is a strict liability offense.

Fiscal effect: The Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management might incur some additional expense for overseeing these requirements, but those costs are uncertain.

DNRCD15 Streams and wetlands restoration by coal mining and reclamation operators

R.C. ***1513.16***

Requires a coal mining and reclamation operator to restore on the permit area streams and wetlands affected by mining operations unless the Chief of the Division of Mineral Resources Management approves mitigation activities off the permit area without a coal mining and reclamation permit instead, provided that the Chief first makes all of the following written determinations:
(1) A hydrologic and engineering assessment demonstrates that restoration on the permit area is not possible;
(2) The proposed mitigation plan under which mitigation activities described in item (3) will be conducted is limited to a stream or wetland, or a portion of a stream or wetland, for which restoration on the permit area is not possible;
(3) Mitigation activities off the permit area, including mitigation banking and payment of in-lieu mitigation fees, will be performed pursuant to a permit issued under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act or a state isolated wetland permit or pursuant to a no-cost reclamation contract for the restoration of water resources affected by past mining activities; and
(4) The proposed mitigation plan and mitigation activities comply with the performance standards applicable to operators.

Requires the operator, if the Chief approves restoration off the permit area, to complete all mitigation construction or other activities required by the mitigation plan.

Specifies that performance security for reclamation activities on the permit area must be released pursuant to current law, except that any release of the remaining portion of performance security must not be approved prior to the construction of required mitigation activities off the permit area.

Fiscal effect: Uncertain impact on the Coal Mining Administration and Reclamation Reserve Fund (Fund 5260) used by the Division of Mineral Resources Management.

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DNRCD1 Permissible uses of the Wildlife Boater Angler Fund

R.C. ***1531.35***

Adds to the permissible uses of the Wildlife Boater Angler Fund, which is limited to funding boating access construction, improvements, maintenance and certain equipment and personnel costs under current law, by also including the repair of dams and impoundments, and acquisitions, including lands and facilities for boating access.

Specifies that the activities described above must occur on waters, rather than only on lakes, on which the operation of gasoline-powered watercraft is permissible.

Increases from $200,000 to $500,000 the amount of annual expenditures from the Fund that may be used to pay for equipment and personnel costs.

Fiscal effect: Expanding the permissible uses of the fund, together with increasing the maximum allowable expenditures for equipment and personnel costs, may result in increased spending from the Wildlife Boater Angler Fund (Fund 5P20). Fund 5P20 receives 0.125% of revenues from the motor vehicle fuel tax.

DNRCD2 Nonresident deer permits and hunting licenses

R.C. ***1533.10, 1533.11, and 1533.12***

Increases the nonresident hunting license fee and the apprentice nonresident hunting license fee from $124 to $149.

Revises existing law requiring procurement of a $23 deer permit to hunt deer by establishing a nonresident deer permit ($99), and a resident deer permit ($23).

Revises existing law requiring a person on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces who is either stationed in Ohio or on leave or furlough to obtain a deer permit by requiring such a person to obtain a resident deer permit and specifying that the person is eligible to obtain a resident deer permit regardless of whether the person is a resident of Ohio.

Specifies that the fee for a youth deer permit is ½ the price of a regular resident deer permit regardless of residency.

Fiscal effect: DNR estimates the number of nonresident hunting licenses and deer permits to be approximately 38,000 and 41,000 respectively. If the same number are sold under the increased fees, there would be a gain in license and permit revenue deposited into the Wildlife Fund (Fund 7015) of a few million dollars annually.

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DNRCD17 Central Support Indirect

Section: ***337.20***

Requires the Director of Natural Resources with the approval of the Director of Budget and Management, to determine each DNR division's payments (with the exception of the Division of Wildlife) into the Central Support Fund (Fund 1570). Requires the methodology used to determine the payments to contain the characteristics of administrative ease and uniform application in compliance with federal grant requirements, and allows the methodology to include direct cost charges for specific services provided. Requires payments to Fund 1570 to be made using intrastate transfer voucher.

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 725401, Division of Wildlife - Operating Subsidy, be used to cover the indirect costs of the Division of Wildlife.

DNRCD18 Parks and Recreational Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments

Section: ***337.30***

Requires GRF appropriation item 725413, Parks and Recreational Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments, to be used during the FY 2016- FY 2017 biennium to make payments on behalf of DNR pursuant to leases and agreements made under section 154.22 of the Revised Code. Specifies that these appropriations are the source of funds pledged for bond service charges on related obligations issued under Chapter 154 or the Revised Code.

DNRCD19 Canal Lands

Section: ***337.30***

Requires GRF appropriation item 725456, Canal Lands, to be used to provide operating expenses for the State Canal Lands Program.

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DNRCD20 Healthy Lake Erie Program

Section: ***337.30***

Requires GRF appropriation item 725505, Healthy Lake Erie Fund, to be used by the Director of Natural Resources, in consultation with the Director of Agriculture and the Director of Environmental Protection, to implement nonstatutory recommendations of the Agriculture Nutrients and Water Quality Working Group. Requires the Director to give priority to recommendations that encourage farmers to adopt agricultural production guidelines commonly known as 4R nutrient stewardship practices. Allows funds to be used for enhanced soil testing in the Western Lake Erie Basin, monitoring the quality of Lake Erie and its tributaries, and conducting research and establishing pilot projects that have the goal of reducing algae blooms in Lake Erie.

DNRCD21 Coal and Mine Safety Program

Section: ***337.30***

Requires GRF appropriation item 725507, Coal and Mine Safety Program, to be used for the administration of the Mine Safety Program and the Coal Regulation Program.

DNRCD22 Transfer of funds for mineral resource management

Section: ***337.30***

Allows, during the FY 2016 - FY 2017 biennium, the Director of Budget and Management, at the request of the Director of Natural Resources, following the identification of available balances in the Unreclaimed Land Fund (Fund 5290), to transfer up to $500,000 per year from Fund 5290 to the Coal Mining Administration and Reclamation Reserve Fund (Fund 5260). Specifies that the cash transfer to Fund 5260 be used to operate the Coal Regulatory Program.

Allows, during the FY 2016 - FY 2017 biennium, the Director of Budget and Management, at the request of the Director of Natural Resources, following the identification of available balances in Fund 5290, to transfer up to $800,000 per year from Fund 5290 to the Surface Mining Fund (Fund 5270). Specifies that the cash transfer to Fund 5270 be used to operate the

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Industrial Minerals and Ohio Mine Safety and Training programs.

DNRCD23 Natural Resource General Obligation Bond Debt Service

Section: ***337.30***

Requires GRF appropriation item 725903, Natural Resources General Obligation Bond Debt Service, to be used during the FY 2016-FY 2017 biennium to pay all debt service and related financing costs on obligations issued under sections 151.01 and 151.05 of the Revised Code.

DNRCD24 Soil and Water Districts

Section: ***337.40***

Allows DNR to use appropriation item 725683, Soil and Water Districts, to pay any soil and water conservation district an annual amount not to exceed $40,000, upon receipt of a request and justification from the district and approval by the Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Requires the county auditor to credit payments to the special fund established under Section 1515.10 of the Revised Code for the local soil and water conservation district. Specifies that moneys received by each district be expended for the purposes of the district.

DNRCD25 Oil and Gas Well Plugging

Section: ***337.40***

Requires Fund 5180 appropriation item 725677, Oil and Gas Well Plugging, to be used exclusively for plugging wells and properly restoring the land surface of idle and orphan oil and gas wells pursuant to section 1509.071 of the Revised Code. Prohibits funds from the appropriation item from being used for salaries, maintenance, equipment, or other administrative purposes, except for those costs directly attributed to the plugging of an idle or orphan well. Prohibits the appropriation item from being used to transfer cash to any other fund or appropriation item.

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DNRCD26 Transfer of funds for Oil and Gas Division and Geological Mapping Operations

Section: ***337.40***

Allows the Director of Budget and Management, in consultation with the Director of Natural Resources, to transfer cash as necessary from the GRF to the Oil and Gas Well Fund (Fund 5180) and the Geological Mapping Fund (Fund 5110) during the FY 2016-FY 2017 biennium. Requires that the cash transfer to Fund 5180 be used for handling the increased regulatory work related to the expansion of the Oil and Gas Program that will occur before receipts from this activity are deposited into Fund 5180. Requires the cash transferred to Fund 5110 be used for handling the increased field and laboratory research efforts related to the expansion of the Oil and Gas Program that will occur before receipts from this activity are deposited into Fund 5110. Requires the Directors of OBM and DNR to establish a schedule for repaying the transferred cash from Fund 5180 and Fund 5110 to the GRF once receipts from severance taxes, application and permitting fees, and other sources have accrued to Funds 5180 and 5110 in such amounts as are considered sufficient to sustain expanded operations.

DNRCD27 Watercraft Marine Patrol

Section: ***337.50***

Requires up to $200,000 in each fiscal year from Fund 7086 appropriation item 739401, Division of Watercraft, to be expended for the purchase of equipment for marine patrols qualifying for funding from DNR pursuant to R.C.1547.67. Requires proposals for equipment to accompany an application for a marine patrol subsidy loaned to eligible patrols pursuant to a cooperative agreement between the patrols and the Department of Natural Resources.

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DNRCD28 Well log filing fees

Section: ***337.60***

Requires the Chief of the Division of Soil and Water Resources to deposit well log filing fees forwarded to the Division into the Departmental Services – Intrastate Fund (Fund 1550) for the purposes described in section 1521.05 of the Revised Code.

DNRCD29 Human Resources Direct Service

Section: ***337.70***

Requires Fund 2050 appropriation item 725696, Human Resources Direct Service, to be used to cover the cost of support, coordination, and oversight of DNR's human resources functions. Requires the Human Resources Chargeback Fund (Fund 2050) to consist of cash transferred to it via intrastate transfer voucher from other funds as determined by the Director of Natural Resources and the Director of Budget and Management.

DNRCD30 Law Enforcement Administration

Section: ***337.80***

Requires Fund 2230 appropriation item 725665, Law Enforcement Administration, to be used to cover the cost of support, coordination, and oversight of DNR's law enforcement functions. Requires the Law Enforcement Administration Fund (Fund 2230) to consist of cash transferred to it via intrastate transfer voucher from other funds as determined by the Directors of DNR and OBM.

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DNRCD31 Fountain Square and ODNR grounds at the Ohio Expo Center

Section: ***337.90***

Requires appropriation item 725664, Fountain Square Facilities Management, to be used to pay for repairs, renovation, utilities, property management, and building maintenance expenses for the Fountain Square complex and the DNR grounds at the Ohio Expo Center. Requires the Fountain Square Facilities Management Fund (Fund 6350) to receive cash transferred by intrastate transfer vouchers from various departmental funds and rental income received by DNR.

DNRCD32 Clean Ohio Trail Operating

Section: ***337.100***

Requires appropriation item 725405, Clean Ohio Trail Operating, to be used to administer Clean Ohio Trail Fund (Fund 7061) projects pursuant to R.C. 1519.05.

DNRCD33 Parks Capital Expenses Fund

Section: ***337.110***

Requires the Director of Natural Resources to submit to the Director of Budget and Management the estimated design, engineering, and planning costs of capital related work to be done by DNR staff for parks projects within the Ohio Parks and Recreation Improvement Fund (Fund 7035). Permits the Director of DNR, if OBM approves the estimated costs, to release appropriations from Fund 7035 appropriation item C725E6, Project Planning, for those purposes. Requires DNR to pay for these expenses from the Parks Capital Expenses Fund (Fund 2270), and requires expenses paid from Fund 2270 to be reimbursed by Fund 7035 using an intrastate transfer voucher.

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DNRCD34 NatureWorks Capital Expenses Fund

Section: ***337.110***

Requires the Department of Natural Resources to submit to the Director of Budget and Management the estimated design, planning, and engineering costs of capital-related work to be done by DNR staff for each capital improvement project within the Ohio Parks and Natural Resources Fund (Fund 7031). Permits the Director of DNR, if OBM approves the estimated costs, to release appropriations from Fund 7031 appropriation item C725E5, Project Planning, for those purposes. Requires DNR to pay for these expenses from the Capital Expenses Fund (Fund 4S90), and requires expenses paid from Fund 4S90 to be reimbursed by Fund 7031 by using an intrastate transfer voucher.

DNRCD41 Legislative review of statutes regarding the application of fertilizer and manure to agricultural fields

Section: ***709.10***

Requires, within four years of the effective date of Section 709.10 of H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly, the committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate that are primarily responsible for agriculture and natural resource matters to jointly review the effectiveness of Sections 905.326, 905.327, 1511.10, and 1511.11 or the Revised Code regarding the application of fertilizer and manure to agricultural fields in order to determine whether to recommend legislation repealing those sections. Requires the committees to jointly issue a report to the Governor containing their findings and recommendation. Permits the committees, if they do not recommend repealing those sections, to include in the report additional recommendations for revisions to those sections.

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NURCD1 **Nursing board license verification fee**

R.C. ***4723.08, 4723.88***

Removes the requirement that the Board of Nursing collect a five dollar fee for written verification of licensure or certification.

Fiscal effect: The Board of Nursing will experience a minimal loss in revenue.

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OODCD1 Independent Living

Section: ***345.10***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 415402, Independent Living, be used to fund the operations of state independent living programs and centers pursuant to Title VII of the federal Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1992.
Earmarks $67,662 in each fiscal year to be used as state matching funds for vocational rehabilitation innovation and expansion activities.

OODCD2 Assistive Technology

Section: ***345.10***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 415406, Assistive Technology, be provided to Assistive Technology of Ohio and used to provide grants and assistive technology services for people with disabilities in Ohio.

OODCD3 Brain Injury

Section: ***345.10***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 415431, Brain Injury, be provided to the Ohio State University College of Medicine to support the Brain Injury Program established under section 3304.23 of the Revised Code.

OODCD4 Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Section: ***345.10***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 415506, Services for People with Disabilities, be used as state matching funds to provide vocational rehabilitation services to eligible consumers.

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OODCD5 Services for the Deaf

Section: ***345.10***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 415508, Services for the Deaf, be use to provide grants to community centers for the deaf.

OODCD6 Program Management

Section: ***345.10***

Requires that DPF Fund 4W50 appropriation item 415606, Program Management, be used to support the administrative functions of the commission related to the provision of vocational rehabilitation, disability determination services, and ancillary programs.

OODCD7 Social Security Reimbursement Funds

Section: ***345.10***

Requires that FED Fund 3GH0 appropriation item 415602, Personal Care Assistance be used to provide personal care services to eligible severely disabled individuals so they can live independently or work in accordance with section 3304.41 of the Revised Code.

