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- OET and SchoolNet will cease to exist as independent agencies beginning on July 1, 2005
- GRF funding for OET and SchoolNet responsibilities is recommended at \$27.9 million in each fiscal year within the Controlling Board budget

## OVERVIEW

The Ohio Educational Telecommunications Network Commission (OET) was created in 1961 after Ohio's fourth public television station was established. While initially created to direct the growth of Ohio's public television stations, OET's current mission is to ensure the coherent development and growth of public telecommunications for the citizens of Ohio, with a specific focus and commitment to education. To accomplish this, OET works directly with Ohio public radio and television stations, radio reading services, and educational technology agencies. OET also works with other appropriate public and governmental agencies, including the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio SchoolNet Commission, and the Office of Information Technology to support its mission. An executive director, who is appointed by the 11-member commission that governs OET, conducts OET's day-to-day operations. Currently, OET has 27 full-time equivalent employees and an annual budget of approximately \$11.9 million in FY 2005.

The Governor has proposed eliminating OET and the Ohio SchoolNet Commission as independent agencies beginning on July 1, 2005. A task force will be created to make recommendations for the Governor to develop a plan to reassign existing responsibilities and staff of OET and SchoolNet. Under the executive budget, GRF funding for OET and SchoolNet responsibilities is placed in appropriation item 911-417, Educational Technology Fund, of the Controlling Board, at a level of \$27.9 million in each fiscal year.

### OET Activities

OET's primary areas of responsibility include the operational and financial support of its telecommunication affiliates and the operation and maintenance of Ohio's telecommunications infrastructure.

### Affiliate subsidies and services

OET funding supports a number of affiliates providing educational, informational, and entertainment programming to Ohio's citizens. OET's two goals in this area are to:

- Strengthen communities by providing distinctive, thought-provoking programs and services that enlighten, inspire, educate, and entertain.
- Provide educational opportunities to serve the public need, and to provide outreach for OET institutions and licensees.

The major programs within affiliate subsidies and services are the telecommunications operating subsidy, the Statehouse News Bureau, and Ohio Government Telecommunications.

**Telecommunications operating subsidy.** OET distributes the subsidies that help fund Ohio's public television stations, public radio stations, and radio reading services. The subsidies are distributed according to the following formula: 67.5% to public television stations, 22.5% to public radio stations, and 10% to public radio reading services. Ohio has 8 public television licensees who operate 12 public television stations. These stations reach every home and school across the state, in some cases providing the only local broadcast presence in an area. The subsidy also provides assistance to Ohio's 15 public radio licensees who operate 34 public radio stations across the state. These stations broadcast Public Broadcasting Service, National Public Radio, and locally produced programming. In addition, OET subsidies help fund 9 stations that deliver the Ohio Radio Reading service, providing access to many local, state, and national newspapers for individuals who otherwise would have difficulty in reading the newspaper or other printed material. The reading services transmit the information on secondary audio channels of radio and television stations to the homes of over 2,000 of Ohio's visually impaired citizens.

**Statehouse News Bureau (SNB) and Ohio Government Telecommunications (OGT).** As the sole dedicated news outlets for Ohio government, SNB and OGT provide coverage of legislative and governmental activities for Ohio's citizens. SNB produces news reports of state government activities for broadcast on Ohio's 33 public radio stations. It also places these broadcasts on a web site accessible to all of Ohio's citizens on a 24-hour basis. In addition, a weekly half-hour video program is produced by SNB, providing a focus on the latest statewide news and events made available for broadcast on Ohio's public television stations.

While SNB is primarily responsible for news reports of state government events, OGT broadcasts House and Senate floor sessions in addition to sessions of the Ohio Supreme Court through the Ohio Channel (available on cable access channels and Ohio's public television stations). In addition to archiving these sessions, OGT makes the session footage available on its web site for 24-hour access to Ohio's citizens. OGT produces educational documentaries on Ohio civics, history, government, and culture for use in Ohio's schools as well as for broadcast on public television stations. OGT is also responsible for coordinating all media events for members of the General Assembly and events at the Statehouse.

### **Network Operations**

OET's funding also allows for the operation and maintenance of the state's telecommunications infrastructure. The goals of OET's network operations programs are to:

- Establish and maintain a dynamic statewide video, audio, voice, and data infrastructure in support of education and lifelong learning for all Ohio citizens.
- Direct efforts to ensure network services remain relevant to the needs of Ohio's citizens, workforce, and government.

