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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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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.

Executive**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.