Requires that FED Fund 3GH0 appropriation item 415604, Community Centers for the Deaf, be used to provide grants to community centers for the deaf in Ohio for services to individuals with hearing impairments.

Requires that FED Fund 3L10 appropriation item 415608, Social Security Vocational Rehabilitation, be used to provide vocational rehabilitation services to individuals with severe disabilities whoa re Social Security beneficiaries, to enable them to achieve competitive employment.

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PUBCD1 **Indigent defense office**

Section: ***359.10***

Requires GRF appropriation item 019404, Trumbull County - State Share, and DPF Fund 4X70 appropriation item 019610, Trumbull County - County Share, be used to support an indigent defense office for Trumbull County.

PUBCD2 **Multi-county office**

Section: ***359.10***

Requires GRF appropriation item 019403, Multi-County: State Share, and DPF Fund 4C70 appropriation item 019601, Multi-County: County Share, be used to support the Commission's Multi-County Branch Office Program.

PUBCD3 **Training account**

Section: ***359.10***

Requires GRF appropriation item 019405, Training Account, be used to provide legal training programs at no cost for private appointed counsel who represent at least one indigent person at no cost and for state and county public defenders and attorneys who contract with the Ohio Public Defender to provide indigent defense services.

PUBCD4 **Federal representation**

Section: ***359.10***

Requires that FED Fund 3S80 appropriation item 019608, Federal Representation, be used to receive reimbursements from the federal courts for providing legal representation in federal court cases and to support representation in such cases.

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PUBCD5 **Indigent Defense Support Fund**

Section: ***359.10***

Permits the Ohio Public Defender, notwithstanding R.C. 120.08, to use up to 13% of the money in the Indigent Defense Support Fund (Fund 5DY0) for the purpose of appointing assistant state public defenders, providing other personnel, equipment and facilities necessary for the operation of the state public defender office, and providing training, developing and implementing electronic forms, or establishing and maintaining an information technology system used for the uniform operation of R.C. Chapter 120.

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DPSCD30 **Cash transfer - Investigative Unit**

Section: ***361.10***

Permits the Director of Budget and Management, upon written request of the Director of Public Safety, to transfer cash from the Investigative Unit Federal Equitable Sharing Fund (Fund 5CM0) to the Investigative Unit Federal Equitable Sharing Fund (Fund 3GT0).

DPSCD31 **Cash transfer - Justice program services**

Section: ***361.10***

Permits the Director of Budget and Management, upon written request of the Director of Public Safety, to transfer cash from the Justice Program Services Fund (Fund 4P60) to the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund (Fund 4W40).

DPSCD32 **State disaster relief**

Section: ***361.10***

Permits the State Disaster Relief Fund (Fund 5330) to be used for the following purposes:

(1) Accept transfers of cash and appropriations from Controlling Board appropriation items for Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA) disaster response costs and disaster program management costs.

(2) Accept transfer of cash and appropriations from Controlling Board appropriation items for Ohio EMA public assistance and mitigation program match costs to reimburse eligible local governments and private nonprofit organizations for disaster-related costs.

(3) Accept transfers of cash to reimburse costs associated with Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) deployments.

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(4) Accept disaster-related reimbursement from federal, state, and local governments, and permits the Director of Budget and Management to transfer cash from reimbursements received by Fund 5330 to other state funds from which transfers were originally approved by Controlling Board.

(5) Accept transfers of cash and appropriations from Controlling Board appropriation items to fund the State Disaster Relief Program, for disasters qualifying for the program by written authorization of the Governor, and the State Individual Assistance Program for disasters that have been declared by the federal Small Business Administration and that qualify for the program by written authorization of the Governor, and requires the Ohio EMA to publish and make available application packets outlining procedures for these two programs.

DPSCD33 Transfer from State Fire Marshal Fund to Emergency Management Agency Service and Reimbursement Fund

Section: ***361.10***

(1) Requires the Director of Budget and Management, on July 1 of each fiscal year, or as soon as possible thereafter, to transfer $200,000 from the State Fire Marshal Fund (Fund 5460) used by the Department of Commerce to the Emergency Management Agency Service and Reimbursement Fund (Fund 4V30) used by the Department of Public Safety. Requires the transferred cash to be distributed to the Ohio Task Force One - Urban Search and Rescue Unit and other urban search and rescue programs around the state.

(2) Requires those amounts to be distributed to the Ohio Task Force One - Urban Search and Rescue Unit, other similar urban search and rescue programs around the state, and for maintenance of the statewide fire emergency response by an entity recognized by the Ohio Emergency Management Agency.

DPSCD34 SARA Title III HAZMAT planning

Section: ***361.10***

Authorizes the SARA Title III HAZMAT Planning Fund (Fund 6810) to receive grant funds from the Emergency Response Commission to implement the Emergency Management Agency's responsibilities under R.C. Chapter 3750.

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DPSCD35 **Investigative Unit - Treasury Contraband Fund**

Section: ***512.60***

(1) Requires the Director of Budget and Management (OBM), on July 1, 2015, or as soon as possible thereafter, to transfer the cash balance in the Investigative Unit – Treasury Contraband Fund (Fund 5CM0) to the Investigative Unit – Treasury Contraband Fund (Fund 3GT0).

(2) Abolishes Fund 5CM0 upon completion of the cash balance transfer.

(3) Requires the OBM Director to cancel any existing encumbrances against DPF Fund 5CM0 appropriation item 767691, Equitable Share Account, and reestablish them against FED Fund 3GT0 appropriation item 767691, Equitable Share Account.

(4) Appropriates the reestablished encumbrance amounts.

DPSCD36 **Fund abolition**

Section: ***512.60***

Abolishes the following seven funds on the effective of their repeal under this bill:

Justice Assistance Grant - FFY06 Fund (Fund 3CB0)

Justice Assistance Grant - FFY07 (Fund 3CC0)

Justice Assistance Grant - FFY08 Fund (Fund 3CD0)

Justice Assistance Grant - FFY09 Fund (Fund 3CE0)

Justice Assistance Grant Supplemental FFY08 Fund (Fund 3CV0)

Justice Assistance Grant Fund (Fund 3DE0)

Federal Stimulus Justice Programs Fund (Fund 3DH0).

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PUCCD4 **Regulation of intermodal equipment and records production**

R.C. ***4905.81, 4923.04, 4923.041***

Grants the Public Utilities Commission (PUCO) authority to regulate the safety of intermodal equipment providers, specifically by allowing PUCO to adopt rules governing the use and interchange of intermodal equipment. Enables PUCO to compel any officer, agent, or employee of such providers to produce all books, contracts, records, and documents that relate to compliance with motor-carrier-safety law.

Fiscal effect: None.

PUCCD2 **Pipeline safety forfeitures**

R.C. ***4905.95***

Increases the forfeitures that the Public Utilities Commission may assess upon pipeline operators from $100,000 to $200,000 for each day of each violation or noncompliance. Increases the aggregate limit for any related series of such forfeitures from $1 million to $2 million.

Fiscal effect: Updating the maximum pipeline safety forfeitures consistent with federal law may increase forfeiture revenues to the GRF depending on the incidence of pipeline safety violations.

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PUCCD5 **Basic local exchange service changes**

R.C. ***4927.10, 4905.71, 4927.01, 4927.02, 4927.07, 4927.101, 4927.11, 4927.15, Sections 363.20, 363.30, 749.10***

(1) Permits an incumbent local exchange carrier to withdraw or abandon basic local exchange service (BLES) in an exchange area if the carrier were to withdraw the interstate-access component of its BLES in accordance with an order of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Requires a carrier withdrawing or abandoning BLES to give 120 days' notice to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) and affected customers.

(2) Permits a residential customer who will be unable to obtain reasonable and comparatively priced voice service upon the withdrawal or abandonment of BLES to petition PUCO to find a willing provider of reasonable and comparatively priced voice service, and permits a collaborative process at PUCO to identify customers in this position.

(3) Requires PUCO to define "reasonable and comparatively priced voice service."

(4) Permits PUCO to order the withdrawing or abandoning carrier to provide reasonable and comparatively priced voice service to an affected customer for one year if no willing provider is identified after a PUCO investigation. Permits the order to be extended for an additional year if such voice service is still not available to the customer. Permits the PUCO to order the withdrawing or abandoning carrier to continue to provide such voice service to the affected customer, perhaps no longer at the customer's residence, for an unspecified length of time once the two 12-month periods lapse if no alternative reasonable and comparatively priced voice service is available.

(5) Requires PUCO to establish a collaborative process with incumbent local exchange carriers, competitive local exchange carriers providing BLES, the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, and other invited members to focus on the Internet-protocol-network transition process and related consumer issues.

(6) Ensures that an incumbent local exchange carrier that withdraws or abandons BLES under the bill would still be subject to PUCO's oversight of the rates, terms, and conditions for carrier access, pole attachments, and conduit occupancy. States that the bill does not affect any contractual obligation, including agreements under the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, as amended, or any right or obligation under federal law or rules.

(7) Requires that DPF appropriation 870622, Utility and Railroad Regulation, must be used in part by PUCO to plan the transition, consistent with the directives and policies of the FCC, from the current public switched telephone network to an

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internet-protocol network. Requires that the transition plan include a review of statutes or rules that may prevent or delay an appropriate transition. Requires PUCO to report to the General Assembly on any further action required to be taken by the General Assembly to ensure a successful and timely transition.

(8) Requires PUCO to adopt rules that are consistent with the FCC rules to implement the above mentioned changes.

Fiscal effect: None.

PUCCD1 **Utility Radiological Safety Board assessments**

Section: ***506.10***

Specifies, absent contractual agreement, the maximum amounts that may be assessed against each nuclear electric utility under R.C. 4937.05 on behalf of four state agencies and deposited into the specified funds as follows:
(1) $125,000 in each fiscal year to the Utility Radiological Safety Fund (Fund 4E40) used by the Department of Agriculture;
(2) $1,086,098 in each fiscal year to the Radiation Emergency Response Fund (Fund 6100) used by the Department of Health;
(3) $298,304 in FY 2016 and $303,174 in FY 2017 to the ER Radiological Safety Fund (Fund 6440) used by the Environmental Protection Agency; and
(4) $1,200,000 in each fiscal year to the Emergency Response Plan Fund (Fund 6570) used by the Department of Public Safety.

Fiscal effect: Up to $2.8 million in each fiscal year may be assessed against nuclear electric utilities and made available to the four state agencies for their statutory purposes.

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PWCCD5 **Clean Ohio Conservation General Obligation Bond Debt Service**

Section: ***365.10***

Requires GRF appropriation item 150904, Conservation General Obligation Bond Debt Service, to be used to pay all debt service and related financing costs during the FY 2016-FY 2017 biennium for obligations issued for the Clean Ohio Conservation Program.

PWCCD6 **Infrastructure Improvement General Obligation Bond Debt Service**

Section: ***365.10***

Requires GRF appropriation item 150907, Infrastructure Improvement General Obligation Bond Debt Service, to be used to pay all debt service and related financing costs during the FY 2016-FY 2017 biennium for obligations issued for the State Capital Improvement Program.

PWCCD7 **Clean Ohio Conservation Operating**

Section: ***365.10***

Requires Clean Ohio Conservation Fund (Fund 7056) appropriation item 150403, Clean Ohio Conservation Operating, to be used by PWC to administer the Clean Ohio Conservation Program.

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PWCCD8 **Natural Resource Assistance Council administrative costs**

Section: ***365.10***

Authorizes PWC to use proceeds of the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund (Fund 7056) for a District Administration Costs Program, which covers administrative costs incurred by Natural Resource Assistance Councils. Prohibits any of the 19 councils from receiving more than $15,000 per fiscal year for these costs.

Requires PWC to define allowable costs of the program. Specifies that indirect costs, elected official salaries and benefits, and project-specific costs are not allowable.

PWCCD9 **Grant repayments deposited into the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund**

Section: ***610.30***

Amends Section 245.10 of Am. Sub. 497 of the 130th G.A., the FY 2015-FY 2016 capital bill, to specify that any amount in grant repayments received by PWC and deposited into the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund (Fund 7056) is appropriated through capital appropriation item C15060, Clean Ohio Conservation.

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RACCD1 **Elimination of Ohio Quarter Horse Development Fund**

R.C. ***3769.086, (Repealed), 3769.03, 3769.08, 3769.083, 3769.087, 3769.101, Section 512.60***

Repeals the Revised Code section creating the Ohio Quarter Horse Development Fund (Fund 5640) and the Ohio Quarter Horse Development Commission. Specifies that funds currently paid into the Ohio Quarter Horse Development Fund must instead be paid into the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund (Fund 5620) to support quarter horse development and purses. Requires the Director of Budget and Management, on July 1, 2015, or as soon as possible thereafter, to transfer the cash balance in Fund 5640 to Fund 5620.

Fiscal effect: Increases the amount of money to be paid into the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund.

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BORCD50 **Office of Board of Regents and Chancellor name changes**

R.C. ***121.03, Section 369.550, various other sections***

Renames the Office of the Board of Regents (BOR) as the Department of Higher Education (DHE) and the Chancellor as the Director of Higher Education (DHE Director). Retains the name of the Board of Regents, which continues to act as an advisory board.

Fiscal effect: Increase in administrative costs for the transition.

BORCD54 **OhioMeansJobs registration**

R.C. ***3304.171, 3333.92, 6301.16***

Beginning January 1, 2016, requires participants in an Adult Basic and Literacy Education-funded or an Ohio Technical Center-funded training or education program, or in an adult training or education program funded under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and recipients of vocational rehabilitation services provided by the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency to create an account on the OhioMeansJobs web site by certain specified times.

Exempts the following from the requirement: (1) an individual who is legally prohibited from using a computer, (2) an individual who has a physical or visual impairment that makes the individual unable to use a computer, or (3) an individual who has a limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand a language in which OhioMeansJobs is available.

Fiscal effect: None.

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BORCD56 Chancellor's annual report on advanced standing programs

R.C. ***3333.041***

Eliminates a requirement that the DHE Director annually submit to the Governor and the General Assembly a report including a description of advanced standing courses offered by public and chartered nonpublic schools, and post the information included in the report on the DHE web site.

Fiscal effect: None.

BORCD59 Reporting date for academic data of students of Ohio-trained teachers

R.C. ***3333.041***

Moves the deadline for the DHE Director to report to the Governor and the General Assembly aggregate academic growth data for students assigned to graduates of teacher preparation programs, from the last day of December, to the 15th day of February each year.

Fiscal effect: None.

BORCD53 Bachelor's degree programs at two-year colleges

R.C. ***3333.0414, 3354.071, 3357.071, 3358.071***

Authorizes a community college, technical college, or state community college (two-year institution) to offer bachelor's degree programs, if no state university or university branch offers a program that is the same or substantially similar, within 30-miles of the college, or plans to offer such a program within a year of a college's application to the DHE Director for approval of the program.