- Ensure maximum benefit from network resources through financial planning, grants management, and efficient operations.
- Provide leadership in strengthening the state telecommunications infrastructure in order to deliver Ohio citizens effective communications services in the event of emergency.

The main activities within network operations include the operation and maintenance of a statewide fiber optic network and network operations center (NOC); operation and maintenance of the Ohio Telephone Reader; distribution of the statewide Emergency Alert Signal through the OET interconnection system including maintenance of Ohio's 22 telecommunications towers used for public broadcasting and public safety communications; and the procurement, scheduling, and distribution of educational instructional programs for Ohio's public schools and higher education institutions.

**Maintenance and operation of Ohio's statewide telecommunications network.** OET operates and maintains the statewide fiber optic network connecting Ohio's 12 public television stations, 34 public radio stations, 9 radio reading services, Ohio Government Telecommunications, Statehouse News Bureau, and the Emergency Management Agency to OET's network operations center (NOC) in Columbus. The NOC is staffed 16 hours a day, 7 days a week. With the assistance of a video file server, the NOC provides audio and video content to OET affiliates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The NOC's array of satellite antennas allows OET to uplink and downlink programming for immediate or delayed distribution to any of OET's affiliates and to all state agencies.

**Ohio Telephone Reader (OTR).** According to a recent study conducted by the National Institute of Health and Prevent Blindness America, 2.85% of all Ohioans suffer from a visual impairment of some sort. The OTR provides access to a variety of local newspapers for Ohio's visually impaired citizens through a simple toll-free telephone call. Since its inception, OTR usage has increased from slightly less than 10,000 calls in 2001 to over 71,000 calls in 2004. OET assumed the cost of operating the OTR telephone circuits and its file server in FY 2004 to prevent the program from shutting down.

**Emergency Alert Signal and telecommunication towers.** OET's network infrastructure allows Ohio's public broadcasting stations to record or pass-through coverage of emergency situations produced by their stations or by local commercial stations. The coverage is then fed to the NOC. OET is then able to distribute the coverage to Ohio's Emergency Management Agency (OEMA), allowing continuous monitoring of the situation and faster response time by OEMA. OET also maintains Ohio's 22 telecommunication towers used by state and local public safety officials for the Multi-Agency Radio Communications System (MARCS), by OET affiliates for television and radio broadcasting, as well as numerous other state and local entity communication purposes.

**Educational programming procurement & distribution.** OET acquires and distributes over 6,000 hours of instructional and professional development programming for Ohio schools. By centralizing the purchase of these materials, OET is able to provide educational media for Ohio schools at a discounted rate. In return for these purchases, SchoolNet reimburses OET approximately \$200,000 annually. OET also performs a similar service for higher education institutions through the group purchase of educational courses that are distributed across the OET network. OET receives approximately \$160,000 annually from higher education institutions who participate in the program.

### **Previous Budget Reductions**

Just like all the other state agencies, OET has experienced several budget reductions since FY 2002. Table 1 following, shows the reduction amount, the reduction amount as a percentage of the original total

GRF appropriations, and total GRF spending for each year. As can be seen from the table, OET’s GRF budget has been reduced by approximately \$3.5 million during the period from FY 2002 to FY 2005. The 16.9% increase in total GRF spending in FY 2003 was due to the establishment of the \$2.0 million subsidy line item 200-403, Ohio SONET, in the OET budget.

	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
Reduction amount	\$624,725	\$1,952,857	\$367,274	\$545,035
Reduction percentage	7%	17%	4%	6%
Total GRF spending	\$7,775,868	\$9,088,176	\$8,068,609	\$8,538,880
Percentage change in GRF spending	-	16.9%	-11.2%	5.8%

The GRF budget reductions initially led to diminished service hours for the NOC, moving its operation from 16 hours per day, 7 days per week (16x7) to a 9x7 operation schedule. With the purchase of an automated video file server with funds from the FY 2004-2005 capital budget, OET was able to move back to the 16x9 service schedule and has recently moved to a 24x7 schedule. In order to maintain the current service levels, technical operations staff is required to work some overtime. In addition, some administrative staff positions have been eliminated and the responsibilities have been absorbed by remaining staff to allow more focus on OET’s technical operations and affiliate services. For example, OET’s fiscal officer has absorbed the responsibilities of the human resources manager.

