# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments*

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Amendments adopted by the Senate committee make changes to several provisions of the bill. The amendments establish a Construction Reform Demonstration Project, exempt school districts from the requirement to provide all-day kindergarten, and make changes to Department of Education, State Employment Relations Board, and Department of Mental Health appropriations. One amendment also removes the General Assembly member salary and expense charges. The amendments, specifically alter the bill as follows:

### Construction reform

Creates the Construction Reform Demonstration Project that provides for one construction project designated at each of three different state institutions of higher education to utilize alternative methods of construction delivery.

### All-day kindergarten

Exempts a school district from the requirement to provide all-day kindergarten to all kindergarten students in the 2010-2011 school year, under certain circumstances.

### Legislative salary change

Eliminates from the bill a five percent reduction in legislative salaries and supplements, changes to compensation paid to the House Speaker and House Speaker Pro Tempore, and changes to travel reimbursements and unexcused absence penalties.

### Education appropriation change

Requires that, if the unobligated balance of the General Revenue Fund (GRF) at the end of fiscal year 2010 exceeds $190 million, then money is reappropriated to GRF appropriation items 200511, Auxiliary Services (up to $20,761,069), and 200532,

* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.

Nonpublic Administrative Cost Reimbursement (up to $8,971,578), in fiscal year 2011 from any unexpended, unencumbered GRF appropriations for the Department of Education remaining at the end of fiscal year 2010.

Requires that, if the unobligated GRF balance at the end of fiscal year 2011 exceeds $30 million, the Director of Budget and Management must transfer up to $29,732,647 to the Auxiliary Services Stabilization Fund created by the bill from any unexpended, unencumbered GRF appropriations for the Department of Education remaining at the end of fiscal year 2011.

Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to seek Controlling Board approval to expend the cash in the new Fund for Auxiliary Services and Nonpublic Administrative Cost Reimbursement.

## State Employment Relations Board appropriation change

Increases an appropriation item in the State Employment Relations Board budget (GRF appropriation item 125321, Operating Expenses) by $1 million in fiscal year 2010 and in fiscal year 2011.

Requires that the same amounts are to be transferred from the Unemployment Compensation Special Administrative Fund (Fund 4A90) used by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to the GRF.

## Department of Mental Health appropriation change

Increases an appropriation item in the Department of Mental Health (GRF appropriation item 334408, Community and Hospital Mental Health Services) by $7.35 million in fiscal year 2010 and in fiscal year 2011.

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