Requires the Director, prior to granting approval for a program, to determine and certify that there is a demonstrated need for that program in the geographic area of the college.

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Requires the Director to conduct a study not later than December 31, 2018, and then again by December 31, 2020, to determine the effects of the bachelor's degree programs at two-year institutions on fulfilling the needs of students and local industry and to submit those studies to the General Assembly and Governor.

Fiscal effect: May increase enrollment at two-year institutions and lead to higher costs and revenues as a result.

BORCD57 Teacher preparation minimum standards

R.C. ***3333.048***

Authorizes the DHE Director to set statewide standards for entry into teacher preparation programs offered at institutions of higher education.

Fiscal effect: Increased administrative costs associated with developing the standards; possible reduction in enrollment and associated costs and revenues, if standards are higher than those currently used at any given institution.

BORCD52 In-state tuition for veterans, spouses, and dependents

R.C. ***3333.31***

Qualifies a veteran or the veteran's spouse or dependent for in-state tuition at a state institution of higher education, if the veteran is receiving federal veterans' education benefits or the veteran's spouse or dependent is receiving transferred federal veteran's education benefits and the following conditions are met:

(1) The veteran has served on active duty for at least 90 days.
(2) The veteran or the spouse or dependent enrolls in a state institution within 3 years of the veteran's discharge from active duty.
(3) The veteran or the spouse or dependent resides in the state as of the first day of the term of enrollment at the state institution.

Fiscal effect: Minimal. Under continuing law, veterans, their spouses, or dependents can qualify for in-state tuition under a different set of conditions. The new provision provides an alternative way for a veteran or spouse or dependent to qualify for in-state tuition.

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BORCD48 Deadline for certification of reserve fund transfer of scholarship programs

R.C. ***3333.124, 3333.613, 5910.08, 5919.341***

Revises, from "not later than the first day of July of each fiscal year" to "as soon as possible following the end of each fiscal year," the deadline by which the DHE Director must certify the unencumbered balance of GRF appropriations made in the immediately preceding fiscal year for the Ohio College Opportunity Grant Program, Ohio First Scholarship Program, Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program, and War Orphans Scholarship Program.

Authorizes the Director of Budget and Management to transfer funds from the reserve funds of these four programs to the GRF in order to meet GRF obligations, if it is determined that GRF appropriations are insufficient (Current law authorizes the Director to transfer "any unencumbered balance" of those funds to the GRF).

Authorizes the Director of Budget and Management to transfer the unexpended balance of the amounts initially transferred to the GRF back to the reserve funds, if the funds transferred from the reserve funds are not needed in the GRF.

Eliminates an authorization for the Director of Budget and Management to seek, at the request of the Director of Higher Education, Controlling Board approval to establish appropriations for the National Guard Scholarship Reserve Fund.

Fiscal effect: Provides increased flexibility.

BORCD49 Elimination of Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine advisory committee

R.C. ***3337.10, 3337.11 (Repealed)***

Eliminates the requirement that the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine have an advisory committee.

Fiscal effect: None.

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BORCD51 Course and program evaluations for state institutions of higher education

R.C. ***3345.35***

Requires the board of trustees of each state institution of higher education, not later than January 1, 2016, and every five years thereafter by January 1, to evaluate all courses and programs the institution offers based on enrollment and student performance.

For courses with low enrollment, requires the board of trustees to evaluate the benefits of collaboration with other institutions of higher education, based on geographic region, to deliver the course.

Requires each board of trustees to submit its findings to the Director not later than 30 days after completion of the evaluation.

Fiscal effect: State institutions may incur increased administrative costs for evaluating their courses and programs and for reporting their findings to the Director.

BORCD55 Career-technical education programs and funding requirements under College Credit Plus

R.C. ***3365.02, 3365.07***

Removes the end date of July 1, 2016, with regard to the exemption from the College Credit Plus (CCP) program for career-technical education programs that grant articulated credit to students, thus extending the exemption indefinitely.

Specifies that the portion of career-technical education programs that grant transcripted credit to students must be governed by the CCP program.

Modifies current law requiring the CCP program to be the sole mechanism by which state funds are paid to colleges for students who earn college-level credit while enrolled in high school by applying the requirement only to college course credit that is "transcripted" and earned by students enrolled in both high school and college. (However, as under current law, this provision does not apply to an agreement governing an Early College High School program that meets specified exemption criteria.)

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

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BORCD58 **Quality assurance measures in biennial CCP report**

R.C. ***3365.15***

Requires the DHE Director and the Superintendent of Public Instruction, as part of the required biennial report on the status of the CCP program, also to include an analysis of "quality assurance measures" related to the program.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

BORCD82 **Sea Grants**

Section: ***369.20***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 235402, Sea Grants, be used by The Ohio State University's Sea Grant program, including Stone Laboratory, to match federal dollars and to enhance Lake Erie and Ohio's coastal resources.

BORCD1 **Articulation and Transfer**

Section: ***369.30***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 235406, Articulation and Transfer, be used to maintain and expand the work of the Articulation and Transfer Council to develop a system of transfer policies that ensure that course work will apply to majors and degrees at any state institution.

BORCD2 **Midwest Higher Education Compact**

Section: ***369.40***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 235408, Midwest Higher Education Compact, be used for paying membership fees for the Midwest Higher Education Compact.

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BORCD3 State Grants and Scholarship Administration

Section: ***369.50***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 235414, State Grants and Scholarship Administration, be used to administer various state and federal student financial aid and scholarship programs, support all financial aid audits, and provide fiscal services for the Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program.

BORCD4 eStudent Services

Section: ***369.60***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 235417, eStudent Services, be used to support the continued implementation of the consortium, eStudent Services. Requires eStudent Services to use these funds to expand access to dual enrollment opportunities for high school students, expand access to adult higher education opportunities through technology, develop and promote learning and assessment through the use of technology, provide advice on emerging learning directed technologies, support the distance learning clearinghouse, and facilitate cost effectiveness through shared investments in educational technology.

BORCD60 Appalachian New Economy Partnership

Section: ***369.70***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 235428, Appalachian New Economy Partnership, be distributed to Ohio University to continue an effort to link Appalachia to the new economy.

Executive

BORCD5 **Choose Ohio First Scholarship**

Section: ***369.80***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 235438, Choose Ohio First Scholarship, be used according to the statutes authorizing the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program.

BORCD6 **Adult Basic and Literacy Education**

Section: ***369.90***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 235443, Adult Basic and Literacy Education – State, be used to support the adult basic and literacy education (ABLE) instructional grant program and state leadership program. Requires that supported programs satisfy the state match requirements for the grant program.

BORCD61 **Ohio Technical Centers**

Section: ***369.100***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 235444, Ohio Technical Centers, be used to support post-secondary adult career-technical education and makes the following earmarks:

(1) $400,000 in each fiscal year for the Ohio Central School System

(2) $48,000 in each fiscal year for assistance for OTCs

(3) $975,000 in each fiscal year for OTCs that provide business consultation with matching local dollars. Limits the amount each OTC receives from this earmark to $25,000.

(4) Specifies that the remainder be distributed according to the OTC funding formula.

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BORCD62 Ohio Technical Centers Funding Formula

Section: ***369.100***

Requires each Ohio Technical Center (OTC) to report data to the DHE Director. Requires the Director to exclude non residents in the number of students eligible for state subsidy. Defines full-time equivalent (FTE) as completion of 450 hours. Requires the use of a three-year average in calculating the number of FTE students.

Distributes the OTC allocation as follows:

(1) 25% based on each OTCs proportion of FTE students who complete a post-secondary workforce training program with a grade of C or better or pass if graded as pass/fail.

(2) 20% based on each OTCs proportion of FTE students who complete 50% of a program of study.

(3) 50% based on each OTCs proportion of FTE students who find employment, enter military service, or enroll in additional post-secondary education and training.

(4) 5% based on each OTCs proportion of FTE students who earn a credential from an industry-recognized third party.

Phases in formula funding by requiring that no OTC receive less than 96% of the average allocation it received in the three prior fiscal years excluding funding for third party credentials. Requires that funding for OTCs not receiving phase-in funding be reduced proportionally to pay for the phase-in funding.

BORCD63 Area Health Education Centers

Section: ***369.110***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 235474, Area Health Education Centers, be used to support the medical school regional area health education centers' educational programs.

Executive

BORCD7 **Technology Integration and Professional Development**

Section: ***369.120***

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 235483, Technology Integration and Professional Development, be used by the DHE Director for the provision of staff development, hardware, software, telecommunications services, and information resources in support of educational uses of technology in the classroom and at a distance and for teacher, administrator, and technology staff professional development in qualifying schools, including the School for the Blind, the School for the Deaf, and the Department of Youth Services.

BORCD64 **Higher Education Innovation Grants**

Section: ***369.130***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 235488, Higher Education Innovation Grants, be used to provide grants to state institutions for innovative administration redesign proposals.

BORCD65 **Campus Safety and Training**

Section: ***369.140***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 235492, Campus Safety and Training, be used to develop model best practices, by September 1, 2015, for preventing and responding to sexual assault on campus.

Executive

BORCD34 **State Share of Instruction (SSI) Formulas**

Section: ***369.150***

Requires the DHE Director to establish procedures to allocate GRF appropriation item 235501, State Share of Instruction, based on the SSI formulas that use the enrollment, course completion, degree attainment, and student achievement factors reported annually by each state institution participating in the Higher Education Information (HEI) system.

BORCD35 **SSI - Full-Time Equivalent Enrollment and Course Completions**

Section: ***369.150***

Requires state institutions to report their actual data to the DHE Director. Requires the Director to exclude all undergraduate students who are not Ohio residents (except those under reciprocity agreements or employer contracts) in defining the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students for the formula.

BORCD36 **SSI - Total Costs per FTE**

Section: ***369.150***

Provides, for purposes of calculating SSI allocations, a table of total costs per FTE for the 22 non-doctoral and non-medical curriculum models for each fiscal year, ranging from $7,773 to $38,854 for arts and humanities curriculum models; from $7,311 to $32,406 for business, education, and social science curriculum models; and from $7,244 to $50,864 for science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine curriculum models.

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BORCD37 SSI - Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, Medical, and Graduate Weights

Section: ***369.150***

Provides a table of curriculum model weights for each fiscal year, including a uniform weight of 1.0000 for all non-doctoral undergraduate-level models in arts, humanities, business, education, and social sciences and various weights ranging from 1.0017 to 1.8798 for graduate-level models and science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), and medicine models.

BORCD38 SSI - Calculation of SSI Formula Entitlements and Adjustments for Universities - Degree Attainment

Section: ***369.150***

Requires that 50% of the SSI appropriation for university main campuses in each fiscal year be reserved for support of associate, baccalaureate, masters, and professional level degree attainment. Specifies that degree attainment funding be allocated to universities in proportion to each campus's share of the total statewide degrees granted, weighted by the cost of the degree programs.

Specifies, for degrees including credits earned at multiple institutions, that degree attainment funding be a allocated to universities in proportion to each campus's share of the cost of earned credits for the degree. Specifies that each institution receive its prorated share of degree funding for credits earned at that institution and that the cost of credits not earned at a university main or regional campus be credited to the degree-granting institution for the first degree earned by a student at each degree level. Specifies that the cost credited to the degree-granting institution not be eligible for at-risk weights and limits the cost credited to 12.5% of the degree costs, unless the student transferred 12 or fewer credits into the degree granting institution.

Specifies that the count for degree attainment include degrees earned by students identified as Ohio residents in any term, weighted by a factor of 1, and degrees earned by students identified as out-of-state students during all terms that remain in Ohio at least one year after graduation, weighted by a factor of 50%. Defines subsidy eligible associate degrees as those earned by students attending any state supported university main or regional campus.

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Specifies that calculations for the count for degree attainment use the average of the previous three years' counts of associate, baccalaureate, masters and professional degrees. Limits, if a student is awarded an associate degree and later is awarded a baccalaureate degree, the amount funded for the baccalaureate degree to either (1) the difference in cost between the cost of the baccalaureate degree and the cost of the previous associate degree, or, (2) if the associate degree has a higher cost than the baccalaureate degree, the cost of the credits earned by the student after the associate degree was awarded. Specifies that in these instances the associate degree granting institution receive only the prorated share of the baccalaureate degree funding for the credits earned at that institution after the associate degree is awarded. Requires, if a student earns more than one degree at the same institution at the same degree level in the same fiscal year, that funding for the highest cost degree be prorated among institutions based on where the credits were earned and additional degrees be funded at 25% of the degree cost.

Requires that eligible associate and baccalaureate degrees counted in degree attainment be weighted by a statewide "at-risk degree" completion weight. Defines "at-risk" for a student based on academic underpreparation, age, minority status, or financial status.

Specifies that degrees earned by at-risk students be weighted by a student-specific degree completion weight, calculated based on the at-risk factors of the individual student, determined by calculating the difference between the percentage of students with each risk factor who earned a degree and the percentage of non-at-risk students who earned a degree.

BORCD39 SSI - Calculation of SSI Formula Entitlements and Adjustments for Universities - Doctoral Set-Aside

Section: ***369.150***

Requires that up to 11.78% of the SSI appropriation for university main campuses be set aside for doctoral programs in each fiscal year. Specifies that NEOMED receive $150,000 and $200,000 in FY 2016 and FY 2017, respectively, of the doctoral set-aside funding allocation.

Specifies that the remaining doctoral set-aside be allocated to universities as follows:

(1) 47.5% in FY 2016 and 40.0% in FY 2017 in proportion to each campus's historical shares of the statewide total number of Doctoral I equivalent FTEs. Specifies that Doctoral I equivalent FTEs be equal to the sum of Doctoral I FTEs plus 1.5 times the sum of Doctoral II FTEs.

(2) 35% in FY 2016 and 40% in FY 2017 in proportion to each campus's share of statewide doctoral degrees, weighted by the cost of the discipline. Specifies that the calculation of doctoral degrees use the average of the previous three years.

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(3) 17.5% in FY 2016 and 20% in FY 2017 in proportion to each campus' share of research grant activity. Specifies that grant awards from the Department of Health and Human Services be weighted at 50%.

BORCD40 SSI - Calculation of SSI Formula Entitlements and Adjustments for Universities - Medical Set-Asides

Section: ***369.150***

Requires that 6.41% of the SSI appropriation for universities in each year be set aside for Medical II FTEs. Requires that these funds be allocated in proportion to each campus's share of the statewide total of three-year average Medical II FTEs. Specifies that, in calculating the core subsidy enrollments for Medical II models only, students repeating terms may be no more than 5% of current year enrollment.