**Staffing Levels**

Since FY 2000 OET has conducted major organizational restructuring to more effectively deliver its core services and absorb GRF budget reductions. With assistance from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Human Resources, OET developed and instituted a plan to reorganize the NOC. Prior to the reorganization, OET was divided into four sections: engineering, traffic and programming, administration, and radio reading services. The reorganization left OET with two divisions: administration and technical operations. Of OET’s current 27 FTEs, 18 are in the technical operations section while 9 serve administrative functions.

OET has reduced its staff by 8 FTEs since FY 2000, resulting in the current level of 27 FTEs (this includes the currently vacant assistant director position). The eight FTEs eliminated included four master control room positions, three TV/radio manager positions, and one management position. Of the eight FTEs that were eliminated, three individuals were laid off and the other five positions were either already vacant or became vacant as a result of an early retirement incentive plan. As can be seen from Table 2 below, the majority (approximately 75%) of OET’s staff is funded by GRF while the remaining staff is funded through a General Service Fund line item, Affiliate Services.

<b>Fund (Line Item)</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
General Revenue Fund (374 - 100 Personal Services)	33	32	30	21	22	20
General Services Fund (374 – 603 Affiliate Services)	2	2	2	9	4	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>

Note: Staffing Levels represented in FTEs (Full Time Equivalents)

**FY 2005 Budget Analysis**

OET's total spending in FY 2005 is estimated at approximately \$11.9 million. Of this amount, 72.6% comes from GRF and the other 27.4% comes from the General Services Fund. OET's FY 2005 estimated spending reflects a 23.1% increase over FY 2004 levels. As can be seen from Table 3 below, the primary explanation for the increase is more than 100% increase within the General Services Fund (GSF). In fact, GSF (Fund 4F3) appropriation item 374-603, Affiliate Services, accounts for all of the increase. Funding for this line item comes from fees for the provision of operational services charged to affiliate stations and other state agencies. In addition, this line item used to receive approximately \$1.3 million per year from the SchoolNet Commission to pay Ohio's 12 educational television stations for educational programming produced for K-12 schools. H.B. 95 of the 125th General Assembly changed the distribution method to allow SchoolNet to pay the educational television stations directly rather than passing the funds through OET. The FY 2005 spending estimate for this line item, however, continues to follow past practice. The 5.8% increase in GRF is largely due to a 50.3% (\$591,463) increase in appropriation line item 374-403, Ohio SONET, which is used to operate and maintain the fiber optic network that interconnects OET's NOC and each of the affiliate stations.

<b>Table 3: Total Spending FY 2004 &amp; FY 2005, by Fund Group and Object Code</b>				
<b>Fund Group</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005 (estimate)</b>	<b>% Change FYs 2004 - 2005</b>	<b>% of Total (FY 2005)</b>
General Revenue Fund (GRF)	\$8,068,609	\$8,538,880	5.8%	72.0%
General Services Fund (GSF)	\$1,477,901	\$3,317,447	124.5%	28.0%
<i>Totals</i>	<i>\$9,546,510</i>	<i>\$11,856,327</i>	<i>24.2%</i>	<i>100%</i>
<b>Object Code</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>% Change FYs 2004 - 2005</b>	<b>% of Total (FY 2005)</b>
Personal Services	\$1,689,907	\$1,869,905	10.7%	15.8%
Purchased Services	\$42,512	\$50,000	17.6%	0.4%
Maintenance	\$2,268,266	\$2,267,245	-	19.1%
Equipment	\$81,086	\$657,500	710.9%	5.5%
Subsidy	\$5,464,739	\$7,011,677	28.3%	59.1%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$9,546,510</b>	<b>\$11,856,327</b>	<b>24.2%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Of OET's estimated spending in FY 2005, over 59% (\$7.0 million) is passed on to other entities (Ohio's public television stations, public radio stations, radio reading services, OGT, and SNB) in the form of subsidies. The next largest spending category is maintenance, with 19.3% (\$2.3 million) of OET's budget devoted to maintaining the statewide fiber optic network and OET's network operations center. About 15.8% (\$1.9 million) is used to fund OET personnel.

## ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL

The Governor has proposed eliminating OET and the Ohio SchoolNet Commission as independent agencies beginning on July 1, 2005. A task force will be created to make recommendations for the Governor to develop a plan to reassign existing responsibilities and staff of OET and SchoolNet. Under the executive budget, GRF funding for OET and SchoolNet responsibilities is placed in appropriation item 911-417, Educational Technology Fund, of the Controlling Board, at a level of \$27,942,693 in each fiscal year. Non-GRF appropriation items are also placed in the Controlling Board budget. Table 4 below lists each line item and the proposed appropriation.

<b>Table 4: OET Non-GRF Line Items Placed in the Controlling Board Budget</b>						
<b>Fund Group</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Previous ALI</b>	<b>New ALI</b>	<b>ALI Title</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>
GSF	4F3	374-603	911-603	Affiliate Services	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
	4T2	374-605	911-604	Government Television / Telecommunications Operating	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Totals</b>					<b>\$2,150,000</b>	<b>\$2,150,000</b>

## General Revenue Fund

### GRF 374-100 Personal Services

2002	2003	2004	2005 Estimate	2006 House Passed	2007 House Passed
\$1,519,034	\$1,364,245	\$1,297,799	\$1,300,000	\$0	\$0
	-10.2%	-4.9%	0.2%	-100.0%	N/A

**Source:** GRF

**Legal Basis:** ORC 3353

**Purpose:** This line item provides funds for payroll and fringe benefits for the Ohio Educational Telecommunications Network Commission. Under the executive budget, GRF funding for OET and Ohio SchoolNet Commission responsibilities is placed in appropriation item 911-417, Educational Technology Fund, of the Controlling Board.

### GRF 374-200 Maintenance

2002	2003	2004	2005 Estimate	2006 House Passed	2007 House Passed
\$890,800	\$646,210	\$784,092	\$800,000	\$0	\$0
	-27.5%	21.3%	2.0%	-100.0%	N/A

**Source:** GRF

**Legal Basis:** ORC 3353

**Purpose:** This line item provides funds for maintenance for the Ohio Educational Telecommunications Network Commission. Under the executive budget, GRF funding for OET and Ohio SchoolNet Commission responsibilities is placed in appropriation item 911-417, Educational Technology Fund, of the Controlling Board.

### GRF 374-300 Equipment

2002	2003	2004	2005 Estimate	2006 House Passed	2007 House Passed
\$46,654	\$27,793	\$67,756	\$77,500	\$0	\$0
	-40.4%	143.8%	14.4%	-100.0%	N/A

**Source:** GRF

**Legal Basis:** ORC 3353

**Purpose:** This line item provides funds for equipment for the Ohio Educational Telecommunications Network Commission. This includes a variety of broadcast quality items and high-end computer technology equipment used to keep the network current with the broadcast industry. Under the executive budget, GRF funding for OET and Ohio SchoolNet Commission responsibilities is placed in appropriation item 911-417, Educational Technology Fund, of the Controlling Board.

**GRF 374-401 Statehouse News Bureau**

2002	2003	2004	2005 Estimate	2006 House Passed	2007 House Passed
\$234,414	\$200,279	\$249,600	\$244,400	\$0	\$0
	-14.6%	24.6%	-2.1%	-100.0%	N/A

**Source:** GRF

**Legal Basis:** Section 42 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th G.A. (originally established by Controlling Board on November 26, 1979)

**Purpose:** Funds from this line item subsidize the Ohio Public Radio and Televisions' Statehouse News Bureau, a cooperative effort of all public radio and television stations. The News Bureau is dedicated to the coverage of state government issues and produces daily radio and weekly television reports that cover the activities of the Ohio Legislature, the administration, and state agencies. This program has existed since 1972, but had previously been funded from the Commission's maintenance line item. Under the executive budget, GRF funding for OET and Ohio SchoolNet Commission responsibilities is placed in appropriation item 911-417, Educational Technology Fund, of the Controlling Board.

**GRF 374-402 Ohio Government Telecommunications Studio**

2002	2003	2004	2005 Estimate	2006 House Passed	2007 House Passed
\$297,997	\$762,146	\$731,660	\$716,417	\$0	\$0
	155.8%	-4.0%	-2.1%	-100.0%	N/A

**Source:** GRF

**Legal Basis:** Section 42 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th G.A. (originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th G.A.)

