



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

---

## Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments\*

Linda S. Crawford

### **Sub. H.B. 337**

129th General Assembly  
(S. Highways and Transportation)

#### **Extended unemployment benefits**

Temporarily changes the existing law formula used to trigger state extended unemployment benefits based on the total unemployment rate for the current time period the federal government is fully paying for those benefits for claimants of most private sector employers.

#### **Ohio Works First self-sufficiency contracts**

Eliminates from existing law the 30-day deadline for certain members of an Ohio Works First (OWF) assistance group to enter into a self-sufficiency contract with a county department of job and family services.

Eliminates an existing law provision prohibiting a county department from delaying an assistance group's OWF eligibility determination because certain members of the group have failed to enter into a self-sufficiency contract.

Eliminates the existing law exemption under which a minor head of household who participates in the Learning, Earning, and Parenting Program is not required to enter into a self-sufficiency contract.

#### **Family services program appeals**

Eliminates the existing law requirements that a person be authorized to practice law in Ohio to (1) be employed by or under contract with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) to issue the decision in a state hearing regarding provision of benefits under a family services program or (2) make a decision on behalf of the ODJFS Director in an administrative appeal regarding a family services program.