Requires that 1.48% of the SSI appropriation for universities in each fiscal year be set aside for Medical I FTEs. Requires that these funds be allocated in proportion to each campus's share of the statewide total of three-year average Medical I FTEs.

BORCD41 SSI - Calculation of SSI Formula Entitlements and Adjustments for Universities - Course Completion Funding

Section: ***369.150***

Requires that, in calculating course completion funding for universities, the DHE Director only use FTE students who successfully complete a course.

Specifies that successful course completion FTE students with an expected family contribution (EFC) of less than 2190 or who were determined to have been academically underprepared are defined as "at-risk." Specifies that at-risk FTEs are to be weighted by (A) campus-specific course completion indexes calculated based on the number of at-risk students during the 2012-2014 academic years, and (B) statewide at-risk course completion weights determined by the difference between the percentage of traditional students completing the course and the percentage of at-risk students completing the course.

Specifies that, except for the Medical I, Medical II, Doctoral I, and Doctoral II model, all models have their course completion earnings determined by multiplying per FTE curriculum model costs by model weights and by the average number of subsidy-eligible FTEs based on the average previous three-year period.

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Specifies that the course completion earnings be calculated by dividing the adjusted earmark for universities, less the degree attainment funding, less the doctoral set-aside, and the medical set-asides, by the sum of all those campuses' instructional costs.

BORCD42 SSI - Calculation of SSI Formula Entitlements and Adjustments for Universities - POM Adjustment

Section: ***369.150***

Requires that an allocation for facility-based plant operations and maintenance (POM) be made to campuses.

Specifies that the POM campus allocation in FY 2016 be two-thirds of the POM distributed in FY 2015 based on what each eligible university main campus received for the FY 2009 POM allocation.

Specifies that the POM campus allocation in FY 2017 be one-third of the POM distributed in FY 2015 based on what each eligible university main campus received for the FY 2009 POM allocation.

Requires that any POM allocations be funded by proportionally reducing formula earnings, including POM allocations, for all universities

Specifies that POM allocations expire on June 30, 2017.

BORCD43 SSI - Calculation of SSI Formula Entitlements and Adjustments for Community Colleges

Section: ***369.150***

Requires that 50% of the SSI appropriation for community colleges, state community colleges, and technical colleges, in each fiscal year, be allocated for course completion FTEs as aggregated by the subsidy models. Specifies that the course completion funding be allocated to campuses in proportion to each campus's share of the total sector's course completions, weighted by the instructional cost of the subsidy models.

Specifies that calculations of course completions for community colleges, state community colleges, and technical colleges are to use the three-year average course completions for the previous three years and that the subsidy eligible enrollments by model be equal to only those FTE students who successfully complete the course.

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Defines, for purposes of calculating weighted course completions, as "access students" those students that (1) are or have been Pell eligible at any time while enrolled at a state institution of higher education, (2) meet the definition of minority status, (3) are enrolled at a given institution after age 24, or (4) are academically underprepared. Specifies the weight given to any student eligible as an "access student" be 15% for all course completions. Specifies that the model costs are to be weighted by the cost of the degree programs.

Requires that 25% of the appropriation for community colleges, state community colleges, and technical colleges, in each fiscal year, be allocated in proportion to each campus's share of college student success factors as recommended in formal communication from community college presidents to the Director dated December 31, 2015, using a three year average.

Requires that 25% of the appropriation for community colleges, state community colleges, and technical colleges, in each fiscal year, be allocated for completion milestones as identified in formal communication from community college presidents to the Director dated December 31, 2013.

Specifies that completion milestones include (1) associate degrees, (2) certificates over 30 credit hours approved by the Department, and (3) students transferring to any four-year institution with at least 12 credit hours earned at that community or technical college. Specifies that completion milestone funding be allocated in proportion to each campus's share of the total sector's completion milestones, weighted by the instructional costs of the associate degree, certificate, or transfer models. Specifies that costs for certificates over 30 hours be weighted at one-half of the associate degree model costs and transfers with at least 12 credit hours be weighted by one-fourth of the average cost for all associate degree model costs.

Specifies that calculations of subsidy entitlements for community colleges, state community colleges, and technical colleges are to use a three-year average for completion metrics. Specifies that eligible model completions equal only those students who successfully complete an associate degree or certificate over 30 credit hours, or transfer to any four-year institution with at least 12 credit hours. Defines as "access students" the students mentioned above that (1) are or have been Pell eligible at any time while enrolled at a state institution of higher education, (2) meet the definition of minority status, (3) are first enrolled at a given institution after age 24, or (4) are academically underprepared.

Specifies that the students' eligible completions be weighted by statewide access weights as follows: (1) 25% for students with one access factor; (2) 66% for two access factors; (3) 150% for three access factors; and, (4) 200% for four access factors.

Specifies, for those students who complete more than one completion metric, that funding for each additional associate degree or certificate over 30 credit hours approved by the Department be funded at 50% of model costs.

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BORCD44 SSI - Capital Component Deduction

Section: ***369.150***

Requires that, after all other adjustments have been made, a campus's SSI earnings be reduced by the amount, if any, by which debt service charged for that campus for capital budgets from the 121st GA to the 127th GA exceeds that campus's capital component earnings. Specifies that the deducted amounts be transferred to GRF appropriation item 235552, Capital Component.

BORCD45 SSI - Exceptional Circumstances and Appropriation Reductions

Section: ***369.150***

Authorizes adjustments be made to the SSI payments and other subsidies distributed by the DHE Director for exceptional circumstances. Requires the recommendation of the Director and approval of the Controlling Board for these adjustments.

Requires the standard SSI formula provisions to apply to any SSI appropriation reductions occurring prior to the Director's formal approval of the SSI allocation. Specifies that reductions made after the Director's formal approval be applied uniformly to each campus in proportion to its share of the final SSI allocation.

BORCD46 SSI - Distribution

Section: ***369.150***

Requires that the SSI allocation be distributed in equal monthly payments. Specifies that payments for the first six months of the fiscal year be made based on the SSI appropriation estimates made for the various institutions and that payments for the last six months of the fiscal year be based on the final data from the DHE Director.

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BORCD8 State Share of Instruction for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017

Section: ***369.160***

Makes the following earmarks to GRF appropriation item 235501, State Share of Instruction:

(1) $428,205,070 in FY 2016 and $436,769,171 in FY 2017 for the community colleges, state community colleges, and technical colleges SSI allocation.

(2) $1,429,546,937 in FY 2016 and $1,458,137,876 in FY 2017 for the university main and regional campuses SSI allocation.

Makes the following additional earmarks of the main and regional campuses sector earmark listed above:

(1) two-thirds of $3,923,764 in FY 2016 for Access Challenge allocations to university main campuses in proportion to each campus's FY 2009 share of GRF appropriation item 235418, Access Challenge.

(2) one-third of $3,923,764 in FY 2017 for Access Challenge allocations to university main campuses in proportion to each campus's FY 2009 share of GRF appropriation item 235418, Access Challenge.

BORCD9 Restriction on fee increases

Section: ***369.170***

Limits, in FY 2016, the increase of fees at state university main campuses to 2.0% or $193, whichever is higher, over what was charged in the prior academic year.

Limits, in FY 2016, the increase of fees at state university regional campuses to 2.0% or $116, whichever is higher, over what was charged in the prior academic year.

Limits, in FY 2016, the increase of fees at community colleges, state community colleges, and technical colleges to 2.0% or $83, whichever is higher, over what was charged in the prior academic year.

Prohibits, for academic year 2016-2017, each state institution of higher education from increasing in-state undergraduate instructional and general fees over what was charged in the prior academic year.

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Specifies that limitations do not apply to increases required to comply with institutional covenants related to obligations or to meet unfunded legal mandates or commitments made prior to the effective date of the section. Specifies that any increases necessary to cover these covenants or other requirements be reported to the Controlling Board by the Director.

Specifies that limitations do not apply to institutions participating in an undergraduate guarantee program.

BORCD10 **Higher Education - Board of Trustees**

Section: ***369.180***

Authorizes colleges and universities, with the approval of the DHE Director, to use instructional subsidies for off-campus undergraduate and master's degree courses of study.

Requires the board of trustees at each institution to supplement state subsidies by establishing uniform instructional and general fees to be charged to all students for universal services. Allows each board to establish special purpose fees and service charges for individual or specific categories of students that are not applied uniformly. Requires each board to establish a tuition surcharge to out-of-state students.

Prohibits the board of trustees at each institution from authorizing a waiver or nonpayment of instructional or general fees that is not authorized by law or approved by the Director.

Requires each institution of higher education, in its statement of charges, to separately identify the instructional fee, general fee, tuition charge, and tuition surcharge.

Requires that boards of trustees ensure that faculty members devote a proper and judicious part of their work week to actual instruction of students.

Requires the boards of trustees of state-assisted institutions of higher education to exercise the authority of the government vested by law in them. Specifies that administrative decisions are the exclusive prerogative of the boards and that any delegation of authority by the boards must be accompanied by appropriate standards of guidance and periodic review of the exercise of the delegated authority.

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BORCD11 Student Support Services

Section: ***369.190***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 235502, Student Support Services, be distributed to state-assisted colleges and universities that incur disproportionate support services costs for disabled students.

BORCD12 War Orphans Scholarships

Section: ***369.200***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 235504, War Orphans Scholarships, be used to reimburse state institutions for waivers of instructional fees and general fees provided to war orphans, provide grants to private nonprofit institutions, and fund additional scholarships for children of persons declared prisoners of war or missing in action.

BORCD13 OhioLINK

Section: ***369.210***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 235507, OhioLINK, be used to support OhioLINK, the state's electronic library information and retrieval system.

BORCD66 Air Force Institute of Technology

Section: ***369.220***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 235508, Air Force Institute of Technology, be used to strengthen linkages between Wright Patterson Air Force Base and Ohio institutions of higher education and to support the Dayton Area Graduate Studies Institute.

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BORCD67 Ohio Supercomputer Center

Section: ***369.230***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 235510, Ohio Supercomputer Center, be used to support the Ohio Supercomputer Center.

BORCD68 Cooperative Extension Service

Section: ***369.240***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 235511, Cooperative Extension Service, be disbursed to The Ohio State University in monthly payments.

BORCD14 Central State Supplement

Section: ***369.250***

Requires the DHE Director to disburse funds from GRF appropriation item 235514, Central State Supplement, in accordance with the plan developed to increase enrollment, improve course completion, and increase the number of degrees conferred.

Requires the Director to monitor the plan's implementation and suspend the plan if Central State is not using funds according to the plan or if the plan is not having the desired effect. Specifies that, if the plan is suspended, Central State must avoid all unnecessary expenditures under the plan. Requires the Director to notify the Controlling Board of a suspension and prepare a new plan within sixty days.

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BORCD69 **Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine**

Section: ***369.260***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 235515, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine be disbursed to Case Western in accordance with state agreements.

BORCD70 **Family Practice**

Section: ***369.270***

Requires that the DHE Director develop plans to distribute GRF appropriation item 235519, Family Practice.

BORCD15 **Shawnee State Supplement**

Section: ***369.280***

Requires the DHE Director to disburse funds from GRF appropriation item 235520, Shawnee State Supplement, in accordance with the plan to improve course completion, increase the number of degrees conferred, and further the university's mission of service to the Appalachian region.

Requires the Director to monitor the plan's implementation and suspend the plan if Shawnee State is not using funds according to the plan or if the plan is not having the desired effect. Specifies that, if the plan is suspended, Shawnee State must avoid all unnecessary expenditures under the plan. Requires the Director to notify the Controlling Board of a suspension and prepare a new plan within sixty days.

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BORCD71 **Police and Fire Protection**

Section: ***369.290***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 235524, Police and Fire Protection, be used for police and fire services in certain municipalities in providing services to state universities.

BORCD72 **Geriatric Medicine**

Section: ***369.300***

Requires that the DHE Director develop plans to distribute GRF appropriation item 235525, Geriatric Medicine.

BORCD73 **Primary Care Residencies**

Section: ***369.310***

Requires the DHE Director to develop plans to distribute GRF appropriation item 235526, Primary Care Residencies. Requires that distribution be based on whether or not an institution has submitted and gained approval for a plan.

BORCD74 **Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center**

Section: ***369.320***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 235535, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, be disbursed to The Ohio State University in monthly payments. Requires that OARDC continue to internally allocate funding on a competitive basis.

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BORCD75 **State University Clinical Teaching**

Section: ***369.330***

Requires that GRF appropriation items 235536, The Ohio State University Clinical Teaching, 235537, University of Cincinnati Clinical Teaching, 235538, University of Toledo Clinical Teaching, 235539, Wright State University Clinical Teaching, 235540, Ohio University Clinical Teaching, and 235541, Northeast Ohio Medical University Clinical Teaching, be distributed by the DHE Director.

BORCD16 **Capital Component**

Section: ***369.340***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 235552, Capital Component, be distributed to each campus for which the estimated campus debt service attributable to qualifying capital projects is less than the campus's formula-determined capital component allocation under the state's former capital funding policy. Specifies that the amount of each campus's payment be determined by subtracting the former amount from the latter and that the campuses use these payments only for capital projects.

Requires the DHE Director to subtract from each campus's SSI allocation the amount by which the estimated campus debt service attributable to qualifying capital projects exceeds the campus's formula-determined capital component allocation and transfer appropriation equal to the sum of these amounts from GRF appropriation items 235501, State Share of Instruction, or 235535, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, to this appropriation item.

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BORCD17 Library Depositories

Section: ***369.350***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 235555, Library Depositories, be used to support the state's five regional depository libraries for the cost-effective storage of and access to lesser-used materials in university library collections. Specifies that the depositories are to be administered by the Director or OhioLINK, at the Director's discretion.

BORCD18 Ohio Academic Resources Network (OARnet)

Section: ***369.360***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 235556, Ohio Academic Resources Network, be used to support the operations of OARnet, including support for Ohio's colleges and universities in maintaining and enhancing network connections, using network technologies to improve programs, and sharing information technology services. Requires, to the extent network capacity is available, that OARnet support allocating bandwidth to eligible programs directly supporting Ohio's economic development.

BORCD76 Long-term Care Research

Section: ***369.370***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 235558, Long-term Care Research, be disbursed to Miami University for long-term care research.

BORCD19 Ohio College Opportunity Grant

Section: ***369.380***

Earmarks the following from GRF appropriation item 235563, Ohio College Opportunity Grant:

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(1) $83.0 million in FY 2016 and $84.0 million in FY 2017 for need based financial aid awards to students of public and private nonprofit institutions, excluding early college high school and post-secondary enrollment option participants.

(2) the remainder in each fiscal year to award need-based aid to students enrolled in eligible private for-profit career colleges and schools.

Requires that awards for student attending nonprofit institutions be determined at twice the rate of the awards for students attending public institutions.