**Purpose:** This line item was created with the transfer of the Government Telecommunications Studio, located in the Ohio Statehouse, from the Capital Square Review and Advisory Board in January 2002. OGT is responsible for the coverage of state government issues, assists the media with connections within the Capitol Square, coordinates audio and video needs, and operates a streaming media website. Under the executive budget, GRF funding for OET and Ohio SchoolNet Commission responsibilities is placed in appropriation item 911-417, Educational Technology Fund, of the Controlling Board.

**GRF 374-403 Ohio SONET**

2002	2003	2004	2005 Estimate	2006 House Passed	2007 House Passed
\$0	\$1,999,975	\$1,176,687	\$1,768,150	\$0	\$0
	N/A	-41.2%	50.3%	-100.0%	N/A

**Source:** GRF

**Legal Basis:** Section 42 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th G.A. (originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 524 of the 124th G.A.)

**Purpose:** This line item funds the operating expenses and leasing of fiber optic capacity for the state. Formerly called SOMACS, this interconnection system provides a statewide high-capacity network connecting OET with each of Ohio's public TV and radio stations, radio reading services, and educational technology agencies. In addition, OET is connected to OarNet, the DAS network, and ONENet. These networks allow for program and data sharing with schools, colleges, and universities throughout Ohio. Under the executive budget, GRF funding for OET and Ohio SchoolNet Commission responsibilities is placed in appropriation item 911-417, Educational Technology Fund, of the Controlling Board.

**GRF 374-404 Telecommunications Operating Subsidy**

2002	2003	2004	2005 Estimate	2006 House Passed	2007 House Passed
\$4,786,970	\$4,087,528	\$3,761,015	\$3,632,413	\$0	\$0
	-14.6%	-8.0%	-3.4%	-100.0%	N/A

**Source:** GRF

**Legal Basis:** Section 42 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th G.A. (originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 291 of the 115th G.A.)

**Purpose:** Line item 374-404, Telecommunications Operating Subsidy, collapsed line items 374-402 (Ohio Radio Reading Services), 374-422 (Broadcast Operating), and 374-423 (Educational Radio) into one line item under Am. Sub. H.B. 117 of the 121st G.A. This line item is used to subsidize the operating costs of the Ohio Educational Telecommunications Network Commission's affiliated educational television stations, public radio stations, and public radio reading services. The funds are distributed pursuant to an allocation formula developed by the Commission: 67.5% to eight educational television stations; 22.5% to 15 public radio stations; and 10% to nine radio reading services. Under the executive budget, GRF funding for OET and Ohio SchoolNet Commission responsibilities is placed in appropriation item 911-417, Educational Technology Fund, of the Controlling Board.

## General Services Fund Group

### 4F3 374-603 Affiliate Services

2002	2003	2004	2005 Estimate	2006 House Passed	2007 House Passed
\$2,387,769	\$2,294,087	\$1,327,901	\$3,067,447	\$0	\$0
	-3.9%	-42.1%	131.0%	-100.0%	N/A

**Source:** GSF: Receipts formerly deposited into the Project Equity Fund (Fund 4F3), Fees and Grants Fund (Fund 140), and the Fees and Grants Fund (Fund 463)

**Legal Basis:** Section 42 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th G.A. (originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 283 of 123rd G.A.)

**Purpose:** These funds are used to facilitate operations of the Commission, including the lease or purchase of educational, professional development, and training programs on behalf of a K-12 and higher education consortium. The largest portion of this line item comes from transferred funds formerly deposited in the Project Equity Fund (Fund 4E3). These funds are transferred from SchoolNet to produce educational resources aligned with Ohio's academic standards for the 200 lowest wealth school districts. Moneys in this fund are also used to maintain 22 transmission towers located throughout the state; purchase, repair, and maintain equipment; maintain the media library and purchase tape, pay for satellite fees and services; and pay for administrative and legal expenses. Under the executive budget, funding for this line item has been placed in appropriation line item 911-603, Affiliate Services, of the Controlling Board.