Authorizes the distribution of awards on an annual basis, once Pell grants have been exhausted, for students attending an institution year-round.

Authorizes the DHE Director to create a distribution formula for FY 2016 and FY 2017, based on the formula used in FY 2015, if the amounts appropriated are inadequate to provide grants to all eligible students. Requires the Director to notify the Controlling Board of the distribution method. Requires that any formula be complete and established to coincide with the start of the 2015-2016 academic year.

Specifies that the funds may also be used to pay for renewals or partial renewals under the Ohio Academic Scholarship Program. Specifies that, in paying for scholarships, funds are to be deducted proportionately from the sector allocations of public, private nonprofit, and private for-profit institutions.

Prohibits the Director from distributing or obligating more than the appropriation amount.

Requires the Director to post award tables on the Department's website and notify students and institutions of any reductions in awards. Requires the Director to submit award tables and allocations for the 2015-2016 academic year to the Controlling Board by August 31, 2015.

Prohibits any student from receiving an Ohio College Opportunity Grant for more than the equivalent of five academic years, less the number of semesters or quarters in which the student received an Ohio Instructional Grant.

BORCD77 The Ohio State University Clinic Support

Section: ***369.390***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 235572, The Ohio State University Clinic Support, be distributed to The Ohio State University for support of dental and veterinary medicine clinics.

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BORCD78 National Guard Scholarship Program

Section: ***369.400***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 235599, National Guard Scholarship Program, be disbursed by the DHE Director. Permits the Director to certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of canceled prior year encumbrances. Permits the Director of Budget and Management to transfer cash in an amount up to the certified amount from the GRF to the National Guard Scholarship Fund (Fund 5BM0).

BORCD20 Pledge of fees

Section: ***369.410***

Provides that any new pledge or adjustment of fees made in the biennium to secure bonds or notes of a state institution of higher education for a project be effective only after approval by the DHE Director, unless approved in a previous biennium.

BORCD21 Higher Education General Obligation Bond Debt Service

Section: ***369.420***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 235909, Higher Education General Obligation Debt Service, be used to pay all debt service and related financing costs at the required times during the biennium.

Executive

BORCD22 Sales and Services

Section: ***369.430***

Authorizes the DHE Director to charge and accept payment for the provision of goods and services. Specifies that charges be related to the costs of producing goods and services, though no charges are to be levied for goods or services that are produced as part of the routine responsibilities or duties of the Director. Specifies that all revenues received be deposited into DPF Fund 4560, Sales and Services. Allows the Director to use these funds to pay for the costs of producing goods and services.

BORCD23 Higher Educational Facility Commission Administration

Section: ***369.440***

Specifies that DPF Fund 4E80 appropriation item 235602, Higher Educational Facility Commission Administration, be used for operating expenses related to DHE's support of the activities of the Ohio Higher Educational Facility Commission (HEFC).

Authorizes the OBM Director to transfer up to $29,100 cash in each fiscal year from Fund 4610, HEFC Operating Expenses Fund, (used by HEFC) to Fund 4E80, HEFC Administration, (used by DHE).

BORCD24 Telecommunity and Distance Learning

Section: ***369.450***

Earmarks up to $25,000 of DPF Fund 4X10 appropriation item 235674, Telecommunity and Distance Learning, in each fiscal year to be distributed on a grant basis to eligible school districts to establish distance learning through interactive video technologies. Specifies that school districts are eligible for funds if they are within a service area of one of 8 local telephone companies participating in the program. Specifies that funds are to be spent according to agreements with the telephone companies.

Executive

Requires the OBM Director to transfer to DPF Fund 4X10 any investment earnings paid by the telephone company as part of any settlement agreement between the 8 telephone companies and the Public Utilities Commission in FY 1996 and beyond.

Earmarks up to $24,150 of DPF Fund 4X10 appropriation item 235674, Telecommunity and Distance Learning, in each fiscal year to be distributed on a grant basis to eligible school districts to establish distance learning in the school districts. Specifies that school districts are eligible for funds if they are within an Ameritech service area. Specifies that funds are to be spent according to the agreement with Ameritech.

Requires the OBM Director to transfer to DPF Fund 4X10 any investment earnings paid by any telephone company as part of a settlement agreement between the company and the Public Utilities Commission in FY 1995.

BORCD25 Competency Based Pilot Project

Section: ***369.460***

Specifies that DPF Fund 5JC0 appropriation item 235694, Competency Based Pilot Project, be used by the DHE Director to work with state institutions of higher education to develop competency based education programs. Requires that the programs measure student success based on competencies instead of credit hours earned. Requires the Director to establish, by directive, Western Governor's University-Ohio if state institutions do not submit plans for approval of competency based education programs to the Director by December 31, 2015.

Earmarks $250,000 in each fiscal year to be used for competency based certificates.

Specifies that any unexpended and unencumbered portion at the end of FY 2016 be reappropriated for the same purpose in FY 2017.

BORCD79 OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Program

Section: ***369.470***

Requires that DPF Fund 5NH0 appropriation item 235684, OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Program, be used to provide loans to individuals for workforce training. Earmarks up to $250,000 in FY 2016 for the DHE Director and $250,000 in FY 2016 for the Treasurer of State to administer the program.

Executive

Reappropriates unexpended and unencumbered appropriation at the end of FY 2016 to FY 2017 and reestablishes the earmarks in FY 2017 to the extent funding is available.

BORCD26 Student Debt Reduction Program

Section: ***369.480***

Specifies that DPF Fund 5QF0 appropriation item 235695, Student Debt Reduction Program, be used by the DHE Director for the purpose of reducing debt and financial burdens on students attending state institutions of higher education. Requires the Director, by September 30, 2015, to develop a plan to award up to $30 million each fiscal year over the next four fiscal years. Specifies that the plan consider, at least, need based students, in-demand jobs, and the requirement for participating students to stay in Ohio for five years after graduation.

Specifies that any unexpended and unencumbered portion at the end of FY 2016 be reappropriated for the same purpose in FY 2017.

BORCD27 State Need-Based Financial Aid Reconciliation

Section: ***369.490***

Requires the DHE Director on August 1 of each fiscal year, or as soon as possible thereafter, to certify the amount necessary to pay any outstanding prior year obligations to institutions of higher education for the state's need-based student financial aid programs. Specifies that the amounts certified be paid from revenues received in the State Need-based Financial Aid Reconciliation Fund (Fund 5Y50), through DPF Fund 5Y50 appropriation item 235618, State Need-based Financial Aid Reconciliation.

Executive

BORCD80 Nursing Loan Program

Section: ***369.500***

Requires that DPF Fund 6820 appropriation item 235606, Nursing Loan Program, be used to administer the nurse education assistance program. Earmarks up to $50,000 in each fiscal year for operating expenses. Specifies that additional funds for administration are subject to Controlling Board approval.

BORCD81 Research Incentive Third Frontier Fund

Section: ***369.510***

Requires that BRD Fund 7011 appropriation item 235634, Research Incentive Third Frontier Fund, be used to advance collaborative research at institutions of higher education and makes the following earmarks:

(1) up to $2,000,000 in each fiscal year for research regarding improvement of water quality.

(2) up to $1,000,000 in each fiscal year for research regarding the reduction of infant mortality.

BORCD28 Veterans preferences

Section: ***369.520***

Requires the DHE Director to collaborate with the Department of Veterans Services to develop veterans preference guidelines for institutions of higher education.

Executive

BORCD29 **Higher education institutions furloughs**

Section: ***369.530***

Permits the boards of trustees of state institutions to adopt policies that require mandatory furloughs of employees, including faculty, to achieve spending reductions necessitated by institutional budget deficits.

BORCD30 **Efficiency Advisory Committee**

Section: ***369.540***

Requires the DHE Director to maintain an efficiency advisory committee to generate efficiency plans for campuses, identify shared services opportunities, and share best practices. Requires the committee to meet at the call of the Director or the Director's designee. Requires each state institution to designate an employee to serve as its efficiency officer responsible for the evaluation and improvement of operational efficiencies on campus. Requires each efficiency officer to serve on the committee.

Requires that the Director provide a report by December 31 of each year that compiles efficiency plans for all institutions and benchmarks efficiency gains realized and progress in the implementation of the prior year's efficiency plan. Requires that the reports from each institution identify efficiencies at each public institution and quantify revenue enhancements, reallocation of resources, expense reductions, and cost avoidance where possible in the areas of general operational functions, academic program delivery, energy usage, and information technology and procurement reforms. Requires each report to emphasize areas where reforms are demonstrating savings or cost avoidance to students.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in administrative costs for the Department and the institutions relating to the operations of the committee.

Executive

BORCD31 **Ohio Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency in Higher Education Report**

Section: ***369.560***

Requires all boards of trustees for state institutions of higher education, upon submission of the Ohio Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency in Higher Education Report established by Governor's order, to complete, by July 1, 2016, an efficiency review based on the report and recommendations of the task force, and provide a report to the DHE Director within 30 days of the completion of the efficiency review that includes how each institution will implement the recommendations and any other cost savings measures.

Fiscal effect: Minimal administrative costs for state institutions to complete their reports.

BORCD33 **Work experience strategies**

Section: ***369.570***

Requires, by December 31, 2015, the DHE Director, in consultation with state institutions of higher education, to develop implementation strategies to embed work experiences, including but not limited to internships and cooperatives, into the curriculum of degree programs in the 2016-2017 academic year, to explore ways to increase student participation in in-demand occupations, including computer sciences, and to create industry clusters to develop curriculum that can be used for competency based tests.

Requires, by December 31, 2015, each state institution of higher education to display a link to OhioMeansJobs.com in a prominent location on the institution's web site.

Requires the Director to work with state institutions of higher education to have a career counseling program in place by December 31, 2015.

Fiscal effect: Minimal administrative costs for the Department and state institutions of higher education.

Executive

BORCD32 **Technology transfer and commercialization recommendations**

Section: ***369.580***

Requires, by July 1, 2016, the DHE Director to study and make recommendations regarding ways to improve technology transfer and commercialization, including the potential for intellectual property auctions after a set number of years.

BORCD47 **Tobacco-free policy for state institutions of higher education**

Section: ***733.10***

Requires the departments of Higher Education and Health to develop a model policy regarding the use of tobacco at state institutions of higher education. Requires state institutions to adopt, not later than 12 months after the model policy is developed, policies that are not less stringent than the model policy.

Fiscal effect: Minimal costs for the departments to develop, and for state institutions to adopt, a model policy. Some state institutions, like OSU, already have a tobacco free policy in place and would presumably incur little, or no, additional costs.

Executive

DRCCD8 **Fund closures**

R.C. ***2929.18, 2969.14, 5120.135, Section 512.60***

Abolishes the Confinement Cost Reimbursement Fund (Fund 5D50), the Laboratory Services Fund (Fund 5930), the Adult Parole/Probation Service Fund (Fund 5A30), and the Sex Offender Supervision Fund (Fund 5CL0).

Fiscal effect: None, as these funds are inactive and have no cash balances.

DRCCD5 **Judicial release on compassionate medical grounds**

R.C. ***2929.20***

(1) Authorizes a court, on its own motion, to grant judicial release to an offender in a state correctional institution on compassionate medical grounds if the offender has not been sentenced to death or life imprisonment.

(2) Requires the court, after granting judicial release, to determine the offender's health status annually, and permits the court, if the offender's status improves sufficiently, to reimpose the reduced sentence after a hearing or waiver of a hearing by the offender.

Fiscal effect: Potential reduction in incarceration related expenditures, including medical treatment costs, for each offender granted judicial release on compassionate medical grounds.

DRCCD4 **Halfway house and community-based correctional facility program expenditures**

R.C. ***2967.14, 5120.112***

Permits the Department's Division of Parole and Community Services to expend up to one-half per cent of the annual appropriation made for halfway house programs and community-based correctional facility programs for goods and services that benefit those programs.

Fiscal effect: This provision modifies current law to permit additional expenditures for training, information technology enhancements, and supplies.

Executive

DRCCD3 **Ohio Penal Industry prices**

R.C. ***5120.28***

Removes the requirement that the Office of Budget and Management approve prices fixed by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction for labor and services performed, agricultural products produced, and articles manufactured in correctional and penal institutions that are furnished to the state, its political subdivisions, and public institutions, and to private persons.

Fiscal effect: None.

DRCCD6 **Classified employee fallback rights**

R.C. ***5120.38, 5120.381, 5120.382***

(1) Expands current law, which permits a Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) employee who moves from a classified position to an unclassified position (as a managing officer, deputy warden, or otherwise) to resume the classified position held by the employee immediately prior to the move, to allow the employee to resume the classified position (or a substantially equal position, as certified by the Director of Administrative Services (DAS)) even if the employee has held multiple unclassified positions since the move.

(2) Requires the DRC Director, if the employee's prior classified position has been place in the unclassified service or is otherwise unavailable, to appoint the employee to a classified DRC position that is comparable in compensation to the prior position, as certified by the DAS Director.

(3) Triggers the fallback rights for DRC employees only when the employee is demoted to a pay range lower than the employee's current pay range or when the DRC Director revokes the employee's appointment to the unclassified service.

(4) Specifies the circumstances under which a DRC employee forfeits the right to resume the classified position.

(5) Requires, if a DRC employee utilizes these fallback provisions, that the employee's unclassified DRC service be counted toward that employee's service in the prior classified position.

(6) Entitles a DRC employee using these fallback provisions to all rights and benefits and any status that the classified position accrued during the employee's unclassified service (similar to current law).

Executive

DRCCD9 **Monthly personnel report**

R.C. ***5120.38***

Eliminates a current law requirement that the managing officer of each DRC institution must file a monthly report with the DRC Director outlining all appointments, resignations, and discharges.

Fiscal effect: Potential savings effect.

DRCCD1 **Adult correctional facilities lease rental bond payments**

Section: ***371.10***

Requires GRF appropriation item 501406, Adult Correctional Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments, be used to meet all payments during the period from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017, by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction under the primary leases and agreements for buildings under R.C. Chapters 152. and 154.

DRCCD2 **OSU medical charges**

Section: ***371.10***

(1) Requires The Ohio State University Medical Center, at the request of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC), to provide necessary care to persons who are confined in state adult correctional facilities.

(2) Requires the provision of necessary care be billed to DRC or the Department of Medicaid at a rate not to exceed the authorized reimbursement rate for the same service established by the Department of Medicaid under the Medicaid Program.

Executive

RDFCD1 **Additional appropriations**

Section: ***375.10***

Specifies that appropriation items in the RDF section be used for the purpose of administering and distributing the designated revenue distribution funds according to the Revised Code. Appropriates additional needed amounts.

RDFCD2 **General Revenue Fund transfers**

Section: ***375.10***

Allows the Director of Budget and Management, during fiscal years 2016 and 2017, to transfer from the GRF to the Local Government Tangible Property Tax Replacement Fund (Fund 7081) and the School District Tangible Property Tax Replacement Fund (Fund 7047), those amounts necessary to reimburse local taxing units and school districts under sections 5709.92 and 5709.93 of the Revised Code.

Allows the Director of Budget and Management, during fiscal year 2016 and 2017, to make temporary transfers from the GRF to ensure sufficient balances in Fund 7081 and Fund 7047 and to replenish the GRF for such transfers.

RDFCD3 **Property tax reimbursement - education**

Section: ***375.10***

Prohibits the Superintendent of Public Instruction from requesting, and the Controlling Board from approving, the transfer of funds from GRF appropriation item 200903, Property Tax Reimbursement - Education, to any other appropriation item.

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 200903, Property Tax Reimbursement - Education, be used to pay for the state's costs incurred for school districts and JVSDs because of the homestead exemption, the property tax rollback, and reimbursements associated with conversion levies. Appropriates any additional amount needed to fully fund these costs.

Executive

RDFCD4 **Property tax reimbursement - local government**

Section: ***375.10***

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 110908, Property Tax Reimbursement - Local Government, be used to pay for the state's costs incurred for local governments because of the homestead exemption, the manufactured home property tax rollback, and the property tax rollback. Appropriates any additional amount needed to fully fund these costs.

Executive

SANCD1 **Sanitarian fee changes for renewals and late fees**

R.C. ***4736.12***

Increases the renewal fee for registered sanitarians and sanitarians-in-training from $80 to $90 and increases the late application for renewal fee from $50 to $75.

Fiscal effect: Will increase the Board's yearly revenue by approximately $12,000.

Executive

SOSCD5 **Abolishment of the Information System Fund**

R.C. ***111.181, (Repealed); 1309.528, Section 512.60***

Repeals the Revised Code section that created the Information Systems Fund (Fund 4130) to collect fees for special database requests, including corporate and uniform commercial code filings. Specifies instead that revenue from fees charged to customers for special database requests be deposited into the Corporate and Uniform Commercial Code Filing Fund (Fund 5990).

Requires the Director of Budget and Management, on July 1, 2015, or as soon as possible thereafter, to cancel any existing encumbrances against Fund 4130 appropriation item 050601, Information Systems, and reestablish them against Fund 5990 appropriation item 050603, Business Services Operating Expenses. Requires the Director of Budget and Management to transfer the cash balance in Fund 4130 to Fund 5990 and abolishes Fund 4130.

SOSCD1 **Poll Workers Training**

Section: ***383.10***

Requires that GRF appropriation item 050407 Poll Workers Training, be used to reimburse county boards of elections for poll worker training pursuant to section 3501.27 of the Revised Code. Reappropriates the unexpended, unencumbered portion of the line item remaining at the end of FY 2016 for the same purpose in FY 2017.

Executive

SOSCD2 **Board of Voting Machine Examiners**

Section: ***383.10***

Requires that Fund 4S80 appropriation item 050610, Board of Voting Machine Examiners, be used to pay for the services and expenses of the members of the Board of Voting Machine Examiners and for other expenses that are authorized to be paid from the Board of Voting Machine Examiners Fund (Fund 4S80) created in Section 3506.05 of the Revised Code. Requires that moneys not used be returned to the person or entity submitting equipment for examination. States that if it is determined that additional appropriations are necessary, such amounts are appropriated.

SOSCD3 **Holding Account Fund Group**

Section: ***383.10***

Requires that Fund R001 appropriation item 050605, Uniform Commercial Code Refunds, and Fund R002 appropriation item 050606, Corporate/Business Filing Refunds, be used to hold revenues until they are directed to appropriate accounts or until they are refunded. Appropriates additional amounts if necessary.

SOSCD4 **HAVA Funds**

Section: ***383.10***

Reappropriates an amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered portion of federal Fund 3AS0 appropriation item 050616, Help America Vote Act (HAVA) at the end of FY 2015 for the same purpose in FY 2016. Reappropriates the unexpended, unencumbered portion of this appropriation item in FY 2016 for the same purpose in FY 2017.

Executive

SENCD1 **Operating expenses**

Section: ***385.10***

Permits the Clerk of the Senate, on July 1 of each fiscal year, or as soon as possible thereafter, to certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of the unexpended, unencumbered balance of GRF appropriation item 020321, Operating Expenses, to be reappropriated from FY 2015 to FY 2016, and similarly, from FY 2016 to FY 2017.

Executive

CSFCD1 **Debt service costs**

Section: ***389.10***

Specifies that appropriation items of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be used for the purpose of paying debt service and financing costs during the period from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017 on bonds or notes of the state issued under the Ohio Constitution and acts of the General Assembly. Appropriates additional amounts, if necessary, to fully fund debt service and financing costs.

Fiscal effect: None.

Executive

Personal Income Tax

TAXCD24 Revisions to the small business income tax deduction

R.C. ***5747.01, 5733.40, Section 803.110***

(1) Revises the small business income tax deduction to allow individuals to deduct 100% of business income derived from businesses with gross receipts not exceeding $2 million for the taxable year, with no cap on the deduction.

(2) Allows individuals to deduct 50% of business income derived from businesses with gross receipts exceeding $2 million for the taxable year. Limits the aggregate deduction for business income from businesses with gross receipts exceeding $2 million to no more than $125,000 (or $62,500 for spouses filing separate returns).

(3) Makes two adjustments to the amount of pass-through entity "withholding" tax that must be paid by some pass-through entities as follows:

(a) Allows an entity to exclude from its adjusted qualifying amount any compensation or guaranteed payment paid to an owner holding at least a 20% share to the extent the compensation or payment is otherwise taxable by Ohio regardless of the owner being a related member with respect to the entity. (Currently, such compensation or payment is considered part of the owner's distributive share of income from the entity and therefore taxable to the entity as part of the adjusted qualifying amount.)

(b) Allows an entity to exclude from the withholding tax base any amount paid as an expense to a related person or entity ("related member") if the related member is subject to Ohio income tax on the basis of that amount.(This proposal would preclude an entity owner from reclassifying compensation or guaranteed payments received from the entity as a redistributive share of the entity's income, which may be, or include, business income. Currently, the only expenses paid to related members that may be excluded from the entity withholding tax base are compensation and guaranteed payments paid to owners who hold at least a 20% share of the entity.)

Fiscal effect: These changes are estimated by the executive to reduce personal income tax, on an all-funds basis, by $337.8 million in FY 2016 and by $358.2 million in FY 2017. Under current law, the GRF would have received these amounts, with 96.68% being retained and the rest being transferred in equal shares to the Local Government Fund (LGF) and the Public Library Fund (PLF). The GRF revenue loss would be $326.6 million in FY 2016 and $346.3 million in FY 2017. The LGF and PLF would each experience revenue losses of $5.6 million in FY 2016 and $5.9 million in FY 2017.

Executive

TAXCD25 Means test Social Security income tax deduction

R.C. ***5747.01, Section 803.120***

Restricts the state income tax deduction for Social Security and Tier One railroad retirement benefits to taxpayers whose federal adjusted gross income (FAGI) is less than or equal to $100,000 rather than allowing all taxpayers to deduct such benefits as under current law. (Deductible Social Security benefits include old-age, survivor, and disability insurance benefits. Tier One railroad retirement benefits are the equivalent of Social Security benefits for railroad employees.)

Fiscal effect: Increases personal income tax revenue by an estimated $112.9 million on an all-funds basis in FY 2016 and $115.5 million in FY 2017, based on tax year (TY) 2012 data (the latest published). Increases distributions to the Local Government Fund (LGF, Fund 7069) and the Public Library Fund (PLF, Fund 7065) by an estimated $1.9 million each in both years. The increase in revenue to the GRF net of the LGF and PLF distributions is $109.1 million in FY 2016 and $111.6 million in FY 2017.

TAXCD22 Income tax rate reduction

R.C. ***5747.02***

Reduces income tax rates for all brackets by 15% for the 2015 taxable year, and by 23% from 2014 rates for the 2016 taxable year and thereafter.

Fiscal effect: Annual fiscal effects would depend on the timing and magnitude of withholding changes. Assuming withholding rates are reduced 15% for FY 2016 and 23% for FY 2017 and thereafter, personal income tax revenue on an all-funds basis would be reduced an estimated $1.98 billion in FY 2016 and $2.72 billion in FY 2017. Transfers to each of the Local Government Fund (LGF, Fund 7069) and the Public Library Fund (PLF, Fund 7065) would be reduced by an estimated $33 million and $45 million, respectively, in these two years. GRF revenue net of LGF and PLF distributions would be reduced $1.92 billion and $2.63 billion in FY 2016 and FY 2017.

Executive

TAXCD19 Income tax personal exemption amount increase

R.C. ***5747.025***

Increases the personal exemption amounts (applicable to the taxpayer, spouse, and dependent) available to income taxpayers with an Ohio adjusted gross income (OAGI) of $80,000 or less, beginning with the 2015 taxable year. Increases the amount from $2,200 to $4,000 for those taxpayers with an OAGI of $40,000 or less. Increases the amount from $1,950 to $2,850 for those taxpayers with an OAGI between $40,000 and $80,000.

Fiscal effect: According to executive estimates, increasing the personal exemption amounts will reduce personal income tax receipts by $184 million in FY 2016 and by $188 million in FY 2017. The GRF will bear 96.68% of this revenue loss; the remaining revenue losses will be split equally between the LGF and PLF.

TAXCD23 Means test for retirement income tax credits

R.C. ***5747.055, 5747.05, 5747.08, 5747.71, and 5747.98; Section 803.70***

Applies a means test to the retirement income credit, the lump-sum retirement credit, the lump-sum distribution credit, and the senior citizen credit. For taxable years beginning in 2015 and thereafter, only taxpayers with Ohio taxable income of less than $100,000 would be eligible for the credits.

Fiscal effect: Increases personal income tax revenue by up to an estimated $24.9 million in FY 2016 and $25.5 million in FY 2017. Distributions to each of the Local Government Fund (LGF, Fund 7069) and the Public Library Fund (PLF, Fund 7065) would increase an estimated $0.4 million in each year. Revenue retained by the GRF, net of distributions to the LGF and PLF, would increase an estimated $24.1 million in FY 2016 and $24.6 million in FY 2017. Revenue gains would grow in future years as numbers of retirees increase. Retirement income credits were 79% of the total of these four types of credits in tax year 2012 (latest published), and senior citizen credits were 16%.

Executive

Sales and Use Taxes

TAXCD9 **Sales tax rate increase, base expansion, and other sales tax changes**

R.C. ***5739.01, 5739.011, 5739.02, 5739.03, 5739.10, 5739.12, 5741.02; sections 803.30 and 812.60***

Increases the rate of the state sales and use tax from 5.75% to 6.25% beginning October 1, 2015.

Subjects the following services to sales and use taxation beginning October 1, 2015: (1) cable television services; (2) transfer of bad debt; (3) travel services; (4) research and public opinion polling services; (5) public relations services; (6) lobbying services; (7) management consulting services; (8) parking services; (9) debt collection services; and (10) repossession services.

Repeals the exemption for the sale of services by the state, political subdivisions, and other government entities.

Reduces the trade-in credit for purchases of a watercraft or new motor vehicle from a licensed dealer to 50% of the trade-in value. (Under current law, the taxable "price" of a watercraft or new motor vehicle for sales and use tax purposes is reduced by the value of any motor vehicle or watercraft accepted by the dealer as part of the transaction).

Clarifies that the impoundment of motor vehicles by the state or a political subdivision is not subject to sales and use taxation.

Limits the vendor discount for timely filing of sales or use tax returns to $1,000 per month. (Under current law, the discount equals 0.75% of the amount due on the return)

Executive

Fiscal effect: The executive estimates the tax rate increase, the expansion of the sales tax base to include specified services, capping the vendor discount at $1,000 per month, and the 50% reduction in the trade-in value of motor vehicles and watercraft would yield additional all funds receipts of $1,136.6 million in FY 2016 and $1,485.4 million in FY 2017. More specifically, the tax increase and base expansion would increase sales tax revenue by $1,041.7 million and $1,354.2 million, the reduction in the value of trade-in would increase revenue by $73.8 million and $101.6 million, and the limitation on the vendor discount would add $21.1 million and $29.6 million. Under current law, the GRF share of the total would be $1,098.9 million in FY 2016 and $1,436.1 million in FY 2017, with the difference between the all-funds figures and the GRF figures being split equally between the Local Government Fund and the Public Library Fund. The base expansion, the reduction in the value of trade-ins, and the limitation on the vendor discount may increase revenue from county permissive and transit authorities sales and use taxes by $120.2 million in FY 2016 and $167.1 million in FY 2017.

Commercial Activity Tax

TAXCD4 **CAT revenue allocation changes**

R.C. ***5751.02, 5751.20***

Increases the share of commercial activity tax (CAT) revenue credited to the GRF from 50% to 75%, reduces from 35% to 20% the share credited to the School District Tangible Property Tax Replacement Fund (Fund 7047), and decreases from 15% to 5% the share credited to the Local Government Tangible Property Tax Replacement Fund (Fund 7081), beginning July 1, 2015.

Fiscal effect: None. While the proposed allocation change increases the amount of CAT receipts directly credited to the GRF it reduces "excess" CAT receipts that are transferred back to the GRF. Under current law, CAT receipts deposited into Fund 7081 and Fund 7047 are used to make reimbursement payments to school districts and other local taxing units, respectively, for the phase-out of property taxes on general business tangible personal property. Any "excess" receipts that are not needed for making such payments are transferred back to the GRF. The executive budget resumes the phase-out of these reimbursement payments (see comparison document entries TAXCD14 and TAXCD15).

Executive

TAXCD6 **Decrease in CAT minimum tax for certain taxpayers**

R.C. ***5751.03, Section 803.90***

Decreases to $150 from the current $800 the commercial activity tax (CAT) due on the first $1 million in taxable gross receipts for taxpayers that have between $1 million and $2 million in annual taxable gross receipts. Subjects the remaining gross receipts above $1 million to the proposed tax rate of 0.32%.

Begins to apply to tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2016.

Fiscal effect: Reduces all-fund CAT revenue by about $14.1 million each in FY 2016 and FY 2017. Under the proposed distribution of CAT revenue in the executive budget, the GRF would receive 75% of CAT receipts, the School District Tangible Property Tax Replacement Fund (Fund 7047) would receive 20% and the Local Government Tangible Property Tax Replacement Fund (Fund 7081) would receive 5%. Thus, the yearly revenue loss to the GRF would be $10.6 million. Yearly revenue to Fund 7047 and Fund 7081 would decrease $2.8 million and $0.7 million, respectively.