### 4T2 374-605 Government Television/Telecommunications Operating

2002	2003	2004	2005 Estimate	2006 House Passed	2007 House Passed
\$5,510	\$149,865	\$150,000	\$250,000	\$0	\$0
	2619.9%	0.1%	66.7%	-100.0%	N/A

**Source:** GSF: Transfer of funding from the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board and moneys received from contract productions of the Ohio Government Telecommunications studio

**Legal Basis:** Section 42 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th G.A. (originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th G.A.)

**Purpose:** This line item was created with the transfer of the Government Telecommunications Studio, located in the Ohio Statehouse, from the Capital Square Review and Advisory Board in January 2002. OGT is responsible for the coverage of House and Senate sessions and committee hearings as assigned. OGT also provides additional coverage of state government issues, assists the media with connections within Capitol Square, coordinates audio and video needs, and operates a streaming media website. Under the executive budget, funding for this line item has been placed in appropriation line item 911-604, Government Television/Telecommunication Operating, of the Controlling Board.

## LSC Budget Spreadsheet by Line Item, FY 2006 - FY 2007

<i>Fund</i>	<i>ALI</i>	<i>ALI Title</i>	<i>Estimated 2005</i>	<i>As Introduced 2006</i>	<i>House Passed 2006</i>	<i>% Change Est. 2005 to House 2006</i>	<i>As Introduced 2007</i>	<i>House Passed 2007</i>	<i>% Change House 2006 to House 2007</i>
<b><i>OEB Ohio Educational Telecommunications Network Commission</i></b>									
GRF	374-100	Personal Services	\$1,300,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	-100.0%	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A
GRF	374-200	Maintenance	\$800,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	-100.0%	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A
GRF	374-300	Equipment	\$77,500	\$ 0	\$ 0	-100.0%	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A
GRF	374-401	Statehouse News Bureau	\$244,400	\$ 0	\$ 0	-100.0%	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A
GRF	374-402	Ohio Government Telecommunications Studio	\$716,417	\$ 0	\$ 0	-100.0%	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A
GRF	374-403	Ohio SONET	\$1,768,150	\$ 0	\$ 0	-100.0%	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A
GRF	374-404	Telecommunications Operating Subsidy	\$3,632,413	\$ 0	\$ 0	-100.0%	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A
<b>General Revenue Fund Total</b>			<b>\$ 8,538,880</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>N/A</b>
4F3	374-603	Affiliate Services	\$3,067,447	\$ 0	\$ 0	-100.0%	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A
4T2	374-605	Government Television/Telecommunications Operating	\$250,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	-100.0%	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A
<b>General Services Fund Group Total</b>			<b>\$ 3,317,447</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total All Budget Fund Groups</b>			<b>\$ 11,856,327</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>N/A</b>

## As Introduced (Executive)

## As Passed by the House

**(CD-465-OEB) Elimination of Ohio Educational Telecommunications Network and Ohio SchoolNet**

R.C. *3353.02, 125.05, 183.28, 3301.80, 3314.074, 3317.06, 3317.50, 3317.51, 3319.22, 3319.235, 3353.01, 3353.03, 3353.04, 3353.06, 3353.07, Sections 315.09, 315.10, 315.11*

Eliminates, as of July 1, 2005, the Ohio Educational Telecommunications Network Commission and the Ohio SchoolNet Commission as independent agencies and transfers their functions, assets, liabilities, and employees to an agency designated by the Governor, based upon recommendations of a task force appointed by the Governor.

Fiscal effect: Places GRF funding for both agencies in GRF appropriation item 911-417, Educational Technology Fund, of the Controlling Board, at a level of \$27,942,693 in each fiscal year.

Permits the Director of Budget and Management to make any transfer of cash balances between funds, cancel encumbrances and re-establish encumbrances or parts of encumbrances as needed due to the abolishment of the Ohio Educational Telecommunications Network Commission and the Ohio SchoolNet Commission as independent agencies.

(See the item entitled "Elimination of Ohio SchoolNet and Ohio Educational Telecommunications Network" in Ohio SchoolNet Commission)

R.C. *3353.02, 125.05, 183.28, 3301.80, 3314.074, 3317.06, 3317.50, 3317.51, 3319.22, 3319.235, 3353.01, 3353.03, 3353.04, 3353.06, 3353.07, Sections 315.09, 315.10, 315.11*

Same as the Executive.