TAXCD7 **CAT rate increase**

R.C. ***5751.03, Section 803.90***

Increases the commercial activity tax rate due on a taxpayer's taxable gross receipts in excess of $1 million from 0.26% to 0.32%.

Fiscal effect: Increases all-funds CAT revenue by $294.6 million in FY 2016 and $406.9 million in FY 2017. Under the proposed distribution of CAT revenue in the executive budget, the GRF will receive 75% of CAT receipts, the School District Tangible Property Tax Replacement Fund (Fund 7047) will receive 20% and the Local Government Tangible Property Tax Replacement Fund (Fund 7081) will receive 5%. Therefore, distributions to the GRF from the rate increase are estimated at $221.0 million in FY 2016 and $305.2 million in FY 2017. Distributions to Fund 7047 would be $58.9 million and $81.4 million; and distributions to Fund 7081 would be $14.7 million and $20.3 million.

Executive

Cigarette Taxes

TAXCD12 Changes to cigarette minimum prices

R.C. ***1333.99, 5743.01, 5743.05, 5743.15, 5743.20, 5743.36, 5743.361, 5743.362, 5743.363, 5743.364, 5743.365, and 1333.11 through 1333.211 (Repealed); Section 812.20***

Changes the calculation of retail and wholesale cigarette minimum prices, effective July 1, 2015, which results in a new minimum retail price that generally is 108% of the minimum wholesale price (with some adjustments if county taxes apply to the cigarettes). (Under current law, minimum prices generally equal the invoice cost of the cigarettes to the wholesaler or retailer plus a "cost of doing business" mark-up - 3.5% for wholesalers and 8% for retailers, over invoice, is the default mark-up in the absence of proof of higher cost; the mark-ups do not explicitly include state and county excise taxes).

Requires manufacturers to certify the list price of each cigarette brand they will sell in the state, and requires the Department of Taxation to post the price of each brand on its web site.

Eliminates the 1.8% tax stamping discount provided to wholesale dealers as consideration for affixing tax stamps to cigarette packages.

Moves language regarding the enforcement of cigarette minimum pricing from R.C. Chapter 1333. (UCC trade practices) to Revised Code Chapter 5743. (Cigarette and other tobacco taxes).

Fiscal effect: Increases revenue from the cigarette tax by $19.7 million in FY 2016 and $19.3 million in FY 2017. Cigarette tax revenue is deposited in the GRF.

TAXCD17 Increase cigarette excise tax rate

R.C. ***5743.02, 5743.32, Sections 757.30, 803.50***

Increases the rate of the cigarette excise tax from the current $0.0625 per cigarette ($1.25 per pack) to $0.1125 per cigarette ($2.25 per pack) beginning July 1, 2015. Applies the rate increase to cigarettes and tax stamps in dealers' inventories on July 1, 2015.

Executive

Fiscal effect: The executive estimates the higher rate will increase cigarette tax receipts by $415.0 million in FY 2016 and $337.1 million in FY 2017. Cigarette tax receipts are deposited in the GRF.

TAXCD18 Increase tobacco products tax rate

R.C. ***5743.51, 5743.01, 5743.62, 5743.63, Section 803.60***

Increases the rate for the excise tax levied on tobacco products other than cigarettes to 60% of such products' wholesale price from the existing rate of 17%, or in the case of little cigars, 37%. Specifies the rate increase will begin July 1, 2015.

Fiscal effect: The executive estimates the higher rate will increase other tobacco (OTP) excise tax receipts by $83.5 million in FY 2016 and $86.6 million in FY 2017. Revenue from OTP is deposited in the GRF.

TAXCD8 Elimination of the OTP discount for timely filing of returns

R.C. ***5743.52, 5743.62; Section 803.40***

Eliminates the existing 2.5% discount to taxpayers for timely filing their other tobacco products tax returns.

Fiscal effect: The executive estimates this provision increases OTP revenue by $3.5 million in FY 2016 and $3.7 million in FY 2017. OTP revenue is deposited into the GRF.

TAXCD11 Taxation of vapor products

R.C. ***5744.02, 715.013, 5703.052, 5743.45, 5744.01, 5744.03 through 5744.15, 5747.97, 5747.99, and 5751.01***

Levies a tax, starting January 1, 2016, on vapor products containing, made from, or derived from nicotine at a rate equivalent to the tax on cigarettes. Specifies that the tax is measured in milliliters or grams if the products are sold in solid form.

Executive

Fiscal effect: The executive estimates the tax on vapor products would increase revenue from other tobacco products tax by $6.4 million in FY 2016 and $15.9 million in FY 2017. Revenue from OTP is deposited in the GRF.

Kilowatt-hour and Natural Gas Consumption Taxes

TAXCD3 **Kilowatt-hour excise tax: all revenue to GRF**

R.C. ***5727.81, 5727.811, and 5727.84***

Requires that 100% of revenue from the kilowatt-hour excise tax be deposited into the GRF beginning July 1, 2015, instead of 88% to the GRF, 9% to the School District Property Tax Replacement Fund (Fund 7053) and 3% to the Local Government Property Tax Replacement Fund (Fund 7054) as under current law.

Fiscal effect: None. Under current law, kilowatt-hour excise tax receipts deposited into Fund 7053 and Fund 7054 are used to make reimbursement payments to school districts and other local taxing units, respectively, to partially reimburse them for previously legislated reductions in property tax assessments on tangible personal property of electric and natural gas utilities as part of the deregulation of some aspects of such utilities. Any "excess" receipts that are not needed for making such payments are transferred back to the GRF. The executive budget resumes the phase-out of these reimbursement payments (see comparison document entries TAXCD14 and TAXCD15). Reimbursement payments that are needed for FY 2016 and thereafter will be funded by CAT receipts deposited into Funds 7081 and 7047.

Property Taxes and Transfer Fees

TAXCD15 **Tangible personal property tax replacement payments - schools**

R.C. ***5709.92, 5727.84, 5727.85, 5751.20, and 5751.21***

Beginning in FY2016, resumes the phase-out of the state's payments to school districts that partly reimburse districts for the loss of general business and public utility tangible personal property (TPP) tax revenue based on a district's combined general business and utility property tax replacement payments in FY 2015.

Prescribes different phase-out schedules for different classes of tax levies as follows:

Executive

(1) Current expense levies: Specifies that replacement payments for such levies be phased out according to the ratio of a district's FY 2015 payment amount to its total operating revenue from state and local sources ("total sources") and according to a district's tax capacity, a measure that considers both a district's property wealth and income wealth. Groups school districts into five quintiles by tax capacity. For a 5th quintile (highest capacity) district, specifies that the replacement payment will only be made in FY 2016 if the district's FY 2015 payment represents more than 2% of its total resources; increases the percentage threshold to 4% in FY 2017 and by 2 percentage points each year thereafter. Prescribes the initial percentage and annual increment for a 4th quintile district at 1.75%, a 3rd quintile district at 1.5%, a 2nd quintile district at 1.25%, and a 1st quintile (lowest capacity) district at 1%. For all joint vocational school districts (JVSDs), specifies that the initial percentage and annual increment be 2%. (Under current law, school districts and JVSDs receive annual payments equal to the amount by which a district's FY 2011 payment exceeds 4% of its total resources or the amount the district received in FY 2013.)

(2) Non-current-expense, nondebt levies: Specifies that replacement payments be made in FY 2016 at the level of 50% of a district's FY 2015 payment. Eliminates replacement payments for these levies beginning in FY 2017. (Current law provides for annual payments equal to 50% of the payment the district received in FY 2011.)

(3) Emergency and other fixed-sum levies: Phases out replacement payments for such levies in one-fifth increments over five years beginning in 2017 for utility TPP payments and in 2018 for business TPP payments. (Current law ends such payments in 2017 for utility TPP and in 2018 for business TPP).

(4) Debt levies: (Retains current law for debt levy reimbursement payments. Replacement payments for voter-approved fixed-sum debt levies will be made at the 2014 payment levels until the levy is no longer imposed. Payments for "inside-mill" debt levies that qualify for reimbursement in FY 2015 will be imbursed through FY 2016 for utility TPP and through FY 2018 for business TPP.)

Fiscal effect: Reduces TPP reimbursement payments for school districts and JVSDs. The executive budget appropriates from the Property Tax Replacement Phase Out - Education (Fund 7047) $360.9 million for FY 2016 and $249.8 million in FY 2017 for TPP reimbursement payments for school districts and JVSDs. In FY 2015, TPP reimbursements to school districts and JVSDs total $510 million.

Executive

TAXCD14 **Property tax replacement payments to local taxing units**

R.C. ***5709.93, 5727.84, 5727.86, 5751.20, 5751.22, Section 757.10***

Beginning in FY 2016, resumes the phase-out of business and utility tangible personal property (TPP) reimbursement payments for local taxing units other than school districts and joint vocational school districts based on each unit's combined business and utility TPP reimbursement payments received in FY 2015.

Specifies that replacement payments for current expense levies be phased out according to the ratio of a taxing unit's FY 2015 payment amount to its total operating revenue from state and local sources ("total sources"). Specifies that the replacement payment will only be made in FY 2016 if the unit's FY 2015 payment represents more than 2% of its total resources; increases the percentage threshold to 4% in FY 2017 and by 2 percentage points each year thereafter. (Under current law, local taxing units receive annual payments equal to the amounts by which their CY 2010 payments exceed 6% of their total resources or the reimbursement amounts for TY 2013.)

(Retains current law for debt levy reimbursement payments. Payments for "inside-mill" debt levies that qualify for reimbursement in CY 2015 will be reimbursed through CY 2016 for utility TPP and through CY 2017 for business TPP.)

Requires each county auditor, by July 31, 2015, to certify to the Tax Commissioner the amount of money distributed from the County Public Library Fund in 2014 to each public library system that received a TPP reimbursement in 2014, for purposes of computing a library system's total resources used in TPP reimbursement determinations.

Fiscal effect: Reduce the reimbursements to counties, townships, municipal corporations, other local taxing units, and public libraries. The executive budget appropriates from the Property Tax Replacement Phase Out - Local Government (Fund 7081) $65.9 million in FY 2016 and $40.2 million in FY 2017 for reimbursement payments for local government. In FY 2015 TPP reimbursement payments for local government total $127.6 million.

Executive

TAXCD21 **Appeal of TPP reimbursement computation**

Section: ***757.20***

Authorizes school districts and other local taxing units affected by the bill's TPP reimbursement changes to contest how the Tax Commissioner has classified a levy or calculated its total resources for the purpose of computing the reimbursement payments. Specifies that the Tax Commissioner's decision on appeal is final and that no adjustments be made after June 30, 2016.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in administrative cost for the Department of Taxation.

Other Taxation Provisions

TAXCD26 **Changes to issuances of job creation tax credits and job retention tax credits**

R.C. ***122.17, 122.171, 5725.98, 5726.50, 5729.98, 5733.0610, 5736.50, 5747.058, and 5751.50***

Revises the computation of Job Creation Tax Credits (JCTCs) so that the amount of the credit equals an agreed-upon percentage of the taxpayer's Ohio employee payroll (taxable income paid to Ohio residents) minus baseline payroll (taxable income paid to Ohio residents during the 12 months preceding the agreement). For Job Retention Tax Credits (JRTCs), the amount of the credit would equal an agreed-upon percentage of the taxpayer's Ohio employee payroll. (Under current law, both credits are calculated as a percentage of the taxpayer's Ohio income tax withholdings, which could include nonresidents working in Ohio.)

Removes the 75% cap currently placed on the JRTC percentage, such that the credit is multiplied by the taxpayer's Ohio employee payroll to determine the amount of the credit.

Authorizes the Tax Credit Authority to require the taxpayer to refund all or a portion of a JCTC or JRTC if the taxpayer fails to substantially meet the job creation, payroll, or investment requirements included in the tax credit agreement or files for bankruptcy.

Executive

Reduces from 60 to 30 days the amount of time a taxpayer has to submit a copy of a JCTC or JRTC certificate after a request of the Tax Commissioner or the Superintendent of Insurance.

Authorizes the Tax Credit Authority, upon mutual agreement of the taxpayer and DSA, to revise JCTC agreements originally approved in 2014 or 2015 to conform with the bill's revisions to the credit. (Otherwise, the bill's revisions to the Revised Code apply to JCTC and JRTC agreements entered into after the bill's 90-day effective date.)

Fiscal effect: Potentially reduces revenue from the insurance taxes, the financial institutions tax, the commercial activity tax, the personal income tax, and the petroleum activity tax.

TAXCD13 Elimination of recommendations for JRTC and data center sales tax exemption applications

R.C. ***122.171, 122.175***

Eliminates the requirement that the Director of Budget and Management, the Tax Commissioner, and, in the case of an insurance company, the Superintendent of Insurance make recommendations with respect to applications for job retention tax credits (JRTCs) and data center sales tax exemptions. Also eliminates the requirement that these officials' review of the applications take account of the affected political subdivisions. (Under continuing law, the Director of Budget and Management, the Tax Commissioner, and, in the case of an insurance company, the Superintendent of Insurance are required to review such applications and determine the economic impact of the proposed project on the state. These determinations are submitted to the Tax Credit Authority to assist in its determination of whether to grant the credit or exemption. The bill does not change the duties of the Director of Development Services with respect to JRTC and data center sales tax exemption applications. The Director would still be required to determine the economic impact of the proposed project on both the state and the affected political subdivisions. The Director also would continue to submit recommendations on the applications.)

Fiscal effect: None.

Executive

TAXCD16 Transfers to the Next Generation 9-1-1 Fund

R.C. ***128.54, 128.55, 128.57***

(1) Repeals the requirement that the Statewide Emergency Services Internet Protocol Network Steering Committee annually transfer amounts remaining in the administrative funds to the Next Generation 9-1-1 Fund. Requires the Tax Commissioner to transfer any excess amount remaining in the Wireless 9-1-1 Administrative Fund to the Next Generation 9-1-1 Fund.

(2) Requires the Tax Commissioner to transfer funds remaining in the Wireless 9-1-1 Government Assistance Fund to the Next Generation 9-1-1 Fund at the direction of the steering committee rather than after monthly disbursements are made to counties.

Fiscal effect: Minimal decrease to the Next Generation 9-1-1 Fund (Revenue Distribution Fund 7093) depending on the excess remaining, if any, in the Wireless 9-1-1 Program Fund, which would no longer be obligated to transfer its excess balance to Fund 7093.

TAXCD2 Eliminate alcoholic beverage tax credit and discount

R.C. ***4301.42, 4303.33 and Section 803.20***

Eliminates the advance tax payment credit for timely payment of the beer excise tax and the alcoholic beverage tax by certain permit holders effective July 1, 2015. Eliminates the 3% alcoholic beverage tax discount for taxpayers that timely file the required monthly report effective July 1, 2015. (Under continuing law, the report shows the amount of alcohol sold by the permit holder in the state in the previous month).

Fiscal effect: Increases GRF tax revenue by an estimated $1.4 million each in FY 2016 and FY 2017. Revenue from the alcoholic beverage tax is deposited in the GRF.

Executive

TAXCD10 Tax Expenditure Review Committee

R.C. ***5703.94, 5703.48***

Creates a temporary nine-member committee to review most existing "tax expenditures" over a four-year cycle and make recommendations whether to continue or modify those expenditures or let the expenditures expire. Establishes a schedule so that most existing expenditures are reviewed over four years.

Requires any bill enacting or modifying a tax expenditure to include a statement of the policy objectives of the expenditure.

Limits the definition of "tax expenditure" to a provision that reduces revenue to the General Revenue Fund.

Provides a mechanism for reviewing tax expenditures implemented or modified after January 2015.

Fiscal effect: None.

TAXCD20 Hydrocarbon severance taxes

R.C. ***5749.02, 190.01 - 190.04, 321.50, 1509.01, 1509.02, 1509.11, 1509.34, 5703.052, 5703.19, 5749.01 - 5749.04, 5749.06 - 5749.08, 5749.10, 5749.12 - 5749.15, 5749.17, Sections 512.80, 812.20, Repealed: 1509.50***

Distinguishes "horizontal" wells from all other wells for the purpose of levying special tax rates on severances of oil, gas, natural gas liquids, and condensate from horizontal wells beginning on July 1, 2015. Repeals a cost recovery assessment imposed on all wells from which oil and gas is severed. Credits revenue from the horizontal well severance tax to the Severance Tax Receipts Fund, and requires the OBM Director to make quarterly transfers to distribute the proceeds to various funds, including the GRF.

(1) Adjusts the severance tax rate applicable to nonhorizontal wells to equal the combined rate of the current law's cost recovery assessment and the current law's severance tax rate on oil and gas. Exempts from continuing law's volume-based severance tax any gas severed from an exempt domestic well or a nonhorizontal well producing less than a

particular volume of gas in a calendar year, but imposes a $60 annual fee on the owner of each such well, payable to the Oil and Gas Well Fund.

(2) Levies a new 6.5% severance tax on oil, unprocessed gas, and condensate separated from oil or gas, severed from a horizontal well based on the volume of the resource severed or collected and multiplied by the resource's applicable spot price.

(3) Levies a new 4.5% severance tax on processed gas and natural gas liquids (NGLs) separated from oil or gas, severed from a horizontal well based on the volume of the resource collected or processed multiplied by the resource's applicable spot price.

(4) Requires the Director of Budget and Management to credit to the Oil and Gas Well Fund and Geological Mapping Fund revenue from the new horizontal well severance tax in accordance with a monthly schedule of disbursements that considers the resources of the oil and gas regulatory resources of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

(5) Credits 80% of the remaining revenue (after the transfers to DNR) to the GRF and credits the other 20% to provide funding for local governments.

(6) Distributes one-half of the revenue earmarked for local governments to counties in which drilled wells are located, and requires the county budget commission to determine the amounts allocated to subdivisions in each county. Distributes the other one-half of the local government revenue equally between two custodial funds administered by the new Ohio Shale Products Regional Commission to provide grants for local governments in areas with active shale well development. Prohibits money in one of the custodial funds, the Severance Tax Endowment Fund, from being used until after July 1, 2025.

(7) Requires the Governor's Office of Appalachian Ohio to provide staff and administrative assistance to the Ohio Shale Products Regional Commission upon request.

Fiscal effect: According to executive estimates, the new severance tax will increase GRF receipts by $76.5 million in FY 2016 and $183.4 million in FY 2017. Revenues available to local governments via the newly established County Severance Tax Fund will be $9.6 million in FY 2016 and $22.9 million in FY 2017. As for the two newly created custodial funds, the Severance Tax Infrastructure Fund and the Severance Tax Endowment Fund, each will receive $4.8 million in FY 2016 and $11.5 million in FY 2017. Revenues for two Department of Natural Resources funds, the Geological Mapping Fund (SSR Fund 5110) and the Oil and Gas Well Fund (SSR Fund 5180) will increase in the coming biennium as compared to their existing levels.

Executive

TAXCD1 **Income tax distributions to counties**

Section: ***503.90***

Appropriates GRF funds to make any payment required by Section 9 of Article 12 of the Ohio Constitution that not less than 50% of the income, estate, and inheritance taxes collected by the state must be returned to the county, school district, city, village, or township in which such taxes originate. (Ohio's estate tax was repealed for estates of individuals dying on or after January 1, 2013.)

Appropriation Language

TAXCD27 **Municipal income tax**

Section: ***397.10***

Specifies that FID Fund 7095 appropriation item 110995, Municipal Income Tax, be used to make payments to municipal corporations under R.C. 5745.05 and appropriates additional needed amounts.

TAXCD28 **Tax refunds**

Section: ***397.10***

Specifies that FID Fund 4250 appropriation item 110635, Tax Refunds, be used to pay refunds under R.C. 5703.052 and appropriates additional needed amounts.

Executive

TAXCD29 **Vendor's license payments**

Section: ***397.10***

Specifies that FID Fund 5CZ0 appropriation item 110631, Vendor's License Application, be used to make payments to county auditors under R.C. 5739.17 and appropriates additional needed amounts.

TAXCD30 **International registration plan administration**

Section: ***397.10***

Specifies that DPF Fund 4C60 appropriation item 110616, International Registration Plan Administration, be used under R.C. 5703.12 for audits of persons with vehicles registered under the International Registration Plan.

TAXCD31 **Travel expenses for the Streamlined Sales Tax Project**

Section: ***397.10***

Allows a portion of DPF Fund 4350 appropriation item 110607, Local Tax Administration, to be used for travel expenses incurred by members of Ohio's delegation to the Streamlined Sales Tax Project in accordance with applicable state laws and guidelines.

TAXCD32 **Tobacco settlement enforcement**

Section: ***397.10***

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 110404, Tobacco Settlement Enforcement, be used to pay costs incurred in the enforcement of divisions (F) and (G) of R.C. 5743.03.

Executive

TAXCD33 **STARS Development and Implementation Fund**

Section: ***397.10***

Specifies that DPF Fund 5MN0 appropriation item 110638, STARS Development and Implementation, be used to pay costs incurred in the development and implementation of the department's State Tax Accounting and Revenue System.

Requires the Director of Budget and Management to develop a schedule to transfer up to $6.0 million cash over the biennium from various funds into the STARS Development and Implementation Fund (Fund 5MN0).

Executive

DOTCD32 Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant Program

Section: ***512.50***

(1) Establishes a Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant Program in the Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002), and requires the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to administer the program and solicit, evaluate, score, and select projects submitted by public and private entities that are eligible for the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program. Requires ODOT to process Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) projects as recommended by EPA.

(2) Specifies that in addition to the expenditures allowed pursuant to section 122.861 of the Revised Code, program funds also may be used to assist projects involving the purchase or use of hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles that are allowed under CMAQ guidance developed by FHWA.

(3) Requires public entities eligible to receive program funds to be reimbursed from moneys in Fund 7002. Requires private entities eligible to receive funds to be reimbursed at the discretion of the local public sector agency and upon approval by ODOT, through direct payments to the vendor in the prorated share of federal/state participation. Specifies that the reimbursements shall by made from moneys in Fund 7002.

(4) Prohibits new appropriations from Fund 7002 in FY 2016 for the program, and limits new appropriations from Fund 7002 to up to $5.0 million in FY 2017 for the program.

(5) Specifies that any allocations under this section of the bill represent CMAQ program moneys within ODOT for program use by EPA, and that such allocations shall not reduce the amount of moneys designated for metropolitan planning organizations.

(6) Requires EPA, in consultation with the Development Services Agency and ODOT, to develop guidance for the distribution of funds and for the administration of the program. Requires the guidance to include a method of prioritization for projects, acceptable technologies, and procedures for awarding grants.

Fiscal effect: The Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant Program was created in uncodified law in Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly for the FY 2014-FY 2015 biennium, with similar program guidelines and funding streams. Up to $5.0 million in additional Highway Operating Fund moneys may be appropriated for the program in the FY 2016-FY 2017 biennium, complementing the federal CMAQ funding.

Executive

TOSCD1 **Office of the Sinking Fund**

Section: ***401.20***

Specifies that appropriation item 090401, Office of the Sinking Fund, must be used for costs incurred by or on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and the Ohio Public Facilities Commission with respect to State of Ohio general obligation bonds or notes, and the Treasurer of State with respect to State of Ohio general obligation and special obligation bonds or notes.

Specifies that the GRF be reimbursed for costs relating to the issuance and administration of Highway Capital Improvement bonds or notes from appropriation item 155902, Highway Capital Improvement Bond Retirement Fund, by intrastate transfer voucher pursuant to a certification by the Office of the Sinking Fund of the actual amounts used. Specifies that the amounts necessary to make such a reimbursement are appropriated from the Highway Capital Improvement Bond Retirement Fund.

Fiscal effect: None.

TOSCD2 **Police and Fire Death Benefit Fund**

Section: ***401.20***

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 090575, Police and Fire Death Benefits, must be disbursed quarterly by the Treasurer of State at the beginning of each quarter of each fiscal year to the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund. Requires the Treasurer of State to certify such amounts quarterly to the Director of Budget and Management. Requires the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, by June 20th of each fiscal year, to certify to the Treasurer of State the amount disbursed in that fiscal year to make the payments required by section 742.63 of the Revised Code and return to the Treasurer of State moneys received from this appropriation item but not disbursed.

Fiscal effect: None.

Executive

TOSCD3 **Tax refunds**

Section: ***401.20***

Specifies that Fund 4250 appropriation item 090635, Tax Refunds, be used to pay specified tax refunds. Appropriates additional amount if the Director of Budget and Management determines that an additional amount is necessary.

Fiscal effect: None.

TOSCD4 **Treasury management system lease rental payments**

Section: ***401.30***

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 090406, Treasury Management System Lease Rental Payments, be used for payments during the period from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017, pursuant to leases and agreements with respect to financing the costs associated with the acquisition and implementation of the Treasury Management System. Appropriates additional amounts, if necessary, to pay such financing costs.

Fiscal effect: None.

Executive

VTOCD1 **Release of funds**

Section: ***403.10***

Permits the Director of Budget and Management to release the GRF subsidy appropriations to 13 designated veterans' organizations.

Executive

DVSCD1 **Veterans Compensation General Obligation Bond Debt Service**

Section: ***405.10***

Requires GRF appropriation item 900901, Veterans Compensation General Obligation Bond Debt Service, be used to pay all debt service and related financing costs during the period from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017, on obligations issued under R.C. 151.01 and 151.12.

DVSCD2 **Military injury relief**

Section: ***405.20***

(1) Requires the Director of Budget and Management, effective July 1, 2015, to cancel existing encumbrances against DPF Fund 5DB0 appropriation item 600637, Military Injury Relief Subsidies, used by the Department of Job and Family Services, reestablishes them against DPF Fund 5DB0 appropriation item 900643, Military Injury Relief Subsidies, used by the Department of Veterans Services, and appropriates the reestablished encumbrance amounts.

(2) Requires any business commenced but not completed under appropriation item 600637 by July 1, 2015, be completed under appropriation item 900643 in the same manner and with the same effect as if it were completed with regard to appropriation item 600637.

Executive

DVMCD1 **Veterinary examination and licensing requirements**

R.C. ***4741.03, 4741.09 (Repealed), 4741.11, 4741.12, 4741.17, 4741.19***

Repeals the requirement that individuals seeking to take a board-approved, nationally recognized veterinary examination receive approval from the board to take the examination.

Removes the requirement that the board provide to individuals who have failed a nationally recognized veterinary examination a report of why the individual failed.

Increases the fee for an initial veterinary license issued in an even-numbered year from $375 to $425. Increases the fee for an initial veterinary license issued in an odd numbered year from $250 to $300.

Adds the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence to the list of assessments used to evaluate whether an applicant from another state or country meets the educational requirements needed to obtain a veterinary license in Ohio.

Removes the fee for examinations offered by the Board.

Fiscal effect: Potential revenue loss associated with the removal of the $50 examination fee. There were 132 applicants that paid this fee in FY 2014, generating $6,600 in revenue. However, this loss will be offset by a reduction in processing costs and a rise in initial veterinary license fees. Based on the 114 new licenses issued in FY 2014, this $50 fee increase would generate an estimated $5,700 in revenue.

Executive

DYSCD6 **Department of Youth Services Release Authority**

R.C. ***5139.50***

Modifies the required size of the Department of Youth Services Release Authority to a minimum of three but not more than five members (modifies an ambiguity in current law making it uncertain as to whether the Release Authority consists of five or six members).

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal savings effect.

DYSCD1 **Community programs**

Section: ***409.10***

Permits the Department of Youth Services, for purposes of implementing juvenile sentencing reforms, to use up to 45% of the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the portion of GRF appropriation item 470401, RECLAIM Ohio, that is allocated to juvenile correctional facilities in each fiscal year to expand Targeted RECLAIM, the Behavioral Health Juvenile Justice Initiative, and other evidence-based community programs.

DYSCD2 **Juvenile correctional facilities lease rental bond payments**

Section: ***409.10***

Requires GRF appropriation item 470412, Juvenile Correctional Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments, be used to meet all payments during the period from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017, by the Department of Youth Services under the leases and agreements for facilities under R.C. Chapters 152. and 154.

Executive

DYSCD3 **Education reimbursement**

Section: ***409.10***

Requires DPF Fund 1750 appropriation item 470613, Education Reimbursement, be used to fund the operating expenses of providing educational services to youth supervised by the Department of Youth Services, including, but not limited to, teachers' salaries, maintenance costs, and educational equipment, and permits the appropriation item to be used for capital expenses related to the education program.

DYSCD4 **Employee food service and equipment**

Section: ***409.10***

Permits money received from reimbursements for state surplus property and appropriated to DPF Fund 4790 appropriation item 470609, Employee Food Service, to be used to purchase any food operational items.

DYSCD5 **Flexible funding for children and families**

Section: ***409.10***

Permits the juvenile court, in collaboration with that county's family and children first council, to transfer portions of its allocations from one or both of GRF appropriation items 470401, RECLAIM Ohio, and 470510, Youth Services, to a flexible funding pool as authorized by Section 337.30.70 (Family and Children First Flexible Funding Pool) of Am. Sub. H.B. 153 of the 129th General Assembly.

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